

Back-Roads
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Experience the road less travelled

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UK &
EUROPE

SMALL GROUP TOURS

UP TO
• 18 •
GUESTS



Extraordinary
adventures await.

Picture a touring holiday that delves a bit deeper. One that doesn't simply drop by top sights and major cities, but invites you to see a destination through the eyes of the people who know it best: the locals who call it home. Where journeys are made for absorbing never-to-be-forgotten views, not darting from A to B. And each day ends in a hand-picked retreat brimming with local charm.

At Back-Roads Touring, we've spent over 30 years creating these kinds of small group tours. We know that the best kind of adventure is one that introduces you to local experiences and sights while providing you with the time and space to explore independently.

The key ingredient? Experienced Tour Leaders who can turn an exciting getaway into something truly extraordinary. They'll tell you the stories and secrets behind stately homes as you wander the corridors; show you the perfect position to see the sunset over a city skyline; and point you towards the exact patch of coastline where you can try oysters straight off the boat.

All the while, you can be confident that your Back-Roads tour is being run responsibly and with sustainable tourism in mind. In fact, our commitment to green practices has earned us a Silver Green Tourism rating.

Turn the page to explore our featured tours of the UK and Europe – and discover the Back-Roads Difference.



*Duoro Valley,
Portugal*



Experience the road less travelled

WITH THE EXPERTS IN SMALL GROUP TOURING

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The Back-Roads Difference



Enjoy the company of a small group

With small group sizes of no more than 18 people, you can expect a more personalised touring experience. And with like-minded travellers at your side, you'll find that a journey shared is a journey best enjoyed.



Feed your curiosity

Stories waiting to be unravelled. Secrets waiting to be revealed. Fascinating cultures, delicious flavours and unexplored terrain. Feed your curiosity and embark on a voyage of discovery with Back-Roads – and let the new and exciting take centre stage.



Embrace the view

Immerse yourself in nature on uplifting journeys through evocative landscapes. From rolling hills and swathes of forest to shimmering coasts and soaring mountains, breathtaking views lie around every corner when you take the scenic route.



Athens, Greece



Discover a local way of life

There's no better way to understand the essence of a destination than by meeting the people who call it home. Learn traditional crafts, stories and recipes as you venture off the tourist trail and behind the scenes with exclusive local experiences.



Savour each moment

Slow the pace and take it all in; there's plenty of time to enjoy each step of the journey. Whether you're touring a historic home, enjoying a meal or indulging in a wine tasting session, you can do so safe in the knowledge that you won't be rushed.



Guided by the best

Insightful, attentive and passionate, our Tour Leaders will unlock the experiences that make your Back-Roads tour truly special – from adding personal touches to your itinerary to bringing destinations to life with their local knowledge.

Where we go



NORWAY

BERGEN

OSLO

SCOTLAND

GLASGOW

EDINBURGH

NORTHERN IRELAND

DUBLIN

ENGLAND

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

WALES

CARDIFF

LONDON

BELGIUM

LILLE

GERMANY

CZECH REPUBLIC

PARIS

FRANCE

MUNICH

ZURICH

SWITZERLAND

ITALY

VENICE

BORDEAUX

NICE

FLORENCE

BILBAO

SPAIN

BARCELONA

PORTUGAL

PORTO

MADRID

LISBON

MOROCCO

CASABLANCA

MARRAKECH



Chelsea Flower Show, England



Seville, Spain



Blue Grotto, Malta



Bergen, Norway

The cities shown on the map are the start and/or end locations of our tours.



Lucca, Italy



Nafplio, Greece

Travelling in a small group



Meet curious, like-minded travellers

On a tour with Back-Roads you can expect a maximum of 18, but average of 15, guests – ranging from independent travellers to couples and smaller groups. You'll meet like-minded people who are ready to explore, without the worry of logistics. There's plenty of flexibility and free time for you to spend as you please, whether that's with the group or exploring independently.

Take the scenic route

With the promise of a more leisurely style and the flexibility to go anywhere a car can, we're able to traverse through beautiful scenery along the back roads. During our journey, we'll travel to the heart of tiny villages and small towns, stopping at places of interest as we go. Discover the road less travelled through the UK and Europe.



Enjoy a more personal style of touring

Our experienced Tour Leaders will have ample time to answer all your questions. From your historic intrigue for local lore to your desire for authentic seafood, they will share stories, secrets and insightful recommendations. Our small group size also allows Tour Leaders to tailor elements of the tour based on the preferences of our guests, meaning a much more personal experience.



Granada, Spain

What our guests say

“I prefer small tour groups. Our group had 15– we all got on exceptionally well and have kept in touch. The Back-Roads tour brought people together from different countries, to meet and make friendships too. It’s truly special, significant and LIFE CHANGING.”

- Allyson (New Zealand), Italian Indulgence tour



“An excellent tour for those who prefer small group travel. A tour that was made perfect by the knowledge, humour and care of an excellent guide. Delightful accommodation, true back roads travelling with a compatible group of fellow travellers.”

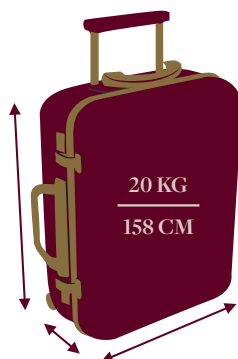
- James (Australia), Corners of Southern Ireland tour

How much luggage can I bring?

As we travel in mini-coaches, luggage space is limited. Here’s what you can take with you on tour:

1 x suitcase

1 x handbag /
small backpack



If you have more luggage, please make arrangements to store it prior to joining the tour. **We are unable to carry extra luggage on the mini-coach.**

Hand-picked accommodation

A man in blue shorts is sitting in a swimming pool. The pool is in front of a white building with a red-tiled roof and arched windows. There are lounge chairs and a white umbrella to the left. The background shows a hillside with trees and a clear blue sky.

A glimpse of our characterful accommodation, hand-picked for their local charm.



The Mulberry Inn

A rural bolthole set amidst the natural beauty of Wales' Ceiriog Valley, The Mulberry Inn isn't only wonderfully comfortable and well-equipped – it's also the perfect base from which to explore the soul-stirring sights of Snowdonia National Park (with a delicious menu to await your return).

TOUR: www.backroadstouring.com/highlights-of-britain

Hotel Eguren Ugarte

A hub for enotourism (or 'wine tourism', as it's more widely known), the idyllic Hotel Eguren Ugarte is an oasis of calm at the foot of Northern Spain's sun-soaked Sierra de Cantabria mountains. While you're here, be sure to try some of Rioja's traditional cuisine at the Martín Cendoya Restaurant.

TOUR: www.backroadstouring.com/highlights-of-northern-spain



Hotel Fattoria degli Usignoli

Set in the heart of Reggello and overlooking the impressive Valdarno and Chianti landscapes, this hotel is perfect for travellers in search of local history and Italian charm. Built by the monks of Vallombrosa back in the 15th century, the hotel now blends hospitality with a touch of luxury.

TOUR: www.backroadstouring.com/tuscan-treats





Discover a local way of life



Browse the stalls at Catania's famous Fish Market

The biggest in the region, Catania's "Pescheria" is world-renowned for stocking some of the freshest seafood money can buy. Situated a stone's throw from Catania's central Piazza del Duomo, and filled with everything from local swordfish to sea urchins and mussels, there's no better place to experience local life.

TOUR: www.backroadstouring.com/the-splendours-of-sicily



Go punting on the River Cam in Cambridge

Take in spectacular views of the world-famous Cambridge College 'Backs' from a different perspective as you float lazily along the Cam in a traditional punt. From King's College Chapel to the Wren Library, your local chauffeur will fill you in on the fascinating stories behind the colleges and their alumni.

TOUR: www.backroadstouring.com/enchanting-eastern-england



Lisbon, Portugal



Embark on an olive oil experience in Portugal

Discover rural Portugal's scenic delights on a visit to a family owned farm near Tomar – where you'll be treated to a tour of the beautiful olive grove. After gaining a unique insight into the olive cultivation process, you'll have the chance to taste some of the local oil. Delicioso!

TOUR: www.backroadstouring.com/discover-portugal



Follow the footsteps of a French oyster farmer

Alongside the Atlantic Ocean's glistening waters, learn of an ancestral profession performed by local oyster farmers – hearing their stories and the lengths taken to protect the beauty of this natural environment. Then, savour the magnificent French delicacy during an oyster tasting. Bon appétit!

TOUR: www.backroadstouring.com/jewels-of-southwest-france

Feed your curiosity

Awaken your sense of adventure and delve into new places, new cultures and new flavours.

Tuscany, Italy





Discover local cheeses in the heart of the French Alps

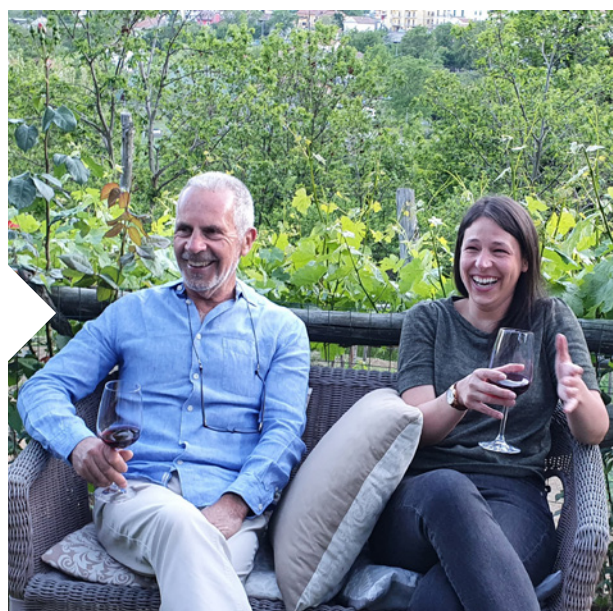
At a historic fromagerie set amidst the spectacular scenery of the French Alps, you'll meet a local cheese ripening expert, who'll be happy to share the traditional processes behind his art. After touring the cheese cellars, the main attraction awaits: a tasting session.

TOUR: www.backroadstouring.com/paris-to-nice-through-vineyards-and-mountains

Taste delicious wines in the celebrated region of La Rioja

As we travel through the vineyard-dotted landscapes of La Rioja, you'll have the chance to sample the fruits of the region at a distinguished winery. And with plenty of tapas to complement each glass, the experience will be a treat for both the oenophiles and gastronomes among us!

TOUR: www.backroadstouring.com/highlights-of-northern-spain



Learn how to cook like a Greek in Naxos

At a family farm, the aromas of exquisite cheeses and marmalades will invite you to begin your cookery lesson. Here, a guide will unveil local secrets as you learn how to make traditional dishes. After the tour, sit back and enjoy lunch in this beautiful location, sharing anecdotes of the morning's culinary venture.

TOUR: www.backroadstouring.com/greece-legends-and-landscapes



Guided by the best

Passionate and knowledgeable, our Tour Leaders make your European escape truly special.



Kriszti Imre

What's the most rewarding part of your job?

One of the things I enjoy the most about Back-Roads is the guests we have from all over the world – and taking those guests on the back roads to tour different countries and showing them the hidden gems of a country that only locals would know about.

Another thing I love is that there is no divide between myself as Tour Leader and the guests at the dinner table. This is not the case on tours run by many bigger tour operators. At Back-Roads, I always sit with guests and we have a chat, a laugh and continue getting to know each other over a delicious meal.





Micaela Hobbs

What inspired you to become a Tour Leader?

A desire to share my passion for the culture, history and spectacular scenery of the places we visit. What better way to earn a living than by visiting amazing places while giving others the opportunities to fulfil their dreams?

How do you create memorable experiences for your guests?

I endeavour to go above and beyond by paying attention to even the little things and keeping the tours flexible and fun. It is so rewarding to create experiences that connect us emotionally, whether it's from sharing laughter, stories, music, scenery, or meals.

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Agnes Bukowicka

What's the most rewarding part of your job?

Expanding my knowledge and curiosity of the world, as well as being able to see and explore places I probably would never have had the chance to visit – and share them with fellow travellers. Experiencing beauty is most intense when it is shared with others.

Combinable tours

Many of our tours begin and end in the same city – meaning you can move from one adventure to the next in just a day or two.

Traverse through mystical lochs in Scotland, followed by lush landscapes in Britain.
Or unearth ancient traditions in the heart of Spain, then discover the beauty of Portugal's opulent lands. **Extend your extraordinary escape!**



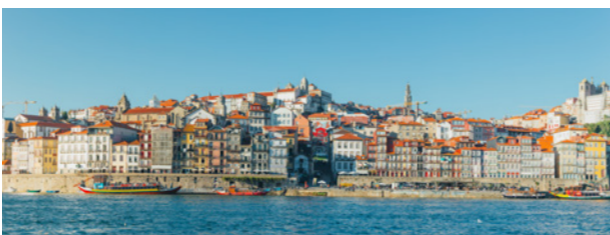
UNITED KINGDOM

- + 11 day Highlights of Britain
- + 10 day A Scottish Journey



SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

- + 12 day Iberian Inspiration
- + 10 day Discover Portugal



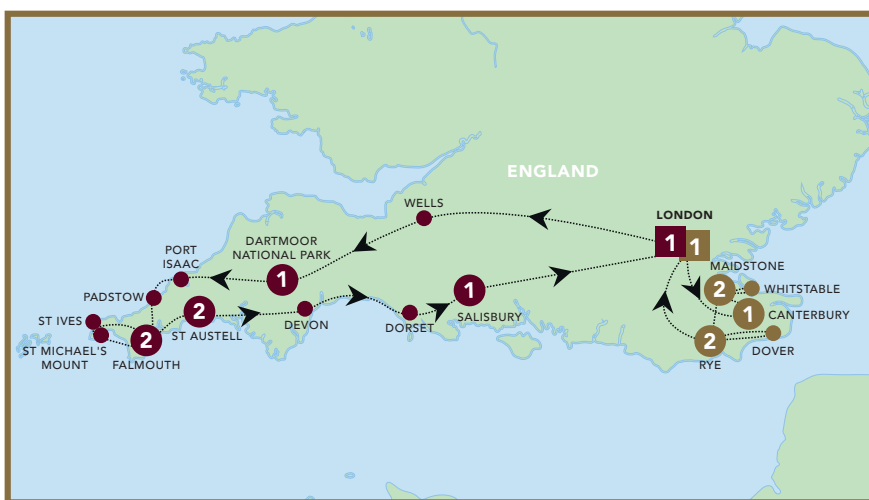
ITALY AND THE ADRIATIC

- ⊕ 13 day Italian Indulgence
- ⊕ 10 day Adriatic Discovery: Northern Italy, Slovenia and Croatia



ENGLAND

- ⊕ 8 day Corners of Cornwall
- ⊕ 7 day Kent: Garden of England



Loyalty discounts

If you've previously travelled with Back-Roads OR are booking more than one tour, we have some great savings for you to take advantage of. Simply contact our friendly Customer Service team and they will apply the relevant discount for you.

Contact details can be found here: www.backroadstouring.com/contact-us

UK and Ireland



Highlights of Britain

11 DAYS • 10 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

Join us for a classic journey that delves deep into Britain's fascinating history and culture. In England we'll trace the footsteps of famous writers and poets, uncovering the scenic countryside that inspired their greatest works. While in North Wales and Scotland, our journey will take in evocative scenery and dramatic castles – immersing ourselves in age-old traditions as we go. Experience it all on this unforgettable 11-day journey.



York



Scottish Borders



■ Tour Start/End Point ① Overnight Stop ● Day Stop

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore some of Britain's most spectacular regions including the Cotswolds, Snowdonia National Park, the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District
- Discover the medieval Shambles and Snickelways of York
- Immerse yourself in the grandeur and opulence of Castle Howard
- Get better acquainted with the Fab Four at The Beatles Story museum

INCLUDED MEALS

10 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

March - October

Combine this tour with...

A Scottish Journey

Enchanting Eastern England

Tour code: BHBLE

For full details, up-to-date availability and pricing please see our website.

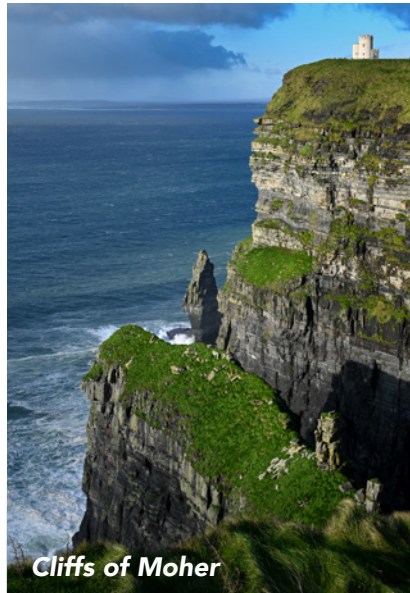
The Emerald Isle

13 DAYS • 12 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

From north to south, this is one Irish journey that delves into the Emerald Isle's fascinating history, rich traditions and cultural heritage like no other. Starting with the legendary Giant's Causeway, our road will lead us to Ireland's rugged peninsulas, quaint villages and ancient landmarks – all while drawing on local knowledge to transport you to the heart of this captivating country.



Kinsale



Cliffs of Moher



 Tour Start/End Point **1** Overnight Stop ● Day Stop

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Northern Ireland's history on a Black Cab Tour of Belfast's street art and political murals
- Set foot on the basalt columns of the legendary Giant's Causeway
- Be blessed with the 'gift of the gab' while visiting the iconic Blarney Castle
- Uncover the magnificent Cliffs of Moher – an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

INCLUDED MEALS

12 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

March - October

You may also like...

A Scottish Journey

Highlights of Britain

Tour code: BEIDD

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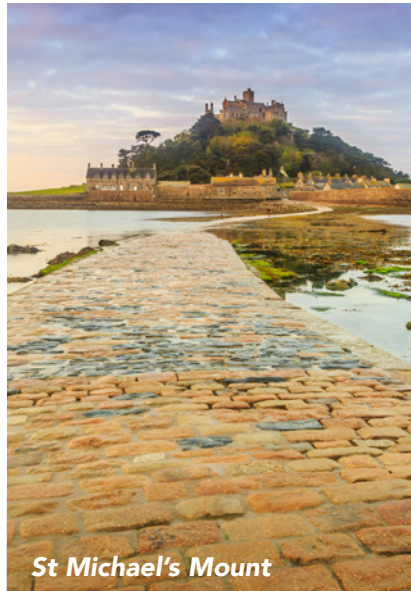
Corners of Cornwall

8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

From windswept moors and wild coastlines to historic cities and picture-perfect fishing villages, the county of Cornwall is filled with evocative sights and fascinating stories. Join us as we seek out the maritime heritage, rural beauty and culinary pride of this unique corner of South West England on a scenic eight-day tour.



Falmouth



St Michael's Mount



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy the charm of historic port towns Falmouth and Port Isaac
- Soak up the wild, jaw-dropping vistas of the Jurassic Coast
- Visit the magnificent Salisbury Cathedral

INCLUDED MEALS

7 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

March - October

Combine this tour with...

Heart of England

Kent: the Garden of England

Highlights of Britain

Chelsea Flower Show (Eastbound)

Chelsea Flower Show (Westbound)

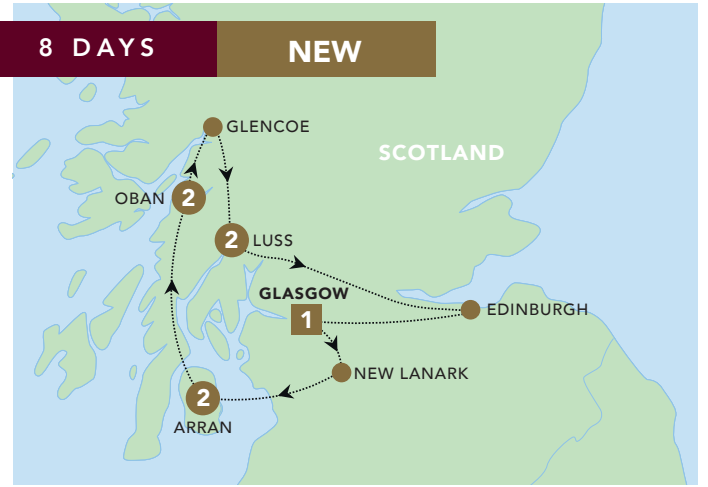
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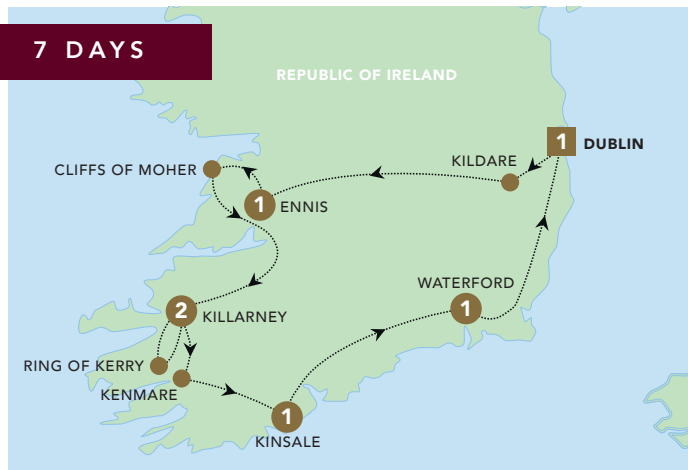
A Scottish Journey



Scotland: Lochs and Landscapes



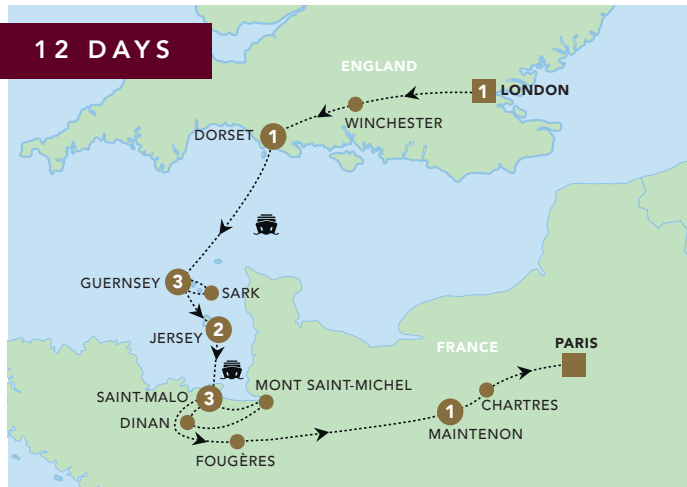
Corners of Southern Ireland



The Wonders of Wales



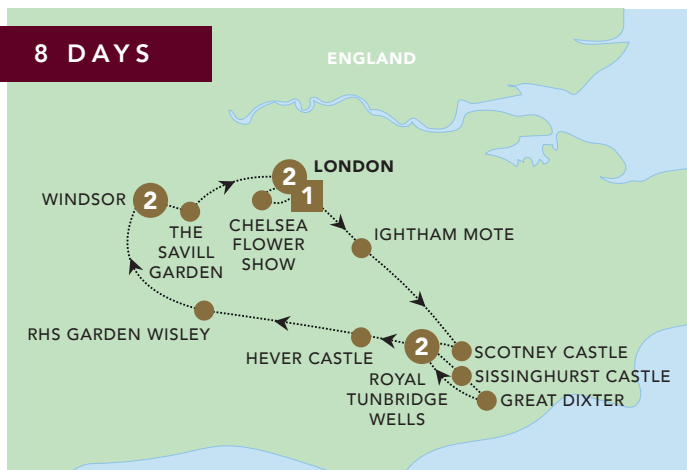
London to Paris via the Channel Islands



Enchanting Eastern England



Chelsea Flower Show (Eastbound)



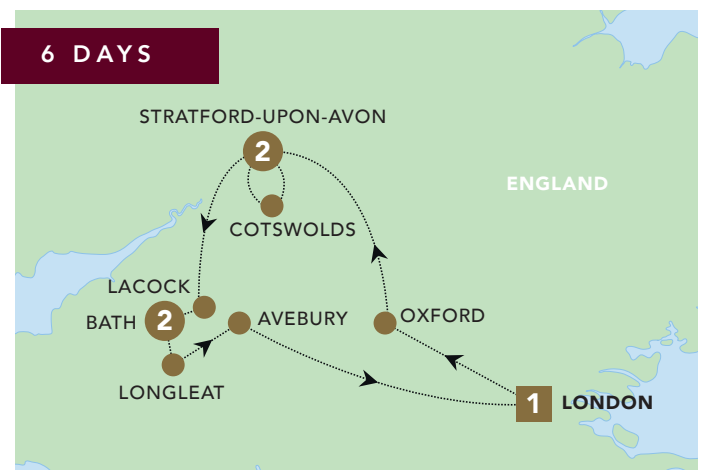
Chelsea Flower Show (Westbound)



Kent: the Garden of England



Heart of England



Italy and Malta



Lake Como, Italy

Italian Indulgence

13 DAYS • 12 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

An intoxicating mix of ancient cities and imagination-firing landscapes, Italy is a land where unforgettable experiences lie around every corner. Savour every moment of this adventure as you journey from enchanting Tuscan villages to tranquil lake-side retreats – sampling an abundance of tantalising flavours and local wines along the way.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn to cook a delicious Tuscan meal in a traditional countryside villa
- Join a truffle hunt with a local farmer and his dog amongst the scenic hills of Alba
- Bask in the wonders of Lake Maggiore on a scenic boat tour of the Borromean Islands
- Take in the exquisite scenery and opulent atmosphere of Lake Como

INCLUDED MEALS

12 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches,
4 Dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

March - November

Combine this tour with...

Vistas of Italy and Switzerland

Adriatic Discovery: Northern Italy, Slovenia and Croatia

Tour code: BIIRV



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop

For full details, up-to-date availability and pricing please see our website.

Tuscan Treats



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the mysterious medieval town of Volterra
- Unlock the secrets of Tuscan cuisine with a cooking class set amongst the romantic Chianti region
- Indulge in a delectable cheese and wine tasting at a local farm in Pienza

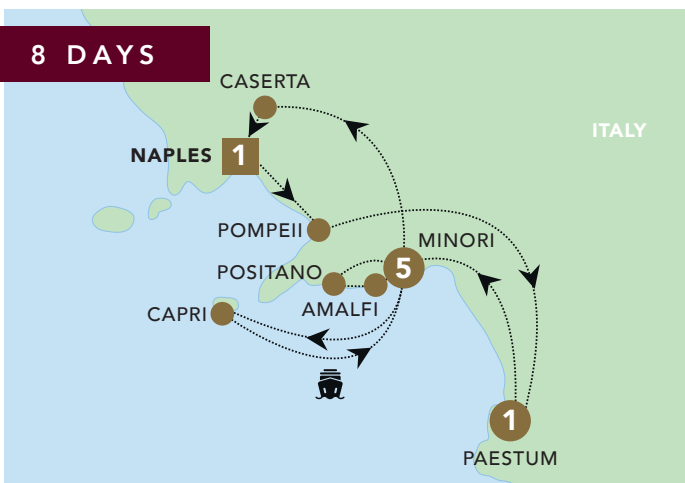
Splendours of Sicily



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Embark on a locally guided walking tour of Palermo and gain a unique insight into the city's anti-Mafia movement
- Discover the fascinating history behind the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Valley of Temples
- Unlock the exotic and eclectic flavours of Sicilian cuisine with several unique tasting experiences

Enchanting Southern Italy



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the exquisite 18th-century Royal Palace of Caserta
- Visit a lemon grove near sleepy Minori and indulge in a zesty tasting spread
- Spend a day exploring the breath-taking and idyllic island of Capri

Secrets of Puglia



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse yourself in the fascinating history of the Sassi di Matera cave dwellings
- Sample the rich flavours of Manduria's famous Primitivo wines with a local tasting
- Explore the awe-inspiring expanse of Castellana Caves

Vistas of Italy and Switzerland



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn the traditions of authentic Italian cuisine with a cooking class in the Franciacorta region
- Experience scenic train journeys on two of the great alpine railways: the Bernina Express and the Glacier Express
- Observe a traditional mask-decorating demonstration in the magnificent floating city of Venice

Malta Highlights



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Uncover the rich history and magnificent Baroque architecture of Valletta with a local guide
- Enjoy a scenic cruise around the breathtaking Blue Grotto
- Explore the fortified medieval city of Mdina

Spain, Portugal and Morocco



Ronda, Spain

Iberian Inspiration

12 DAYS • 11 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

East meets West and past meets present: Spain and Portugal offer a heady mix of treasures, from Arabic palaces and Roman temples to Catholic cathedrals and Jewish synagogues. Join us as we take to the scenic back roads on this journey into the heart of ancient Iberia.



Seville



Córdoba



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the historic charm of Córdoba, Granada, Úbeda, Estremoz and Ronda with stays in charming old town hotels
- Sample authentic jamón ibérico at a traditional farm in Sierra de Aracena
- Enjoy a traditional flamenco show in Seville
- Visit the spectacular Córdoba Mezquita – a UNESCO-protected mosque

INCLUDED MEALS

11 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

March - November

Combine this tour with...

Discover Portugal

Tour code: BIBML

For full details, up-to-date availability and pricing please see our website.

Discover Portugal

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

From charming medieval villages to the cobbled streets of Porto, the empires of the past have left their mark on this captivating Iberian nation. Uncover the real Portugal as we journey from Gothic cities to cinematic rural scenery – taking in world-famous pilgrimage sites, sumptuous local cuisine and ancient customs as we go.



Lisbon



Douro River



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a scenic ride along the Douro River in a traditional rabelo boat
- Indulge in a tasting of delicious locally produced cheeses near Viseu
- Explore the wonderfully atmospheric and history-laden streets of Coimbra

INCLUDED MEALS

9 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

March - November

Combine this tour with...

Iberian Inspiration

A Taste of the Camino: Porto to Bilbao

Tour code: BDPLP

For full details, up-to-date availability and pricing please see our website.

Highlights of Northern Spain



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Master the art of Spanish cuisine with a traditional cooking class in Pamplona
- Explore the magnificent Olite Royal Palace - the medieval seat of the Court of Navarre
- Experience the coastal charm and gastronomical delights of San Sebastián

A Taste of the Camino: Porto to Bilbao



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse yourself in the enchanting UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town of Santiago de Compostela
- Savour a local wine tasting and locally prepared lunch in the heart of Spain's Castile & León region
- Admire the stunning natural landscape of Picos de Europe National Park

Majestic Morocco



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn how to cook a traditional tagine in Ouarzazate
- Spend the night amidst the dunes of the Sahara Desert at an authentic Berber camp – complete with a traditional feast and local entertainment
- Enjoy a guided walking tour of the World Heritage-listed city: Meknes

France and Battlefields



La Belle France

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

Step into a land of renowned artists and royal crusaders, hilltop monasteries and valley castles. This tour takes us from France's dramatic northern shores to château-sprinkled countryside, breaking off to see WWII sites, explore centuries-old villages and sample home-grown delicacies.



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Wander the enchanting island village of Mont Saint-Michel
- Enjoy a tasting session at a local winery set amidst the rolling vineyards of the Loire Valley
- Be inspired by the vivid colours of Claude Monet's estate in Giverny

INCLUDED MEALS

9 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

April - October

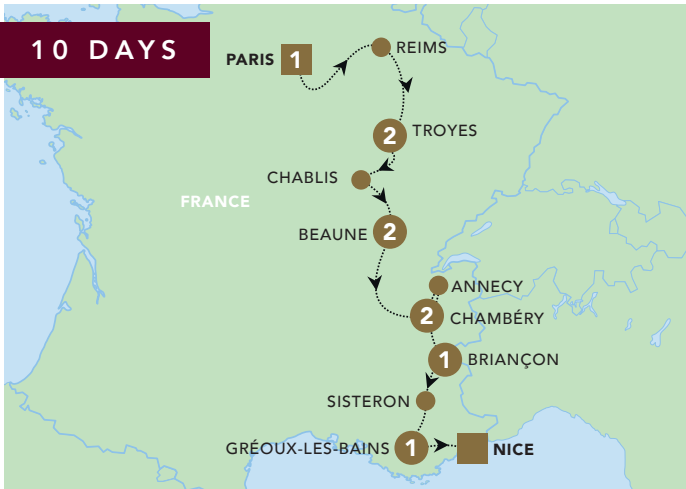
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Paris to Nice through Vineyards & Mountains

Tour code: BLBPP

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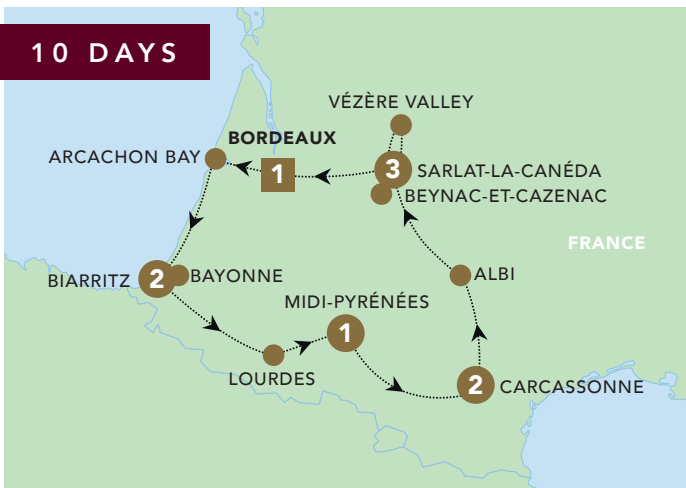
Paris to Nice through Vineyards & Mountains



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire the exceptional 15th-century French architecture at the Hospices de Beaune
- Sample local fruit- and herb-infused confectionery at an artisan chocolaterie
- Indulge in a plenitude of local tastings as we travel through famed wine-growing regions Champagne and Burgundy

Jewels of Southwest France



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Savour the tantalising flavours of fresh Arcachon Bay oysters, Bayonne ham, Blanquette de Limoux wine and world-famous Bordeaux reds
- Admire the famous prehistoric paintings of the UNESCO-protected Lascaux Cave at Lascaux II
- Stay in the UNESCO-listed medieval citadel of Carcassonne

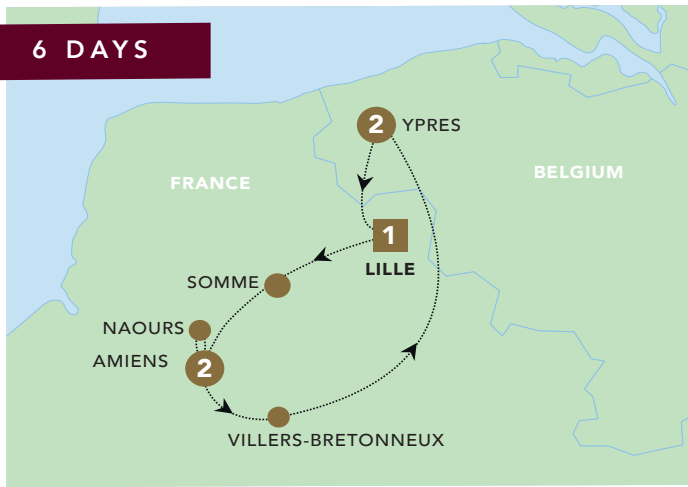
Provence & the French Riviera



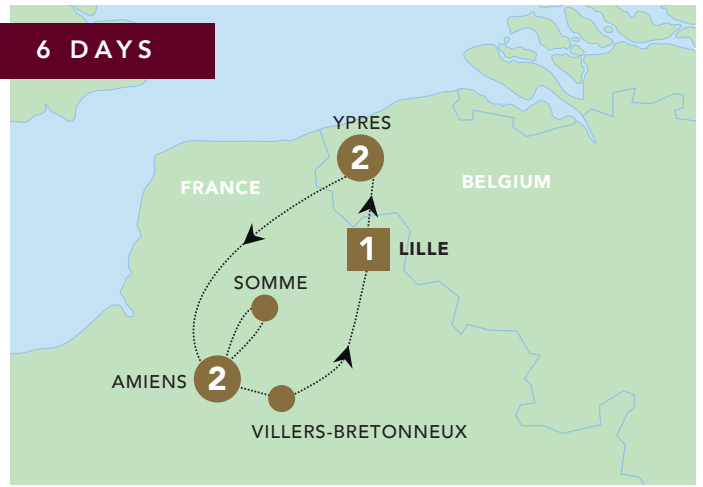
TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a picnic lunch and taste delicious produce at an olive farm in Les-Baux-de-Provence
- Marvel at the extraordinary Gorges du Verdon: the 'Grand Canyon of Europe'
- Experience the mesmerising Carrières de Lumières multimedia art show in Les Baux-de-Provence

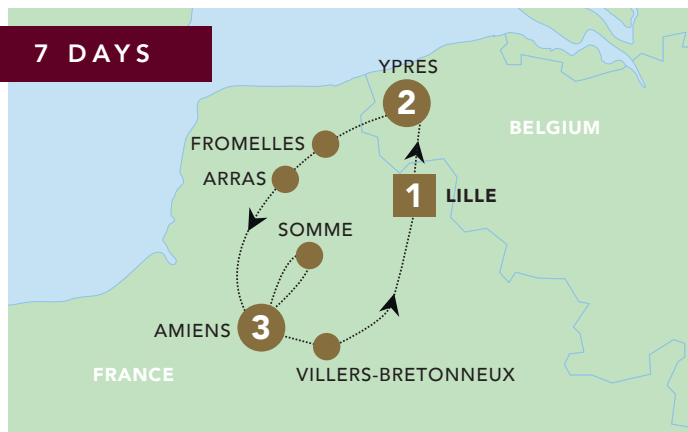
WWI Battlefields



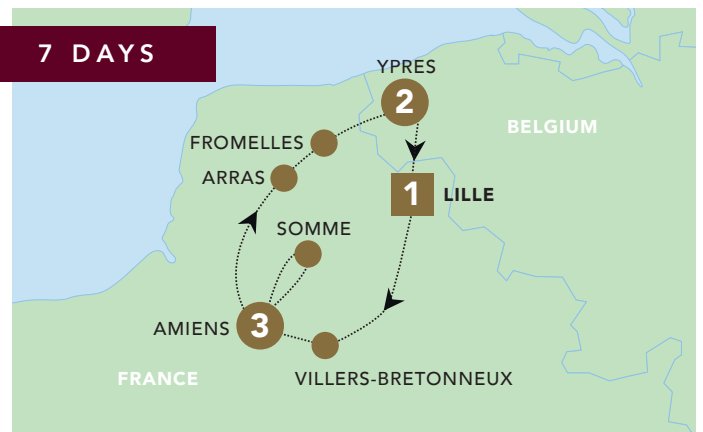
ANZAC on the Western Front



ANZAC on the Western Front: Dawn Service (Northbound)



ANZAC on the Western Front: Dawn Service (Southbound)



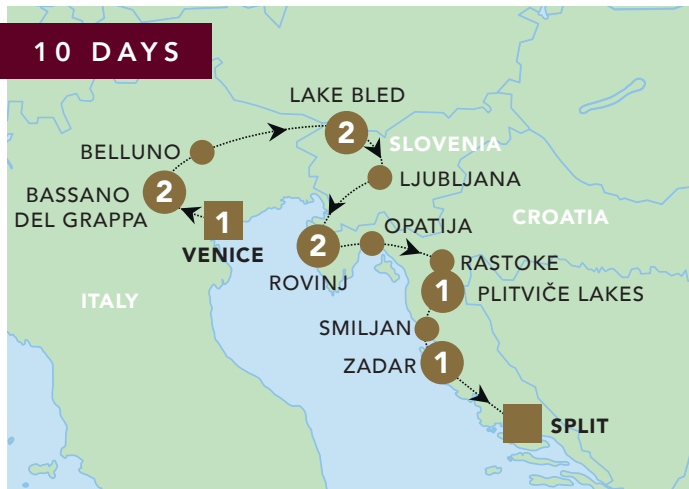
Villers-Bretonneux, France

The Adriatic



Krka National Park, Croatia

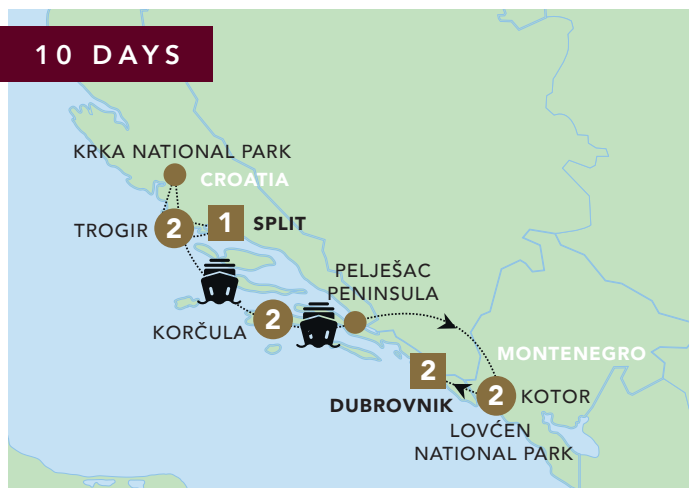
Adriatic Discovery: Northern Italy, Slovenia and Croatia



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Savour a unique wine tasting experience at the Poli Grappa Museum in Bassano del Grappa
- Take in the scenery on a traditional pletna boat across Lake Bled in Slovenia
- Explore the beauty of Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Croatia and the Dalmatian Coast



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Krka National Park's maze of mesmerising waterfalls and crystalline lakes with a local guide
- Uncover the fascinating tales behind Our Lady of the Rock islet in the Bay of Kotor
- Savour the distinct flavours of Croatian cuisine with a cooking class and dinner in Korcula

Greece: Legends and Landscapes



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn from the masters in a traditional Greek cooking class
- Discover the charms of Naxos, an authentic gem within the Cyclades islands
- Uncover the secrets of sacred Delphi – a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Rest of Europe



Interlaken, Switzerland

Mountains, Valleys and Lakes of Switzerland

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

Uncover Switzerland's hidden gems, explore remote alpine valleys, scale mountain slopes along historic railways and stand in awe of breathtaking waterfalls – all the while savouring rich flavours and a fascinating culture laden in time-honoured traditions. Join us as we gain a unique insight into a Swiss way of life while journeying through one of Europe's most scenic countries.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Be blown away by the majestic alpine views from Mt Jungfrau: the 'Top of Europe'
- Indulge in a delicious cheese fondue tasting at a local cheese factory in Einsiedeln
- Relish panoramic views over the Bernese Oberland from the enchanting Thun Castle

INCLUDED MEALS

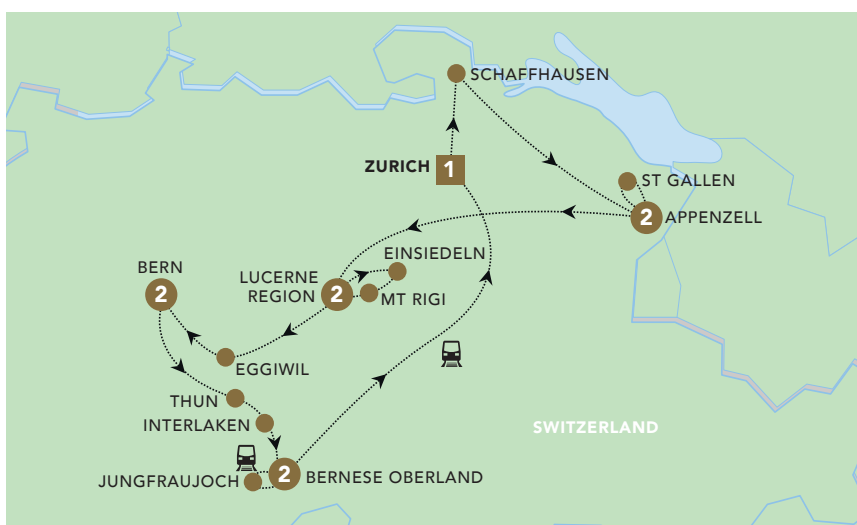
9 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

May - September

Combine this tour with...

Vistas of Italy and Switzerland



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop

Tour code: BMVZZ

For full details, up-to-date availability and pricing please see our website.

A Journey through Germany



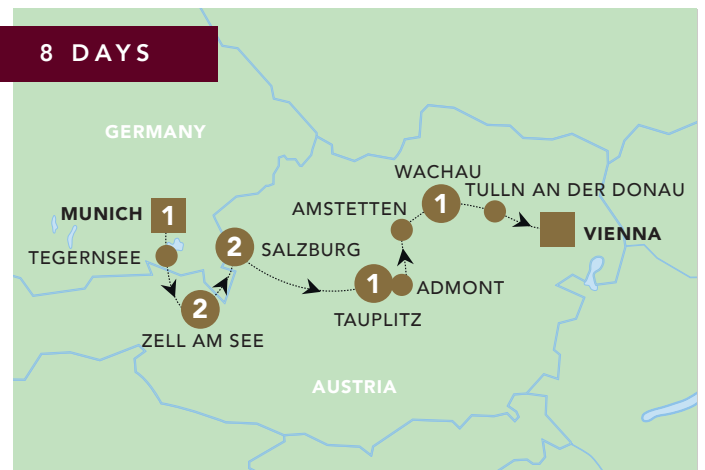
Norway: Fjords and Glaciers



Explore Eastern Europe



Essence of Austria





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Frequently asked questions

Is Back-Roads for you?

I have some health issues. Will this be a problem?

If you are able to manage your health issue without the need for additional care and special facilities, and it does not present a risk to your fellow passengers, we should be able to accommodate you on a Back-Roads tour. If you are unsure, please check the Dietary, Health and Special Requirement section of our Terms and Conditions or contact us.

How much driving is there on Back-Roads tours?

We design our tours so that there is as little time as possible on the mini-coach and plenty to see while on board. We travel along the scenic route wherever possible. Inevitably, there are days when travelling between locations may involve motorway driving and more mileage. Generally, driving time will not last more than three or four hours per day.

Hotels

Do the hotels have lifts (elevators)?

Most of the hotels we use do not have lifts. For this reason, we recommend you only join a Back-Roads tour if you are able to walk upstairs unassisted. We may need you to fill out a self-assessment form if you advise us of any mobility requirements.

What rating of hotel do you use?

We use a 3-star/4-star standard of accommodation ranging from country inns to town centre hotels (and the odd castle!). Rather than subscribing to the official rating, we base our choices on quality, charm and character. The rooms in all accommodation include en-suite bathrooms.

Can Back-Roads arrange pre- and post-tour accommodation in the cities of arrival and departure?

Yes. You can request us to arrange pre- and post-accommodation. Please note, all tours start at 6pm on Day 1 of your tour. Therefore, you may not require pre-tour accommodation and are welcome to arrive at your leisure. Most tours end in the early evening. We cannot drop you off at the airport, so we suggest you return home the day after your tour finishes to ensure you don't miss your flight due to unforeseen circumstances. Please check with the Customer Service team for more information.

What's included/not included in a Back-Roads tour?

When you travel with Back-Roads, the following aspects are included in the overall price:

- Daily breakfasts, alongside some lunches and dinners, as indicated by (B), (L) and (D) in the itineraries
- Entrance fees to sites listed within the itinerary

Some costs, however, are not covered. These include:

- Airfares, unless specified in the listed inclusions
- Transfers, unless specified in the listed inclusions
- Meals not specified in the listed inclusions
- Driver/Tour Leader gratuity (given at your discretion)
- Social drinks
- Items of a personal nature
- Entrance fees not listed in the tour itinerary
- Incidental expenses (such as hotel room service charges) must be settled prior to leaving the accommodation
- Laundry costs
- Shipping charges for the return of purchases made
- Charges for the return of property lost on tour
- Pre- and post-tour accommodation

I'm travelling alone. Can I share a room with another person? Do I have to pay a single supplement?

Unfortunately, we cannot provide shared rooming with another single traveller, however we do offer a very reasonable single supplement rate on all our tours.

Peace of mind

Are the tours always guaranteed to run?

As a general rule, we are able to guarantee our tours when we have a minimum of seven passengers booked. Guaranteed tours are identified with a 'G' on our website via individual Dates and Prices pages; your travel agent will also be able to advise you of a tour's ongoing status. If we are required to cancel a tour, you will be advised at least 6 weeks in advance. You will then have a choice of requesting a full refund of the amount paid for the tour or choosing an alternative tour.

Do I need to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

To travel with us in 2024, you are no longer required to have the COVID-19 vaccination. Please be aware, some countries and airlines will have different requirements – it is your responsibility to keep up to date with these before you travel.

All tours

Region	Days	Tour
United Kingdom and Ireland	13	The Emerald Isle
United Kingdom and Ireland	12	London to Paris via the Channel Islands
United Kingdom and Ireland	11	Highlights of Britain
United Kingdom and Ireland	10	A Scottish Journey
United Kingdom and Ireland	10	Enchanting Eastern England
United Kingdom and Ireland	8	Corners of Cornwall
United Kingdom and Ireland	8	The Wonders of Wales
United Kingdom and Ireland	8	Scotland: Lochs and Landscapes NEW
United Kingdom and Ireland	8	Chelsea Flower Show (Westbound)
United Kingdom and Ireland	8	Chelsea Flower Show (Eastbound)
United Kingdom and Ireland	7	Corners of Southern Ireland
United Kingdom and Ireland	7	Kent: The Garden of England
United Kingdom and Ireland	6	Heart of England
Italy and Malta	13	Italian Indulgence
Italy and Malta	10	Splendours of Sicily
Italy and Malta	9	Vistas of Italy and Switzerland
Italy and Malta	8	Tuscan Treats
Italy and Malta	8	Enchanting Southern Italy
Italy and Malta	8	Secrets of Puglia
Italy and Malta	8	Malta Highlights
Spain, Portugal and Morocco	12	Iberian Inspiration
Spain, Portugal and Morocco	11	Highlights of Northern Spain
Spain, Portugal and Morocco	10	Discover Portugal
Spain, Portugal and Morocco	10	Majestic Morocco
Spain, Portugal and Morocco	7	A Taste of the Camino: Porto to Bilbao
France and Battlefields	10	La Belle France
France and Battlefields	10	Paris to Nice through Vineyards & Mountains
France and Battlefields	10	Jewels of Southwest France
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