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Classic & Small Group Touring Worldwide 2024 - 2025



Europe • North America • Central America • South America • Africa • Asia

Dear Traveller,

At Collette, we consider everyone who travels with us to be our personal guest.

Every moment matters to us because we know it matters to you. This may be because at heart we are a family owned company that has been in business for over 100 years. It may be because our team is passionate about sharing their own love of travel and uncovering the mysteries of the world.

Our inclusive tours provide you more value and more of what makes travel special.





📍 Mont-Saint-Michel, France

Our 106th travel season now offers you 170+ tours to all 7 continents.

Your favourites are back with 9 new tours in our lineup. Look for small group tours, destination spotlights, and find your next adventure.

TRAVEL STYLES

All tours are **Classic** (*Iconic sites, enriching experiences*) tours except those marked as follows:

- (E)** **Small Group Explorations**
A connection to culture
- (S)** **Spotlights Single-Hotel Stays**
Go in depth, unpack just once
- (C)** **Cruising**
Explore the world's scenic waterways
- (F)** **Faith**
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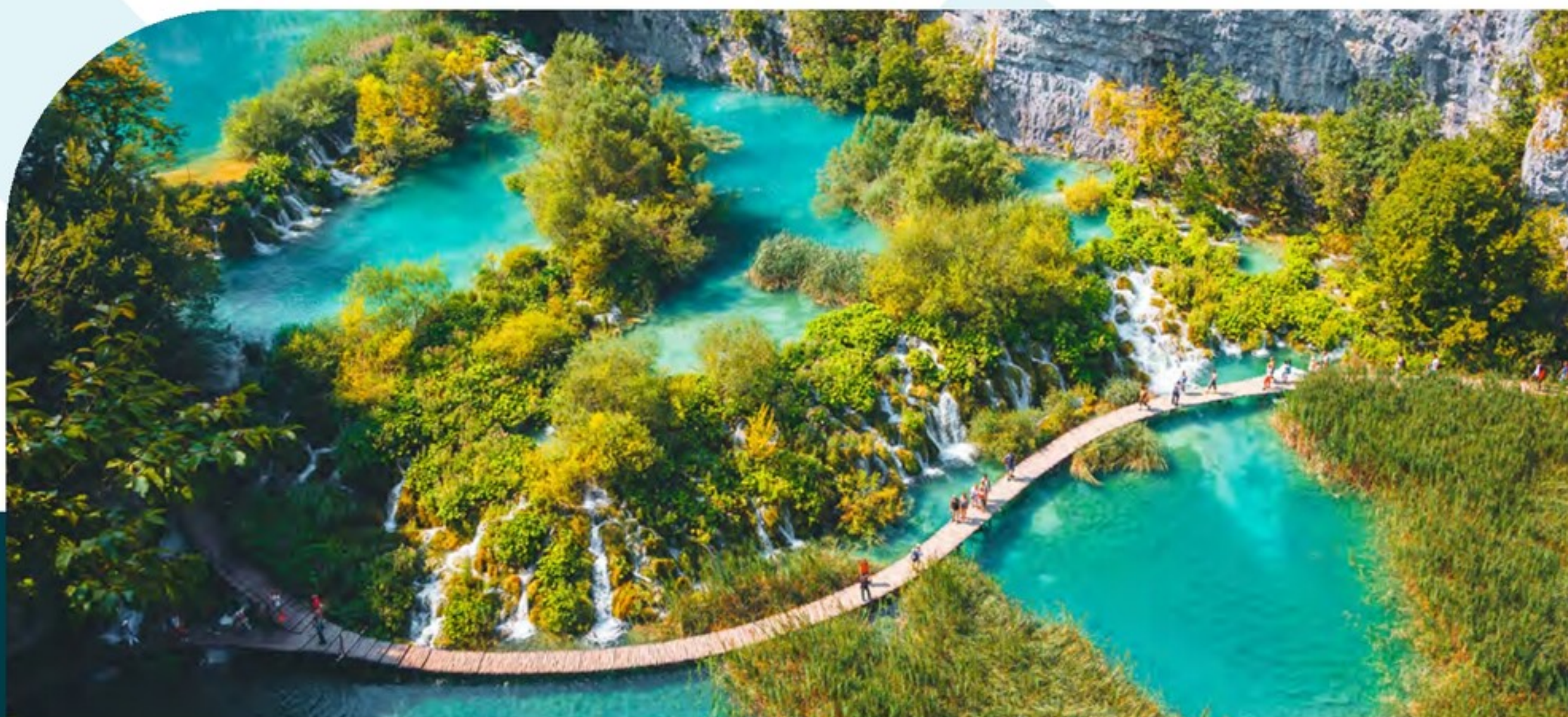
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Travel with Integrity

This is your trip – something you've planned for and dreamt about. Your time, and how you choose to spend it, is priceless.

You choose your dream trip.
We know the way.



📍 Plitvice Lakes, Croatia



📍 Tokyo, Japan



📍 Fairbanks, Alaska

Family First

We've been family-owned for three generations. And at our core has been a family spirit that guides everything we do. Employees, travellers, travel consultants, business partners – you're a part of this. We exist to make you happy, because **you're family**.

The Best Tour Pacing

We offer extremely inclusive tours, with a careful selection of included features and free time to explore on your own. **One-night stays are minimised**, and our pacing allows you to check all the must-see boxes without feeling rushed. **Built-in free time** means that you can embrace the flexibility and make your trip your own.

Industry-Leading Cancellation Waiver

Cancel for any reason up to 24 hours before your tour departs and get a refund, minus your deposit. Around-the-clock support is available. Collette issued **\$250M** money back to travellers during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Any reason, every tour.**

Guaranteed Departures

More than **30,000+** seats are **guaranteed to go in 2024** and are available to book now. Reserve with complete confidence as these selected departures are guaranteed to operate.

Private Sedan Service & In-Destination Transfers

Leave the hassle of getting to the airport behind. Enjoy round-trip home-to-airport, airport -to-home private sedan service when you book international flights with us. Complimentary within 80km of Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and Perth airports. (A surcharge between 80-100km). Plus, with in-destination transfers, we'll take you from the airport to your first hotel and from your last hotel to the airport. Ease in and out of your trip in style! Hassle-free. Ask our reservations team for more details.



Travel for Good

We believe that travel should be a force for good. With our **Social Responsibility program**, we strive to make positive contributions in our local and global communities. From hunger to our carbon footprint and responsible tourism – every day we show up to protect the world that gives us so much.

📍 Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

At the heart of it all is *You.*



📍 Hadrian's Wall, England
Tour: British Landscapes

Your Happiness is Our Road Map

170+ tours to all **7 continents** and **5 travel styles...** that's a world of possibility. Rest assured: we will go the distance for you on every single tour. **We handle everything.**



Food, Must-Sees, and Local Interactions

By travellers, for travellers. We get it. Let a team of experts handle all the details from the must-sees to centrally-located accommodation, transportation, and local lessons. We take the hassle out of planning because you've been dreaming of this trip... and you deserve to enjoy it.



Destination Experts Guiding You

Our tour managers are like good friends who know the area... and they love to show you around. With charm, humour, and an endless stream of local insight – travellers tell us every single day about how amazing their tour managers are.



Learning how to roll sushi in Japan is a lifelong souvenir.
Tour: Japan: Past & Present



Explore many of America's national parks.
Tour: Montana: Exploring Big Sky Country



Explore Costa Rica's wildlife in its natural habitat.
Tour: Costa Rica: A World of Nature



From a heated igloo in Finland, search for the northern lights.
Tour: The Northern Lights of Finland



4-Star Accommodation in Perfect Locations

Expertly paced itineraries maximise two and three-night stays, so you can relax in a destination. On many of our tours accommodation is a top attraction, from villas overlooking vineyards, hotels perched in the Canadian Rockies and safari tents nestled in national parks.



Dining Experiences

The dining experiences on tour will feed your soul. Within selected itineraries, you'll find cooking classes, food tours and sumptuous meals with families in their homes. You can be sure that all tours include breakfast, plus lunches and dinners as specified on each itinerary.



Be *You*...



We love **breaking stereotypes**. We've been doing it since 1918.

No more being ushered from point A to point B in some cookie cutter, one-size-fits-all model.

Free Time Included

We offer the perfect balance. We won't rush you from one sight to the next. Explore at your leisure. Slow down. And enjoy the moment.

Combine Two or More Tours and Make the Most of Your Travels

When you book two or more tours, you'll save time and money. Save time by having only one intercontinental flight, plus you will save \$400 pp off your second and subsequent tours. Note this offer is valid for tours departing up to 31/12/2024 and is not valid on group bookings. This offer is not combinable with any other offer. Contact our Sydney reservations team for further details and a quote.

Extensions

Add an extension to the start or end of a tour. With a mix of guided, hosted, or independent extension experiences, make the most of your journey by adding more time in your destination.


Collette Passport Club

We design and deliver touring experiences to encourage travellers to choose to explore the world with Collette. We also reward travellers for making the choice to travel again with us. Travellers are automatically enrolled into our Passport Club on booking. Benefit details are available at collette.com.au or simply ask our consultants for details when you book.

Optional Excursions

A sunset dinner in Santorini... ziplining in Costa Rica... a dog sled or helicopter flight in Alaska. Our team has created exciting optional tour excursions that travellers can purchase to personalise their trip even more.

It's Your Choice!


Choose between two included excursions with our It's Your Choice! program – something we pioneered for you, so you can personalise your experience even more. Look out for this symbol  on each tour itinerary.

Welcome Home, Traveller

Your place in the world... is  here.



Collette
travellers
redefine the
holiday.

 Snake River, Wyoming
Tour: National Parks of America

Gauge Your Speed

Fast-tracker or leisurely-paced? Tour Activity Levels help to set expectations on tour. See the levels below and look for these circles on the tours ahead.

Light & Leisurely TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1

You're a leisurely traveller. You typically take it easy and discover the energy of a new place by people-watching or soaking in the atmosphere at a local café. You can climb at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk unassisted at a relaxed pace for up to 60 minutes without difficulty. You can easily handle altitudes up to 5,000 feet.

Moderate TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 2

You like a balanced approach to travel. Walking 3-4 kilometres over the course of a day is no problem. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to 3 km (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking can cover 4-6 km over uneven terrain. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet.

COLLETTE TRAVELLERS ARE:



History Lovers



Culturally Curious



Routine Busters



Explorers and Friends

Active TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 3

You're an on-the-go traveller. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced 2.5 hour walking tour, covering several kilometres, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem. Walking 6 km over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travellers who require mobility assistance devices.

Very Active TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 4

You're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and half or full day hikes are things you may enjoy) and 10,000 steps a day is normal for you. You can handle longer walking tours (more than 3 hours covering 4.5 km at a steady clip) and activities that involve traversing uneven terrain, steep slopes, standing for periods of time, and varying altitudes and temperatures. You don't mind being on the go with some early starts, late-nights, and full days. You can handle altitudes of 9,000 feet or higher with little to no issue. This level is not appropriate for travellers who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.

What's Your Style?

You have an idea of where you'd like to go, we offer tremendous ways to experience it. Choose your style...

Classic • Small Group Explorations • Spotlights • Cruising • Faith



Classic

**Iconic Sights,
Enriching Experiences**

Maximum travellers: 44

- **Ideal for seeing the world's iconic destinations.**
- 100+ globe-spanning tours: from close to home, to a world away.
- Preferential access to sights means you'll skip the line and spend more time discovering.
- Hit all the highlights at a value-minded price.



Small Group Explorations

A Connection to Culture

Maximum travellers: 24

- **Ideal for the culturally curious: come home with stories you can't wait to tell.**
- Say "yes" to unique experiences you'd be hard-pressed to find on your own.
- Accommodations that perfectly capture the local vibe mean your exploration never stops.
- Travel today, improve tomorrow with socially responsible Impact Moments and carbon offsetting.

What's Your Style?

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📍 Nice, France



Spotlights

Go In Depth,
Unpack Just Once

Maximum travellers: 44

- **Ideal for overpackers, urban explorers, and cultural deep-divers: unpack once at a centrally located hotel.**
- 5-9 day stays make great getaways.
- Perfectly choreographed itineraries balance free time with fuller days.
- Know where the locals go with a guide by your side.



Cruising

Explore the World's Scenic Waterways

Maximum travellers: varies by itinerary

- **Ideal for those who think some of the best sightseeing comes from the deck of a ship.**
- Step off the ship and right into culture with included onshore excursions and experiences.
- Many exclusive departures mean you and your fellow Collette travellers are the only ones on board.
- Private yachts to small ships, iconic rivers to open sea: view the world by water.



Faith

Spiritual Journeys

Maximum travellers: 44

- **Ideal for those who wish to connect with their faith on a deeper level.**
- Reverent and reflective: from shrines & holy sites to included Mass on many tours.
- Take a personal pilgrimage: walk in the footsteps of your faith's forefathers.
- Modest 3-star accommodations capture the humble surroundings in which they sit.

A TASTE OF THE BALKANS

15 DAYS • 23 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6199

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Dubrovnik • Kotor • Mostar • Sarajevo
• Home-Hosted Dinner • Plitvice Lakes
• Impact Moment • Motovun • Rovinj •
Truffle Hunt • Ljubljana •
Lake Bled • Zagreb



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Sarajevo's wartime history – with either a siege survivor or a visit to Gallery 11/07/95.
- Meet the famous Lipizzan horses and take a carriage ride to a picnic lunch in the meadows.
- **Impact Moment:** Visit a Serbian community centre, and learn how the local women are keeping the community alive through their traditions and crafts.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — See the famous city walls of Dubrovnik, still standing from the Middle Ages **-OR-** hop into a cable car for incredible views of the city from above.
- **Day 6** — With a local siege survivor, visit the Sarajevo Tunnel Museum and the bobsled track on Olympic Mountain **-OR-** visit Gallery 11/07/95, which documents the city's conflict through photography.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Follow friendly dogs on a quest for coveted mushrooms, followed with a tasty truffle-inspired lunch.
- Enjoy locally caught seafood in Dubrovnik.
- Taste regional specialties during a home-hosted meal in Sarajevo.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Hotel More, Dubrovnik
Days 3, 4 Hotel Cattaro, Kotor
Days 5 - 7 Colors Inn, Sarajevo
Day 8 The Lyra Hotel, Plitvice Lakes
Days 9 - 11 Roxanich Wine & Heritage Hotel, Motovun
Days 12, 13 Grand Plaza Hotel, Ljubljana
Day 14 Hotel Le Premier, Zagreb

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Dubrovnik

Uncover a region where rocky coastlines and towering mountains meet a complex history and medieval city walls.

Day 1: Dubrovnik, Croatia - Tour Begins

Discover the twisting cobblestone streets and burnt-orange rooftops of Dubrovnik, a city rich in history and charm. Meet your fellow travellers and look out over the sparkling Adriatic Sea during dinner, featuring local seafood dishes. (D)

Day 2: Dubrovnik

Start your day off with a tour of the ancient streets of Dubrovnik, and feel the history and timelessness of the city. Then, personalise the rest of your day because **it's your choice!** See the famous city walls, still standing from the Middle Ages **-OR-** hop into a cable car for incredible views of the entire city from above. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you please. (B)

Day 3: Dubrovnik - Kotor, Montenegro

Leave Croatia and make your way into Montenegro. Begin your journey on a private boat and head to the islet of Our Lady of the Rocks. Visit the church before continuing on to the old town of Kotor (UNESCO). Settle into your historic hotel – an 18th-century building that is part of the original city walls. Take advantage of a free afternoon to explore this beautiful city on your own. Complete your day in a quiet corner of Old Town Kotor in a cosy family restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Kotor

Today is at your leisure to explore Kotor. Perhaps you'll go on an optional excursion to Njegos, a quiet and peaceful village located on the slope of Mount Lovcen about 900 metres above sea level. Learn about the tradition of prosciutto and homemade cheeses famously produced here and sample these specialities. (B)

Day 5: Kotor - Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina - Sarajevo

Cross into Bosnia and Herzegovina and spend time in Mostar, home to the iconic arched Stari Most Bridge (UNESCO). Explore Mostar with your guide before having lunch in a traditional restaurant in the old part of the city. Continue on to Sarajevo – Bosnia and Herzegovina's capital city where East meets West – and your home for the next 3 nights. Reminiscent of a European Jerusalem, find an ever-evolving conglomeration of religious sects all living in harmony. Perhaps you'll take an evening stroll with your Tour Manager to get familiar with the area. (B, L)

Day 6: Sarajevo

With an expert guide, discover Sarajevo, perhaps most famous as the starting point of WWI. As you make your way along the storied roadways,



Lake Bled

hosted dinner. Enjoy regional favourites such as klepe (meat dumplings) and burek (flaky filled pastries). Drink Bosnian coffee as you listen to traditional folk music. (B, D)

Day 8: Sarajevo - Plitvice, Croatia

Make your way through Bosnia and into northern Croatia, arriving in Plitvice in the late afternoon. Your hotel supports a Serbian community centre where local women produce traditional crafts and bake homemade goods. Experience an **Impact Moment** when you learn how the local women are keeping the community alive through their traditions and crafts. As the day ends, enjoy an authentic "under the bell" dinner, where lamb and vegetables are slow-roasted under a giant iron bell for hours. (B, D)

Day 9: Plitvice Lakes - Motovun

Take in the forested landscape of Plitvice Lakes National Park (UNESCO) with a guide. Walk along the cascading lakes and the free-flowing waterfalls before cruising through the park by boat. Head to the Istrian Peninsula, where rolling hills and vineyard rows meet seaside towns full of Mediterranean cuisine. Settle into the Roxanich Wine and Heritage Hotel, your home for the next 3 nights, nestled at the base of a hilltop village. (B)

Day 10: Motovun - Rovinj - Motovun

Travel off the beaten path to the fishing village of Rovinj. Uneven cobblestone streets lead into sidewalk cafes, boasting an atmosphere of welcoming locals. After getting acquainted with the humble port town, take advantage of some free time to

of Yugoslavia. Tonight, dine in a traditional Serbian restaurant. (D)

Day 16: Belgrade

The first half of your day is yours to explore Belgrade. Later, you'll join your guide and hop on Belgrade's public transport to dine at a local restaurant on the banks of the Danube River. (B, D)

Day 17: Belgrade

Today, journey to the unique and beautiful city of Novi Sad. Take a city tour before having some free time to explore on your own. Perhaps you'll want to take in the views of the city from atop the impressive Petrovaradin Fortress or explore the charm of the nearby Stari Grad neighbourhood with its monuments, cafes, and shops. Tonight, you'll have a farewell dinner and traditional music in Skadarlija, the bohemian area of Belgrade. (B, D)

Day 18: Belgrade - Extension Ends

Say farewell to the captivating city of Belgrade, and depart with fond memories of Serbia and its incredible culture. (B)

admire the significant blend of religions and architectural styles. Take advantage of free time before **it's your choice!** Uncover the city's past with a local siege survivor, spending time in the Sarajevo Tunnel Museum before visiting the bobsled track on Trebevic Olympic Mountain -**OR-** visit Gallery 11/07/95, which documents the city's 20th-century turmoil through photography. (B)

Day 7: Sarajevo

Enjoy time on your own today. Consider an optional excursion to Lukomir Highland, where you'll hike to a remote village and bond with locals over lunch. Or maybe you'll embark on an optional tour of Tito's Bunker, exploring the former president's personal hideout. No matter how you spend the day, connect with locals at a home-

Optional 3 Night Belgrade Post-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1400 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 15: Zagreb, Croatia - Belgrade, Serbia

Journey from Zagreb to Belgrade, the awe-inspiring capital of Serbia. Once you stop to settle into your hotel, take a guided walking tour around this historic city, where Roman, Byzantine, Austrian, and Serbian empires have left their marks on the landscape. Later, head to the Museum of Yugoslavia to learn about the region's history. On the museum grounds, visit the House of Flowers, the resting place of Josip Broz Tito, President



ARRIVAL
DUBROVNIK (DBV)

DEPARTURE
ZAGREB (ZAG)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$6199**
SOLO Starting at **\$7599**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 4 May 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
October 2023 - May 2024

Itinerary featured is for October 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. For departures after May 2024, please refer to our website.

See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

explore on your own. Return back to Motovun and enjoy dinner in a family-owned restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Motovun

Feel like a local and join a family on their forested property for a truffle-hunting adventure. Follow their friendly dogs on your quest for the coveted mushrooms, then sit down for a tasty truffle-inspired lunch. Head back to town for an evening on your own. Consider joining your Tour Manager on a leisurely walk to the top of the village for views of the surrounding area. (B, L)

Day 12: Motovun - Ljubljana, Slovenia

Cross into Slovenia and spend time at Lipica Stud Farm, the famous breed of the Habsburg Empire. Meet purebred Lipizzan horses, dating back to the 16th century, and take a horse-drawn carriage ride to a picnic lunch in the meadows. Arrive in Ljubljana's city centre, your home for the next two nights. Embark on a city tour to acquaint yourself with this incredible city before having a night to explore on your own. (B, L)

Day 13: Ljubljana - Bled - Ljubljana

Today, head to the beauty of Lake Bled. Ride in a Pletna Boat to the isle of Bled, visit the secluded and picturesque St. Mary's Church on the island, and then get a chance to sample delicious kremšnita (cream cake), a local favourite. Return to Ljubljana where the remainder of the day is yours. (B)

Day 14: Ljubljana - Zagreb, Croatia

This morning, say goodbye to beautiful Slovenia and continue your journey to Zagreb, the storied capital of Croatia. After discovering the city with your local guide, toast to the end of your adventure at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 15: Zagreb - Tour Ends

Wish Croatia goodbye as you depart for home. (B)

ALPINE LAKES & SCENIC TRAINS

10 DAYS • 13 MEALS
STARTING AT \$6149

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Zurich • Glacier Express Train • Zermatt • Lake Maggiore • Borromeo Palace • Island Dinner • Bernina Express Train • St. Moritz • Lucerne • Mount Pilatus

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Cruise through Lago Maggiore and visit one of the beautiful Borromean Islands.
- Stroll the lakeside boulevards of St. Moritz.
- Journey through the Bernina Pass on one of the world's most scenic railways.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — In Verbania, wander through the enchanted gardens of Villa Taranto. Among the dreamy landscapes and captivating reflections are mysterious flowers from the farthest corners of the world **-OR-** Visit Pallanza and tour the Troubetzkoy statuary collection housed in the town's museum, Museo del Paesaggio.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

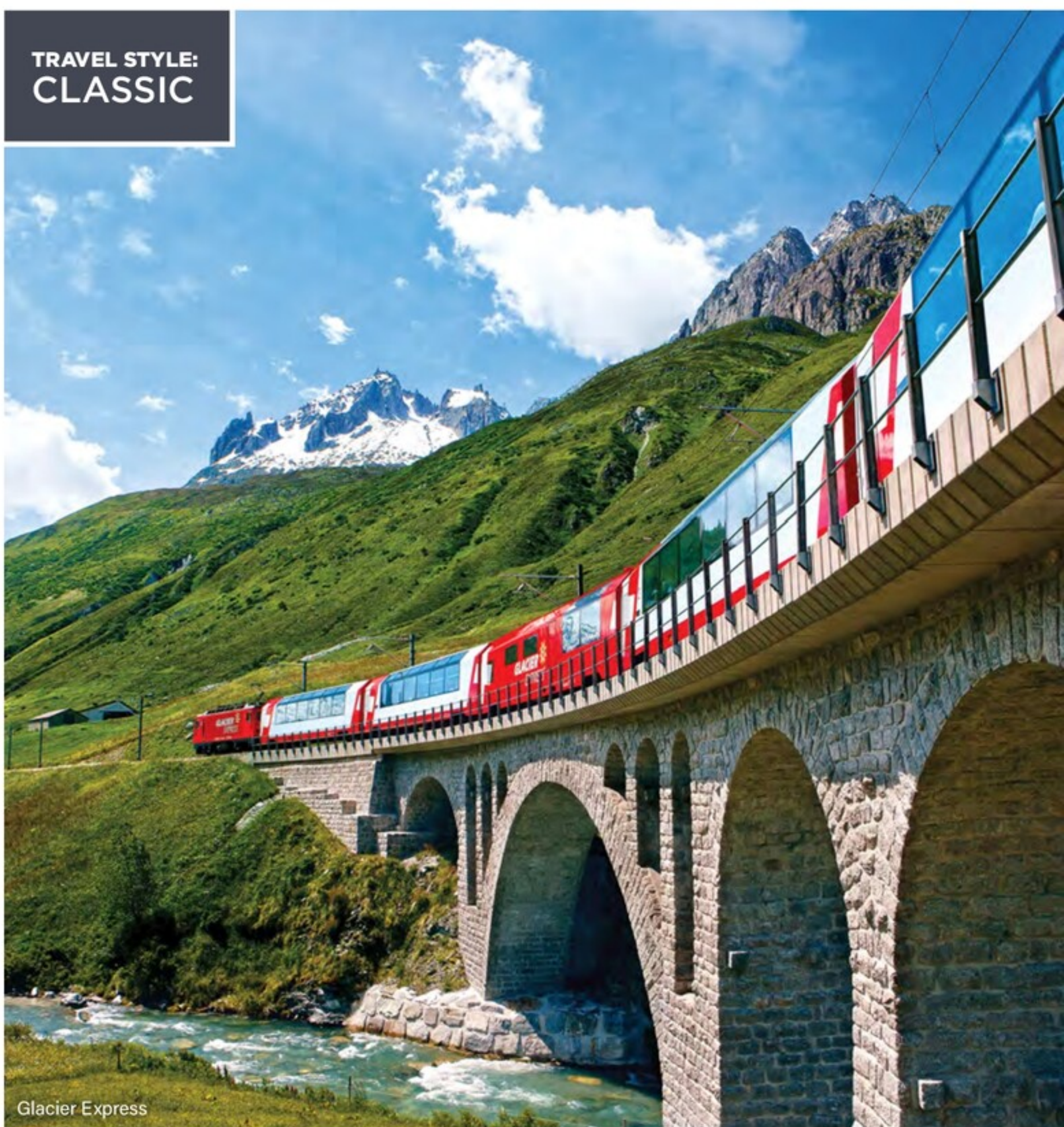
- 9 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Dinners (D)
- Sit down for dinner on the Isola dei Pescatori in Lago Maggiore.
 - Discover a sweeter side of Zurich on a locally guided history and chocolate tour.
 - Sample Italian specialties at a family owned shop.

ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1** Hotel Krone Unterstrass or Motel One, Zurich
- Days 2, 3** Hotel Alex, Zermatt
- Days 4-6** Zacchera Hotels, Lake Maggiore
- ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.
- Day 7** Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz
- Day 8, 9** Hotel Astoria or Radisson Blu Hotel, Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Glacier Express

Climb aboard legendary Alpine railways and set out on a journey across the captivating Alpine landscapes of Switzerland and Italy.

Day 1: Zurich, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Welcome to Switzerland's largest city - Zurich. Enjoy some free time exploring its charming Old Town or one of its many museums on your own. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Zurich - Andermatt - Zermatt

Say "good morning" to Zurich with a walking tour of the city. A local guide will teach you the city's history and make a few sweet stops along the way. Learn the history behind the chocolate shops and taste some delicacies for yourself. Treat your taste buds to even more flavours of Zurich with free time for lunch on your own. After that, it's all aboard! You're off to Andermatt to experience the world-renowned Glacier Express train. Natural backdrops of the Swiss Alps, thick forests, gurgling streams, and deep valleys bring this mountain dream to life. Complete your day in the unique, car-less village of Zermatt. (B, D)

Day 3: Zermatt

Start your morning with a Tour Manager-led walk to get familiar with the quaint mountain village of Zermatt. With free time for the rest of the day, let your curiosity get the best of you while uncovering history in the Matterhorn Museum. Perhaps your adventurous side will bring you on the Gornergrat Railway to experience elevated views of the Matterhorn. (B)

Day 4: Zermatt - Lake Maggiore, Italy

Take on the day as you depart Zermatt and head towards Italy. Enjoy scenic mountain views on a drive through the Simplon Pass, used for centuries as a main trading route between northern Italy and Switzerland. Learn how Napoleon used the Simplon Pass to cross the Alps into Italy and gain control of Milan and Venice. Continue to a tranquil resort area with crystal clear waters set against the backdrop of the Alps, known as Lake Maggiore. Take time this afternoon to stroll the



Matterhorn



Lago Maggiore

gardens of Villa Taranto. Among the dreamy landscapes and captivating reflections are mysterious flowers from the farthest corners of the world -**OR-** visit Pallanza and tour the Troubetzkoy statuary collection housed in the town's museum, Museo del Paesaggio. This afternoon, set sail to Isola Bella - known as the "beautiful island." With an expert guide beside you, journey into the Borromeo Palace - a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an exotic garden. (B)

Day 7: Lake Maggiore - St. Moritz, Switzerland

Experience sweeping coastal views on your drive along the picturesque shores of Lake Como during your full morning bus transfer to Tirano. Spend the afternoon travelling along one of the world's most scenic railways. Take a journey through the Bernina Express en route to St. Moritz, Switzerland. Witness the striking landscapes of the Italian and Swiss Alps throughout your voyage - including the famed Morteratsch Glacier. Make your final stop in St. Moritz and enjoy the evening at leisure to relax or stroll the lakeside boulevard. (B)

Day 8: St. Moritz - Lucerne

Slow and steady wins the race today. Enjoy a leisurely start in St. Moritz before heading to Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Follow the ancient pathways of the city on a walking tour through an Altstadt (Old Town), passing through the covered 14th-century Chapel Bridge. Along the way, see the famous Water Tower that once served as a prison. Pause at the renowned Lion Monument, carved from sandstone to commemorate heroic soldiers. The evening is yours to relax or explore. (B)

Day 9: Lucerne

Today, enjoy the splendour of pure nature while gliding over a clear landscape in panoramic gondolas and spectacular cable cars. Ascend Pilatus on a unique excursion along the steepest railway in the world. From the top, soak in the magnificent Alpine views from 7,000 ft. above sea level. Enjoy leisure time at the summit, where you can stroll the walkway for new vantage points. Venture back down the mountain by panoramic gondola for another bird's eye view. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner featuring Swiss specialities. (B, D)

Day 10: Lucerne - Tour Ends

Your scenic journey comes to an end today in Lago Maggiore. (B)

cobbled streets of Stresa. Long-favoured by European aristocracy because of its blend of elegance, Stresa has inspired artists and writers since the late 1800s. Step inside a local wine shop where the family teaches you all about some of Italy's local specialities and invites you to try some. As the day draws to a close, settle in for a 3-night stay at your hotel. (B)

Day 5: Lake Maggiore

The entire day is yours. You might want to soak up the sun along the waterfront, relax in an outdoor café, or head out on the waves by boat. Perhaps you'll take an optional tour to picture-perfect Lake Orta - a hidden gem surrounded by romantic villages and filled with quaint islands. As the evening approaches, board a private boat for a cruise to Isola dei Pescatori. On the island, toast to your Italian experiences during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Lake Maggiore

Today, explore the twin towns of Verbania and Pallanza where **it's your choice!** In Verbania, wander through the enchanted



DOUBLE Starting at **\$6149** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$7549**

Prices based on 30 September 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

April - May 2024
(different itinerary - see note*)

June -October 2024
April-May 2025
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2024 - May 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR


+ Pre-Night:
Zurich (1-2 Nights)



+ Post-Night:
Lucerne (1-2 Nights)



ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 4-6: Zaccera Hotels

During your stay at the Zacchera Hotels, you may choose to enjoy views of Lago Maggiore by upgrading your accommodations to a lake view room.

Please enquire about this upgrade at time of booking.

DISCOVER SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA & BAVARIA

9 DAYS • 13 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4299

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Bern • Alphorn Maker • Yodeling Demonstration • Fondue Lunch • Lucerne • Austrian Alps • Innsbruck • Salzburg • Mirabell Gardens • St. Peter's Restaurant • Bavaria • Linderhof Palace • Tyrolean Folklore Show



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Witness the creation of Alpine music during an alphorn and yodeling demonstration.
- Relax and unwind with two leisurely 4-night stays.
- Experience a Tyrolean Folklore show in Innsbruck.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Join a local guide as you discover Innsbruck's history, culture and popular attractions **-OR-** you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 8 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)
- Savour lunch at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.
 - Experience a fondue lunch in a picturesque alpine town.
 - Dine on Tyrolean cuisine at a local restaurant.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 4** Hotel Bern or Hotel Ambassador, Bern
Days 5 - 8 Hotel Innsbruck, Innsbruck
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



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Journey through spectacular mountain scenery and picturesque cities as you experience three Alpine countries.

Day 1: Bern, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. This UNESCO World Heritage site rests in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine. (D)

Day 2: Bern

Explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour, led by a local guide, featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town's skyline. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently. Perhaps you'll take a ride in the red carriages of the Gurtenbahn funicular railway, climbing Gurten Mountain to an altitude of 2,574 feet (858 metres) for impressive views of Bern, the surrounding towns and mountains. (B)

Day 3: Bern - Habkern - Bern

Today, depart Bern and head to the small mountain village outside of Interlaken - Habkern. Boasting classic postcard imagery of Switzerland, enjoy a tour with a local workshop owner learning how the alphorn is made, and even entertain your musical side by playing one. After, explore the world of

yodeling through a professional demonstration. Perhaps you're a natural and never knew. Finish your afternoon with a fondue lunch at a local restaurant before heading back to Bern. Enjoy the rest of your afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4: Bern - Lucerne - Bern

Set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, exploring the hidden treasures of this 800-year-old city such as the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower, which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. Tonight, dine at one of Bern's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 5: Bern - Liechtenstein - Innsbruck, Austria

En route to Innsbruck, make your way through Liechtenstein, the smallest German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. Upon arrival in Innsbruck, **it's your choice!** Select one of two leisurely walking tours: join a local guide as you discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions including Maria-Theresien-Strasse,



the Hofburg and the "Golden Roof"
-OR- you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. (B)

Day 6: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck

Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. Enjoy a walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in *The Sound of Music*), the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart), and many other highlights of this beautiful city. Complete your afternoon with a delightful lunch at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. (B, L)

Day 7: Innsbruck

Savour a free day in this beautiful city. You may stroll through Old Town and shop at many of the city's outstanding stores or you may just relax and breathe in the mountain air while enjoying a beverage in one of the many cafés that dot this charming city. Later, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a well-known local musical family. (B)

Day 8: Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany - Innsbruck

Tour Linderhof Palace, the only palace - out of three - that King Ludwig II lived

to see completed. Walk the extraordinary halls that were modelled after Versailles with an expert guide and bask in the luxury of past royals. After, make your way to the Ettal Abbey - a Benedictine monastery founded in 1330 by Louis IV. Here, you'll tour the Basilica followed by a brewery tour complete with tastings. Next, return to Innsbruck. Tonight, you are treated to a farewell dinner at a traditional Tyrolean restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Innsbruck - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end in Innsbruck. (B)

Optional 3 Night Vienna Post-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1400 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 9: Innsbruck - Vienna

Transfer to Vienna, the largest city in Austria. As the country's capital, Vienna is home to age-old traditions and well-known heritage. It was the former centre of the Habsburg Empire, as well as the home for historical figures such as Freud, Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss.

Day 10: Vienna

Start your morning on a city tour with a local guide. You'll make your way through the city like the locals do - on public transportation - and stop to visit Vienna's most popular sights. Visit the 12th-century St. Stephen's Cathedral, standing at nearly 450-feet tall and featuring an eye-catching mosaic roof. Enjoy time in the afternoon to explore on your own. Gather in the evening for a dinner and classical music concert, highlighting the works of Austrian-born Mozart and Strauss. (B, D)

Day 11: Vienna

The day is yours. With your free time, consider visiting the legendary Schönbrunn Palace, former residence of the Habsburgs and containing more than 1,000 rooms. Or maybe you'll spend the day exploring the museum at Belvedere Palace, home to Gustav Klimt's famous painting *The Kiss*. Or you could even grab a slice of *Sachertorte* in a Viennese café. No matter how you spend your day, soak in the Austrian culture and experience the best of this capital city. (B)

Day 12: Vienna - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at **\$4299** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$4899**

Prices based on 8 August 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023	June - November 2024
March - May 2024	April - May 2025
<i>(different itinerary - see note*)</i>	<i>(featured itinerary)</i>

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ALSO AVAILABLE

Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria featuring Oktoberfest
 Toast to tradition at Munich's Oktoberfest, dating back to the 1800s.
 ★ DATE: 26 SEPTEMBER 2024



Innsbruck

“We had wonderfully power-packed day trips, with great things to see and do! Every day was equally as great as the previous!”
 - Joni D.

EXPLORING THE ALPINE COUNTRIES

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5299

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Vienna • Schönbrunn Palace • Classical Concert • Danube Cruise • Salzburg • Munich • Oberammergau • Linderhof Palace • Black Forest • Freiburg • Lucerne



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Cruise along the legendary Danube River.
- Enjoy a performance by opera singers and ballet dancers set to the music of Strauss, Mozart, and more, in Vienna.
- Visit a woodcarving studio in the quaint village of Oberammergau.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — Discover Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town **-OR-** feel like you've joined the Von Trapp family on a city tour featuring iconic film locations from *The Sound of Music*.
- **Day 5** — Take a panoramic tour of Munich to see the National Theatre of Bavaria and much more **-OR-** visit the lavish Treasury of the Munich Residence.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Savour a dinner of local Swiss specialties in Lucerne.
- Dine on Black Forest Cake in the region it originated from.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Intercontinental Hotel Wien, or Grand Hotel Wien, Vienna
- Days 3, 4** Arcotel Castellani, Salzburg
- Days 5, 6** Hotel Alte Post, Oberammergau
- Days 7, 8** Hotel Hofgut Sternen, Titisee
- Days 9, 10** Radisson Blu Hotel, Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Salzburg

Discover storybook castles and opulent palaces amidst stunning Alpine vistas in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland.

Day 1: Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's stately capital city. Built by the Habsburg Empire and amplified by classical composers, Vienna exudes an old-world charm that can be found in its cobblestone streets and elegant architecture. This evening, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner in the city. (D)

Day 2: Vienna

Come to know Vienna this morning during a locally guided tour that showcases its architectural marvels. Visit the 17th-century Schönbrunn Palace, containing more than 1,440 rooms, and see the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is yours. Enjoy free time to explore the avenues of Vienna or perhaps visit one of its many museums. In the evening, enjoy a performance by opera singers and ballet dancers set to the music of Strauss, Mozart, and more. (B)

Day 3: Vienna - Salzburg

Journey through the countryside before taking a cruise along the Danube, one of Europe's most renowned waterways. Continue to Salzburg, the

"City of Music," and find lush gardens and old-world charm. Dine on Austrian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Salzburg

Choose how you spend your morning because **it's your choice!** Discover Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town **-OR-** feel like you've joined the Von Trapp family on a city tour featuring iconic film locations from *The Sound of Music*. No matter how you choose to spend the morning, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore the beloved town on your own. (B)

Day 5: Salzburg - Munich - Oberammergau, Germany

Look out upon the Bavarian Alps en route to the most popular Bavaria city, Munich. Upon arrival, **it's your choice!** Take a panoramic tour of Munich, highlighting the National Theatre of Bavaria and much more **-OR-** visit the lavish Treasury of the Munich Residence. Both choices end with a viewing of the Rathaus - Glockenspiel chiming at Marienplatz. Continue on to Oberammergau, renowned for its 380-year



tradition of producing a Passion Play every 10 years, and your home for the next two nights. (B, D)

Day 6: Oberammergau - Ettal - Oberammergau

Tour Linderhof Palace, the only palace - out of three - that King Ludwig II lived to see completed. Walk the extraordinary halls that were modelled after Versailles with an expert guide and bask in the luxury of past royals. Later, fairytales become reality during a picture stop of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's third palace, Neuschwanstein. Regarded as the most photographed castle in Germany it was the inspiration for the castle in Sleeping Beauty. On your way back to Oberammergau, stop by a woodcarving studio and learn all about this intricate craft and local tradition. (B)

Day 7: Oberammergau - Black Forest

You're off to the heart of the Black Forest, a region famous for artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks and Hummels. End your day trying the region's famous black forest cake with the tree-studded mountains as your backdrop. (B, D)

Day 8: Black Forest - Freiburg - Black Forest

This morning, hop on the train and journey to Freiburg, a vibrant city in southwest Germany's Black Forest region. With a local guide by your side, explore Freiburg, a city with a rich medieval flare including its Gothic cathedral at the centre of town and Bächle -- narrow channels with flowing water alongside the roads that once acted as a water supply for the town. Before returning to your hotel, stop at Lake Titisee and enjoy a short boat ride to take in the Black Forest scenery from a different perspective. (B, D)

Day 9: Black Forest - Zurich, Switzerland - Lucerne

Enjoy a scenic drive through the Black Forest region before arriving to Zurich, Switzerland's luxurious cultural hotspot, also known as a global leader in banking and finance. Join a local guide for a tour of the city on foot, and then enjoy some free time to have lunch on your own in Zurich. After, head to Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Upon arrival, set out on a scenic walking tour of the city, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at \$5299 Starting at \$6399 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 9 August 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
June - October 2024
March - May 2025
See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Vienna (1-2 Nights) **+ Post-Night:** Lucerne (1-2 Nights)

Day 10: Lucerne
The day is yours to relax or independently explore the best of Lucerne. Perhaps you will embark on an optional excursion to Mount Pilatus, ascending the world's steepest railway on a panoramic gondola to the summit. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialities and toast the end of a wonderful trip. (B, D)

Day 11: Lucerne - Tour Ends
Wish the Alps goodbye as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

“ We had a small group and really enjoyed the friendships with all of them. Loved doing the train up the mountain and coming down, and touring Lucerne. ”
- Thelma R.

IMPERIAL CITIES

10 DAYS • 14 MEALS

STARTING AT \$3599

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Prague • Prague Castle • Cesky Krumlov
• Vienna • Schönbrunn Palace • Classical
Music Performance • Bratislava • Lunch
with Locals • Budapest • Matthias Church
• Fisherman's Bastion • Visegrad •
Renaissance Dinner



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Tour the majestic Prague Castle.
- Get a glimpse into Hungary's communist past during an exclusive talk with a local.
- Get to know Bratislava's 4,000-year-old history on a tour with a local expert.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — Head to the medieval town of Durnstein and cruise to Melk Abbey **-OR-** join a local guide in the Belvedere Museum, home to The Kiss **-OR-** attend a Viennese Waltz lesson.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 9 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)
- Join local residents for a community hosted lunch in Dunaalmas.
 - Savour a Renaissance-style dinner at a medieval castle restaurant near Budapest.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Grandior Hotel, Prague
Days 4 - 6 Intercontinental Hotel or
Grand Hotel Wien, Vienna
Days 7 - 9 Up Hotel, Budapest

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Charles Bridge, Prague

Bask in the splendour, history, and romance of Europe's regal capital cities of Prague, Vienna, and Budapest.

Day 1: Prague, Czech Republic - Tour Begins

Arrive in Prague, the "City of 100 Spires." Behold ancient landmarks and medieval architecture. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Prague

Feel the magic and wonder of Prague. Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Explore the "Castle District," including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral, the majestic Prague Castle, and the Golden Lane. After, enjoy some time at leisure for lunch on your own until you meet with local guide later on to explore the best of Prague Old Town. Finish your day by taking in the iconic, statue-lined Charles Bridge – a picturesque structure stretching over the Vltava River. Spend the rest of the afternoon and evening with free time at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Prague

This morning, discover Prague on your own. Consider shopping for Bohemian crystal or visiting the city's museums, such as the Lapidarium. Perhaps, you will join an optional excursion to Prague's Old Jewish Quarter to see its historic

Jewish Museum and Europe's oldest Jewish cemetery, founded in 1478. Tonight, enjoy dinner and traditional folklore dances at a famous Prague restaurant where the menu is created based on original recipes from Czech grandmothers. (B, D)

Day 4: Prague - Cesky Krumlov - Vienna, Austria

Travel through the scenic countryside on your way to Vienna. En route, make a stop in the medieval town of Cesky Krumlov. Lined with towering Baroque architecture, explore the quaint preserved streets before continuing on to the grand city of Vienna. (B)

Day 5: Vienna

Join a local guide at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue on to Vienna's city centre and behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks, and gothic spires that fill the city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure where perhaps you'll partake in the city's famous café culture as you walk the streets, watching locals take a moment out of their day for a hot coffee and bite of cake. Tonight, hear Vienna's past



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SOLO Starting at **\$4849**

Prices based on 8 August 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - May 2024 (different itinerary - see note*)
June 2024 - May 2025 (featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **Pre-Night:**
Prague (1-2 Nights)



+ **Post-Night:**
Budapest (1-2 Nights)



come alive and experience a classical performance featuring the works of Mozart and Strauss. (B, D)

Day 6: Vienna Choose how you spend your day because **it's your choice!** Venture down the Danube to the medieval town of Durnstein and cruise to the 11th-century Melk Abbey **-OR-** join a local guide in the Belvedere Museum, home to Gustav Klimt's iconic painting *The Kiss* **-OR-** enjoy a leisurely morning before attending a Viennese Waltz lesson in the afternoon. The rest of the day is yours. (B)

Day 7: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary Say hello to Bratislava, the former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Get to know the city's 4,000-year-old history on a tour with a local expert. Connect with the villagers of Dunaalmas during a community-hosted lunch, learning how to make traditional strudel. Arrive in Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube" and your home for the next 3 nights. Enjoy the evening on your own. (B, L)

Day 8: Budapest Join a local expert for a panoramic tour of the city, where you'll discover the incredible Neo-Gothic marvel of

Matthias Church atop Buda Castle Hill, the Fisherman's Bastion, the historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, and the Parliament House. This afternoon, enjoy some free time to explore Budapest on your own. Perhaps you'll head to the city's famous thermal pools for an afternoon of relaxation, or maybe you'll join an optional excursion to discover Budapest by Night. (B)

Day 9: Budapest - Visegrad - Budapest This morning, talk with a local and listen to stories about his life during the former communist era. Enjoy the rest of the morning at leisure. This afternoon, head out of the city to the former Renaissance capital of Visegrad for a magnificent view of the Danube Bend and the Borzsony Mountains. Embrace the lifestyle of the 14th-century castle, a former residence of Hungarian kings, and enjoy an exclusive Renaissance-style dinner in the castle. (B, D)

Day 10: Budapest - Tour Ends Say goodbye to these regal cities as your tour comes to a close today. (B)



“Excellent tour guide, personal, knowledgeable and dependable. He clearly explained daily visit schedules and gave useful information for us to enjoy and learn more from each city.”
 - Elvita A.

NEW TOUR

MAJESTIC CITIES OF CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

13 DAYS • 19 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5449

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Berlin • Dresden • Prague • Prague Castle • Vienna • Schönbrunn Palace • Viennese Candy Workshop • Impact Moment • Budapest • Dinner with Locals • Matthias Church • Krakow • Auschwitz



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Learn from a Berliner their experiences living in East Germany prior to the fall of the Wall.
- Be whisked by train from Prague to "The City of Music" – Vienna, Austria.
- Take a poignant journey through history at the camps of Auschwitz.
- Discover the 2 sides of Hungary's capital, Buda and Pest, alongside a local expert.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 9** — Visit the House of Terror Museum to learn about Hungarian history -OR- indulge in the famous Thermal Baths of Budapest, one of the largest spa baths in Europe.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Join local residents for a community hosted dinner in Dunaalmas.
- Learn the secrets of Viennese confectionery during a candy-making demonstration.
- Dine at the famous Marchfelderhof, an iconic restaurant with rich Viennese tradition.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Arcotel John F. Hotel, Berlin
Days 3, 4	Majestic Plaza Hotel, Prague
Days 5, 6	Hotel Erzherzog Rainer, or Grand Hotel Wien, Vienna
Days 7 - 9	Up Hotel, Budapest
Days 10 - 12	Mercure Krakow Old Town, Krakow

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Charles Bridge, Prague

Explore a land where world history and fairy-tale charm come to life in the culturally rich, majestic cities of Central & Eastern Europe.

Day 1: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins

Arrive in Germany's capital city of Berlin, a blend of deep-rooted history, modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Berlin

This morning, head out with your local guide and get to know Berlin's rich history by visiting the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfürstendamm, and the Reichstag Building. Finish your morning city tour by meeting with a Berliner to learn about life in communist East Germany before the fall of the Berlin Wall. Later, enjoy some free time for lunch on your own in one of the neighbourhood's many restaurants. This afternoon, end your Berlin guided tour by visiting an area once known as "Checkpoint Charlie" where you will see the remains of the Berlin Wall and West Berlin. The rest of the day is yours to discover and explore at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Berlin - Dresden - Prague, Czech Republic

Depart for Prague this morning, the "City of a Thousand Spires." En route, make a stop in Dresden, the capital of Saxony. Meet a local guide for a tour highlighting its baroque splendour and

architectural treasures such as Frauenkirche, the Cathedral of our Lady and the Royal Palace. Enjoy time on your own to explore this lovely town on the banks of the River Elbe. After arriving in Prague, enjoy your evening savouring classic Czech cuisine in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Prague

Your introduction to this fairy-tale city opens with a visit to the remarkable Prague Castle and the haunting St. Vitus Cathedral. Home to kings and emperors, the complex at Prague Castle is one of the most important sites in the Czech Republic and is easily the highlight of the city. Enjoy some free time for lunch in the afternoon before continuing on a leisurely walking tour through the Old Town. Visit the unique Astronomical Clock and the statue-lined Charles Bridge. Learn about the poignant history held in Prague's Jewish Quarter when you pass the Old Jewish Cemetery and Synagogue. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy Prague during your free time. (B)

Day 5: Prague - Vienna, Austria

This morning, hop on a train and depart for your next adventure to Vienna, the "musical city." Upon arrival in Vienna, enjoy a short orientation drive through the city followed by an afternoon



Fisherman's Bastion



Schoenbrunn Palace

Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Get to know the city's 4,000-year-old history during a short walking tour before taking time to enjoy lunch on your own. Continue through the Hungarian countryside to the Village of Dunaalmas. Connect with the villagers and learn all about traditional Hungarian goulash soup and how to make a traditional strudel before joining a community-hosted dinner. Continue on to lovely Budapest, a city divided by the Danube with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan Pest on the opposite bank. (B, D)

Day 8: Budapest

The beautiful city of Budapest is yours to discover. This morning a local expert provides an informative city tour featuring Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, Old Buda, the New Parliament and Gellert Hill with a special stop at Heroes' Square, a unique monument to the many diverse leaders of Hungary. The rest of the afternoon is yours for free time. This evening, perhaps you'll take in the essence of the region during an optional dinner followed by a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline. (B)

Day 9: Budapest 🇻

This morning, **it's your choice!** Choose to visit the House of Terror Museum and Memorial and gain an important perspective of 20th-century Hungarian history **-OR-** indulge in the famous Thermal Baths of Budapest, one of the largest spa baths in Europe. This afternoon is yours to uncover "the Queen of the Danube" however you wish. (B)

Day 10: Budapest - Banská Bystrica, Slovakia - Krakow, Poland

Take in the picturesque landscapes en route to Poland. Make a stop for lunch in Banská Bystrica, a historic town nestled on the banks of the Hron River with architecture dating back to the middle ages. Your home for the next three nights is the lively city of Krakow, a historic city offering old world charm. This evening, get to know traditional Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner featuring local cuisine. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow

Discover Krakow's historic Old Town on a city tour complete with stops at the Market Square, St. Mary's Church, and the university. You'll also view Wawel Castle, a former residence of Polish kings. This afternoon, embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to the camps of Auschwitz. A local expert guides you

at leisure. Later, enjoy an evening in one of Vienna's most beloved restaurants, the Marchfelderhof - an iconic restaurant with rich Viennese tradition where dinner mixes with local cultural flavour to create an unforgettable night. (B, D)

Day 6: Vienna

This morning, experience the city of Vienna on a tour highlighting some of its architectural marvels, including the lavish Schönbrunn Palace, a summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty. Learn more about Vienna's sweet confectionary history when you visit a candy workshop where candies are still being made according to traditional recipes dating back over 150 years. After time for lunch on your own in this beautiful city, join our **Impact Moment** at a Viennese coffee house. At this café, the baked goods are authentically made by real grandmas. This social enterprise aims to give local retirees a chance to connect with locals and travellers around the world. Finish your day by participating in one of Vienna's most treasured traditions during a Viennese Waltz lesson. (B)

Day 7: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary

Sit back, relax and enjoy the picturesque countryside enroute to Budapest. Make a stop in Bratislava, Slovakia, the former



DOUBLE SOLO

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Starting at **\$6549**

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

March - May 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

June 2024 - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **Pre-Night: Berlin (1-2 NIGHTS)**



through the former concentration camp, where you will learn about the sobering history and resilience of the human spirit. The evening is yours to spend it as you wish. (B)

Day 12: Krakow

The morning is yours to enjoy the city on your own. Consider joining an optional walking tour to discover stories related to Jewish Krakow. Enjoy free time in the afternoon before tonight's farewell dinner. Toast to the end of this memorable trip as you sit down with your fellow travellers at a Jewish restaurant, feeling connected to the cultures and traditions of Central & Eastern Europe. (B, D)

Day 13: Krakow - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

PEAKS OF EUROPE: THE ALPS TO THE DOLOMITES

12 DAYS • 19 MEALS
STARTING AT \$6999

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Chamonix • Annecy • Mont Blanc • GoldenPass Train • Gstaad • Jungfrau • Lucerne • Alpine Walks & Nature Experiences • Innsbruck • Dolomites • Cortina • Prosecco Region • Venetian Villa Stay



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Inhale fresh alpine air with 3 unique mountaintop experiences.
- Discover the local flora and fauna during a nature walk with a local alpinist.
- Meet the pups of Barryland, a foundation that protects the heritage of Switzerland's national dog – the St. Bernard.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- **Day 3** — Ascend the Aiguille du Midi via cable car **-OR-** take in the views aboard the Tramway du Mont Blanc.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Toast to the end of your scenic journey during a farewell dinner in a Venetian villa.
- Taste the fruits of Italy's Prosecco region, with a vineyard visit and tasting.
- Savour the flavours of Switzerland during a *raclette* brunch at a dairy farm.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** La Folie Douce Hotel, Chamonix
- Day 4** Golf Hotel Le Hauts de Gstaad, Gstaad
- Days 5, 6** Sunstar Alpine Hotel, Grindelwald
- Days 7, 8** Seelos Hotel NIKO, Seefeld
- Days 9, 10** Hotel Post Bruneck, Brunico
- Day 11** Hotel Villa Condulmer, Mogliano Veneto, Venice or Hotel Relais Monaco, Treviso

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Dolomites

Embark on an invigorating journey through Europe's towering Alps and charming towns.

Day 1: Chamonix, France - Tour Begins

Say bonjour to Chamonix – the perennial ski-hub nestled at the foot of Mont Blanc. Take the afternoon to wander the pedestrian-friendly streets of this quaint town steeped in hundreds of years of history. Tonight, join with new friends and toast to the beginning of your alpine adventure. (D)

Day 2: Chamonix - Annecy - Chamonix

Journey to one of France's most picturesque cities, Annecy – often called the "Venice of the Alps" due to its storybook charm. Join a local guide on a walking tour through an old medieval town featuring canals, crisscrossing bridges, and pastel-coloured houses. Take advantage of some free time to explore the town's vibrant outdoor market. This afternoon, we return to Chamonix where the rest of the evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Chamonix

Today, decide how to explore the legendary Mont Blanc – the birthplace of mountaineering – because **it's your choice!** Ascend the Aiguille du Midi by cable car to an elevation of over 12,600 feet (3,842 meters). This is the closest you can get to the summit of Europe's tallest peak **-OR-** relax aboard the Tramway du Mont Blanc rack-railway taking in its vintage charm and the impressive views from the Eagle's Nest, located 7,782 feet

above sea level (2,372 meters). This afternoon, enjoy a stroll through the woods in the bottom of the valley. (B)

Day 4: Chamonix - Gstaad, Switzerland

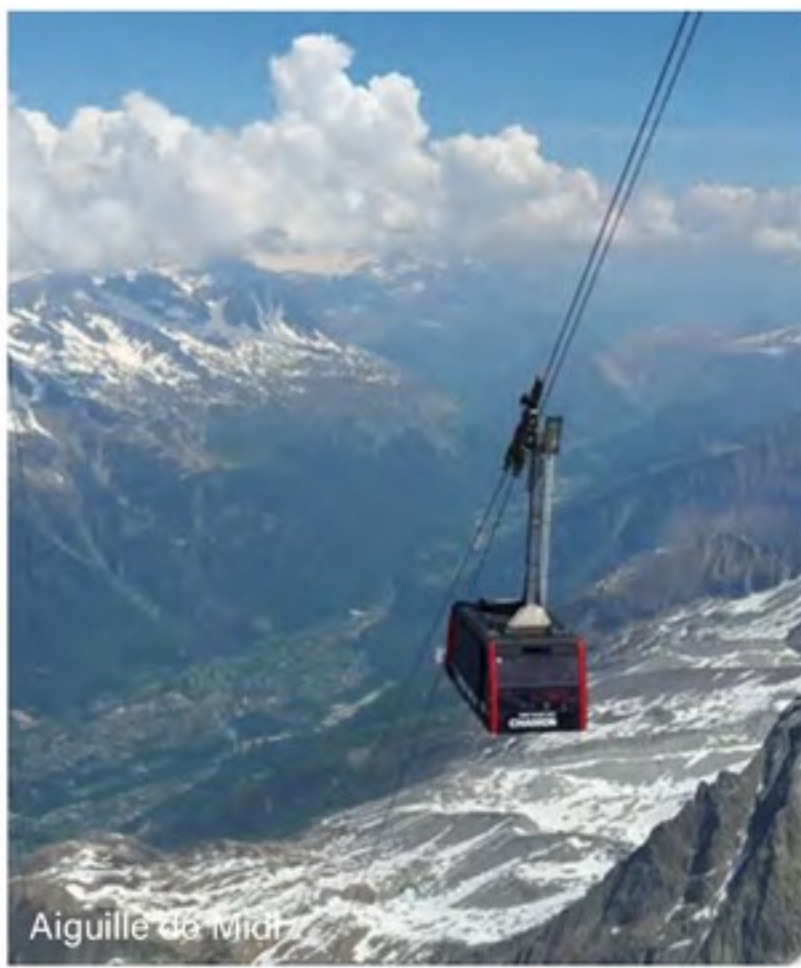
Bid Chamonix and France adieu and set out for Switzerland. During today's **Impact Moment**, get to know the pups of Barryland, a local foundation that promotes and protects the heritage of the St. Bernard, the official dog of Switzerland. An afternoon train ride on the GoldenPass whisks you through the pastoral Swiss landscape en route to Gstaad. Check in to your hotel before relaxing over dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Gstaad - Grindelwald

Travel through the alpine meadows of the Bernese Oberland, an area renowned for its cheese production. Visit an artisanal creamery producing raclette cheese and taste the local produce during brunch on the farm. Continue on to Trümmelbach, a complex of waterfalls located inside a cavern in the Lauterbrunnen Valley. This afternoon, head on to Grindelwald, nestled at the base of legendary Mount Eiger. Settle in for a 2-night stay in this charming alpine village. (B, L)

Day 6: Grindelwald - Jungfrauoch - Grindelwald

A short cogwheel train ride brings you to



Jungfrauojoch (UNESCO), known as the "Top of Europe." Take your time to explore this eternal winter wonderland with impressive views of the imposing triple peaks of Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau. Wander the frosty halls of the Ice Palace to see works of icy art carved by local artists or stand next to the Swiss flag to capture your time above it all. Tonight is yours to do as you please. (B)

Day 7: Grindelwald - Lucerne - Seefeld, Austria

Before departing Switzerland, spend some time to learn for yourself why the lakeside city of Lucerne is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. Make your way through Liechtenstein, the only country to lie entirely within the Alps on your way to Austria. This evening is yours to relax and to get to know your home in Seefeld for the next 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 8: Seefeld

This morning explore the idyllic town of Seefeld in a horse-drawn carriage, pausing to take in the unspoiled beauty of the Tyrolean mountains and forests. This afternoon cross into Germany on an optional tour of Oberammergau, the world-renowned home of the Passion Play. This Bavarian village of traditionally painted houses comes together every 10 years to perform a marathon 10-hour folk theatre rendition of the Passion in thanksgiving for escaping the plague of 1633. After visiting the theatre site and town, indulge in homemade Tyrolean cuisine at a local restaurant before returning to Seefeld. (B)

Day 9: Seefeld - Innsbruck - Brunico, Italy

Take in the scenery of the spectacular Bavarian Alps en route to enchanting Innsbruck. Walk the charming streets, discover the historic old town, and take in landmarks such as the Golden Roof. Depart Austria for Italy to witness the unique jagged limestone peaks of the Dolomites. Arrive in Brunico, a historic town dating back to the 1200s, and your home for the next two nights. (B, D)

Day 10: Brunico - Dolomites - Brunico

Journey into the Dolomites (UNESCO)

Optional 2 Night Venice Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$980 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 12: Mogliano Veneto - Venice

Continue your exploration of Italy with a 2-night stay in Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic." After a motorboat transfer, meet your local guide for a walking tour of this incredible city, including the Bridge of Sighs, the Clock Tower, and St. Mark's

Square. You'll also learn about the Venetian art of glassblowing during an interactive demonstration.

Day 13: Venice

Enjoy a day to explore Venice at your leisure. From your centrally located hotel, the city is yours to uncover. Meander amongst the historic streets, taking in the city's unique architecture and gondola-laden canals. You may choose to experience the local cuisine at a typical bacaro, a small wine bar where locals stop for a glass of wine - traditionally called ombra - and a quick bite of local tapas - that Venetians call cicchetti. Or take a local public waterbus ride to the nearby island of San Giorgio which offers spectacular views of St. Mark's Square and the Doge's Palace. (B)

Day 14: Venice - Tour Ends

Say *arrivederci* to Italy as your tour comes to a close. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at \$6999
SOLO Starting at \$7999

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 5 October 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

April - May 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

June - October 2024
April - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

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mountain range and discover natural beauty and local traditions. During a walk in the Val Badia valley, learn about the centuries old Ladin culture. Stop at a nearby maso - an alpine farm - for a taste of local Ladin fare. After lunch, a cable car ride brings you to Rifugio Lagazuoi for a feast of stunning views of the Dolomites. The evening is yours to explore Brunico as you wish. (B, L)

Day 11: Brunico - Cortina - Mogliano Veneto

Discover the charm of Cortina, a ski town encircled by the scenic backdrop of sky-skimming Dolomite peaks. The rolling hills of Italy's Prosecco region bring you to a local vineyard where you'll taste the region's sparkling specialty. This evening, explore the frescoed halls and grounds of your historic countryside villa before you gather for dinner and toast to new friends, fond memories, and unforgettable scenery. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Mogliano Veneto - Tour Ends

Your alpine adventure comes to a close today. (B)



TREASURES OF EUROPE

13 DAYS • 18 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6249

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

London • Eurostar Train • Paris • Seine River Cruise and Dinner • TGV High-Speed Train • Lucerne • Venice • Italian Vineyard Experience • Florence • Michelangelo's *David* • Rome • The Colosseum



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy free time in London and Rome to explore at leisure.
- Stroll through the floating city of Venice.
- Travel across 3 countries on high-speed trains.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — In Paris, take in the most iconic sights on a panoramic city tour **-OR-** explore the hilltop Montmartre district by Métro.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the Seine River and drift past famous landmarks as you dine on French cuisine.
- Sample delectable wines and traditional cuisine at a vineyard in the Chianti region.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Leonardo Royal Hotel London Tower Bridge, London
Days 3, 4	Hyatt Regency Paris Etoile, Paris
Days 5, 6	Radisson Blu Hotel, Andermatt or Hotel Astoria, Lucerne
Days 7, 8	Leonardo Royal Venice, Mestre, Venice
Days 9, 10	Starhotel Tuscany, Florence
Days 11, 12	Donna Laura Palace Hotel, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Seine River Cruise

Set your sights on the European journey of a lifetime and discover all the must-sees of England, France, Switzerland and Italy.

Day 1: London, England - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in London, England's sophisticated capital. Discover a bustling city where centuries of history meet an evolving modern culture. Join your fellow travellers and toast to the start of an incredible journey during a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: London

Start your morning on a tour of the quintessential sights of London. Alongside a local guide, see the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. The remainder of the day is yours. Take advantage of free time to explore this iconic city on your own. (B)

Day 3: London - Eurostar Train - Paris, France

Venture inside the St. Pancras railway station – a masterpiece of Victorian engineering – and board the high-speed Eurostar train. Relax in style as you're whisked away to Paris, the "City of Light." Famous for its world-renowned art, food, and fashion, Paris's captivating energy can be found around every corner. This evening, enjoy views of the Eiffel Tower as you gently float down the Seine River, tasting savoury French cuisine on a dinner cruise. (B, D)

Day 4: Paris

This morning, **it's your choice!** See Paris at its best during a panoramic city tour featuring views of the endangered Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées and more **-OR-** step into the shoes of a local and navigate Le Métro on your way to the hilltop neighbourhood of Montmartre and its iconic Sacré-Cœur basilica. Enjoy an afternoon on your own to explore Paris independently. Perhaps you will have lunch in the elegant district of Le Marais, or consider an optional tour of the Louvre Museum, where you'll find more than a million precious works of art, including the Venus de Milo and Mona Lisa. (B)

Day 5: Paris - TGV Train - Basel, Switzerland - Andermatt

On board the TGV – France's high-speed train – depart Paris and make your way to Basel. Take in the scenery on your journey into Switzerland, passing gentle hills and verdant fields. From Basel, enjoy views of Alpine lakes and snowcapped mountains as you transfer to the quaint village of Andermatt, nestled in the Ursern Valley. (B, D)

Day 6: Andermatt - Lucerne - Andermatt
Explore Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake".



Upon arrival, set out on a walk through its romantic Altstadt (Old Town), passing through Lucerne's iconic covered Chapel Bridge. During free time, seek out the renowned Lion Monument commemorating the heroic Swiss Guard or visit the Alpineum museum dedicated to alpine landscape painting. Perhaps, you'll embark on an optional excursion to Mount Pilatus, ascending the world's steepest railway on a panoramic gondola to the summit. Return to Andermatt in the late afternoon for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 7: Andermatt - Como, Italy - Mestre

Travel south through the pastoral landscapes of Switzerland. Crossing into Italy, traverse through the heart of the Alps, taking in vistas of rugged mountains as far as the eye can see. Pass through the picturesque Italian Lake District – a holiday destination since Roman times, and pause in the lakeside city of Como, famous for its silk production. In the early evening, settle in for a 2-night stay in Mestre, situated on the Venetian mainland. (B, D)

Day 8: Mestre - Venice - Mestre

Cruise to the island of Murano, renowned for its age-old glass-blowing tradition. After leaving Murano, embark on a walking tour of Venice, a collection of 117 tiny islands

surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. In this floating city, see the Clock Tower, St. Mark's Basilica, and marble palaces along boat-filled canals. The afternoon is yours to explore the hidden secrets of this charming city. Perhaps you will take an optional gondola ride through the narrow waterways. (B)

Day 9: Mestre - Florence

Traverse the Po River Valley en route to Tuscany. Stop at a vineyard in the heart of the Chianti region and enjoy a tour, tasting, and traditional bites. Continue to Florence, where you'll spend 2 nights in the "Cradle of the Renaissance," home to masterpieces of art and iconic symbols of centuries-old history. (B, L)

Day 10: Florence

Tour Florence, the legendary city of the Medici and the iconic Duomo. Enjoy a real-life history lesson as you discover the 4 pillars of city life: art, architecture, food, and fashion. You'll also visit the Galleria dell'Accademia, home to Michelangelo's David. (B)

Day 11: Florence - Rome

Say arrivederci to Florence and journey to Rome, Italy's capital city. Upon arrival, a locally guided tour of Classical Rome will allow you to discover famous sights such as the Baths of Caracalla, the legendary



DOUBLE
SOLO

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Starting at **\$7549**

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023
January - May 2024

Itinerary featured is for October 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. For departures after May 2024, please refer to our website.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night:

London (1-2 Nights)



+ Post-Night:

Rome (1-2 Nights)



Aventine and Palatine hills, the ancient Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. Recount the rich history of the Colosseum during an in-depth visit with a guide. (B)

Day 12: Rome

Enjoy a day at leisure in the Eternal City. Gaze at the Pantheon and see the oval-shaped Piazza Navona that's lined with restaurants and shops. Or consider an optional tour to the Vatican Museums (UNESCO), where you'll discover masterpieces of art and architecture. Tonight, gather together and toast the end of an epic journey through Europe at a farewell dinner paired with local musical entertainment. (B, D)

Day 13: Rome - Tour Ends

Your European adventure comes to a close today. (B)

CLASSICAL GREECE

10 DAYS • 16 MEALS

STARTING AT \$3499

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Athens • The Acropolis and Parthenon • Metéora • Delphi • Olympia • Greek Farm Visit • Cooking Class • Greek Dance Class • Nafplio



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Come to know two breathtaking Byzantine monasteries in Metéora, built over 600 years ago.
- Experience the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts.
- Broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek music with a delightful Greek dance class.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 8** — Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, and visit the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate **-OR-** linger in Nafplio and join a walking tour of Greece's first capital city.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Taste olive oil and homemade jams at a local farm in the Peloponnese countryside.
- Partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch.
- Visit a family-owned distillery producing *ouzo* since 1869.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Crowne Plaza City Center, Athens
- Day 3** Grand Hotel Meteora, Kalambaka
- Day 4** Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort, Arachova
- Days 5, 6** Europa Hotel, Olympia
- Days 7, 8** Amphitryon Hotel, Nafplio
- Day 9** Crowne Plaza City Center, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Meteora

Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece in their tranquil Mediterranean settings.

Day 1: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Arrive in Athens, cradle of Democracy and capital city of Greece. This evening, celebrate the beginning of your Greek experience with a delightful welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Athens

Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, ascend the steep hill of the Acropolis. Greek for "highest city," the Acropolis was the religious center of ancient Athens and is crowned by the Parthenon, considered the pinnacle of classical Greek architecture. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

Day 3: Athens - Thermopylae - Kalambaka

Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending Greece against the Persians. End your day at a family-owned taverna and savour a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

Day 4: Kalambaka - Metéora - Arachova

This morning, visit Metéora and enjoy guided tours of two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

Day 5: Arachova - Delphi - Olympia

This morning tour the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centers during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of mankind. Then travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilisation. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting



of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. (B, D)

Day 6: Olympia

This morning, enjoy a guided visit to ancient Olympia, including a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium – where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. – and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region’s best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances at a delightful Greek dance class. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Olympia - Nafplio

Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains en route to the picturesque seaside city of Nafplio. En route, stop at a family-owned *ouzo* distillery producing Greece’s signature anise-flavoured aperitif since 1869. (B)

Day 8: Nafplio

Today, **it’s your choice!** Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, commander-in-chief of the Greeks during the Trojan War. Explore the excavations during a guided visit featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate **-OR-** linger in Nafplio and join a walking tour of

Greece’s first capital city. Nafplio’s mix of Venetian and Neo-classical architectural influences make it Greece’s most elegant city. (B)

Day 9: Nafplio - Athens

This morning, stop for a view of the Corinth Canal en route to Athens. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Greece’s capital. Perhaps you’ll browse the myriad shops of the Plaka, Athens’ historic district nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Or, visit one of the city’s world-class museums such as the National Archeological Museum with its majestic bronze statue of Poseidon or the Benaki Museum, which houses Greek works of art from prehistorical to modern times. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece by gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Athens - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at **\$3499** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$4349**
 Prices based on 10 March 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
November 2023 **October 2024 - April 2025**
January - May 2024 *(featured itinerary)*
(different itinerary - see note)*
 *Itinerary featured is for October 2024-April 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.
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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night or Post-Night: Athens (1-2 NIGHTS)



CROATIA & ITS ISLANDS

11 DAYS • 20 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5449

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Zagreb • Stone Gate • Šibenik • Cathedral of St. James • Krka National Park • Split • 7-Night Adriatic Cruise • Trogir • Bol • Hvar • Biševo Blue Cave • Vis • Korčula • Mljet National Park • Slano • Dubrovnik



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stand before the breathtaking waterfalls in Krka National Park.
- Explore the Old City of Dubrovnik with a local expert.
- Meet the owner of a family farm and learn about prosciutto production.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — Visit Split's Ethnographical Museum and marvel at a diverse range of exhibits related to local heritage and culture **-OR-** visit the Cellars of Diocletian's Palace, one of the best-preserved ancient complexes of their kind in the world.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Experience a Captain's welcome dinner upon arrival in Split.
- Dine on Continental cuisine at a favourite local restaurant in Zagreb.
- Enjoy Dalmatian delicacies prepared according to traditional recipes.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1 Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb
Days 2, 3 Hotel Olympia Sky, Vodice
Days 4 - 10 MS San Spirito or MS Invictus

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CRUISING



San Spirito Ship

From medieval architecture to ethereal waterfalls, coast along the sparkling Adriatic Sea and experience the best of Croatia.

Day 1: Zagreb, Croatia - Tour Begins

Welcome to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia! Settle into your hotel before meeting your fellow travellers over dinner featuring Continental and Istrian cuisine. (D)

Day 2: Zagreb - Vodice

Step right into the history and culture of everyday life in Zagreb as you tour the city with a local guide. Become acquainted with the city as you see the main sights of the capital, including the Croatian Parliament building, the illustrious Zagreb Cathedral, and the legendary Stone Gate. Then, it's off to Vodice! Tonight, embrace the culture of Croatia when you meet the owner of a family farm to learn about prosciutto production and enjoy a traditional Dalmatian dinner at the farm restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Vodice - Šibenik - Krka National Park - Vodice

Set off on a walking tour through the ancient alleyways and roads of Šibenik, where you'll get a chance to see the Cathedral of St. James, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Then, venture to the breathtaking Krka National Park, where waterfalls tumble through dramatic gorges. Meander along the trails that surround the falls before embarking on a boat ride that takes you along the river to Skradin. Make the most of your free evening and get to know this Dalmatian town's historic architecture and striking coastline. (B)

Day 4: Vodice - Split - Board Ship

Your adventure continues! Discover Split, one of the oldest cities in this historic region. In this bustling port, explore Diocletian's Palace. One of Croatia's UNESCO World Heritage sites, Emperor Diocletian chose the palace to be his retirement home because of the incomparable beauty of Split. A guided tour takes you through the mysterious passageways and into the lower levels of this massive structure. Then, **it's your choice!** Visit the Ethnographic Museum of Split, located in the former residential complex of the Diocletian's palace. This captivating museum showcases exhibits on traditional costumes, crafts, and culture in Split including surrounding areas from the past centuries **-OR-** explore more of the Diocletian's Palace during a visit to its substructure. Set below the imperial apartments, this represents one of the best-preserved ancient complexes of their kind in the world. This afternoon you'll board a private 4-star ship, your new home for the next seven nights. Later, relax onboard before experiencing a Captain's welcome dinner. Enjoy your meal accompanied by live Klapa music, the traditional Croatian style of singing. (B, D)

Day 5: Split - Trogir

After an overnight in Split enjoy a morning at leisure to discover this city on your own. Then it's off to Trogir, a coastal gem renowned for its picturesque Venetian architecture. Stop for a quick

swim along the way before arriving in this charming town. Admire the striking stone houses and towering cathedral as you tour the city with a guide. (B, L)

Day 6: Trogir - Bol - Hvar

Start your day in the town of Bol, located on the picturesque island of Brač. With free time this morning, perhaps you'll choose to swim along the shore of the "Golden Cape," known to be one of the most popular beaches in Croatia. Return to the ship for lunch, then cruise to the sunny island of Hvar. Along the way, you'll coast by quaint coves and bays tucked along the Adriatic Sea. Upon arrival in Hvar, get acquainted with the area when a local guide introduces you to the history, culture, and lifestyle of the city. Discover how lavender was traditionally grown in the region for centuries and learn about some of its uses. Enjoy an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will choose to dine in one of the many local, family-owned restaurants that Hvar is known for. (B, L)

Day 7: Hvar - Biševo - Vis

Embark on a morning cruise to the island of Biševo. This island is home to the Blue Cave, a stunning grotto with a luminous blue glow. Cruise on to Vis, a small island practically untouched by tourism and overflowing with Renaissance architecture and beautiful beaches. With free time this afternoon, relax onboard and enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 8: Vis - Korčula

This morning, it's on to Korčula, debated home to one of the world's most famous explorers: Marco Polo. Decide for yourself if he was born in Korčula or Venice as you tour his alleged home. Join a local guide and make your way along the narrow stone streets while you wander among the medieval buildings and vibrant houses in the town known as "Little Dubrovnik." Enjoy the

afternoon at leisure. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a dinner on board. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Korčula - Mljet National Park - Slano

This morning, arrive in Mljet National Park. Stroll around the Large and Small lakes before exploring the Islet of St. Mary, home to a Benedictine Monastery from the 12th century. On this walk, be prepared to step up some stairs and travel by foot on uneven grounds. Don't miss out on a chance to take a swim in the strikingly blue waters. Then, your journey continues to Slano, a port city just outside of Dubrovnik. Your afternoon and evening are at leisure... consider an optional excursion to Ston, a nearby fortified city known for its decadent oysters and seafood. (B, L)

Day 10: Slano - Dubrovnik

This morning, cruise past the Elafiti Islands and be welcomed into Dubrovnik. You'll see why the city is called the "Pearl of the Adriatic" when you take in the medieval stone walls, iconic Baroque rooftops, and winding cobblestone streets. Embrace the unspeakable feeling that you've stepped into another time as you explore the Old City with a local guide. During this walk, be prepared to take a number of steps and travel carefully across slippery limestone pavements. With free time for lunch and your own discoveries, perhaps you'll ride a cable car to the top of Mount Srd for awe-inspiring views of Dubrovnik or simply enjoy the day on the Stradun (main street) by treating yourself with a glass of Malvasija wine in one of many local bars. Enjoy the views of the city during your farewell dinner onboard. (B, D)

Day 11: Dubrovnik - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Croatia as your tour of the Adriatic Coast comes to a close today. (B)

Optional 2 Night Dubrovnik Post-Tour Extension

Starting at \$700 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 11: Dubrovnik - Extension Begins

Continue your exploration of Dubrovnik accompanied by a local guide. Do as locals do and take the advantage of using the public bus on your way to the Old Town. The stunning Old Town is reminiscent of a coastal

fairytale, where immovable stone buildings meet bright blue waters. Hidden amongst the dazzling town alleys, enjoy Croatian cuisine at a small family restaurant while soaking in its relaxed atmosphere. (L)

Day 12: Dubrovnik

Discover Dubrovnik's timeless secrets with a full day to explore the city independently. Perhaps you'll venture to the medieval stone walls, an iconic winding fortress that serves as the backdrop for endless filming locations. Feel the ancient stone beneath your hands and marvel at the sparkling Adriatic Sea in the distance. With the city laid out before you, follow the twisting cobblestone streets that cut through the red rooftops. (B)

Day 13: Dubrovnik - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Croatia and the Adriatic Sea as your tour draws to a close. (B)



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Prices based on 23 April 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023
April - May 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

June - October 2024
April - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

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13 DAYS • 19 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4624

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Ljubljana • Castle Dinner • Lake Bled • Opatija • Istrian Peninsula • Farm-to-Table Dinner • Plitvice Lakes National Park • Split • Countryside Lunch with Folklore Entertainment • Diocletian's Palace • Dubrovnik • Zagreb



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit Dubrovnik's Franciscan Monastery where Europe's oldest pharmacy lies.
- Stroll through Split and see the famous Diocletian's Palace.
- Explore romantic Ljubljana, exploring the riverfront dotted with cafes and bridges.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 9** — See the famous city walls of Dubrovnik, still standing from the Middle Ages **-OR-** hop into a cable car for incredible views of the city from above.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Sample farm-to-table delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula during dinner at a local restaurant.
- Dine in historic Ljubljana Castle.
- Visit a village outside Dubrovnik and share a meal at a local home.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Grand Plaza Hotel, Ljubljana
Days 3, 4	Liburnia Riviera Hotels: Palace Bellevue Hotel or Imperial Hotel, Opatija
Day 5	Lyra Hotel, Plitvice Lakes
Days 6, 7	Atrium Hotel, Split
Days 8 - 10	Royal Hotel Ariston, Dubrovnik
Days 11, 12	Sheraton Zagreb Hotel, Zagreb

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Dive into beauty and history as you explore the medieval cities, tranquil lakes, stunning coastlines and quaint villages of Croatia and Slovenia.

Day 1: Zagreb, Croatia - Ljubljana, Slovenia - Tour Begins

Arrive in Zagreb, Croatia and meet your transfer to Ljubljana, Slovenia, a romantic capital city in the midst of a cultural renaissance. Get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner in this fairy-tale town. (D)

Day 2: Ljubljana

This morning a local expert introduces you to beautiful Ljubljana. Nestled gently along the banks of the Ljubljanica River, the city is dotted with green parks, picturesque bridges, sidewalk cafes and a lively central market. See Prešeren Square, the impressive City Hall, Ljubljana University and the many bridges that the city is known for, such as Dragon Bridge where this majestic symbol of the city is on full display representing courage and power. Enjoy some free time for lunch in this vibrant town. In the early afternoon, travel towards Lake Bled nestled between the Julian Alps. Visit the centrepiece of Lake Bled, Bled Island, by a traditional wooden boat. Continue the afternoon in one of the most picturesque places in Slovenia. Perhaps you'll try the legendary Bled's cream cake before you return to Ljubljana. (B)

Day 3: Ljubljana - Novo Mesto - Opatija, Croatia

This morning, depart Ljubljana. Get to know more of Slovenia when you visit Novo Mesto, a small-town gem embraced by the Krka River and landscapes of gentle hills. View the town from a unique perspective as you drift along the famous river bend. Later, continue on a walking tour with your local guide. Enjoy your free time and lunch on own. Continue to Croatia and the lovely seaside resort of Opatija, known as "Croatia's Riviera." This fashionable region was once the summer retreat for Roman Caesars and Habsburg Monarchs. Get acquainted with this coastal town on a brief walking tour. Your evening is at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Opatija - Istrian Peninsula - Opatija

Discover the richness of the Istrian Peninsula with its Italian and Croatian influences. Visit a local distillery, where the owners use regional plants, fruits, and herbs to produce brandies, snacks, and other treats. Discover a picture-perfect example of a hilltop Istrian town. In the late afternoon, a delightful farm-to-table dinner at a local restaurant lets you sample the



most significant late Roman historical monuments built by Emperor Diocletian when he left Rome at the turn of the 4th century. Explore its Peristyle and the Cathedral of St. Dominus. This evening enjoy typical Dalmatian cuisine during dinner at a cosy local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Split

This day is yours to relax and explore Split's coastal charms independently or you might consider an optional trip to Trogir (UNESCO). This coastal gem is renowned for its picturesque Venetian architecture, medieval walls, towering cathedrals, prominent stone houses and scenic charm. (B)

Day 8: Split - Dubrovnik

Savour stunning sea views as you travel the winding coastal road, hugging the sheer cliffs that drop dramatically into the aquamarine of the Adriatic Sea. Stop in a quaint village in the Dalmatian countryside where a local family hosts you for a delicious lunch made from ingredients produced from the valley near their home. Learn about village life and listen to Croatian folk music played on the "lijerica," a traditional instrument. Continue on to Dubrovnik, a city of twisting cobblestone streets and burnt-orange rooftops, rich in history and charm. (B, L)

Day 9: Dubrovnik

Join a local guide on a tour of the "Old Dubrovnik," a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, where Europe's oldest pharmacy resides, and see Dubrovnik's many historical sites like the Rector's Palace, Sponza Palace, Dubrovnik Cathedral, and Old Town's famous main street, Stradun. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Ascend Mount Srd by cable car for breathtaking views of the Old City of Dubrovnik, the crystal clear Adriatic Sea, and the islands **-OR-** receive a ticket to access the walls that contain the old city of Dubrovnik and gain a different perspective on this remarkable place. (B)

Day 10: Dubrovnik

Spend today at leisure relaxing or independently exploring the marble streets and beautiful baroque buildings of Dubrovnik's breathtaking Old Town. Or, perhaps you'll embark on an optional tour to the culturally rich Konavle region, where you'll be welcomed at a family-owned vineyard for a discussion about their cultivation and production methods before indulging in a tasting of their wines. Then, experience lunch

regional wines and culinary delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula. (B, D)

Day 5: Opatija - Plitvice Lakes

This morning, depart for Plitvice Lakes, one of the oldest, largest, and most beautiful national parks in Croatia. Inspiring scenery is one of the wonders you'll experience at this designated UNESCO World Heritage site. Travel among the park's dense forests and terraced lakes, where waterfalls and free-flowing cascades connect one lake to the other. Enjoy a short cruise that takes you into the heart of this natural wonder that extends over 73,000 acres. Tonight, you will stay at a hotel in the village near the National Park. (B, D)

Day 6: Plitvice Lakes - Split

From the forest landscapes of Plitvice Lakes travel through the Croatian countryside and stop in a traditional small village to meet the Perajica family. Croatia has a long history creating high quality, artisanal prosciuttos and this family makes one of the best. After a short tour to learn how the meat is produced, enjoy a light lunch of homemade specialities. Arrive in Split, a seaside city full of Roman ruins and natural splendours. This afternoon set out on a walking tour featuring the impressive Diocletian's Palace (UNESCO), one of the



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Prices based on 28 February 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2024 - May 2024 (different itinerary - see note*)

June 2024 - May 2025 (featured itinerary)

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at a locally-owned restaurant that prepares culturally rich recipes prepared in traditional ways passed down for generations. (B)

Day 11: Dubrovnik - Zagreb, Croatia

This morning we depart Dubrovnik and travel to lovely Cavtat, a coastal resort town. After a short tour reveals its highlights, enjoy free time to grab coffee or lunch at one of its seaside cafes. Continue to the airport for a short flight to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. A late afternoon tour highlights the best of this fascinating city that has marked the intersection of Eastern and Central Europe for more than 1000 years. Ride one of the most beautiful funiculars in Europe to the charming upper town. (B)

Day 12: Zagreb

The day is yours to explore Zagreb however you wish! Explore old town's two medieval settlements, stroll the many open squares and parks, or enjoy the Dolac Market. Or, perhaps you will choose to take an optional tour to Croatia's Zagorje region with visits to historic Kumrovec and the foodie favourite of Samobor. A farewell dinner at one of Zagreb's local restaurants celebrates the end of an unforgettable journey. (B, D)

Day 13: Zagreb - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end in Zagreb this morning. (B)

“ I enjoyed the variety and comprehensiveness of the tour. We went from the bottom to the top of Croatia and got a great sense of the country, coastal to inland. ”

- Alice P.

EXPLORING GREECE AND ITS ISLANDS

15 DAYS • 24 MEALS
STARTING AT \$6419

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Athens • The Acropolis • Parthenon • Metéora • Delphi • Olympia • Greek Farm Visit • Greek Dance Class • Cooking Class • Mykonos • Santorini • Ancient Akrotiri



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Come to know two breathtaking Byzantine monasteries in Metéora.
- Experience the Delphi Museum with its collection of ancient artefacts.
- Enjoy traditional Greek music and a delightful Greek dance class.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 8** — Journey to ancient Mycenae and visit the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate **-OR-** linger in Nafplio, and join a walking tour of Greece's first capital city.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Taste olive oil and homemade jams at a local farm in the countryside.
- Partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch.
- Sample the finest wines in Greece during a winery tour in Santorini.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Crowne Plaza City Center or Titania Hotel, Athens
Day 3	Grand Hotel Meteora, Kalambaka
Day 4	Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort, or Amalia Hotel, Delphi or Nafsika Palace, Itea, Arachova
Days 5, 6	Europa Hotel or Amalia Hotel, Olympia
Days 7, 8	Nafplia Palace Hotel & Villas, Amphitryon Hotel, Amalia Hotel, Nafplio or King Minos Hotel, Tolo
Days 9, 10	San Marco Hotel, or Petinos Hotel, Mykonos
Days 11 - 13	Aegean Plaza, Santorini Palace, or El Greco Resort, Santorini
Day 14	Crowne Plaza City Center or Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



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Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece and bask in the brilliance of the Mediterranean.

Day 1: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the capital city of Athens. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring Greek specialities at a local restaurant in Athens. (D)

Day 2: Athens

Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, ascend the steep hill of the Acropolis. Greek for "highest city," the Acropolis was the religious centre of ancient Athens and is crowned by the Parthenon, considered the pinnacle of classical Greek architecture. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

Day 3: Athens - Thermopylae - Metéora - Kalambaka

Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending the city against the Persians. Arrive in Metéora and visit two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these

virtually inaccessible rocks. End your day at a family-owned taverna where you will savour a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

Day 4: Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova

This morning, visit a local studio to see painters at work creating beautiful Byzantine icons. Continue to the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centres during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artefacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of Man. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

Day 5: Arachova - Olympia

Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilisation. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life in rural Peloponnese. Following the tour, enjoy a light lunch including a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams,



the Arkadian Mountains on your way to the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio. En route, stop at a family-owned *ouzo* distillery producing Greece's signature anise-flavored aperitif since 1869. (B)

Day 8: Nafplio Y

Today, **it's your choice!** Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, commander-in-chief of the Greeks during the Trojan War. Explore the excavations during a guided visit featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate -OR- linger in Nafplio, and join a walking tour of Greece's first capital city. Nafplio's mix of Venetian and Neo-classical architectural influences make it Greece's most elegant city. (B)

Day 9: Nafplio - Athens - Mykonos - Chora

Early this morning, transfer to the port of Athens for the high-speed ferry ride to Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands. Enjoy magnificent views as you cruise across the brilliant Aegean Sea to this island paradise. Spend time in Chora (Mykonos Old Town), where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. (B, D)

Day 10: Mykonos

Enjoy a relaxing day to independently explore the charms of Mykonos. Or join an optional excursion to the nearby island of Delos, the fabled birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. (B)

Day 11: Mykonos - Santorini - Oia

Cruise to the most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean, the fabled island of Santorini. Next, travel through a fascinating landscape of vineyards, whitewashed chapels, and volcanic cliffs to the spectacular town of Oia, where the best views of the crater are found. (B, D)

Day 12: Santorini - Akrotiri - Wine Tasting

Begin your day with a visit to the excavation site of ancient Akrotiri, the most

marmalades and sweets. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances with a delightful Greek dance class. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Olympia

Your guided visit to ancient Olympia includes a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium - where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. - and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Olympia - Nafplio

Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross



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Prices based on 26 April 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
March - May 2024

Itinerary featured is for March - May 2024 tour departures. For departures after May 2024, please refer to our website.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Athens (1-2 NIGHTS)

important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. Known as the "Minoan Pompeii," the flourishing town was at once destroyed and preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1450 B.C. End your morning with a visit to a local winery that produces the unique and famous wines of Santorini. (B)

Day 13: Santorini

Your day is at leisure to relax or independently explore Santorini, considered one of the most stunning landscapes in the world. Shop in Thira's charming town centre, take in the breathtaking scenery, visit a local museum or simply enjoy the amenities of your hotel. Perhaps you'll join an afternoon optional tour of Megalochori, one of the most picturesque villages on the island, followed by a dinner of flavourful regional cuisine. (B)

Day 14: Santorini - Athens

Bid farewell to the Greek Islands and fly back to Athens for your overnight stay. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece with a delightful farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 15: Athens - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

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GREECE ISLAND HOPPER

10 DAYS • 14 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5319

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Athens • Taverna Dinner Show • Acropolis
• The Parthenon • Mykonos Old Town •
Santorini Island • Oia Village •
Ancient Akrotiri • Wine Tasting



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Join a local expert in Athens and explore the city's world-renowned sites.
- Enjoy three days at leisure in Mykonos, the whitewashed island in the Aegean Sea.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 9 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)
- Sample the finest wines in Greece during a winery tour and light lunch in Santorini.
 - Indulge in local food and wine accompanied by traditional music.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Titania Hotel Athens, Athens
- Days 3 - 5** San Marco Hotel or Porto Hotel, Mykonos
- Days 6 - 8** El Greco, Aegean Plaza, or Santorini Palace, Santorini
- Day 9** Titania Hotel Athens, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



In Greece, discover a place where age-old legends and monuments intertwine with warm sunshine and island-style living.

Day 1: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Begin your journey in Athens, the immortalised capital of Greece. Meet your fellow travellers at a local taverna in the city's historic district, indulging in local cuisine and wine with traditional Greek entertainment. (D)

Day 2: Athens

See the best of Athens with a local expert who highlights the city's ancient roots on a comprehensive panoramic tour. Make your way along the world-renowned monuments, including the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Olympic Stadium. Step into the past on a tour of the legendary Acropolis, an ancient complex housing a collection of temples. Admire the breathtaking view of the city below and discover the country's beloved icon: the illustrious Parthenon. Make the most of an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Athens - Mykonos

Start your day aboard a sleek, high-speed boat ride to Mykonos, an island paradise surrounded by

the crystal-clear Aegean Sea. Start your island stay with an exploration of Chora, Mykonos' Old Town, where you discover its winding lanes independently. In the afternoon, check in to your hotel for a relaxing 3-night stay. From sandy beaches and seaside cafes to street musicians and a never-ending nightlife scene, Mykonos offers limitless opportunities to kick back and enjoy the island's irresistible lifestyle. (B, D)

Day 4: Mykonos

The day is yours! Perhaps you will head down to the beach to soak up some sun, sip a cup of coffee on the waterfront promenade, or explore the town's winding streets as you weave in and out of whitewashed buildings. Or, you may join an optional excursion to the colourful village of Ano Mera followed by a visit to a local farm for a cheese tasting exploring the true flavours of Mykonos. (B)

Day 5: Mykonos

Enjoy another day at leisure. Take time to explore on your own and discover this trendy destination



however you'd like. Or, step into the past on a half-day optional excursion to the isle of Delos taking you to the fabled birthplace of the Greek Gods Apollo and Artemis. (B)

Day 6: Mykonos - Santorini

Your journey continues to Santorini, the Eden-like island where blue-domed rooftops and gentle ocean waves complement the bright white buildings and rocky hillsides. A picturesque landscape and iconic destination, Santorini's charms reveal themselves during your 3-night stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Santorini - Akrotiri - Oia - Santorini

Uncover the past at Akrotiri, an ancient city buried and preserved in volcanic ash that is commonly referred to as the "Minoan Pompeii." Take a peek into the 15th century BC and explore the town. Head through a landscape of vineyards and volcanic cliffs to Oia, a seaside village with the island's best viewpoints. Next, visit a local winery and enjoy the famous wines of Santorini along with a light lunch. The rest of the afternoon is yours to relax and explore more of this Mediterranean gem. (B, L)

Day 8: Santorini

Make the most of a day at leisure. Relax, shop in the island's charming town centre, or even visit a local museum. Or, join our full day Island Hopping and Sunset Cruise optional excursion for a visit to some of the magical islets that surround Santorini before enjoying dinner on board and sunset from the water. (B)

Day 9: Santorini - Athens

Depart the islands and fly back to Athens for your final night in Greece. Toast to the end of your sun-filled getaway at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Athens - Tour Ends

Wish the Mediterranean goodbye as your tour draws to a close today. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at **\$5319**
SOLO Starting at **\$7119**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 25 April 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023
(different itinerary - see note)*

June - October 2024
April - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

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GREECE: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

10 DAYS • 19 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4410

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Athens • Taverna Dinner Show • Corinth • The Acropolis • Mars Hill • 3-Night Cruise • Mykonos • Ephesus • Patmos • Santorini • Thessaloniki • Kavala • Philippi • Meteora



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit 2 breathtaking monasteries in Meteora and learn about the resident monks.
- Take in the views of Santorini's volcanic caldera and towering cliffs from your cruise ship.
- Feast on local Greek cuisine and fine wine in a traditional taverna.



SPIRITUAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Pause for a moment of devotion in the Cave of the Apocalypse, where John the Evangelist wrote the Book of Revelation.
- See the Bema where Paul was brought before the tribunal in Corinth, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.
- In Athens, see Mars Hill where Paul delivered his "Men of Athens" speech.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, or Novotel, Athens
- Days 3 - 5** MS *Olympia*, Celestial Cruises
- Day 6** Famissi Eden, Kalambaka
- Days 7, 8** Capsis Hotel, Thessaloniki
- Day 9** Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
FAITH



Follow the path of Paul the Apostle as you discover natural beauty and ancient history on this Grecian sojourn.

Day 1: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Athens, Greece's lively capital. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the Plaka, Athens' historic district nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Celebrate the beginning of a marvellous trip while feasting on local cuisine and fine wine in a traditional taverna while Greek entertainment creates a wonderful ambiance around you. (D)

Day 2: Athens - Corinth - Athens

This morning travel to Corinth where Paul lived and preached for two years and also wrote 2 epistles. Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora, where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. Back in Athens, see the hill of Areopagus (Mars Hill) - where Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech - and visit the incomparable Acropolis. The evening is yours to explore Greece's vibrant capital city. (B)

Day 3: Athens - Piraeus (Embarkation) - Mykonos

Embark on a 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily while on board. The island of Mykonos is

your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings, and beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, following the mazes of narrow streets full of bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Kusadasi, Turkey - Patmos, Greece

Visit the Turkish port of Kusadasi for an excursion to the ruins of Ephesus (UNESCO), where Paul the Apostle lived 3 years during his ministry. You'll also visit the Agora, the great theatre, and the stadium where chariot races and gladiatorial combats took place. Legend claims that Paul fought here against wild beasts. Visit the House of Mary, where the Virgin Mother spent her last days. Continue your cruise to Patmos. Visit the Monastery of John and the Cave of the Apocalypse where John the Evangelist wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Heraklion (Crete) - Santorini

Enjoy an excursion to the incredible open-air museum of the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Then, during free time in Crete's largest city, enjoy a variety of museums, shopping, or visit a



perched upon their peaks. Beginning in the 10th century, hermits, monks, and ascetics sought solitude and spiritual solace in these dramatic crags. Visit two amazing Meteora monasteries which are renowned for their intricate construction and exquisite Byzantine art. Your day ends in Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. Founded in 315 B.C., Thessaloniki was an early centre for Christianity. Paul visited and preached here during the winters of A.D. 49-50 and wrote 2 epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. (B, D)

Day 8: Thessaloniki - Kavala - Philippi - Thessaloniki

Travel to the coastal town of Kavala where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot on European soil. In nearby Philippi, Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of Christianity. Join a local expert for a guided tour of this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient Roman and Byzantine eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner and the site where he baptised Lydia, the first Christian in Europe. (B)

Day 9: Thessaloniki - Athens

Proceed through the fertile Thessalian Valley and the plains of Central Greece to Athens, arriving in the late afternoon. This evening, celebrate the end of your spiritual journey during a farewell dinner at your hotel located close to the airport. (B, D)

Day 10: Athens - Tour Ends

Return home inspired by the incredible, soothing landscapes and the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. (B)

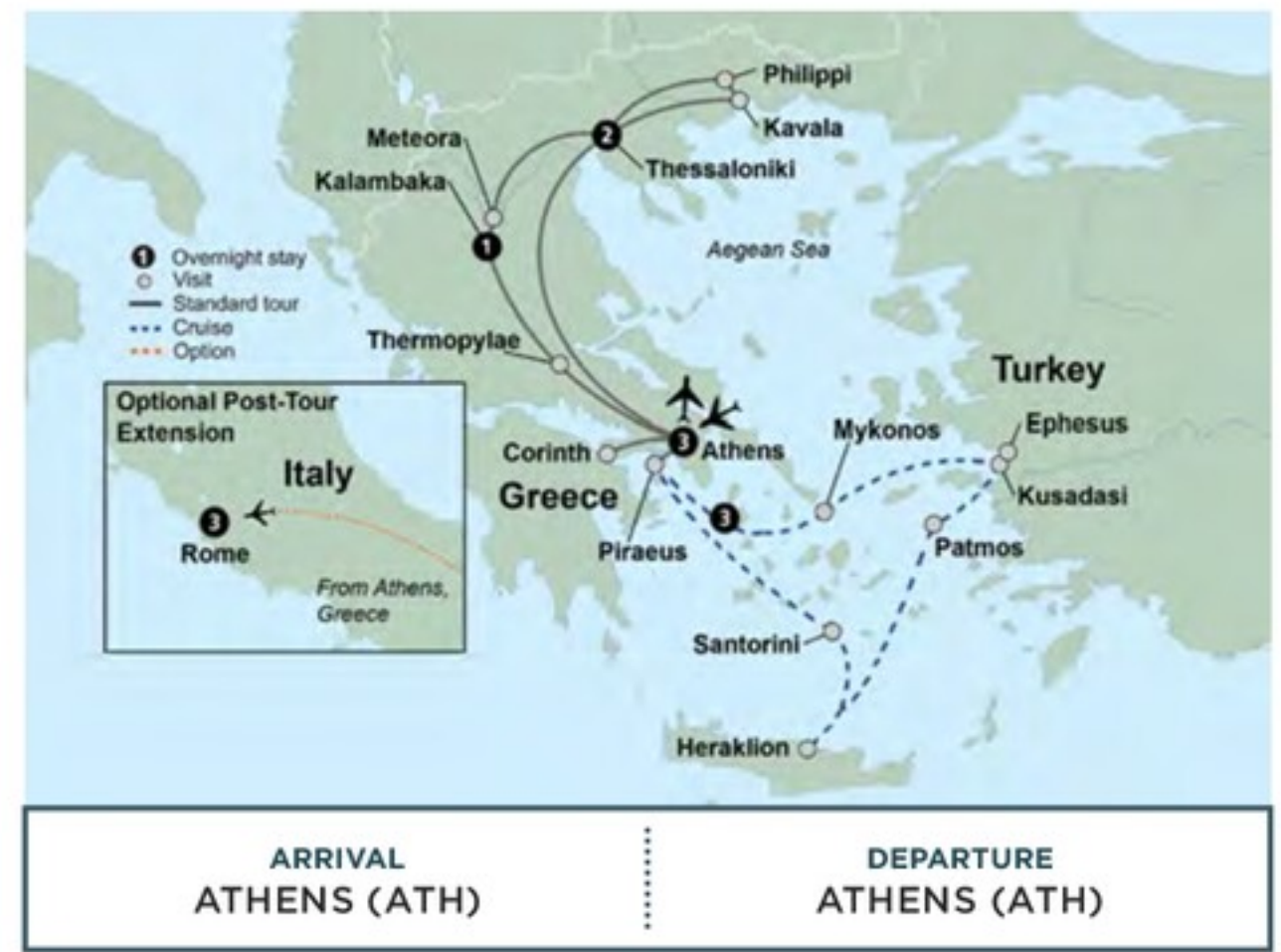
nearby winery to sample traditional Greek wine. Later, arrive on the fabled island of Santorini, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Enjoy time at leisure to independently explore this lovely port or purchase a ship excursion from the cruise line. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Piraeus - Disembark Cruise Ship - Kalambaka

After an early morning disembarkation, travel north. Pause at Thermopylae, famous for its heroic defence by Leonidas against the Persian army. This afternoon, visit an icon-painting workshop and discover the ancient traditions behind the sacred images used in Orthodox Byzantine devotional tradition. Overnight in Kalambaka. (B, D)

Day 7: Kalambaka - Meteora - Thessaloniki

Marvel at the hanging monasteries of Meteora (UNESCO). These dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the plain of Thessaly, with 6 historic monasteries



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at \$4410 Starting at \$5560 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 13 March 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
 October 2023
 March - May 2024 (different itinerary - see note*)
 June - October 2024
 March - April 2025 (featured itinerary)
 *Itinerary featured is for June 2024 - April 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.
 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR
 + Pre-Night: Athens (1-2 NIGHTS)

FAITH TOURS
 Our Faith tours try to stay humble and connected to the purpose of your travels. Accommodations are on the modest side, in keeping with the spiritual elements of the tour. Meals will typically be in your hotel.

Optional 3 Night Rome Post-Tour Extension
 Starting at \$1680+ pp



Day 10: Athens - Rome, Italy - Extension Begins
 Early this morning, travel from Athens on an inspirational journey to Rome and experience religious sites connected to the life of Paul

the Apostle, recalling both his first and second visits to the city. Pause for a moment of reflection in the Abbey of Tre Fontane (Three Fountains), built on the believed site of Paul's martyrdom. At the nearby Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, take time to meditate on the Apostle's tomb. Then, visit the Mamertine Prison, where Paul was arrested, bound in chains and executed. After settling into your hotel in the late afternoon, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies. (D)

Day 11: Rome
 The day is yours to explore more of the Eternal City. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, taking in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and

Michelangelo's mural of *The Last Judgment*. This optional tour concludes with a visit of St. Peter's Basilica, one of the largest religious buildings in the world; pause for a moment of reflection by the Confessio, the sunken area directly in front of the tomb of the Apostle and which is dedicated to the Confession of faith by Peter that lead to his martyrdom. Take time to reflect before an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

Day 12: Rome
 Begin your day exploring one of Rome's sixty Catacombs. It was in these underground tunnels that early Christians hid and buried their dead. The afternoon is yours to explore more of the Eternal City. Consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens or meander through Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. Perhaps you'll venture back to the Vatican to join into the Papal Blessing traditionally held on Sundays. (B)

Day 13: Rome - Depart for Home
 Your extension comes to a close today. (B)
 † Additional air segment purchase required.

NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM & FRANCE

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS
STARTING AT \$6999

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Amsterdam • Canal Cruise • Kinderdijk •
Bruges • Reims • Route du Champagne •
Paris • Parisian Retro Cars • Montmartre •
The Louvre Museum • Seine River Cruise



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Ride through the “City of Light” in an open-roof retro car.
- Spend 2 nights in the storybook Belgian town of Bruges (UNESCO).
- Immerse yourself in France's countryside during an exploration of its *Route du Champagne* (UNESCO).



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — Stroll through the vineyards for a visit to the eco-museum of Verzenay **-OR-** climb the 101 steps to the top of the museum's lighthouse for unencumbered views of the Champagne countryside.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Taste Dutch specialties on a food tour of Amsterdam's Jordaan district.
- Tour a traditional brewery in Bruges and sample some legendary Belgian beers.
- Meet local cheese enthusiasts in Meaux and sample their famous *Brie*



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 Swissôtel, Amsterdam
Days 4, 5 Hotel Aragon, Bruges
Days 6, 7 Continental Hotel, Reims
Days 8 - 10 La Maison Favart, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Amsterdam

Dutch windmills, cosy streets, bubbling champagne, and the “City of Light” – experience the essence of 3 must-visit European countries.

Day 1: Amsterdam, Netherlands - Tour Begins

Narrow canals, stone bridges, and bike-brimmed lanes – this is Amsterdam, the lively starting point of your journey. Check into your hotel, located in the heart of the city centre and your home for the next 3 nights. Get a taste of the local flavours and meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Amsterdam

See the city the way it's meant to be seen – by canal. On your private boat, cruise under sloping bridges and pass by quintessential Dutch houses. Then, discover Amsterdam's rich culinary heritage on a locally-led food tour of the multicultural Jordaan district. During your walk, you will get to experience a historic proeflokaal (tasting room) and partake in a tasting of genever, local Dutch gin. As the day draws to a close, meet with a local for a chat about the city's progressive and often controversial culture. The evening is yours. (B, L)

Day 3: Amsterdam - Optional Excursion

Make the most of a free day in Amsterdam. You could visit the Van Gogh Museum and explore the Anne Frank House. Or opt to spend the day in Royal Delft. This picture-perfect town has changed

little since the times of Johannes Vermeer, who captured its charm in the most iconic paintings of the Dutch Golden Age. Your guided tour concludes with a visit to the Royal Delft porcelain manufacture which has been producing the renowned hand-painted, blue motives since the 16th century. Try your hand at painting a tile before returning to Amsterdam for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Amsterdam - Kinderdijk - Bruges, Belgium

Cross the Dutch countryside to Kinderdijk (UNESCO), where iconic Dutch windmills spin slowly over the marshy landscape. Experience the story of wind, water, and of the Dutch willpower that harnessed the elements during a guided tour of the Nederwaard Museum Mill built in 1738. This evening, step into a storybook when you end your day in Bruges, settling in for the next 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 5: Bruges

This morning, wander the cobblestone streets of Bruges while you get familiar with this cosy Belgian town during an orientation walk. Cruise through fairy-tale canals before connecting with local traditions – tasting Belgian chocolate

and learning about the intricate craft of lace-making. After an afternoon at leisure, conclude the day with a visit to a local brewery, where you embark on a tasting of Belgium's most quintessential beverage. (B)

Day 6: Bruges - World War I Battlefields - Reims, France

Today, traverse Flanders, a major battle theatre on the Western Front during the First World War between 1914-18. A local expert recounts the area's eventful history as you pause to see the stars and stripes raised over the graves of the valiant soldiers who gave their lives in the same battlefields that inspired John McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields." Early this evening, trade your waffles for wine as you enter Reims, set in the heart of France's illustrious Champagne region. Settle into your city-centric boutique hotel before dining your way through French cuisine with a 5-course tasting menu and glass of champagne. (B, D)

Day 7: Reims - Champagne Winery - Reims

Discover Reims, uncovering the city's Celtic roots and Gothic architecture during a guided walking tour. Step into the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Reims, gazing up at a sea of colourful stained glass. Cityscapes give way to vineyard rows as you make your way along the Route du Champagne, learning about this world-famous artisan production during a tour and tasting at a nearby maison du champagne. Then immerse yourself in the countryside because **it's your choice!** Stroll through the vineyards for a visit to the eco-museum of Verzenay **-OR-** climb the 101 steps to the top of the museum's lighthouse for unencumbered

views over the rolling hills of the Champagne countryside. (B)

Day 8: Reims - Meaux - Paris

Make your way to the French capital this morning. Pause in Meaux, the capital of brie cheese – one of France's famous soft cheeses. Learn about the artisanal production methods and aging process from a local cheese enthusiast before sampling some of this delectable product for yourself. This afternoon say bonjour to Paris, a hub of innovative cuisine and artistic culture, and your home for the next 3 nights. Explore your new neighbourhood until the sun fades and the "City of Light" debuts its sparkling grandeur. Then, spin the wheels of time from the backseat of a retro car, cruising through the chic boulevards to the Montmartre neighbourhood, where hip bohemia meets heaven-seeking basilicas. (B, L)

Day 9: Paris - Optional Excursion

This morning, the ethereal glass pyramid at the Louvre's entrance serves as your gateway into another realm, where ancient sculptures lead to 19th-century canvases. In the company of an expert guide-lecturer, marvel at masterpieces such as the Venus of Milo and Delacroix's Liberty Leading the People before making your way to Da Vinci's renowned Mona Lisa. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore Paris as you please. Perhaps you'll take a leisurely stroll through the Tuileries Garden or elegant Place Vendôme with its glittering vitrines displaying jewellery and high-fashion designs. This evening, experience Paris's

Optional 3 Night London Post-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1400 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 11: Paris - London, England

Travel by train under the English Channel as you head to London, the esteemed capital of the United Kingdom. Often described as a world within a city, London is a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own.

Day 12: London

Navigate the city with a local expert. Using your included Oyster card, hop on the famous underground. Take a walking tour along the River Thames, where you can see St Paul's Cathedral, the Tate Modern Art Gallery and Shakespeare's Globe. End at Borough market, London's premier Food Market, dating back over 1000 years. You will love independently strolling the small, speciality produce stalls and sumptuous street food traders. (B)

Day 13: London

See London your way today! Be sure to take advantage of your included ticket to the Tower of London to peek into the city's storied past and uncover the secrets of this 11th-century fortress. (B)

Day 14: London - Tour Ends

Wish London goodbye as your visit ends today. (B)



DOUBLE
SOLO

Starting at \$6999
Starting at \$8849

Pricing is per person, land only,
and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 19 May 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

March - May 2024

Itinerary featured is for March - May 2024 tour departures. For departures June 2024 - April 2025, please refer to our website.

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ALSO AVAILABLE



Netherlands, Belgium & France
featuring Keukenhof Gardens

Peruse the world's largest flower garden.

★ DATES AVAILABLE: MARCH - APRIL 2024

nightlife during an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin cabaret show, featuring champagne, can-can dancers, and endless excitement. (B)

Day 10: Paris - Optional Excursion

Be romanced by Paris – today is yours for the taking. Perhaps you'll visit the Orsay Museum, a former railway station that now houses the world's best impressionist art. Or channel your inner royal on an optional excursion to the magnificent Royal Palace of Versailles. Relive history as you wind your way through sprawling green gardens and palace halls with a local guide. From the prominent Hall of Mirrors to the opulent bedchamber of the queen, take in the palace's most famous sights before returning to Paris. Tonight, enjoy a romantic dinner cruise along the Seine River. Set against Paris's glittering skyline, dine on French specialities while peering up at the Eiffel Tower and gently gliding under romantic bridges. (B, D)

Day 11: Paris - Tour Ends

Say au revoir to Europe as you depart for home. (B)

FRANCE MAGNIFIQUE

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5499

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Versailles Palace & Gardens • Giverny
• Normandy • D-Day Landing Sites •
Omaha Beach • American Cemetery
• Le Mont St. Michel • Loire Valley •
Winery Tour • 2-Night Château Stay •
Chenonceau Castle • Amboise • Paris •
Seine River Cruise • Eiffel Tower Dinner



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit the private apartments of King Louis the Great in the Royal Palace of Versailles.
- Enjoy 2 nights at your 15th-century castle accommodations at the Château de Beauvois.
- Admire famous landmarks while cruising along the River Seine in Paris.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Savour local flavours during dinner at a traditional French restaurant.
- Delight in a tour and tasting at a local winery.
- Enjoy an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring delicious cuisine and breathtaking views.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Le Louis Versailles Chateau - MGallery, Versailles
- Days 3, 4** Hotel Le Moderne, Caen
- Days 5, 6** Hotel Oceania, Saint-Malo or Hotel de L'Abbaye, Brittany
- Days 7, 8** Château de Beauvois, Loire Valley
- Days 9, 10** Le Meridien Étoile or Hyatt Regency Étoile, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



From the royal Palace of Versailles to the enchanting streets of Paris, grab a baguette and rendezvous with the best of France.

Day 1: Versailles, France - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the royal borough of Versailles. Celebrate the beginning of your voyage with a savoury French dinner in the culturally-rich town of Versailles. (D)

Day 2: Versailles - Royal Palace and Gardens

Start your day with an exploration of the iconic Palace of Versailles (UNESCO). A guide leads you through the Private Apartments of King Louis XIV, the Sun King, who transformed his father's hunting lodge into the resplendent seat of the Royal Court. Continue your visit independently through the lavish State Apartments. From the prominent Hall of Mirrors to the opulent bedchamber of the queen, take in Versailles' most famous sights at your own pace. This afternoon your explorations continue in the palace's grandiose formal gardens, where the Baroque fountains regularly spout water to the tune of classical music. (B)

Day 3: Versailles - Giverny - Caen

Journey into Normandy and let the art scene leave its impression on you with a visit to Monet's countryside home at Giverny. Stroll through the colourful living work of art that is Monet's garden, where you'll see the source for the

artist's inspiration, including the setting for his iconic Waterlilies. Then, set off through the rich pasturelands of Normandy to the city of Caen, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 4: Caen - D-Day Landing Sites - Caen

This morning visit Omaha Beach and stop at the Normandy American Cemetery & Visitor Centre. See the stars and stripes raised over the graves of the valiant soldiers who gave their lives in the Battle of Normandy. Then, walk through Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial and see where the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled 100-foot cliffs on D-Day to seize the fortified enemy position. Next, make your way to Sainte Mère Eglise, the heart of the American Airborne operations on D-Day, and visit its parachute-shaped Airborne Museum. (B)

Day 5: Caen - Peace Memorial - Saint-Malo

Your exploration of the D-Day Landing Sites continues today with a visit to Juno Beach and to Arromanche-les-Bains, to see the remains of the artificial Mulberry port built by the Allies to resupply their lines during the liberation of France. Conclude the morning with a visit to the Caen Memorial Peace Museum, built to



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$5499** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Starting at **\$6749**

Prices based on xx departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
March - May 2024

Itinerary featured is for March - May 2024 departures. For departures after May 2024, please refer to our website.

🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Versailles (1-2 Nights)

+ Post-Night: Paris (1-2 Nights)

commemorate those who died in the epic Battle of Normandy in 1944. Then it's off to Saint-Malo, Brittany's famous coastal village. Immerse yourself in the beautiful beaches, striking blue water, and views of the fortified Old Town. Tonight, enjoy a freshly prepared local dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Saint-Malo - Le Mont St. Michel - Saint-Malo

Travel to Le Mont St. Michel (UNESCO), the "Wonder of the West." Resting on the border between Normandy and Brittany, this world-famous pilgrimage site sits on the edge of the sea and becomes an island at high tide. Take in the breathtaking views as you stroll through the old village at the base of the Abbey before exploring one of the most beautiful monastic complexes in France, dating back to the 11th century. Return to Saint-Malo and enjoy time to relax or explore independently. (B)

Day 7: Saint-Malo - Chinon - Loire Valley

Journey south to the Loire Valley, a UNESCO site brimming with châteaux and parks. Arrive in the medieval village of Chinon. Joan of Arc first met young Charles VII here and shared her vision that he would defeat the English during the Hundred Years' War. Visit the market, abundant with fresh produce, flowers and local products, and

take time to enjoy lunch along the banks of the Vienne River. Next, tour a local winery and discover some of the Loire Valley's best wines. This afternoon, feel like royalty when you arrive at your 15th-century castle accommodations at the Château de Beauvois. Delve into the history of this site frequented by King Louis XIII as you enjoy some leisure time to explore the grounds or relax on the château's charming terrace. This evening, delight in gourmet French cuisine in the opulent dining room of your château. (B, D)

Day 8: Loire Valley - Amboise - Loire Valley

Explore the spectacular Château de Chenonceau at your own pace. Perched along the banks of the Cher River, this romantic castle is a jewel of Renaissance architecture. Head to the picturesque centre of Amboise. Enjoy free time for exploring and getting to know the local culture. (B)

Day 9: Loire Valley - Paris

Travel the French countryside to France's capital, the City of Light - Paris. Pause for lunch at a modern bistro, before gliding under romantic bridges during a scenic cruise along the Seine River. Take in the city's most iconic landmarks such as Notre Dame Cathedral, the Conciergerie, and Île

Saint-Louis peaking at you from the Banks of the Seine (UNESCO). As your day comes to a close, make the most of an evening at leisure in this incredibly walkable, world-famous city. Perhaps you will enjoy an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin for a champagne-flowing, can-can kicking, music-driven night at the cabaret. (B, L)

Day 10: Paris

Take advantage of a free day to write your own story in romantic Paris. Perhaps you'll take an optional guided tour at the famous Louvre Museum or roam the shops in the elegant Opéra district. This evening, celebrate the conclusion of your French voyage during an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring French cuisine and panoramic views of the City of Light. (B, D)

Day 11: Paris - Tour Ends

Set out for home with many magnificent memories. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS OF NORWAY

8 DAYS • 12 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4749

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Oslo • Fram Museum • Stave Church • Flåm Railway • Sognefjord • Briksdal Glacier • Geirangerfjord Cruise • Bergen



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit the intricately-designed Borgund Stave Church, erected in 1180.
- Travel across the dramatic Sognefjord to the Briksdal Glacier.
- Embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy traditional Norwegian fare in one of Oslo's oldest buildings.
- Dine in Bergen's historic Bryggen neighbourhood.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Hotel Bristol, Oslo

Day 3 Fretheim Hotel, Flam

Days 4, 5 Alexandra Hotel, Loen

Days 6, 7 Scandic Ornen, Bergen

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Geirangerfjord

Venture to a place where crashing oceans meet craggy mountains, forging the natural majesty of the Norwegian fjords.

Day 1: Oslo, Norway - Tour Begins

Arrive in Oslo, Norway's grand capital. An up-and-coming foodie destination, Oslo combines classic tastes with modern twists. Meet your fellow travellers for a hearty and delicious welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Oslo

Join a local guide and begin your day at the Fram Museum, dedicated to telling the story of Norwegian polar exploration. Venture down Karl Johan Street, passing by iconic buildings such as the Royal Palace and city hall as you take in the charming heart of downtown Oslo. Make your way to Vigeland Park, home to a collection of statues and sculptures that the legendary artist Gustav Vigeland constructed during his life. This afternoon, enjoy free time to relax or continue discovering the hidden secrets of Oslo on your own. (B)

Day 3: Oslo - Flåm

Heading north of Norway's capital, enter the majestic and unique landscapes of the fjord region. Visit the Borgund Stave Church, an awe-inspiring building dedicated in honour of the Apostle Andrew in 1180. Continue to the quaint village of Flåm, your gateway to the grandeur

of Aurlandsfjord. Traverse the terrain on the renowned Flåm Railway, one of the steepest train rides in the world, and climb 3,000 feet past rushing waterfalls, looming mountains, and picturesque valleys. Admire the scenery along the mountain plateau of Myrdal before descending into the fjord of Flåm. (B, D)

Day 4: Flåm - Loen

Immerse yourself in the striking nature of the Sognefjord before traversing the Briksdal Glacier. Surrounded by thundering waterfalls and towering mountains, the glacier is considered to be one of the most awe-inspiring in all of Norway. Climb the glacier in a traditional "troll" car (the park's open-air vehicles), and arrive for a relaxing stay in Loen, a welcoming village situated in the heart of Norway's fjord region. (B, D)

Day 5: Loen - Geiranger - Fjord Cruise - Loen

Find yourself immersed in the enchanting landscapes of Norway's fjord region. Soak up the mesmerising landscape on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise in Geiranger (UNESCO). Discover Norway's mightiest waterfalls - the Seven Sisters, the Bridal Veil, and the Suitor. Marvel at the homesteads built along the steep

sides of the mountains, where farmland has endured for centuries. (B, D)

Day 6: Loen - Bergen

Norway's impressive landscapes continue to weave their spell on you as you travel to Bergen, the portal from the fjords. The Bergen of today - charming, old-world, and scenic - is much different from when it was founded by the legendary Viking warriors of the past. Enjoy a free evening to uncover the mysteries of this former Viking seaport, nestled against the imposing mountain range. (B)

Day 7: Bergen

Stroll along the historic and iconic Bryggen

harbour front (UNESCO) on a guided walking tour of Bergen. This afternoon you may join an optional tour to taste the cuisine of Bergen or enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Reunite with your fellow travellers at an atmospheric farewell dinner in the historic Bryggen neighbourhood, home to pleasant little houses stacked side-by-side against the harbour. (B, D)

Day 8: Bergen - Tour Ends

Say "ha det" to Norway and depart for home with incredible memories of your adventures. (B)



Optional 3 Night Stockholm Pre-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1260+ pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 1: Stockholm, Sweden - Tour Begins

Arrive in Stockholm, Sweden's capital city. A lively hub for tech startups and picturesque harbours, the city has the highest population in all of Scandinavia. Spend the day exploring on your own. Perhaps you'll stroll along the waterfront, grab a bite of local seafood, or pop into a museum to get a glimpse into the country's centuries-old culture. Settle into your hotel, your new home for the next 3 nights, located in the bustling city centre.

Day 2: Stockholm

View Stockholm's greatest attractions with a local guide, passing through the city via public transport. Venture inside Stockholm's stunning City Hall which displays towering brick walls paired with an opulent interior. Visit the Vasa Ship Museum and see a 17th-century vessel that was sunk on its maiden voyage. Explore Gamla Stan (Old Town). The remainder of the afternoon is yours to explore independently. After some free time on your own, gather in the evening to enjoy a twist on modern dishes from Swedish and European cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Stockholm

The day is yours. Maybe you'll visit the ABBA Museum, an interactive exhibition that gives an in-depth look at the Swedish pop sensation. No matter how you spend the day, you're bound to encounter a Swedish way-of-life that will capture your heart. (B)

Day 4: Stockholm - Oslo, Norway

Fly to Oslo, Norway to start your tour. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.

Optional 3 Night Iceland Post-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1610+ pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 8: Bergen - Reykjavik, Iceland

Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Tonight, enjoy an Icelandic dinner at a popular local restaurant. (D)

Day 9: Reykjavik

This morning, join a local expert for a walking tour of the city's old section featuring Hallgrímskirkja church, city hall, the harbour, and Reykjavik's oldest building - home of the Kraum Icelandic design centre. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure. Perhaps you

will choose to enjoy a scenic whale watching cruise, venture out on a horseback riding excursion, or travel to relax in the geo-thermal waters of the famed Blue Lagoon. (B)

Day 10: Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Reykjavik

Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Here, Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established what is considered to be one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley (UNESCO) that marks the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Return to Reykjavik and have time to explore the city on your own. (B)

Day 11: Reykjavik - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.

DOUBLE Starting at \$4749
SOLO Starting at \$5849

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 23 June 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

April - May 2024
(different itinerary - see note*)

June - October 2024
April - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2024 - May 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **Pre-Night: Oslo (1-2 NIGHTS)**

+ **Even More Time?**

Combine **Highlights of Norway** with **Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice** for one seamless, non-stop travel experience.



“ We loved the pace of the tour: We never felt rushed. There were beautiful hotels in perfect locations within each city, which let you feel the culture of the area. ”

- Donna N.

ICELANDIC ADVENTURE

9 DAYS • 15 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6749

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Reykjavík • Golden Circle • Thingvellir National Park • Gullfoss Waterfall • Lake Mývatn • Húsavík • Whale Watching • Goðafoss Waterfall • Akureyri • Horse Farm Visit • Snæfellsnes Peninsula • Impact Moment • Langjökull Glacier • Blue Lagoon



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Go whale watching in Skjálfandi Bay with specialized RIB Zodiac boats.
- Ascend the massive Langjökull glacier via mountain truck.
- Learn about the 300 years of fishing history during a visit to a maritime museum.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 3** — Soak in the Lake Mývatn Nature Baths, a favourite local spot **-OR-** hike through Dimmuborgir and pass by lava pinnacles and mystical caves.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 8 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)
- Indulge in Icelandic-inspired cuisine at a local restaurant.
 - Taste homemade specialties during an **Impact Moment** visit to Jóhanna's goat farm.
 - Taste a piece of lava bread and learn how locals use geothermal energy to cook food.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Centerhotel Grandi, Reykjavík
- Days 3, 4** Fosshotel, Husavik
- Day 5** Laugarbakki Hotel, Laugarbakki
- Days 6, 7** Hotel Hamar, Borgarnes or Fosshotel, Reykholt
- Day 8** Centerhotel Grandi, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Encounter a world of untamed beauty as you discover Iceland's adventurous landscapes and rich cultural heritage.

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

Discover culture and history in Reykjavík - Iceland's capital. Explore the old section on a walking tour featuring the Parliament, harbour, city hall, and the city's oldest building. Gaze up at the famous glass façade of the Harpa Concert Hall, a true marvel of modern architecture. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers and experience the freshness of Icelandic food at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík

Travel the Golden Circle to see Iceland's most iconic natural wonders, including the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in Thingvellir National Park where you can walk between two continents. Learn how locals use Iceland's geothermal energy to cook food and taste "lava bread," which is submerged into the earth and cooked for 24 hours. Continue along the Golden Circle and take in the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) double-cascade waterfall before visiting the explosive Strokkur fountain geyser. Return to Reykjavík for an evening on your own. (B)

Day 3: Reykjavík - Lake Mývatn - Husavik

This morning, fly to Akureyri and take in the unique volcanic landscape that surrounds Lake

Mývatn. You will have a chance to explore the Hverir geothermal area, where bubbling mud pools resemble a Martian terrain. Next, **it's your choice!** Dip into the warm water and steam of the Lake Mývatn Nature Baths, frequented by Icelanders and visitors alike **-OR-** hike through Dimmuborgir and pass by irregular lava formations and mystical caves that inspire your imagination. End your day in Husavik, one of the first settlements on the island. (B, D)

Day 4: Húsavík - Whale Watching - Grenjaðarstaður - Husavik

Gear up in thermal wear to join expert whale watchers on a cruise on Skjálfandi Bay. Aboard specialized Zodiacs, you'll get as close as you can to whales in northern Iceland. You may see humpback, minke, fin or harbour porpoise, and possibly the orca or giant blue whales that frequent these waters. After free time for lunch, travel to Grenjaðarstaður where you will visit and learn about the traditional Icelandic turf settlement homes. Return to Husavik in the late afternoon, where the remainder of the day is yours. (B)

Day 5: Husavik - Goðafoss - Akureyri - Laugarbakki

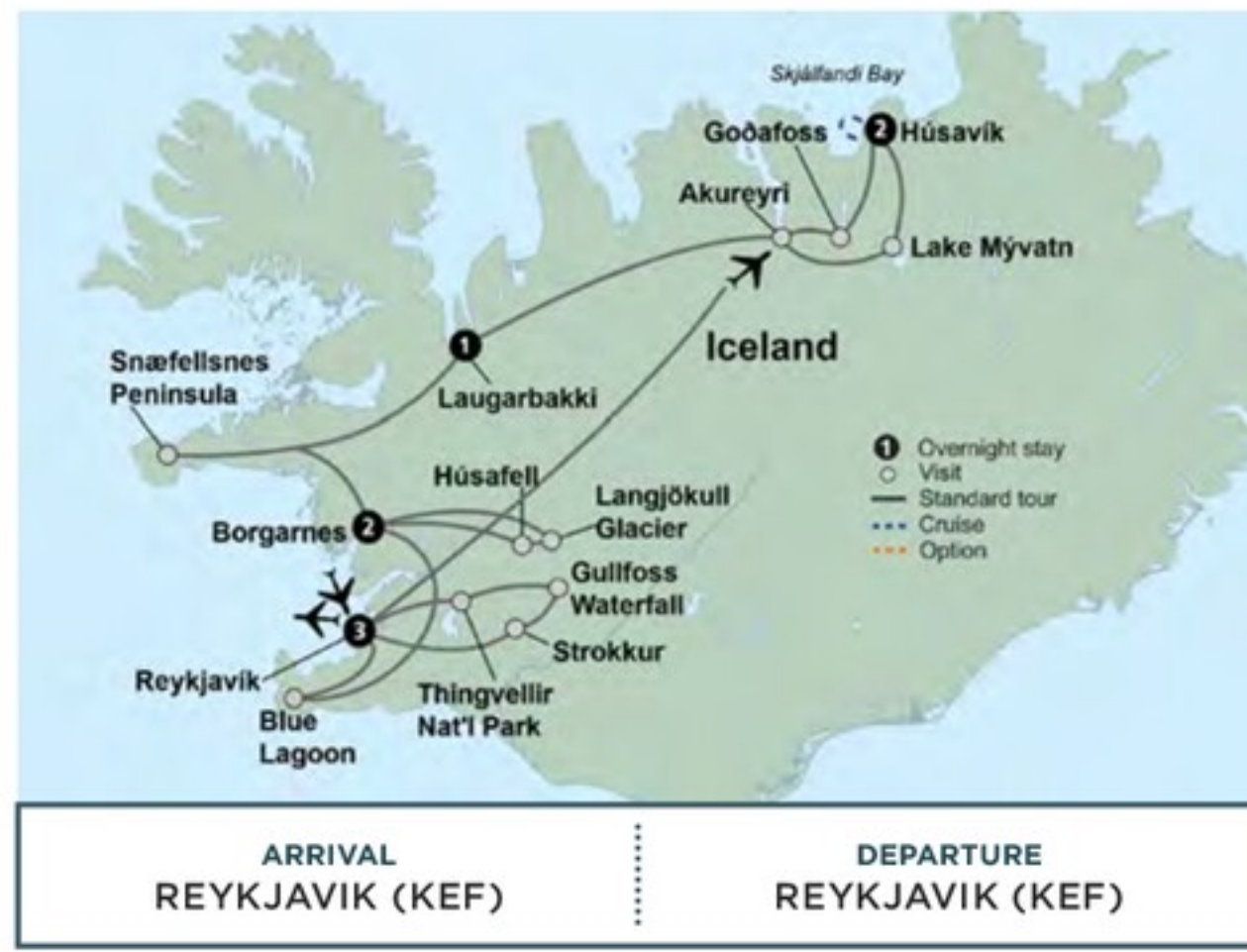
En route to Akureyri, stop at one of Iceland's most historic waterfalls, Goðafoss, where Iceland



Langjökull Glacier



Husavik Whale Watch



ARRIVAL
REYKJAVIK (KEF)

DEPARTURE
REYKJAVIK (KEF)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$6749**
SOLO Starting at **\$8149**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 16 May 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

June - September 2024
May 2025
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June - September 2024 and May 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

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was converted to Christianity in A.D. 1000. Enjoy time at leisure in Akureyri to explore Iceland's second largest city. Perhaps you'll peruse its botanical garden, a public park positioned just 30 miles south of the Arctic Circle and dedicated to finding and testing foreign plants to grow in Iceland. Next, head to the scenic Norðurland Vestra region, famous for its horse breeding. On a family-owned farm, grab your camera for a photo tour of the stables and interact with these friendly animals and their care takers. Later this afternoon, travel to the village of Laugarbakki for an overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Laugarbakki - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Borgarnes

This morning, journey to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, with its camera-ready black sand beaches, mountain peaks, volcanic craters, rocky coastlines, and tiny fishing villages. Connect with the local culture during a visit to a maritime museum illustrating fishing techniques, such as the century-old tradition of catching and preserving the Greenland shark; you'll also taste hákarl – cured shark meat. End the day in Borgarnes, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 7: Húsafell - Langjökull Glacier Experience - Borgarnes

This morning, journey inland to Húsafell and look out at the misty waterfalls

cascading over lava rocks. Then, experience an **Impact Moment** with a visit to Jóhanna's goat farm. Here, she has helped to bring this unique breed, dating back to the time of Iceland's settlement, back from the brink of extinction. After visiting with the friendly goats, enjoy a simple meal of homemade specialities from the farm. Then, bundle up and ascend Langjökull glacier via mountain truck and go "Into the Glacier" to experience the purest blue ice colour in this man-made tunnel, the world's largest. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Borgarnes - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík

Visit the Settlement Museum and dive into the origins of Icelandic heritage, including the works of the famous Viking poet Egill Skallagrímsson. Drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, home to the famous Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of this iconic geothermal pool, located in the heart of a dramatic lava field. Come together this evening for a farewell dinner at a restaurant featuring Icelandic cuisine. (B, D)

Day 9: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

Head home having uncovered Iceland's adventurous side. (B)

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night : Reykjavik (1-2 NIGHTS)



Blue Lagoon

“I experienced a wide variety of adventures in Iceland and enjoyed the active aspect of the tour.”

– Colleen S.

ICELAND: LAND OF FIRE & ICE

9 DAYS • 15 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5149

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Reykjavík • Golden Circle • Thingvellir National Park • Gullfoss • Geysir • Akranes • Breiðafjörður Bay Cruise • Lava Exhibition Center • Vík • Skógar Museum • Skógafoss • Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon • Vatnajökull National Park • Seljalandsfos



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Savour Viking sushi aboard a Breiðafjörður cruise.
- Explore Icelandic life at the Skógar Museum.
- Glide past icebergs on a cruise of the ice strewn Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- **Day 8** — Visit the Blue Lagoon and soak in the warm, mineral-rich waters, located in the heart of a dramatic lava field, **-OR-** visit the Perlan Center to explore the wonders of Iceland through interactive exhibits such as the Ice Cave, the Planetarium, and the virtual aquarium.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Taste Icelandic cuisine at a popular local restaurant.
- Relish Iceland's local cheeses during a visit to a family-owned dairy farm.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Centerhotel Plaza or Centerhotel Grandi, Reykjavík

Days 3, 4 Fosshotel, Reykholt

Days 5 - 7 Dyrholaey Hotel, Vík

Day 8 Centerhotel Plaza or Centerhotel Grandi, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Gullfoss

An island of dramatic contrasts, uncover Iceland's natural beauty through a land forged by ice and fire.

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

Begin in the capital city of Reykjavík. Get to know your fellow travellers during an Icelandic lunch at a popular local restaurant before checking into your hotel in the later afternoon. Then, join a local expert for a walking tour of The Old City featuring the city hall, the harbour, the Parliament building and the nearby cathedral, dating from 1796. (L)

Day 2: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík

Travel the Golden Circle and experience renowned natural wonders, including the double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall, the explosive Geysir thermal area, and the famous Thingvellir National Park, where you'll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Along the way, stop at a family-run dairy farm to enjoy various cheeses and their famous ice cream during a light lunch. Your day ends with a visit to Friðheimar's stud farm and greenhouse cultivation centre. Discover how pesticide-free produce is grown with the aid of geothermal energy and then learn about the tradition of breeding Icelandic

show horses before returning to Reykjavík. (B, L)

Day 3: Reykjavík - Akranes - Reykholt

Explore the western side of Iceland's coastline and visit Akranes, an old fishing town at the base of Akrafjall Mountain. Capture a photo of one of the most picturesque lighthouses in the world. You'll have an opportunity to climb up the stairs and enjoy the stunning views this lighthouse has to offer and hear some of the mysterious stories about this place, or perhaps you will want to take a walk along the historical harbour. Continue to Delidartunguhver, the highest-flowing hot spring in Europe. Enjoy a walk on a number of wooden walkways and observation points to explore the hot spring safely. Listen to local stories and legends while visiting Barnafoss, which translates to "the Children's Falls," before you wrap your day in Reykholt, located in the valley of the River Reykkladalsá. (B, D)

Day 4: Stykkishólmur - Breiðafjörður Cruise - Grudarfjörður - Reykholt

Begin your day with stunning views on your way



Seljalandsfoss, a rushing waterfall where you may walk behind the water for unique views from the inside out. Arrive in Vík, Iceland's southernmost village, and one of the most remarkable spots in Iceland. (B, D)

Day 6: Vík - Skógar Museum - Sólheimajökull Glacier - Vík

Drive along the scenic south shore to the Skógar Museum. Discover its turf-built houses and its collection of farm and domestic artefacts. Nearby, find the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the tallest in Iceland. Behold Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach scattered with caves and surrounded by basalt columns and cliffs. The beach is rich with bird life, such as the fulmar, black guillemot, razorbill, and gannet. You might also spot some nesting puffins along the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey, a volcanic peninsula towering over the ocean. Cap off your day with a visit to Sólheimajökull Glacier, part of Iceland's fourth largest ice cap. Take in its dramatic, blue-white ice, rugged crevasses, and stunning views. (B, D)

Day 7: Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Vatnajökull National Park - Vík

Journey to Vatnajökull, Iceland's largest National Park and home to the country's highest mountains. Marvel at the vistas and snowy mountain peaks while you set sail along the huge icebergs of the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon. Keep your eyes peeled for possible seal sightings and get to taste the 1,000-year-old ice that surrounds you. (B, D)

Day 8: Vík - Reykjavík

Today, make your way back to Reykjavik, taking in the incredible backdrops that make this journey picturesque. In the afternoon, **it's your choice!** You may choose to visit the Blue Lagoon and soak in the warm, mineral-rich waters, located in the heart of a dramatic lava field, **-OR-** visit the Perlan Centre to explore the wonders of Iceland through interactive exhibits such as the Ice Cave, the Planetarium, the virtual aquarium and more. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and reflect on your adventures in the Land of Fire and Ice. (B, D)

Day 9: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

Depart for home with memories of your Icelandic adventure. (B)

to Stykkishólmur, located in the northern part of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Search for marine birds before joining a nature cruise of Breiðafjörður Bay. As you drift across the water, sample fresh scallops and sea urchin roe straight from the ocean. You might spot puffins, cormorants, and the white-tailed eagle soaring as you look out at the shoreline. After, enjoy lunch on your own in this picturesque fishing town dotted with traditional wooden houses. Before continuing your journey on to Grudarfjörður. Take in views of Mount Kirkjufell with its iconic shape and freestanding form; this is one of the most photographed landscapes in Iceland. Witness Kirkjufellsfoss, a beautiful series of waterfalls, before returning to Reykholt for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Reykholt - Lava Exhibition Centre - Seljalandsfoss - Vík

Learn about geothermal renewable energy on a visit to Hellisheiðavirkjun, the largest power station in Iceland and the second largest geothermal power station in the world. Visit the Lava Exhibition Centre and delve into Iceland's past and present volcanic eruptions. Afterward, witness



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$5149** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Starting at **\$6399**

Prices based on 7 April 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

April - May 2024 (different itinerary - see note*)
June - September 2024
April - May 2025 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June - September 2024, April - May 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night or Post-Night: Reykjavik (1-2 Nights)

+ Even More Time?
Combine Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice with Spectacular Scandinavia for one seamless, non-stop travel experience.

“It was an excellent itinerary with interesting excursions – I loved the Blue Lagoon experience! I learned so much about Iceland, their people, their history, and their geography.”
– Charlene C.

ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS

6 DAYS • 11 MEALS
STARTING AT \$3699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Reykjavík • Northern Lights Cruise • Search for the Northern Lights • Golden Circle • Thingvellir National Park • Gullfoss • Lava Exhibition Center • Vík • Seljalandsfoss • Skógar Museum • Skógafoss • Skaftafell National Park • Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon • Sólheimajökull Glacier • Blue Lagoon



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Skógar Museum, covering all aspects of Icelandic life.
- Experience the energy at the geothermal fields of Geysir.
- Learn about the volcanic nature of the island of Iceland during a visit to the Lava Exhibition Center.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Savour gourmet Icelandic cuisine at a popular local restaurant.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1 Centerhotel Plaza or Centerhotel Grandi, Reykjavík

Days 2 - 4 Hotel Dyrhólaey, Vík

Day 5 Centerhotel Plaza or Centerhotel Grandi, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Experience the “land of fire and ice”
and chase the aurora borealis
across an ethereal wonderland.

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Reykjavík, Iceland's capital city. Make yourself comfortable at your hotel upon arrival, as your rooms are ready for an early check-in and breakfast awaits you. This afternoon, get acquainted with old town Reykjavík with a local guide on a walking tour featuring the harbour, city hall, the Parliament building, and the nearby cathedral, dating back to 1796. Gather with your fellow travellers at a popular restaurant for dinner featuring Icelandic cuisine. This evening, take an exhilarating northern lights cruise and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis. (B, D)

Day 2: Reykjavík-Golden Circle-Lava Exhibition Centre-Seljalandsfoss-Vík

This morning, travel the Golden Circle to experience natural wonders, including the explosive Geysir thermal area and the

double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall. You'll also experience the famous Thingvellir National Park, where you'll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. In the afternoon, stop at the Lava Exhibition Centre and delve into Iceland's past and present volcanic eruptions. Afterward, witness Seljalandsfoss, a rushing waterfall where you may walk behind the water for unique views from the inside out. Next, continue onto Vík. Drive or venture on foot into the stillness of rural Iceland in search of the northern lights. You'll enjoy three nights of searching to increase your likelihood of catching a glimpse of these elusive lights. (B, D)

Day 3: Reynisfjara - Skógar Museum - Vík

Begin your day with journey to Reynisfjara, a volcanic sandy beach surrounded by basalt formations and home to thousands of nesting



Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon



Reykjavik

sea birds. Look out over the natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey, a small peninsula of volcanic origin towering over the ocean. Next, visit the Skógar Museum and discover its turf-built homes and artefacts. Afterward, stand in awe before the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of Iceland's biggest and most beautiful waterfalls. Cap off your day with a visit to Sólheimajökull Glacier, Iceland's fourth largest glacier. After dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights. (B, D)

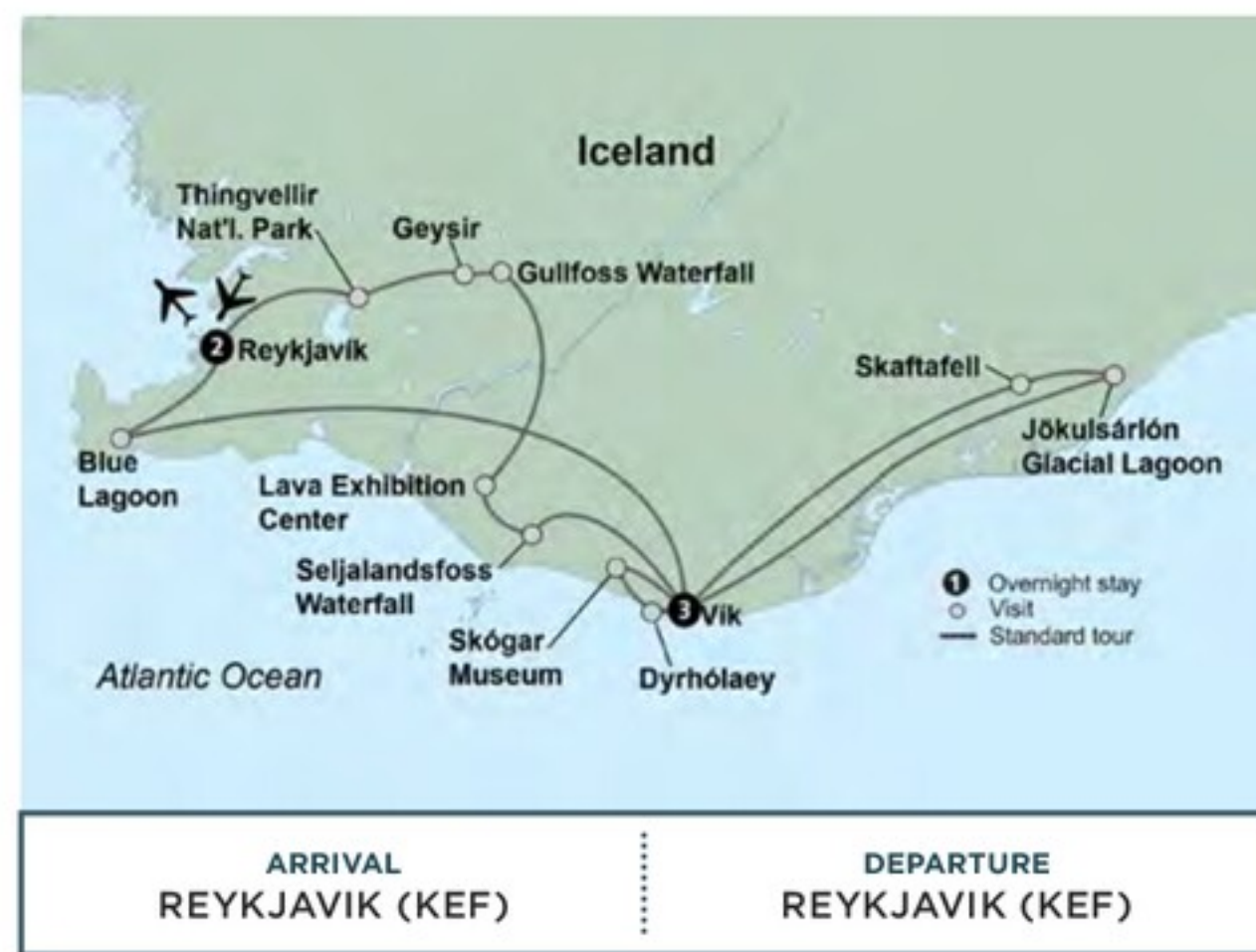
Day 4: Skaftafell National Park - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Vík
Travel through Skaftafell National Park, gateway to Vatnajökull Glacier known for having Iceland's highest mountains and Europe's largest ice cap. Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and search for seals swimming in cold waters. After dinner, continue searching for the northern lights dancing across the night sky. (B, D)

Day 5: Vík - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavik

Drive along the south shore towards the Reykjanes Peninsula. Known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, and numerous hot springs, the peninsula is home to the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the heart of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavik for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Reykjavik - Tour Ends

Depart for home with many incredible memories. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at **\$3699** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$4549**

Prices based on 4 December 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
October 2023 - March 2024 (different itinerary - see note*)
September 2024 - March 2025 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for September 2024 - March 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night or Post-Night: Reykjavik (1-2 NIGHTS)



Gulfoss

SPECTACULAR SCANDINAVIA

13 DAYS • 20 MEALS

STARTING AT \$7279

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Copenhagen • Farm Visit • Granna • Stockholm • Oslo • Fram Museum • Stave Church • Flåm Railway • Geirangerfjord Cruise • Bergen



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit a family-run organic Danish farm.
- See the intricately-designed Borgund Stave Church, erected in 1180.
- Cruise through one of the world's most famous Fjords.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — In Stockholm, choose to explore the Vasa Ship Museum and learn about the vessel's shocking maiden voyage, when it sank in a single nautical mile **-OR-** visit the ABBA Museum, an interactive exhibition about the Swedish pop sensation.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Savour Swedish cuisine in Stockholm's old town.
- Experience traditional Norwegian cuisine in Bergen.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Scandic Spectrum Hotel, Copenhagen
Day 3 PM & Vanner Hotel, Vaxjo
Days 4, 5 Scandic Grand Central, Stockholm
Days 6, 7 Hotel Bristol, Oslo
Day 8 Fretheim Hotel, Flam
Days 9, 10 Alexandra Hotel, Loen
Days 11, 12 Scandic Ornen, Bergen

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Stockholm

Watch a Nordic postcard unfold before your eyes and discover the lands where Vikings reigned.

Day 1: Copenhagen, Denmark - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the beautiful city of Copenhagen. Take some time to venture out on your own and come to know this cosmopolitan capital, dubbed the "gastro capital of Scandinavia." Tonight, meet your fellow travellers for dinner. (D)

Day 2: Copenhagen

Join a local expert and set off on an engaging tour of Denmark's capital city. Explore Nyhavn, the picturesque harbour lined with colourful facades and charming cafes, as well as Amalienborg Palace, the residence of the Danish royal family. Visit the Little Mermaid Statue, a 1913 sculpture honouring Hans Christian Andersen's famous fictional character. See Christiansborg Palace, home to the Danish parliament, before enjoying some free time to explore Copenhagen on your own. (B)

Day 3: Copenhagen - Farm Visit - Vaxjo

Bid farewell to Copenhagen and travel north to meet the Hage family on their organic farm. Learn about their work conserving ancient grains and the old Danish livestock breeds before enjoying some homemade treats. Continue on to Helsingor, home of Kronborg Castle, and board a local ferry for a short ride across the famous Oresund to Sweden. This afternoon, arrive in Vaxjo, known locally as "the greenest city in Europe." (B, D)

Day 4: Vaxjo - Granna - Stockholm

This morning, travel to Granna, a town situated on the shores of Lake Vättern and famous for its charming wooden houses, cobblestone streets and delectable candy shops. Continue north to Stockholm, Sweden's capital city. Tonight, enjoy a twist on modern dishes from Swedish and European cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 5: Stockholm

View Stockholm's greatest vistas and attractions, including Gamla Stan (Old Town), Riddarholm Church, the Royal Palace and the Parliament. Enjoy a visit inside Stockholm's stunning City Hall, which displays towering brick walls paired with an opulent interior. This afternoon **it's your choice!** Explore the Vasa Ship Museum and learn about the vessel's shocking maiden voyage, when it sank in a single nautical mile (the perfectly preserved ship, commissioned in the 1600s by King Vasa, was raised from the bottom of the harbour 334 years later) **-OR-** visit the ABBA Museum, an interactive exhibition about the Swedish pop sensation. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Stockholm independently. Discover its strikingly colourful architecture and sample its innovative cuisine. (B)

Day 6: Stockholm - Oslo, Norway

Take a quick flight to Oslo, one of Europe's fastest-growing cities. As Norway's capital since 1814, Oslo



Geirangerfjord

is the centre of the country's government and the home to the royal family. Here, you'll find a vibrant, cosmopolitan hub with an abundance of world-class museums, restaurants and art. This evening, enjoy traditional Norwegian fare in one of Oslo's oldest buildings. (B, D)

Day 7: Oslo

A tour of Oslo begins at the remarkable Fram Museum, dedicated to telling the story of Norwegian polar exploration. Continue along Karl Johan Street and view the Royal Palace and city hall in quaint downtown Oslo. Visit Vigeland Park, home to the collection of statues and sculptures that comprise Gustav Vigeland's life's work. Later this afternoon, enjoy some free time to relax or explore Oslo independently. (B)

Day 8: Oslo - Flåm

Travel north from Norway's capital to the majestic fjord region. Visit the Borgund Stave Church, the intricate structure built in dedication to the Apostle Andrew in 1180. Arrive in the quaint village of Flåm,

nestled at the entrance to the stunning Aurlandsfjord. (B, D)

Day 9: Flåm - Flåm Railway - Loen

Embark on the renowned Flåm Railway, one of the world's steepest train rides, and ascend 3,000 feet past mighty waterfalls, towering mountains and amazing valleys. Journey to the mountain plateau of Myrdal and cascade down to the fjord of Flåm, taking in the breathtaking views each way. Continue onto the village of Loen, for a relaxing stay in the heart for Norway's fjord region. (B, D)

Day 10: Loen - Fjord Cruise - Loen

An enchanting day in Norway's fjord region begins. In Geiranger, a UNESCO World Heritage site, embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise, soaking in some of Norway's most beautiful scenery along the way. One of the most famous fjords in the world,

of the Kraum Icelandic design centre. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure. Perhaps you will choose to relax on a scenic whale watching cruise; venture out on a horseback riding excursion; or travel out to the Reykjanes peninsula to spend quality time relaxing in the geo-thermal waters of the famed Blue Lagoon. (B)

Day 15: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík
Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Here, Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established what is considered to be one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley (UNESCO) that marks the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Return to Reykjavík and have time to explore the city on your own. (B)

Day 16: Reykjavík - Tour Ends
Your tour ends today. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.

Optional 3 Night Iceland Post-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1260† pp



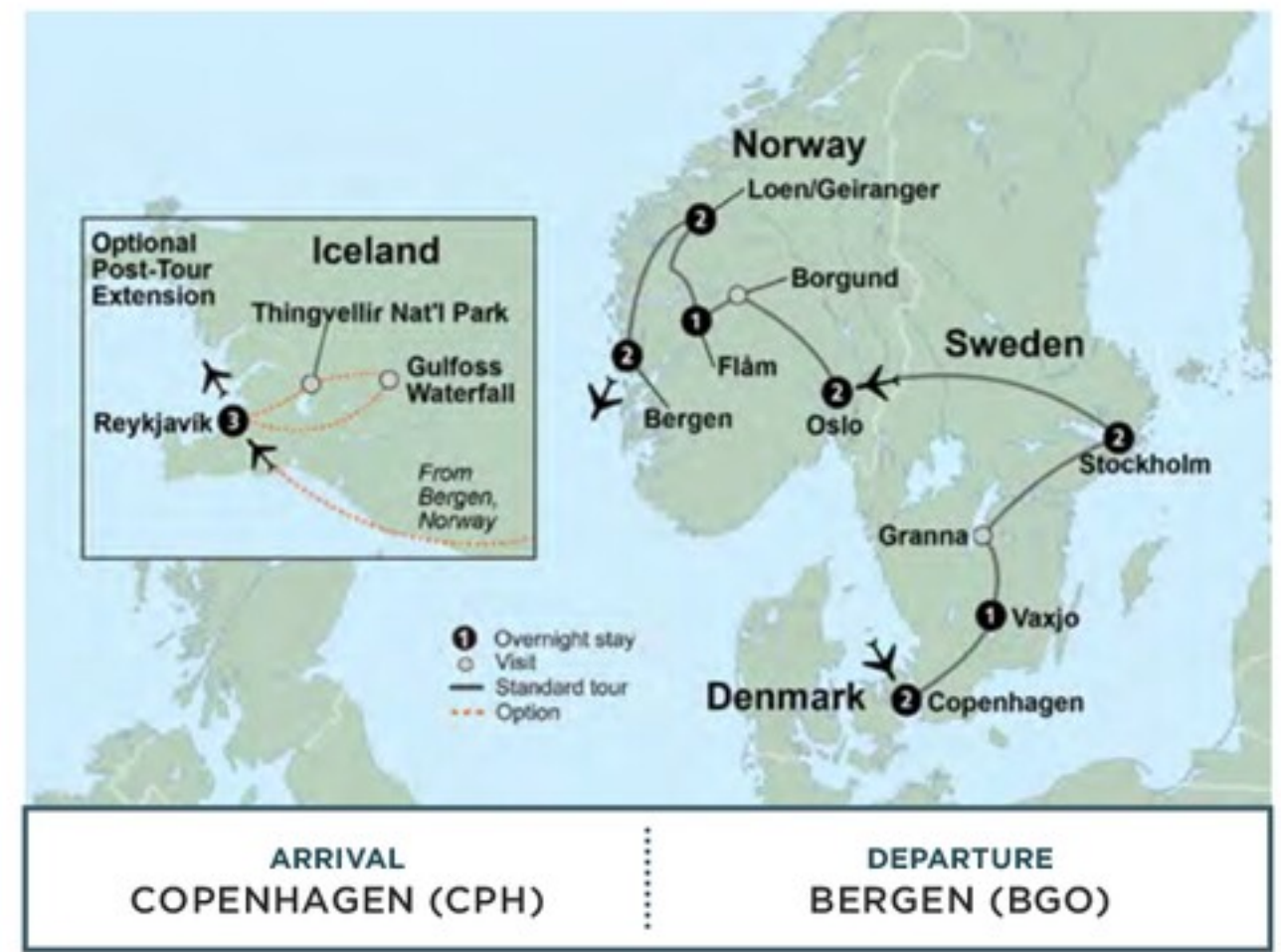
EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 13: Bergen - Fly to Reykjavík, Iceland

Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature. Massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and breathtaking landscapes. After having the day to yourself, gather with your fellow travellers for an included Icelandic dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 14: Reykjavík

This morning, join a local expert for a walking tour of the city's old section featuring Hallgrímskirkja church, city hall, the harbour, and Reykjavík's oldest building - home



DOUBLE Starting at \$7279
SOLO Starting at \$9779

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 22 September 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

June - October 2024
May 2025
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June - October 2024, May 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **Pre-Night: Copenhagen (1-2 NIGHTS)**



Geirangerfjord is where you'll find Norway's mightiest waterfalls: the Seven Sisters, the Bridal Veil, and the Sutor. Marvel at homesteads along the steep sides of the mountains, where farms have been kept for centuries. (B, D)

Day 11: Loen - Bergen

Be inspired by Norway's most impressive landscapes en route to Bergen - the gateway to the fjords. Founded with Viking roots, the Bergen of today is known for its old-world charm and scenic landscapes. (B)

Day 12: Bergen

Join a guided walking tour of Bergen and stroll along the historic and iconic harbour front, known as the Bryggen (UNESCO). Enjoy the afternoon at leisure, before reuniting with your fellow passengers for an atmospheric farewell dinner in the historic Bryggen neighbourhood. (B, D)

Day 13: Bergen - Tour Ends

Depart for home today with incredible memories of your Scandinavian journey. (B)

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

7 DAYS • 11 MEALS
STARTING AT \$6299

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Helsinki • Senate Square • Helsinki Cathedral • Lapland Region • Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort • Finnish Sauna • Meet & Greet with Santa • Reindeer Safari • Northern Lights Searches • Husky Safari • Glass Igloo Accommodation



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Introduce yourself to majestic Lappish reindeer and meet Santa Claus himself.
- Lead your very own dog sled team.
- Spend the night in a glass igloo amid the Lappish wilderness.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in Finnish cuisine at Helsinki's local restaurants.
- Sip warm berry juice, a Finnish winter tradition.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki

Days 3 - 5 Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort - West Village, Kakslauttanen
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.

Day 6 Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



©Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, Lapland, Finland

Hunt for the elusive northern lights and discover fascinating Finland, “Daughter of the Baltic.”

Day 1: Helsinki, Finland - Tour Begins

Hei Helsinki! Finland's vibrant capital, where history converges with architectural style and combines with a laid-back vibe across beautiful islands and pristine public parks, welcomes you. This evening, gather with new friends for a welcome dinner in the city centre. *Hyvää ruokahalua!* (Bon appetit!) (D)

Day 2: Helsinki

Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. If Finland's heart beats in Helsinki, then Helsinki's core is in Senate Square, home of Helsinki Cathedral, the city's most iconic building. Walk the streets of empiric-designed Tori Quarters before enjoying some free time in Market Square, the city's famous international market. See the steel monument dedicated to the composer Sibelius. During your leisure time, explore more of Helsinki independently. (B)

Day 3: Helsinki - Kakslauttanen - Northern Lights Search

Escape to northernmost Finland's winter wonderland on board a flight to Ivalo and magical Lapland. Like a storybook come to life, Lapland's culture is steeped in myth and legend. Relish encounters with reindeer and unspoiled views of the northern lights. At the breathtaking Kakslauttanen Resort, spend two nights in your very own Finnish log cabin indulging in your personal Finnish sauna and other unique fixtures. Travel north towards Inari on a chase for the northern lights. Stops along the pursuit allow you the chance for a front-row seat at nature's dazzling, electric light show. (B, D)

Day 4: Kakslauttanen - Santa Claus' Home - Reindeer Safari - Northern Lights

Hit the snow and mush to breakfast aboard an authentic Finnish sleigh. From Kakslauttanen,



Husky Safari



Northern Lights

head to the home of Santa Claus, an epicenter of Christmas cheer. Among prancing reindeer, learn about Santa's origins during a meet and greet at his house. Under the Arctic moonlight, a reindeer farmer introduces you to some friendly Lappish reindeer that will escort you on an exhilarating reindeer safari through remote Kakslauttanen. Gain insight into the importance of reindeer herding to the Sámi indigenous culture. Sip warm berry juice, a Finnish tradition, under the cover of blankets in the surround of northern Finland's wilderness as you continue the search for the elusive northern lights. (B, D)

Day 5: Kakslauttanen - Husky Safari - Northern Lights Search

Breathe in the fresh Arctic air this morning and step into the role as leader of your own dog sled team. Zoom through the wilderness on a husky safari, driving your husky guides that are as fast as they are adorable. Spend some time getting to

know these amazing dogs and learn about their different commands. You'll also be introduced to the equipment you'll need to experience this incredible Arctic adventure at its best. Enjoy your last night in the heart of the Lappish wilderness, nestled in your own private glass igloo. You may even see the northern lights dancing overhead. (B, D)

Day 6: Kakslauttanen - Helsinki

Say goodbye to enchanting Lapland and fly back to Helsinki. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Explore the city's central squares and get in tune with the latest Finnish trends at a collection of charming shops. Tonight, in downtown Helsinki, toast to grand adventures and new friends. (B, D)

Day 7: Helsinki - Tour Ends

Set out for home with incredible memories and a longing to return. (B)



ARRIVAL
HELSINKI (HEL)

DEPARTURE
HELSINKI (HEL)

DOUBLE Starting at \$6299
SOLO Starting at \$7399

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 17 November 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

November - December 2023 November 2024-March 2025
January - March 2024 (featured itinerary)
(different itinerary - see note*)

*Itinerary featured is for November 2024 - March 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **Post-Night: Helsinki (1-2 NIGHTS)**



ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 3-5: Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort

Sleep under the northern lights when you upgrade to a Kelo glass igloo at the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort. Kelo glass igloos come with a double bed with a stunning glass roof, an additional standard double bed in the main cabin area, a private sauna and a private fireplace. Accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Guests must upgrade for all 3 nights.

Please enquire about this upgrades at time of booking.

THE BEST OF IRELAND

14 DAYS • 21 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Dublin • EPIC Immigration Museum •
Belfast • Giant's Causeway • Derry •
Seanchaí Experience • Galway •
Cliffs of Moher • Dingle •
Kilkenny • Hurling Experience



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- With a traditional *seanchaí* (Irish storyteller), listen to folklore and legends that have been passed down through generations.
- Travel back in time when you explore the thatched cottages of Glencolumcille.
- Enjoy a traditional Irish game of hurling



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 13** — Enjoy a leisurely morning in Kilkenny and visit the iconic castle -**OR-** explore Jerpoint Abbey and attend a captivating glass-blowing demonstration.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Savour new Irish cuisine during dinner in Dublin.
- Taste the traditional flavours of Ireland in a local pub.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Hyatt Centric The Liberties, Dublin
Days 3, 4	Europa Hotel, Belfast
Days 5, 6	Mill Park Hotel, Donegal
Day 7	Lough Erne Resort, Enniskillen
Days 8, 9	The Connacht Hotel, Galway
Days 10, 11	Dingle Harbour Lodge or Dingle Benners Hotel, Dingle
Days 12, 13	Lyrath Estate, Kilkenny

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Wild Atlantic Way

It's time to experience the beauty and culture of Ireland, passed down through generations and reborn in the modern era.

Day 1: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Your Irish adventure starts in Dublin, built upon layered history and featuring a lively local culture. This evening, toast the start of your journey with dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Dublin

Start your morning with an **Impact Moment** and walk with an expert from Secret Street Tours, a non-profit organisation that encourages and supports citizens formerly affected by homelessness to be guides in their own city. See the city through their eyes and gain insight into their life story as you discover Dublin's Liberties district. Visit EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, and trace how so many Irish fled to foreign lands. The remainder of the day is yours to explore on your own. Later you may join an optional tour to the Guinness Storehouse, followed by dinner at a traditional pub. (B)

Day 3: Dublin - Belfast, Northern Ireland

This morning, cross the border into Northern Ireland and arrive in Belfast. Ride through town in a traditional black taxicab with a guide, taking in different murals and iconic buildings along the way. Pause at the Peace Wall, which separates the Catholic and Protestant communities, adorned

with political graffiti. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure in Belfast before joining your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Belfast - Giants Causeway - Belfast

Visit the ethereal Giant's Causeway, walking in the footsteps of mythical legends. Marvel at the hexagonal basalt slabs, that according to legend, were formed by gargantuan beasts crossing the crashing waves. (B)

Day 5: Belfast - Derry - Donegal, Ireland

Make your way to Derry, a growing artistic and cultural hub, and site of the infamous Bloody Sunday massacre. Delve into the city's local history on a guided tour before continuing on to the pretty town of Donegal. Embark on an expert-led tour of castle ruins, right in the heart of the town. In County Donegal tonight, connect with an age-old heritage when an esteemed seanchaí – a traditional Gaelic storyteller – joins you for dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Donegal

Set out to explore the Wild Atlantic Way. Visit the Slieve League Cliffs, offering stunning views over the Sligo Mountains and Donegal Bay.



Hurling Experience



Belfast Peace Wall

Three times higher than the Cliffs of Moher, these iconic cliffs are amongst the highest and most scenic in Europe. Afterward, travel back in time to 18th century Ireland when you visit the thatched cottages of Glencolumcille, a folk village maintained by the local community of southeast Donegal. Continue on to Donegal Town and enjoy time to shop and explore at your leisure. (B)

Day 7: Donegal - Enniskillen, Northern Ireland

Enjoy a morning with free time to explore before departing Donegal for Fermanagh, a county blanketed by lakes and waterways. Take in pastoral surroundings as you cruise* towards Devenish Island, a 6th century monastic site. Explore the ruins of this picturesque island, including one of the finest high towers in Ireland. This afternoon, arrive at your beautiful resort on the banks of Lough Erne. (B, D)

Day 8: Enniskillen - Galway, Ireland

Arrive in Galway, a lively city of medieval relics and modern flare. Join a local guide to explore stories about the city, from its days as a medieval trading centre through to the present. Tonight, dinner is at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Galway

The day is yours. Perhaps you'll pop into

a pub for a drink with the locals, or peruse one of the city's many museums, or go shopping along bustling Quay Street. Consider taking an optional tour to Kylemore Abbey, where you'll drive through Connemara National Park before embarking on a tour of the monastery. (B)

Day 10: Galway - Cliffs of Moher - Dingle

Peek into Irish culture at a sheep farm, where you'll watch a dog-herding demonstration and meet the friendly canine workers. Experience the Ireland you've always imagined at the Cliffs of Moher, where mossy cliffs plunge 700 feet into the ocean. After visiting one of the country's most beloved sites, arrive in the colourful town of Dingle, located on the Dingle Peninsula. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a pub. (B, D)

Day 11: Dingle

This morning, explore the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula, visiting Sleat Head, where the locals will remind you that beyond the water, "the next parish over is Boston." After returning to Dingle, the rest of the day is yours to explore how you choose. (B)

Day 12: Dingle - Kilkenny

Today, enjoy a lunch at a traditional Irish pub, owned by the same family for 200 years. Listen to stories about the family ancestors, and the social role that pubs play within rural communities. Afterwards, watch a hurling demonstration, a traditional sport of Ireland, with the opportunity to participate yourself! Continue to Kilkenny, one of Ireland's most charming cities. (B, L)

Day 13: Kilkenny

This morning, **it's your choice!** Enjoy a leisurely day to explore the town and Kilkenny Castle on your own -OR- travel just outside of town to the ruins of Jerpoint Abbey, a Cistercian abbey founded in the 12th century. You will also attend a captivating demonstration at a family-owned glass company and learn about the important role Kilkenny plays in Irish design and craftsmanship. No matter what activities fill your day, come together in the evening for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *Sláinte!* (B, D)

Day 14: Kilkenny - Tour Ends

Wish the Emerald Isle goodbye as you depart for home. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO

Starting at **\$6699**
Starting at **\$8049**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 30 April 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023
March - May 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

June - November 2024
March - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June 2024 - May 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **Pre-Night: Dublin (1-2 NIGHTS)**



Giant's Causeway

“I loved all the different places we saw and were able to explore. Also, I enjoyed the fact we had local guides and visited local establishments.”

- Trudy M.

BRITISH LANDSCAPES

9 DAYS • 12 MEALS
STARTING AT \$3749

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Edinburgh Castle • York • Chester •
Betws-y-Coed • Stratford-upon-Avon •
Oxford • London



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Behold the Crown Jewels of Scotland on a guided tour of Edinburgh Castle.
- Discover the medieval Snickelways of York.
- Explore William Shakespeare's childhood home in Stratford-upon-Avon.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Explore Caernarfon Castle on a self-guided visit **-OR-** walk through the market town discovering the local shops and cafes with your Tour Manager.
- **Day 7** — Visit Britain's first public museum, the Ashmolean **-OR-** explore Oxford on foot during a guided walking tour.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 8 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Dinners (D)
- Enjoy London's culinary renaissance at a dinner highlighting contemporary British cuisine.
 - Taste the best of Scottish fare in a traditional local restaurant.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Apex Grassmarket, Edinburgh
- Day 3** Holiday Inn York City Centre, York
- Days 4, 5** Grosvenor Pulford Hotel and Spa, Chester
- Day 6** Hotel Indigo, Stratford-upon-Avon
- Days 7, 8** Mercure London Bridge, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Edinburgh

An adventure fit for a Shakespearean tale takes you from verdant hillsides to bustling British cities rich with culture.

Day 1: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Edinburgh, the historic capital of Scotland, where rocky hills tower in the distance and the shadows of history can be seen around every corner. Discover Scotland's capital and see how medieval crossroads blend seamlessly with a vibrant modern energy. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Edinburgh

Today visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. Your panoramic and walking tour of old and new Edinburgh combines Georgian architecture, writers and monuments, alleyways and hidden passages, and a thoroughly modern museum. Enjoy time to explore the city as you wish this afternoon and evening. Perhaps you will choose to join an optional night of Scottish food, song and dance. (B)

Day 3: Edinburgh - Borders Region - York, England

Say goodbye to the rolling hills of Scotland while travelling south through the Borders

Region, stopping at Jedburgh, a historic royal burgh dating back to the 17th century. Visit the archeological site of Vindolanda, an Ancient Roman fortress built along Hadrian's Wall in the 2nd century to protect Roman Britain from the tribes of Scotland. Arrive in the medieval city of York, surrounded by historical city walls. This evening you may wish to join an optional tour to a Yorkshire vineyard and sample a selection of English wines over dinner. (B)

Day 4: York - Chester

Enjoy a leisurely morning to explore York at your own pace. Meander the labyrinth of quaint, narrow streets known as "snickelways" or maybe visit the city's famous Minster. End the day in Chester, your home for the next two nights, where ancient walls enclose charming Tudor and Victorian houses. Discover the charms of the city with your local guide. Tonight, meet a local with many tales about life in Chester past and present. (B, D)

Day 5: Chester - Caernarfon, Wales - Betws-y-Coed - Chester, England

Today, visit a royal town in Wales, where **it's**



your choice! Visit Caernarfon Castle to discover the history behind one of Edward I's most imposing castles **-OR-** take a leisurely stroll around the town with your Tour Manager, seeking out local shops, cafes, and markets. Then take a scenic drive through the best of the Welsh landscape over the mountain pass to the quaint and picturesque village of Betws-y-Coed. This magical landscape holds a distinctly alpine feel and breathtaking natural beauty. (B)

Day 6: Chester - Stratford-upon-Avon

Step back in time on a journey through the English countryside to Stratford-upon-Avon – the Bard's birthplace. After touring the childhood home of William Shakespeare, take time to explore this historic market town on your own. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Stratford-upon-Avon - Oxford - London

Bid farewell to Stratford and travel to the charming university city of Oxford. Upon arrival, **it's your choice!** Visit the Ashmolean Museum, opened in 1682 as Britain's first public museum, with collections ranging from Egyptian

mummies to contemporary art **-OR-** join an expert local guide for a walking tour, including one of the colleges used as a filming location for Harry Potter. Enjoy lunch on your own before continuing on to London, England's storied capital city. (B)

Day 8: London

Take in the sites of London on a tour of the city's quintessential sights. Begin with a walking tour of Westminster, where you see Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey. Continue to Buckingham Palace, the official residence of His Majesty The King, and make your way to Trafalgar Square, one of London's most vibrant spaces in the heart of the city. This afternoon is yours to discover more of London independently and make memories to treasure. This evening, join your fellow travellers to toast the end of your journey through Britain's scenic and storied landscapes. (B, D)

Day 9: London - Tour Ends

Your journey through Britain comes to a close today. (B)



ARRIVAL
EDINBURGH (EDI)

DEPARTURE
LONDON (LON)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$3749**
SOLO Starting at **\$4899**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 28 April 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - May 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

June - November 2024
February - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June 2024 - May 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **Pre-Night:**
Edinburgh (1-2 Nights)



+ **Post-Night:**
London (1-2 Nights)



+ **Even More Time?**

Combine **British Landscapes** with **Shades of Ireland** for one seamless, non-stop travel experience.



ALSO AVAILABLE



British Landscapes featuring the **Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo**

Travellers arriving in Edinburgh from 2-31 August 2024 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo Show.

★ DATES AVAILABLE AUGUST 2024

COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE

9 DAYS • 13 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4199

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Dublin • Irish National Stud • Rock of Cashel • Distillery Tour • Kinsale • Garnish Island • Dingle Peninsula • Aran Islands • Cliffs of Moher



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Overnight on the enchanting Aran Islands and jump head-first into Irish culture.
- Enjoy an after-hours private tour and reception at Christ Church Cathedral.
- Discover a hidden garden island nestled in Bantry Bay.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — Take a walk along the coast from Dunquin Pier **-OR-** visit the Blasket Centre.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Explore the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey.
- Savour traditional Irish cuisine at a popular local restaurant.
- Enjoy a cheese tasting at an award-winning goat farm.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Trinity City Hotel, Dublin
Days 3, 4 Garryvoe Hotel, East Cork, Cork
Days 5, 6 Dingle Harbour Lodge, Dingle
Day 7 Aran Islands Hotel, Aran Islands
Day 8 Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Embrace the pure tranquility found in Ireland's natural landscapes, less-travelled roads and storybook castles.

Day 1: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Fáilte and welcome to Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral. Within the medieval walls of the city's oldest structure, surrounded by nearly 1,000 years of Irish myths and legends, toast the start of an incredible adventure.

Day 2: Dublin

A local expert escorts you through Dublin's magnificent sights by motor coach. Exalt in the culture and colour of Ireland's world-famous O'Connell Street and marvel at the electric green expanse of the largest enclosed city park in all of Europe, Phoenix Park. You will drive by Trinity College, through the Georgian Dublin streets and squares. This afternoon you may join an optional tour to a traditional pub for lunch, followed by a visit to the Guinness Storehouse, or enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure to explore Dublin's fair city. This evening, we'll gather again for dinner and enjoy authentic Irish cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Dublin - Irish National Stud - Cashel - East Cork

Take to Ireland's country roads. Tour the Irish

National Stud, an area of outstanding natural beauty that's home to regal thoroughbreds and opulent gardens. Continue south to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. (B, D)

Day 4: East Cork - Kinsale - Midleton - East Cork

This morning, head to the pretty coastal town of Kinsale. Enjoy time to peruse the charming shops, galleries and cafes before joining a local expert for a leisurely walking tour. Later this afternoon, visit the Old Midleton Distillery, home of the world-famous Jameson Irish Whiskey. Indulge in a tippie with a tasting of the distillery's production. (B)

Day 5: East Cork - Garnish Island - Dingle

Travel through forty shades of green before arriving in the charming village of Glengarriff. Board a ferry and sail to a place that must be seen to be believed, Garnish Island. Sheltered in the Glengarriff harbour of Bantry Bay, this hidden island is home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens. Continue over the Cork and Kerry mountains onto the colourful town of Dingle,



ARRIVAL DUBLIN (DUB) DEPARTURE SHANNON (SNN)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4199** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$4999**

Prices based on 14 October 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023
 March - May 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

June - October 2024
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June - October 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **Pre-Night: Dublin (1-2 NIGHTS)**



located on the Dingle Peninsula. Tonight, settle into a charming seaside lodge – your home for two nights. (B)

Day 6: Dingle - Dingle Peninsula - Dingle 🇻

This morning explore the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula, with a drive along Sleah Head, with its enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs. The locals will remind you that beyond the water “the next parish over is Boston.” Then, **it’s your choice!** Take a walk along the coast from Dunquin Pier, a secluded bay surrounded by cliffs -OR- visit the Blasket Centre, which shares the story of the people of the Blasket Islands, highlighting their struggles with the elements and the tenacity of their community. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the colourful streets and harbour of Dingle. This evening dinner will be at a pub located in a nearby village. (B, D)

Day 7: Dingle - Aran Islands (Inishmore)

Leave the rugged southern coast behind and embark on an adventure. Board a ferry bound for Inishmore, the largest of the three Aran Islands. Upon arriving in Inishmore’s ethereal landscape, take a private tour through the labyrinth of stone walls blanketing the island. Visit the east

of the island and see the Old Cromwellian Castle and Port Aodh. Learn about the island’s 850 inhabitants, their livelihoods and devotion to traditional culture and customs. As the last ferry leaves for mainland Ireland, breathe in the fresh Atlantic air and settle into your cosy island chalet. The humble accommodations in the heart of Inishmore allow the striking, rocky coast to be the star of your stay. (B, D)

Day 8: Aran Islands (Inishmore) - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis

In the morning, visit Dun Aonghusa, a prehistoric hill fort facing the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to the Seven Churches, a pilgrimage site in the Middle Ages. Look to catch a glimpse of a colony of seals on your way to visit a family-run goat farm. Savour the flavours of locally produced, award-winning cheeses during a tasting. Later, enjoy time in Kilronan village to explore and peruse the famous Aran sweaters. Then ferry back to the mainland, taking in unrivalled views while sailing beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher. This evening, toast the end of an incredible adventure! (B, D)

Day 9: Ennis - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today, leaving you with the spirit of Ireland in your heart forever. (B)



“ Beautiful Ireland, personable and knowledgeable tour guides, and friendly people...Best trip ever — thank you! ”
 - Margaret S.

DISCOVER SCOTLAND

9 DAYS • 14 MEALS

STARTING AT \$3649

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Bagpipe Lesson • Whisky Distillery • Isle of Skye • Loch Ness • Orkney Islands • Dunrobin Castle • Sheepdog Demonstration • Edinburgh Castle • Scottish Cooking Experience



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit a working farm and meet a shepherd and his sheepdogs.
- Take a cruise on Loch Ness, the largest loch in the Highlands.
- Discover the remains of a Neolithic village at Skara Brae.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 8** — In Edinburgh, take a locally guided panoramic city tour **-OR-** join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot. Both choices feature a visit to Edinburgh Castle.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy an interactive cooking experience at one of Edinburgh's premier culinary institutions.
- Learn the art of producing Scotch whisky during a distillery tour and tasting.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Maldron Hotel, Glasgow
- Days 2, 3** Ballachulish Hotel or Isles of Glencoe Hotel, Ballachulish
- Days 4, 5** Pentland Hotel, Station Hotel, Castletown Hotel, Thurso or The Norseman Hotel, Wick
- Day 6** Best Western Palace Hotel, Riverness Hotel or Kingmills Hotel, Inverness
- Days 7, 8** Radisson Blu, Edinburgh

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Isle of Skye

From its rugged sea-sprayed islands to its stately castles layered in history, Scotland awaits.

Day 1: Glasgow, Scotland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Glasgow, Scotland's Victorian city. Start your Scottish adventure with a visit to the National Piping Centre. After a demonstration and lesson with a renowned piper, it's your chance to give it a go! Then, join your fellow travellers for a lively welcome dinner at the Centre's farm-to-table restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Glasgow - Loch Lomond - Fort William - Ballachulish

This morning, bid Glasgow farewell as you travel to Loch Lomond, located in the Trossachs National Park, with its breathtaking scenery, and onto Fort William. Here you visit one of Scotland's renowned whisky distilleries. Taste and see for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world's finest. Admire the verdant green hills and mountainside waters as you arrive at your remote countryside hotel situated on lovely Loch Linnhe. (B, D)

Day 3: Ballachulish - Isle of Skye - Ballachulish

This morning, take a ferry ride to the legendary Isle of Skye, also known in poetry and song as Eilean a' Cheò (The Misty Isle). Upon arrival in Armadale, a local guide from the island will join you to share the history of this magical place and what it is

like to live there today. Visit the capital of Portree for some time to explore, then continue north for stunning views of the Storr. End your day by returning to Ballachulish via the Skye Bridge and a stunning drive along the "Road to the Isles". (B, D)

Day 4: Ballachulish - Loch Ness - Thurso

Today, enjoy stunning and unspoiled landscapes as you journey further into the Highlands. Travel through the Great Glen, famous for its many lochs (lakes). Visit the striking ruins of Urquhart Castle before enjoying a cruise on Loch Ness, one of Britain's most scenic bodies of water. Keep your eyes open — you never know when Nessie will appear! Travel off the beaten path to Thurso, one of Scotland's most remote towns on the North Coast. Embrace the rustic environment of the Scottish Highlands as you settle in for your 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 5: Thurso - Orkney Islands - Thurso

Grab your windbreaker — it's time for an adventure on the Orkney Islands. Ferry to this former Viking stronghold off the northernmost coast of Scotland, where artists admire the ever-changing clouds rolling across the sky like a time-lapse at double speed. On the crossing,



Urquhart Castle

feel the wind in your hair as you view the abundant bird life and, if you are lucky, porpoises and seals. A local guide introduces this ethereal place that few visitors to Scotland get to experience. Visit Skara Brae and discover the remains of a Neolithic village built at the same time as the Great Pyramids in Egypt. Continue on towards the prehistoric Standing Stones of Stenness, reported to be older than Stonehenge. Make your way through the town of Viking Kirkwall before returning to the mainland. (B)

Day 6: Thurso - Inverness

As you make your way back from the northern coast, visit the majestic Dunrobin Castle which dates back to the 1300s. The Castle is built in the style of a French chateau and is home to the Duke of Sutherland. Take in the breathtaking views as you drive along the windswept cliffs of Scotland's east coast. Enjoy an overnight stay in Inverness, capital of the Highlands. (B, D)

Day 7: Inverness - Pitlochry - Edinburgh

Begin your day with a visit to a family-run

farm set in the heart of the Highlands. See sheepdogs at work while surrounded by the mountain wilderness of Cairngorms National Park. Continue on to the vibrant Victorian town of Pitlochry for some time at leisure to explore on your own. End your day in Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh. (B)

Day 8: Edinburgh 🇬🇧

Today visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. Then, **it's your choice!** Choose to get acquainted with this regal capital on a locally guided tour of the Old Town and New Town via motorcoach, **-OR-** for a different perspective you may join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot. This evening, give traditional Scottish ingredients a modern twist. Enjoy a lively and interactive cooking experience at one of Scotland's premier culinary institutions. With a "wee dram" in hand, toast the end of a wonderful journey. (B, D)

Day 9: Edinburgh - Tour Ends

Your tour of Scotland comes to a close today. (B)

Optional 3 Night London Pre-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1260 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 1: London, England- Extension Begins
Experience London, the esteemed capital of the United Kingdom. Often described as a world within a city, London is a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own.

Day 2: London

Navigate the city with a local expert. Using

your included Oyster card, hop on the famous underground Tube. Take a walking tour along the Thames River, where you can see St Paul's Cathedral, the Tate Modern Art Gallery and Shakespeare's Globe. End at Borough Market, London's premier food market, with history dating back around 1,000 years. You will love independently strolling the speciality produce stalls and street food traders. Enjoy the afternoon to further explore the city. (B)

Day 3: London

See London your way today! Be sure to take advantage of your included ticket to the Tower of London to peek into the city's storied past and uncover the secrets of this 11th-century fortress. (B)

Day 4: London - Glasgow, Scotland

Wish London goodbye as you take a high-speed train through the English countryside to Scotland. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO

Starting at **\$3649**
Starting at **\$4499**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 18 March 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - May 2024

Itinerary featured is for October 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. For departures after May 2024, please refer to our website.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR



Pre-Night:

Glasgow (1-2 Nights)

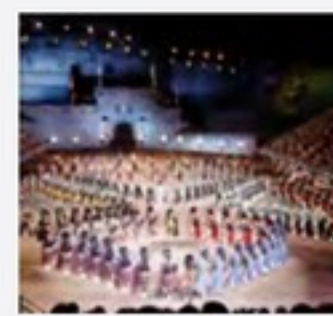


Post-Night:

Edinburgh (1-2 Nights)



ALSO AVAILABLE



Discover Scotland featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Guests arriving in Edinburgh from August 3 - 24, 2024, will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show.

★ DATES AVAILABLE AUGUST 2024

“I think you did a great job providing a very enjoyable and memorable experience for my family — itinerary, accommodations, food, Tour Manager, etc. were all awesome!”

— Scott G.

EXPLORING BRITAIN & IRELAND

14 DAYS • 20 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Edinburgh • York • High Speed Train • London • Afternoon Tea • Stonehenge • Bath • Wales • Cardiff Castle • Welsh Evening • Waterford • Blarney Castle • Killarney • Ring of Kerry • Jaunting Car Ride • Dublin • Traditional Irish Night



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Behold the sights of Killarney on a traditional jaunting car.
- Visit an innovative 500-acre family farm in the Scottish Borders.
- Enjoy an evening of traditional Irish song and dance in Dublin.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 8** — In Cardiff, visit St. Fagan's National Museum of History -**OR**- enjoy time at leisure to explore.
- **Day 10** — In Waterford, tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory -**OR**- enjoy a walking tour of the city.
- **Day 13** — Ride with a local guide and see Dublin's most famous sites -**OR**- take a walking tour of the city's historic centre.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Delve into Scottish culture with a whisky-inspired dinner.
- In Wales, enjoy an evening of Welsh music, poetry and cuisine.
- Experience a traditional afternoon tea in London.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Mercure Edinburgh Haymarket Hotel, Edinburgh
- Days 3, 4** DoubleTree by Hilton York, York
- Days 5, 6** Meliá White House, London
- Days 7, 8** Clayton Hotel, Cardiff
- Day 9** Granville Hotel or Fitzwillton Hotel, Waterford
- Days 10, 11** Scotts Hotel, Great Southern Killarney or The Heights Hotel, Killarney
- Days 12, 13** Riu Plaza The Gresham, or Aloft Dublin City, Dublin

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Travel through the most fashionable cities and historic places of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Day 1: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Edinburgh, the historic capital of Scotland, where rocky hills tower in the distance and the shadows of history can be seen around every corner. Discover Scotland's capital and see how medieval crossroads blend seamlessly with a vibrant modern energy. This evening, delve into Scottish culture with a whisky-inspired dinner highlighting the flavours of Scotland. (D)

Day 2: Edinburgh

Today get acquainted with Scotland's regal capital on a locally guided city tour exploring both the Old and New Towns. Explore the Royal Mile on foot and visit Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels. (B)

Day 3: Edinburgh - Scottish Borders - Hexham, England - York

Depart Edinburgh, travelling through the picturesque countryside of Northumberland. Visit a family farm situated in the heart of the Scottish Borders, where sustainability and innovation are core to their business. Continue to Hexham Abbey, one of the earliest seats of Christianity in England. Then, head south to York, with its historic city walls. (B)

Day 4: York

Take in York's rich and storied history while joining

your Tour Manager on a leisurely orientation walking tour. Explore the quaint, narrow streets of the 'Shambles' that appear today almost as they did during the Middle Ages. At the heart of the city is its impressive Minster, the largest Gothic cathedral in Northern Europe. Venture inside and stand in awe of the seemingly endless sea of stained-glass windows. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, enjoy traditional fare at a local pub for dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: York - London

Board a high-speed train to London. Upon arriving in England's bustling capital, enjoy a traditional afternoon tea. Afterward, join a local expert for a panoramic city tour. At Westminster, see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben, and continue to Buckingham Palace, the London home to Britain's royalty since 1837. (B, L)

Day 6: London

Enjoy a day to explore this incredible city at your leisure. You may choose to take an optional excursion to Windsor Castle. Originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine centuries and is the oldest royal residence still in use today. (B)



Day 7: London - Stonehenge - Bath - Cardiff, Wales

Travel to Stonehenge, the mysterious formation that dates back to the Stone Age. Explore theories on how the colossal stones arrived at the location and their purpose. Continue to the elegant Georgian town of Bath to visit the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas. Stroll through Bath's cobblestone streets and soak in its old-world atmosphere. Your day ends in the Welsh capital of Cardiff. (B)

Day 8: Cardiff

Join a local expert on a leisurely-paced walking tour of Cardiff. Learn about the city's deep ties to the coal industry, its connection to ancient Rome, and its famous Victorian shopping arcades. Tour Cardiff's historic castle, an impressive structure that was once a Roman fort, a Norman castle, and an extraordinary Victorian Gothic fantasy palace. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** You may choose to accompany your Tour Manager to St. Fagan's National Museum of History, an open-air museum chronicling the history, culture and architecture of the Welsh people -OR- enjoy time to explore Cardiff at your leisure. Tonight, dive into Wales' rich cultural heritage when you join local artists for an evening of Welsh music, poetry and cuisine. (B, D)

Day 9: Cardiff - Waterford, Ireland

Take in the beautiful Welsh countryside en route to the coastal village of Fishguard. There, board the ferry for Ireland, crossing the Irish Sea. Upon arrival in Rosslare, travel to Waterford, your home for the evening. (B, D)

Day 10: Waterford - Blarney - Killarney

This morning, **it's your choice!** Tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory featuring a fascinating visitor's centre and a retail store housing the largest collection of Waterford Crystal in the world -OR- enjoy a leisurely-paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city and discover its rich Viking, Norman and Cromwellian history. Later, travel to historic Blarney Castle. Make your way to the top of the castle, lie back and kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that if you do, you will be blessed with the "gift of eloquence." This evening it's Diner's Choice...tonight's dinner is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Killarney's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 11: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

This morning, explore Killarney National Park on a traditional jaunting car ride. Then, travel along the glorious Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery. Marvel at the vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. Enjoy an evening in Killarney at your leisure. (B)

Day 12: Killarney - Rock of Cashel - Dublin

Venture through the "Golden Vale" en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Take in its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. Continue on to vibrant Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. (B)

Day 13: Dublin

Today, **it's your choice!** Choose to ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, the General Post Office, and the historic Phoenix Park -OR- choose a walking tour of the city's historic centre, exploring St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the River Liffey. Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. Tonight, experience Ireland's lively music and dynamic dancing during a fun-filled evening of Irish entertainment. (B, D)

Day 14: Dublin - Tour Ends

Depart today with many fond memories of lovely Britain and Ireland. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$5699** Starting at **\$7399** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 4 November 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October - November 2023	June - November 2024
March - May 2024	March - May 2025
<i>(different itinerary - see note*)</i>	<i>(featured itinerary)</i>

**Itinerary featured is for June 2024 - May 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation*

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

<p>+ Pre-Night: Edinburgh (1-2 Nights)</p>	<p>+ Post-Night: Dublin (1-2 Nights)</p>
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“ I enjoyed the experiences I had with the group. I gained a lot of knowledge that I wouldn't have had I been travelling on my own. ”

- Alecia L.

JOURNEY THROUGH SCOTLAND & ENGLAND

13 DAYS • 19 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6349

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Edinburgh Castle • Lake District
• Liverpool • Cotswolds • Bath •
Glastonbury Abbey • Cornwall •
Great Western Railway • London



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Overnight in a 16th-century Elizabethan manor house.
- Relax as you journey through the countryside by train from Cornwall to London.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — In the Lake District, visit Rydal Mount, home of poet William Wordsworth **-OR-** embark on a guided hike through valleys and trails.
- **Day 5** — In Liverpool, explore the strawberry fields that inspired John Lennon **-OR-** tour Albert Dock and visit the Merseyside Maritime Museum.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 12 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)
- Personalise your evening with Diner's Choice in Bath.
 - Enjoy lunch at the historic Bell Inn in the charming village of Willersey.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** VOCO, Edinburgh
Days 3, 4 Low Wood Bay Resort and Spa, Lake Windermere
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.
- Day 5** Hotel Indigo, Liverpool
Day 6 The Greenway Hotel & Spa, Cotswolds
Days 7, 8 The Francis Hotel, Bath
Days 9, 10 The Cornwall Hotel and Spa, Cornwall
Days 11, 12 Clayton Hotel City of London, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



From poetic countrysides to bustling capitals, experience the different sides of Scotland and England.

Day 1: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Scotland, where age-old legends intersect with scenic beauty. Start in Edinburgh, the country's capital, and enjoy time to settle in for your stay. Delve into Scottish culture with a locally inspired dinner. (D)

Day 2: Edinburgh

See the city like a local during a walking tour of the Old Town, passing by Victorian houses and cobblestone streets. Explore the Royal Mile, ending at Edinburgh Castle, where you'll enjoy a guided tour of this historic fortress. The rest of the day is yours. Take advantage of free time to experience the city however you please. (B)

Day 3: Edinburgh - Lake Windermere, England

Say goodbye to Scotland and travel to the scenic Lake District, eternalized through the works of Scott and Wordsworth. Along the way, pause at the Pan Am Memorial at Lockerbie Cemetery and Gretna Green, where runaway lovers would marry in secret. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon on the shores of Lake Windermere, your home for the next 2 nights. Breathe in the crisp air and admire the rolling hills nestled against the water. (B, D)

Day 4: Lake District

See the area from a different perspective and set

sail on Lake Windermere, England's largest lake. Take in the tranquil backdrop before visiting the charming village of Grasmere. Personalise your afternoon because **it's your choice!** Soak up the romance of the Lake District with a visit to Rydal Mount, the home of poet William Wordsworth **-OR-** embark on a guided hike through glacial valleys and along lakeside trails. (B)

Day 5: Lake Windermere - Liverpool

Head to Liverpool, England's popular port city. After some free time to explore, **it's your choice!** Perhaps you will visit Strawberry Field, the site where John Lennon came to play as a child, which he later immortalised in the song, 'Strawberry Fields Forever.' Here you will experience an **Impact Moment** and learn about the work the Salvation Army does at Strawberry Field to give young people with learning difficulties the opportunity for work experience **-OR-** embark on a walking tour of Albert Dock and learn about Liverpool's rich industrial history, connection to the American Civil War, as well as explore the Merseyside Maritime Museum. This evening, perhaps you'll join your Tour Manager at the Cavern Club, where The Beatles used to perform. (B)

Day 6: Liverpool - Cotswolds

Delve into the English's love of horticulture with



you eat dinner from a selection of different included restaurants. (B, D)

Day 9: Bath - Glastonbury - Cornwall

Visit the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, which legend claims is the home of storied King Arthur. Then travel on to Cornwall, England's remote southwestern peninsula. Cornwall has always danced to its own tune. Passing through rugged moors and lush valleys, it becomes clear why this far-reaching corner of the earth has been a source of inspiration for so many. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 10: Cornwall

This morning, visit the Eden Project. Dubbed the Eighth Wonder of the World, it is a dramatic global garden housed in some of the world's largest biodomes. This afternoon take in a coastal walk with a local guide and then continue onto Charlestown to learn about the local links to Poldark. (B)

Day 11: Cornwall - Great Western Railway - London

Wish the countryside goodbye and travel on the Great Western Railway to London, England's lively capital. Upon arriving in London, get the lay of the land on a panoramic tour with a local expert. Take in London's iconic sites, such as Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham Palace. The rest of the day is yours to explore independently. (B)

Day 12: London

Spend the day discovering London on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a pint with the locals, wander through one of the many museums, or see the city from a different perspective at the London Eye. You may choose to join an optional excursion to the Tower of London followed by lunch at a traditional pub. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner and toast the end of an incredible adventure. (B, D)

Day 13: London - Tour Ends

Your journey through Great Britain comes to a close today. (B)

a visit to a traditional garden. Your glimpse into the quintessential English lifestyle continues as you make your way to the Cotswolds. A region of hilly fields and stone houses, the Cotswolds is a charming collection of storybook villages. Settle into a 16th-century Elizabethan manor house for the night, situated among 8 acres of verdant countryside. (B, D)

Day 7: Cotswolds - Bath

This morning explore the Cotswolds, taking in the rolling hills and honey-coloured stone homes that make this one of England's most beautiful areas. Visit the quaint village of Broadway, and enjoy lunch at the historic Bell Inn located in the village of Willersey. Your day continues in the ancient Roman town of Bath, a beloved getaway for Jane Austen, Thomas Gainsborough, and Charles Dickens. Venture into the Roman Bath Museum to see the elaborate spas that have been prized since Roman times for their curative properties. The evening is yours to enjoy. (B, L)

Day 8: Bath

Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps you'll visit the Jane Austen Museum, shop in the quaint boutiques, or simply stroll through Bath's stunning Georgian streets. No matter how you spend your day, this evening is Diner's Choice! Choose where

ALSO AVAILABLE



Journey through Scotland & England featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Enjoy tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo Show.

★ DATES AVAILABLE AUGUST 2024



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$6349** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Starting at **\$7749**

Prices based on 18 April 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
October 2023 - May 2024

**Itinerary featured is for October 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. For departures June 2024 - April 2025, please refer to our website.*

See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Edinburgh (1-2 Nights)

+ Post-Night: London (1-2 Nights)

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Days 3-4: Low Wood Bay Resort and Spa

During your stay, you may choose to enjoy views of Lake Windermere, England's largest lake, by upgrading your accommodations to a Lake Front Room.

Please enquire about this upgrade at time of booking.

LONDON & PARIS

8 DAYS • 11 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4599

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Westminster Abbey • Buckingham Palace
• Covent Garden • Windsor Castle •
Eurostar Train • Arc de Triomphe •
Eiffel Tower Dinner • Seine River Cruise



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Take advantage of leisure time in both London and Paris.
- Cruise along the Seine against a backdrop of Paris' glittering skyline.
- Discover London on a walking tour to Westminster and see the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — With a local guide, venture into the Musée de Montmartre and glimpse into the roots of cabaret and the lives of Paris' most famous artists **-OR-** head inside Sacré-Coeur and take in the city from this iconic hilltop basilica.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Experience a quintessential English afternoon tea.
- Enjoy London's culinary renaissance at a dinner featuring contemporary British cuisine.
- Savour an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring delicious cuisine and breathtaking views.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 Riu Plaza London Victoria, London

Days 4 - 7 Crowne Plaza République or Le Meridien Etoile, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Buckingham Palace

From cosmopolitan London to romantic Paris, cross the English Channel via train and take in the best of these iconic cities.

Day 1: London, England - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in London, the United Kingdom's dynamic capital. This evening, get a taste of contemporary British fare as you join your fellow travellers for a meal highlighting London's culinary renaissance. (D)

Day 2: London

Start your morning with a local in London. You'll kick off your day with a walking tour of Westminster, where you will see the exteriors of Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey. Continue to Buckingham Palace, the official residence of His Majesty The King, to witness the Changing of the Guard ceremony. This afternoon, head over to Windsor Castle. Originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine centuries and is the oldest royal residence still in use today. The evening is yours to do as you wish. (B)

Day 3: London

After a hearty breakfast, enjoy some free time this morning to spend how you please. This afternoon, travel by Tube to London's famous Covent Garden Market. Take time to wander and peruse the many

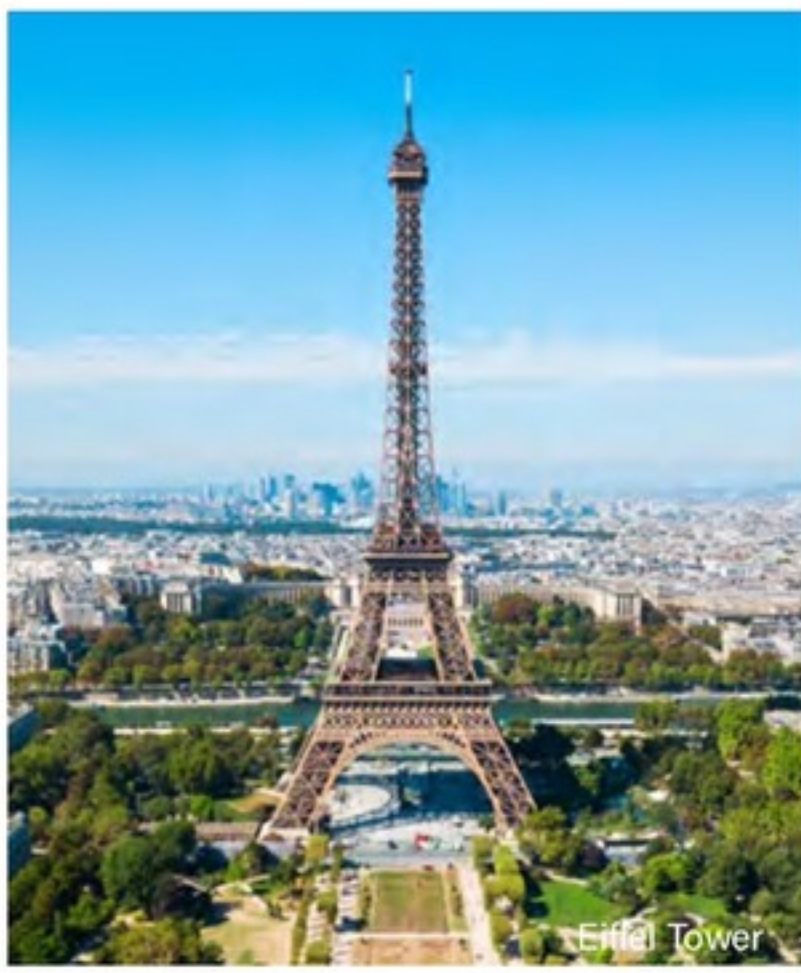
stalls of fresh produce and quirky shops. After, sit down for a quintessential afternoon tea. (B, L)

Day 4: London - Eurostar Train - Paris, France

Allons-y! Today, you're on to Paris! Hop aboard the Eurostar High Speed Train to get there in just two hours. A sophisticated metropolis of style and culture, Paris' bustling city streets are filled with colourful history, fascinating museums, renowned monuments and grand theatres. Settle in for your 4-night stay in the "City of Light" as you join your Tour Manager for a walk to get acquainted with the neighbourhood. (B, D)

Day 5: Paris

This morning, **it's your choice!** Take in the most iconic sights of Paris on a panoramic city tour. With your local guide, see the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Notre Dame Cathedral and Place de la Concorde **-OR-** step into the shoes of a local and navigate Le Métro on your way to the hilltop neighbourhood of Montmartre and its iconic Sacré-Cœur Basilica. As your day comes to a close, make the most of an evening at leisure. If you'd prefer to do something with the group, you can enjoy an optional dinner at the Paradis Latin



Eiffel Tower



Big Ben

Should you indulge in some of the world's best shopping on the Champs-Elysees, or simply do as the Parisians do and sit at a sidewalk café, watching the beauty that is Paris go by? No matter what you decide, end the day with a romantic Seine River cruise set against Paris' glittering skyline. After experience an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring French cuisine and breathtaking views. (B, D)

Day 8: Paris - Tour Ends

You depart today, but London and Paris will remain in your heart forever. (B)

Optional 3 Night Amsterdam Post-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1960 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 8: Paris - Amsterdam, Netherlands

Board a high-speed train and take off for Amsterdam, the thriving 800-year-old capital of Holland. After some time to settle in, meet up with a local guide to get acquainted with the Jordaan District of Amsterdam. Explore this charming neighbourhood and learn of its rich multicultural roots during a walking food tour where you'll taste traditional Dutch fare as you walk along the canals and historic homes between stops. (D)

Day 9: Amsterdam

Stroll through the city with a local expert. Get acquainted with the cosy lanes and quintessential Dutch houses as you wander along the canals that lead to Amsterdam's museum district. Explore the Van Gogh Museum which houses the largest collection of Vincent Van Gogh's artwork. Enjoy an afternoon on your own to do as you please. Perhaps you'll choose to explore the Anne Frank House, a museum dedicated to the memory of the young diarist who documented her time in hiding during WWII. (B)

Day 10: Amsterdam

The day is yours. Explore the narrow canals, stone bridges, and bike-brimmed roads at your leisure. Perhaps you'll choose to see the city from a different perspective and embark on a canal cruise or spend some time relaxing at a café. Consider perusing Dutch art at the Rijksmuseum, or even take the train to The Hague to see the renowned *Girl with a Pearl Earring* in the Mauritshuis Museum. (B)

Day 11: Amsterdam

Bid Amsterdam farewell as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

for a champagne-flowing, can-can kicking, music-driven night at the cabaret. (B)

Day 6: Paris

Be romanced by Paris – the whole day is yours for the taking. Perhaps you'll wander over to the Left Bank of the Seine and plunge into the bohemian atmosphere of the Saint-Germain-des-Prés neighbourhood and the Latin Quarter. Or, join an optional excursion to Versailles, where you'll explore King Louis XIV's magnificent Palace and Gardens. Relive history as you walk through the various rooms of the State Apartments, including the famous Hall of Mirrors. If you're looking for a unique way to spend your evening, enjoy an optional spin the wheels of time from the backseat of a retro car. You'll cruise through the chic boulevards to the Montmartre neighbourhood, where hip bohemia meets heaven-seeking basilicas. (B)

Day 7: Paris

This morning, step into the kitchens of an authentic Parisian bakery! See the workspaces and the various tools and machines these bakers use to make their delicious products, and learn about some of the secrets and history of baking, baguettes and croissants. It's your last afternoon in Paris – how will you spend it?



DOUBLE Starting at \$4599
SOLO Starting at \$6299

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 20 March 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - May 2024
(different itinerary - see note*)

June 2024 - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2024 - May 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: London (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ Post-Night: Paris (1-2 NIGHTS)

+ OPTIONAL EXCURSION

Excursion: Versailles

Visit the incomparable Palace of Versailles. On this excursion, travel by coach to Versailles where your local guide will recount the history of the palace and lead you through the various rooms of the State Apartments. Of particular interest are the Queen's bedchamber and the famous Hall of Mirrors. You then have leisure time to explore the incredible gardens, which took over 40 years to complete.



Visit our website and discover more optional excursions.

ALSO AVAILABLE



London & Paris Holiday

Take in the best of these iconic cities during the holiday season.

★ DATES AVAILABLE
NOV - DEC 2023 & NOV - DEC 2024



London & Paris featuring New Year's Eve in Paris

Ring in the New Year in two of Europe's most incredible cities!

★ DATES AVAILABLE
DECEMBER 2023 & DECEMBER 2024

SCOTLAND: LAND OF LORE & LEGEND

11 DAYS • 17 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5449

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Glasgow • Sheepdog Demonstration • Auchindrain • Scottish Highlands • Loch Melfort • Oban • Isle of Mull • Isle of Iona • Urquhart Castle • Moray Firth Cruise • Culloden • Blair Castle • Impact Moments • Dundee • Whisky Tasting • Edinburgh Castle



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Wander the ruins of a 13th-century medieval fortress.
- See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — In Glasgow, visit the Kelvingrove Art Gallery with its iconic art collection **-OR-** explore the Riverside Museum, dedicated to transport.
- **Day 9** — In Dundee, see the ship RRS Discovery that transported Shackleton to Antarctica **-OR-** explore the Victoria & Albert Design Museum.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Sip the famous "water of life" at a local whisky tasting.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Hilton Glasgow, Glasgow
Days 3 - 5 Loch Melfort Hotel, Arduaine, Oban
Days 6, 7 Best Western Palace Hotel, Inverness
Day 8 The Landmark Hotel, Dundee
Days 9, 10 Voco Edinburgh - Haymarket, Edinburgh

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Iona Abbey

Discover the mystical side of Scotland, with its legends, whisky, clans and historical cities.

Day 1: Glasgow, Scotland - Tour Begins

Welcome to Glasgow, a cultural trove of art, music, and history. Get ready to experience the eclectic architecture, friendly locals (Glaswegians), and rich traditions that make this city such a fascinating place. Settle into your hotel before joining your fellow travellers this evening for dinner. (D)

Day 2: Glasgow

Soak in the rich culture of Glasgow. Join a local guide on a walking and coach tour that leads you through historic George Square and the beautiful Beaux-Arts style architecture that surrounds it; to Provands Lordship—the oldest surviving house in the city; the medieval Glasgow Cathedral; prestigious Blythswood Square; and the futuristic-looking Science Centre. After lunch on your own in central Glasgow, **it's your choice!** View one of Europe's great art collections at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery **-OR-** see the city's fabulous technology and transport collections at the Riverside Museum, situated on the banks of the River Clyde. (B)

Day 3: Glasgow - Loch Lomond - Auchindrain - Loch Melfort

Leave the city behind, travelling along sloping fields towards Loch Lomond. Visit a family-run

farm with spectacular views of the lake and surrounding hills, see border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration, and enjoy Scottish snacks. Next, arrive in Luss and explore this quaint lakeside village of stone cottages and bright flowers. After enjoying lunch on your own, it's off to Auchindrain. Learn about Scotland's rural history during a guided tour of this well-preserved farm township dating back to the 16th century. Continue to Loch Melfort and settle into your hotel for the next three nights. Take in a stunning view of the ocean from the hotel before wandering the grounds, home to friendly Highland cows and neighbouring the National Trust's Arduaine Gardens. (B, D)

Day 4: Loch Melfort - Oban - Loch Melfort

This morning, put on your comfy shoes and embark on a guided walking tour of historic Oban, the "Gateway to the Isles." Uncover the history of the iconic McCaig's Tower and find out what's buried under the North Pier as you traverse the scenic harborside town with a local expert. Afterwards, enjoy some free time, perhaps exploring Oban's

food stalls and seeing for yourself why it's considered the seafood capital of Scotland. Return to your hotel in Loch Melfort to relax and spend the remainder of the day as you please. Perhaps you'll opt to join your Tour Manager in the bar before dinner for a friendly discussion about Scottish Independence. (B, D)

Day 5: Loch Melfort - Isle of Mull - Isle of Iona - Loch Melfort

It's time to island hop. Take the ferry from Oban to the Isle of Mull, a picturesque island that is the largest of the Inner Hebridean Islands. Continue to the Isle of Iona, one of Western Europe's oldest Christian religious centres. Journey to Iona Abbey on foot and enjoy free time to explore the tranquility of the grounds on your own before returning to Oban and back to your hotel in Loch Melfort. (B, D)

Day 6: Loch Melfort - Glencoe - Loch Ness - Inverness

Geological wonders await you in the Highlands. Head to the National Nature Reserve in Glencoe and stop at the visitor centre to learn about the spectacular Glencoe mountain range, then walk the trails and experience this unique landscape for yourself. After lunch, continue on to Loch Ness. Wander the ruins of the legendary Urquhart Castle and imagine all that transpired inside the walls of this 13th-century medieval fortress. Afterwards, travel to Inverness, capital of the Highlands, to settle into your hotel for the night. After dinner, you may wish to take a stroll with your Tour Manager to neighbouring Eden Court along the River Ness. (B, D)

Day 7: Inverness

Head out on the water and cruise Moray Firth, travelling up the Beauly Firth to the Caledonian Canal and then back out as far as Munloch Bay. Keep your eyes peeled for otters, porpoises, seals, and numerous shore birds along the way. Continue to Culloden Battlefield, where in 1746, a half-hour battle changed the course of Scotland's history. Experience the 360-degree battle immersion theatre at the visitor centre and see artefacts from the conflict. Later this afternoon, return to

Inverness, and have some time at leisure to explore. (B)

Day 8: Inverness - Blair Atholl - Dundee

Immerse yourself in history today at Blair Castle & Gardens, the ancestral home of Clan Murray. Explore the ornate 18th century interiors and wander the nine acres of walled gardens where you may spot a peacock roaming free. After lunch, continue to Bamff Ecotourism for an **Impact Moment**. Meet the owners of this tranquil estate and learn why they're helping to reintroduce the wild beaver population to Scotland. Continue on to Dundee, an up-and-coming city on the banks of the River Tay. (B, D)

Day 9: Dundee - Edinburgh

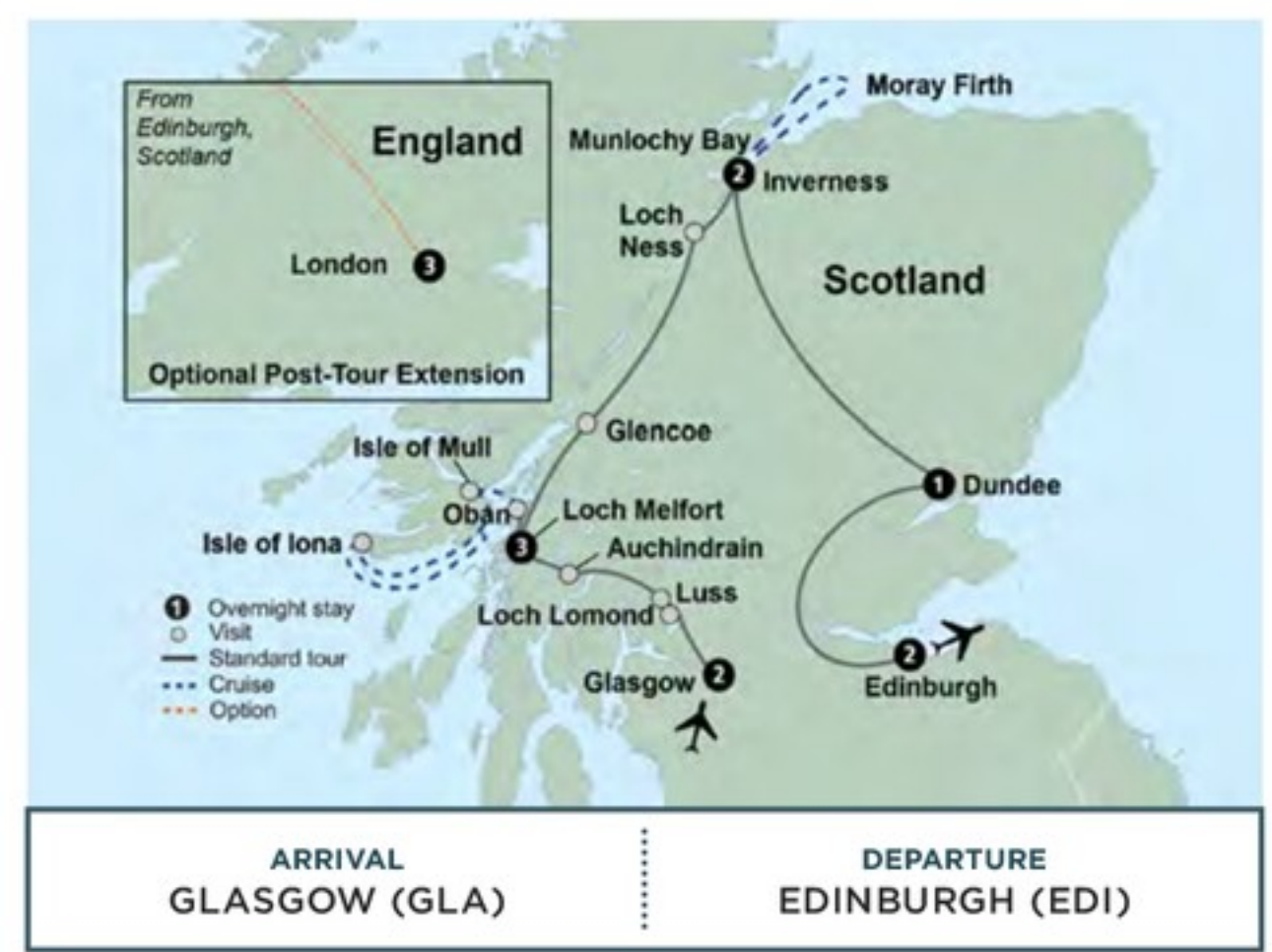
This morning, **it's your choice!** Visit Discovery Point, home to the RRS Discovery, the ship that took Scott and Shackleton to Antarctica in 1901 -**OR-** get inspired at the V&A Dundee, Scotland's highly acclaimed design museum. Your day ends in Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh. Tonight, you may wish to join an optional Scottish cultural show for a night of food, song, and dance. (B)

Day 10: Edinburgh

Start with an **Impact Moment** getting a local's perspective from a guide with *Invisible Cities*, a social enterprise that trains people affected by homelessness to become tour guides of their own city. After your tour, visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. The rest of the day is yours to explore as you wish. Perhaps you'll take a stroll among the Georgian architecture of the New Town or journey to Leith for a visit to the Royal Yacht *Britannia*. Gather in the evening for a whisky-inspired farewell dinner highlighting the flavours of Scotland and toast to your Scottish explorations. (B, D)

Day 11: Edinburgh - Tour Ends

Wish Scotland a fond farewell as you depart for home. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at \$5449
SOLO Starting at \$6399

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 6 October 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023
March - May 2024
(different itinerary - see note*)

June - October 2024
March - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

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+ Pre-Night:
Glasgow (1-2 Nights)



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Edinburgh (1-2 Nights)



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SHADES OF IRELAND

9 DAYS • 13 MEALS

STARTING AT \$3699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Dublin • Irish Evening • Kilkenny • Waterford • Blarney Castle • Killarney • Jaunting Car Ride • Ring of Kerry • Limerick • Cliffs of Moher • Sheepdog Demonstration • Galway • Castle Stay



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Overnight on the grounds of a stately castle.
- Experience the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's great coastal roads.
- See Irish sheepdogs in action during a traditional demonstration.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — Ride with a local guide and see Dublin's most famous sites **-OR-** take a walking tour of the city's historic center.
- **Day 3** — Tour the Waterford Crystal factory **-OR-** visit the Medieval Museum and have a glass of wine in the 15th-century Wine Vault.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a hearty dinner and night of traditional Irish entertainment.
- Taste the "water of life" during an Irish whiskey tasting.
- Settle in for an elegant dinner at a castle.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin
- Day 3** Granville Hotel, Waterford
- Days 4, 5** Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney Plaza Hotel, The Heights Hotel, Great Southern Killarney, or The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney
- Days 6, 7** Castletroy Park Hotel, The Savoy Hotel, or The George Hotel, Limerick
- Day 8** Cabra Castle, Kingscourt or The Johnstown Estate, Meath

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Cliffs of Moher

From history-filled Dublin to the rolling green hills and dramatic coast, experience Ireland's charm on a journey through the Emerald Isle.

Day 1: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Get a taste of old Dublin. Tonight, you and your fellow travellers revel in a traditional Irish evening, including regional cuisine. (D)

Day 2: Dublin

Today, **it's your choice!** Choose to ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, the National Gallery, and the historic Phoenix Park **-OR-** choose a walking tour of the city's historic centre, exploring St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the General Post Office. Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. Later, you may join an optional tour to the Guinness Storehouse, followed by dinner at a contemporary restaurant showcasing Irish cuisine. (B)

Day 3: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford

Step back in time and begin the day in the medieval splendour of 12th century Kilkenny on the River Nore. Then, in Waterford, embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city. **It's your choice!** Tour the Waterford Crystal factory and learn how exquisite crystal has been made for centuries **-OR-** visit the Medieval Museum for a guided tour and a glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault. (B, D)

Day 4: Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney

The legend goes that those who kiss the Blarney Stone gain the gift of eloquence - give it a try if you wish at historic Blarney Castle. Cross into County Kerry and continue on to charming Killarney. Enjoy a traditional jaunting car ride through Killarney National Park before boarding a boat and sailing through the breathtaking lakes in the company of an expert boatman. Tonight, it's Diner's Choice... choose your included dinner from a "menu" of Killarney's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 5: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

Take in the rugged coastline as you loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. The night is free for reminiscing about the day as you find your own authentic taste of Irish culture. (B)

Day 6: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Limerick

Today brings you to the dramatic, 700-foot-



high Cliffs of Moher for cinematic views of the mighty Atlantic. Continue to Limerick, where a panoramic city tour showcases King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone. Delve into the fascinating history of the "city of the violated treaty." This evening you may join an optional medieval banquet dinner, hosted in a castle. (B)

Day 7: Limerick - Galway - Limerick

Pass through the windswept, limestone landscape of the Burren, known for its stark beauty and Neolithic tombs. See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration. Continue on to Galway for a brief tour that showcases "The City of Tribes."

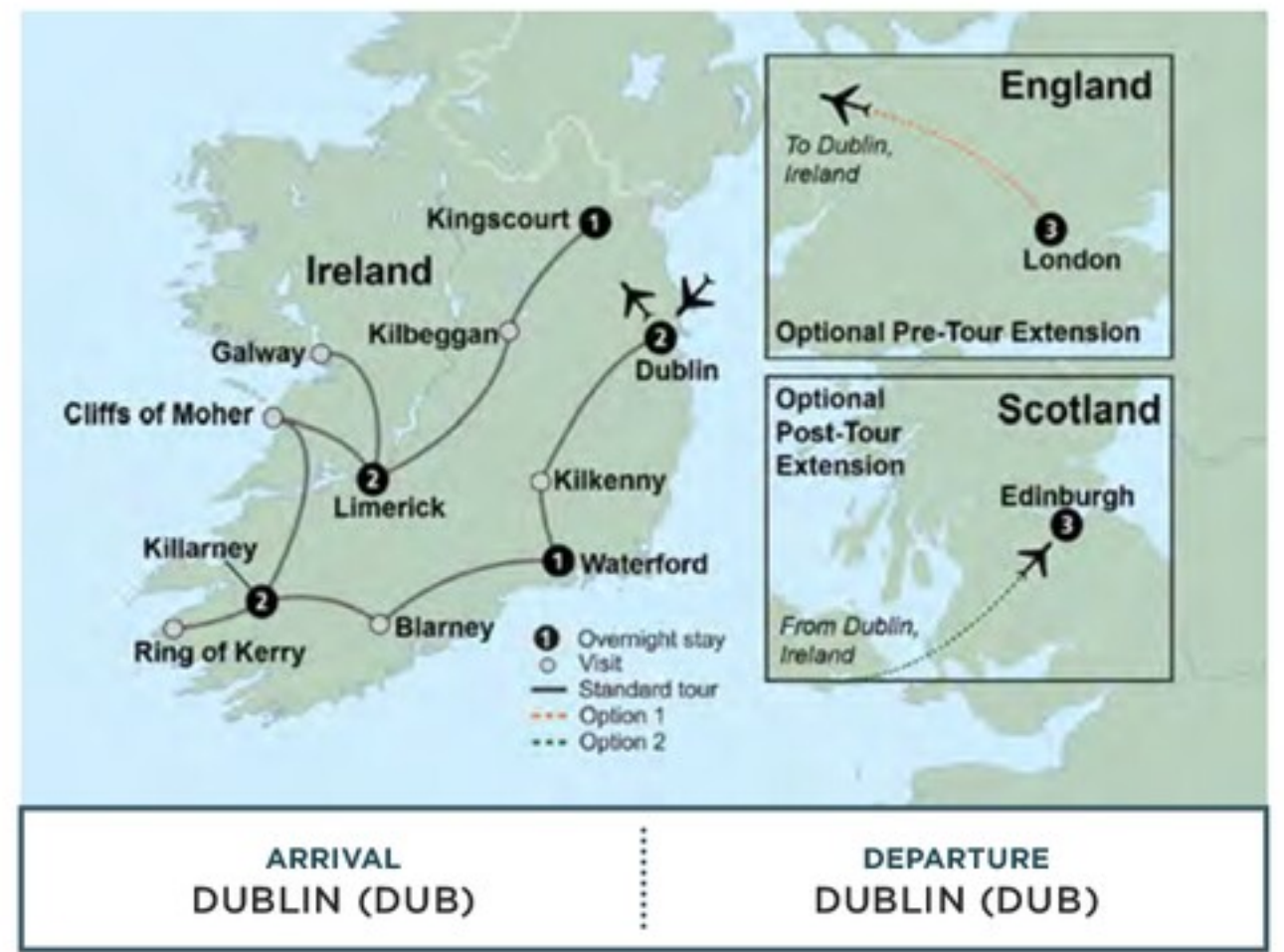
Return to Limerick to relax over dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Limerick - Kilbeggan - Kingscourt

You don't have to be a connoisseur to appreciate the old-world heritage of Ireland's whiskey territory. Your journey brings you to Kilbeggan in the heart of Ireland, where a superb distillery brings whiskey craftsmanship to life and gives you a taste of the final product. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the stately grounds of Cabra Castle, where you toast the end of a memorable trip during an elegant dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Kingscourt - Tour Ends

Your journey ends in Kingscourt. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at **\$3699** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$4549**

Prices based on 1 November 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October - November 2023	June - November 2024
March - May 2024	March - May 2025
<i>(different itinerary - see note*)</i>	<i>(featured itinerary)</i>

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

- + Pre-Night: Dublin (1-2 NIGHTS)**
- + Post-Night: Cabra Castle (1-2 NIGHTS)**
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Shades of Ireland featuring Northern Ireland
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MARCH - MAY 2025

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St. Patrick's Day
Celebrate in Ireland in the birthplace of St. Patrick, the "Apostle of Ireland."

★ **DATES AVAILABLE MARCH 2024**

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BEST OF ITALY

11 DAYS • 17 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5299

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Venice • Gondola Ride • Classical Music Concert • Po River Delta Wetlands • Republic of San Marino • Impact Moment: Culinary Arts & Agriculture Vocational School Visit • Florence • Chiusi Etruscan Museum • Labyrinth of Porsenna • Rome • Trastevere Food Tour Dinner



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a classical music concert of Vivaldi's famous *Four Seasons*.
- Explore the Po River Delta during a pontoon boat sailing of this UNESCO wetland region.
- Discover the craftsmanship behind the Venetian gondolas during a visit to a local *Remèr* oar-making workshop.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — Relax at your hotel with a wine-infused mud treatment **-OR-** spend the day in Ravenna for a guided tour of its mosaics.
- **Day 9** — Explore Rome on a walking tour of its Renaissance and Baroque masterpieces **-OR-** search for the vestiges of the Empire during a panoramic tour featuring the Catacombs.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Participate in a hands-on cooking class dedicated to Romagna's *garganelli* and *strozzapreti* pastas.
- Taste traditionally made Parmigiano cheese and Balsamic vinegar at a Culinary Arts vocational school.
- Experience the flavours of *Trastevere* – Rome's medieval district – during a food tour dinner.

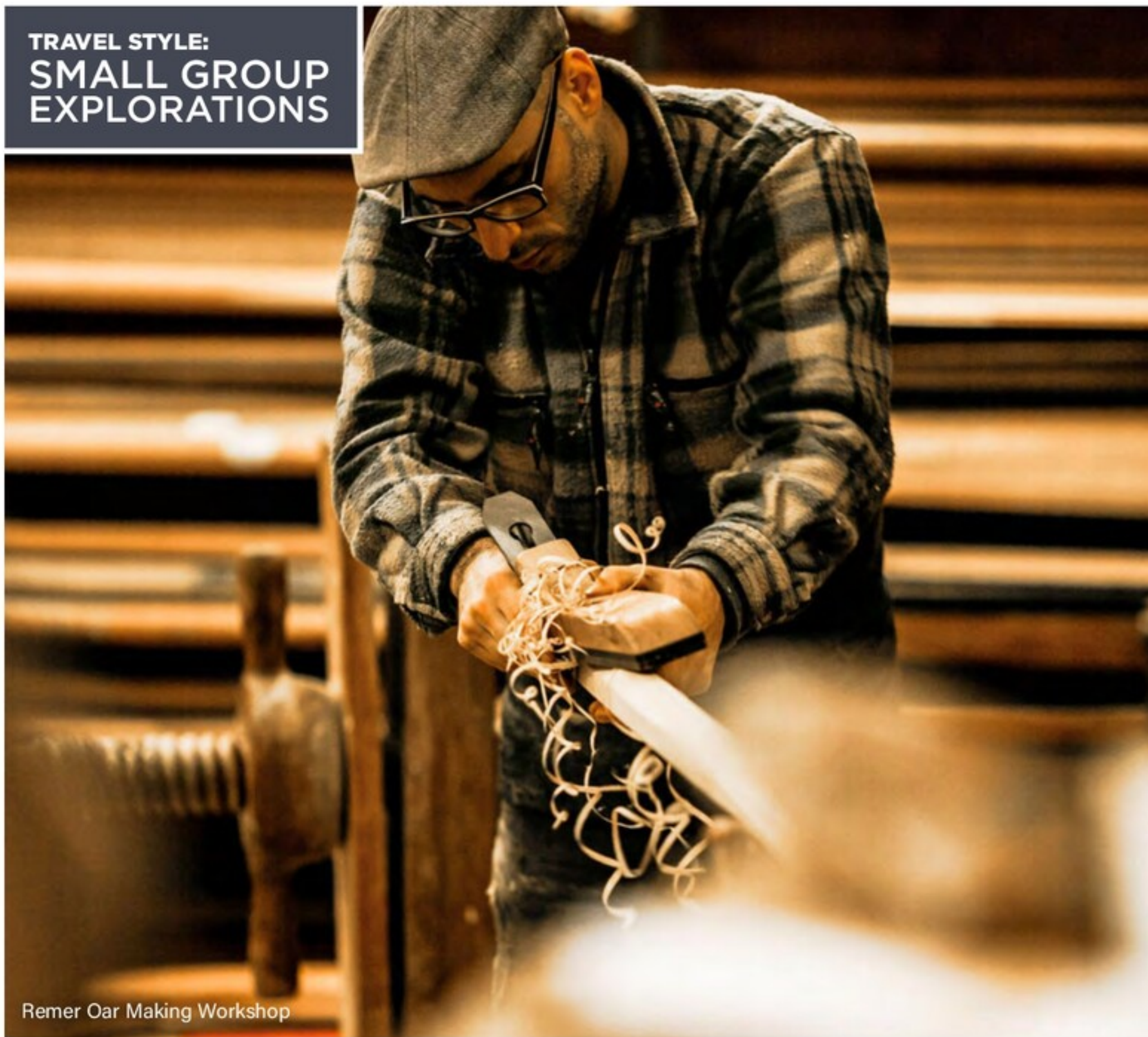


ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Maison Venezia UNA Esperienze, Hotel NH Venezia Rio Novo, or Hotel Santa Marina, Venice
- Days 3 - 5** Borgo Conde Wine Resort, Romagna Countryside, Forli
- Days 6, 7** Grand Hotel Cavour, Florence
- Days 8 - 10** Ponte Sisto Hotel, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Remer Oar Making Workshop

Be whisked away into the beauty and history of Italy when you journey to Venice, Florence, and Rome.

Day 1: Venice, Italy - Tour Begins

Welcome to enchanting Venice (UNESCO) with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. This evening, meet your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Venice

This morning, explore the traditional Venetian craftsmanship behind one of the city's symbols: the sleek, iconic gondola boats. Visit a local *Remèr* oar-making workshop, one of only a handful still active in the city. Then, join a local guide for a walking tour of the Venice's most iconic sights. Pause for the perfect view over the Bridge of Sighs and take in St. Mark's Square, adorned with marbled palaces and gilded basilicas. Travel by boat to Murano for an expert glass-blowing demonstration, a renowned tradition on the island. This evening, glide along the canals during a gondola ride before delving into Venice's classical music heritage while attending a live performance of the *Four Seasons* composed by the great Venetian Antonio Vivaldi. (B)

Day 3: Venice - Po River Sailing - Romagna Countryside

Say "Ciao" to Venice as you journey towards the Romagna region, famous for its epicurean lifestyle and its *joie de vivre*. Along the way, visit the Po

Delta (UNESCO). Since ancient times, this delta has been the border between the Venice and Ravenna regions, once two independent states. These wetlands will give you a glimpse into what Venice and Ravenna looked like to ancient Roman settlers making their way here from the south. You'll explore these wetlands by pontoon boat, learning about how the ecosystem here actually aided the Romans in escaping the barbarians that harried them. You'll also learn about the lives of fisherman and farmers whose lives have changed very little over the last 1000 years. Take in the tranquil scenery before stopping for lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, continue to your hotel nestled among vineyards in the Romagna countryside and settle in for your 3-night stay. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Romagna Countryside

Today, **it's your choice!** Bask in the bucolic landscape at your wine resort hotel and pamper yourself with an organic wine-infused mud treatment in the onsite spa **-OR-** spend the day exploring Ravenna (UNESCO). During the darkness that enveloped the last days of the Roman Empire, Ravenna emerged as a centre of power thanks to its strategic position. The city's rulers – the Byzantines, the Goths – adorned its churches with dazzling mosaics. During a guided

walking tour, discover the city's most illustrious monuments including the mosaics that inspired Cole Porter's Night and Day. This evening, join the local chef for a hands-on cooking class centered on Romagna's most typical pasta dishes with colourful names such as *garganelli* or *strozzapreti* (priest-stranglers), and enjoy the results of your work for dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Romagna Countryside

Grab your passport and journey to the landlocked Republic of San Marino, the fifth-smallest country in the world. Perched at the top of Mount Titano, the old town of San Marino (UNESCO) gives visitors sweeping views over the Adriatic Riviera and the gentle rolling hills of the Romagna countryside. Explore the Old Town's intricate system of fortification towers, walls, gates and bastions during time at leisure. This evening, wrap up your stay in the Romagna Countryside with a wine-pairing dinner at your wine resort hotel. (B, D)

Day 6: Romagna Countryside - Florence

Today, travel to the Emilia region, Italy's foodie haven. Meet students and teachers at a vocational high school for an **Impact Moment** dedicated to the Culinary Arts and Agriculture. Here, Italy's future chefs and farmers learn how to make Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese according to traditional codes, dating back to the 1300s. Students also try their hand aging Balsamic vinegar, a generational process taking anything from 12 to 25 years. Enjoy a farm-to-table light lunch prepared by the culinary students using ingredients from the School's farm. Later, continue to Florence (UNESCO), the "Cradle of the Renaissance" and your home for the next 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 7: Florence

This morning, meet a local expert for a walking tour of a city that is a work of art all on its own. Your guide will highlight the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Baptistery. You'll also visit the Piazza della Signoria with its impressive Palazzo Vecchio. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Florence's cultural riches independently. Perhaps you'll visit to one of the city's many museums, such as the Uffizi or Academy Gallery, where Michelangelo's *David* is kept. (B)

Day 8: Florence - Chiusi - Rome

This morning traverse southern Tuscany, the ancient land of the Etruscans.

This mysterious civilisation predated the Romans, who assimilated them, erasing most of their way of life, even though many early kings of Rome were Etruscans. By all accounts, they were an advanced society and culture. On a guided walking tour of Chiusi, once part of the Etruscan Dodecapolis, you explore the town's underground water system - which has so many twists and turns that it was nicknamed *Labyrinth of King Porsenna*. You'll also visit the small archeological museum housing some of the most interesting artefacts archeologists found in the surrounding hills. Arrive in Rome (UNESCO) in the afternoon and settle in for a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 9: Rome 🇻🇪

This morning, **it's your choice!** Explore Rome your way: delve into Rome's second Golden Age on a walking tour exploring its Renaissance and Baroque heritage and featuring Caravaggio's paintings, alongside the Pantheon and Navona Square **-OR-** explore Rome's Christian heritage on a panoramic tour featuring the Catacombs and the medieval basilica of St. Sabina on the Aventine Hill. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Italy's capital city. Perhaps you'll stroll down the monumental avenue of the Imperial Forums for views of the Colosseum, or climb the Capital Hill with its monumental piazza designed by Michelangelo. (B)

Day 10: Rome

Make the most of a free day in the Eternal City. Perhaps you'll stroll through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or join an optional guided tour of the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel and Saint Peter's Basilica. Gather tonight to toast the end of your Italian adventure during a food tour in Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B, D)

Day 11: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many fond memories of incredible Italy. (B)



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DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$5299** / Starting at **\$6299** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - May 2024 (different itinerary - see note*) | **June 2024 - May 2025** (featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Venice (1-2 Nights)



+ Post-Night: Rome (1-2 Nights)




Borgo Conde, Romagna Countryside

ITALIAN VISTAS

12 DAYS • 17 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Rome • Colosseum • Ruins of Pompeii • Sorrento • Florence • Statue of David • Leaning Tower of Pisa • Tuscan Winery • Venice • Murano Island • Verona • Lake Maggiore • Stresa



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Get an in-depth tour of the Colosseum.
- Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.
- Take in the view of the Bay of Naples from Sorrento's cliffs.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- **Day 4** — Explore Pompeii's vast archeological site at your own pace. Pick between a leisurely tour of the highlights **-OR-** a faster paced visit combining must-sees and off-the-beaten-path gems.
- **Day 11** — Boat to Isola Bella and enjoy a guided tour of the Borromeo Palace **-OR-** cross into Switzerland for a motor coach journey up the Simplon Pass to experience the Swiss Alps.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Visit a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample the local wines.
- Savour traditionally produced macaroni during lunch at a family-owned factory.
- Taste balsamic vinegar, olive oil & local wines at a family-run wine shop in Stresa.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Mediterraneo Hotel, Grand Hotel Palatino, or UNAHOTELS Trastevere, Rome
- Days 4, 5** Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento, Hotel Sporting, Vico Equense or Hotel Majestic, Sant'Agnello or Hotel Due Golfi, Massa Lubrense
- Days 6, 7** Grand Hotel Baglioni, Starhotels Michelangelo or Hotel Albani Firenze, Florence
- Days 8, 9** NH Venezia Santa Lucia, Venice
- Days 10, 11** Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



From the ancient ruins of Pompeii to the chic charm of the Sorrento Coast, embark on a spectacular Italian getaway.

Day 1: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Welcome to Rome. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and Italian wines. (D)

Day 2: Rome

Discover the city on a locally guided tour of Classical Rome, passing by the Baths of Caracalla as well as the remains of the ancient Circus Maximus. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. Meander through Rome's Renaissance district for a peek at the mythic Pantheon and the oval-shaped Piazza Navona, adorned with Baroque fountains. Spend the evening at leisure. Perhaps you'll head to the medieval Monti neighbourhood where the cobblestoned streets are lined with antique shops, independent boutiques and local restaurants. (B)

Day 3: Rome

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Rome's cultural treasures. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Consider an optional trip to Vatican City to tour the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. The evening is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional food tour and taste your way around Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B)

Day 4: Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento

Journey to the brilliant Bay of Naples, where

charming villages are built into hillsides above the blue sea. In Pompeii, **it's your choice!** Soak in 2,000 years of history at your own pace. Pick between a leisurely paced tour of the highlights **-OR-** a faster paced visit of Pompeii's off-the-beaten-path gems. Pause in nearby Gagnano for a late lunch and visit to a pasta factory. Continue to the scenic resort town of Sorrento, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 5: Sorrento

Today, sail to the enchanting Isle of Capri. Upon arrival, admire the island's iconic scenery on a panoramic cruise, passing by the steep cliffs, endless small caves, and the famous Faraglioni rocks, jutting out of the water. Spend time in Capri town with its world-famous piazzetta and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation, and outdoor cafés. Return to Sorrento in the late afternoon for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Sorrento - Florence

Head through Tuscany, with its landscape of vineyards and olive groves. Experience Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." Home to Italy's best art and architecture, here you'll visit the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's renowned sculpture of David. Tonight, enjoy regional Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)



Day 7: Florence

Embark on a locally guided tour of Florence, highlighting the Piazza del Duomo and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery. Wander through the Piazza della Signoria and stand in awe before the imposing Palazzo Vecchio. The rest of the day is yours. Consider an optional excursion to the 14th-century Certosa monastery, featuring an after-hours tour and dinner in a popular Tuscan restaurant. (B)

Day 8: Florence - Pisa - Venice

Visit the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa to discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli and the famous Leaning Tower. A special stop is made at a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample local wines and specialities. Next, cross the Apennine Mountains en route to Venice, where 117 islands are connected by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L)

Day 9: Venice

Embark on a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. When you return, step off the beaten path and see for yourself how the locals live. Explore the Castello district with a local expert, walking canal by canal through the narrow streets all the way to St. Mark's Square. Admire the stunning Basilica and the ornate façade of the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Consider an optional gondola cruise to experience Venice's most famous pastime. (B)

Day 10: Venice - Verona - Stresa, Lake Maggiore

Depart Venice for Verona, and stroll the streets that were the backdrop for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Arrive in the resort town of Stresa in the breathtaking Italian Lakes District, your home for the next two nights, and admire the beautiful views of Lake Maggiore. (B, D)

Day 11: Stresa

Today, **it's your choice!** Take a boat across Lake Maggiore to Isola Bella, where you'll join an expert guide and venture into the Borromeo Palace and gardens **-OR-** cross into Switzerland as your motor coach climbs up the Simplon Pass for a taste of

the Swiss Alps. Tonight, travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a farewell dinner surrounded by beautiful scenery. (B, D)

Day 12: Stresa - Tour Ends

Your Italian adventure comes to a close today. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$5699** / Starting at **\$6999** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 11 March 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - May 2024 (different itinerary - see note*) June 2024 - May 2025 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2024 - May 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

Optional 3 Night Taormina Pre-Tour Extension
Starting at \$1260+ pp



Day 1: Taormina, Sicily - Tour Begins
Arrive at the Catania airport and transfer to Taormina, a seaside hub of ancient Greek theaters and hilly walkways. Settle into your new home for a 3-night stay in this Sicilian gem perched high above the Mediterranean Sea. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant featuring regional delicacies. (D)

Day 2: Taormina - Walking Tour - Afternoon at Leisure
Uncover Taormina's charms in company of an expert local guide. During your walking tour, you'll see Corso Umberto, the Corvaja Palace, and the city's well-preserved Greek theatre. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent ocean. Spend the afternoon on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café, or peruse the local boutiques. (B)

Day 3: Taormina - Mount Etna - Taormina
See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. Stare up at the iconic peak as your off-road vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks. Back in Taormina, enjoy an evening at leisure in this enchanting resort town. (B)

Day 4: Taormina - Rome
Say *Arrivederci* Taormina as you transfer to the Catania airport for your flight for Rome. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Rome (1-2 Nights)

+ Post-Night: Stresa (1-2 Nights)

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 10-11: Regina Palace, Stresa
Enjoy views of Lake Maggiore by upgrading your accommodations to a lake view room.

Please enquire about upgrade at time of booking.

“The walking tours, museums, free time, and the great foods of Italy – it was all fantastic! We were not only sad to leave this amazing country, but such a fun group of people, too.”
– Amy W.

ITALY: AMALFI COAST TO PUGLIA

13 DAYS • 19 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Naples • Impact Moment • Pompeii • Wine Tasting • Minori • Amalfi • Positano • Ravello • Matera • Lecce • Tarantella Folk Music & Dance Performance • Ostuni • Ape Calessino Tour • Alberobello



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Zoom through Ostuni in the backseat of a 3-wheeled Ape Calessino car.
- Experience the Italian landscape like never before and spend 2 nights in a unique cave-dwelling accommodation.
- **Impact Moment:** Discover traditional Neapolitan songs and music during a private performance at a local social enterprise.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — Visit Villa Rufolo and gaze out at the spectacular Amalfi Coast -OR- hike the half-mile trail down to the remote gardens of Villa Cimbrone.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Sample wines just outside of Pompeii, created from the fertile volcanic countryside.
- Make your way through Lecce's city centre with a multi-stop dinner.
- Gaze out at the deep blue Bay of Naples and looming Mt. Vesuvius as you dine on regional specialties.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Royal Continental Hotel, Naples
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.
- Days 3 - 6** Hotel Villa Romana or Minori Palace Hotel, Minori, Amalfi Coast
- Days 7, 8** Locanda di San Martino Hotel, Matera
- Days 9, 10** Santa Chiara Suite Hotel, Lecce, Puglia
- Days 11, 12** Trulli Holiday Albergo Diffuso, Alberobello, Puglia

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Stray off the beaten path and explore a new side to the Italy you know and love.

Day 1: Naples, Italy - Tour Begins

Begin in Naples, a vibrant mecca for locals and travelers alike. Volcanic landscapes give way to medieval architecture and Grecian lanes, creating a unique culture exclusive to Naples. Settle into your new home for the next 2 nights and admire the view of crashing waves and bobbing boats. Toast to the start of your Italian getaway over dinner, looking out over the deep blue Bay of Naples to Mt. Vesuvius looming in the distance. (D).

Day 2: Naples

Explore Naples' exuberant historic city centre (UNESCO) and underground ancient ruins with a local guide. Visit the Sansevero Chapel, home to the Veiled Christ statue, rumored to be created by alchemy due to its carved flowing cloth. During your afternoon at leisure, consider visiting the nearby National Archeological Museum and peruse relics from Pompeii. Tonight's **Impact Moment** comes in the form of a private concert, performed by the *Napulitanata* social enterprise, which supports Italian heritage and abates the city's high unemployment. (B)

Day 3: Naples - Pompeii - Minori

Feel the ghosts of the past as you wander through Pompeii with a guide. After you've explored the public baths and private villas, get a new

perspective on the volcanic countryside with a visit to a nearby winery. Layers of ash have transformed the timeworn soil into a fertile vineyard. Enjoy a wine tasting with lunch before continuing to the beloved Amalfi Coast. Watch the sun fade along the horizon in coastal Minori, your new home for the next 4 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Minori - Maiori - Minori

A fishing village of terraced lemon groves, Minori exudes the quintessential *Amalfitana* vibe. Start your morning in a garden and learn about *sfusato* lemons, used in *limoncello*. Sample this fragrant liqueur in a pastry shop before hiking along the coast. You'll trek the rugged Path of Lemons - an ancient, hilly route that links Minori with the nearby town Maiori. Explore on your own before returning by boat. The remainder of the day is yours. (B)

Day 5: Minori - Amalfi - Positano - Minori

Journey by boat to Amalfi, the rocky coast's namesake town. Formerly a maritime republic, Amalfi puts a historic spin on the seaside hubs, containing cobblestone piazzas and towering mosaicked cathedrals. After a few hours on your own, ferry past tumbling cliffs and pastel-coloured houses on your way to Positano. Enjoy a free



afternoon in this resort town, perhaps browsing the posh boutiques or resting along the beach. Return to Minori by ferry. (B)

Day 6: Minori - Ravello - Minori ✔

Look down upon the Amalfi Coast from Ravello, a picturesque village with the best vantage point of the winding coastline. Then, **it's your choice!** Visit the gardens of Villa Rufolo, making your way through a latticework of hedges and flowers to gaze out at the azure waves below **-OR-** hike the half-mile trail down to the remote gardens of Villa Cimbrone before returning to Minori for an afternoon at leisure. (B, D)

Day 7: Minori - Matera

This morning, discover one of Italy's delectable cheese products during a visit to a dairy farm. Taste freshly made mozzarella for lunch before continuing south to Matera (UNESCO), whose inimitable scenery has been featured in blockbuster films. Experience the town's cave dwellings, your home for the next 2 nights. Each cave is unique, half-excavated and half-carved from the land. In these unparalleled accommodations, connect with the Italian landscape like never before. (B, L)

Day 8: Matera

Hike into Matera's 9,000-year-old history on a guided walking tour along its hillside

caves, narrow passages and steep alleys known to locals as the Sassi. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Matera's heritage. Perhaps you'll visit the remarkable Palombaro Lungo underground water cistern or head out of town for a hike through the surrounding countryside dotted with prehistoric caves and medieval rock churches. (B)

Day 9: Matera - Lecce

Cross into the Puglia region and pause at an olive grove to learn about the different kinds of oil before continuing to Lecce, a Baroque powerhouse of limestone. Get to know the city with a local expert and take in its iconic architecture and papier-mâché craftsmanship. Dine your way around Lecce in the evening with a multi-stop dinner in the city centre. (B, D)

Day 10: Lecce

The day is yours. Lose yourself in the city's charismatic ambience - full of winding lanes, sun-kissed piazzas, and hidden cafes. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to Otranto and a nearby winery, featuring a tasting of wine from the region's dark-purple grapes. No matter how you spend the day, reconvene in the evening for a private folk music and dance performance, highlighting the traditional *pizzica e taranta*. According to legend, spider bites cause the women to dance with feverish energy. (B)

Day 11: Lecce - Ostuni - Alberobello

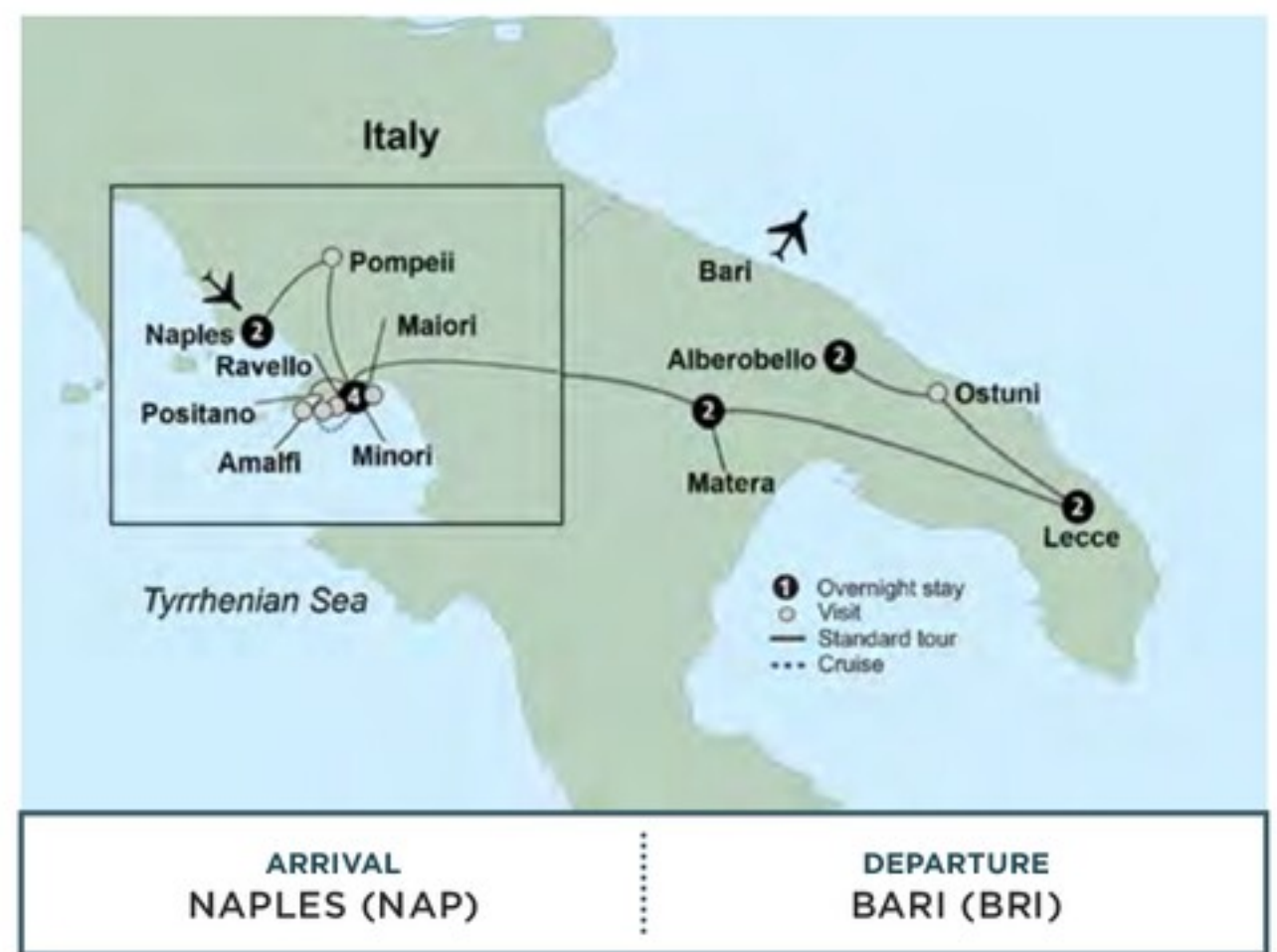
Stop in Ostuni, a whitewashed town surrounded by olive trees. Zoom through the town like a local in the backseat of an open-air Ape Calessino, a traditional 3-wheeled car. Enjoy time on your own before arriving in Alberobello. Make your way to your personal room, a converted house that will serve as your home for the next 2 nights. Make the most of a free evening to independently discover the town's secrets. (B)

Day 12: Alberobello

Say "*buongiorno*" to Alberobello (UNESCO), a whimsical city that hosts a collection of cone-shaped *trulli* homes. Meander through a labyrinth of these gnomish houses, sometimes featuring symbols with superstitious connotations. The afternoon is yours to explore. As the day draws to a close, wish Italy goodbye at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Alberobello - Tour Ends

Depart for home with treasured memories of rocky shores and cobblestone streets. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at **\$5699** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$6849**

Prices based on 21 March 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October - November 2023	June - November 2024
March - May 2024	March - May 2025
<i>(different itinerary - see note*)</i>	<i>(featured itinerary)</i>

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **Pre-Night: Naples (1-2 NIGHTS)**

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Days 1-2: Hotel Royal Continental

For your 2-night stay in Naples you may choose to upgrade your room at the Hotel Royal Continental to a frontal sea-view room. Wake up to admire the sparkling waters of the Bay of Naples.

Please enquire about this upgrade at time of booking.

ITALY'S TREASURES

11 DAYS • 18 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Italian Lakes Region • Stresa • Wine Tasting • Impact Moment • Italian Riviera • Cinque Terre • Carrara Marble Quarries Off-Road Excursion • Tuscan Countryside • Italian Cooking Class • San Gimignano • Siena • Florence • Bologna • Venice



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Lake Orta, one of Italy's hidden treasures.
- Discover colourful Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Explore the marble quarries of Carrara aboard off-road vehicles.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Journey by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a lovely welcome dinner.
- Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlour in San Gimignano.
- Learn the art behind Tuscan cuisine during a hands-on cooking lesson.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.
- Days 3, 4** Grand Hotel dei Castelli, Grande Albergo or Hotel Due Mari, Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera
- Days 5 - 8** Villa Lecchi, Villa Godenano, or Villa San Paolo, Tuscany
- Days 9, 10** Hotel Ca' dei Conti, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Carrara Marble Quarries

Vineyards, olive groves, and cities that float. Incredible history, indelible culture, and unforgettable cuisine. This is *l'Italia* at its most iconic.

Day 1: Stresa, Italy - Tour Begins

Begin on the arresting shores of Lake Maggiore, surrounded by the peaceful beauty of the Alpine lakes region. This evening, cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands, where you'll engage with new friends at a dinner welcoming you to Italy. (D)

Day 2: Stresa

In an ancient village nestled in the mountains, a local family welcomes you to sample their very own artisanal cheeses, paired with the region's best wines. During an **Impact Moment**, have lunch at a social enterprise giving ex-offenders a second chance through the dignity of work. This restaurant trains and employs those who have been through the justice system for a non-violent offence as cooks and servers. The remainder of the day in Stresa is at your leisure. Explore the piazzas, flower-lined cobblestone streets, and lakeside promenades. Or enjoy your breathtaking surroundings during an optional cruise to Isola Bella, known as the "beautiful island." Here an expert will guide you into the Borromeo Palace, a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an exotic garden. As the day draws

to a close, visit a family-run wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party with some antipasto snacks. (B, L)

Day 3: Stresa - Orta - Italian Riviera

Witness picture-perfect views from Lake Orta, an ancient glacial lake in the Alpine foothills. A boat delivers you to the island of San Giulio, dominated by its working convent. Journey to the Italian Riviera and discover its immeasurable grandeur along the Liguria coast. (B, D)

Day 4: Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre - Italian Riviera

Travel by rail today as you discover the colourful Cinque Terre (UNESCO), a string of medieval villages perched on the edge of the sea. Feel like you have stepped back in time as you traverse the rugged coastal area dotted with terraced vineyards. Spend an afternoon independently exploring this awe-inspiring landscape. (B)

Day 5: Italian Riviera - Carrara Marble Quarries - Tuscany

Veer off the beaten path to visit one of Italy's great natural wonders: the Carrara marble quarries. During an off-road drive in the Apuane Mountains, you'll follow the roads the *cavatori*



San Gimignano



Bologna food tour

gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlour while you wander the cobbled streets and gaze up at the imposing towers during time at leisure in this Tuscan gem. (B, L)

Day 7: Tuscany - Siena - Tuscany

Travel south to Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage site where stunning Romanesque and Gothic architecture can be found on every corner. Walk the narrow medieval streets on a guided tour. Get to know the local lifestyle of a *contrada* (neighbourhood) whose community Museum is centered around the colourful Palio horse race. Retreat to your Tuscan villa for a relaxing afternoon. (B, D)

Day 8: Tuscany - Florence - Tuscany

Welcome to Florence – the birthplace of the Renaissance and the beloved home of the Medici family, Galileo, Botticelli and da Vinci. Set out on a walking tour of Florence’s treasures and monuments, highlighting the Piazza del Duomo and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery. You’ll also wander past the Palazzo Vecchio, the Signoria and Santa Croce squares. Enjoy time to explore Florence independently before returning to your villa. (B)

Day 9: Tuscany - Bologna - Venice

On a walking tour, discover the culture of Bologna, a city barely changed since the time of the Renaissance and Italy’s food capital. Browse the city’s speciality food shops and sample local delicacies such as Parmigiano cheese, mortadella - the Italian progenitor of baloney - and lasagne. Arrive later in Venice, the “Queen of the Adriatic,” and settle in for a 2-night stay in one of the most romantic cities in the world. (B, L)

Day 10: Venice

Spend the day in Venezia, the floating city home to lavish art collections, wonders of architecture, and where marbled palaces tower over gondola-laden canals. A local guide takes you on a walking tour of its incredible sites, including the Bridge of Sighs, the Bell tower, and St. Mark’s Square. Then, travel by boat to Murano for an expert glass-blowing demonstration, a renowned tradition on the island. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore more of Venice on your own. Say *arrivederci* to Italy at a savoury farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Venice - Tour Ends

Wake up in Venice and depart for home. (B)

(quarrymen) carved into the mountains while extracting the precious stone. Over the centuries, Carrara marble was used by artists such as Michelangelo to carve his *Pietà* in Rome’s St. Peter’s Basilica, as well as his legendary *Statue of David*. Enjoy some free time to explore Carrara’s old town on your own; view the town’s cathedral, the Duomo, built in white marble, or search for Michelangelo’s bust marking his former home. Continue on through the rolling hills of Tuscany, ending the day in a historic Tuscan villa for a rejuvenating 4-night stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Tuscany - San Gimignano - Tuscany

This morning, journey into the heart of the Chianti countryside, where a family-owned villa welcomes you. After a tour of the house and grounds, you’ll engage in a hands-on cooking lesson. Break bread during an authentic Tuscan lunch and toast to your host with local Chianti wine. Later, take in Tuscany’s landscape, a spectrum of verdant vineyards and endless groves en route to San Gimignano. Nicknamed the Manhattan of the Middle Ages, San Gimignano’s 14 towers soar distinctively over the landscape making this iconic hilltop village stand out against the rolling hills. Taste authentic Italian



ARRIVAL
MILAN (MIL)

DEPARTURE
VENICE (VCE)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5699**
SOLO Starting at **\$6699**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 16 March 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023
March - May 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

June - October 2024
March - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June 2024 - May 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night:

Lake Maggiore (1-2 Nights)



+ Post-Night:

Venice (1-2 Nights)



ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 1-2: Regina Palace, Stresa

Enjoy views of Lake Maggiore by upgrading your accommodations to a lake view room.

Please enquire about this upgrade at time of booking.

NEW TOUR

OLD WORLD SICILY & MALTA

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4599

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:

1 2 3 4

SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Malta • Grand Harbour Cruise • Valletta • Impact Moment • Ferry to Sicily • Winery Tour • Ragusa-Ibla • Siracusa • Taormina's Greek Theatre • Mount Etna Off-Road Excursion



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Soak up the island ambiance of Malta with a 4-night stay in Sliema.
- Delve into Maltese culture during a tour of a traditional limestone village.
- Ascend the sides of Mount Etna (UNESCO) in off-road vehicles.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 8** — In Siracusa, explore the ruins of the ancient Greek colony **-OR-** take in the city's most precious treasures during a visit of the archeological museum.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Explore the flavours of Maltese cuisine during a family-style dinner at a local band club.
- Pause for a Sicilian cappuccino and pastry breakfast at a local "bar."
- Taste natural wines produced without filtering and learn about the Slow Food movement at a local farm.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 4 Land's End Boutique Hotel, Tas-Sliema
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.

Days 5 - 7 Poggio del Sole Hotel, Ragusa Countryside, Sicily

Days 8 - 10 NH Collection or Hotel Villa Diodoro, Taormina
ROOM UPGRADES AVAILABLE
See next page for details.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Dghajsa boat, Valletta

Explore Sicily and Malta – two island paradises nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean.

Day 1: Sliema, Malta - Tour Begins

Start your journey with a 4-night stay in Sliema, a welcoming Maltese resort town with a lively waterfront promenade. Stretch your legs and take in views of Marsamxett Harbour and Manoel Island. Uncover Malta's deeply rooted heritage, teeming with mysterious prehistoric temples and Renaissance architectural masterpieces. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Sliema - Valletta - Sliema

Begin your adventure with a panoramic sailing of Valletta's (UNESCO) Grand Harbour aboard traditional Dghajsa boats before exploring the Maltese capital during a walking tour led by a local expert. View the skyline of the Three Cities from the Upper Barrakka Gardens and take in the elegant profile of the Grand Master's Palace. Then, enjoy some free time to explore on your own. This afternoon, visit the private home of a modern-day Knight of Malta before hopping on the local ferry back to Sliema for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Sliema

The entire day is yours. With free time, you might choose to relax in Sliema or venture back to Valletta for a visit to Caravaggio's masterpiece housed in Saint John's Co-Cathedral. Or join an optional full day exploration of the Isle of Gozo, the second largest island of the Maltese archipelago and home to the Ggantija temple complex (UNESCO), which is older than Stonehenge. (B)

Day 4: Sliema - Maltese Village Experience

Enjoy a morning at leisure. Perhaps you'll join a half-day optional tour to Mdina – the "Silent City" and Malta's ancient capital. This afternoon, immerse yourself in Maltese traditions as you board a retro bus for a village where daily life and customs remain unchanged. Experience an **Impact Moment** as you are hosted for dinner at a local band club. Band clubs have a special place in the community. A source of intense pride and with a solid place in Maltese social culture, the band club's premises are an ideal meeting point for locals to exchange gossip, play a game of pool or engage in village festa activities. (B, D)



your countryside resort just outside the city or linger in town for a dinner on own. (B)

Day 7: Ragusa Countryside

The day is yours to do as you please. With free time, you might choose to relax in the countryside and enjoy the resort's amenities. Or, perhaps you will join an optional tour to the picture-perfect towns of Scicli and Modica (UNESCO), where you'll enjoy a savoury brunch at a ricotta farm before continuing to an Aztec chocolate shop for some sweet samples. (B, D)

Day 8: Ragusa Countryside - Siracusa - Taormina

Take in the rugged landscape of South-Eastern Sicily en route to Siracusa (UNESCO). Then, **it's your choice!** Discover the expansive Neapolis, the ancient Greek colony established 27 centuries ago **-OR-** take in the ancient city's most precious treasures during a visit of the archeological museum in company of a local expert. This afternoon, relax during a bus transfer to Taormina, a charming resort town perched high above the Mediterranean Sea. (B)

Day 9: Taormina

Discover Taormina with a local guide, leading you to the city's Duomo, public gardens, and the well-preserved Greek theatre. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent ocean. Spend the afternoon on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café, or peruse the local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs. (B)

Day 10: Taormina - Mount Etna - Taormina

See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna (UNESCO). Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks. Back in Taormina, gather with your fellow travellers as you recount memories of the Mediterranean islands accompanied by Sicilian food at dinner, surrounded by local musicians. (B, D)

Day 11: Taormina - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Sicily and the Mediterranean as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

Day 5: Sliema - Ferry to Sicily - Ragusa Countryside, Italy

Early this morning, grab your bags and hop on a ferry to Sicily. Pause in the seaside town of Pozzallo for a Sicilian breakfast. Like in most of Italy, breakfast in Sicily is a simple but tasty affair, traditionally consisting of a pastry and a cappuccino coffee. Continue with your culinary exploration of the Sicilian countryside as you pause at a family-owned winery to learn about their natural wine production and their support of the Slow Food movement conserving traditional food production methods. Then sample some of their wines during lunch. This afternoon, settle into your hotel for a leisurely 3-night stay in the Ragusa countryside. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Ragusa Countryside - Ragusa-Ibla - Ragusa Countryside

Make your way to Ragusa-Ibla (UNESCO), a time-worn city perched upon a hill. Meander through its late-Baroque neighbourhood with an expert guide, passing by winding lanes, cobblestone streets, and wrought iron balconies. Make the most of a free afternoon to explore on your own. As the sun sets, retreat to



ARRIVAL MALTA (MLA) | **DEPARTURE CATANIA (CTA)**

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4599** | Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$5599**

Prices based on 4 November 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October - November 2023	June - November 2024
March - May 2024	March - May 2025
<i>(different itinerary - see note*)</i>	<i>(featured itinerary)</i>

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🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

<p>+ Pre-Night: Malta (1-2 Nights)</p>	<p>+ Post-Night: Taormina (1-2 Nights)</p>
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ROOM UPGRADES AVAILABLE

	<p>Days 1-4: Land's End Boutique Hotel, Sliema Enhance your experience with an upgrade to a sea view room.</p>
	<p>Days 8-10: NH Collection, Taormina Enhance your stay when you choose to upgrade to a Deluxe Sea View room with Spa access.</p>
	<p>Days 8-10: Hotel Villa Diodoro, Taormina Enhance your experience with an upgrade to a frontal Sea View room.</p>

Please enquire about these upgrades at time of booking.

SICILY & ITS ISLES

13 DAYS • 21 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Palermo • Monreale • Impact Moment • Trapani • Marsala Winery Tour • Erice • Olive Oil Farm • Agrigento • Valley of the Temples • Ragusa • Isle of Salina • Caper Farm • Taormina • Mount Etna Off-Road Excursion



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Ascend the sides of Mount Etna (UNESCO) on off-road vehicles.
- Soak up the relaxed ambiance of the Aeolian Islands (UNESCO) with a 2-night stay on the Isle of Salina.
- Delve into the belly of Palermo on a walking food tour.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- **Day 2** — Explore the cloisters of Monreale's cathedral, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic complex **-OR-** ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Taste award-winning olive oil and learn about the Slow Food movement at a local farm.
- Enjoy world-renowned Marsala wine on a wine cellar tour.
- Savour salty capers and sweet Malvasia wine at a local producer on Salina island.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Best Western Ai Cavalieri Hotel Porta Felice, Palermo
Days 3, 4	I Mulini Resort, Trapani
Day 5	Baia di Ulisse Hotel, Agrigento ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE See next page for details.
Days 6, 7	Poggio del Sole Hotel, Ragusa
Days 8, 9	Hotel Mamma Santina or Hotel La Salina Borgo Di Mare, Salina
Days 10 - 12	NH Collection Hotel, Taormina ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE See next page for details.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Salina Island

Explore Sicily – an island paradise nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean.

Day 1: Palermo, Italy - Tour Begins

Start your journey in Palermo (UNESCO), Sicily's welcoming capital city. Uncover the island's deeply rooted heritage, teeming with Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces and delicate Classical designs. Come to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Palermo

Begin your adventure tasting your way through Palermo's lively markets on a walking tour unveiling the city's historical centre and introducing you to traditional Sicilian street food, which layers Oriental and Norman influences with local produce such as wild fennel, olives and spices. This afternoon, head to Monreale Cathedral, ascending on foot to see its majestic Byzantine mosaics. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore the cathedral's cloisters, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic complex **-OR-** ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo. (B, L)

Day 3: Palermo - Impact Moment - Trapani

Experience an **Impact Moment** with Addiopizzo, an anti-Mafia not-for-profit that supports locals who refuse to pay the Mafia's protection fees. Visit

Capaci, the site of a terrorist act led by the Mafia, and pay tribute to fallen activists. Chat with locals for a personal perspective and learn how they overcame the Mafia's reign. Later this afternoon, settle into your hotel in coastal Trapani for a two-night stay. This evening, watch the sunset fade against the crashing waves and whirling windmills. (B)

Day 4: Trapani - Marsala - Erice - Trapani

Discover the ancient craft of sea-salt harvesting during a guided visit to the salt pans of Trapani. Then continue to Marsala, heading down into a cellar for a taste of its renowned wine paired with traditional bites. This afternoon, journey to the enchanted hilltop village of Erice before returning to your hotel for dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Trapani - Agrigento

This morning, head to an award-winning olive grove and learn about the Slow Food movement, which supports local cultures and preserves traditions. Try their unique olive oil at lunch before departing for Agrigento, where ancient roots and medieval buildings blend into modernity. Later this afternoon, wander through the imposing Greek ruins of the Valley of the Temples (UNESCO) in company of an expert guide. (B, L, D)



Olive Grove



Palermo

beaten path, Salina is one of the less-travelled Aeolian Islands, preserved as a holiday getaway for Italians. Settle into the hamlet of Lingua for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 9: Salina - Caper Farm - Optional Excursion

Dramatic landscapes of rocky cliffs and vibrant vineyards pass by on your way to nearby Pollara, famous for its traditional caper cultivation. Wander through the fields, tasting the salted flower buds accompanied by a glass of Malvasia, a locally produced dessert wine. The afternoon is yours to do as you please. Perhaps you'll take an optional cruise to Stromboli, where you'll swim off your private boat and dine at sunset; relax and watch for the signature glow of the island's active volcano. (B)

Day 10: Salina - Ferry to Milazzo - Taormina

After a relaxing morning, ferry back to mainland Sicilia. Journey along the Ionian Coast to Taormina, a seaside hub of ancient Greek theatres and hilly walkways. Settle into your new home for the next three nights and enjoy a free evening to explore on your own. (B)

Day 11: Taormina

Discover Taormina with a local guide, leading you to the city's Duomo, public gardens, and the well-preserved Greek theatre. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent ocean. Spend the afternoon on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café, or peruse the local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs. (B)

Day 12: Taormina - Mount Etna - Taormina

See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks. This evening, toast to your Sicilian sojourn at dinner, surrounded by local musicians. (B, D)

Day 13: Taormina - Tour Ends

Your journey through Sicily comes to a close today. Return home with memories of Italy's favourite island. (B)

Day 6: Agrigento - Ragusa

Make your way to Ragusa (UNESCO), an ancient city perched upon a hill. Meander through its Baroque neighbourhood with an expert guide, passing by winding lanes, cobblestone streets, and wrought iron balconies. Make the most of a free afternoon to explore on your own. As the sun sets, retreat to your countryside resort just outside the city. (B, D)

Day 7: Ragusa - Optional Excursion

The entire day is yours. With free time, you might choose to relax in the countryside and enjoy the resort's amenities. Or, perhaps you will join an optional tour to the picture-perfect towns of Scicli and Modica, where you'll enjoy a savoury brunch at a ricotta farm before continuing to an Aztec chocolate shop for some sweet samples. (B, D)

Day 8: Ragusa - Milazzo - Ferry to Aeolian Islands - Isle of Salina - Lingua

Grab your bags and hop on a ferry in Milazzo. Sail by Vulcano and Lipari on your way to Salina, a far-flung isle surrounded by vibrant blue waters and dark volcanic rock. Somewhat off the



ARRIVAL PALERMO (PMO) | **DEPARTURE CATANIA (CTA)**

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5699** | Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$6849**

Prices based on 14 May 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023	June 2024 - October 2024
April - May 2024	April - May 2025
<i>(different itinerary - see note*)</i>	<i>(featured itinerary)</i>

**Itinerary featured is for June 2024 - May 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR


+ Pre-Night:
Palermo (1-2 Nights)



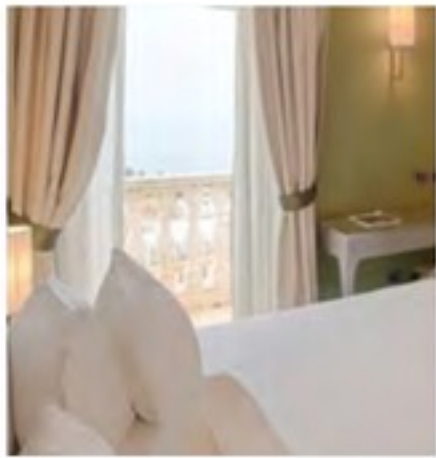
+ Post-Night:
Taormina (1-2 Nights)



ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Day 5:
Baia di Ulisse Hotel
Enhance your experience at the Baia di Ulisse Hotel with an upgrade to a Sea View room.



Days 10-12:
NH Collection
Enhance your stay at the NH Collection with an upgrade to a Deluxe Sea View room and access to the hotel's spa.

Please enquire about these upgrades at time of booking.

SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

12 DAYS • 20 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5149

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Palermo • Cefalù • Monreale • Agrigento • Valley of the Temples • Piazza Armerina • Giardini Naxos • Taormina • Winery Tour & Tasting • Matera • Sorrento • Positano • Pompeii



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stand in awe before the ancient Greek theatre in Taormina.
- Experience seaside Cefalù and Sicilian hospitality during a farmhouse dinner.
- Journey to Positano village, the pearl of the Amalfi Coast.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 3** — Explore the cloisters of Monreale's Cathedral, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic complex **-OR-** ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in a delicious regional dinner inside a winery's agriturismo restaurant.
- Tour a vineyard and cellar located in the badlands of Basilicata, Matera's region.
- Savour freshly made mozzarella cheese during a visit to a buffalo dairy farm.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** NH Palermo, Palermo
- Days 3, 4** Baia di Ulisse, Agrigento
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.
- Days 5, 6** Una Hotel Naxos Beach Sicilia or Hellenia Yachting Hotel, Giardini Naxos
- Days 7, 8** MH Matera Hotel, Matera
- Days 9, 10** Hotel Michelangelo, Hotel Sporting, Hotel Majestic, Sorrento or Hotel Due Golfi, Massa Lubrense
- Day 11** Radisson Blu GHR, Rome
- On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Journey through a crossroads of civilisations in Sicily and on to the spectacular coastlines of Southern Italy.

Day 1: Palermo, Sicily - Tour Begins

Your Italian sojourn opens in Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Discover the city's vibrant culture as you take in its gritty, unshakable spirit and captivating energy. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. (D)

Day 2: Palermo - Cefalù - Palermo

This morning, set off for the stunning seaside town of Cefalù on Sicily's northern coast. Stroll the charming medieval streets with a local guide and visit the city's impressive cathedral showcasing Norman architecture. Next, journey to a family-owned farmhouse, picturesquely set in the surrounding hills. Meet the owners and discover what a typical day on a Sicilian farm is like. Later, sit back and tuck into a hearty farm-to-table dinner, made with family recipes. (B, D)

Day 3: Palermo - Monreale - Agrigento

Begin the day with a walking tour of Palermo's old town. Uncover cobblestoned piazzas and ornate buildings, many worn by time and conflict. Visit hilltop Monreale (UNESCO), ascending on foot to its 12th-century cathedral for a guided tour of its majestic Byzantine mosaics. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore the cathedral's cloisters, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic

complex **-OR-** ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo. This afternoon relax aboard your bus as you travel over rolling hills and peaceful farmland to Sicily's southern coast for a relaxing 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 4: Agrigento - Valley of the Temples

Step back 25 centuries and delve into ancient Greek history for a visit of the stunning Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), one of the world's most esteemed archeological site. Get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, and Hercules during an extensive walking tour of this vast archeological site. The afternoon is yours to relax. Perhaps you'll venture into Agrigento's old town or stroll along the beach close to your hotel, taking in the glittering Mediterranean Sea. This evening, pause for dinner at a local restaurant and an evening view of the illuminated Valley of the Temples. (B, D)

Day 5: Agrigento - Piazza Armerina - Giardini Naxos

Venture deep into Sicily's countryside to Piazza Armerina, home of the ancient Villa Romana del Casale (UNESCO) and explore the site with an

expert insider for a locally guided tour of its impressive mosaics. In the afternoon, journey east to Sicily's Ionian Coast and to Giardini Naxos – the "garden of Sicily" – for your 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Giardini Naxos - Taormina - Giardini Naxos

This morning, explore beautiful Taormina, home to ancient relics, rocky hills, and charming gardens. With an expert local guide, you'll stroll the lively pedestrianised main street, see the imposing Corvaja Palace and climb to the city's well-preserved Greek theatre. The afternoon is yours to explore more of this hillside resort or opt to see Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. During this optional tour, stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks. This evening let traditional Sicilian melodies fill the air during an optional Sicilian dinner with musical accompaniment. (B)

Day 7: Giardini Naxos - Matera

Take a short ferry ride to Villa San Giovanni, located on Italy's mainland. During your full day bus transfer, pass through the unspoiled region of Calabria to the Basilicata region. Wander through the twisting vines of a local winery before touring the cellar for a tasting. Linger over regional cuisine at dinner in the winery's agriturismo restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Matera

Explore the Sassi di Matera (UNESCO), an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings. A local guide shares the history and explains why film producers are seeking out this unique landscape. Visit a local shop and get a taste of regional specialities. The afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour to Alberobello (UNESCO) in the nearby region of Puglia. Here, marvel at the town's whimsical *trulli* homes, known for their distinct, cone-shaped roofs. (B, D)

Day 9: Matera - Sorrento

After a stop at a sustainable buffalo dairy farm for a taste of freshly made mozzarella and a peek into the history of this iconic cheese, arrive in Sorrento where you'll settle in for a 2-night stay. Later this afternoon, discover this charming seaside town during a walking tour and learn about the local tradition of wood marquetry. (B, L)

Day 10: Sorrento - Positano - Sorrento

This morning, take in the sights and colours of the Mediterranean Sea as you sail along the initial stretch of the breathtaking

Amalfi Coast (UNESCO). Gaze out over the deep blue hues of the sea paired with the bright citrus fruits lining the hillsides. Pause in Positano with its pastel-coloured houses and pebbly beaches. Spend time in this legendary locale browsing the posh boutiques or resting along the beach, before returning to Sorrento for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 11: Sorrento - Pompeii - Rome

Journey north to Rome. En route, experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii (UNESCO). A local guide gives you an in-depth look into this 2,000-year-old Roman town, nestled in the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. Step into another time as you explore its preserved buildings and imagine life in the 1st century. An afternoon-long transfer leads to Rome where you arrive in the early evening. Celebrate the end of your journey with a delightful farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 12: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

Optional 2 Night Rome Post-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1260 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 12: Rome - Extension Begins

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Classical Rome, leading you through the Eternal City's most iconic monuments. Walk over cobblestone streets and weathered passageways to discover famous sights such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona, one of Rome's most breathtaking Baroque piazzas. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Perhaps you'll wander through one of Rome's many museums, such as the Capitoline or stroll the Avenue of the Imperial Forum for views of the Colosseum.

Day 13: Rome - Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Basilica

Early this morning join an expert local guide for a visit of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, including the world-famous Sistine Chapel where Michelangelo's *Last Judgement* fresco is situated. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll explore Rome's bohemian Trastevere district and wander through its maze-like, ivy-clung streets. (B)

Day 14: Rome - Depart for Home

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)



ARRIVAL
PALERMO (PMO)

DEPARTURE
ROME (FCO)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5149**
SOLO Starting at **\$5999**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 26 April 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - May 2024
(different itinerary - see note*)

June 2024 - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Palermo (1-2 NIGHTS)



ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 3-4: Baia di Ulisse Hotel

Enhance your experience at the Baia di Ulisse Hotel in Agrigento with an upgrade to a frontal Sea View room.

Please enquire about this upgrade at time of booking.

SPOTLIGHT ON TUSCANY

8 DAYS • 11 MEALS

STARTING AT \$3399

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Montecatini Terme • Lucca • Gothic Line • Winery Tour • Florence • Pisa • Cooking Class • Cheese Farm • San Gimignano



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Step to the front of the line to see Michelangelo's famous statue of *David*.
- See the Gothic Line, one of the Germans' last lines of defense during WWII.
- Retrace the steps of ancient pilgrims as they crossed the Devil's Bridge in the Serchio Valley.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — In Montecatini, learn more on a guided walking tour and visit to the historic Tettuccio Spa **-OR-** journey to Siena, home to the Palio horse race, and embark on a walking tour through its narrow streets.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Sample delectable wines during a wine tasting at a local farm.
- Spend time at a cheese farm to taste flavourful pecorino cheese.
- Learn about Tuscan cuisine during a cooking class.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 7 Hotel Ercolini and Savi or Grand Hotel Francia and Quirinale, Montecatini Terme

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
DESTINATION
SPOTLIGHT



San Gimignano

Discover the rolling hills of Tuscany, home to sprawling vineyards, medieval hill towns, and enchanting cities.

Day 1: Montecatini Terme, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of Tuscany. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner where regional foods and Italian wines kick off your adventure. (D)

Day 2: Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano - Gothic Line

Enjoy a guided tour of Lucca, Tuscany's best-kept secret. Discover Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, and medieval streets flanked by towers. Explore on your own before setting off for Borgo a Mozzano. See the Ponte del Diavolo (Devil's Bridge) and the nearby remains of the Gothic Line - the Germans' last defence during WWII. Visit the Museum of Liberation and see authentic fortifications and bunkers. Make your way to a Tuscan winery and learn about the art of winemaking as you taste local varieties. (B)

Day 3: Florence

An early morning takes you to Florence where an extensive walking tour showcases the

beautiful "Cradle of the Renaissance." Start with a visit to the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's sculpture of *David*. Join a local Florentine guide and make your way through the city on foot. At the Piazza del Duomo, see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze doors of the Baptistry dedicated to St. John. Take in views of the Piazza della Signoria and Santa Croce Square before enjoying the remainder of your time in Florence to explore this unparalleled city as you choose. (B, D)

Day 4: Montecatini Terme

Today, **it's your choice!** Learn more about Montecatini's history during a half-day guided walking tour and visit to the historic Tettuccio Spa, known for the health benefits in its mineral waters **-OR-** journey to Siena on a full day excursion and embark on a walking tour through its narrow Gothic streets, getting to know the local lifestyle in a *contrada* (neighbourhood) whose community is centered around the colourful Palio horse race. (B)



Day 5: Pisa

Explore historic sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa, including the Piazza dei Miracoli, or "Field of Miracles" (UNESCO). Keep your camera handy at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. Visit the Baptistery, the largest in Italy. This evening,

travel to the quiet countryside to learn the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine. Partake in a cooking class, using local ingredients and culinary techniques that have been passed down for generations. Enjoy your freshly-prepared meal for dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Montecatini Terme

The day is yours to relax and experience the local flavour. Take this opportunity to shop at the local boutiques and dine at one of Montecatini's fine local restaurants. Or, perhaps you will choose an optional full day excursion to Cinque Terre with its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards. Explore this string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean. (B)

Day 7: Cheese Farm Visit - San Gimignano

At a nearby cheese farm, learn how the famous pecorino cheese is made before sampling it for yourself. Soak in breathtaking views as you travel to the hilltop village of San Gimignano, one of Tuscany's most picturesque places. Explore this enchanting medieval town, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking vineyards. Enjoy free time and perhaps indulge in some gelato. Later, attend a Tuscan feast of traditional cuisine and wines set in the countryside. (B, D)

Day 8: Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. (B)

Optional 3 Night Rome Pre-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1680 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to the eternal city of Rome.

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Get settled into Rome for your 3-night stay. Take time to get acquainted with the area on your own. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Rome

Start your morning with a ride on La Metro - Rome's underground system. First stop - a

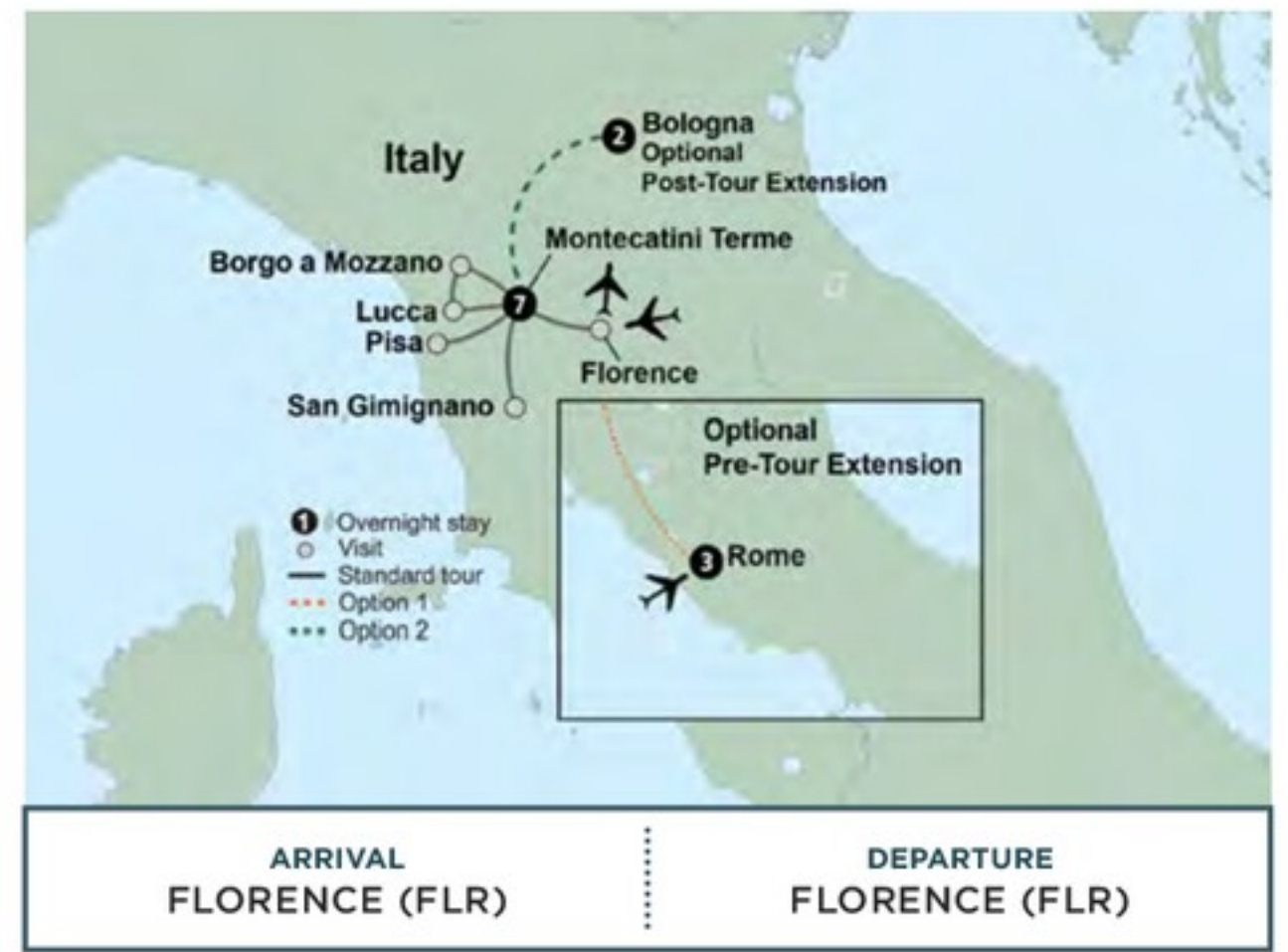
locally guided tour of the Eternal City's most iconic monuments. Walk over cobblestoned streets to discover famous sights such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll wander through one of Rome's many museums or stroll the Avenue of the Imperial Forum for views of the Colosseum. This evening, consider an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

Day 4: Rome

Make the most of a free day in Italy's capital city. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, taking in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel. In the afternoon, consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B)

Day 5: Rome - Montecatini Terme

Say *Arrivederci Roma* as you transfer to Montecatini Terme to begin your tour of Tuscany. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO

Starting at **\$3399**
Starting at **\$3949**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 3 April 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - May 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

June 2024 - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

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+ OPTIONAL EXCURSION



Excursion: Day Trip to Cinque Terre

Spend a glorious day exploring Cinque Terre. Travel by rail and boat, past terraced vineyards and stunning panoramas on your way to a string of colourful fishing villages that sit along the area's breathtaking, rugged coastline. Savour the charms of this special place with a local guide who will help you explore some of the delightful towns of the area. Your day comes to a close tasting the flavours of the area at a local shop as you sip wine made in the region and try some local treats.

“The daily tours were exceptional...I loved the cooking class, winery, and cheese tasting.”

- Donna V.

TUSCAN & UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

10 DAYS • 15 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4899

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: **1** **2** **3** **4**
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Rome • Spoleto • Assisi • Home-Hosted Lunch • Olive Oil Mill • Pasta Factory Visit • Pecorino Cheese Farm • Pienza • Orcia Valley • Bagno Vignoni • Brunello Wine Tasting • Siena • Florence • Truffle Hunting • San Gimignano



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Behold the unique water-filled piazza in the village of Bagno Vignoni.
- Enjoy 3 nights in a restored Tuscan villa.
- Hunt for truffles with a local expert and his truffle-sniffing dogs.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Experience a home-cooked meal in one of Umbria's country homes.
- Sample pecorino sheep-milk cheese at a local farm in the Orcia Valley.
- Savour the famous Brunello red wine during a musical tasting at a winery in Montalcino.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Hotel Kolbe, Rome
Days 2 - 4 Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca, Trevi, or Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto, Umbria
Days 5, 6 Hotel Corsignano, Pienza, Tuscany
Days 7 - 9 Villa San Lucchese Hotel, Chianti Countryside, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



On a journey through the less-travelled country roads of Umbria and Tuscany, discover another side to the Italy you love.

Day 1: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Italy's dynamic capital city beckons. Get a taste of the local culture and start your journey at a delicious welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Rome - Spoleto - Umbria

Olive and cypress trees accent the Etruscan hill town of Spoleto. Stroll the historic streets with a local expert and see centuries of architectural history, from the Ponte delle Torri aqueduct to the gilded elegance of the Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta. Continue to discover Spoleto on your own this afternoon. Eat, drink, and explore the local scene. Then take in the splendours of country life in a pristine Umbrian hill town, your home for the next 3 nights. (B, D)

Day 3: Umbria - Assisi - Umbria

Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Set out on a walking tour of the old city with a local guide, learning about its history as you stroll the medieval streets. Visit the famous Basilica of St. Francis. Later, a local family welcomes you to their country home for lunch as their honoured guest. Share stories and make an Umbrian friend (or two). (B, L)

Day 4: Umbria

In the shadow of the Apennines, embark on a culinary journey through the dense olive groves

of Umbria to an award-winning frantoio (olive presser), where olives are pressed each November. After learning about the many varieties of trees and oil-making methods, join a tasting of the different kinds of EVOO produced at the mill. Your exploration of Umbria's gastronomy continues with a visit to an artisanal factory where the same family has been producing pasta since 1918. After touring their museum, learn about the production process during a factory visit. (B)

Day 5: Umbria - Pienza

Leave Umbria for the villages of Tuscany, nestled among the rolling hills and cypress trees of the Val d'Orcia region (UNESCO). Taste the flavours of the region at a local pecorino cheese farm. Snack on some of the cheesemaker's creations and take in the views of the sparse farmhouses and open fields on your way to Pienza (UNESCO), a Renaissance village where flowers and plants adorn the cobblestoned streets. (B, L)

Day 6: Pienza

Traverse the Tuscan countryside to the unique hamlet of Bagno Vignoni, whose central piazza is filled with thermal water once used to cure pilgrims who stopped



many white roads that cut through the farmland. (B)

Day 7: Pienza - Siena - Chianti Region

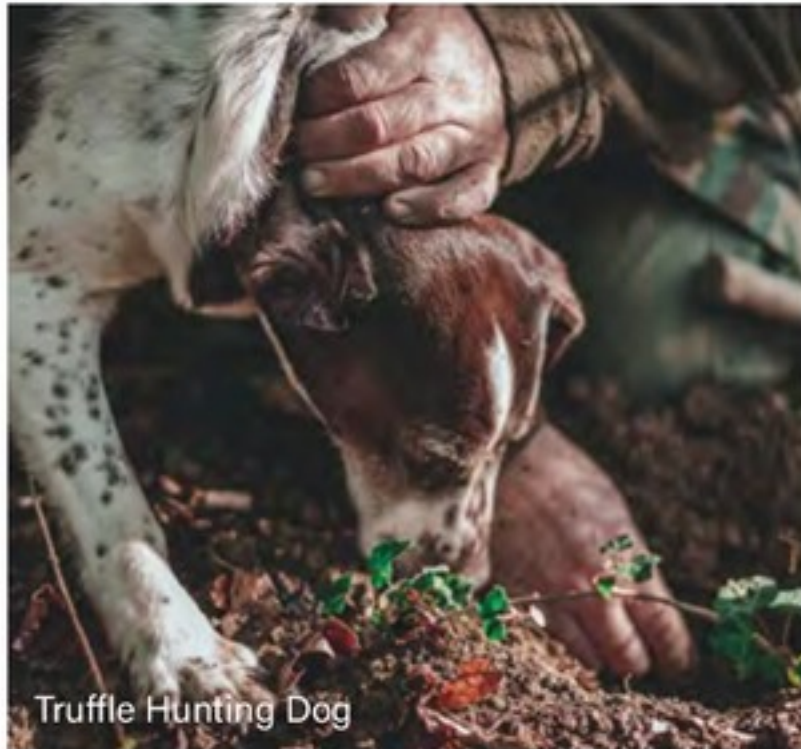
Take a guided walking tour through Siena, delving into the local history as you learn about the world-renowned Palio Horse Race. Enjoy free time to explore more of this hilly town, perhaps visiting its cathedral or the town hall's frescoes. An afternoon drive through Tuscany's Chianti Region takes you to the restored Tuscan villa where your hotel is located. (B)

Day 8: Chianti Region

Explore Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance," during an extensive walking tour in the company of a local expert. View the Ponte Vecchio, the only Florentine bridge to survive WWII. Take in the Palazzo Vecchio, where, for over 300 years, the Medici Family ruled over the city. Admire the Piazza del Duomo, richly adorned by polychrome marble and gilded bronze doors. Take some time on your own to explore the city's seemingly endless treasures, before returning to your Tuscan villa in the evening. (B)

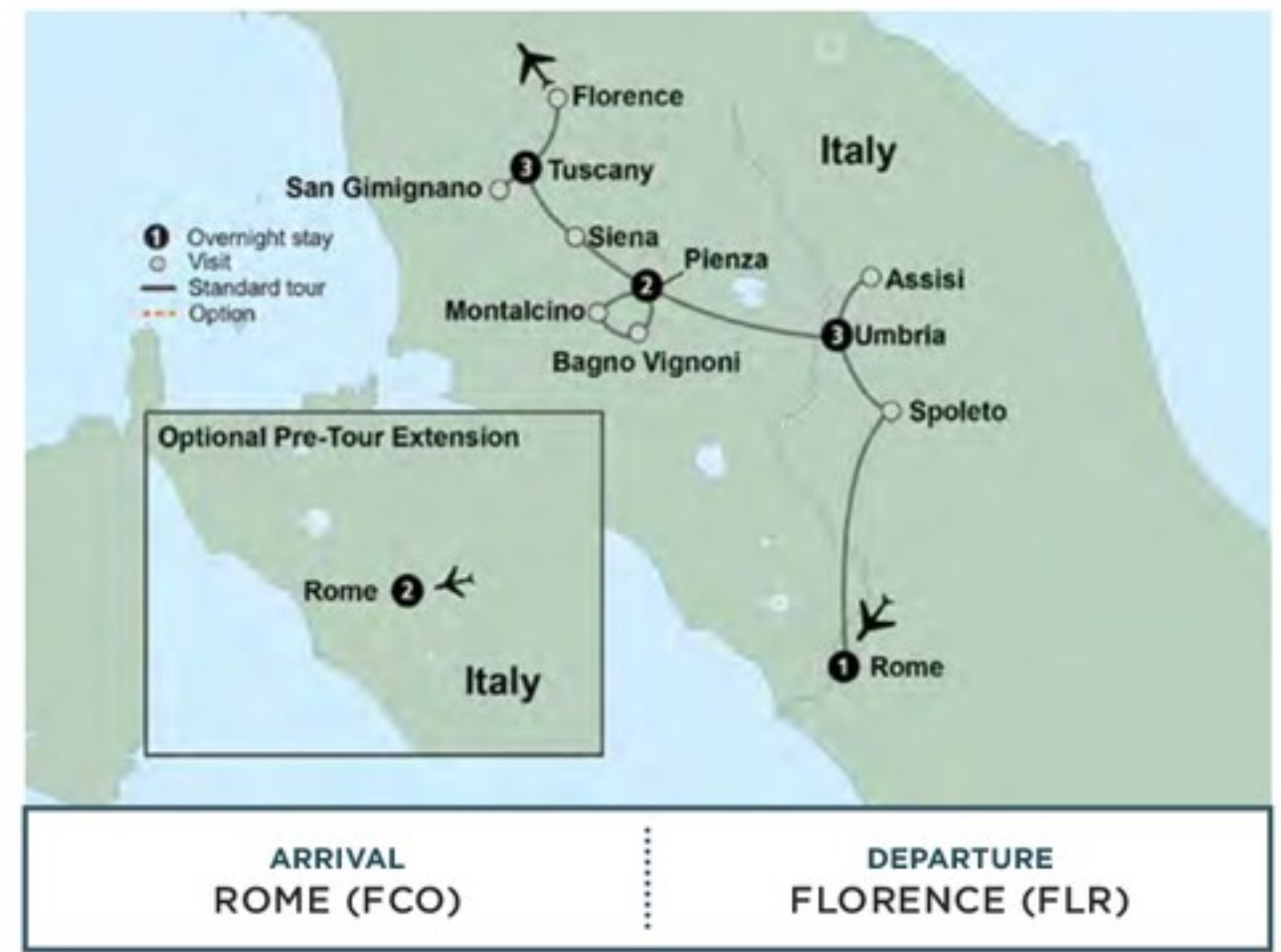
Day 9: Chianti Region

Experience Tuscany's epicurean side and join a local truffle hunter in search of the elusive fungi in company of his trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. Sample the goods yourself during a rustic, home-cooked lunch. Spend your afternoon in San Gimignano,



Truffle Hunting Dog

here on their way to Rome. Then explore hilltop Montalcino, namesake to one of Italy's great red wines, the Brunello. Tour a winery's estate and cellar before indulging in a multi-sensory tasting, pairing wine with music. Back in Pienza for an afternoon at leisure, maybe you'll explore the countryside along one of the



ARRIVAL
ROME (FCO)

DEPARTURE
FLORENCE (FLR)

DOUBLE Starting at \$4899
SOLO Starting at \$5599

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October - November 2023 June - November 2024
March-May 2024 March - May 2025
(different itinerary - see note)* *(featured itinerary)*

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whose beautiful 13th-century medieval towers stand tall over the surrounding vineyards. As the sun begins to set, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner of Tuscan specialities. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Chianti Region - Tour Ends

Your journey through Tuscany and Umbria comes to a close today in your restored Tuscan villa. (B)



Optional 2 Night Rome Pre-Tour Extension
Starting at \$1120 pp



Day 1: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Enjoy time to get settled into your hotel and acquaint yourself with the area on your own. Perhaps you'll explore the nearby neighbourhood of Trastevere, Rome's medieval heart.

Day 2: Rome

Start your morning with a stroll in Rome's Testaccio neighbourhood. Soak up the lively atmosphere - with homemakers stocking up

in local delis, market workers stopping for a quick espresso at a corner café, retirees soaking up the sun on the benches of a nearby piazza. Taste your way through Rome's beloved Testaccio farmers' market before pausing at a trattoria restaurant for a dish of pasta and a glass of wine. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to experience Rome on your own. Perhaps you'll want to visit the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel to view Michelangelo's *Last Judgement*. (B, L)

Day 3: Rome

Delve into Rome's classical heritage during a walking tour of the Colosseum and Roman Forum in the company of an expert guide. Make the most of a free afternoon in Italy's capital city. Meander through Rome's streets all the way to the top of the Spanish Steps for a view over the rooftops, or pause to toss a good luck coin into the Trevi Fountain. In the early evening, meet with your fellow travellers to start off your exploration of the Tuscan and Umbrian countryside. (B)

“ I liked the small group and loved the unique places we visited that we might not have otherwise had access to. ”

- Kim B.

TUSCANY & THE ITALIAN RIVIERA

8 DAYS • 12 MEALS
STARTING AT \$3999

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Turin • Langhe Wine Country • Barolo Winery • Italian Riviera • Cinque Terre • Lucca • Tuscan Estate • Florence • Greve in Chianti



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Langhe wine country (UNESCO) and its most refined wines on a vineyard tour.
- Uncover the walled city of Lucca before enjoying free time on your own.
- Spend 3 nights in a beautiful Tuscan villa.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Experience the food culture of northern Italy during a traditional welcome dinner.
- Partake in an interactive pasta-making demonstration.
- Taste different varieties of olive oil from an award-winning olive oil mill in the Chianti countryside.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** NH Collection Torino Santo Stefano, Turin or NH Torino Centro, Turin
- Days 3, 4** NH La Spezia, Italian Riviera
- Days 5 - 7** Villa Casagrande, Hotel Villa San Lucchese, Hotel Villa Lecchi, or Hotel Villa San Paolo, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



From the rolling hills of Tuscany to the sun-soaked coast of the Italian Riviera, a romantic rendezvous with *Italia* awaits.

Day 1: Turin, Italy - Tour Begins

Welcome to Italy. You'll make your way to Turin, Italy's first capital in the 1800s. Settle in for a 2-night stay, admiring the alpine peaks towering in the distance. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring regional specialities. (D)

Day 2: Turin

Walk through Turin with an expert guide, uncovering a blend of French and Italian heritage. Wrap up the tour by trying a *bicerin* - a mix of espresso and chocolate - in one of the city's cafés, reminiscent of Parisian coffee spots. After getting acquainted with the city, the rest of the day is yours to further explore Turin on your own. This evening, consider an optional excursion to a historic palace after hours, where you will enjoy an aperitif with a local guide. (B)

Day 3: Turin - La Spezia

Head to Italy's picturesque Riviera, weaving through the Langhe wine country (UNESCO) along the way. Stop at the hilltop village of La Morra on your way to a local winery, where you will enjoy a tour and tasting. After a light lunch continue to La Spezia, the large port city gateway to the Italian Riviera. Get a bite of the local cuisine during dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 4: La Spezia - Cinque Terre - La Spezia

Spend the day exploring the colourful cliff-side villages of Cinque Terre with a local guide. Take in the picturesque, rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards as you travel by rail. Make your way through this seemingly inaccessible string of fishing villages, nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at **\$3999** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$4999**

Prices based on 5 April 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October - November 2023	June - November 2024
March - May 2024	March - May 2025
<i>(different itinerary - see note*)</i>	<i>(featured itinerary)</i>

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Torino (1-2 NIGHTS)



Day 5: La Spezia - Lucca - Figline, Tuscany
 Discover the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Wander with a local guide, delving into the city's Roman heritage and storied past. Enjoy some free time to explore the Piazza Napoleone and the rest of the city on your own. Continue on through the rolling hills of Tuscany for a 3-night stay in the village of Figline. This evening, try your hand at the local culture with an interactive pasta-making demonstration by your hotel's on-site chef. (B, D)

Day 6: Figline - Florence - Figline
 Explore Florence (UNESCO), the "Cradle of the Renaissance" during a locally guided walking tour of the city's iconic sites. View the Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge), the only Florentine bridge to survive WWII. Admire the Gates of Paradise and the imposing Dome of the cathedral. Wander past Piazza della

Signoria and the ornate facade of Santa Croce. Enjoy time to explore more on your own before returning to your hotel in the evening. (B)

Day 7: Figline
 Journey through Tuscany's low-lying hills and dense olive groves to an award-winning *frantoio* (olive mill), where olives are pressed each November. After learning about the many varieties of trees and oil-making methods, join a tasting of the different varieties of EVOO produced at the mill. Your exploration of the Chianti countryside continues in the village of Greve, surrounded by vineyard-carpeted hills. Cap off an unforgettable journey at a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

Day 8: Figline - Tour Ends
 Say *arrivederci* to Italy as your journey comes to a close. (B)

“ Being a new traveller, I enjoyed having each day mapped out. I trusted that our guide would show us the must-sees and that is exactly what happened. It was wonderful. ”
 - Karen K.

PORTUGAL & ITS ISLANDS

13 DAYS • 19 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5589

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Lisbon • Belem • Sintra • Fado Dinner Show • St. Michael Island, Azores • Ponta Delgada • Terra Nostra National Park • Sete Cidades • Madeira Island • Espetada Dinner • Folkloric Show • Porto Moniz



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Gaze upon the pristine twin lakes of Sete Cidades.
- Visit Funchal's Lavradores market, a fruit and exotic flower paradise.
- Experience a night of Fado (UNESCO) and learn about this traditional art form.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Stroll through the Terra Nostra Botanical Park **-OR-** relax in the park's mineral rich thermal water pool.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Experience a truly unique *cozido das Furnas* lunch in Furnas Valley.
- Enjoy a traditional dinner in Madeira, known as an *espetada*, and local folkloric entertainment.
- Taste Madeira wine and learn why this wine had such an important role in the history of the Island.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 Lumen Hotel, Lisbon

Days 4 - 7 Azoris Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel, Azores

Days 8 - 11 Pestana Casino Park Hotel, Funchal, Madeira Island

Day 12 Lumen Hotel, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Camara de Lobos, Madeira

Experience the best of Portugal as you explore its capital city, coastal villages, and remote islands.

Day 1: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Your adventure opens in Lisbon where Old World traditions blend seamlessly with modern ways. Experience Portuguese cuisine, regional wines and folkloric entertainment among colourful buildings and winding pathways. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Lisbon - Belem - Lisbon

Set out on a tour of Lisbon and uncover some of the city's most famous sights. Travel to Belem where the age of Portuguese Maritime Discoveries comes to life at the Monument to the Discoveries and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO). Go to downtown Lisbon, and enjoy some free time to have lunch, take in the intricate architecture, and explore the beautiful streets. You can choose to return to your hotel and relax or enjoy the free afternoon to continue exploring Portugal's capital city. This evening, over Portuguese cuisine and wine, listen to local artists perform the traditional Fado (UNESCO). (B, D)

Day 3: Lisbon - Sintra - Lisbon

Today travel to Sintra (UNESCO), the summer residence of Portuguese royalty and visit the National Palace. Enjoy some free time for lunch on your own and explore this storybook town at your

own pace before returning to Lisbon. Enjoy some free time to continue exploring the city, or join an optional tour on the Portuguese Riviera. This late afternoon option will transport you to the coastal towns of Cascais and Estoril. (B)

Day 4: Lisbon - St. Michael, Azores - Ponta Delgada

To the Azores! Fly to St. Michael, the largest of the 9 volcanic islands that form the Azores archipelago. On a brief walking tour of Ponta Delgada's town centre, see the Portas da Cidade (the City Gates), and several of the main architectural sights that make up this unique island capital. Enjoy dinner this evening at a local restaurant featuring traditional Azorean cuisine. (B, D)

Day 5: Terra Nostra Botanical Park - Ponta Delgada

Start the day with a visit to a 150-year old family run ceramic factory where we will learn about the process of creating traditional Portuguese pottery. Then, **it's your choice!** Take a stroll through the natural beauty of Terra Nostra Botanical Park **-OR-** rest and relax in the park's thermal water pool. In Furnas Valley, experience a *cozido das Furnas* lunch, cooked in the heat of



Madeira Botanical Gardens



Lavradores Market

- one blue (reflecting the sky) and the other green (reflecting the ground). Learn about the stories and legends associated with the two lakes before journeying to a boutique, family-run winery where the volcanic soil plays a key role in the end product. After, travel to the quaint town of Ribeira Grande where we will have time free time for lunch. End your full day of touring with a visit to Ribeira dos Caldeiros Nature Reserve, where watermills and nature create a lush, otherworldly setting. (B)

Day 8: Ponta Delgada - Funchal, Madeira

Fly to Madeira, the "Pearl of the Atlantic." After our afternoon arrival, we will embark on a walking tour of the capital city of Funchal, to get our first glimpse at the quaint old town and some of its main sights. Then, discover the Madeira Botanical Gardens as you make your way through a terraced landscape of more than 2,000 exotic plants. (B)

Day 9: Funchal

Explore the Lavradores market, a hub of exotic fruits, flowers and a traditional fish market. The local culture comes to life here! A tasting at a Madeira wine lodge teaches you about the famous Madeira wine. Head to the colourful Santa Maria Street, where vibrant murals and brightly painted doors liven the streets and the many cafes tempt you to linger over lunch on your own. A free afternoon provides more time to explore or to relax and enjoy your hotel's garden, pool and spa. Gather again this evening for a traditional *espetada* dinner, feasting on local cuisine cooked over an open fire amidst a backdrop of folk dancers and lively music. (B, D)

Day 10: Funchal - Câmara de Lobos - Porto Moniz - Funchal

Begin your day with a tour that will take you to Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village on a picture-perfect bay which served as a special retreat for Sir Winston Churchill. It was here that Madeira's natural beauty captivated him and inspired many paintings of the village. Drive along mountain roads, passing vineyards en route to the world's second-highest cliff, Cabo Girão where you can walk on the highest glass skywalk in Europe. With the Madeira banana always in the spotlight, you will find immersive history of this nutritional fruit at BAM, before leaving for the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz. Here, enjoy free time for a swim (weather permitting) in the natural volcanic rock pools before returning to Funchal. (B)

the volcanic earth. After lunch let the green, lush beauty of Ribeira dos Caldeiros Natural Park surround you as you stroll through the natural landscape and take in the watermills so typical of this place. Then head to the verdant pastures of a tea plantation, one of two in Europe, and delve into its cultivation methods and trade history before heading back to Ponta Delgada. The evening is yours to do as you please. (B, L)

Day 6: Ponta Delgada

Make the most of a day at leisure. Perhaps you will take an optional whale watching adventure and cruise over the waves with an expert biologist followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Regardless of your Azorean activities during the day, gather in the late afternoon to explore a local pineapple plantation and learn more about this species introduced to the island by Portuguese navigators. Then, enjoy a cocktail and dinner in one of the best family-run restaurants of Ponta Delgada. (B, D)

Day 7: Ponta Delgada - Sete Cidades - Ribeira Grande - Ponta Delgada

Today visit the iconic Sete Cidades volcanic crater and peer down at its twin lakes. The lakes appear to be different colours



DOUBLE Starting at **\$5589** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$6689**

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

March - May 2024
(different itinerary - see note*)

June - October 2024
March - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night or Post-Night: Lisbon (1-2 NIGHTS)

Day 11: Funchal - Free Day

The day is yours to explore independently. Or, perhaps you will embark on a full day optional tour of the island. Start with an easy travel along the island's levadas, and learn about this unique watering system. Then travel to a Quinta for a lunch with views of the Atlantic. End with a visit to the traditional A-frame houses of Santana, a reminder of the island's farming past. (B)

Day 12: Funchal - Lisbon

Board your flight and return to the metropolitan energy of Lisbon. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Later, bid *adeus* to Portugal during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 13: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Depart for home with Portugal in your heart as your tour ends today. (B)

NEW TOUR

MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL JOURNEY

15 DAYS • 24 MEALS

STARTING AT \$7699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:

1 2 3 4

SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Barcelona • La Sagrada Família • Costa Brava • Winery Visit • Impact Moment • Aix-en-Provence • French Riviera • Monaco-Montecarlo • Portofino • Cinque Terre • Florence • Truffle Hunting • San Gimignano



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- View Spanish coastline during a walk from Calella de Palafrugell to Llafranc.
- **Impact Moment:** dine at a restaurant *solidale* (solidarity restaurant) in Marseille that uses its profits to give meals to the poor.
- Set out through the rolling hills of Tuscany in the company of a truffle hunter and his truffle-sniffing dogs.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 3** — In Barcelona, visit Catalunya's National Museum of Art **-OR-** ascend the Montjuïc Castle for bird-eye views over the bustling port.
- **Day 7** — In Marseille, explore the Cosquer Cave replica, an example of primitive rock art **-OR-** discover the city's 600 year soap heritage during a visit to the museum of "Marseille" soap.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Dine on traditional Catalan specialties in a 17th-century farmhouse restaurant.
- Visit an ancient abbey turned winery for a tour and tasting.
- In Italy, dine at a restaurant renowned for its cheese-filled focaccia and home-made pesto sauce.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Hotel Catalonia Passeig de Gracia, Barcelona
- Days 4, 5** Park Hotel San Jorge, Costa Brava
- Days 6, 7** NH Collection, Marseille
- Days 8, 9** Hotel Apollinaire, Nice, French Riviera
- Days 10 - 12** NH Collection Genova Marina, Genoa, Italian Riviera
- Days 13, 14** Hotel Borgo di Cortefreda, Chianti Countryside or Park Hotel Chianti, Barberino Tavarnelle, Tuscany

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Venture along the glittering Mediterranean coast on an immersive journey connecting the Spanish, French and Italian Rivieras.

Day 1: Barcelona, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to the Mediterranean coast. Begin your journey in the spirited city of Barcelona, famed for its exceptional architecture and vibrant culinary scene. Settle in for a 3-night stay in this cosmopolitan city. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Barcelona

This morning, explore the ever-changing Catalan capital as it was meant to be explored - on foot. Ramble along the bustling La Rambla boulevard, famous for its street artists and performers. Wander along the Gothic Quarter's labyrinthine streets and delve into one of Barcelona's lively food markets pausing to savour a traditional paella lunch. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll venture to the hilltop Park Güell or join an optional food tour of the Eixample district, interlacing Modernist architecture with tasty tapas. (B, L)

Day 3: Barcelona

Gain a different perspective on Barcelona during a panoramic tour showcasing the expansive Plaça de Catalunya, the Columbus Monument,

and Antoni Gaudí's Batllo House and Casa Mila building (UNESCO). Then, **it's your choice!** Visit Catalunya's National Museum of Art in company of a local guide **-OR-** hop on a cable car and ascend the Montjuïc Castle for bird-eye views over the bustling port. This afternoon, visit the awe-inspiring La Sagrada Família (UNESCO). Work on Gaudí's visionary basilica began in 1882, and is scheduled to be completed in 2026, on the 100th anniversary of the architect's death. As the day draws to a close, dine on traditional Catalan specialties at a farmhouse turned restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Barcelona - Girona - Costa Brava

Set out for Girona, a medieval town known for its atmospheric Old Quarter. Explore the Barri Vell in company of a local guide and enjoy some free time to stroll along its riverbanks. Admire Girona's colourful houses before heading to the Catalan coast for a 2-night stay at a seaside hotel. Costa Brava is an incredibly alluring place, and the perfect region to spend your days relaxing in your sea-view room or exploring its secluded coves and beaches. (B)

Day 5: Costa Brava - Figueres - Besalú

Take in the Spanish coastline during a coastal walk between the charming villages of Calella de Palafrugell and Llafranc. Then, travel to nearby Figueres, where the surreal outside architecture of the Dalí Theatre-Museum matches the artist's legendary works inside. After taking in the mind-boggling art of Salvador Dalí, you'll continue on to the medieval village of Besalú. This evening, relax over dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 6: Costa Brava - Winery Visit - Marseille, France

Bid adios to Spain this morning as you cross into France during a full-day transfer. Along the way, pause at the Abbey of Fontfroide founded almost 10 centuries ago. Explore its tumultuous history during a guided visit that concludes with lunch and a taste of its locally produced wine. Check into your hotel in the early evening and make yourself at home in multicultural Marseille, France's second-largest city. (B, L)

Day 7: Marseille 🇻

Founded over 26 centuries ago, Marseille is France's oldest city. In the company of an expert guide, explore Le Panier district, the city's eminently walkable old town. Narrow lanes lined with flowers and street-art embellished facades suddenly open onto the blue waters of the Old Port, the city's museum and cultural hub. The area was entirely rejuvenated when Marseille was elected European Capital of Culture in 2013. Then, **it's your choice!** Delve into the area's prehistoric past with a visit to the Cosquer Cave, an outstanding example of primitive rock art admirably replicated in the Villa Méditerranée Museum -**OR-** hop on a local ferry and discover one of the city's heritage trades during a visit to the museum of "Marseille" soap, which has been crafted in the area for over 600 years. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll venture to the hilltop cathedral of Notre Dame offering panoramic views of the city or take a scenic cruise of the Calanques National Park. This evening's **Impact Moment** comes in the form of dinner at a socially responsible restaurant that uses its profits to provide meals to the impoverished for a symbolic cost. (B, D)

Day 8: Marseille - Aix-en-Provence - Nice, French Riviera

Let the colours and light of southern France captivate you as you explore Aix-en-Provence. Perhaps you'll visit the

atelier (artist studio) of Paul Cézanne, frozen in time since the painter's death in 1906. Or acquaint yourself with the Provençale lifestyle browsing the town's food shops in search of the perfect olive tapenade. An afternoon transfer takes you to Nice, a coastal pearl known for its legendary opulence and balmy beaches. Join an orientation walk of the old town before setting off for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 9: Nice

The day is yours to explore Nice. Perhaps you'll stroll along the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais before finding your favourite café and soaking in the local life. Or join an optional tour to historic St. Paul de Vence. After exploring this charming walled medieval village, continue to Grasse, the capital of French perfume. Learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop led by an expert perfumer, affectionately referred to as *nez* (nose) before returning to Nice for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 10: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Genoa, Italy

Bid *au revoir* to France this morning as you head to Monaco, the second smallest country in the world. On a walking tour, view the changing of the guards and visit the Cathedral of Monaco - the permanent resting place of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace. Explore the tiny Principality on a panoramic Little Train tour taking you across to Monte Carlo for views of its famous Casino. Take in the coastal views as you cross into Italy during an afternoon-long transfer to the bustling port city of Genoa. In the early evening, settle into your hotel for a 3-night stay in the Italian Riviera. (B)

Day 11: Genoa - Portofino - Genoa

Taste your way across Genoa's old town during a walking tour of this ancient Maritime Republic, once so affluent that it rivalled Venice. This afternoon, board a boat to one of the most glamorous spots on the Italian Riviera. Spend time in Portofino and take in the colourful harbour, dotted with fishing boats and yachts set against a backdrop of pastel-coloured buildings. This evening pause for a taste of the Italian Riviera at a local restaurant renowned for its cheese-filled focaccia and home-made pesto sauce. (B, D)

Day 12: Genoa - Cinque Terre - Genoa

Spend the day exploring the colourful cliffside villages of Cinque Terre. Take in the picturesque, rugged coastline dotted



DOUBLE Starting at **\$7699**
SOLO Starting at **\$9649**

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - May 2024
(different itinerary - see note*)

June 2024 - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

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with terraced vineyards as you travel by rail. Make your way through this seemingly inaccessible string of fishing villages, nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. (B)

Day 13: Genoa - Florence - Tuscan Countryside

A morning-long transfer takes you to Florence, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. Home to Italy's best art and architecture, Florence is a work of art all on its own. Marvel at Ghiberti's 'Gates of Paradise' and Brunelleschi's imposing dome at the Santa Maria del Fiore cathedral complex. Take in the towering Palazzo Vecchio - the centre of power of the Medici dynasty, before concluding your guided walking tour in the expansive Piazza Santa Croce. Enjoy an hour at leisure before savouring Tuscan specialties for dinner at a local restaurant. In the early evening journey further into the surrounding hills for a 2-night stay in the Tuscan countryside. (B, D)

Day 14: Tuscan Countryside - Truffle Hunting - San Gimignano

Let a memorable epicurean adventure commence with a truffle hunt, led by a local expert and trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. Set out on foot through rolling hills and silvery olive groves in search of the elusive tuber-shaped fungi before sampling the results for lunch. Then spend time in San Gimignano, whose slender medieval towers stand tall over the surrounding vineyards. As the sun begins to set, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, L D)

Day 15: Tuscan Countryside - Tour Ends

Say *arrivederci* to Italy as your journey along the Mediterranean coast comes to an end today. (B)

SPAIN & MOROCCO

13 DAYS • 18 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5349

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Madrid • Córdoba • The Alhambra • Seville • Flamenco Show • Jerez de la Frontera • Tangier • Chefchaouen • Fes • Rabat • Mausoleum of Mohammed V • Marrakech • Casablanca • Hassan II Mosque



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a Flamenco show in enchanting Seville.
- Embark on a walking tour of Córdoba's religious marvel, the Mezquita.
- Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of the ancient Medina of Fes.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 10** — Choose how you explore Marrakech: visit either the Jardin Majorelle Botanical Gardens, a colourful oasis in the centre of Marrakech, and the Berber Museum **-OR-** the Yves Saint Laurent Museum.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a tour and tasting of sherry at a *bodega*.
- Savour a Moroccan dinner at a traditional *riad*.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1, 2	Riu Plaza Espana, Madrid
Day 3	Catalonia Hotel, Granada
Days 4, 5	NH Sevilla Plaza de Armas, Seville
Day 6	Hilton Tanger City Center, Tangier
Days 7, 8	Barcelo Fes Medina, Fes
Days 9 - 11	Radisson Blu Marrakech Carre Eden, Marrakech
Day 12	Radisson Blu Hotel City Center, Casablanca

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Make your way across two continents and discover a vivid tapestry of cultures, customs, and cuisines.

Day 1: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's dynamic capital city. Gather with new friends tonight for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Madrid

On a guided tour of Madrid's historic centre, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor. Join a local expert to explore the priceless masterpieces of the Prado Museum, which opened in 1819 and boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore Madrid, or instead, choose to purchase an optional tour to magnificent Toledo, a 192 B.C. UNESCO World Heritage Site on the Tagus River. (B)

Day 3: Madrid - Córdoba - Granada

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Córdoba. Reduce travel time and increase leisure time in Córdoba when you choose to take the optional AVE high-speed train! Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of La Mezquita (UNESCO), an 8th-century mosque converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Later, continue on to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. (B)

Day 4: Granada - Seville

This morning, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra (UNESCO), a stone fortress overlooking the entire city and serving as a mesmerising example of Islamic architecture. Then enjoy some free time before we depart for Seville, Spain's "cultural capital." (B, D)

Day 5: Seville - Flamenco - Seville

Join a local expert in discovering the city's historic Mudéjar architecture, and uncover the intriguing myths, stories and legends of Seville. Get a sense of this fascinating city during a panoramic tour where you will be able to see many of its most famous sites, including the Giralda Bell Tower. Then visit the majestic Seville Cathedral (UNESCO). Continue on to the winding narrow streets, quaint courtyards, bright flowers, and whitewashed buildings of Barrio Santa Cruz, the old Jewish Quarter of Seville. Later today, take your reserved seats for a flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B)

Day 6: Seville - Jerez de la Frontera - Tangier, Morocco

Depart Seville and journey to Spain's sherry region. Stop at a *bodega* in Jerez de la Frontera for a tour and tasting before sitting down for a tapas lunch. After lunch we will head south and



Flamenco Show



Marrakech Market

handicraft shops where you can find the wool garments and woven blankets that are unique to this region. This evening, arrive in Fes (UNESCO). The "Mecca of the West," Fes has retained its position as a religious capital of the region. Tonight enjoy dinner in a traditional Riad. (B, D)

Day 8: Fes

Discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn of its historical importance as a centre of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion during a fascinating tour. See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the Palace. Then, set out on a walking tour in the Medina. Founded in the 9th century, it is home to the world's oldest continuously functioning university. Amid the cobbled alleyways of this ancient market, you'll find spices and colourful wares in a labyrinth of streets and alleyways. Learn about the famous leather tanneries, a tradition dating back to the 11th century. View the honeycomb of vats exploding in brilliant colours. (B)

Day 9: Fes - Rabat - Marrakech

This morning, it's off to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, where during your city tour you'll visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and explore the Oudaya Kasbah. This evening, arrive in the exotic city of Marrakech. (B, D)

Day 10: Marrakech

Explore Marrakech and its ancient El Bahia Palace with its marble floors and exquisite carved cedar ceilings. Visit the vibrant and historic Jewish Mellah and see the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque. Enter the 11th-century walled Medina and enjoy time to mingle with locals and artisans as you shop at the ancient market. Later this afternoon, **it's your choice!** Visit one of the most beautiful botanical gardens in Morocco, Jardin Majorelle, before venturing to the Berber Museum **-OR-** visit the Yves Saint Laurent Museum - a showcase of art, fashion, and design by the iconic French Algerian designer. This evening, perhaps

board the high speed ferry to the incredible continent of Africa! A short ride across the Strait of Gibraltar brings you to Morocco and the city of Tangier. Enjoy a free evening to explore this revitalized seaside city. Take a stroll along the oceanfront promenade, visit the new marina, do some shopping in the Medina, or simply enjoy the views from any one of the city's many restaurants. (B, L)

Day 7: Tangier - Chefchaouen - Fes

Journey from Tangier to Chefchaouen - the "Blue City" of Morocco. Take in the beauty of the surrounding mountains, enhanced by the contrast of the brightly painted buildings. Enjoy free time to explore the famous indigo-blue streets of this small town and stop in one of the many



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
January - May 2024

Itinerary featured is for January - May 2024. For departures after May 2024, please refer to or website.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **Pre-Night:**
Madrid (1 Night)

+ **Post-Night:**
Casablanca (1 Night)

you will join an optional horse-drawn carriage through Marrakech, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B)

Day 11: Marrakech

Today you will have a full day to explore "the pink city" of Marrakech at your own pace. You might choose to return to the medina for some more exploration or you may choose to take a trip to the Agafay Desert including lunch and a camel ride. (B)

Day 12: Marrakech - Casablanca

This morning, venture to Casablanca and tour the Hassan II Mosque, a stunning and impressive high-tech architectural masterpiece. See the city by night on your drive along the seashore to your farewell dinner at Rick's Café, the legendary saloon from the film *Casablanca*. (B, D)

Day 13: Casablanca - Tour Ends

Your tour of two continents and two countries with a rich, long-shared history comes to a close today. (B)

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STARTING AT: **\$1120 PP**

EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

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STARTING AT: **\$840+ pp**

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Málaga • White Villages of Andalusia • Ronda • Cordoba • La Mezquita • Home Hosted Lunch • Horse Ranch • Seville Cathedral • Estremoz • Cascais • Lisbon • Sintra • Quinta da Regaleira



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- View Lisbon in a new way through the windows of your private tram.
- Experience Ronda, one of Spain's loveliest and most historic towns.
- Explore Sintra, the summer residence of Portuguese kings for centuries.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — In Seville, walk along the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter **-OR-** see the city from a different perspective with a horse and carriage ride to Plaza de Espana and Maria Luisa Park.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)
- Sample Málaga's delicacies during a tour of the city.
 - Enjoy a farm-to-table home-hosted meal in Ronda.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** NH Málaga, Malaga
Days 4, 5 H10 Palacio Colomera, Cordoba
Days 6, 7 H10 Casa de la Plata, Seville
Days 8 - 10 Pestana Cidadela, Cascais
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



From bustling cities to peaceful stays on the Mediterranean coast, get a true taste of the Iberian Peninsula.

Day 1: Málaga, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Málaga, a city known for its Andalusian lifestyle and birthplace of artist Pablo Picasso. Later this afternoon, join your fellow travellers and your Tour Manager for a welcome reception.

Day 2: Málaga

Discover the port city of Málaga with a local guide. Walk through the colourful market stalls, sampling an almond snack or two, and learn about the history and culture of this seaside community. Stop at a local restaurant for *churros con chocolate*. Meet a local from the Sepulcro Brotherhood to learn about the importance of the brotherhoods to the local culture. Then, stop at a local bodega bar to sample the famous Malaga sweet, fortified wine. End your morning with a guided visit of the Picasso Museum, viewing paintings by this iconic artist. (B, D)

Day 3: Málaga - Frigiliana - Nerja - Málaga

Today we will journey to the picturesque white villages of Andalusia. The village of Frigiliana, considered to be one of the most beautiful villages in Andalusia, will make you feel as though you have stepped back in time as you take in

its whitewashed houses and historical sites while walking through the narrow cobblestone streets. Travel to the town of Nerja and explore its famous caves, home to one of the world's largest stalactites. In Nerja, visit the Balcón de Europa, a balcony in the centre of town with stunning views of the sea. Return to Málaga where you can choose to join your Tour Manager on a sunset marina stroll, the perfect way to say goodbye to Málaga. (B)

Day 4: Málaga - Ronda - Cordoba

Head to Ronda, a historic town perched upon a cliff in Andalusia. Explore the old town full of twisting narrow streets, the 18th-century Puente Nuevo (New Bridge) over the El Tajo gorge, and La Alameda Park with its panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. During your walking tour, hear about the often-debated topic of bullfighting in this city rich with bullfighting lore. Visit the stunning Casa don Bosco, a modernist mansion featuring Nazarite tiles, a beautiful garden, and breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains. Complete your tour of Ronda and be welcomed in to a local's home for a farm-to-table home-hosted lunch. Arrive in Cordoba this evening. (B, L)



World Heritage site and the largest gothic cathedral in the world. View the ornate architecture of the cathedral and see Christopher Columbus' tomb. This evening, take in sweeping views of Seville from atop the Mirador Setas viewpoint. (B, D)

Day 7: Seville

In Seville, **it's your choice!** Take a walking tour of the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with its cascading bright flowers, whitewashed buildings and winding streets **-OR-** take a horse and carriage ride through Plaza de España and Maria Luisa Park – one of the loveliest parks in all of Europe. Later this afternoon, during our **Impact Moment**, participate in a flamenco lesson at Fundacion Cristina Heeren de Arte Flamenco, a non-profit organisation dedicated to preserving the art of flamenco in Spain and internationally. After your lesson, enjoy a traditional flamenco performance. (B)

Day 8: Seville - Estremoz, Portugal - Cascais

Say *adios* to Spain and travel through the Portuguese countryside to Estremoz – a historic town whose marble can be found in Portuguese monuments throughout the country. After a lunch full of local flavours, continue on to Cascais, the picturesque resort town situated along the coast of the Portuguese Riviera. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 9: Cascais - Lisbon - Cascais

Your journey takes you to Lisbon, Europe's second oldest capital city. We will start in Belem, home to many of Lisbon's most iconic sites and its most famous pastry – *pasteis de Belem*. After viewing the sprawling Jeronimos Monastery (UNESCO), embark on a panoramic city tour on one of Lisbon's iconic trams taking you through the postcard-worthy streets of this charming city! Return to Cascais, where the rest of the day is yours to explore independently. This evening, you may choose to join an optional experience to see local artists perform traditional Fado (UNESCO). (B)

Day 10: Cascais - Sintra - Cascais

Head to the town of Sintra (UNESCO), a favourite summer residence of Portuguese

Day 5: Cordoba

Begin your day with a visit to a family run horse ranch. Then immerse yourself in the culture of Cordoba when you admire the rows of patios filled with colourful flowers and plants. Meet with a local to discuss the tradition and importance of these bountiful displays. Later, tour the magnificent Mezquita (UNESCO). Originally built as a mosque, it was converted into the city's cathedral when the Christians conquered the region in 1236. End the day with dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Cordoba - Seville

Depart Cordoba for Seville, Spain's "cultural capital." Get to know Seville on a panoramic city tour featuring the famous Bull Ring, Torre de Oro, Plaza de Espana, and Maria Luisa Park. Then, at your own pace and using an audio guide, discover the magnificent Seville Cathedral, a UNESCO



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
October 2023 - May 2024

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

Pre-Night: Malaga (1-2 NIGHTS)



kings for six centuries. Explore the Quinta da Regaleira, a 20th-century palace with an elaborate gothic façade and beautiful gardens. Then stop at a local bakery and indulge in a local pastry before enjoying some time on your own to discover this storybook town. Tonight, toast to a wonderful trip with your fellow travellers during a farewell dinner featuring savoury Portuguese flavours. (B, D)

Day 11: Cascais - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



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EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

SPAIN'S CLASSICS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Madrid • The Prado Museum • Toledo
• Cordoba • La Mezquita • Seville •
Flamenco Show • Granada • The
Alhambra • Valencia • Paella Experience •
Barcelona • La Sagrada Familia



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- In Cordoba, take a walking tour of the Mezquita, a religious marvel.
- Step back in time in Toledo, the former capital of the Spanish Empire.
- Experience the AVE high-speed train from Madrid to Cordoba.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — In Seville, walk along the charming and quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with an expert guide **-OR-** see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Savour a "paella experience" including a paella-making demonstration and lunch.
- Take a bite of the local culture on a tapas tasting food tour in Granada.
- Indulge in Spanish wines with every included dinner.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 Riu Plaza Espana, Madrid
Days 4, 5 NH Sevilla Plaza de Armas, Seville
Day 6 Barcelo Carmen, Granada
Days 7, 8 AC Hotel by Marriott, Valencia
Days 9, 10 Catalonia Plaza Catalunya, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Alhambra

Embark on a Spanish adventure as you take in medieval architecture, idyllic landscapes and delectable cuisine.

Day 1: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's lively capital and largest city. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Madrid

During a locally guided panoramic tour of Madrid's historic centre, see iconic sites such as the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. Join a local expert to explore the priceless masterpieces of the Prado Museum, which opened in 1819 and boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya. Tonight, you might choose to experience Madrid like a local with a metro ride, a walking tour and dinner with traditional entertainment at a local restaurant. (B)

Day 3: Madrid - Toledo - Madrid

Travel to the hilly town of Toledo (UNESCO), the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. Embark on a comprehensive tour, highlighting the magnificent Gothic cathedral. Then, visit the Church of Santo Tome and view El Greco's masterpiece painting, *The Burial of Count Orgaz*, before returning to Madrid. (B)

Day 4: Madrid - Cordoba - Seville

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba by the AVE high-speed train to reduce travel

time and allow you to enjoy more free time in Cordoba. Embark on a walking tour of Cordoba's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Then visit La Mezquita (UNESCO), an 8th-century mosque that was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. End your day in Seville, considered to be Spain's "cultural capital" with dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 5: Seville

Embark on a panoramic tour before arriving at the iconic Plaza de España. Then decide on how you see Seville because **it's your choice!** Walk the charming and quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with an expert guide, admiring the orange trees and white-washed houses **-OR-** see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River, drifting by timeworn bridges and towers. Later, visit the Seville Cathedral (UNESCO) – the largest gothic church in the world – and see Columbus' tomb and the Giralda Bell Tower. End the afternoon with a tapas lunch at a local taberna. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B, L)

Day 6: Seville - Granada

Travel to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic



monarchs in 1492. Upon arrival, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra (UNESCO), a stone fortress overlooking the entire city and serving as a mesmerising example of Islamic architecture. This evening, a guided tapas tour on foot is on the menu! (B, D)

Day 7: Granada - Valencia

Travel through Spain's amazing landscape on your way to the Mediterranean coast. Pass by rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive and orange groves before arriving in the city of Valencia. A treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, Valencia is Spain's third largest city melding historic and modern culture. (B)

Day 8: Valencia - Albufera - Valencia

On a panoramic tour of Valencia, see the City of Arts and Sciences – an ultramodern educational institution. Explore the city's old town on foot, discovering the history with a local expert. View the ornate towers before wandering through the bustling central market, where you'll shop side-by-side with the locals. Travel to Albufera, the area where paella first originated. Enjoy a boat ride on the canals surrounding the rice field plantations. Visit a traditional fisherman's home, known as a *barraca*, and enjoy a paella-making demonstration and an authentic paella lunch. (B, L)

Day 9: Valencia - Barcelona

Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Barcelona's fascinating boulevards including the famous Las Ramblas, dotted with colourful bird and flower stalls. (B)

Day 10: Barcelona

Embark on a panoramic tour of Barcelona, showcasing the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuic, and Antoni Gaudi's Batllo House and Casa Mila building (UNESCO). A local expert will accompany you on a visit to the awe-inspiring La Sagrada Familia (UNESCO), considered to be the

most famous of Gaudi's works. Work on the basilica began in 1882, and it is scheduled to be completed in 2026 on the 100th anniversary of the architect's death. As the day draws to a close, enjoy a farewell dinner celebrating the end of your trip to Spain. (B, D)

Day 11: Barcelona - Tour Ends

Return home with memories of a beautiful land and a diverse cultural heritage or begin your Costa Brava post-trip extension. (B)

Optional 4 Night Barcelona & Costa Brava Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$1680 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 11: Barcelona

Take a full day at leisure in Barcelona. Delve into the historic Gothic Quarter with its narrow medieval alleyways. Perhaps head over to Park Güell and its mosaic walls, or maybe spend some time exploring the shops and restaurants of Las Ramblas.

Day 12: Barcelona - Girona - Costa Brava

Set out for Girona in the morning, a beautiful medieval city known for its Old Quarter. You'll meet with a local guide and take a tour of the city before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. Then, head for the Catalan coast, where you'll arrive at your seaside hotel and settle in for the next 3 nights. Costa Brava is an incredibly alluring place, and the perfect region to spend your days relaxing and exploring. (B, L)

Day 13: Costa Brava

Today is yours to enjoy Costa Brava how you'd like. Take advantage of this day at leisure – maybe heading down to the private beach or venturing into the local towns for some souvenir shopping. (B)

Day 14: Costa Brava - Calella de Palafrugell - Llafranc - Besalu - Costa Brava

Today, your local guide will meet you at your hotel for a walking tour. You'll head first to the beautiful village of Calella de Palafrugell for a coastal walk towards the quaint village of Llafranc. Then, you'll drive to the Dalí Theatre-Museum, where the surreal outside architecture matches the legendary works inside. After taking in the mind-boggling art of Salvador Dalí, continue on to the medieval village of Besalu for free time and lunch. Arrive back at your hotel with enough time to relax before your farewell dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 15: Costa Brava - Barcelona

Say farewell to the Catalan coast and Spain as you depart for home. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$5149** / Starting at **\$6399** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 13 July 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - May 2024 (different itinerary - see note*) June 2024 - May 2025 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2024 - May 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

Pre-Night: Madrid (1-2 NIGHTS)



“The flamenco show in Seville and the food were the best!”
- Linda S.

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Barcelona • La Sagrada Familia • Valencia
• Paella Experience • Granada • The Alhambra • Seville • Flamenco Show • Cordoba • Madrid • The Prado Museum • Toledo • Elvas • Lisbon • Belém • Obidos



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stop in the little-known town of Peniscola, the "City in the Sea."
- Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- Marvel at world-renowned Spanish art at the Prado Museum.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — In Seville, walk along the Santa Cruz Quarter and Plaza de España with an expert guide **-OR-** see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Savour a "paella experience" including a paella-making demonstration and lunch.
- Take a bite of the local culture at a tapas lunch.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 H10 Casanova, Barcelona
Days 3, 4 SH Valencia Palace, Valencia
Day 5 Catalonia Hotel, Granada
Days 6, 7 Barcelo Renacimiento, Seville
Days 8, 9 H10 Puerta de Alcalá, Madrid
Day 10 Vila Gale Collection, Elvas
Days 11 - 13 Altis Grand Hotel, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Embark on an Iberian adventure as you take in medieval architecture, idyllic landscapes and delectable cuisine.

Day 1: Barcelona, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Spain. Begin your journey in the vibrant city of Barcelona. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers and enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Barcelona

Start your morning with a walk from your hotel to some of Barcelona's main sights, getting to experience this amazing city as it was meant to be explored - on foot. After some free time for lunch on your own, embark on a panoramic tour of Barcelona, showcasing the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuic, and Antoni Gaudí's Batlló House and Casa Mila building (UNESCO). A local expert will accompany you on a visit to the awe-inspiring La Sagrada Familia (UNESCO), considered to be the most famous of Gaudí's work. Work on the basilica began in 1882, and it is scheduled to be completed in 2026 on the 100th anniversary of the architect's death. (B)

Day 3: Barcelona - Peniscola - Valencia

Today, say goodbye to Barcelona! On your way to Valencia, stop in beautiful Peniscola where you will enjoy free time to explore on your own. Known as the "City in the Sea," this fortified town and its Knights Templar Castle dating back to

the 13th century are a little hidden gem. End your day in Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, surrounded by citrus groves. Perhaps you will join an optional tour that explores the myths and legends of Valencia. (B)

Day 4: Valencia - Albufera - Valencia

On a panoramic tour of Valencia, see the City of Arts and Sciences - an ultramodern educational institution. Explore the city's old town on foot, discovering the history with a local expert. View the ornate Serranos Towers before wandering through the bustling central market, where you'll shop side-by-side with the locals. Enjoy time on your own to explore as you wish. Travel to Albufera, the area where paella first originated. Enjoy a short boat ride on the canals surrounding the rice field plantations. Visit a traditional fisherman's home, known as a barraca, and enjoy a paella-making demonstration and a delicious paella lunch. (B, L)

Day 5: Valencia - Granada

Today you'll make your way to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a nearby restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Granada - Seville

This morning, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra (UNESCO,) a stone fortress overlooking the entire city and serving as a mesmerising example of Islamic architecture. End your day in Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital." (B, D)

Day 7: Seville

Decide how you see Seville because **it's your choice!** Walk the Santa Cruz Quarter with an expert guide, admiring the orange trees and white-washed houses before continuing to the Plaza de España -**OR-** see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River, drifting by timeworn bridges and towers. Later, visit the Seville Cathedral (UNESCO) - the largest gothic church in the world - and see Columbus' tomb and the Giralda Bell Tower. End the afternoon with a light tapas lunch, overlooking the cathedral. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's most famous traditions. (B, L)

Day 8: Seville - Cordoba - Madrid

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of La Mezquita (UNESCO), an 8th-century mosque that was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical Jewish Quarter. Then, board the AVE high-speed train to Spain's capital city, Madrid! Arrive in the late afternoon and enjoy some free time to rest or venture out and explore on your own. (B)

Day 9: Madrid

During a locally guided panoramic tour of Madrid's historic centre, see iconic sites such as the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. Join a local expert to explore the priceless masterpieces of the Prado Museum, which opened in 1819 and boasts some of the world's finest collections of

art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya. Your afternoon will be free to explore this fascinating city further. (B, D)

Day 10: Madrid - Toledo - Elvas, Portugal

Travel to Toledo (UNESCO), the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. Embark on a comprehensive tour, highlighting the magnificent Gothic cathedral. Then, visit the Church of Santo Tome and view El Greco's masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz. Bid Spain adios and cross the border into Portugal, arriving in the off-the-beaten-path town of Elvas, a garrison town recognised as a World Heritage site. (B)

Day 11: Elvas - Lisbon

After enjoying a relaxing morning in Elvas, make your way to Lisbon, the capital of Portugal. Spend your day uncovering legends of the country's past, including the Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belém (UNESCO). Enjoy time in the evening to settle into your new home for the next 3 nights. (B)

Day 12: Lisbon

The day is yours! Discover the capital city on your own. Consider tasting the city's mouthwatering cuisine or taking the historic tram to the vibrant Alfama district. Perhaps you will go on an optional excursion to the Portuguese Riviera, visiting the picturesque towns of Cascais and Sintra. (B)

Day 13: Lisbon - Obidos - Lisbon

Today, visit one of Portugal's most famed towns - Obidos! With its labyrinth of cobblestoned streets and whitewashed houses, this medieval town beckons you to linger and enjoy its charm. You may choose to try one of the local delicacies - sour cherry liquor served in chocolate cups, or



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October - November 2023 June 2024 - May 2025
 February - May 2024 (featured itinerary)
 (different itinerary - see note*)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2024 - May 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

Pre-Night: Barcelona (1-2 NIGHTS)

simply enjoy the narrow streets and picture perfect alleyways. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip to Spain and Portugal. (B, D)

Day 14: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Return home with memories of a beautiful land and a diverse cultural heritage. (B)



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4-NIGHT PRE TOUR
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EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

MADEIRA ISLAND
4-NIGHT POST TOUR
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EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

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9 DAYS • 14 MEALS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Lisbon • Belem • Cork Factory • Evora • Winery Visit • Alentejo • Lagos • Algarve • Silves • Setubal • Portuguese Riviera • Obidos • Sintra • UNESCO World Heritage Sites



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a 2-night stay in Lisbon, Portugal's capital city.
- Experience the exclusive *Cante Alentejano music* (UNESCO) in Evora.
- Spend the night in Evora, known as the "Museum City of Portugal."
- Enjoy a leisurely 3-night stay on the sunny coast of the Algarve.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — Discover the art of the Portuguese sidewalk with a local guide **-OR-** venture with your Tour Manager to discover the country's best-loved fish, *bacalhau* (codfish).
- **Day 8** — In Sintra, you can choose to explore the quaint hilltop village independently, taking some time to wander through the winding streets **-OR-** join a guided tour of the National Palace of Sintra, a medieval royal palace considered the best-preserved royal palace in Portugal.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 8 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)
- Taste the wines of the Alentejo region during a locally-sourced lunch at a winery.
 - Savour the flavours of the Algarve with iconic local *petiscos*.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 2** Turim Marques Hotel, Lisbon
- Day 3** Vitoria Stone Hotel or Hotel Vila Galé, Evora
- Days 4 - 6** Hotel Vila Galé Lagos, Algarve
- Days 7 - 8** Hotel Vila Galé, Cascais
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



From the Portuguese capital, Lisbon to the sunny cliffs of the Algarve and Portuguese Riviera, venture along Portugal's stunning shoreline.

Day 1: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Say hello to Lisbon, Portugal's capital and a city full of authenticity, where old customs and ancient history intermix with cultural entertainment. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Lisbon

Choose how you want to explore Lisbon today, because **it's your choice!** Discover the art and tradition of the Portuguese sidewalks during a locally led walking tour **-OR-** venture with your Tour Manager on foot and discover the city through the lens of the country's most loved fish, *bacalhau* (salted codfish). After, travel to Belem where you'll see the iconic Belem Tower (UNESCO) and the Monument to the Discoveries. Witness the façade of the 16th-century Jeronimos Monastery (UNESCO) and learn about the importance of this iconic monastery. Tonight, you may choose to join an optional tour to listen to local artists perform traditional Fado music, a UNESCO intangible cultural heritage highlight. (B)

Day 3: Lisbon - Evora

Today, you'll make your way through Portugal's charming countryside. Visit a family-owned cork factory, where you'll learn about the product's importance to the local economy

and why Portugal is the world's top cork producer. Your journey then takes you to Evora (UNESCO) - the "Museum City of Portugal." A traditional Alentejo lunch will be waiting for you, accompanied by *Cante Alentejano music* (UNESCO). In the afternoon, take time to explore this medieval walled city and see its well-preserved Roman temple up close. (B, L)

Day 4: Evora - Lagos

Journey to the stunning coasts of the Algarve - the southernmost region of Portugal. On the way, indulge in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region during a winery tour, tasting, and light lunch. Then, explore the historic resort town of Lagos, where Moorish and Renaissance influences meet towering seaside cliffs. Many celebrated voyagers began their explorations from this bustling port city. (B, L)

Day 5: Lagos

It is your day to experience the Algarve on your own. Geraniums, camellias, and oleanders grow alongside fig, orange, and almond trees, while brightly coloured fishing boats bob in the sea. Protected by hills to the north and warmed by the sea, the Algarve's mild climate and beautiful beaches attract visitors from all over the world. You may choose to join an optional boat tour today that will get you closer to some of the



most famous coastal scenery in Portugal. (B, D)

Day 6: Lagos - Silves - Lagos

This morning, venture to Silves. Allow your senses to take over when you see the contrast of dark red castle walls with the whitewashed buildings as you climb the hills of this sleepy town, once the capital of Moorish Portugal. During your stop, explore the town at your own pace or choose to climb up to the castle and see for yourself one of the best-preserved examples of Moorish defensive architecture in Portugal. Venture into a local farm nestled among rich landscapes, to learn secrets of regional bread and fruits and sample the results with a savoury lunch featuring freshly prepared Algarve seasonal and local specialities. Continue down the coast to discover the importance the canning industry held in the Algarve. After, return to Lagos for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 7: Lagos - Setúbal - Cascais

En route to the Portuguese Riviera, make a stop in Setúbal a colourful industrial city and one of southern Europe's best kept secrets. See the Mercado (Farmers Market) do Livramento up close. It is considered one of the best fish markets in the world, but it's also rich with displays of fresh fruits and vegetables. Meet local artisans at a family-run shop and learn how the famous

hand-painted Portuguese tiles, azulejos, are made. After, head to the Portuguese Riviera. Mansions scattered throughout Cascais and Monte Estoril all hint at this area's history as a haven for exiled European royals and nobility. (B)

Day 8: Cascais - Obidos - Sintra - Cascais

Explore the picture-perfect city of Obidos, where white-washed houses sit snug within medieval city walls. Continue on to Sintra (UNESCO), a breathtaking hub that served as the summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore this quaint hilltop village and wander through the winding streets lined with cork products and pastries **-OR-** venture into the National Palace of Sintra and learn about its 1000-year old history. On your return to Lisbon, stop to admire the stunning Cabo da Roca, the western most point of continental Europe. Bid Portugal goodbye during dinner in Lisbon and celebrate the end of your unforgettable journey. (B, D)

Day 9: Cascais - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at **\$3499** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$4299**

Prices based on 21 March 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - May 2024 (different itinerary - see note*)
June 2024 - May 2025 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June 2024 - May 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Days 7-8: Hotel Vila Galé, Cascais
 Upgrade to a Sea View Room at the Vila Galé in Cascais to enjoy views of the Bay of Cascais and its marina.

Please enquire about this upgrade at time of booking.

ALSO AVAILABLE

Sunny Portugal featuring New Year's Eve in Funchal, Madeira
 Start the new year off with a toast and fireworks on the island of Madeira.
 ★ DATES AVAILABLE
 DECEMBER 2023 & DECEMBER 2024

Sunny Portugal featuring Porto
 Begin your Sunny Portugal tour with an additional 3 nights in Porto, on the scenic Douro River.
 ★ DATES AVAILABLE
 JUNE - NOVEMBER 2024
 FEBRUARY - MAY 2025

THE AZORES

JEWELS OF PORTUGAL

13 DAYS • 21 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4489

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Off-Road Sete Cidades Experience • Terra Nostra Botanical Garden & Thermal Pool
• Furnas Valley • Home-Hosted Dinner • Angra do Heroísmo • Algar do Carvão • Natural Volcanic Pools • Volcanic Stone House Stay • Pico Wine Museum



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend 3 nights in the eco-friendly lava stone houses of Aldeia da Fonte, Pico Island.
- Traverse the entire rim of the Sete Cidades caldera and gaze upon the twin lakes.
- Swim in natural volcanic pools.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 3** — In Furnas, enjoy the thermal waters at the Terra Nostra local pool, built in the 18th century by the American consul to the Azores -OR- embark on a guided visit to the organic paradise that is the Terra Nostra Botanical Garden.
- **Day 8** — Visit the Horta Museum where ethnographic pieces and Sacred Art paint a picture of the history of the island -OR- visit the Scrimshaw Museum where the island's whaling past comes to life through a private whalebone carving collection at the famous Pete's Café.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 12 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)
- Experience a truly unique *cozido das furnas* lunch in Furnas valley.
 - Enjoy a home-hosted meal at a village in the Sao Miguel Island



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 4** The Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico, Sao Miguel, Azores
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.
- Days 5, 6** Zenite Boutique Hotel & Spa, Terceira, Azores
- Days 7, 8** Hotel do Canal, Faial, Azores
- Days 9 - 11** Aldeia da Fonte Nature Hotel, Pico, Azores
- Day 12** Iberostar Selection Lisboa, Lisbon

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Sete Cidades, Sao Miguel

Enter an untouched paradise on an adventure through the Azores, the archipelago gems of Portugal.

Day 1: São Miguel, Açores, Portugal - Tour Begins

This is the Azores. A set of islands virtually untouched by urban development. Your adventure begins on São Miguel, the largest of the nine volcanic islands. Relax and explore as you wish, perhaps sit along the seaside promenade and breathe in the mild air of the Atlantic.

Day 2: São Miguel

Get to know Ponta Delgada, the capital city of São Miguel, on a morning walking tour of the area. This afternoon, traverse the dirt paths to the Sete Cidades caldera's highest point on an off-road adventure. On your way, gaze down upon the blue lake (reflecting the sky) and the adjacent green lake (reflecting the lush vegetation). As you take in the greenery around you, an **Impact Moment** introduces how our partnership with a local company is supporting reforestation efforts on the island. Celebrate the beginning of your journey with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: São Miguel

Start the day with a visit to one of the few remaining basket weavers on the island. Learn how willow basket making has evolved and how this father-son enterprise has kept this traditional craft alive. Then, **it's your choice!** Enjoy the thermal waters at the Terra Nostra pool, built in the 18th century by the American consul to the Azores -OR- embark on a guided visit to the organic

paradise that is the Terra Nostra Botanical Garden. For lunch, enjoy a traditional *cozido das furnas* meal, where your food is cooked in the earth's volcanic heat. Later, continue on to the green fields of a nearby tea plantation where we will learn about this unique crop before an evening of leisure in São Miguel. (B, L)

Day 4: São Miguel

Today enjoy a full free day to explore Sao Miguel at your own pace. Or you may choose to join a Flavours of Sao Miguel optional tour where you will taste your way through some of the unique products this island has to offer. At a local *quinta*, taste Azorean gin, blended with botanicals and seaweed and learn how a local foundation supports local marine conservation. End this optional excursion with a light lunch of locally-sourced ingredients. Regardless of how you choose to spend your day, gather tonight for a home-hosted dinner at a local village. (B, D)

Day 5: São Miguel - Terceira

Say hello to the colourful island of Terceira. Stand along the edge of the crater at Serra do Cume viewpoint and take in the patchwork of infinite green. Learn about the Holy Ghost Chapels, known locally as Imperios, and customs surrounding this tradition. Get to know Angra do Heroísmo (UNESCO) with a local guide. Restored in traditional style, the city features white facades and vibrant trims. Tonight, get a taste of the

culture at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Terceira

The morning is yours. Perhaps you will join a morning optional tour to the western side of the Terceira Island visiting coffee and banana plantations along the way and ending at a family owned cheese factory for a light lunch made up of local products. Gather later and head underground with an expert guide to Algar do Carvao, the "Cavern of Coal." Feel the quiet stillness as you descend into this ancient lava tube. End the day with a swim in the natural volcanic pools of Biscoitos. Enjoy a free evening or entice your taste buds on an optional wine and tapas home experience. (B)

Day 7: Terceira - Faial

Say *bom dia* (good morning) to Faial, the "Blue Island" of the Azores. Encounter the volcanic vitality of Faial when you take in the rocky landscapes and the ash hills of the Capelinhos Volcano Interpretation Centre. Peek into the daily life of Azoreans as you mingle amongst the locals at a local market and sample another variety of locally produced cheese. (B, D)

Day 8: Faial

Have some time for yourself before joining a walking tour of Horta. Its marina and painted murals are a testament to the island's importance to sailing crews that visit the island during their voyages across the Atlantic. Then, **it's your choice!** Visit the Horta Museum where ethnographic pieces and Sacred Art paint a picture of the history of the island **-OR-** visit the Scrimshaw Museum where the island's whaling past comes to life through a private whalebone carving collection at the famous Pete's Café. (B)

Optional 3 Night Lisbon Post-Tour Extension

Starting at \$840 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 13: Lisbon

Experience Lisbon, Portugal's capital city. See the city on a lively tuk-tuk tour, zooming through the urban energy from the back seat of an open-air vehicle. Venture through the city's beloved neighbourhoods. After becoming acquainted with the area, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore on your own.

Day 9: Faial - Pico

Board a ferry to the nearby island of Pico. Enjoy a light lunch, sampling drinks paired with local cheeses and meats, snacking on different Azorean favourites. Make a stop at Lagoa do Capitao and spy Sao Jorge Island in the distance. End the day at the rustic lava stone houses of Aldeia da Fonte, an eco-sustainable hotel and your home for the next 3 nights. Enjoy dinner at this cliff-side abode. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Pico

The day is yours. Perhaps you will take to the waves on an optional ocean excursion, where you will watch for whales and dolphins before enjoying lunch back on land. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 11: Pico

Today visit the Pico Wine Museum before tasting these exclusive wines at a winery. Then, visit the whaling museum highlighting the historical ties of the industry to the culture of the islands. Learn about the importance of whaling to Pico through the 1980's and the transition from hunting to protecting these giants of the oceans! (B, D)

Day 12: Pico - Lisbon

Say farewell to the Azores Islands when we depart Pico for Lisbon. Enjoy some time at leisure for some last minute shopping or perhaps to wander through the streets of the capital city on your own. Tonight, toast to the end of your trip with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 13: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Say *adeus* (goodbye) to Portugal and the Azores as you depart this coastal paradise. (B)

Day 14: Lisbon

See the city from a different perspective - via tram! With a local guide, hop on and learn to navigate this widespread trolley system! Your guide will take you to Lisbon's famous sights, including Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO). Make the most of an afternoon to yourself, perhaps taking the historic tram to the vibrant Alfama district. Gather in the evening for dinner in a local restaurant, getting a taste of some of Portugal's favourite flavours. (B, D)

Day 15: Lisbon

The day is yours! Take advantage of your day at leisure; maybe stroll along Praça do Comércio, or even make your way to the São Jorge Castle for a sprawling panorama of the city. (B)

Day 16: Lisbon

Wish Lisbon goodbye as you depart for home. (B)



ARRIVAL
PONTA DELGADA (PDL)

DEPARTURE
LISBON (LIS)

DOUBLE Starting at \$4489
SOLO Starting at \$5489

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 23 March 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
October 2023 - May 2024

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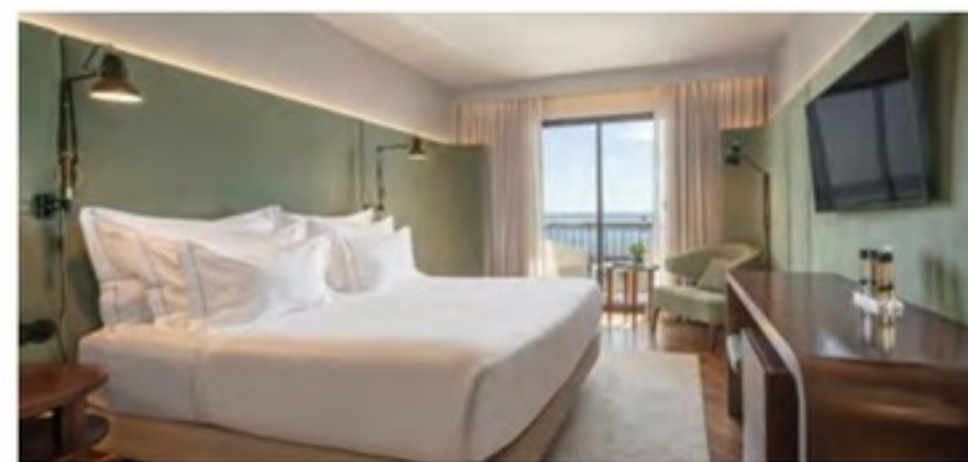
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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Ponta Delgada (1-2 NIGHTS)



ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 1-4: The Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico

You may choose to upgrade your room at The Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico to an ocean view room for your first 4 nights of the tour. Take in the sparkling coastline and wake up to an incomparable view.

Please enquire about this upgrade at time of booking.

NEW TOUR

TREASURES OF TURKEY

15 DAYS • 24 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5789

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:

1 2 3 4

SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Istanbul • Hagia Sophia • Topkapi Palace
- Spice Market • Food Tour • Bosphorus Cruise • Gallipoli • Pergamon • Ephesus • Aegean Coast Boat Ride • Impact Moment
- Konya • Cappadocia • Grand Bazaar



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Cruise the Dalyan River to the Aegean Coast.
- Explore the towering rock formations of Cappadocia.
- Experience a transcendent Whirling Dervishes ceremony.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- **Day 7** — Bathe in the thermal spring waters of the Cleopatra Antique Pools **-OR-** take a guided golf-cart tour of Pamukkale's Greco-Roman ruins.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Taste your way around Istanbul's Golden Horn district and Spice Market.
- Savour organic wines at a vineyard on the Dardanelles Strait.
- Learn family recipes during a hands-on cooking class at a restaurant in Cappadocia.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Port Bosphorus Hotel, Istanbul
- Day 4** Hotel Cura, Canakkale
- Days 5, 6** Izmir Marriott Hotel, Izmir
- Day 7** Doga Thermal Hotel, Pamukkale
- Days 8, 9** Arp Hotel, Dalyan
- Day 10** Hilton Garden Inn, Konya
- Days 11 - 13** Exedra Hotel, Cappadocia
- Day 14** Port Bosphorus Hotel, Istanbul

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Istanbul

Explore ancient ruins and legendary architecture, otherworldly landscapes and underground cities in the country that bridges the gap between east and west.

Day 1: Istanbul, Turkey - Tour Begins

Welcome to Istanbul, the bridge between East and West. Settle in to your hotel for the next three nights, and then meet your fellow travellers at a welcome briefing before taking the rest of the evening to relax as you please.

Day 2: Istanbul - Blue Mosque - Hagia Sophia - Topkapi Palace

Today, sample some of Istanbul's most iconic sites. First, the 17th-century Blue Mosque with its impressive domes and minarets, followed by Hippodrome, the former sporting and social centre of the Roman Empire. Then on to Hagia Sophia (UNESCO), a church-turned-mosque, followed by Topkapi Palace and Harem, former home to the Ottoman Sultans. Istanbul is also known for its legendary traffic, which is also an iconic experience — one that requires great patience! This evening, gather at a local restaurant where the chef will serve Ottoman-inspired cuisine. (B, D)

Day 3: Istanbul - Spice Market - Bosphorus Cruise

Explore Turkey's culinary heritage as you taste your way around Istanbul's Golden Horn district during a walking tour that includes a visit to the city's famous Spice Market and multiple tastings of Turkish specialities. This afternoon, take in Istanbul's majestic skyline as you sail between two continents during a cruise of the Bosphorus Strait, which divides Europe from Asia. The rest of the

afternoon is yours to explore. Perhaps you'll visit the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art. Or, choose to go on an optional excursion to an historic Hammam, where you'll enjoy an authentic Turkish scrub and foam bath. (B, L)

Day 4: Istanbul - Gallipoli - Çanakkale

Early this morning, leave Istanbul behind and enjoy a scenic ride along the sparkling Sea of Marmara and the Dardanelles Strait as you make your full-day transfer to Turkey's Mediterranean coast. Learn about the many conflicts these waters witnessed over the centuries, including the devastating Battle of Gallipoli during WWI. Stop at Anzac Cove to pay your respects and learn about the site's significance for Turks as well as Australians and New Zealanders before heading to a local organic winery for a tasting. Finally, cross the Dardanelles Strait to Çanakkale, a small coastal city and your home for the night. The evening is yours to unwind. (B)

Day 5: Çanakkale - Carpet Weaving Experience - Ancient Pergamon - Izmir

Another long but rewarding day of travel begins with a transfer to the countryside, where you'll learn about the traditional Turkish craft of carpet weaving. This afternoon, visit the Ancient City of Pergamon (UNESCO), where you'll take a short cable car ride up to the acropolis to enjoy views of the valley below and a tour of the Greek ruins. End the day in Izmir, your home for the next

two nights. Enjoy free time this evening to explore the seafront promenade, just a short walk from our centrally located hotel. (B, L)

Day 6: Izmir - Ancient Ephesus - Sirince - Izmir

This morning, your in-depth tour of Ancient Ephesus (UNESCO) takes you to the Terrace Houses for a walking tour of these residential villas. See the Library of Celsus, the ruins of the Temple of Artemis, and walk the paths that Paul the Apostle once walked. Conclude the morning with a visit to the Archeological Museum. This afternoon, travel to Sirince, a hilltop village once inhabited by the Greek community. The village today is a rare and protected example of Ottoman Christian architecture, known for its locally produced olive oil, wine, and peaches. Relax at a local café, taste a traditional Turkish coffee, and meet with locals who offer Turkish coffee ground readings for those who want to get their fortunes told! Afterwards, back to Izmir for an evening at leisure and dinner on your own. (B)

Day 7: Izmir - Pamukkale 🌿

Start the day by learning about the folklore of the *nazar boncuk* (evil eye) at a workshop where these traditional talismans are crafted using a process passed down through generations. Next, continue your journey inland to Pamukkale (UNESCO) to visit the famous Cotton Castle – named for its natural cascading thermal pools and white limestone – as well as the ruins of the Greco-Roman period. Here, **it's your choice!** Visit the Cleopatra Antique Pools and bathe in thermal spring water surrounded by columns and paving stones from the ancient city -OR- take a guided tour of the archeological site via golf cart and visit the local museum. Whichever you choose, all will have free time to visit the site's "Cotton Candy" pools. This evening, check into the hotel and enjoy a relaxed buffet dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Pamukkale - Ancient Kaunos - Dalyan

Today, return to the coast after a full-morning transfer to the riverbank town of Dalyan. In the early afternoon, tour the ruins of Ancient Kaunos before checking in to your hotel for the next two nights – a small, family-run bed & breakfast with simple accommodations overlooking the river. The evening is yours. (B)

Day 9: Dalyan - Coastal Boat Ride - Impact Moment - Dalyan

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast this morning before setting off for a boat trip along the river that connects Dalyan to the Mediterranean Sea. Take in views of the

Aegean coastline and make some stops (weather permitting) along the way for swimming. After lunch in a local restaurant, get ready for your **Impact Moment** at a loggerhead turtle rescue and conservation centre. Return to Dalyan for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 10: Dalyan - Isparta - Konya

Prepare for a full day of travel, beginning early and following the path of the ancient Silk Road trading route. The first leg of the journey takes you to the region of Isparta where the landscape and climate have proven ideal for the cultivation of aromatic plants. We'll stop to visit an eco-centre that uses sustainable practices to cultivate their organic crops. After a light lunch of Turkish pancakes, continue on to Konya, arriving in the early evening. Pause for dinner at a local restaurant before checking in to your hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Konya - Sultanhani Caravanserai - Cappadocia

Begin the morning in Konya with a visit to the Mevlâna Museum, the world centre of the Whirling Dervishes. Next, visit Sultanhani Caravanserai, one of the largest surviving caravanserais along the Silk Road. After viewing the vaults of this fortified road stop, travel on, arriving in Cappadocia in the early afternoon for a tour of one of the region's famous underground cities. These subterranean towns, some built almost 3000 years ago, provided refuge for their inhabitants during times of war. As you head towards your hotel, take in the rock formations created by thousands of years of volcanic activity and erosion. This evening, check in to your home for the next three nights – a cave hotel with rooms carved out of the soft stone of the natural landscape. (B)

Day 12: Cappadocia - Göreme Open-Air Museum

Get an early start with an optional balloon ride that takes you soaring above the "fairy chimneys" and rock dwellings dotting the hills and valleys. After reconvening with your fellow travellers, immerse yourself in Cappadocia's lunar landscape. Visit Göreme's Open-Air Museum (UNESCO), a vast site comprising of 11 early Christian rock-cut churches and monasteries. For lunch, join a local family at their home for a taste of homecooked *burek* (a savoury pastry filled with cheese or potatoes), accompanied by tea. This evening, come together for a Whirling Dervishes ceremony. (B, L)

Day 13: Cappadocia - Love Valley - Cooking Class

Start the day with a countryside walk in Love Valley, famous for its conspicuous



DOUBLE
SOLO

Starting at \$5789
Starting at \$7139

Pricing is per person, land only,
and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 5 May 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
October 2023 - May 2024

Itinerary featured is for October 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. For departures after May 2024, please refer to our website.

🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

+ OPTIONAL EXCURSION



Excursion: Cappadocia Sunrise Hot Air Balloon Ride

Get an aerial view of extraordinary rock formations on a sunrise hot air balloon ride above magical Cappadocia. Float above the rocky valleys as the morning sun paints the landscape rose pink in the dawn air.

Visit our website and discover more optional excursions.

rock formations. Then, visit a pottery workshop and learn how locals make use of the area's natural resources by extracting clay from the soil and developing pottery. This afternoon, participate in a hands-on cooking class learning how to make traditional dishes, like slow-roasted testi kebab, before enjoying the results for dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Cappadocia - Istanbul - Grand Bazaar

Head to the airport in Kayseri this morning for a short flight back to Istanbul. After a drive back to the city, stop at the Grand Bazaar. This complex of streets and shops has been in operation for over 600 years and is one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world. Later this afternoon, check in to the hotel before regrouping for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 15: Istanbul - Tour Ends

Your exploration of Turkey comes to a close today. (B)

ALASKA: AMERICA'S LAST FRONTIER

9 DAYS • 13 MEALS

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: **1** **2** 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Fairbanks • Gold Mining • Museum of the North • Trans-Alaska Pipeline • Dog Mushing • Denali National Park • Tundra Wilderness Tour • Talkeetna • Musk Ox Farm • Anchorage • Prince William Sound Glacier Cruise



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Learn about Alaska's gold mining past through the voices of two local sisters and try your hand at panning for paydirt.
- Get a local's perspective on the Alaskan way of life during an interactive discussion.
- Visit a Musk Ox Farm and learn about the sustainable domestication project.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — Take an easy hike in Denali National Park and discover wildflowers in bloom and gorgeous views in every direction **-OR-** meet a park ranger who will introduce you to the park's sled dogs – the traditional mode of Alaskan wilderness transport.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Dine on the grounds of the champion owned Trail Breaker Kennel.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 – 3 Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks

Days 4, 5 Denali Bluffs Hotel or Grande Denali Lodge, Denali

Day 6 Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna

Days 7, 8 Hilton Anchorage, Anchorage

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Denali National Park

Journey through America's last great frontier to discover awe-inspiring beauty, inviting locals, and rich cultural heritage.

Day 1: Fairbanks, Alaska - Tour Begins

Your Alaskan adventure begins with a 3-night stay in Fairbanks – the "golden heart city." Discover this gold rush boomtown's unique mix of contemporary culture and rich history.

Day 2: Fairbanks

Tap into Alaska's "golden heart" with a visit to a locally owned gold panning experience, where you'll learn about the region's gold mining past and try your hand at panning for some paydirt yourself. Get to know Fairbanks on a city tour, including a stop at the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, an engineering marvel that delivers oil across the state to the port city of Valdez. After some free time this afternoon, you'll visit legendary Trail Breaker Kennel where you'll meet mushers and their happy pups. Witness the dogs in their element on a training run before enjoying dinner on the kennel's scenic property. (B, D)

Day 3: Fairbanks

This morning, visit the Museum of the North at the University of Alaska where light filled spaces and

expansive windows highlight the spectacular views of the Alaskan range. Inside, the museum tells the state's rich history through art, artefacts and film. The afternoon is at leisure or take a cruise on the Riverboat Discovery to get a glimpse into everyday life along Alaska's rivers. (B)

Day 4: Fairbanks - Denali

Behold beautiful scenery as you relax and have breakfast in a deluxe domed railcar on your way to Denali National Park. Upon arrival in Denali, enjoy some free time to explore the Visitors Centre. After **it's your choice!** Join your Tour Manager on an easy hike and discover wildflowers and gorgeous views in every direction **-OR-** take a bus into the park where a ranger will introduce you to the park's sled dogs – the traditional mode of Alaskan wilderness transport. The evening is yours to discover Denali as you please. (B)

Day 5: Denali National Park

Bring your binoculars and camera as you head



Panning for gold



Musk Ox

into Denali National Park on a full-day Tundra Wilderness Tour. Travel over 40 miles into the park and enjoy a wide range of incredible scenery, narrated history, and some of the best opportunities to view the park's abundant wildlife. (B, L)

Day 6: Denali - Talkeetna

Leave Denali National Park behind and step into small-town life in Talkeetna. Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali. Perhaps you will take an optional flightseeing tour and witness the park's breathtaking beauty from the air before landing on a glacier for incomparable views of the Alaskan Range. Later, meet up with a local for a discussion on the down-to-earth Alaskan lifestyle. (B, D)

Day 7: Talkeetna - Anchorage

On your way to Anchorage, discover the pastoral charm of Matanuska Valley. Enjoy free time in Palmer for lunch before you take a step into the past with a visit to a Musk Ox Farm. Learn about the Musk Ox project – a sustainable domestication effort that has worked to preserve, protect,

and increase awareness for these woolly creatures since 1954. Get acquainted with Anchorage on a panoramic city tour before enjoying an evening at leisure to discover what Alaska's largest city has to offer. (B)

Day 8: Anchorage

Delve into the area's indigenous culture this morning at the Alaska Native Heritage Centre where you'll learn about Alaska Native customs, dances, songs local crafts. Head to Whittier and embrace the sheer magnitude of Alaska's natural beauty on a glacier cruise through Prince William Sound. Listen to an expert narrate your journey through a geological wonderland as blue skies collide with stark white glaciers and playful otters dip in and out of the calm waters. Tonight, gather at a local restaurant to toast to your journey through America's last great frontier. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Anchorage - Tour Ends

Your Alaskan adventure comes to a close today. (B)



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR DEPARTURE DATES AND RATES

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
May - September 2024

Itinerary details are subject to change. See our website for more information.

🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night:
Fairbanks (1-2 Nights)



+ Post-Night:
Anchorage (1-2 Nights)





Prince William Sound

ALASKA'S NORTHERN LIGHTS

7 DAYS • 11 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5449

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Anchorage • Northern Light Excursions
• Winter Glacier Cruise • Prince William
Sound • Talkeetna • Alaska Railroad •
Fairbanks • Dog Mushing



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Search for the northern lights in Fairbanks' star-filled sky.
- Hop in a sled and experience dog mushing like a local.
- Visit Musk Ox Farm and learn about the sustainable domestication project.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 6 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)
- Enjoy a taste of wild Alaskan salmon.
 - Learn all about the Iditarod as you dine on the property of a legendary racing kennel.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Hilton Anchorage, Anchorage, AK
- Day 3** Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna, AK
- Days 4 - 6** Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Alaska's Northern Lights

Take a snowy peek into Alaska. Visit the friendly local towns of the last frontier and bond with energetic sled dogs.

Day 1: Anchorage, Alaska - Tour Begins

Your journey starts in Anchorage, a city on the edge of the snowcapped Chugach Mountains and 60 sparkling glaciers. This is your gateway to wilderness and adventure.

Day 2: Anchorage - Winter Glacier Cruise - Anchorage

Head to Whittier and embark on an incomparable glacier cruise of Prince William Sound, narrated by an expert guide. Blue skies collide with stark white glaciers, and playful otters dip in and out of the calm waters. Embrace the sheer magnitude of Alaska's natural beauty as you venture through a geological wonderland. Feel like a true explorer during a beach landing. In the evening, gather with new friends for a welcome dinner in a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Anchorage - Palmer - Talkeetna

Take a step into the past when you visit Musk Ox Farm. Learn about the Musk Ox project - a sustainable domestication effort that has worked

to preserve, protect, and increase awareness for these woolly creatures since 1954. Continue on to Talkeetna as Denali, North America's tallest mountain, looms large over the landscape. Perhaps you will take an optional flightseeing tour and experience a breathtaking perspective of Denali. Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali. Later, perhaps you will spend some time on the Lodge's expansive deck; a great place to search for the Northern Lights, or just enjoy some hot cocoa by the roaring fireplace in the great room. (B, D)

Day 4: Talkeetna - Alaska Railroad - Fairbanks

Begin your day with a lecture on the down-to-earth Alaskan lifestyle before hopping on Alaska Railroad's Aurora Winter Train for a full-day journey to Fairbanks. Sit back and relax as you are whisked away, through snow-covered mountains and striking valleys. Have your cameras ready - the train conductor will



point out wildlife as you pass by. Dinner is included in the train's dining car. This evening you arrive in Fairbanks, your home for the next three nights and one of the best places in Alaska to see the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 5: Fairbanks

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the city of Fairbanks. Take this opportunity to relax or flex your sense of adventure with optional excursions: consider flightseeing to the Arctic Circle. Late this evening, chase the legendary northern lights, considered to be one of the most amazing natural spectacles in the world. Walk out in the snow under an unspoiled bed of stars and search for the shimmering hues of purple and green. (B)

Day 6: Fairbanks

Feel the brisk air and discover Fairbanks, the perfect combination of nature and civilisation. Look into the past at the Antique Auto Museum, where vintage cars sit between timely artefacts and fashionable designer dresses from times gone by. Hop in a car yourself, throw on some flapper accessories, and pose for



Dog Mushing



Glacier Cruise

a perfect souvenir snapshot. In the afternoon, embrace the Iditarod spirit and try your hand at dog mushing, stepping into a sled with an expert guide and gliding over the snow with your very own pack of sled dogs. Stay for dinner at the kennel owner's home and learn more about what the life of a musher is like. Later in the evening, enjoy a final chance to spot the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 7: Fairbanks - Tour Ends

Enjoy a relaxing morning before heading to the Museum of the North, the University of Alaska's collection featuring 2.2 million years of biodiversity and thousands of years of human history. The remainder of your day is at leisure. A day room has been extended for your use before your transfer to the airport. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$5449** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Starting at **\$6549**

Prices based on 23 March 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
February - March 2024

Itinerary featured is for February - March 2024 tour departures. For departures after March 2024, please refer to our website.

🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **Pre-Night: Anchorage (1-2 NIGHTS)**



Aurora Winter Train

“ The tour guide was fantastic—very organized, knowledgeable, and eager to help in any way she could! Loved the small size of the group which allowed us to really get to know each other. ”
- Tammy M.

ALASKA DISCOVERY LAND & CRUISE

12 DAYS • 26 MEALS

STARTING AT \$6315

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Fairbanks • Sternwheeler Discovery •
Music of Denali Dinner Theater • Denali
National Park • Tundra Wilderness Tour
• Luxury Domed Rail • Anchorage •
Hubbard Glacier • Glacier Bay • Skagway
• Juneau • Ketchikan • Inside Passage



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy an unforgettable rail journey from Denali to Talkeetna in a luxury domed railcar.
- Enjoy an expert guided Tundra Wilderness Tour in Denali National Park.
- Relive Alaska's Gold Rush days in historic Skagway.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a lively dinner theatre performance about the first brave men to summit Denali.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Westmark Hotel, Fairbanks, AK
Days 2, 3	McKinley Chalet Resort, Denali National Park, AK
Day 4	Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna, AK
Days 5 - 11	Holland America Cruises' Noordam or Nieuw Amsterdam

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Holland America Cruise Ship

Traverse the Pacific coast by land and sea
on this breathtaking journey
through Alaska.

Day 1: Fairbanks, Alaska - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Fairbanks, in the great state of Alaska, on an adventure that brings together the best of both land and sea.

Day 2: Fairbanks - Denali National Park

Step aboard the popular Sternwheeler Discovery, an unforgettable journey showcasing Alaska's diverse culture and rich history. Make stops along the way to meet the people and get a taste of local life. Take a scenic motor coach ride to Denali National Park. Tonight, enjoy a musical performance that tells the story of the first brave men to summit Denali followed by dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Denali National Park

This morning, travel deep into Denali National Park on the Tundra Wilderness Tour which affords the best opportunities to view the region's wildlife. Learn about the history of the park and see why Denali is one of the top three reasons that people visit Alaska. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Denali National Park - Talkeetna

Your day begins with a scenic train ride to Talkeetna. Savour every moment inside your luxury domed railcar. View the incredible landscape from glass-ceiling railcars and open-air observation platforms as rail guides provide expert commentary. Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali. (B)

Day 5: Talkeetna - Anchorage - Whittier - Board Cruise Ship

Depart for your ship, stopping en route in Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Continue with a scenic drive along the Alaska Range. Drive along the Turnagain Arm to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. With a local guide, discover where orphaned or injured bears, wolves, porcupines, and moose are cared for in a 200-acre rehabilitation site. Arrive in the port of Whittier where you'll embark on your 7-night Holland America cruise aboard a fabulous



floating resort designed to make your stay on board truly memorable. You will be dazzled by the entertainment in the state-of-the-art lounges and a myriad of dining options. While on board, breakfast, lunch, dinner and nightly entertainment are included. (B, D)

Day 6: Cruising - Hubbard Glacier
Your ship cruises past the mammoth Hubbard Glacier, one of Alaska's largest glaciers. Have your camera ready and take in the natural beauty of the glacier's stunning surface. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Cruising - Glacier Bay
Cruise through Glacier Bay, a spectacular national park and preserve that is a treasure trove of tidewater glaciers and scenic coastal islands. Its rich world of marine life and large concentration of tidewater glaciers is Alaska at its best. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Cruising - Skagway
Relive Alaska's Gold Rush days in this "Gateway to the Klondike" and home of the famed Chilkoot Trail. In historic Skagway, Alaska's past lives on in a spectacular

natural setting and cries of "gold in the Yukon!" can still be heard. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Cruising - Juneau
From massive scenic mountains to historic buildings, there is so much to explore in Alaska's capital city of Juneau. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Cruising - Ketchikan
Your port of call today is Ketchikan, known as the "Salmon Capital of the World" and the "City of Totems." Located on the tranquil Revillagigedo Island, Ketchikan is home to the world's largest collection of totem poles. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Cruising - Inside Passage
A wonderful day of sightseeing awaits as your ship sails along the amazing Inside Passage. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Vancouver, B.C. - Disembark Cruise - Tour Ends
Your cruise ends this morning in the vibrant Canadian city of Vancouver, leaving you with many wonderful memories of your tour to the last of the great frontiers. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$6315** Starting at **\$10215** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 4 September 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
May - September 2024

See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Even More Time? Combine your Journey to **Alaska** with the **Canadian Rockies & Rocky Mountaineer**. Make the most of your time in this spectacular region. Dates align perfectly to transfer from your cruise and join day one of the incredible Canadian Rockies tour. This itinerary is detailed on the next page, and the applicable start dates are listed below for your convenience. As inventory is continuously changing, please call to enquire on availability to book both programs.



Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise Departure Dates	Canadian Rockies ft. Rocky Mountaineer Departure Dates
22 May 2024	2 June 2024
29 May 2024	9 June 2024
12 June 2024	23 June 2024
3 July 2024	14 July 2024
10 July 2024	21 July 2024
17 July 2024	28 July 2024
24 July 2024	4 August 2024
31 July 2024	11 August 2024
7 August 2024	18 August 2024
14 August 2024	25 August 2024
28 August 2024	8 September 2024
4 September 2024	15 September 2024

Please note that the guests and tour manager will differ for the two tours.

CANADIAN ROCKIES FEATURING ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

8 DAYS • 13 MEALS
STARTING AT \$8999

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: **1** **2** 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Vancouver • Stanley Park •
Rocky Mountaineer • Kamloops • Lake
Louise • Banff • Icefields Parkway •
Icefields Adventure • Calgary



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend two days onboard Rocky Mountaineer viewing coastal forests, roaring river canyons and lofty mountain peaks.
- Enjoy an overnight in Lake Louise.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — In Banff, take a fun ride across a 1,000-foot thick mass of glacial ice **-OR-** take a walk on the Columbia Icefield Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley from the glass-floored platform.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy elegant dining aboard the Rocky Mountaineer, as well as unlimited alcohol.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC
- Day 3** Kamloops hotel
- Day 4** Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, AB
- Days 5, 6** The Rimrock Resort, Banff, AB
- Day 7** Calgary Marriott Downtown, Calgary, AB

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



©Rocky Mountaineer

From scenic mountains and valleys to the stunning Lake Louise, explore the best of Western Canada via the famous Rocky Mountaineer train.

Day 1: Vancouver, British Columbia - Tour Begins

Set out to explore the beautiful Canadian Rockies by train. This timeless adventure begins in the beautiful city of Vancouver.

Day 2: Vancouver

Begin your Vancouver sightseeing tour at beautiful Stanley Park, Canada's renowned urban rainforest. Follow the park's famous seawall and discover views of the mountains along trails, beaches, historical landmarks and colourful gardens. Make your way to picturesque Granville Island Public Market to stroll through its fascinating stalls of handmade crafts and artisan food producers. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Vancouver - Rocky Mountaineer - Kamloops

Onboard Rocky Mountaineer, embark on an awe-inspiring rail journey as you travel through some of the world's most majestic scenery. Beyond your sparkling glass window, enjoy views of coastal deep-green forests, roaring river canyons, and snowcapped mountain peaks. From Vancouver, B.C. to Banff, Alberta, let the Rocky Mountaineer

bring you on a spectacular voyage through the verdant farmlands of the Fraser Valley and the towering peaks of the Coast Mountains. Inside your single-level dome coach, gaze out at the stunning panoramas of the mighty Fraser River and the raging white waters of Hell's Gate. Watch the landscape transform again, this time to a semi-arid desert, as you travel towards the city of Kamloops for your overnight stay in a hotel. (B, L)

Day 4: Kamloops - Rocky Mountaineer - Lake Louise, Alberta

Continue east this morning to the spectacular Canadian Rocky Mountains. History comes alive as you travel this legendary rail route that united Canada as a nation, through the century-old Spiral Tunnels and along the powerful Kicking Horse River. Traverse the Continental Divide and keep an eye out for moose, elk, and bighorn sheep – not to mention osprey, soaring eagles, even the occasional bear. After another beautiful day onboard Rocky Mountaineer, raise a glass for a final toast. Arrive this evening in the picturesque village of Lake Louise and settle into the famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, a stunning property nestled along the banks of the lake. This evening, dine at one of the great



Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise



Stanley Park

restaurants at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Lake Louise - Banff

Enjoy a leisurely morning and admire the enchanting turquoise waters of the lake. Set off for a scenic drive through Banff featuring the powerful Bow Falls and Surprise Corner, known for its picture-perfect panoramic views. Next, meet a local ammolite specialist to learn about this rare gemstone found only in Alberta. During an afternoon at leisure, perhaps you will take a stroll through Banff's charming downtown. (B)

Day 6: Banff - Icefields Parkway - Banff

A wonderful day of sightseeing awaits as you set out along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway. Marvel at impressive waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and the picture-perfect snowcapped mountain ranges. Stop at the Athabasca Glacier where **it's your choice!** Take a fun ride across this 1,000-foot thick mass of glacial ice – the largest accumulation of ice south of the Arctic Circle -**OR-** take a walk on the Columbia Icefield Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley

and witness the dramatic landscape from the glass-floored platform. This afternoon, stop at Bow Lake – a beautiful crystal clear lake fed by Bow Glacier – for photographs and a walk along its shore. Be on the lookout for bears and stately elk on your return to Banff. (B, D)

Day 7: Banff - Calgary

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Banff before heading to Calgary – where the wild West meets industrial skyscrapers. Stop at Cave and Basin National Historic Site, whose protected land led to the birth of Canada's first national park. Tonight, join in a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

Day 8: Calgary - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to a close today, leaving you with many memories of your extraordinary journey through the awe-inspiring Canadian Rockies. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$8999** Starting at **\$11499** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 19 May 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
May - September 2024

See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

- + Pre-Night: Vancouver (1-2 NIGHTS)**
- + Even More Time?** Precede your journey through the **Canadian Rockies** with a cruise from Alaska to Vancouver, through the Inside Passage. Dates align perfectly to allow travellers to join Collette's **Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise** prior to this itinerary. See page 124 for itinerary. Applicable dates below. As inventory is continuously changing, please call to enquire on availability to book both programs.



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22 May 2024	2 June 2024
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4 September 2024	15 September 2024

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CANADIAN ROCKIES BY TRAIN

9 DAYS • 14 MEALS
STARTING AT \$8349

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

British Columbia • Vancouver • VIA Rail • Alberta • Jasper • Maligne Lake • Athabasca Glacier • Choice on Tour: Ice Explorer Glacier Tour or Columbia Icefield Skywalk • Lake Louise • Banff • Calgary



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- See the dramatic Maligne Canyon, one of the area's most spectacular landmarks.
- Behold spectacular Moraine Lake and the Valley of the Ten Peaks.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Choose a fun ride across the Athabasca Glacier-**OR**- take in breathtaking views on the Columbia Icefield Skywalk, a glass-floored platform.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 8 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)
- Enjoy breakfast at picture-perfect Maligne Lake.
 - Delight in a traditional Albertan barbecue.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC
- Day 2** VIA Rail's *The Canadian*, Vancouver, BC
- Days 3, 4** Forest Park Hotel, Jasper, AB or Chateau Jasper, Jasper, AB
- Day 5** Fairmont Chateau, Lake Louise, AB
- Days 6, 7** Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff, AB
- Day 8** Calgary Marriott Downtown, Calgary, AB

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Via Rail

From the lush green Pacific coast of Vancouver, board VIA Rail's *The Canadian* for a once-in-a-lifetime overnight train journey.

Day 1: Vancouver, British Columbia - Tour Begins

Take a remarkable journey through the stunning landscapes, charming towns and beautiful lakes of the Canadian Rockies. Your adventure opens in Vancouver.

Day 2: Vancouver - VIA Rail

A city tour of Vancouver begins this morning at beautiful Stanley Park, Canada's renowned urban rainforest. Then, continue to the waterfront, and Gastown - a turn-of-the-century centre comprised of pubs, art galleries, boutiques and the world-famous steam-powered clock, perhaps the most photographed subject in all of Vancouver. Stroll picturesque Granville Island and its fascinating markets. Later, board VIA Rail's *The Canadian* to begin your journey to the majestic Canadian Rockies. Relive train travel in the days of old as you are rocked to sleep tonight in your private accommodations. (B, D)

Day 3: VIA Rail - Jasper, Alberta

Your eastbound train whisks you past the peaks of the Monashee Mountains and the stunning sight of Pyramid Falls cascading down Mt. Cheadle. Relax in the dome car as you experience 360-degree views of the glistening glaciers of the Albrede

Icefields and on a clear day, view Mt. Robson - the highest peak of the Rockies! Moose, mountain goats, bear and caribou call this wonderland home. This afternoon, arrive in Jasper, nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rockies at the gateway to the incredible Icefields Parkway. (B, D)

Day 4: Jasper

This morning, travel to Maligne Lake, the largest natural lake in the Canadian Rockies, and enjoy breakfast against the backdrop of the picture-perfect sparkling waters of the lake. Whilst at Maligne Lake, you may choose to embark on an optional cruise highlighting the beauty of Spirit Island. Later, enjoy the dramatic Maligne Canyon, one of the area's most spectacular landmarks. Return to your hotel with time to independently explore this lovely town. (B)

Day 5: Jasper - Icefields Parkway - Lake Louise

Set off for a wonderful day of sightseeing en route to Lake Louise. Journey along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway. Waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and snowcapped peaks paint the breathtaking canvas - so have your camera handy! Enjoy a stop at the Athabasca Falls and marvel at its



sheer beauty and power. Then, **it's your choice!** Stop at the Athabasca Glacier and choose a fun ride across this mass of glacial ice which is over 1,000 feet thick – the largest accumulation of ice south of the Arctic Circle **-OR-** take a walk on the Columbia Icefield Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley and witness the dramatic landscape from the glass-floored platform. Continuing down the parkway, be on the lookout for bears, furry marmots and stately elk. Enjoy a stop at Bow Lake – a beautiful crystal-clear lake fed by Bow Glacier – for photographs and a walk along its shore before arriving in Lake Louise. (B, D)

Day 6: Lake Louise - Banff

Today, view the spectacular Moraine Lake and the awe-inspiring Valley of the Ten Peaks. The jagged Ten Peaks are distinctively saw-toothed, standing out amidst stunning Alpine scenery. Continue on to the charming mountain town of Banff for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Banff

Set off for a scenic drive through Banff featuring the powerful Bow Falls and Surprise Corner, known for its picture-perfect panoramic views. Next, meet a local ammolite specialist to learn about this rare gemstone found only in Alberta.

During leisure time, perhaps you will take a stroll through Banff's delightful downtown. (B)

Day 8: Banff - Calgary

Leave the wonders of the Rockies for the prairies of Alberta en route to the Kananaskis Valley. Visit a local ranch for a line dance lesson and enjoy a wagon ride in search of buffalo. Then, delight in a traditional Albertan barbecue with beautiful views of the mountains in the background. Later, enjoy the views of the prairies before you reach the vibrant city of Calgary. Tonight, join in a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Calgary - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today in Calgary. (B)



OVERNIGHT TRAIN ACCOMMODATIONS

Via Rail whisks you past forests, prairies, lakes and the breathtaking landscape of the Canadian Rockies! Your trip aboard this train necessitates an overnight stay in a small cabin with a bunk bed. On arrival to the Rockies, some of the most awe-inspiring scenery in the world awaits.



ARRIVAL
VANCOUVER (YVR)

DEPARTURE
CALGARY (YYC)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$8349** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$10049**

Prices based on 26 May 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023
April 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

May - October 2024
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for May - October 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR



Pre-Night:

Vancouver (1 Night)



Post-Night:

Calgary (1 Night)



Even More Time?

Precede your journey through the **Canadian Rockies** with a cruise from Alaska to Vancouver, through the Inside Passage. Dates align perfectly to allow travellers to join Collette's **Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise** prior to this itinerary. See page 124 for itinerary.



CANADIAN ROCKIES & GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

7 DAYS • 10 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4599

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Calgary • Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump
• Waterton Lakes National Park • Glacier National Park • Going-to-the-Sun Road • Banff • Athabasca Glacier • Lake Louise



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Ride aboard a historic Jammer, an open-air touring car, during your visit to Glacier National Park.
- Visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, one of the world's oldest buffalo jumps.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Stop at the Athabasca Glacier where you can ride across this mass of glacial ice **-OR-** take a walk onto a glass bottom platform at the Columbia Icefield Skywalk.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 6 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 3 Dinners (D)
- Enjoy lunch at Ski Lake Louise Lodge



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Marriott Downtown or Delta Hotels by Marriott Downtown, Calgary, AB
- Days 2, 3** Bayshore Inn Resort and Spa, Waterton Lakes National Park, AB
- Days 4, 5** Banff Inn, Banff, AB
- Day 6** Marriott Downtown or Delta Hotels by Marriott Downtown, Calgary, AB

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Glacier National Park

Ice fields, rushing waterfalls, glacial peaks, and towering summits are just a few of the wonders awaiting you.

Day 1: Calgary, Alberta, Canada - Tour Begins

Get ready for an adventure that brings together the beautiful expanse of the prairies, the soaring majesty of the Canadian Rockies and the brilliance of Montana's Glacier National Park. Your tour opens in the province of Alberta.

Day 2: Calgary - Waterton Lakes National Park

This morning, journey south to the prairie lands while enjoying the distant views of the spectacular Rockies. Visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the world's oldest, best preserved buffalo jumps. Head-Smashed-In, in the foothills of the Rockies, has been used continuously by Aboriginal people for over 5,500 years. A Blackfoot guide brings to life the culture of the Plains people, the Buffalo Hunt, and the many secrets uncovered in archaeological digs. Continue travelling south to Waterton Lakes National Park. En route, pass through quaint villages and travel along roads sometimes traversed by grizzly bears, black bears, mountain

goats, cougars, wolves, moose and elk. You'll even get to view and photograph the famous Prince of Wales Hotel. Tonight, enjoy dinner overlooking Waterton Lake. (B, D)

Day 3: Waterton Lakes- Glacier National Park, Montana, USA-Waterton Lakes, Alberta

Today, experience Glacier National Park, a naturalist's paradise. Glacier preserves over one million acres of forests, Alpine meadows and lakes, and is home to over 70 species of mammals and 270 species of birds. Enjoy a ride aboard one of its famous Jammer cars - built in the 1930s - along one of the most breathtaking roads in North America. Going-to-the-Sun Road stretches across the Continental Divide and offers incredible views of the valley and Glacier National Park. (B)

Day 4: Waterton Lakes National Park - Banff

Relax during your journey to Banff and soak in a backdrop of wonderful wildlife and the majestic Canadian Rockies. This afternoon, arrive in Banff



and enjoy stops at the powerful Bow Falls and Surprise Corner known for its picture perfect panoramic views. (B, D)

Day 5: Banff - Icefields Parkway - Banff 🇨🇦

Set out along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway and behold lofty waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and snowcapped mountain ranges. Stop at the Athabasca Glacier where **it's your choice!** Choose a fun ride across this mass of glacial ice nearly 1,000 feet thick, the largest accumulation of ice south of the Arctic Circle **-OR-** take a walk onto a glass bottom platform at the Columbia Icefield Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley and witness the dramatic landscape. This afternoon, stop at stunning Peyto Lake, a glacier-fed lake that evokes pure serenity. Be on the lookout for bears and stately elk on your return to Banff. (B)

Day 6: Banff - Lake Louise - Calgary

The famous glacier-fed, turquoise waters of Lake Louise are yours for admiring this morning. Perhaps you

will choose to hike along the lakeshore or simply relax in the majesty of your surroundings. Enjoy lunch at the Ski Lake Louise Lodge before boarding the gondola, which ascends the mountain in fourteen minutes to a height of 6,850 feet above sea level. Later, enjoy the views of the prairies while en route to Calgary. Join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Calgary - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to a close today, leaving you with a wealth of memories from your outstanding journey to two of the world's most beautiful areas: the incomparable Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$4599** Starting at **\$5999** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 16 June 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
June - September 2024

🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night or Post Night: Calgary (1-2 NIGHTS)



Wildlife in Glacier National Park

“It is too difficult to choose one favourite location from this tour. You could have stopped me at any point and pointed me toward any direction, and it would have been beautiful.”
- David W.

WESTERN CANADA'S ROCKIES, LAKES & WINE COUNTRY

9 DAYS • 13 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5799

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Calgary • Albertan Barbecue • Banff • Bow Falls • Lake Louise • Revelstoke Railway Museum • Okanagan Valley • Vineyard Dinner and Wine Tasting • Vancouver • Stanley Park • Granville Island



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stay 2 nights in the heart of the Okanagan – British Columbia's wine country.
- Taste some local treats on an agricultural visit in the Okanagan.
- Delve into the history of the Canadian Pacific Railway at the Revelstoke Railway Museum.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — Learn the hidden history of Kelowna during a city walking tour **-OR-** join an indigenous First Nation knowledge keeper for a sensory walking tour on ancestral lands.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Delight in a traditional Albertan barbecue.
- Taste the wines of the Okanagan Valley during dinner at a local vineyard.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Calgary Marriott Downtown, Calgary, AB
- Days 2, 3** Banff Ptarmigan or Banff Caribou Lodge, Banff, AB
- Day 4** Sutton Place Hotel, Revelstoke, BC
- Days 5, 6** Delta by Marriott Okanagan Resort, Kelowna, BC
- Days 7, 8** Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Okanagan Valley Vineyard

Behold beautiful views and welcoming cultures as you journey across the Canadian Rockies – from Calgary to Vancouver.

Day 1: Calgary, Alberta - Tour Begins

The vast unspoiled wilderness of the Canadian Rockies awaits you. Get ready to behold sky-high peaks and tranquil lakes, wine country and engaging cultures. Your tour begins in Calgary, a cosmopolitan city with strong western roots and ties to its cattle ranching past.

Day 2: Calgary - Banff

Discover the cowboy spirit of Western Canada with a stop at a local ranch for a line dance lesson and a wagon ride in search of buffalo. With soaring peaks serving as your backdrop, sit down for a traditional Albertan barbecue lunch. Continue on to Banff, where you'll have an evening to yourself to explore what this charming mountain town has to offer. (B, L)

Day 3: Banff

A scenic drive through Banff reveals powerful Bow Falls and picture-perfect Surprise Corner. Learn about Banff National Park at Cave and Basin National Historic Site, where a short tunnel brings you to the hot springs that sparked the creation of Canada's first national park. You'll then meet with a local ammolite specialist to learn about this rare colourful version of the gemstone found

only in Alberta. Enjoy some free time to explore downtown Banff this afternoon, or opt for a thrilling helicopter tour up to Mt. Assiniboine. Tonight, meet up with your travel companions for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Banff - Lake Louise - Revelstoke, British Columbia

The famous glacier-fed, turquoise waters of Lake Louise are yours for admiring this morning. Perhaps you'll hike along the lakeshore or simply relax in the majesty of your surroundings. Enjoy lunch at the Ski Lake Louise Lodge before boarding the mountain gondola, which offers breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and Lake Louise from an elevation of more than 6,800 feet (2,088 metres). The stunning scenery continues on your way to the ski town of Revelstoke, where you'll pass through Yoho, Glacier & Revelstoke National Park. (B, L)

Day 5: Revelstoke - Kelowna

All aboard for a visit to the Revelstoke Railway Museum – an interactive museum that connects you to the history of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Continue on to fertile lands of the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia's most celebrated wine



region. Taste some local treats and meet the people who call this valley home during an agricultural visit. Arrive in Kelowna where you'll settle in for a 2-night stay by waters of Lake Okanagan. (B)

Day 6: Kelowna 🇨🇦

This morning, **it's your choice!** Learn the hidden history of Kelowna during a city walking tour with a local guide, uncovering the legend behind Kelowna's namesake, revisiting a turn-of-the-century love story for the ages, learning the entertaining history of the Kelowna Regatta and more -**OR-** join an indigenous First Nation knowledge keeper for a sensory walking tour on ancestral lands, revealing deeply rooted traditions and pointing out various medicinal plants. This afternoon is yours to explore downtown Kelowna before travelling to a local vineyard for a tour, tasting, and dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Kelowna - Vancouver

Head west for the dynamic seaport city of Vancouver. This diverse city features incredible food and a thriving arts scene, surrounded by the North Shore Mountains. This evening is yours to taste your way around the city and get to know your new destination. Perhaps you'll join an optional Chinatown tour with a local Chinese

Canadian who will guide you around the neighbourhood's iconic landmarks and herbal stores all while sharing the history of their community. End this tour with a dinner featuring an assortment of Chinese dishes and a presentation on Chinese customs and culture. (B)

Day 8: Vancouver

A city tour of Vancouver begins this morning at beautiful Stanley Park, Canada's renowned urban rainforest. Continue onto Gastown - a turn-of-the-century neighbourhood comprised of pubs, art galleries, boutiques, and a world-famous steam-powered clock. Visit the picturesque Granville Island Public Market and stroll through its fascinating stalls of handmade crafts and artisan food producers. Tonight, toast to the end of your journey at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Vancouver - Tour Ends

Your tour through Western Canada comes to a close today. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$5799** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Starting at **\$8149**

Prices based on 19 September 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
May - October 2024

🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Calgary (1-2 Nights)

+ Post-Night: Vancouver (1-2 Nights)



Indigenous Nation tour

“ Every single day was enjoyable. I loved learning about The Canadian and Pacific RR, as well as a tour with an Indigenous woman in Kelowna. ”
- Amelia K.

MARITIMES COASTAL WONDERS

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS
STARTING AT \$5349

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:

1 2 3 4

SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax • Peggy's Cove • Mahone Bay •
Lunenburg • Cape Breton Island •
Cabot Trail • Prince Edward Island •
Anne of Green Gables Museum •
Hopewell Rocks • Fundy Trail •
Grand Pré National Historic Site



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore interesting inventions at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum.
- Learn a few handy Gaelic phrases and join in the fun of a "milling frolic."



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 3** — Delve into the local heritage at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic **-OR-** take a locally guided walking tour to discover Lunenburg's unique architecture.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Savour a traditional Maritimes lobster feast at the Fundy Trail.
- Attend culinary "boot camp" for bragging rights on who cooks the best PEI mussels.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** The Westin Nova Scotian or The Hollis Halifax by Hilton, Halifax, NS
- Days 4, 5** Inverary Resort, Baddeck, NS
- Days 6, 7** The Holman Grand Hotel, Charlottetown, PEI
- Days 8, 9** Hilton Saint John or Delta Hotels Saint John, Saint John, NB
- Day 10** The Westin Nova Scotian or The Hollis Halifax by Hilton, Halifax, NS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Peggy's Cove

From the nautical beauty of Peggy's Cove to the rugged splendour of the Cabot Trail, the Maritimes will enchant you.

Day 1: Halifax, Nova Scotia - Tour Begins

Explore the picture-perfect region known as Canada's Maritime Provinces. Venture along its rugged and pristine beauty, all while getting to know its Acadian, Mi'kmaq, and Gaelic cultures. Settle into Halifax with a free evening.

Day 2: Halifax - Peggy's Cove - Halifax

Stunning landscapes await. Head to one of the most picturesque spots in all of Canada - Peggy's Cove. Set along the Atlantic coast, the cove is home to a historic lighthouse that offers incredible views of the surrounding area. Continue to Halifax, exploring its charming downtown on a tour highlighting the waterfront, Public Gardens, Spring Garden Road, and the famous Citadel. (B, D)

Day 3: Halifax - Mahone Bay - Lunenburg - Halifax

Experience the small fishing village of Mahone Bay before travelling along the beautiful Lighthouse Route towards Lunenburg. Choose how you explore this town because **it's your choice!** Delve into the local heritage at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic **-OR-** embark on a locally guided walking tour to discover Lunenburg's unique architecture. End your day back in Halifax for an evening on your own. (B)

Day 4: Halifax - Cape Breton Island - Baddeck

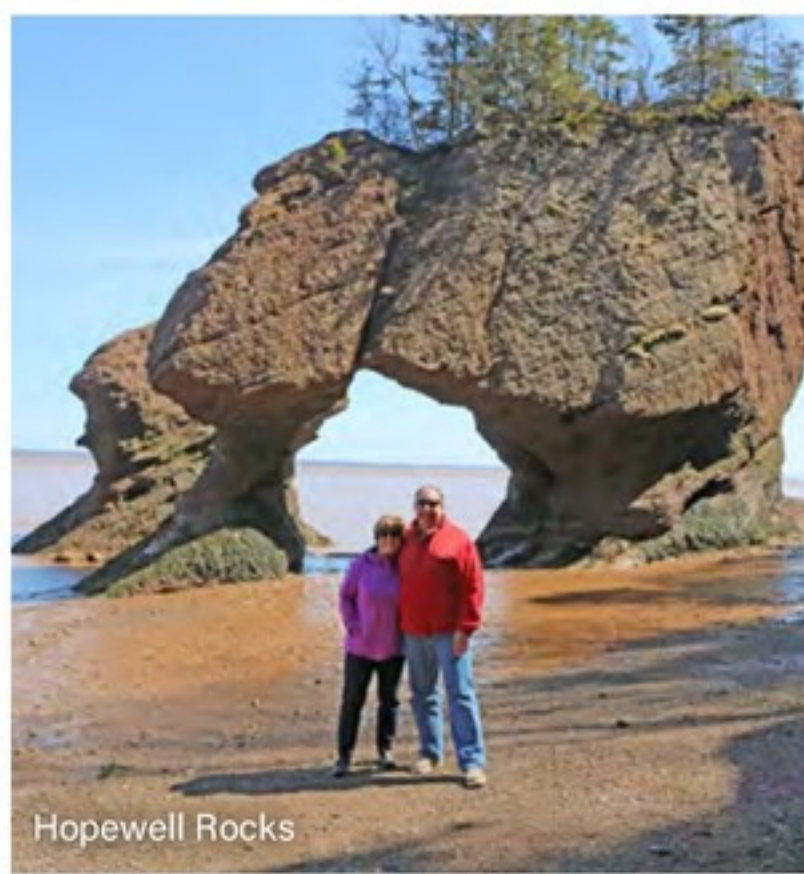
Start your morning at the Millbrook Cultural and Heritage Centre to learn about the Mi'kmaq lineage and Glooscap legends. Travel the Canso Causeway on the way to stunning Cape Breton Island. You'll spend time at the Gaelic College, where you'll see a brief kilt-making demonstration and learn a few handy Gaelic phrases. Join in the fun of a "milling frolic," singing a Gaelic song and tapping to the rhythm. This evening, enjoy a dinner of local flavours. (B, D)

Day 5: Baddeck - Cabot Trail - Baddeck

Set off for a full-day exploration of the Cabot Trail. Fall in love with its rugged terrain and spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean. Visit the famed St. Peter's Church in Cheticamp. Enjoy a picnic lunch in Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Take in the quaint charms of nearby fishing communities along the coast, including the lovely Neil's Harbour. (B, L)

Day 6: Baddeck - Prince Edward Island

Explore the amazing range of inventions on display at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum.



Afterward, take a short ferry ride to Prince Edward Island, the “Land Cradled on the Waves.” Tonight, roll up your sleeves and get ready for the ultimate island culinary experience in Charlottetown. Attend culinary “boot camp” where you’ll compete for bragging rights to determine who cooks the best PEI mussels. (B, D)

Day 7: Prince Edward Island
Get to know the rolling landscapes of Prince Edward Island, the backdrop of the acclaimed novel, *Anne of Green Gables*. Arrive in Cavendish and view Prince Edward Island National Park’s pristine beaches. Visit the Anne of Green Gables Museum to learn the craft of potato farming from a farmer, with a first-hand lesson on the island’s leading agricultural industry. Return to Charlottetown with time to explore this fascinating city on your own. (B)

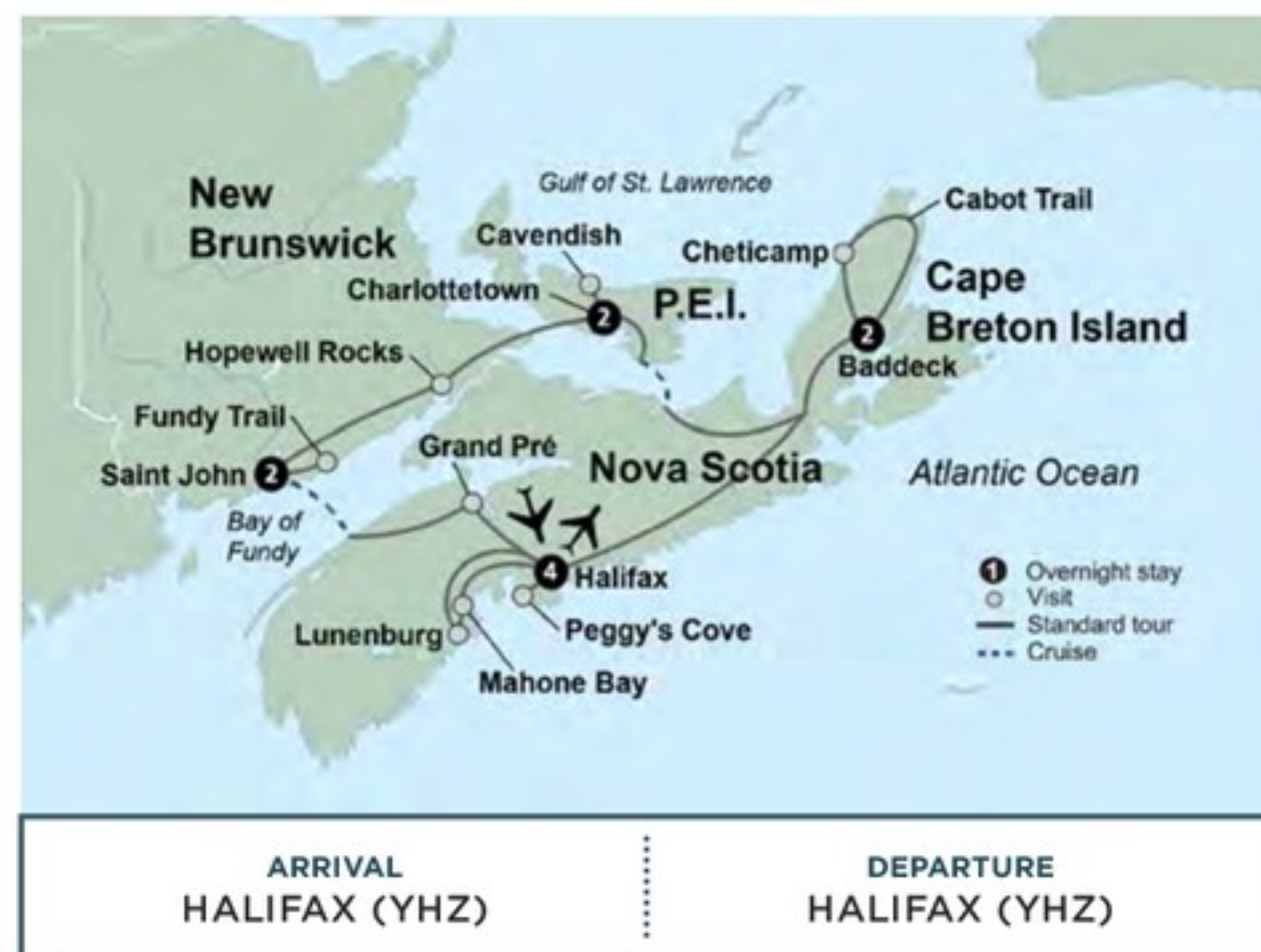
Day 8: Prince Edward Island - Saint John, New Brunswick
Leave Prince Edward Island behind as you cross the Confederation Bridge. Travel along the shoreline to the amazing Hopewell Rocks. A New Brunswick icon, these flowerpot-shaped rocks were carved by the Fundy tides and rise 4-stories high at low tide, only to disappear into tiny islands after the tide

rolls back in. Continue to the city of Saint John where you’ll enjoy a 2-night stay in the bustling waterfront area. (B)

Day 9: Saint John
Greet the awe-inspiring Fundy Trail early this morning. Stop along the way to take in an endless stretch of breathtaking vistas. Sample authentic Maritimes dulse (seaweed) and fiddleheads, accompanied by traditional fiddle music. Savour a traditional Maritimes lobster feast at a restaurant on the world-famous Bay of Fundy, as an expert teaches you how to crack and eat lobster like a local. On your way back, gaze out your window at St. Martin’s covered bridges. (B, L)

Day 10: Saint John - Halifax, Nova Scotia
Onboard a ferry for Nova Scotia, make a stop at the Grand-Pré National Historic Site. Uncover the complex history of the Acadian people. Continue on to Halifax and enjoy time for yourself before a farewell dinner, toasting to the end of your Maritimes journey. (B, D)

Day 11: Halifax - Tour Ends
Today you depart the Maritimes, taking home countless memories of this coastal wonderland. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at **\$5349** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$6749**

Prices based on 6 October 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

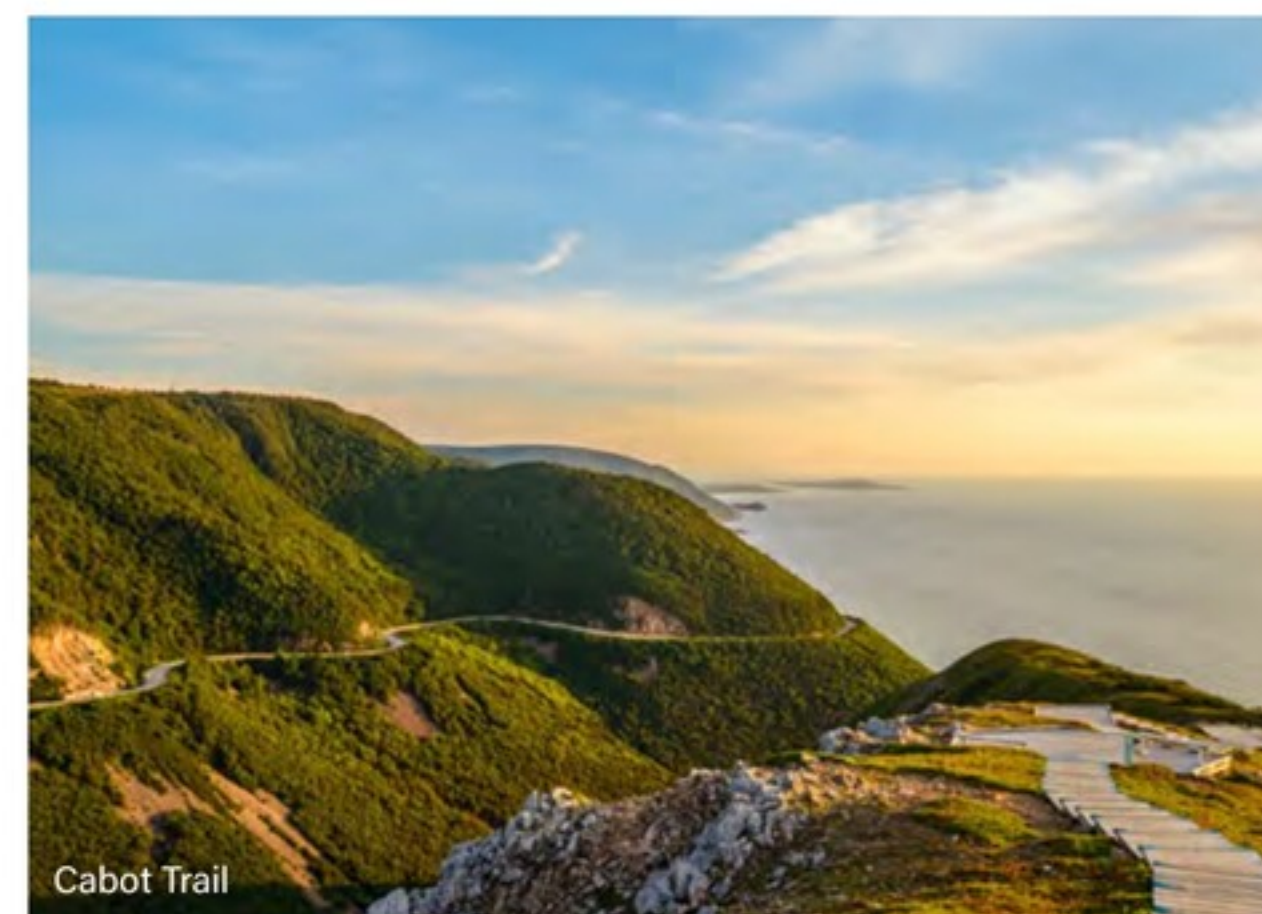
October 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)
May - October 2024 (featured itinerary)

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🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

REMOTE + RUSTIC ACCOMMODATIONS

In Baddeck and Charlottetown, you’ll stay in remote locales which necessitate lodging in more rustic accommodations. Though the quality is not at our usual standards, the locations allow you to experience the rugged beaches and charming villages that truly reflect the Canadian Maritimes.



“ This is the first time we’ve ever taken part in a guided tour. It was a pleasure and comfort to have lodgings, tours, and many meals arranged on our behalf. ”
- Jack R.

THE BEST OF EASTERN CANADA

9 DAYS • 12 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4249

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: **1** **2** **3** **4**
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Toronto • Niagara Falls • Niagara-on-the-Lake • Thousand Islands National Park • Ottawa • Quebec City • Montmorency Falls • Maple Sugar Shack • Montreal



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover Niagara-on-the-Lake with quaint local shops and a charming atmosphere.
- Admire some of the 1864 islands of the Thousand Islands National Park with a boat tour along the St. Lawrence River.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — Join a local guide and stroll the streets of Old Quebec City on foot **-OR-** embark on a panoramic coach tour to experience the beauty and history of both Old and New Quebec.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Savour breakfast at a local sugar shack nestled in the Quebec countryside.
- Enjoy an evening out and sample the local cuisine at a lovely restaurant on Ile d'Orleans.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Sheraton Centre, Toronto, ON
- Days 3, 4** Delta Hotels Ottawa City Centre, Ottawa, ON
- Days 5, 6** Hilton Quebec, Quebec City, QC
- Days 7, 8** Hotel Omni Mont-Royal, Montreal, QC

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



From the old-world style of Quebec City to the power of Niagara Falls, say *bienvenue* to Eastern Canada.

Day 1: Toronto, Ontario - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in cosmopolitan Toronto, capital of Ontario and Canada's largest city. Enjoy spending the rest of your day discovering the city's multicultural neighbourhoods and sites before meeting your group in the morning.

Day 2: Toronto - Niagara Falls - Toronto

This morning travel to the Niagara Falls, home to the awe-inspiring set of waterfalls nestled along the border between the United States and Canada. Embark on a boat cruise to the base of the Falls and witness the thundering water from up-close. Continue on to Niagara-on-the-Lake and take advantage of some free time to discover the "loveliest town in Canada." This evening, experience Toronto's culinary scene as you join your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Toronto - Ottawa

This morning depart Toronto for Rockport, gateway to the spectacular Thousand Islands National Park. Enjoy a memorable cruise through this unspoiled region, located along the St. Lawrence River. Then,

take in the surrounding landscape of Ontario as you set off for Ottawa, Canada's culturally rich capital. A seamless blend of French and Canadian customs, the city's dynamic energy will capture your spirit. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant this evening. (B, D)

Day 4: Ottawa

Get acquainted with Ottawa as you explore the city. Venture past the Prime Minister's residence, multiple embassies, and the impressive National Art Gallery. You'll also see the gothic parliament buildings and the Rideau Canal - which becomes the world's largest skating rink in wintertime. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you please. (B)

Day 5: Ottawa - Quebec City, Quebec

Say *bonjour* to Quebec City, the heart of Canada's French heritage. Enjoy free time in the late afternoon to explore the Old Town (UNESCO), strolling along picturesque cobblestone streets and 17th-century buildings. Sample local cuisine at a restaurant on Ile



DOUBLE Starting at **\$4249** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$5649**

Prices based on 3 May 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)
May - October 2024 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May - October 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Toronto (1-2 Nights)


+ Post-Night: Montreal (1-2 Nights)


d’Orleans, a farmland island on the Saint Lawrence River. (B, D)

Day 6: Quebec City 🇻

This morning, **it’s your choice!** Join a local guide and stroll the streets of Old Quebec City on foot; see the Place Royale and listen to stories of days gone by in historic squares **-OR-** embark on a panoramic coach tour to experience the beauty and history of both Old and New Quebec; you’ll see the stately Chateau Frontenac, the provincial Parliament, and the St. Louis Arch. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 7: Quebec City - Montreal

Begin your day with breakfast at a local sugar shack, situated in the heart of the Quebec countryside. Learn about the traditions of maple syrup-making and enjoy samples of delicious traditional foods. Before leaving, try a favourite regional treat – maple taffy on the snow! Next, enjoy a visit to the impressive Montmorency Falls and marvel at this natural wonder plunging 272 feet off the Canadian Shield, approximately 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls. Your journey continues to Montreal. From skyscrapers and cathedrals to

rushing waterways and lush gardens, Montreal is a blend of all things old and new. The evening is yours to continue exploring the city independently. (B)

Day 8: Montreal

Today, enjoy a fantastic sightseeing tour of Montreal highlighting Jacques Cartier Square and McGill University, among other spots. Your city tour will include a stop high atop Mount Royal from which the surrounding view is spectacular. Ascended by Jacques Cartier in 1535, Mount Royal is a small mountain in the city that gave its name to Montreal. After your guided visit to the renowned Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal, your tour will end in Old Montreal where the afternoon is yours to explore the city at leisure. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

Day 9: Montreal - Tour Ends

Your journey draws to a close today. (B)

“ Cities we visited were spectacular. Our Tour Coordinator was exceptional! He was very detailed and organized and provided very good historical perspective. He was also very entertaining! ”
 – Joseph B.

AMERICA'S COWBOY COUNTRY

8 DAYS • 10 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4549

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Badlands National Park • Custer State Park • Crazy Horse Memorial • Mt. Rushmore • Deadwood • Buffalo Bill Center of the West • Yellowstone National Park • Jackson Hole • Grand Teton National Park



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Marvel at the scale and patriotic energy of Mount Rushmore.
- Watch Old Faithful geyser erupt, sending steam high in the air.
- Let nature fill you with awe at Grand Teton National Park.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Dinners (D)

- The Wild West comes to life during a traditional chuck wagon dinner.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Alex Johnson Hotel, Rapid City, SD
- Day 4** Best Western Sheridan Center, Sheridan, WY
- Day 5** Buffalo Bill Village Holiday Inn and Cabins, Cody, WY
- Days 6 - 7** The Lodge at Jackson Hole, Jackson, WY

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Bison in Yellowstone

Enjoy stunning views of the American West as you make your way through Yellowstone, Grand Teton National Park, and more.

Day 1: Rapid City, South Dakota - Tour Begins

Welcome to Rapid City, long known as the gateway to the Black Hills and your home for three nights.

Day 2: Rapid City - Badlands - Wall - Rapid City

Visit rugged Badlands National Park. Upon arrival at the visitor centre, view its informative exhibits and displays and watch a film that introduces you to the area. Follow the Badlands Loop Road, a wonder of rock formations and vibrant colours caused by mineral deposits. Stop at Wall Drug, a classic store from 1936, where there is time for lunch and browsing. This evening, a Lakota Native American will join you before your welcome dinner to discuss his dedication to his community and the Native American way of life, past and present. (B, D)

Day 3: Rapid City - Custer State Park - Crazy Horse - Mt. Rushmore

Travel to Custer State Park and search for a herd of over 1,000 roaming bison. Your guide

will fill you in on the park's wildlife history and facts. Next, prepare to be amazed by the Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain sculpture still in progress. The memorial includes the Indian Museum of North America, Native American Cultural Center, the sculptor's studio, an orientation centre and theatres. Many Native American artists and craftspeople practice their art at the memorial and are on hand to discuss the influence their culture has on their work. Later, see Mount Rushmore, one of the country's most famous landmarks. (B)

Day 4: Rapid City - Deadwood - Sheridan, Wyoming

Stop in Deadwood, a rambling Western town and a National Historic Landmark. Recreations of turn-of-the-century streetlamps light the way through the restored architecture. A local guide introduces you to the history of the city, where gold, gambling and gunpowder were once the order of the day. Visit Mount Moriah Cemetery, final resting place of Wild Bill Hickok,



Chuck Wagon Dinner



Mount Rushmore

Calamity Jane, and other figures from the Wild West. Continue to Kevin Costner's Tatanka: "Story of the Bison." This interpretive centre features large, awe-inspiring sculptures depicting the relationship of bison and the Lakota Native Americans. Your day ends in Sheridan, Wyoming. (B)

Day 5: Sheridan - Cody

This morning, make your way through the Bighorn Mountains and cross through the territory of the Great Sioux Nation. This afternoon, visit the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a tribute to one of the most well-known figures of the Old West. (B, D)

Day 6: Cody - Yellowstone National Park - Jackson, Wyoming

Visit Yellowstone National Park, the world's first national park. Famous for its geysers, hot springs and incredible wildlife - including free-ranging herds of buffalo - Yellowstone lives up to its reputation. No visit to the park would be complete without seeing its most renowned attraction: Old Faithful. Watch

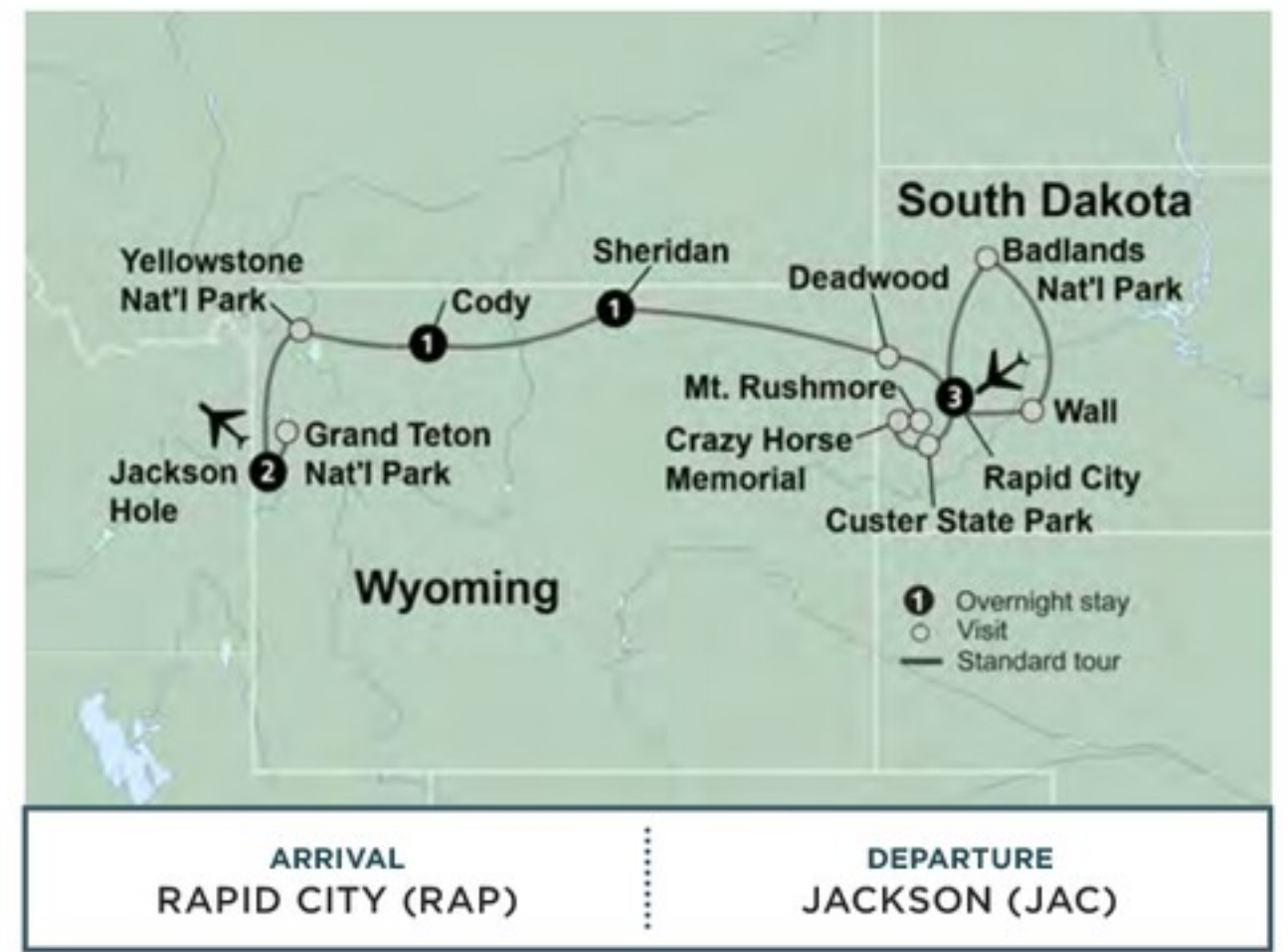
in awe as the geyser sends a fountain of steam more than 130 feet in the air. Travel over the Sylvan Pass and see Yellowstone Lake on the way to Jackson, your home for the next two nights. (B)

Day 7: Jackson - Grand Teton National Park - Jackson

Wind through Grand Teton National Park, home to the youngest peaks in the Rockies. Keep your camera handy, there are plenty of opportunities to take photos. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore trendy downtown Jackson. Look for the Antler Arch at the entrance to the historic town square. Get a taste of the Old West at your farewell dinner where your ride in a covered wagon takes you past the Cache Creek for a night of Western hospitality at a chuckwagon dinner with entertainment. (B, D)

Day 8: Jackson - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)



ARRIVAL
RAPID CITY (RAP)

DEPARTURE
JACKSON (JAC)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4549**
SOLO Starting at **\$5949**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 3 October 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023
(different itinerary - see note)*

May - October 2024
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **Pre-Night: Rapid City (1-2 NIGHTS)**



“Honestly, I can't pick the most enjoyable part of this trip. The beauty of this part of the country is unbelievable. I look at our pictures and am still amazed.”

- Karen K.

AMERICA'S MUSIC CITIES

8 DAYS • 10 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4499

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

- French Quarter • Swamp Tour • Mardi Gras World • Jazz Revue • Graceland • West Delta Heritage Centre
- Ryman Auditorium • Grand Ole Opry Show • Country Music Hall of Fame
- Historic RCA Studio B • Hands-on Chocolate-making Lesson



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a one-of-a-kind tour of Memphis where local musicians share the story of the city's musical heritage and history.
- Tour the historic RCA Studio B for an up-close look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio.
- Enjoy reserved seats at the Grand Ole Opry, the "home of American music."



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 2** — In New Orleans, enjoy a walking tour of the French Quarter **-OR-** set out on a panoramic motor coach tour through the city with a local guide.
- Day 5** — In Memphis, visit Graceland and tour Elvis' 14-acre estate, home, private jets, and Meditation Garden **-OR-** embark on a Civil Rights tour and follow the route of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last march by coach.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy Creole delights at a favourite French Quarter restaurant in New Orleans.
- Create your own Goo Goo Cluster Candy at a chocolate-making lesson.
- Indulge in a king cake tasting at Mardi Gras World.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Sheraton Hotel or Royal Sonesta Hotel, New Orleans, LA
- Days 4, 5** The Guest House at Graceland, Memphis, TN
- Days 6, 7** Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



New Orleans

Enjoy a finger-snapping, toe-tapping time on a tour of America's most famed musical cities – New Orleans, Memphis, and Nashville.

Day 1: New Orleans, Louisiana - Tour Begins

Step back in time on a cultural getaway that opens in the "Jazz Capital of the World," New Orleans! This soulful city abounds with rich history, mouthwatering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and of course, an incomparable soundtrack. Take in the sights, flavours, and sounds of New Orleans on your own before meeting your group in the morning.

Day 2: French Quarter

It's your choice! Embark on a walking tour of New Orleans' famous French Quarter, viewing St. Louis Cathedral, the bustling French Marketplace, Pirates Alley and more **-OR-** set out on a panoramic motor coach tour of New Orleans with a local guide, seeing the famous St. Louis Cemetery #3 and stunning mansions. Tonight, get to know your travel companions at a festive New Orleans-style welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: New Orleans

Journey through Louisiana's swamp on a cruise

narrated by the captain himself. Learn about the ecosystem's history and ecology while keeping an eye out for wildlife including bald eagles, herons, turtles and alligators. Then, celebrate New Orleans' festive side at Mardi Gras World, the working warehouse where artisans create the floats for the famous parades, and get a tasting of king cake. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own before meeting your fellow travel companions at Maison Bourbon, a live jazz club in the French Quarter. (B)

Day 4: New Orleans - Memphis, Tennessee

Travel north to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock 'n' Roll, and Soul. Enjoy Southern hospitality at your hotel just steps away from the iconic Graceland. (B, D)

Day 5: Memphis

This morning, **it's your choice!** Jive along to "Jailhouse Rock" as you visit Graceland, the stately mansion of the "King" himself, and tour Elvis' 14-acre estate, home, private jets and



Meditation Garden **-OR-** embark on a Civil Rights tour and follow the route of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last march by coach, stopping at Mason Temple where he gave his famous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech the night before he was assassinated. Enjoy free time to grab lunch on your own before hopping back on the coach with some local musicians, who explain why Memphis embraces its title as the "Home of the Blues." The remainder of the day is yours. You may opt to join a Memphis Musical History Tour with included dinner, or simply absorb the city's vibrancy at your own pace! (B)

Day 6: Memphis - Nashville

Roll along Music Highway to Nashville – the "Music Capital of the World." Along the way, stop in Brownsville at the West Delta Heritage Centre to discover the roots of the country blues sound and the hometown of Tina Turner – the Queen of Rock. Arrive in Nashville and tour the historic Ryman Auditorium, the original home of the Grand Ole Opry. What began as a building where a local radio broadcast show aired once a week in 1925 has grown to become an entertainment complex that attracts music

fans from all over the world. This evening, take your reserved seat at the renowned Grand Ole Opry. (B)

Day 7: Nashville

Explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the world's largest museum of popular music, and check out the vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings, and instruments. Tour RCA Studio B and gain an insider's look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio, where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, and Charley Pride once recorded classic hits. You may even have the opportunity to record your own hit! Then, test your culinary skills at a hands-on chocolate-making lesson at the iconic Goo Goo Candy Shop. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Nashville - Tour Ends

Your rockin' musical journey comes to a close today. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$4499** Starting at **\$5749** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 21 April 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
October 2023 – April 2024

Itinerary featured is for October 2023 – April 2024 tour departures. For departures after April 2024, please refer to our website.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: New Orleans (1-2 Nights) **+ Post-Night:** Nashville (1-2 Nights)

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

Days 6-7: Gaylord Opryland Resort

During your stay in Nashville, you may choose to enjoy views of one of the resort's beautiful atria by upgrading your accommodation to a superior room.

Please enquire about this upgrade at time of booking.

ALSO AVAILABLE

America's Music Cities Holiday

Take in the sights and sounds of the holidays in America's most famed musical cities - New Orleans, Memphis, and Nashville.

★ **DATES AVAILABLE**
DECEMBER 2024

AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS & DENVER

14 DAYS • 20 MEALS
STARTING AT \$7999

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Scottsdale • Grand Canyon • Lake Powell
• Zion • Bryce Canyon • Salt Lake City •
Jackson Hole • Grand Teton & Yellowstone
National Parks • Old Faithful • Sheridan
• Bighorn Mountains • Crazy Horse
Memorial • Mount Rushmore • Denver •
Rocky Mountain National Park

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a tribute to Buffalo Bill Cody.
- Meet Native Americans and discuss their unique and colourful culture.
- Make yourself at home with a 2-night stay in Denver, the "Mile High City."

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Visit the Zion Human History Museum to learn more about the park **-OR-** continue to enjoy time in the great outdoors exploring the park.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 13 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Dinners (D)
- Experience a chuck wagon dinner and cowboy entertainment.

ACCOMMODATION

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| Day 1 | Courtyard by Marriott, Scottsdale, AZ |
| Day 2 | Yavapai East at South Rim, Grand Canyon, AZ |
| Day 3 | Lake Powell Resort, Page, AZ |
| Days 4, 5 | Holiday Inn Express, Springdale, UT |
| Day 6 | Radisson Hotel Salt Lake Downtown, Salt Lake City, UT |
| Days 7, 8 | Snow King Resort or Springhill Suites Marriott, Jackson Hole, WY |
| Day 9 | Yellowstone Lodges, Yellowstone National Park or Buffalo Bill Village Holiday Inn and Cabins, Cody, WY |
| Day 10 | Best Western Sheridan Center, Sheridan, WY |
| Day 11 | Courtyard by Marriott, Rapid City, SD |
| Days 12, 13 | Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel or Hilton Garden Inn, Denver, CO |

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Experience the grandeur of the American West
as you explore six fantastic national parks
on this exciting journey.

Day 1: Scottsdale, Arizona - Tour Begins

Journey through six of America's most incredible national parks. Your tour opens in Arizona where you will enjoy a stay in the world-famous resort town of Scottsdale. This evening, join your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon

Begin the day with a visit to the artists' colony of Sedona and see the amazing rock formations that change hue with each turn in the road. Afterward, travel through the beautiful scenery before arriving at one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World – the spectacular Grand Canyon. Upon arrival, relax at one of the many public seating areas overlooking the immense and colourful canyon. Take a moment to reflect as you stand in awe of this iconic natural treasure. Before dinner you may wish to take a short hike to explore the area. (B, D)

Day 3: Grand Canyon - Lake Powell

Today, head to the Carl Hayden Visitors Centre and look out over Glen Canyon Dam to see the end of Lake Powell. Later, arrive at Lake Powell for dinner and sunset views of the lake. (B, D)

Day 4: Lake Powell - Springdale, Utah

On the way to Utah, take in the views across Marble Canyon from historic Navajo Bridge, 467 feet above the Colorado River. Later, stop in Kanab, which locals refer to as "Little Hollywood" due to its history as a filming location for many western movies and TV series such as *Stagecoach*, *The Lone Ranger* and *Gunsmoke*. Arrive in Springdale, gateway to Zion National Park and your home for two nights. (B)

Day 5: Springdale - Zion National Park - Springdale

Today's destination is Zion National Park, very likely one of the most awe-inspiring national parks in the world, just in sheer magnitude and colour. Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram and wind your way alongside the Virgin River and through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Visit the Zion Human History Museum to learn more about the park **-OR-** continue to enjoy time in the great outdoors exploring the park independently. (B)

Day 6: Springdale - Bryce Canyon National Park - Salt Lake City

Today's journey takes you to Bryce Canyon



Grand Teton National Park



Wagon Ride

a mile above the valley of Jackson Hole, the Grand Teton rises to 13,770 feet. Twelve Teton peaks reach above 12,000 feet and support a dozen mountain glaciers. The Teton Range is the youngest range in the Rockies and displays some of North America's oldest rocks. Later, arrive at the amazing Yellowstone National Park and explore the park's incredible sights. Experience the world-famous Old Faithful Geyser, a fountain of steam that rises more than 130 feet in the air. (B)

Day 10: Yellowstone - Cody - Sheridan

A delightful day of sightseeing begins with a trip along Yellowstone Lake and over Sylvan Pass. As you pass through Cody, stop at the Buffalo Bill Centre of the West, a tribute to one of the most well-known figures of the Old West. Before turning in for the night in Sheridan, drive through the incredible Bighorn Mountains and journey through the territory of the Great Sioux Nation. (B)

Day 11: Sheridan - Rapid City, South Dakota

Visit Crazy Horse Memorial, a monument dedicated to Native Americans. Visit the Native American Cultural Centre to learn more about local customs, when Native Americans discuss the movements of their dances and the significance of different clothes. Later, see one of the country's most famous landmarks, Mount Rushmore, whose four figures carved in stone represent the first 150 years of American history. At tonight's farewell dinner you will meet a local Lakota Native American and learn all about their fascinating way of life, past and present. (B, D)

Day 12: Rapid City - Denver, Colorado

Today's adventure takes you south into Wyoming and through Cheyenne, the state capital. Later, arrive in Denver, Colorado — the "Mile High City." Relax and make yourself at home for the next two nights. (B)

Day 13: Denver - Rocky Mountain National Park - Denver

Set out for spectacular Rocky Mountain National Park. Here, the beauty of the West is preserved and the term "sweeping vistas" takes on a whole new meaning. Return to Denver and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Denver - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

National Park, truly one of the most spectacular scenic wonders of the world. The formations within the park, called Hoodoos, are the creation of wind and water erosion over eons of time. Iron oxidising within the rock causes the natural orange and red hues that colour these formations. Enjoy a hike along the Rim Trail looking into the expansive Bryce Amphitheatre, from overlooks at Sunrise and Sunset Points. A drive north takes you to Salt Lake City, the "City of the Saints," for a 1-night stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Salt Lake City - Jackson Hole, Wyoming

En route to Wyoming, see the majestic Bear Lake Summit. Later, arrive in the cowboy town of Jackson and experience a fun-filled evening of cowboy entertainment and a traditional chuck wagon dinner (B, D)

Day 8: Jackson Hole

The day is yours to enjoy Jackson Hole. From hiking and river-rafting to shopping and sampling the local cuisine, there are endless activities to make the most of your day. (B)

Day 9: Jackson Hole - Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks

From Jackson Hole, pass through Grand Teton National Park. Towering more than



ARRIVAL PHOENIX (PHX) | **DEPARTURE DENVER (DEN)**

DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$7999** | Starting at **\$10849** | Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
May - October 2024

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Scottsdale (1-2 NIGHTS)

RUSTIC ACCOMMODATIONS + A FASTER PACE

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“The most enjoyable aspect of our trip was that all the work was done for us. All the stress of planning and making arrangements was taken care of. I was able to relax and enjoy every moment!”
- Collette Traveller

NATIONAL PARKS OF AMERICA

12 DAYS • 16 MEALS
STARTING AT \$7199

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 10 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Dinners (D)
- Experience a chuck wagon dinner and cowboy entertainment.



ACCOMMODATION

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Day 5: Springdale - Zion National Park - Springdale

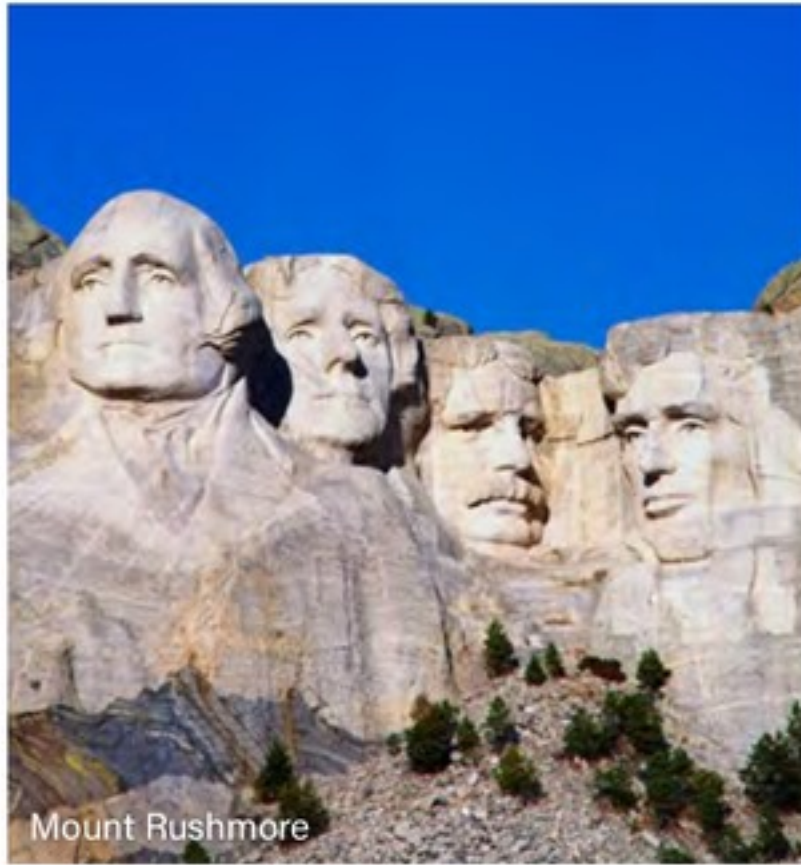
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ARRIVAL
PHOENIX (PHX)

DEPARTURE
RAPID CITY (RAP)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$7199**
SOLO Starting at **\$8999**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 6 October 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

May - October 2024

(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Scottsdale (1-2 NIGHTS)



ALSO AVAILABLE



America's National Parks and Denver

Experience the grandeur of the American West as you explore six fantastic national parks on this exciting journey.

★ **DATES AVAILABLE**
MAY - OCTOBER 2024

“Each stop had such different things to experience; I enjoyed them all. It was wonderful being with people and living again.”

- Dorothy B.

BLUEGRASS COUNTRY & THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS

9 DAYS • 14 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4549

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: **1** **2** 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Churchill Downs • Kentucky Derby Museum • Old Louisville Walking Tour
• Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery • Lexington Horse Farms • Great Smoky Mountains National Park • Asheville • Biltmore Estate



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a visit to a private horse farm in Lexington, Kentucky.
- Stop in Berea, the arts and crafts capital of the state of Kentucky.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — Visit the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory **-OR-** explore the Frazier Kentucky History Museum and its new Spirit of Kentucky exhibit.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Sip on samples of Kentucky's home-grown spirit during a tasting at Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery.
- Enjoy Southern fare at historic Boone Tavern in the centre of Berea, Kentucky.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Hilton Garden Inn Louisville Downtown, Louisville, KY
Days 3, 4 DoubleTree Suites by Hilton, Lexington, KY
Days 5, 6 Hilton Garden Inn Gatlinburg, Gatlinburg, TN
Days 7, 8 Cambria Hotel Downtown or DoubleTree by Hilton Asheville, Asheville, NC

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Great Smoky Mountains

From the equestrian culture of Kentucky to the pioneer spirit of Tennessee, venture through the heart of Appalachia.

Day 1: Louisville, Kentucky - Tour Begins

Your tour starts in Louisville, Kentucky, famous for Thoroughbreds, Bourbon and baseball. Settle in for a 2-night stay at your hotel, ideally situated in downtown Louisville.

Day 2: Louisville **Y**

Enjoy a visit to Churchill Downs, the Thoroughbred racetrack famous for hosting the pinnacle of all horse races: the Kentucky Derby. Experience the backside of the racetrack while watching the horses during their morning workouts! Then, tour the Kentucky Derby Museum and learn about the legendary history of the "Sport of Kings." Enjoy a walking tour* of Old Louisville, a historic neighbourhood of Victorian mansions. Later, head to "Museum Row" where **it's your choice!** Visit the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory for an All-Star baseball experience **-OR-** explore the Frazier Kentucky History Museum, and its Spirit of Kentucky exhibit, the official start of the Bourbon Trail. Tonight, join your fellow travellers at a local restaurant for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Louisville - Lexington

Visit Buffalo Trace, the oldest continuously

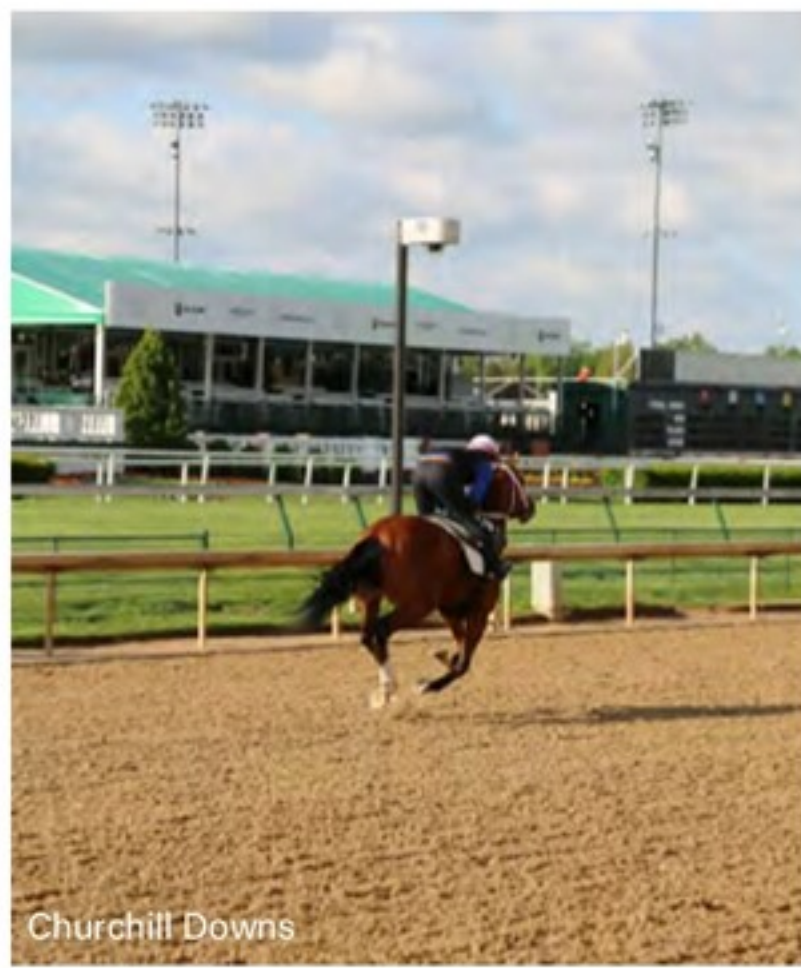
operating Bourbon distillery in America. Learn about the subtle craft, meet some of the people who make it all happen, and taste some of the home-grown spirit. Stop in the quaint, historic town of Midway before exploring Kentucky's horse country. Learn about the area from a local guide and take in the rolling bluegrass pastureland and the horse farms that dot the landscape. Hear about time-honoured traditions during visits to private horse farms before settling into Lexington for your 2-night stay. (B)

Day 4: Lexington - Berea - Lexington

Travel to Berea, the historic college town known as the arts-and-crafts centre of Kentucky. Meet a few artisans while they demonstrate their craft. Enjoy lunch at Boone Tavern, where bluegrass country meets the rolling hills of Appalachia. Tonight, take in the tastes of Kentucky at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Lexington - Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Travel through Daniel Boone National Forest. Extending across the western plateau region of the Appalachian Mountains, it's named for the



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$4549** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Starting at **\$5799**

Prices based on April 25, 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
October 2023 - April 2024

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Louisville (1-2 NIGHTS)

larger-than-life American pioneer who once blazed a trail across these rugged and wild lands. Arrive in the lively mountain resort of Gatlinburg, gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and your home for a 2-night stay. The rest of the day is yours, perhaps you will go to Dollywood, Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountains theme park or enjoy time in downtown Gatlinburg. (B)

Day 6: Gatlinburg - Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Gatlinburg

With a local guide, explore Great Smoky Mountains National Park (UNESCO) – the United States' most visited national park. Stop at various lookouts on your way to Newfound Gap, which boasts views of both Tennessee and North Carolina. Enjoy your picnic lunch at a scenic location before continuing through the park to Cherokee and spend time at Qualla, the oldest Native American arts cooperative where you'll learn about traditional crafts and customs. Afterwards, tour the Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery with a tasting before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Gatlinburg - Asheville, North Carolina

This morning, depart for Asheville, North

Carolina, your Blue Ridge Mountains home for two nights. The afternoon and evening are yours to explore a city known for craft breweries, chocolate, and farm to table cuisine. (B)

Day 8: Asheville

Back in 1895, George Vanderbilt II decided to build himself a "little mountain escape" in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The result was the impressive and decadent grandeur of the Biltmore Estate. Today, tour the sprawling mansion and the manicured grounds, enjoy a wine-tasting at the historic Biltmore Winery and experience what it was like to be a wealthy tycoon in the Gilded Age of America. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Asheville - Charlotte - Tour Ends

Today your tour comes to an end. As you venture home, take the spirit and the warmth of America's Southeast with you. (B)



CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

8 DAYS • 12 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4549

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: **1** **2** **3** **4**
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Monterey • Scenic 17-Mile Drive •
Yosemite National Park • Sacramento •
Lake Tahoe Scenic Cruise • Napa Valley
Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting •
San Francisco



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Marvel at the views along scenic 17-Mile Drive from Monterey to Carmel.
- Meet a local farmer and visit an almond orchard in the Central Valley.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- Day 5** — Visit the California State Railroad Museum and explore the detailed exhibits with a guide **-OR-** peruse a collection of Californian art and European master drawings on a guided tour of the Crocker Art Museum.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 7 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)**
- Visit a family-owned olive oil producer for lunch and a tasting.
 - Sample local vintages during a winery tour and tasting in Napa Valley.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel & Spa, Monterey, CA
- Days 3, 4** DoubleTree Hotel, Modesto, CA
- Days 5, 6** Hyatt Regency, Sacramento, CA
- Day 7** Hotel RIU Plaza Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, CA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Lone Cypress

This is the essence of Northern California, from fine wine and freshly caught seafood to vibrant cities and nature on an epic scale.

Day 1: Monterey, California - Tour Begins

From the rugged coastline of the Pacific Ocean to Yosemite National Park, Lake Tahoe to Napa Valley, the scenery, history, and culture of northern California is unparalleled. Your tour opens in Monterey, a seaside city with a rich history and gorgeous scenery.

Day 2: Monterey

The morning is yours to relax or explore this charming city independently. Perhaps you'll visit the renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium or walk along Monterey's Path of History – a self-guided tour of the city's historic landmarks. This afternoon, the scenery of your dreams comes alive as you travel along the famed 17-Mile Drive to Carmel. See the Lone Cypress Tree, Seal Rock, and prestigious Pebble Beach Golf Course before relaxing over dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Monterey - Modesto

Travel northeast towards California's Central Valley to Modesto, your base for visiting Yosemite and home for two nights. Whilst Modesto is a city, it has a small-town atmosphere. Once you get there, visit a family-owned olive oil producer for an

informative presentation, olive oil tasting, and lunch. Afterwards, meet a local farmer and visit an almond orchard. Tonight, sit down with your fellow travellers for dinner and continue to savour those local flavours. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Modesto - Yosemite National Park - Modesto

Dramatic waterfalls to soaring granite peaks, Yosemite will leave you in awe. Enjoy a scenic drive to the gates of the national park, where you'll travel by coach through Yosemite's unrivalled landscapes with an expert guide. Natural wonders abound as you stand before El Capitan, and take in breathtaking vistas including Half Dome, Tunnel View and Yosemite Falls. (B)

Day 5: Modesto - Sacramento

Arrive in Sacramento, enjoying time on your own for lunch in Old Sacramento – a historic Gold Rush-era neighbourhood filled with over 60 restored buildings, wooden sidewalks, and antique gas lamps. Then, **it's your choice!** Visit the California State Railroad Museum and explore the detailed exhibits with a guide **-OR-**



Yosemite National Park



Napa Valley



ARRIVAL
SAN JOSE (SJC)

DEPARTURE
SAN FRANCISCO (SFO)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4549**
SOLO Starting at **\$5699**

Pricing is per person, land only,
and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 7 April 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023
March - April 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

May - October 2024
March - April 2025
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Monterey (1-2 NIGHTS)



peruse a collection of Californian art and European master drawings on a guided tour of the Crocker Art Museum. Dinner is included tonight at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Sacramento - Lake Tahoe - Sacramento

Travel over the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the resort town of Lake Tahoe. Board a classic yacht-style vessel for a narrated cruise of Lake Tahoe's pristine waters. Discover the history of the area and explore the enclosed and open-air decks for ideal places to snap photos of the dynamic landscape and breathe in the fresh air. (B)

Day 7: Sacramento - Napa Valley - San Francisco

The iconic rolling vineyards of Napa Valley welcome you today. Tour the grounds of a vineyard while learning about the wine-making process before enjoying a private tasting and a delicious farewell lunch. Raise a glass of locally produced wine and toast to your California adventure. Tonight, enjoy an evening to explore San Francisco as you please. (B, L)

Day 8: San Francisco - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)

Optional 2 Night San Francisco Post-Tour Extension
Starting at \$560 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: INDEPENDENT

Day 8: San Francisco - Extension Begins

Continue your California adventure and independently explore San Francisco's iconic sights.

Day 9: San Francisco

Your day is free to enjoy San Francisco as you wish. Perhaps you'll discover Fisherman's Wharf, have lunch in Chinatown, venture to Alcatraz, or hop on a cable car - these are just a few of the things on offer in this vibrant City by the Bay. (B)

Day 10: San Francisco - Tour Ends

Your time in San Francisco comes to an end today. (B)



Passengers on Lake Tahoe Cruise

“I loved farmer John, an enjoyable man with a great gift of entertainment. His farm had the best apple fritters I've ever eaten!”

- Pamela L.

CANYON COUNTRY

8 DAYS • 10 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4549

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Scottsdale • Kaibab National Forest • Grand Canyon • Rafting on Horseshoe Bend • Lake Powell Cruise • Bryce Canyon National Park • Zion National Park • Las Vegas



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy time in Sedona surrounded by red-rock buttes.
- Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram with an expert guide.
- Experience the neon-lit Las Vegas strip.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — Delve into the area's native heritage and pioneer culture at the Zion Human History Museum **-OR-** venture off on your own to explore the park independently.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 6 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 3 Dinners (D)
- Experience dinner overlooking the stunning blue waters of Lake Powell.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Courtyard by Marriott, Scottsdale, AZ
- Day 2** Grand Canyon area hotel, Grand Canyon, AZ
- Days 3, 4** Lake Powell Resort, Page, AZ
- Days 5, 6** Holiday Inn Express, Springdale, UT
- Day 7** Paris Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Experience America's canyons and venture through a world of colourful vistas and the neon-lit spectacle of Las Vegas.

Day 1: Scottsdale, Arizona - Tour Begins

Explore the famous canyons of the American West on a journey featuring three national parks. Start your journey in Scottsdale and join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon Area

Start your day in Sedona, where the sun shines against stunning sandstone formations. Soak in the inviting atmosphere and colourful vistas while browsing the many arts and crafts shops. Make your way through the Kaibab National Forest before reaching the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. (B, D)

Day 3: Grand Canyon Area - Lake Powell

Follow the winding landscape along East Rim Drive, bringing you to Cameron Trading Post. For nearly a century, the post has acted as a haven for travellers, traders, and explorers. Continue north through mesa-studded desert before

arriving at your home for the next two evenings – overlooking the stunning blue waters of Lake Powell. Enjoy dinner and relax as you take in the picture-perfect canyon lake. (B, D)

Day 4: Lake Powell - Horseshoe Bend - Lake Powell

This morning, embark on a guided rafting adventure to the iconic Horseshoe Bend and experience the peaceful grandeur of the Colorado River. Look for fish in the crystal clear water, birds nesting on the banks of the river and possibly herd of big horns along the way. You'll look up in awe at the soaring cliffs above Horseshoe Bend as you learn the stories of the ancestral Puebloan people who lived in the area. Later this afternoon, enjoy the breathtaking views during a cruise on the lake. (B)

Day 5: Lake Powell - Bryce Canyon National Park - Springdale, Utah (Zion)

Your journey continues at Bryce Canyon National



Bryce Canyon



Horseshoe Bend Rafting

Park, famous for its ethereal spires known as hoodoos. These rock formations, created over thousands of years by wind and water, display natural orange and red hues that contrast with the deep green forests in the park. Take in the sprawling vistas as you wander along Sunset Point, leading into Sunrise Point Rim Trail. Your day ends in Springdale, gateway to Zion National Park. (B)

Day 6: Zion National Park

In sheer magnitude and colour, few places on Earth match the beauty of Zion National Park. Marvel at red and white sandstone cliffs as you take a full day to explore Utah's first national park. Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram and wind your way alongside the Virgin River and through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Delve into the area's native American heritage and pioneer culture at the Zion Human History Museum **-OR-** venture off on your own to explore the park independently. (B)

Day 7: Springdale - Las Vegas, Nevada

Trade nature's beauty for the lights of the Vegas strip. This four-mile stretch of road features neon-lit resorts and around-the-clock action. This afternoon, toast to the end of your journey at a farewell lunch with your fellow travellers. Make the most of your free time this evening to experience the best that Vegas has to offer. (B, L)

Day 8: Las Vegas - Tour Ends

Depart for home with memories of colourful canyons and winding valleys.



DOUBLE Starting at **\$4549** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$5649**

Prices based on 23 April 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023
 March - April 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

May - October 2024
 March - April 2025
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for May 2024 - April 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night:
 Scottsdale (1-2 Nights)



+ Post-Night:
 Las Vegas (1-2 Nights)



REMOTE + RUSTIC ACCOMMODATION

During this tour, you'll stay overnight right in or near the stunning national parks, which necessitates lodging in a more rustic accommodation. Though the quality is not at our usual standards, the setting is incomparable.

“ We thoroughly enjoyed the entire trip. Our tour manager was excellent. She was extremely friendly, courteous, helpful, and very knowledgeable on each aspect of the trip ”
 - Jeffrey J.

COLOURS OF NEW ENGLAND

8 DAYS • 12 MEALS

STARTING AT \$5699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Boston • Simon Pearce • Quechee Gorge
• Stowe • Cold Hollow Cider Mill • Trapp
Family Lodge • Rocks Estate • North
Conway • Kancamagus Highway • Mount
Washington • Lake Winnepesaukee
Cruise • Ogunquit • Portland •
Kennebunkport • Lobster Dinner



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Rocks Estate and learn the importance of maple sugaring in the region on a farm tour.
- Learn the history of the famous von Trapp Family during a visit to their lodge in Stowe.
- View the most photographed lighthouse in America, the Portland Head Light.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Spend some time appreciating the great outdoors alongside your Tour Manager during a nature walk **-OR-** explore downtown North Conway, with plenty of local shops for souvenir shopping.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)**
- Taste the essence of New England at a dinner featuring succulent fresh lobster.
 - Enjoy lunch prepared from fresh, local ingredients at the Simon Pearce restaurant.
 - Watch apple cider made the old-fashioned way.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Boston Marriott Copley Place, Boston, MA
- Days 2, 3** Stoweflake Mountain Resort, Stowe, VT
- Days 4, 5** White Mountain Hotel & Resort, North Conway, NH
- Days 6, 7** Anchorage by the Sea, Ogunquit, ME

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



See a stunning display of vibrant foliage while travelling from historic Boston to the coast of Maine.

Day 1: Boston, Massachusetts - Tour Begins

Welcome to Massachusetts, where your journey through charming and vibrant New England begins. Start your tour in the heart of Boston.

Day 2: Boston - Woodstock, Vermont - Stowe

This morning, set out for Vermont where tree-covered mountainsides dot a charming landscape of quaint villages with traditional, white steeple churches. Visit Quechee Gorge — known as Vermont's Little Grand Canyon. This afternoon, watch glassblowing artisans craft unique art at the Simon Pearce flagship store. Savour a lunch prepared with fresh, local ingredients served on Simon Pearce dinnerware. After lunch, arrive in Woodstock, "the quintessential New England village" with its beautifully restored Georgian homes, a covered bridge, and even a town green. This evening, settle into your resort in Stowe, nestled in the tranquil Green Mountains. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Stowe

Start off your day by heading to the Cold Hollow Cider Mill. In this historic mill, watch — and learn — how fresh cider is produced the old-fashioned way, via rack and cloth press; a process that's been passed down for generations. This afternoon,

visit the Trapp Family Lodge where you'll get to see the stunning alpine architecture and mountain views that reminded the famous family of their home in Austria. Indulge in the charms of this spectacular Alpine inspired property and learn their family history as depicted in the film *The Sound of Music*. (B)

Day 4: Stowe - North Conway, New Hampshire

Today you will be New Hampshire bound! Soak in the lovely New England countryside as you journey through the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Make a stop to explore the Rocks Estate, home to the North Country Conservation & Education Centre. On a tour of the farm, learn about the history and importance of maple sugaring in the region and visit a virtual tap room. Later, continue to North Conway via the Kancamagus Highway, a scenic byway offering spectacular views of the White Mountains region. (B, D)

Day 5: North Conway

After breakfast, make your way to Mount Washington — the highest peak in the Northeastern United States. Break into smaller groups and enjoy a tour up the twisting Auto Road. Take in the sight of the peaks jutting into



Portland Head Light



White Mountains

the sky alongside a local expert who will teach you about the unique history, plant, and animal life you may see along the way. Once you reach the summit, take time to appreciate the fantastic view and spend some time inside the museum to learn about the extreme, rapid changing weather conditions that impact the mountain's peak. Later, **it's your choice!** Spend some time appreciating the great outdoors alongside your Tour Manager during a nature walk **-OR-** spend your afternoon exploring downtown North Conway, with plenty of free time for souvenir shopping. (B, D)

Day 6: North Conway - Lake Winnepesaukee - Ogunquit, Maine
Journey to New Hampshire's picturesque lakes region, a popular holiday spot for visitors year-round. Board the *M/S Mount Washington* and spend the next hour cruising stunning Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire's largest lake. Then, visit the charming town of Wolfeboro, the "oldest summer resort in America." Later, travel to Maine's seacoast. Arrive in Ogunquit, located in Perkins Cove and known for its sandy beaches. (B)

Day 7: Ogunquit - Portland - Kennebunkport - Ogunquit
This morning, head to Portland. Once home

to sea captains, the area is now known as one of "America's coolest cities." A locally guided tour includes Fort Williams Park to view the Portland Head Light, the most photographed lighthouse in America and the oldest in Maine. As you take in the views of Portland Harbour and Casco Bay, four more lighthouses can be seen. Enjoy some free time this afternoon in beautiful Portland to stroll the historic Old Port neighbourhood's many shops and restaurants. Then, travel along spectacular Ocean Drive through the seaside community of Kennebunkport. See Walker's Point, the home on a rocky promontory that's a summer residence to the family of the late President George H.W. Bush. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a very special farewell dinner featuring fresh native lobster, for which coastal Maine is renowned. (B, D)

Day 8: Ogunquit - Boston, Massachusetts - Tour Ends
Today, return to the Boston airport with the many wonderful memories of your adventure. (B)



ARRIVAL
BOSTON (BOS)

DEPARTURE
BOSTON (BOS)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$5699**
SOLO Starting at **\$7799**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 14 October 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

September - October 2024

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for September - October 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **Pre-Night: Boston (1-2 NIGHTS)**

+ **Even More Time?**

Combine Colours of New England with Islands of New England for one seamless, non-stop travel experience.



“I loved the beautiful colours of autumn in New England, the nice folks on the trip and the excellent tour director and bus driver.”

- Jody F.

ISLANDS OF NEW ENGLAND

8 DAYS • 10 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4549

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Providence • Newport • Lobster • Plymouth Rock • Cape Cod • Hyannis • Nantucket • Chatham • Martha's Vineyard • Lobster Dinner



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- See Plymouth Rock and step back in time in the town where the Pilgrims landed in 1620.
- Explore Rhode Island's Creative Capital and visit the Rhode Island School of Design.
- Cruise Plymouth Harbor and watch your boat's captain pull lobster traps from the water.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — Enjoy a panoramic city tour of Providence **-OR-** join a local guide on foot and get a closer look at some downtown attractions.
- **Day 6** — Spend the day enjoying your waterfront resort's amenities on Cape Cod **-OR-** spend the day exploring the nearby town of Chatham.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Celebrate the taste of Cape Cod with a traditional New England lobster dinner.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 Aloft Providence
Downtown, Providence, RI

Days 4 - 7 Sea Crest Beach Hotel,
Falmouth, MA

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
See next page for details.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



The Breakers, Newport

The Atlantic coast is calling. Explore New England's majestic seaboards, from Rhode Island to Cape Cod.

Day 1: Providence, Rhode Island - Tour Begins

Discover the natural beauty that lies along the shores of New England. Come to know its coastal charm, friendly people and fresh-from-the-sea cuisine. Your tour opens in Providence, the capital of Rhode Island.

Day 2: Providence

This morning, **it's your choice!** Enjoy a panoramic city tour with your Tour Manager on your coach and see highlights including the Brown University Campus and Waterplace Park **-OR-** join a local guide on foot and get a closer look at some downtown attractions like the Rhode Island State House and the historic Providence City Hall. After, reconnect with your fellow travellers and enjoy a self-guided visit to the Rhode Island School of Design Museum, where you can find works of art ranging from ancient Egyptian artifacts to modern and contemporary paintings. Tonight, celebrate the beginning of your journey after spending a day in the city known in New England as the Creative Capital. (B, D)

Day 3: Providence - Newport - Providence

Head to Newport, a colonial port city that later

turned into a summer home to America's wealthiest industrialists. On your way, look to the calm water and see why the city has earned the moniker of the "Sailing Capital of the World" and was home to the America's Cup sailing competition for more than 50 years. In Newport, travel along Bellevue Avenue. Lined with extraordinary 19th-century summer "cottages," this road is home to 7 mansions designated National Historic Landmarks. These extravagant homes were used by affluent families like the Astors and Morgans, for fewer than two months each year. Step back in time and get a taste of the Gilded Age at The Breakers, the most opulent of the Newport Mansions and 70-room summer getaway of the Vanderbilt family. (B)

Day 4: Providence - Plymouth, Massachusetts - Cape Cod

This morning, venture to the home of the first permanent colonial settlement in the country: Plymouth. Here, board a boat and cruise Plymouth Harbor. Your captain will share the importance of lobstering to New England culture and demonstrate how lobsters are pulled from the water. After returning to land,



Cape Cod



Nantucket

sitting by the pool or visiting the private beach on the resort's property -OR- join your Tour Manager for a trip to Chatham, a town on the tip of Cape Cod, including some free time, stops at a local lighthouse and windmill, and a visit to the Atwood Museum – a museum that covers the town's rich history. No matter which choice you choose, your evening is at leisure. (B)

Day 7: Cape Cod - Martha's Vineyard - Cape Cod

A ferry ride transports you to beautiful Martha's Vineyard. Known for visits by presidents and royalty, this summer home of many artists, writers and celebrities is full of surprises. You'll see all the highlights of "the Vineyard" (as the locals call it), including quaint gingerbread-styled cottages and a once-famous whaling port resplendent with sea captains' homes and widow's walks. Later, depart the island and cruise back to Cape Cod. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner and traditional New England experience as you indulge in a lobster feast. (B, D)

Day 8: Cape Cod - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with many fond memories. (B)

stop in the town of Plymouth to see where the Pilgrims disembarked the Mayflower in 1620: Plymouth Rock. Later, arrive at your beachfront hotel for a 4-night stay on the Cape. (B)

Day 5: Cape Cod - Hyannis - Nantucket - Cape Cod

Catch a glimpse of the Camelot era in Hyannis Port, home of the Kennedy compound, and visit the poignant Kennedy Memorial. Next, set off via ferry to explore the idyllic island of Nantucket. From its cobblestone Main Street to its beaches and lighthouses, this place lives up to its reputation. During time at leisure, meander the waterfront where sailboats and yachts sway in the harbour or shop for a famous Nantucket basket. Next, head to the Nantucket Whaling Museum and learn about this island's history as the former whaling capital of the world. Peruse exhibits about the danger of this industry in the 18th century and even see the skeleton of a 46-foot-long whale. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Cape Cod - Chatham - Cape Cod

Take in Cape Cod your way because today, **it's your choice!** Take advantage of the amenities at your waterfront hotel, perhaps

Optional 2 Night Boston Post-Tour Extension

Starting at \$980 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: INDEPENDENT

Day 8: Cape Cod - Boston

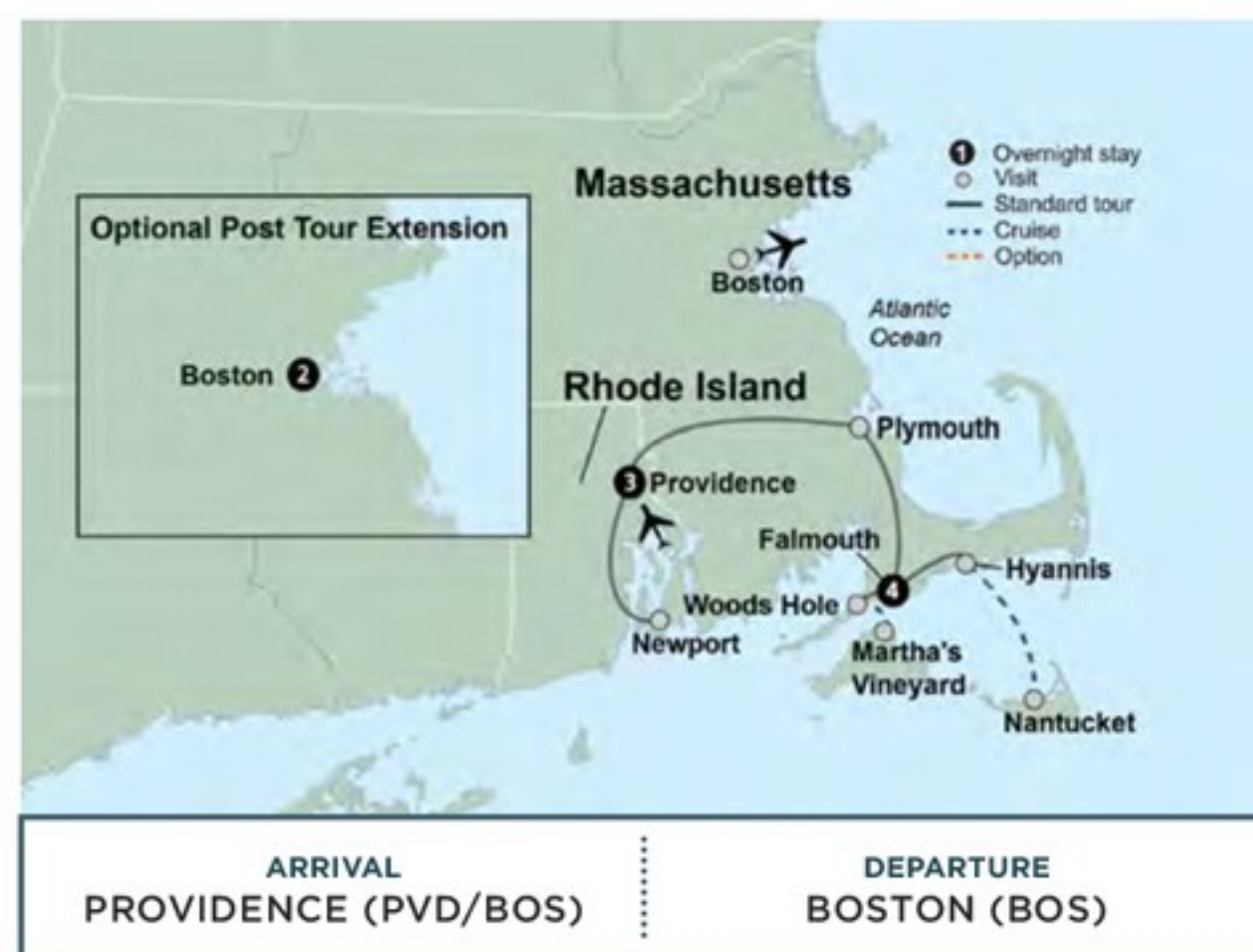
Extend your stay in New England with 2 nights in Boston – Massachusetts's historic capital city. As the site of the famous "tea party," Boston has a long history of fighting for independence since the time of the Revolutionary War. Explore the city on your own, perhaps grabbing a bite of some renowned seafood or a cup of famous clam chowder. Consider venturing to the North End for some authentic Italian food, keeping an eye out for a fresh cannoli.

Day 9: Boston

The day is yours. Use your included ticket for a Hop-On Hop-Off bus to see the most of the city of Boston. Consider walking along the harbour, grabbing a pint in one of the many Irish pubs, or even visiting one of the city's museums. As the home of 35 different colleges, Boston features a perfect blend of history and modern innovations. (B)

Day 10: Boston - Tour Ends

Wish Boston goodbye as you depart for home. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at \$4549
SOLO Starting at \$5799

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 4 October 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

May 2024 - October 2024

(featured itinerary)

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See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

Pre-Night: Providence (1-2 NIGHTS)



ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE



Days 4-7: Sea Crest Beach Hotel

Enhance your experience at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel by upgrading your accommodations to an Oceanview Room with a balcony or patio.

Please enquire about this upgrade at time of booking.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST & CALIFORNIA

8 DAYS • 11 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Seattle • Mount St. Helens Visitor Centre
• Portland • Columbia River Gorge •
Hood River • Yaquina Head Lighthouse •
Newport • Bandon State Natural Area •
Rogue River Cruise • Redwood
National Park • Avenue of the
Giants • San Francisco



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit lively Pike Place Market, Seattle's famous fish and vegetable market.
- Venture to Mount St. Helens Visitor Centre to learn about its volcanic activity.
- Visit Columbia River Gorge and Multnomah Falls.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 6 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)
- Savour a wine-tasting while gazing at views of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Thompson Hotel, Seattle, WA
Days 2, 3 Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, Portland, OR
Day 4 The Mill Casino, North Bend, OR
Day 5 Best Western Plus Bayshore Inn, Eureka, CA
Days 6, 7 Hyatt Regency Downtown SOMA, San Francisco, CA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



From Mount St. Helens to the giant Redwoods, fall under the spell of the Pacific Northwest and California.

Day 1: Seattle, Washington - Tour Begins
Your tour opens with an overnight stay in Seattle, dubbed the "Emerald City" for its lush green surroundings. Get to know your fellow travellers at tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Seattle - Mt. St. Helen's - Portland, Oregon
Explore Seattle's colourful waterfront area and historic Pioneer Square with a local guide. Mingle with artisans at the lively Pike Place Market, a famous fish and vegetable market dotted with restaurants and shops. Travel by Washington State Ferry across Puget Sound to Bremerton - Seattle's skyline is spectacular from the water! Back on land, travel south through Olympia, stopping at the Mount St. Helens Visitor Centre. Learn about its 1980 volcanic eruption as well as the history and geology of the state park. Continue to Portland, Oregon for a two-night stay in the picturesque "City of Roses." (B)

Day 3: Portland - Columbia River Gorge - Portland
Drive along the Mt. Hood route to the lush Columbia River Gorge. Take in the unforgettable views of Mt. Hood as you leave the valley and enter the Cascade Mountains. Discover the awe-inspiring landscapes of the magnificent Columbia River and Multnomah Falls, a 611-foot-tall roaring

cascade. Later, enjoy a wine-tasting at a local vineyard followed by a visit to a lavender farm. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Portland - Willamette Valley - Newport - North Bend (Oregon Coast)
On the way to the Oregon coast, journey through the Willamette Valley. Today known for its wine that rivals that Napa, this was once the "Promised Land" for the pioneers who followed the Oregon Trail. On the coast, stop at the Yaquina Head Lighthouse, a 93-foot tower buffeted by wind and rain since 1872. Enjoy time at the interpretive centre or make your way down to Cobble Beach to explore the tide pools of colourful sea anemones and starfish. Stop in the seaside town of Newport before travelling further along the coast. End your day strolling North Bend's lively boardwalk, perched along scenic Coos Bay. (B, D)

Day 5: North Bend - Bandon Natural Area - Redwood National Park - Eureka, CA
Drive to Bandon State Natural Area. Take in the breathtaking scenery as we travel along the striking Beach Loop. See Bandon Rocks and Face Rock, famous for their American Indian legends. Stop to enjoy a cruise up the spectacular Rogue River, taking you into Oregon's rugged wilderness for a chance to see bald eagles, cormorants,



seals and blue heron. Continuing south to California's redwood country, travel through Redwood National Park, home to trees that can reach nearly 300 feet. See for yourself why the sun seldom hits the ground. (B, L)

Day 6: Eureka - San Francisco
Return to the majestic beauty and splendid grandeur of the redwood forest as you traverse the "Avenue of the Giants," a scenic highway loaded with towering redwoods. Next, drive over the legendary Golden Gate Bridge and arrive in "the City by the Bay," San Francisco. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants in this eclectic city. (B)

Day 7: San Francisco
Today, join a local guide to hear stories of the city's past and present as you drive past its famous landmarks including Fisherman's Wharf, the Presidio and the Golden Gate Bridge. You'll also see the iconic neighbourhoods of Chinatown, North Beach and Haight Ashbury. After a farewell lunch, the remainder of your day is at leisure to explore San Francisco independently. (B, L)

Day 8: San Francisco - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today, but the memories will stay with you forever.



Optional 1 Night Seattle Pre-Tour Extension
Starting at \$560 pp



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 1: Seattle, Washington
Arrive in Seattle, the Emerald City on Puget Sound. Check into your hotel and enjoy time on your own to settle in. A local representative will meet you at the hotel to assist with recommendations on how you can spend your afternoon and evening.

Day 2: Seattle
After breakfast, join a local guide on a walking tour of the famed Pike Place Market - one of the country's oldest farmers markets - on Seattle's bustling waterfront. All of your senses will be engaged as you have fun exploring the historic arcade and winding alleys. Later, travel like a local on Seattle's Monorail to the Seattle Centre. Take your time visiting the Space Needle and Chihuly Garden and Glass - a monument to art as glass featuring an astounding display of Dale Chihuly's installations. Your entry includes 8 galleries, the central Glasshouse, and a sculpture garden. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at **\$4699** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$5799**

Prices based on 21 April 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

April 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

May - October 2024
April 2025
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2024 - April 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

- + Post-Night: San Francisco (1-2 NIGHTS)**
- + Even More Time?**
Combine Pacific Northwest & California with California Dreamin' for one seamless, non-stop travel experience.



“I enjoyed having everything planned out for me and the excellent selections of venues to visit.”
- Jeannette K.

PAINTED CANYONS OF THE WEST

9 DAYS • 11 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4799

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado National Monument • Moab • Arches National Park • Canyonlands National Park • Dead Horse Point State Park • Utah's Scenic Byway 24 • Capitol Reef National Park • Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument • Bryce Canyon National Park • Zion National Park • Las Vegas



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend two nights in Moab with time to explore Arches and Canyonlands national parks.
- Take in mesmerising scenery on Utah's most picturesque byways.
- Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram with an expert guide.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — Hike Zion National Park independently **-OR-** visit Zion's Human History Museum.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 2 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy dinner and a wine tasting in Colorado's wine country.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Sheraton Denver Downtown, or Hilton Garden Inn Downtown, Denver, CO
- Day 2** Doubletree Hotel, Grand Junction, CO
- Days 3, 4** Element Moab Hotel, Moab, UT
- Day 5** Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel or Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Ruby's Inn, Bryce, UT
- Days 6, 7** Holiday Inn Express, Springdale, UT
- Day 8** Paris Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Zion National Park

Trek across the Southwest as you take in the sienna-coloured canyons, towering spires, and desert landscapes found in Utah's five national parks.

Day 1: Denver, Colorado - Tour Begins

Travel across the Southwest as you take in the sienna-coloured canyons, towering spires and desert landscapes found in Utah's five national parks. Your journey begins in the mile-high city of Denver - an urban gateway to America's natural beauty.

Day 2: Denver - Grand Junction

The Rocky Mountains are your travelling companions on the drive to Grand Junction. Look out at the natural scenery as you pass by Glenwood Canyon, a product of the Colorado River, carved more than 3 million years ago. Dine together at a family-owned vineyard and enjoy a wine tasting in the midst of Colorado wine country. (B, D)

Day 3: Grand Junction - Colorado National Monument - Moab, Utah

Set out to explore the Colorado National Monument this morning along Rim Rock Drive. Make your way to Utah on the Upper Colorado Byway, known by the locals as "River Road." As the iconic Fisher

Towers loom over breathtaking mesas, make your way to Moab, Utah's outdoor adventure centre. (B, D)

Day 4: Moab - Arches - Canyonlands - Dead Horse Point - Moab

Journey through the otherworldly oases of two national parks. Hike along red rock features as you make your way through Arches National Park. Continue to Canyonlands National Park, resting in the heart of the Colorado Plateau, and discover a world of mesas and canyons. Close by, at the Island in the Sky, look out over a landscape of ethereal valleys and dreamy horizons. Today's park pilgrimage ends atop the sheer sandstone cliffs of Dead Horse Point State Park. (B)

Day 5: Moab - Capitol Reef National Park - Bryce

Travel through the dramatic Utah desert on Scenic Byway 24. Visit Capitol Reef National Park, named for the curved white walls that resemble the U.S. Capital building. On the Million Dollar Road, take in views of Grand Staircase-Escalante



Winery, Grand Junction



Bryce Canyon National Park

National Monument, where layers of warm reds and oranges melt into smooth sided peaks. Spend the night in Bryce, your jumping-off point to Bryce Canyon National Park. (B, L)

Day 6: Bryce Canyon National Park - Springdale (Zion)

Spend the day in Bryce Canyon National Park and see the famous hoodoos – vibrant rock formations likened to fairy chimneys. Perhaps you'll start your morning with a hike, getting up-close and personal with the graceful geology. Take in the sprawling vistas as you walk along Sunset Point, leading into Sunrise Point Rim Trail. As the day draws to a close, settle into Springdale, a small town perched just outside of Zion National Park. (B)

Day 7: Springdale - Zion National Park - Springdale

There are few places on earth that match the beauty of the red and white sandstone cliffs of Zion. Make the most of an entire day exploring this rock-ridden paradise. On Zion's open-air tram, wind along the Virgin

River through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. Choose how you spend the afternoon because **it's your choice!** Hike independently **-OR-** visit Zion's Human History Museum. (B)

Day 8: Springdale - Las Vegas, Nevada

Age-old nature is replaced with captivating energy, vibrant lights, and endless excitement in Las Vegas. Toast with your travel companions at a farewell lunch. Then, the evening is yours – spend your time along the neon-lit strip however you please. (B, L)

Day 9: Las Vegas - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Las Vegas and the painted canyons of the west as you depart for home.



ARRIVAL
DENVER (DEN)

DEPARTURE
LAS VEGAS (LAS)

DOUBLE Starting at \$4799
SOLO Starting at \$6199

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 12 May 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023
April 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

May - October 2024
April 2025
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for May 2024 - April 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night:
Denver (1-2 Nights)



+ Post-Night:
Las Vegas (1-2 Nights)



Colorado National Monument

“The parks were wonderful, and I appreciated the opportunity to see them and hike them a little.”

– Taylor P.

ROAMING COASTAL MAINE

7 DAYS • 9 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4349

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: **1** **2** 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Portland • Oyster Farm • Bar Harbor • Acadia National Park • Lobster Trap Pull Demonstration • Wine Tasting • Camden • Freeport • Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens • Boothbay



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Lose yourself in the natural beauty of Acadia National Park.
- Watch as traps are hauled from the ocean onto a working lobster boat.
- Sample the vintages during a wine tasting.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** — Visit the Portland Museum of Art, Maine's oldest and largest public art institution **-OR-** join a locally-guided walking tour through Portland's oldest neighbourhood and learn about its diverse beginnings.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 2 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a rustic New England lunch at a traditional Maine lobster shack.
- Tour an oyster farm before digging into the local delicacies.
- Savour a Maine inspired welcome dinner.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Hyatt Place Portland Old Port, Portland, ME
- Days 3, 4** Bar Harbor Grand Hotel, Bar Harbor, ME
- Days 5, 6** Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, ME

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Portland Head Lighthouse

This is Maine, where rocky shores, infinite nature, and endless lobster forge a coastal New England classic.

Day 1: Portland, Maine - Tour Begins

Welcome to Maine, a "Vacationland" of intricate coastlines and all-encompassing natural beauty that serves as the perfect getaway. From charming towns and scenic ocean overlooks to oyster shucking and lobster hauling, experience the best of this New England retreat.

Day 2: Portland

Discover the essence of this vibrant harbour city by means of a true New England classic – a trolley. From the opulent Victoria Mansion to the hum of the Old Port, your guide will introduce you to Portland's hidden gems. Trade in the charming streets of the city for the rugged coastline, stopping at the picturesque Portland Head Light. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Visit the Portland Museum of Art, Maine's oldest and largest public art institution whose collection includes pieces from Andy Warhol and Claude Monet **-OR-** join a locally-guided walking tour through Portland's

oldest neighbourhood and learn about its diverse beginnings. Get a chance to delve into the culture of Portland with free time to explore this seafaring city on your own. (B, D)

Day 3: Portland - Bar Harbor

This morning, get an intimate look at a working oyster farm and learn how to dig into these local delicacies with an oyster shucking demonstration. Later, arrive in Bar Harbor, an iconic holiday spot featuring rich blue waters and home to Acadia National Park. With an evening at leisure, explore the bustling downtown, full of cosy cafes and indulgent ice cream shops just steps from your hotel. (B)

Day 4: Bar Harbor - Acadia National Park - Bar Harbor

This is Acadia National Park. Breathe in the crisp, fresh air and allow the nature around you to captivate your senses. Admire the striking



Acadia National Park



Oyster Farmer

mountains, towering forests, and rocky shorelines as you drive scenic Park Loop Road with a local guide. Take in the sweeping views from the summit of Cadillac Mountain. Then, dive into the cuisine and culture of Maine when you join a local lobsterman on a lobster boat. See how lobster traps are retrieved from the ocean and watch the cages get pulled to the surface. Tonight is yours to explore Bar Harbor on your own. (B)

Day 5: Bar Harbor - Camden - Freeport

Sip some regional wine during a tasting at a local vineyard. Your scenic journey continues with a stop at a lobster shack to indulge in a must-try local favourite, the Maine lobster roll. Head to Camden for some time at leisure, giving you the perfect opportunity to explore this quintessential Maine town. Later, arrive in Freeport, your home for the next two nights. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 6: Freeport - Boothbay - Freeport

Today, enter the natural wonderland of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, nearly 300 acres of grassy fields and woodland trails overflowing with floral hues. Enjoy some free time in Boothbay browsing this quaint, seaside town's cute shops and restaurants. Return to Freeport where you will visit the Maine Beer Company for an **Impact Moment**. Enjoy a guided tasting and learn all about the brewery's "Do What's Right" program in which they commit to employee wellness, minimizing their carbon footprint, and donating proceeds to environmental nonprofits. Tonight, toast to the end of your trip and bid Maine farewell over dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Freeport - Portland - Tour Ends

Your tour of coastal Maine comes to a close today. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at \$4349
SOLO Starting at \$6149

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 26 May 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023
(different itinerary - see note)*

May - October 2024
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May - October 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Portland (1-2 NIGHTS)



Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

“The hotels were great. We loved the oyster farm and the Lulu lobster boat tour, the scenery and harbours, and Acadia National Park!”

- Frederick R.

SOUTHERN CHARM

7 DAYS • 9 MEALS
STARTING AT \$3999

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Historic Charleston • Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens • Savannah • St. Simons Island • Jekyll Island • Sea Turtle Hospital



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens just outside of Charleston.
- Visit the intriguing Mercer Williams House in Savannah.
- See rehabilitation in action at the Georgia Sea Turtle Centre on Jekyll Island.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- **Day 2** — Stroll through Charleston's historic centre with a local guide **-OR-** take a harbour cruise to Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired.
- **Day 4** — Stroll through Savannah's historic centre with a local guide **-OR-** take in the ambiance of the "Old South" with a guided trolley tour.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a cooking demonstration and dinner showcasing regional specialities in Savannah



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Courtyard Historic District, Charleston, SC
- Days 3, 4** Doubletree Historic District, Savannah, GA
- Days 5, 6** Jekyll Island Club, Jekyll Island, GA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



© Jekyll Island Club Resort

Embrace the charming allure of America's southeast as you explore cobblestone streets, historic homes and unspoiled coastline.

Day 1: Charleston, South Carolina - Tour Begins

Experience warm Southern hospitality in America's southeast. Come to know its rich history and deep traditions on this tour highlighted by stays in Charleston, Savannah and Jekyll Island. Begin your journey in Charleston, a city that has defied all odds. Charleston has survived the Civil War, major fires, an earthquake, and hurricanes – and still exudes elegance, charm, and grace. With free time upon arrival, perhaps you will visit Patriot's Point Naval Museum, the Aiken-Rhett House, or just settle into your accommodations in the Historic District.

Day 2: Charleston

Decide how to see the city because **it's your choice!** Stroll through Charleston's historic centre with a local guide, exploring hidden alleys and quaint areas that are only accessible by foot **-OR-** take a harbour cruise to Fort Sumter, where the first fired shots of the Civil War were fired, and chat with a ranger before exploring on your own. Later, make your way to bustling City Market, one of the country's oldest public markets and the

central hub for Gullah sweetgrass basketry – an intricate handicraft of African origin. Explore Boone Hall Plantation and Gardens, where you'll experience Southern living as you come to know one of America's oldest plantations. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Charleston - Savannah, Georgia

Enjoy a morning at leisure to explore Charleston on your own. Perhaps you will join an optional horse-and-carriage tour with lunch. Then, travel down the coast through South Carolina's Low Country to historic Savannah. This evening, spend some time exploring Factors Walk and River Street, where old cotton warehouses have been converted into trendy shops, taverns and restaurants. Tonight, gather at a popular local restaurant on Savannah's famous River Street for a cooking demonstration and dinner showcasing regional specialities. (B, D)

Day 4: Savannah

This morning, **it's your choice!** Take in the ambiance of the "Old South" with a trolley **-OR-**



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$3999** Starting at **\$5499** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 3 March 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
October 2023 - April 2024

Itinerary featured is for October 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. For departures after April 2024, please refer to our website.

🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Charleston (1-2 NIGHTS)

ALSO AVAILABLE

Southern Charm Holiday
In South Carolina and Georgia, experience the unique charm of America's "Low Country" decked out for the holiday season.

★ **DATES AVAILABLE**
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024

take a walking tour highlighting Savannah's sprawling Historic District. Lively, informative commentary brings the city to life as you travel along the cobblestone-paved streets and beneath moss-draped oaks. Allow the stately mansions, beautiful squares and romantic riverfront promenades to capture your heart. Both tours will end at the Mercer Williams House, where you will receive a guided tour of the famed home from *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. The rest of the afternoon and evening is yours to do as you wish. (B)

Day 5: Savannah - St. Simons Island - Jekyll Island

Before saying so long to Savannah, stop at the Pin Point Heritage Museum to learn about the Gullah Geechee people. Then journey to Georgia's legendary Gold Coast and visit the quaint St. Simons Island. Enjoy time to explore the area on your own, meandering along the unique shops and restaurants in the village. Continue on to the exclusive Jekyll Island Club hotel, your home for the next two nights. (B)

Day 6: Jekyll Island

Situated grandly in the middle of the

Golden Isles, Jekyll Island was once the beloved holiday spot for prominent families, including the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and J.P. Morgan. With a morning at leisure, enjoy the old-world atmosphere of this iconic resort. Gather for a tram ride that brings you on a tour of the island and the Jekyll Island Historic Landmark District - one of the nation's largest restoration projects. Then, visit the Georgia Sea Turtle Centre where injured and sick sea turtles are rehabilitated and returned to the wild. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at the Jekyll Island Club hotel. (B, D)

Day 7: Jekyll Island - Jacksonville, Florida - Tour Ends

As your tour draws to a close, leave for home with memories of a trip well-travelled. Your days spent experiencing true southern charm and gracious hospitality will stay dear to your heart for years to come. (B)



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW YORK CITY

5 DAYS • 5 MEALS
STARTING AT \$3399

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Greenwich Village • Wall Street •
Two Broadway Shows •
Statue of Liberty • Ellis Island •
9/11 Memorial • 9/11 Museum



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Museum.
- The lights and energy of the Big Apple captivate as you walk NYC's bustling streets to dinner and Broadway shows.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 3 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Dinners (D)
- Experience breakfast and a taste of NYC diner culture in the city's staple eateries.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 4 Sheraton New York Times Square, New York, NY

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

+ Pre-Night or Post-Night:
New York City (1-2 NIGHTS)



“The tour hit all the must-sees,
plus Broadway shows.”
- Gerald F.

TRAVEL STYLE:
DESTINATION
SPOTLIGHT



Empire State Building

From Lady Liberty to Greenwich Village, New York City never sleeps. The Apple is big; enjoy every bite.

Day 1: New York City, New York - Tour Begins

“Start spreading the news,” because today you arrive in America's most exciting metropolis for a getaway filled with shopping, sightseeing and endless entertainment. Relax as you enjoy a single-hotel stay in the heart of the city.

Day 2: New York City

An exciting day begins with breakfast at a local eatery, before embracing the city's energy on a locally guided tour of the “Big Apple.” Find yourself in Greenwich Village, the Wall Street district, Chinatown, and Central Park. See the Empire State Building and many other time-honoured landmarks. Take advantage of some free time this afternoon to discover the city at your own pace. Your Tour Manager has countless suggestions on how to spend your time. Maybe you are up for a shopping spree at some of the world's most legendary department stores, including Macy's, Bloomingdale's and Saks Fifth Avenue. Later, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Then, take your seat at a Broadway show! (B, D)

Day 3: New York City

This morning, board a ferry for a cruise of New York Harbour. Take in the incredible views of the towering Statue of Liberty. Dock and get up-close to “Lady Liberty.” She has welcomed immigrants and visitors to New York Harbour since 1886. Created as a token of friendship between the U.S. and France, the Statue of Liberty has become a global symbol of freedom. Then it's on to Ellis Island. Step back in time on a self-guided tour of the museum. Come to know the personal stories of the immigration boom of 1892-1924 when 12 million people passed through this station on their journey to America. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore “the city that never sleeps.” Tonight, choose to join an optional walking tour of Greenwich Village including dinner. (B)

Day 4: New York City

Enjoy breakfast at a local diner. Reflect at the 9/11 Memorial and take a self-guided tour at the 9/11 Museum - two poignant tributes to the lives lost. This afternoon, the curtains rise for your second Broadway show. You'll choose from a selection of Broadway's biggest hits. Say farewell to this extraordinary city tonight as we gather for your final taste of New York with dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 5: New York City - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close with many pleasant memories of your exciting tour of fabulous “New York, New York.”

DOUBLE Starting at \$3399
SOLO Starting at \$4099

Pricing is per person, land only, & varies by departure date.

Prices based on 11 July 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October - Nov 2023
February - April 2024

(different itinerary - see note*)

May 2024 - April 2025
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for
May 2024 - April 2025
tour departures. Departures
prior to this date
may vary. Please confirm
at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ALSO AVAILABLE

Spotlight on New York City Holiday

Rock around the (Rockefeller) Christmas tree and see the Big Apple dressed in its holiday best.

★ DATES AVAILABLE: NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024

ARRIVAL DEPARTURE
NEW YORK CITY (NYC) NEW YORK CITY (NYC)

SPOTLIGHT ON WASHINGTON, D.C.

6 DAYS • 8 MEALS
STARTING AT \$3549

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

U.S. Capitol Building Tour • World War II Memorial • Washington National Cathedral • Arlington National Cemetery • Mount Vernon • Old Town Alexandria • Vietnam Veterans Memorial • White House Visitor Center • Smithsonian Institution



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Behold the impressive Washington National Cathedral.
- Peek into the life of America's first president at Mount Vernon.
- Experience DC your way by visiting a Smithsonian Museum of your choice.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3** — Join a walking tour retracing the plots and events leading to the Lincoln Assassination **-OR-** explore the life of espionage with a visit to the International Spy Museum.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 5 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Dinners (D)
- Experience international cuisine in local restaurants throughout the city.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 5 Washington Marriott Georgetown, Washington, D.C.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

+ Pre-Night or Post Night:
Washington, D.C. (1-2 NIGHTS)



TRAVEL STYLE:
DESTINATION
SPOTLIGHT



US Capitol building

Walk the path forged by leaders of the free world in America's spirited capital city.

Day 1: Washington, D.C. - Tour Begins

Explore America's heritage and history during your stay in the capital city of the United States - Washington, D.C.

Day 2: Washington, D.C.

Your day begins at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Centre with a guided tour of this historic and storied building. Discover the celebrated history of America's capital on a city tour. Take in views of the White House, National Mall and other monuments and museums. Pause to reflect at the poignant World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Washington, D.C. 🍷

Tour the Washington National Cathedral, which hosted state funerals, Presidential inaugural masses, and MLK's last sermon. Decide how you want to see more of D.C. today - **it's your choice.** Join a walking tour retracing the plots and events leading to the Lincoln Assassination **-OR-** explore the life of espionage with a visit to the International Spy Museum. This evening after an included dinner, enjoy an illuminated twilight tour of the Jefferson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Lincoln Memorials before returning to the hotel. (B, D)

Day 4: Arlington National Cemetery - Mount Vernon, Virginia - Alexandria

Visit Arlington National Cemetery for a narrated tour that takes you to the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Kennedy gravesites. Head to Old Town Alexandria, nestled along the Potomac, and enjoy time to stroll the cobblestone streets on your own during a break for lunch. Continue to Mount Vernon, the beloved home of George Washington. After a tour of the home, spend time wandering through the gardens and grounds before visiting

the tomb of General Washington and his wife, Martha. This evening is yours to explore the district's culinary scene. (B)

Day 5: Washington, D.C.

Spend time in the White House Visitor Centre and see artefacts from the White House collection. Then, uncover some of the treasures of the Smithsonian Institution with free time to visit any of the more than 10 museums surrounding the National Mall. This afternoon you can choose to live like a local and take the metro with your Tour Manager to return to the hotel. Gather in the evening for a farewell dinner commemorating the end of your historical journey. (B, D)

Day 6: Washington, D.C. - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Washington, D.C. this morning. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$3549
SOLO Starting at \$4399

Pricing is per person, land only, & varies by departure date.

Prices based on 3 October 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023
March - April 2024
(different itinerary - see note*)

May - October 2024
March - April 2025
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2024 - April 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

🌐 See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ARRIVAL WASHINGTON D.C. (WAS) DEPARTURE WASHINGTON D.C. (WAS)

THE COLORADO ROCKIES

9 DAYS • 12 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4549

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Denver • Rocky Mountain National Park • Colorado National Monument • Grand Junction • Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park • Museum of the Mountain West • Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad • Mesa Verde National Park (UNESCO) • Pikes Peak Cog Railway • Garden of the Gods



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend two nights in Durango, a fun-filled cowboy town where you can relive the excitement of the Old West.
- Journey aboard the Pike's Peak Cog Railway to the top of Pike's Peak.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)
- Enjoy an authentic farm-to-table dinner on a 450-acre, family-owned ranch.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Sheraton Downtown, Denver
- Days 3, 4** DoubleTree Hotel, Grand Junction
- Days 5, 6** Strater Hotel, Durango
- Days 7, 8** Embassy Suites by Hilton, Colorado Springs

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Pikes Peak Cog Railway

Experience the grand landscapes of the American West as you journey from the “Mile High City” of Denver to Colorado Springs.

Day 1: Denver, Colorado - Tour Begins

Adventure awaits as you explore the towering peaks and rolling meadows of Colorado and Utah. This tour (which features four national parks) opens in the “Mile High City” of Denver where you will gather for a welcome dinner with your fellow travellers. (D)

Day 2: Denver - Rocky Mountain National Park - Denver

Travel through Boulder, a scenic university town known for its iconic landmark...the striking, reddish-brown foothills known as the Flatirons. Stop in Estes Park, a mountain resort town and home of the Stanley Hotel, the inspiration for Stephen King's *The Shining*. Your adventure in Rocky Mountain National Park starts on the Trail Ridge Road, the highest paved, continuous highway in North America. It's a drive that should be on everybody's bucket list. At Rainbow Curve, marvel at the majestic mountains that stand in contrast to deep, rugged canyons. Later, return to Denver for a free evening in this dynamic city. (B)

Day 3: Denver - Colorado National Monument - Grand Junction

The spectacular Rocky Mountains are your travelling companion. Make a scenic drive from Denver to Grand Junction, passing through many of

Colorado's famous ski resorts. This journey also takes you to one of the grand landscapes of the American West - Colorado National Monument. Continue along the monument's historic Rim Rock Drive to see a colourful panorama of deep, sheer-sided canyons and high rock towers. Gather for dinner at a favourite local hangout in Grand Junction, a town that attracts outdoorsmen, foodies and all manner of free spirits. (B, D)

Day 4: Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park - Grand Junction

Today, venture to another amazing national park - Colorado's own “Grand Canyon!” Marvel at the steep-walled gorge and dramatic views of Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park while travelling along its South Rim. Pause at one of the scenic viewpoints to soak in this stunning wilderness of rock, water, and sky. Enjoy a picnic lunch overlooking some of the steepest and oldest rock walls in North America, carved over 2 million years by the Gunnison River. Perhaps you'll even spot a peregrine falcon. Then, immerse yourself in the stories of the American west during a tour of the Museum of the Mountain West, a preserved and re-created pioneer town that captures life as it was over a century ago. Return to Grand Junction for an evening at leisure. (B, L)



Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park



Mesa Verde National Park

Day 5: Grand Junction - Silverton - Durango

Head south to Silverton, a former silver mining town and now a National Historic Landmark. Hidden high in the San Juan Mountains, this town blends spectacular scenery, Victorian charm and historic architecture. Then it's "all aboard" the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. This 1881 coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive made its name hauling silver and gold ore from the San Juan Mountains, but you will soon realise it is the view that is its most precious asset. (B)

Day 6: Durango - Mesa Verde National Park - Durango

An incredible day awaits in Mesa Verde National Park (UNESCO), home of the ancient Ancestral Puebloan civilisation. Join a local guide on a drive through the park making several photo stops including views of the famous Spruce Tree House, one of Mesa Verde's best preserved cliff dwellings and Cliff Palace, the largest in the park. This evening, experience a farm-to-table dinner on a family-owned ranch surrounded by red mountain peaks and lush green pastures. (B, D)

Day 7: Durango - Colorado Springs
Sit back and relax during a scenic ride to Colorado Springs. En route, marvel at the landscape as you make your way from the

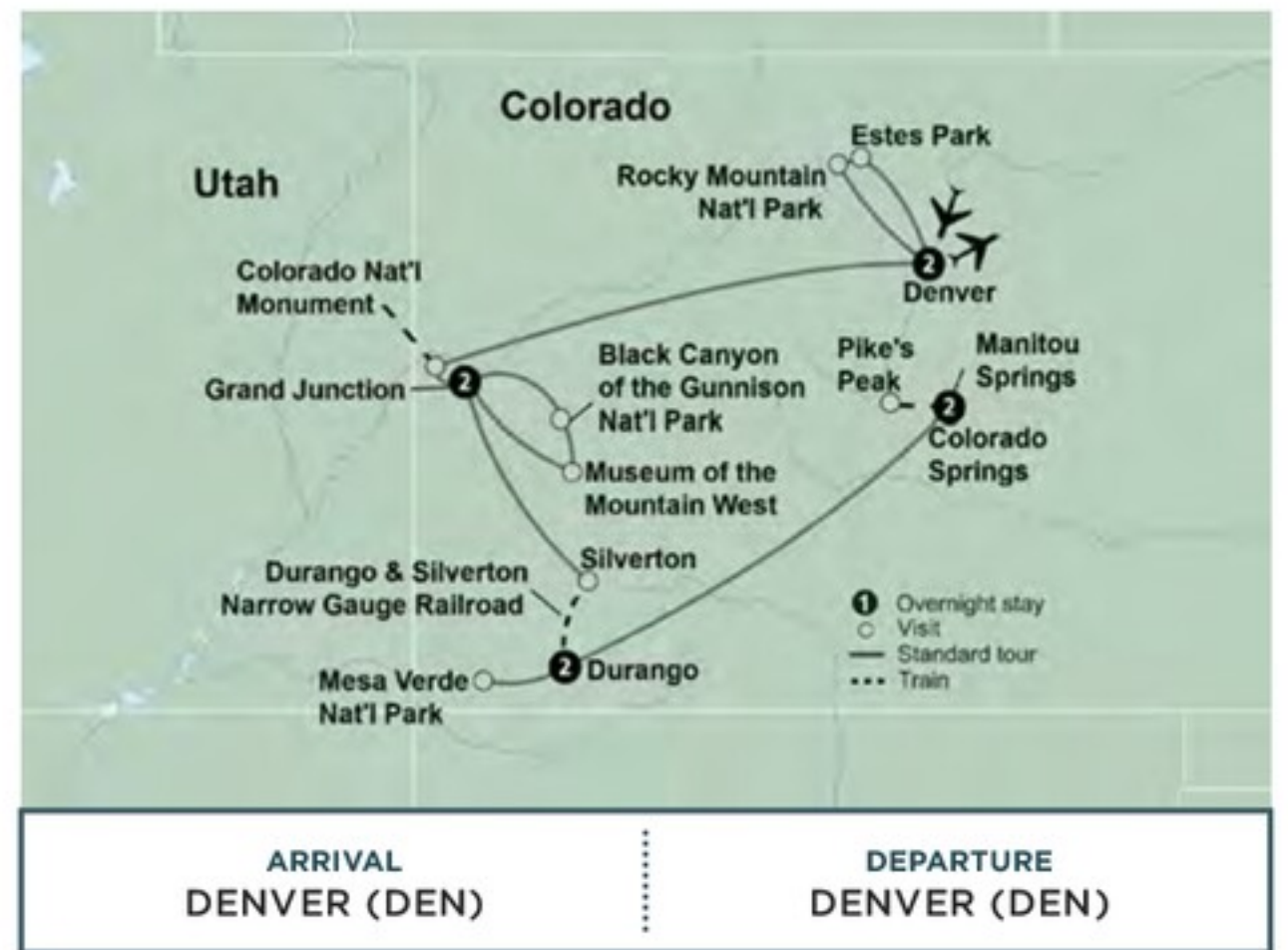
San Juan National Forest and across Wolf Creek Pass, a section of the Continental Divide that would take pioneers two to three weeks to cross. Continue on through the Rio Grande National Forest, a vast expanse of wilderness named for the 1,800 miles of Rio Grande River that cuts through the forest. Your day concludes in Colorado Springs, an artistic and cultural hub. (B)

Day 8: Colorado Springs - Manitou Springs - Colorado Springs

Depart for Manitou Springs, home of Pike's Peak – the legendary symbol of the 1859 Gold Rush. Embark on a journey aboard the Pike's Peak Cog Railway, the world's highest cog railroad, for an 8.9 mile trip to the top of Pike's Peak. During the journey you will see magnificent views and perhaps animals in their native habitat. Later, travel to the Garden of the Gods to take in the view of towering sandstone formations that dot the landscape set in the backdrop of majestic Pikes Peak. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner and celebrate your adventure. (B, D)

Day 9: Colorado Springs - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Colorado Springs.



DOUBLE Starting at **\$4549** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
SOLO Starting at **\$5949**

Prices based on 5 July 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
 May - September 2024

See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Denver (1-2 NIGHTS)

A FASTER PACE

On this tour, see three incredible national parks, a national monument and travel on two scenic train trips. To experience it all, we must cover a lot of ground but the natural, awe-inspiring beauty is well worth the travels.

“Our tour manager and driver made every experience memorable. They went out of their way to give context and perspective to the beautiful places we visited.”
 - Claire B.

CULTURAL TREASURES OF JAPAN

13 DAYS • 19 MEALS
STARTING AT \$6749

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: **1 2 3 4**
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Tokyo • Asakusa Sensoji Shrine • Ginza
• Tea Ceremony • Hakone • Lake Ashi
Cruise • Matsumoto Castle • Takayama
• Sake Tasting and Hida Beef Dinner •
Shirakawa-go • Kanazawa • Kyoto •
Bullet Train • Hiroshima •
Kaiseki Dinner & Maiko Show



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Try your hand at the centuries-old art of the Japanese tea ceremony, gold leaf decorating and stenciling.
- Travel by the famous Shinkansen bullet train.
- Explore the famous Ginza District, the first Western-style shopping district in Japan where modern and history blends.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a sake tasting at a local sake brewery followed by a Hida beef dinner.
- Participate in a sushi-making class.
- Experience a traditional kaiseki dinner with maiko show in Kyoto.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 2 Grand Nikko Daiba, Tokyo
Day 4 Odakyu Hotel de Yama, Hakone or The Prince Hako Lake Ashinoko Hakone
Days 5, 6 Takayama Green Hotel, Takayama
Days 7, 8 Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel, Kanazawa
Days 9 - 12 Hotel Nikko Princess Kyoto, Kyoto

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Fushimi Inari

From the tranquility of ancient temples to the energy of bustling cities, find a blend of all things old and new in Japan.

Day 1: Tokyo, Japan - Tour Begins

Welcome to Japan, the "Land of the Rising Sun." Begin in the electrifying city of Tokyo, where pop culture is turned all the way up and traditions are rich and long kept.

Day 2: Tokyo

Feel the excitement start to build as you pass by the grounds of the Imperial Palace and see the Niju Bridge, the well-known symbol of the Imperial Palace. Later, walk through Ginza, one of the most elegant and luxurious streets in the world, where modern landscape meets rich history. Enjoy shopping at some of the most renowned "department stores" in Japan. Later, amid a lush forest outside of Tokyo, visit the Meiji Shrine, dedicated to Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. Tonight, join your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Tokyo

Begin the day exploring Asakusa, Tokyo's oldest Geisha district. Visit the famous Buddhist temple, Senso-ji, the colorful temple famous for the red chochin (lantern) hanging at the entrance gate. Experience the long-standing tradition of the Japanese tea ceremony, dating back to the 15th century. During your free time, explore the

Nakamise Shopping Arcade and feel the energy of the oldest shopping street in Japan. Then, head to Tokyo National Museum to learn about the fascinating history and culture of Tokyo. The museum displays artwork and antiques from Japan and the surrounding area. (B)

Day 4: Tokyo - Hakone

Journey to the lakeside resort of Hakone, renowned for its hot springs. In the shadow of Mt. Fuji (UNESCO), this scenic town hugs the shorelines of Lake Ashi. Make a stop at Owakudani, located in an active volcanic zone. The Owakudani crater was created some 3,000 years ago, when Mt. Hakone erupted. Climb aboard the Hakone Ropeway, an aerial cable car descending from Owakudani for a breathtaking view of Mt. Fuji. Next, take to the deep-blue waters of Lake Ashi on a cruise where you'll see epic views of the local mountains before stopping in the charming town of Moto-Hakone. Tonight, experience a traditional kaiseki dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Hakone - Matsumoto - Takayama

This breathtaking day begins in Matsumoto at Matsumoto Castle, known as the "Crow Castle" because of its striking black exterior. Later, you'll step back in time in the rural Edo-period town of



Tea Ceremony



Miyajima Island, Hiroshima

since the 16th century. Visit the Samurai district where we will enter the former home of the Nomuras, a wealthy samurai family who served the ruling Maeda family. Then, travel to the Geisha quarters of Kanazawa, the Higashi Tea district. (B, D)

Day 8: Kanazawa

More than 25 acres of absolute beauty await you today at Kenroku-En – Garden of Six Qualities. From the beauty of Japan’s most stunning gardens, dive into the ancient craft of gold leaf making during a hands-on lesson in decorating your own lacquer box! In the centre of town, take in the action of the Omicho fish market before venturing out on your own to really immerse yourself in Kanazawa’s dynamic culture. (B)

Day 9: Kanazawa - Kyoto

Kyoto awaits! The former Imperial capital of Japan is now one of the nation’s top cosmopolitan cities. At the same time, Kyoto’s connection with its past is strong; you won’t need to look far to see one of its 2,000 temples and shrines. For lunch, participate in a sushi making class and master the art of sushi making. This afternoon, visit Kinkakuji (UNESCO), the Golden Pavilion, a Zen temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. (B, L)

Day 10: Kyoto - Bullet Train - Hiroshima - Kyoto

All aboard the Shinkansen bullet train to Hiroshima. Upon arrival, board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, or “Shrine Island” (UNESCO). Afterwards, head into Hiroshima city to visit the Peace Memorial Park, and pause to see the ruined Atomic Dome (UNESCO). Reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. As this long and moving day comes to a close, return to Kyoto by the Shinkansen bullet train. (B)

Day 11: Kyoto

This morning, explore Fushimi Inari Taisha for a tour of the most revered shrine of Inari. Follow the spectacular rows of orange torii (made famous in the movie *Memoirs of a Geisha*) that weave through the forest, leading you to the inner shrine. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure. (B)

Day 12: Kyoto

Today, visit the home of the first Shogun, Nijo Castle (UNESCO), and see intricate woodcarvings, wall paintings, and the Ninomaru Garden, designed by Kobori Enshu, a landscape architect and tea master. Next, learn about the ancient craft of stenciling during a hands-on lesson.

Takayama, nestled in the Japanese Alps. Well known to the locals for its connection to sake, this is the perfect place to gather for a visit to one of Japan’s 200-year-old sake breweries. Afterward, experience a true Japanese epicurean treat – traditional rice wine paired with a special Hida beef dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Takayama

The ancient cultures of Takayama come alive this morning in the town’s historic district. Take a walk through the past and glimpse the 19th-century Jinya government building. Stroll through the morning market, a 600-year-old open air market with locally grown and produced products, located along the Miyagawa River. Circuit the winding streets, where the town’s traditional charms are preserved in the inns and houses. This afternoon, relish some free time to continue your exploration of Takayama on your own. (B, L)

Day 7: Takayama - Shirakawa-go - Kanazawa

Today, embrace the unique charms of Shirakawa-go (UNESCO). Hidden away in the mountain, this harmonious village is famous for its gassho-zukuri-style houses – thatched-rooftops designed to resemble two hands joined in prayer. Journey to Kanazawa, the origin of gold-leaf making



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October 2023 - April 2024
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May 2024 - April 2025
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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Tokyo (1-2 NIGHTS)



This afternoon, spend some time relaxing or set out to explore Kyoto on your own. Fully immerse yourself in Japanese culture tonight during a special farewell dinner and maiko show. (B, D)

Day 13: Kyoto - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in this fascinating land. As you depart, reflect on its beauty and all you have learned about its rich history and culture. (B)

JAPAN: PAST & PRESENT

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Tokyo • Ginza • Asakusa • Tea Ceremony
• Tokyo National Museum • Bullet Train
• Ise Grand Shrine • Kaiseki Dinner •
Mikimoto Pearl Museum • Ama Pearl
Divers Dinner • Kyoto • Golden Pavilion •
Arashiyama Bamboo Forest •
Women's Association of Kyoto • Gion
• Okunoin Cemetery • Monastery Stay
• Hiroshima • Okonomiyaki Cooking
Class & Lunch • Peace Memorial Park &
Museum • Discussion with an A-Bomb
Survivor • Osaka



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stay among Buddhist monks at a monastery on Mount Koya.
- Meet Japan's *ama* pearl divers and learn more about their elite profession.
- Visit Hiroshima's Peace Park and Memorial Museum and hear accounts of the atomic bomb's devastation.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Dive deep into the culture and social norms of Japan over dinner with the Women's Association of Kyoto.
- Enjoy a traditional, multi-course *kaiseki* meal.
- Make delicious *okonomiyaki*, savoury pancakes that are a Japanese favourite.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 Prince Park Tower Hotel, Tokyo
Days 4, 5 Nemu Resort, Ise-Shima
Days 6 - 8 Hotel Granvia, Kyoto
Day 9 Sekishoin, Mt. Koya
Days 10, 11 ANA Crowne Plaza, Hiroshima
Day 12 ANA Crowne Plaza, Osaka

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



From neon-lit streets filled with people to quiet shrines filled only with silence, come face-to-face with a culture thousands of years in the making.

Day 1: Tokyo, Japan - Tour Begins

Say "*Konnichiwa!*" to the incredible, eclectic city of Tokyo. Japan is a land of contrasts, and you're about to discover the thousand facets of culture, art, and life that make up its incredible spirit. From neon-lit streets filled with people to quiet shrines filled only with silence, you'll come face-to-face with a culture thousands of years in the making.

Day 2: Tokyo

This morning, start your first day in Tokyo like a true local - by hopping on the subway. Clean, efficient, fast, and easy to use, the Tokyo subway system is one of the best in the world. Follow your Tour Manager on a walk through Ginza, one of the most elegant and luxurious streets in the world. Enjoy shopping at some of the most renowned "department stores" in Japan. This afternoon, visit Zojoji Temple, standing in the shadow of Tokyo Tower and painting a powerful picture of Tokyo's ancient roots and modern culture. Zojoji is the centre of Japanese Buddhism in the region, and the resting place of the royal Tokugawa family. Head back to the hotel through the lush and beautiful Shiba park, a green oasis in the urban landscape. Tonight, sit down and get to know your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Tokyo

Feel the excitement start to build as you head to Asakusa, passing by the grounds of the Imperial Palace and see the Nijubashi Bridge. Next, experience the long-standing tradition of the Japanese tea ceremony, dating back to the 15th century. Enjoy free time exploring Nakamise shopping street, where you can stroll between the stalls leading to the Sensoji temple to buy local souvenirs and sweets. Then, head to Tokyo National Museum to learn about the fascinating history and culture of the city. The museum displays artwork and antiques from Japan and the surrounding area. (B)

Day 4: Tokyo - Ise-Shima

Climb aboard the high-speed *shinkansen*, or bullet train. Sleek, modern, and comfortable, the bullet train will flash through the idyllic Japanese countryside at 200 miles per hour, but you'll barely feel or hear a thing. Keep an eye peeled for Mt. Fuji in the distance. Arrive at one of the most important shrines in Japan - Ise Shrine. This grand shrine is built to honour the Shinto sun goddess Amaterasu. Wander among the thatched roofs and raw wood of buildings, taking in the serenity of this spiritual wonder. Tonight, your meal will be a traditional and delicious

Japanese *kaiseki* dinner, an artfully prepared and presented, multi-course meal using ingredients at the absolute peak of freshness. (B, D)

Day 5: Ise-Shima

This morning, you'll head to the Mikimoto Pearl Museum. Explore the island and the legacy of the skilled ama pearl divers, women who defied conventional gender roles to dive in the sea to harvest oysters and their pearls. Watch divers take the plunge and learn about the history and science of pearl diving. This evening, set out for Azurihama Beach, where you'll venture across the sands to an ama hut for an incredible dining experience. Whilst local seafood is grilled in a charcoal fire right before your eyes, hear tales from the ama women about their lives and the sacred rights of their profession. (B, D)

Day 6: Ise-Shima - Kyoto

Kyoto awaits! Before arriving in Japan's former capital city stop at Nara Park and Todaiji Temple. Venture inside the massive building to take some time in this sacred place and find the huge bronze Buddha statue. Wander the grounds outside and discover the famous "bowing" deer of Nara. Next, it's off to Kyoto, one of the nation's top cosmopolitan cities. (B)

Day 7: Kyoto

Begin your day at Kinkakuji (UNESCO), the Golden Pavilion, a Zen temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Once the lavish retirement home of a shogun, it was converted to a Zen temple in the 1400's. It has survived wars, been rebuilt after fires, and still stands as an impressive piece of historic architecture. Depart for the Arashiyama bamboo forest. Set out among the towering bamboo stalks that shade the forest paths and gently sway in the breeze. Later, visit the Women's Association of Kyoto in a traditional Kyoto town house. Here, delve into a wide array of enlightening Japanese activities, guided by your knowledgeable hostess. Sip different sakes, try your hand at making sushi, fold intricate origami shapes, and speak to

your hostess about Japan, its culture, and women's roles in this complex society. (B, D)

Day 8: Kyoto

Head to Gion, Kyoto's famous geisha district. Here, your Tour Manager leads you through the narrow cobblestone streets and if you're lucky, you may see a woman in full traditional geisha regalia headed to one of the hidden, exclusive tea houses. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore how you want. Perhaps you'll stay in the Gion district to wander among its temples, shrines, traditional shops and charming cafes. Or, you could make your way to the Nishiki Market, where colourful stalls are filled with fresh foods and local specialities, like pickles, dried seafood, and sushi. (B)

Day 9: Kyoto - Mt. Koya

This morning, explore Fushimi Inari Taisha for a glimpse into the most revered shrine of Inari. Follow the rows of orange torii that weave through the forest, leading you to the inner shrine. Then, head for the mountain village atop Mount Koya. A special and sacred site, Mount Koya is filled with shrines, temples, and monasteries. This afternoon, walk into the heart of the awe-inspiring Okunoin Cemetery, and make your way to the mausoleum of Kobo Daishi, the founder of Shingon Buddhism. Kobo Daishi hasn't passed on - Buddhist belief says he waits in eternal meditation, answering the calls of those who would pray to him. After, settle into your accommodations for the night - a traditional Japanese monastery, complete with sliding paper doors and tatami mats. Meet with one of the monks of the temple and learn about life there before sitting down for dinner, where you'll eat a vegetarian meal, featuring tempura-fried favourites. (B, D)

Day 10: Mt. Koya - Hiroshima

If you so choose, you can rise in the early morning to join the Buddhist monks in prayer. Sit in the serenity of the temple shrine as the monks ring their gongs,



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SOLO Starting at \$10249

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Prices based on 14 July 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - April 2024
(different itinerary - see note*)

May 2024 - April 2025
(featured itinerary)

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chant, burn incense, and centre themselves for the activities of the grand day ahead. Then, you'll once again board the *shinkansen* bullet train and be whisked away to Hiroshima. Enjoy lunch at a local cooking studio, where you'll learn how to make the famous Japanese *okonomiyaki*, or savoury pancake, a favourite of Hiroshima residents. After, visit the Peace Memorial Park, and pause to see the ruined Atomic Dome (UNESCO), a sobering reminder of the devastation caused by the dropping of the atomic bomb during World War II. Reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. (B, L)

Day 11: Hiroshima

Head back to the Peace Park and Memorial Museum this morning for a powerful **Impact Moment**, a meeting with someone who experienced the devastating effects of the Atomic bomb firsthand. They'll talk about what it was like to live in Japan during that time, the aftermath of that terrible day, and how they keep the memories of those who were lost alive. After, board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, or "Shrine Island" (UNESCO). Famous for the Itsukushima Shrine and its mythic O-torii Gate standing proudly in the water. (B)

Day 12: Hiroshima - Osaka

Today, journey to your final destination, the energetic city of Osaka. Set out on a walking tour through the famous Dotonbori district. From shopping, to dining, to nightlife, Dotonbori has it all - bathed in the neon glow of huge electric signs. Learn why Osaka is known as the "Kitchen of Japan" as you sample its famous and delicious street food. Tonight, sit down and say your fond farewells to your travel companions at a farewell dinner. Raise a cup of *sake* and toast to the colourful spirit of Japan, and the adventures you've had. (B, D)

Day 13: Osaka - Tour Ends

Take a quiet moment to reflect on all the new memories you have created before heading home. (B)

FEATURED TOUR EXTENSIONS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Hanoi • Walking Food Tour • Discussion with Vietnam War Veteran • Ha Long Bay • Hoi An • Ho Chi Minh City • Reunification Palace • Mekong Delta • Siem Reap • Angkor Wat • Luang Prabang • Wat Xieng Thong • Monk Alms Offering • Pak Ou Buddha Cave • Bangkok



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Hanoi's historic Old Quarter on an exciting walking tour.
- See the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used by the Viet Cong.
- Visit with a Vietnam war veteran and learn about the war from his perspective.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 14** — In Luang Prabang, venture into the lively outdoor markets at night **-OR-** return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

17 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- A local Laotian family welcomes you into their home for dinner.
- Learn the secrets of Vietnamese cooking during an interactive class.
- Sample several famous Vietnamese dishes on a walking food tour.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Mercure Hanoi la Gare, Hanoi
- Day 4** Bhaya Classic
- Days 5 - 7** Little Oasis Hotel & Spa, Hoi An
- Days 8 - 10** Novotel Saigon Centre, Ho Chi Minh City
- Days 11 - 13** Tara Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap
- Days 14 - 16** Souphattra Hotel, Luang Prabang
- Day 17** Rembrandt Hotel & Suites, Bangkok

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Siem Reap, Cambodia

Delve into an ancient and mysterious world of rural landscapes, bustling cities, and fascinating history in Southeast Asia.

Day 1: Hanoi, Vietnam - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Hanoi. Layers of the city's complex past can be found interwoven into its modern culture. Known for its French colonial architecture, tree-lined streets, and vibrant street food scene, Hanoi is Vietnam's dynamic capital and second most populous city.

Day 2: Hanoi

Start your morning with a city tour of Hanoi and the Old Quarter. Visit Ba Dinh Square and the Temple of Literature. Follow the meandering streets, decorated with temples and pagodas, and feast on the history before you. After working up an appetite, enjoy a walking food tour featuring some of Vietnam's most famous dishes such as banh mi and pho. Enjoy coffee and views of Hoan Kiem Lake - the "Lake of the Restored Sword" - at a rooftop café. Later this evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Hanoi

Today you may choose to start your day early by joining your Tour Manager and locals as they practice tai chi at a local park. After, visit the infamous Hoa Lo Prison. This historic site, dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" by American POWs, is now a museum that tells the story of colonial history from the Vietnamese perspective. Following your visit, sit down with a local veteran from the Vietnam War to chat and connect with him as he recounts his history. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy as you see fit. You may choose to join an optional tour to see the famous water puppets of Hanoi followed by dinner. (B)

Day 4: Hanoi - Ha Long Bay

Journey to Ha Long Bay and board a charming junk boat for an overnight cruise - the perfect vantage point for soaking up the landscape. Once on board, enjoy fresh seafood as you sail past vistas of low green mountains, small villages, hundreds of islands, and limestone peaks jutting out from the sea. Disembark to discover the wonders of nature, history, and archaeology. Back on board, sit back and relax as the sounds and peaceful sway of the boat lull you to sleep. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Ha Long Bay - Hanoi - Da Nang - Hoi An

Your day begins with a Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck at sunrise. After a light breakfast we head off to visit Sung Sot cave, one of the many limestone grottos accessible by boat in the UNESCO World Natural Heritage that is Ha Long Bay. It is time to say farewell to this stunning natural wonder and cruise back to the mainland. Fly to Da Nang and travel to Hoi An (UNESCO), an ancient trading port. (B, D)

Day 6: Hoi An

Explore the flavours of Hoi An. Board a basket boat and journey along the Co Co River for an immersive cooking class. Learn how to catch seafood in the river and grind rice into flour. Use your ingredients to cook four classic dishes which you'll enjoy for lunch. Later, on a walking tour of the old town, stroll by the ornate Chinese-style temple Phuc Kien Assembly Hall and a 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge. End at the vibrant market on the banks of the Thu Bon. (B, L)

Day 7: Hoi An

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the magic of Hoi An. Walk along the canals that cut through Ancient Town on your own, uncovering a preserved history interwoven into the modern way of life. Perhaps you'll visit an art gallery, wander through a cultural museum, or go shopping for the perfect souvenir. (B)

Day 8: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

Leave Hoi An and fly to Ho Chi Minh City, the energetic urban capital formerly known as Saigon. On an eye-opening city tour, you'll see the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Reunification Palace. Head over to explore treasures from local vendors on display at the Old Market in District 1. (B)

Day 9: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City

Take to the waters of the famous Mekong Delta. As you sail along, your guide will delve into the history and culture of the region. Discover the region's cottage industry with a visit to a coconut candy factory and learn how this confection is made. Enjoy lunch featuring southern Vietnamese cuisine before travelling back to Ho Chi Minh City. (B, L)

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City

Spend your morning at the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in metropolitan Ho Chi Minh City before your dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap, Cambodia

This afternoon, board your flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia's gateway to the wonders of Angkor. In this ancient city, you'll discover a world where colonial and Chinese architecture melds into a sophisticated urban and culinary scene. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant accompanied by a traditional Khmer dance performance. (B, D)

Day 12: Siem Reap - Angkor Wat - Siem Reap

Depart for a sunrise at Angkor Wat, a perfect example of classic Khmer

architecture. Enter its eastern gate and exit to the west, watching the sunlight dance along stones. Later, visit Ta Prohm, a sprawling monastic complex that is overgrown with jungle. At Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmers, visit the Terrace of the Leper King and the temples of Baphuon and Bayon, 11th- and 12th-century masterpieces at the centre of the city. (B)

Day 13: Siem Reap - Preah Dak - Siem Reap

Start your day with an impact moment experience at the Visitor Centre of APOPO, where "hero rats" are trained to navigate minefields and save lives. Learn about the country's history with war and meet the professional rats at a demonstration. Then travel to the village of Preah Dak to learn about daily life and see how Nom Banh Jok (rice noodles) are created. Get a peek into the local culture at the palm sugar market, where tree sap is gathered and cooked for sugar. Make your way to Les Chantiers Ecoles, where local apprentices are trained in fine arts, and peruse the different workshops of sculpture, carving, and more. You may choose to end your day with a visit to Phare, the Cambodian Circus. (B, L)

Day 14: Siem Reap - Luang Prabang, Laos

Board a flight to Luang Prabang, the spiritual capital of Laos. Get acquainted with the city with your guide. Then, **it's your choice!** Venture into the lively outdoor markets at night **-OR-** return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 15: Luang Prabang

Hop into a tuk tuk with a guide and make your way to the city centre, including a visit to the National Museum - the former Royal Palace. Continue to Wat Xieng Thong monastery, decorated in eye-catching gold. Meander along the Nam Khan River to Wat Khili, highlighting the local culture and history. After lunch, cruise to the Pak Ou Caves, shrouded in mystery and home to thousands of Buddha statues. End your day with a home-hosted dinner and traditional Baci ceremony - celebrating a significant event in someone's life. (B, L, D)



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

December 2023 - April 2024 May 2024
(different itinerary - see note*) September 2024 - May 2025
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Hanoi (1-2 NIGHTS)



Day 16: Luang Prabang - Ban Long Lao - Luang Prabang

You may choose to rise early and begin your day with a traditional alms offering to local monks. After breakfast back at the hotel, journey to a traditional Hmong hill tribe village in Ban Long Lao and learn about this ethnic group and their way of life. Set out on an easy hike through lush jungle and panoramic mountain scenery to the incredible Kuang Si Waterfall. Return to Luang Prabang and lunch in a local restaurant. This afternoon you may choose to join an optional tour to visit with Laotian weavers. (B, L)

Day 17: Luang Prabang - Bangkok, Thailand

Board your flight to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. A feast for the senses, this bustling city on the banks of the Chao Phraya River blends cosmopolitan sophistication with a strong sense of history and tradition. Tonight, join your fellow travellers and toast to the end of your adventure on a Klong dinner cruise. (B, D)

Day 18: Bangkok - Tour Ends

Return home with memories of your travels through the kingdoms of Southeast Asia. (B)

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
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HIGHLIGHTS

Old Delhi • Jaipur • Hawa Mahal • Amber Fort • Home-Hosted Dinner • Ranthambore National Park • Abhaneri Stepwell • Taj Mahal • Chandela Temple Complex • Varanasi • Ganga Aarti Ceremony



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Travel to Khajuraho on an exciting train journey.
- Venture through the main streets and back roads of Old Delhi via rickshaw.
- Marvel at the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 8** — Return to your hotel to simply relax while in Ranthambore **-OR-** visit Dastkar Ranthambore, a social enterprise dedicated to providing employment and training for local artisans.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

- Learn the secrets to preparing incredible Indian food at a home-hosted dinner.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 The Suryaa Hotel, Delhi
Days 4 - 6 Radisson Jaipur City Center, Jaipur
Days 7, 8 Juna Mahal, Ranthambore
Days 9, 10 Grand Mercure, Agra
Day 11 Radisson Jass Hotel, Khajuraho
Days 12, 13 Radisson Hotel, Varanasi
Day 14 Lemon Tree Premier, Delhi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



From the iconic tigers of Ranthambore to the legendary Taj Mahal, step into a world of captivating mysteries and vibrant colour.

Day 1: Delhi, India - Tour Begins

A paradise of contradiction, Delhi features a bustling energy, age-old monuments, and an all-encompassing vitality that courses its way through the busy streets. Experience everything this dynamic metropolis has to offer, from modern New Delhi to historic Old Delhi.

Day 2: Delhi

Start your morning at the expansive Humayun's Tomb, one of the best-preserved Mughal monuments dating back to the 1500s. This sprawling complex inspired countless mausoleums, including the legendary Taj Mahal. Enjoy some free time in the afternoon to explore on your own. Gather with your group in the evening for a welcome dinner featuring Indian specialties. (B, D)

Day 3: Delhi

Cut through Old Delhi's buzzing streets on a rickshaw - your mode of transportation for an exhilarating tour of old Delhi. See the city's friendly vendors as you travel down narrow streets and busy corridors. Visit Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India, and stand in awe before its iconic red sandstone towers. Your

exploration of New Delhi continues on a journey by the city's famous monuments, including the India Gate and Parliament building. (B, L)

Day 4: Delhi - Jaipur

Wish the city goodbye and embark on a scenic drive through the countryside. Stop for lunch in a local restaurant before arriving in Jaipur, the "Pink City." See Hawa Mahal, the former home of a *maharaja* (Indian prince). Marvel at the city's architectural brilliance as you stroll through the heart of the Old City during your free time. (B, L)

Day 5: Jaipur

Take in the extensive palace complex of Amber Fort, India's former seat of power. Head to the palace by means of a vintage jeep, scaling the hills overlooking Jaipur. In the evening, get to know a local family as you join them for a hosted dinner in their home. (B, D)

Day 6: Jaipur

Set out to explore the beautiful city of Jaipur, starting with the City Palace. Nearby, take in the impeccable masonry of the Jantar Mantar - the world's oldest stone sundial. The afternoon is yours to discover Jaipur however you please. (B)



Ranthambore Tiger



Varanasi

Day 7: Jaipur - Ranthambore National Park

Travel to Ranthambore National Park where we will seek out tigers in their natural habitat. Learn about Project Tiger's conservation efforts and the impact the organization has had on the Ranthambore sanctuary. Connect with a naturalist, introducing you to India's extensive wildlife. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Ranthambore

Board a canter (open-air truck) for your first game drive. Seek out barking deer, Indian gazelles, and exotic birdlife. Follow the tigers' paths in search of the sanctuary's renowned wildlife. Then, **it's your choice!** Return to your hotel to relax

-OR- experience an **Impact Moment** with a visit to Dastkar Ranthambore, a social enterprise dedicated to providing employment and training for local women artisans. No matter what you choose, return to the wild for another chance to seek out marsh crocodiles, sloth bears, and the park's famous Bengal tigers. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Ranthambore - Agra

Today we depart early as we make our way to Agra, a city rich with the splendours of the past. Along the way, visit the impressive Abhaneri step well. Built over 1,000 years ago it is an architectural marvel hidden from visitors until recently. Then stop for lunch and get another taste of local flavours. Home to stone forts and marble mausoleums, Agra features a lively culture and picture-perfect architecture. (B, L)

Day 10: Agra

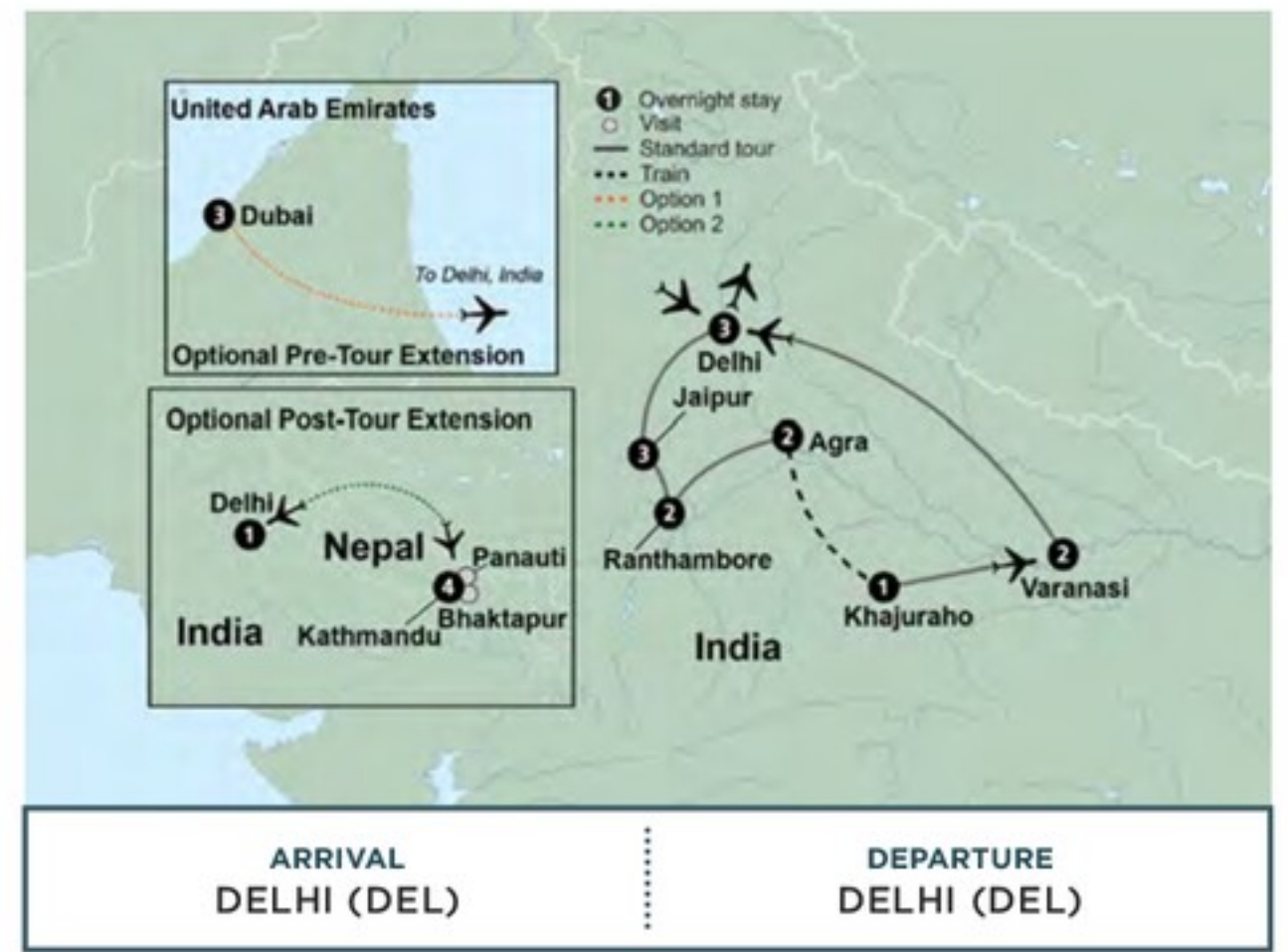
The Taj Mahal, a stunning vision in white marble and sandstone, was built as an expression of love by Emperor Shah Jahan. Experience the romantic spirit of the Taj Mahal in the early morning, when the colours of the sky dance on the bright façade and shimmer in its reflective pool. Visit Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire. During a second **Impact Moment**, enjoy lunch at Sheroes' Hangout - a café that empowers female survivors of violence, allowing them to reclaim their lives through employment and sisterhood. (B, L)

Day 11: Agra - Khajuraho

Start your morning with a train ride to Jhansi where you will connect with your coach and make your way to Khajuraho. In the shadow of the Vindhya mountain range, find a city of stone temples and mystifying sculptures. Make the most of time at leisure this afternoon to explore the area on your own. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Khajuraho - Varanasi

Take in the Chandela Temple complex, home to unparalleled temple architecture



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Prices based on 24 September 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

Dec 2023 - April 2024 (different itinerary - see note*) September 2024 - April 2025 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for September 2024 - April 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Delhi (1-2 NIGHTS)

and intricate stone carvings. Fly to Varanasi - India's holiest city - where spiritual energy radiates from the ground up. Sail along the River Ganges and pass by the *ghats* (banks) where locals wade into the river. From the Dasaswamedh Ghat, enjoy a reserved seat to experience the Ganga Aarti ceremony as it illuminates the night sky. (B)

Day 13: Varanasi

Take advantage of a morning boat ride for an opportunity to see the sunrise on the River Ganges. Travel to Sarnath, where Siddhartha Gautama - later known as Buddha - gave his first sermon in the 6th century B.C. Discover this holy site and gain insight into the country's divine past. Celebrate your adventure through India alongside new friends at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour Ends

Enjoy a morning at leisure before flying back to Delhi, where a room has been reserved for you to freshen up before your return flight home. (B)

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EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

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ESSENCE OF THAILAND

15 DAYS • 24 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4699

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Bangkok • Reclining Buddha • Emerald Buddha • Bangkok Street Food • Sukhothai • Chiang Rai • The Golden Triangle • Chiang Mai • Elephant Experience in Chiang Mai • Lanna Home Visit • Home-Hosted Meal • Phuket • Tuk Tuk Rides



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Zip around the buzzing city streets of Bangkok on a tuk tuk.
- Travel by 4x4 vehicle to an elephant sanctuary where you will prepare tasty treats for the endangered residents.
- Explore the canals of Bangkok's old town on a boat trip.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 4** — Choose between a visit to the Suan Pakkad Palace Museum in Bangkok, known for its Thai antiques **-OR-** take the coach to visit the Marble temple where you will join Buddhist monks in their daily chanting.
- **Day 9** — Choose between a relaxing one-hour Thai massage experience in Chiang Mai **-OR-** get a taste of the local flavour during dinner at a local restaurant.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Savour the sweet, spicy, and salty flavours of Bangkok's famous street food.
- Join a Lanna family, thought to be the first people of Thailand, for a home-hosted meal.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Amari Watgate, Bangkok
Days 4, 5 Sriwilai Sukhothai Resort & Spa, Sukhothai
Days 6, 7 The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa, Chiang Rai
Days 8 - 10 Kantary Hills Chiangmai, Chiang Mai
Days 11 - 13 Cape Panwa Hotel, Phuket
Day 14 Kantary House, Bangkok

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Grand Palace, Bangkok

Delve into a land where bustling modern cities, ornate ancient temples, and stunning jungle beaches coexist.

Day 1: Bangkok, Thailand - Tour Begins

Begin your discovery of Thailand in Bangkok, its capital city. Here, vibrant street life is contrasted by a backdrop of ornate shrines and rich history.

Day 2: Bangkok

Begin your journey exploring the winding canals in Bangkok's old town on a private boat trip. On Rattanakosin Island, visit Wat Po, the famous Buddhist temple complex in the Phra Nakhon District and see the world-renowned Reclining Buddha. Enjoy some free time before sitting down with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Bangkok

Today, experience more of Bangkok's highlights, including a visit to the Wat Phra Kaew; the Emerald Buddha is regarded as the most sacred Buddhist temple in Thailand. Visit the ornately decorated Grand Palace - the official residence of the Kings of Siam since 1782. Enjoy some free time or choose to join an optional tour to the Jim Thompson house and museum, featuring lunch. This evening, a night tour of Bangkok will create memories for a lifetime as you experience the city from a completely fresh perspective. Climb aboard your tuk tuk - a motorised rickshaw - for a front

row seat to the bustling Bangkok city streets lit up at night. The streets are alive with excitement and energy as your tuk tuk brings you for food tastings that capture the local flavour. End with a visit to the flower market - this normally busy, bustling landmark feels solitary and peaceful in the quiet of night. Enjoy more food tastings in a private setting before returning to the hotel. (B, D)

Day 4: Bangkok - Sukhothai

Today, **it's your choice!** Choose between a walk from the hotel to visit the Suan Pakkad Palace Museum, known for its Thai antiques **-OR-** take the coach to visit the Marble Temple where you will join Buddhist monks in their daily chanting. After, head to the airport for a short flight to Sukhothai. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 5: Sukhothai

Dive into history today as you discover the archaeological sites in Sukhothai. Visit its Historical Park, spanning the ruins of Sukhothai - which means "dawn of happiness" - as well as the famous site of Wat Si Chum, a landmark temple boasting a 49-foot Buddha and an open ceiling. (B, L)

Day 6: Sukhothai - Chiang Rai

Set off today for Chiang Rai. During this longer ride, stop for lunch at a local restaurant and visit the White Temple, called Wat Rong Khun – an intricately designed Buddhist-styled temple. Arrive in Chiang Rai, once the capital of the Mengrai Dynasty. (B, L)

Day 7: Chiang Rai

Explore the beauty of Chiang Rai today. This laid-back town offers up a cultural experience as an ethnic melting pot in Thailand. Enjoy a tour of the Golden Triangle, where Burma, Laos and Thailand meet, separated by the Mekong River. Visit the Opium Museum today. As you explore this museum, learn all about the opium trade and the impact to local communities. Then, it's all aboard for a short boat ride along the Mekong River, to float at the confluence of Laos, Thailand and Burma. Back on land, walk to a restaurant for lunch before driving to the hill tribe village to learn from locals about the long, rich traditions of this beautiful area. Most of the Thai ethnic groups are set off in remote locales, and the hill tribes relocated here to warmly welcome visitors and introduce them to each of the ethnic groups. Meet with Akha and Karen Long Neck people. As the women weave during the visit, you have the opportunity to support these local artisans by purchasing some of the products they make for tourists. This evening, enjoy a walk in a night bazaar, experiencing the culture of this region in a whole new way. (B, L)

Day 8: Chiang Rai - Chiang Mai

Today, it's off to Chiang Mai – once a religious centre, where elaborate Buddhist temples create a beautiful backdrop reflecting its rich, cultural history. En route, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting Doi Suthep – one of the twin peaks of a beautiful granite mountain to the west of Chiang Mai. A cable car whisks you to its peak to visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, one of the most important Buddhist temples in Thailand. Marvel at the stunning views before taking the ornate steps back down. Flanked by jeweled *naga* – lavish serpents – these steps are the perfect spot

for a photo! Enjoy dinner on your own this evening. (B, L)

Day 9: Chiang Mai

See elephants in their natural setting today during a visit to ChangChill, which literally means "relaxed elephants." This sanctuary prides itself on its ethical treatment of these endangered species. Climb aboard your 4x4 vehicles and meander through country roads to reach the camp. Then walk through rice paddy fields and meet the resident elephants. From a distance watch them graze, bathe in the river, roam the lush forest, socialize with one another – and embrace their freedom. Make herb balls and fruit snacks to place in feeding stations. Enjoy a simple vegetarian lunch served by the camp staff as the elephants arrive for their snacks. Participate in a discussion with a mahout on changes to the elephant trade practices and the impact to the mahout community. Travellers who wish to observe the elephants grazing can set off for a 20-minute hike to do so. Tonight, **it's your choice!** Choose between a relaxing one-hour Thai massage **-OR-** get a taste of the local flavour during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L)

Day 10: Chiang Mai

Enjoy a warm welcome today from an extended family belonging to the Lanna ethnic group. Visit their home where you can learn from one of the family members about their customs and religion, see their garden and hear all about the herbs grown here. Together with hosts you will learn how to prepare local dishes and then join them as you enjoy the fruits of your labour with a simple lunch. (B, L)

Day 11: Chiang Mai - Phuket

Fly to Phuket this morning and head to your resort, set on a private tropical beach. Relax for the rest of the day as the salty sea breeze rolls in, rustling the palms and soothing the soul. Perhaps hit the waves, or unwind with a good book, reflecting on your cultural journey thus far. Stay as long as you'd like. (B)

Day 12: Phuket

Travel to Phuket's Old Town, adorned with brightly painted, historic Sino-Portuguese



DOUBLE SOLO

Starting at **\$4699**
Starting at **\$5699**

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Prices based on 1 March 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - April 2024

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Bangkok (1-2 NIGHTS)



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**Wonders of Thailand:
A Cultural Journey from Bangkok to Phuket
SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS**

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townhouses, stores, cafes and ice cream shops. Explore this charming old town all morning and enjoy free time for lunch on your own. After lunch, return to your beach-front resort to soak up those salt water vibes and laid-back tropical lifestyle for the day. (B)

Day 13: Phuket

It's a completely free day today, so take advantage of your idyllic tropical resort or perhaps head back to the old town and dive into some of Phuket's most popular haunts. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner, toasting an experience full of history, beauty, culture and incredible discoveries in Thailand. (B, D)

Day 14: Phuket - Bangkok

Fly to Bangkok this afternoon and head to an airport hotel, preparing to return home with a lifetime of memories.. (B)

Day 15: Bangkok - Tour Ends

Say farewell to Thailand and return home today. (B)



FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION

ADD 4 NIGHTS IN SINGAPORE

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EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

PRE TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$2800+ PP

Explore Singapore with a local guide. Visit the heritage neighbourhoods and learn about what makes this country so unique. Then visit the must-see Gardens by the Bay. End your time in Singapore with dinner.

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EXPLORING NEW ZEALAND'S WONDERS

17 DAYS • 26 MEALS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:

1 2 3 4

SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Auckland • Bay of Islands • Rotorua •
Maori Cultural Experience • Wellington
• Christchurch • Mt. Cook Region •
Dunedin • Milford Sound • Queenstown
• Lake Wakatipu Cruise & Sheepdog
Demonstration



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Cruise through the Bay of Islands' famous "Hole in the Rock."
- Overnight in the spectacular Mt. Cook region where permanent ice fields and glaciers blanket the ragged peaks.
- Visit Walter Peak High Country farm for a sheepdog demonstration.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 16** — Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park **-OR-** take a gondola to the top of Bob's Peak for stunning panoramic views of the region.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

16 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Experience an authentic Hangi dinner and learn about Maori culture.
- Enjoy a barbecue on the western shore of Lake Wakatipu.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Rydges Auckland, Auckland
Days 3, 4	Copthorne Hotel and Resort, Waitangi, Bay of Islands
Days 5, 6	Millennium Hotel, Rotorua
Days 7, 8	Novotel, Wellington
Days 9, 10	Distinction, Christchurch
Day 11	The Hermitage Hotel, Mount Cook
Days 12, 13	Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, Dunedin
Days 14 - 16	Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Hole in the Rock,
Bay of Islands

From geothermal springs and ice fields to stunning fjords and Maori culture, experience New Zealand at its best.

Day 1: Auckland, New Zealand - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Auckland, the "City of Sails," consistently rated one of the world's best places to live. Auckland's Polynesian population instills into its chic atmosphere the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Auckland

Come to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, bustling Queen Street, and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. The afternoon is yours to explore New Zealand's largest city on your own. Perhaps you will choose to go on an optional America's Cup sailing experience. (B)

Day 3: Auckland - Bay of Islands

Depart Auckland and travel north to the Bay of Islands, your home for the next 2 nights. This sun-soaked region boasts more than 144 islands and warm waters with abundant marine life. Visit the Waitangi Treaty House, the site where Maori and British leaders signed the 1840 treaty establishing New Zealand as a nation. (B, D)

Day 4: Bay of Islands

Begin the day with a cruise that features the bay's famous Hole in the Rock. Look out at the Cape Brett Lighthouse, standing nearly 500 feet above

sea level at the edge of the Cape Brett Peninsula. The rest of the day is yours to independently explore Paihia - the quaint town known as "the jewel of the Bay of Islands." (B)

Day 5: Bay of Islands - Matakohē - Rotorua

Leave the sparkling waters of the Bay of Islands behind and head to Matakohē in the heartland of the North Island. Make a stop at the Kauri Museum and come to know the stories surrounding the giant kauri tree that can live for 2,000 years. Discover how the early settlers used this abundant tree to build a life for themselves. Later, continue on to the town of Rotorua, known for geothermal activity and Maori culture. (B, D)

Day 6: Rotorua

Find yourself amid the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua, known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. Visit Whakarewarewa, a Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Explore an authentic Maori village where people live using natural geothermal resources to cook, bathe and heat their homes as they have done for centuries. In the evening, experience ceremonial Maori rituals at an authentic Hangi dinner and performance. (B, D)

Day 7: Rotorua - Wellington

Today we travel to Wellington, a coastal city



Queenstown



Maori Cultural Experience

where you will have free time for lunch. Continue along the breathtaking east coast to the largest city on the South Island, Christchurch. (B)

Day 10: Christchurch

Christchurch, the "Garden City," is recreating itself after a devastating earthquake in 2011. See firsthand how this city is evolving on a sightseeing tour that highlights the city's magnificent gardens and elegant park district. Pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve, a leader in the conservation of New Zealand species. Here, you'll have the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" – kiwi, kaka, tuatara, kea, and takahe – up close and personal. (B)

Day 11: Christchurch - Mt. Cook Region

Journey through New Zealand's unspoiled wilderness and arrive in the Mt. Cook region, where permanent ice fields and glaciers blanket the ragged peaks. The Maori word for Mt. Cook is Aoraki, which means "cloud piercer." This is where famed New Zealand mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary honed his skills before conquering Everest. You can take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting), or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

Day 12: Mt. Cook Region - Dunedin

Travel to Dunedin, situated on the southeast coast of New Zealand. One of the earliest European settlements on the islands, Dunedin holds proudly to its Scottish heritage and traditions. Enjoy time to explore this cultural city on your own. (B)

Day 13: Dunedin

Start your morning with a panoramic tour, visiting Larnach Castle and Baldwin Street – the world's steepest public road. Later, spend time at the Royal Albatross Centre, the only mainland breeding location in the world for these otherworldly birds. Albatrosses are the focus in many seafaring myths, and their epic wingspan can reach nearly 10 feet. (B, D)

Day 14: Dunedin - Queenstown

Enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley and the Homer Tunnel as you head to Queenstown, a mountainside town set

nestled against the mountains. Embark on a tour of New Zealand's capital city, known as the "Windy City." See the Beehive – New Zealand's Parliament; historic St. Paul's Church; and the Old Government Building, the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. (B, D)

Day 8: Wellington

Explore the Te Papa Tongawera Museum, a fascinating centre dedicated to art, history, and the Maori culture before enjoying an afternoon and evening at leisure. With your free time, perhaps you'll consider a ride on the Wellington Cable Car to the suburb of Kelburn for stunning panoramic views of the city. (B)

Day 9: Wellington - Picton - Christchurch

Board a ferry and sail across Cook Strait. Experience what is considered to be one of the most beautiful ferry rides in the world. Arrive in Picton on the South Island



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DOUBLE Starting at \$7799
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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - April 2024 (different itinerary - see note*)
May 2024
September 2024 - April 2025 (featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night:
Auckland (1-2 Nights)



+ Post-Night:
Queenstown (1-2 Nights)



against the shores of Lake Wakatipu. The rest of your day is yours to explore the city dubbed the "adventure capital of the world." (B)

Day 15: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown

During a cruise of the beautiful Milford Sound, you will see why this fjord is one of the most visited sites on the South Island. With rock faces that rise nearly 4,000 feet on either side, the scenery will take your breath away. On your return to Queenstown, perhaps you will consider an optional scenic flight, allowing you to see the landscape from an entirely new perspective. (B, L)

Day 16: Queenstown

Cruise Lake Wakatipu surrounded by Queenstown's stunning landscape aboard an iconic coal-fired steamship. Then, enjoy a barbecue lunch lakeside followed by a sheepdog demonstration before sailing back. Later, **it's your choice!** Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park **-OR-** take a gondola to Bob's Peak for stunning views of the area. Gather for a farewell dinner and enjoy a locally sourced meal. (B, L, D)

Day 17: Queenstown - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful trip. (B)

FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION

ADD 3 NIGHTS IN FIJI



EXTENSION STYLE: INDEPENDENT

POST TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$980* PP

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AFRICAN SAFARI: KENYA AND TANZANIA

15 DAYS • 40 MEALS
STARTING AT \$8639

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Nairobi • David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust • *Out of Africa* Farmhouse • Amboseli National Park • Shanga Workshop • Karatu • Ngorongoro Crater • Serengeti • Lake Eyasi • Tarangire National Park • 12 Game Drives



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- See how a local workshop empowers citizens with disabilities through the Shanga Project.
- Get a peek into the daily lives of two local tribes at Lake Eyasi.
- Seek out the elusive "Big 5" on 12 different game drives.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 12** — Chat with a local fruit vendor in Mto Wa Mbu village -OR- spend time with a local craftsman who will show you current projects at African Galleria.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) • 13 Lunches (L) • 13 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy five picnic lunches on your game drives, taking in the natural landscape around you.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Ole Sereni Hotel, Nairobi
Days 3, 4	Kilima Safari Camp, Amboseli
Days 5, 6	Country Lodge, Karatu
Days 7 - 9	ThornTree Camp, Serengeti
Days 10, 11	Lake Eyasi Safari Lodge, Lake Eyasi
Days 12, 13	Sangaiwe Tented Lodge, Tarangire National Park
Day 14	Kibo Palace Hotel, Arusha

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Mt. Kilimanjaro

In the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro, embark on 12 lively safaris to seek out the elusive "Big 5" – Africa's "bucket list" of animals.

Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. Serving as the gateway to Africa's sought-out wildlife, Nairobi is the ideal place to get acclimated to the Kenyan lifestyle.

Day 2: Nairobi

Visit the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, which rehabilitates young or injured elephants. See the gentle giants up close as they are fed and bathed by their caretakers. Head to Karen Blixen's *Out of Africa* farmhouse for lunch before stepping outside to visit the sanctuary's inquisitive Rothschild giraffes. Visit the Kazuri Beads Factory, where mothers are employed and trained as jewellery artisans. In the evening, toast to the start of your African adventure at a savoury welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park

Make your way to Amboseli National Park, nestled along the border of Tanzania and looking out on the great Mt. Kilimanjaro. After lunch, get a glimpse into Kenyan culture and interact with locals at a Masai village. Settle into your accommodation for the next two nights – a deluxe tented camp with the comfort amenities of a proper lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Amboseli National Park

Embrace your wild side on a full day of game drives in Amboseli National Park. This is your first chance to seek out Africa's elusive "Big 5" – the safari "bucket list" of animals includes lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and water buffalos. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the open plains, watching for herds of wildebeest and grazing zebras. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Amboseli National Park - Arusha, Tanzania - Karatu

Enter Tanzania, a country devoted to harmony among its people and animals. Today will be an **Impact Moment** as you visit Shanga, a local jewellery workshop that trains and employs citizens with disabilities. Your day ends in Karatu, a humble town located on the precipice of untamed nature. Overnight in a charming lodge where colourful gardens meet welcoming hospitality. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Karatu - Ngorongoro Crater - Karatu

Make the most of more opportunities to spot the local wildlife with a full day of game drives in Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage



Game Drive

Site. Containing one of the densest mammal populations in the world, this "African Eden" is one of the best places to seek out the "Big 5." Allow the sheer magnitude of the area to wash over you as you enjoy a picnic lunch in the highlands, taking in the flourishing habitat around you. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Karatu - Serengeti

Your path continues to the renowned Serengeti, a Masai word meaning "endless plains." Enjoy lunch and venture out on your first Serengeti adventure on an afternoon game drive, returning to camp at dusk. Relax in your exclusive safari abode, your home for the next three nights. The camp includes all of the deluxe amenities of a lodge but allows you to remain immersed in nature. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Serengeti

Say good morning to the Serengeti! Take to the grasslands on an early morning game drive, then return to camp for breakfast before enjoying a full day of animal-seeking safari adventures and a picturesque picnic lunch. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Serengeti

Lions. Gazelles. Cheetahs. Hippos. There's no telling what you might spot on your morning and afternoon game drives. Under the careful guidance of an expert, discover the savanna's wild residents and get a glimpse into the untamed animal kingdom. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Serengeti - Lake Eyasi

You're on your way to Lake Eyasi, an unexpected splash of blue amidst the plains and mountains. Pause for a picnic lunch along the way, providing more chances to view the local wildlife. Meander around the salt lake, perhaps passing a wading pat of flamingoes or some lively hippos cooling off in the water. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Lake Eyasi

See how native communities live in harmony with the environment. Start your morning with the Hadzabe tribe, hunter-gatherers that strive to leave no lasting impact on their surroundings. After lunch back at your lodge, continue with a visit to the Datoga tribe - another community based at Lake Eyasi - and see how their vast farms contribute to day-to-day life. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Lake Eyasi - Tarangire National Park

Decide how you spend the morning because **it's your choice!** Learn from a local fruit vendor in Mto Wa Mbu village about their trade -**OR-** spend time with a local craftsman who will show you current projects at African Galleria. Then, head to Tarangire, the forested national park known for its giant baobab trees and elephant migration. After lunch, embark on a thrilling game drive. Don't be surprised if you see a pride of lions



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$8639** Starting at **\$10039** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 13 April 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

January - April 2024 (different itinerary - see note*)

May 2024 - April 2025 (featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **Pre-Night: Nairobi (1-2 NIGHTS)**

lounging in the shade, a herd of buffalos wading into the water, or a parade of elephants passing by. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Tarangire National Park

Enjoy a full day of game drives, venturing out in the morning and afternoon on your quest for animal sightings with a break for a picnic lunch in between. Make sure you look to the skies because Tarangire is an aviary paradise, home to more than 500 bird species. Keep your eyes peeled for various starlings, weavers, and guinea fowl. Wish Africa goodbye at a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Tarangire National Park - Arusha

Return to Arusha and settle into your room to relax before lunch. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Arusha - Tour Ends

Depart for home with memories of the endless plains and unparalleled wildlife. (B)

FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION

ADD 4 NIGHTS IN KENYA'S MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

PRE TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$1665 PP

Start your tour early with 4 nights in Masai Mara National Reserve. Enjoy 5 spectacular game drives and search for wildlife such as the hippo, lion, hyena, wildebeest and many more!

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Nairobi • Aberdare National Park • Shaba National Reserve • Samburu National Reserve • Sundowner • Lake Nakuru • Masai Mara • Karen Blixen Home • Amboseli National Park • 11 Game Drives • Africa's "Big 5"



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit with Rothschild giraffes up-close at a sanctuary.
- Learn the traditions of the Samburu people during a visit with a tribe member.
- Enrich yourself in the culture during a visit to a Masai village.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 11 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in a traditional dinner in the bush with Masai entertainment.
- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the bush, surrounded by nature.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
Day 2	Aberdare Country Club, Nyeri
Days 3, 4	Sarova Shaba Lodge, Shaba Reserve
Day 5	The Ark Hotel, Nyeri
Days 6, 7	Sarova Lion Hill Lodge, Lake Nakuru
Days 8, 9	Sarova Mara Camp, Masai Mara
Day 10	Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
Days 11, 12	OI Tukai Lodge, Amboseli

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Game Drive

Enjoy Kenya's scenic vistas and magnificent wildlife as you traverse the African plains on an intimate safari adventure.

Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins

A continent of adventure stirs the soul in Kenya, the heart of safari country. Your adventure begins today!

Day 2: Nairobi - Aberdare National Park

After breakfast, travel to Aberdare National Park. Inside this isolated volcanic range, peaks reach as high as 14,000 feet. Indigenous forests surround you on all sides, and red soil stirs under brilliant waterfalls. Set your eyes on Mweiga Hill, where a welcome party of giraffes wait to greet you at your lodge. Overlooking the park, enjoy the lodge's amenities at leisure this afternoon. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Aberdare National Park - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba Reserve

Discover the magic of the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves – home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife – particularly two species you can only find north of the Equator: Grevy's zebra and the reticulated giraffe. Arrive at peaceful Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. This afternoon, head for Buffalo Springs – a starkly beautiful semi-desert that's a mecca for birds and wildlife. On your game drive in this remarkably serene landscape, see if you can spot the "Big 5" – lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards and rhinos. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Shaba Reserve - Samburu National Reserve - Shaba Reserve

Marvel at the striking contrast of sand, sky, and bush during a morning game drive inside Samburu National Reserve, a tiny gem of Kenya's North Country. Return to Shaba Reserve for lunch before heading out on an afternoon game drive. Bring your camera as you continue searching for the elusive Big 5. Make sure to look up for the approximately 350 species of birds that call this region home. As the sun sets over the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River, enjoy a traditional sundowner, and relish the chance to deepen your cultural experience. In the company of a Samburu tribe member, learn about the culture, traditions, and folklore of the Samburu region and its people. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Shaba Reserve - Aberdare National Park

Journey to the forests of Aberdare National Park in the heights of the Aberdare Mountain Range. An amazing experience awaits you upon arrival to your lodge, The Ark. This incredible place is an experience all on its own. Surrounded by forest and wildlife, The Ark offers four viewing decks that make it easy to watch the game go by. Tonight, learn more about the conservation efforts and anti-poaching measures in the region.



The Ark Lodge

Many animals visit the salt lick and the Ark's floodlit water hole throughout the night. So you don't miss any of the action, you can choose to be notified through the unique buzzer system of any wildlife sightings. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Aberdare National Park - Lake Nakuru

To the middle of the Earth and beyond! Hit the road for a spectacular, mountain-kissed journey on the way to Nyahururu waterfalls. One of the Great Rift Valley's soda lakes, Lake Nakuru is a haven of ecological diversity surrounded by picturesque ridges and wooded, bushy grassland. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Lake Nakuru

Wake up in the embrace of Nakuru's acacia forest. During this morning's game drive, make sure your binoculars are ready - this is rhino country. Find this park absolutely brimming with wildlife, on the ground and in the air. Regale in a true taste of Africa: a traditional breakfast prepared right in the bush. Unwind at your lodge before continuing your journey through the park on an afternoon game drive. Return just in time to witness one of Nakuru's unforgettable sunsets. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve

Welcome to the Masai Mara Game Reserve, one of Kenya's best spots for game viewing. Your tented accommodation in the Mara provide you with all the deluxe amenities of a proper lodge, with the added adventure of being on level with the wild. Graced with an astounding collection

of wildlife including lions, giraffes, zebras and elephants, the Mara offers an unsurpassed safari experience on your game drive this afternoon before enjoying an evening at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Masai Mara Game Reserve

Ernest Hemingway said, "I never knew a morning in Africa when I woke up and was not happy." During our early morning game drive, enjoy the grassy plains and rolling hills of the Masai Mara. This is truly nature's greatest theatre, where savanna, cloud shadows and amazing wildlife spot the horizon. Tonight, indulge in a traditional bush dinner, complete with a Masai dance performance. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Masai Mara Game Reserve - Nairobi

Return to Nairobi and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen for a true *Out of Africa* experience. Visit the Giraffe Sanctuary and get up close and personal with these fantastic creatures. (B, L)

Day 11: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park

This morning, you will visit Ocean Sole, a social enterprise that turns ocean debris into colourful works of art. Learn about their mission to clean the waterways and grow the Kenyan economy. You'll also get a chance to peruse their collection of products before continuing on to Amboseli National Park. Enrich yourself in the Masai culture during a visit to a local village (an *enkeng* in Maa, the Masai language) and take to the plains for an afternoon game drive in the breathtaking aura of snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro. Complement your journey with an opportunity to give back to nature with a "seedball." The compact balls of seed limit the cost of planting indigenous trees around the world. A moment of impact can grow into a lifetime of change, so toss your seedball out the window anytime during your stay in Amboseli. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Amboseli National Park

Today will start with an early morning game drive followed by breakfast back at the lodge. All of Amboseli is at your feet during morning and afternoon



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October - November 2023
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(featured itinerary)

(different itinerary - see note*)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night or Post-Night: Nairobi (1-2 NIGHTS)



game drives. Derived from the Masai word meaning "salty dust," this unique corner of Kenya is one of the best places in Africa to see hundreds of elephants up close. Wildebeests and zebras are ever-present, plus there's a good chance you'll see a cheetah and a hyena or two. Today is your last full day on the continent and your last chance to spot some more members of the elusive "Big 5." If you haven't tossed your "seedball" into the wilds yet, now's your chance to make an impact on the continent you've grown to love. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Amboseli National Park - Nairobi - Tour Ends

Return to Nairobi for your departure home. You may choose to reserve a day room to freshen up prior to your flight. (B)

FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION ADD 5 NIGHTS IN TANZANIA



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

POST TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$3990+ PP

Extend your adventure with an optional 5-night tour of Tanzania. Witness even more wildlife and spot the Big 5 with game drives in Serengeti National Park.

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“I loved seeing all the animals, learning about the culture, and meeting new people in a small group.”

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WILDERNESS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA: SAFARI BY LAND & WATER

14 DAYS • 33 MEALS

STARTING AT \$10259

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Chobe National Park • 3 Cruises on the Chobe River • Hwange National Park • Private Lake Kariba Safari Boat • Victoria Falls • 7 Game Drives & Game Cruises • Home Hosted Meal



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Cruise the Chobe River for a unique way to search for game species in Chobe National Park.
- Board a privately chartered safari boat on Lake Kariba for 3 nights.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — While at Hwange National Park choose to join a morning game drive **-OR-** a morning game walk with a specialized ranger. A privilege few people ever get to experience!



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 13 Breakfasts (B) • 10 Lunch (L) • 10 Dinners (D)**
- Share a simple traditional meal during a home hosted lunch in Victoria Falls.
 - Enjoy a beach barbecue on the shores of Lake Kariba.
 - Savour an al fresco dinner on the banks of the Zambezi River.



ACCOMMODATION

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|---------------------|--|
| Day 1 | Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre, O.R. Tambo, Johannesburg |
| Days 2 - 4 | Chobe Bush Lodge, Chobe National Park, Kasane |
| Days 5 - 7 | Iganyana Tented Camp, Hwange National Park |
| Days 8 - 10 | Lake Kariba Safari Boat |
| Days 11 - 13 | Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls |

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Lake Kariba Cruise

Journey through Southern Africa from its wild plains and dry woodlands to rivers and lakes on a true safari adventure by land and water.

Day 1: Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Begins

Welcome to Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city! This afternoon, transfer to your hotel for the evening and enjoy a relaxing evening before your adventure in search of the Big 5 begins.

Day 2: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, ZW - Chobe National Park, Botswana

This morning, board a plane for a short flight to Victoria Falls, where you will meet your Tour Manager before continuing to your lodge for the next three nights in Botswana. Enjoy some time at leisure at the lodge before embarking on a private cruise on the Chobe River. Perhaps you'll see some hippopotamuses or crocodiles while you scan the water and sip on cool beverages. After, return to the lodge and gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Chobe National Park

Rise early with the sounds of the local wildlife ahead of your first game drive in Chobe National Park, an excellent location to search for the Big 5. You and your fellow travellers will ride in open-air vehicles with a local expert who will tell you all about the creatures you'll see along the way. Later in the morning, enjoy some free

time, either at the lodge or in the nearby town of Kasane. After lunch at the lodge, return to your private boat and take to the waters of the Chobe River once more, in search of elephants and aquatic birds. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Chobe National Park

Start your day early with a private game cruise on the Chobe River and see the animals visiting the water first thing in the morning. After your search, return for some free time at the lodge, perhaps relaxing at the pool or stopping by their beauty salon. After lunch this afternoon, enjoy a game drive in Chobe National Park, where you may spot Cape buffalo, hyenas, or zebras. Later, enjoy a dinner cruise along the gentle waters of the Chobe River during an exclusive boat ride with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Chobe National Park - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Hwange National Park

Enjoy your last game drive in Chobe National Park for a final opportunity to see nature at its best. After breakfast, take a 90-minute drive to Victoria Falls, where we will stop for lunch. Savour fresh, local ingredients while you look over the gorge to the Zambezi River below. Next,

it's off to Hwange National Park, the largest national park in Zimbabwe, for a late afternoon game drive. This national park is home to over 100 types of mammals and 400 bird species, giving you the chance to look out for cheetahs, lions, giraffes and so much more. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Hwange National Park

Today is another day to rise early in search of the Big 5. After breakfast, spend a full day on a game drive in Hwange National Park. By enjoying a picnic lunch break, you can venture deep into the bushland and maximize your chances to spot Cape buffalo, elephants and other animals gathering in the park. Return to the lodge for dinner. You'll savour your meal and the memories of the day's extensive safari. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Hwange National Park

This morning, search for the Big 5 your way, because **it's your choice!** Return to an open-air vehicle and enjoy a morning game drive **-OR-** join an expert national park guide on a game walk, giving you the rare opportunity to search for wildlife up close, including seeing some plants, insects, and reptiles you may not spot otherwise. After, return to the lodge and relax over tea and pastries. This afternoon, you will be returning to the park for another glimpse into the animal kingdom. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Hwange National Park - Lake Kariba

After breakfast, travel to Victoria Falls where you will board a flight to Kariba, the gateway to your safari cruise. Upon arriving in Kariba, embark on a private safari boat on Lake Kariba, your home for three nights. With limited access to technology, revel in the experience of floating along the still waters, seeing breathtaking sunsets, and searching for local wildlife in the water. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Lake Kariba

Trade in your safari boat for a smaller tender boat, perfectly sized to cruise upriver channels off the lake. You will return to the safari boat for brunch. Later, enjoy the chance to try your hand at

fishing in Lake Kariba from a tender boat. This evening, you and your fellow travellers will take to the shore and enjoy a barbecue dinner on the beach. The stargazing conditions overhead, coupled with the delicious meal, will be a dining experience you won't soon forget. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Lake Kariba

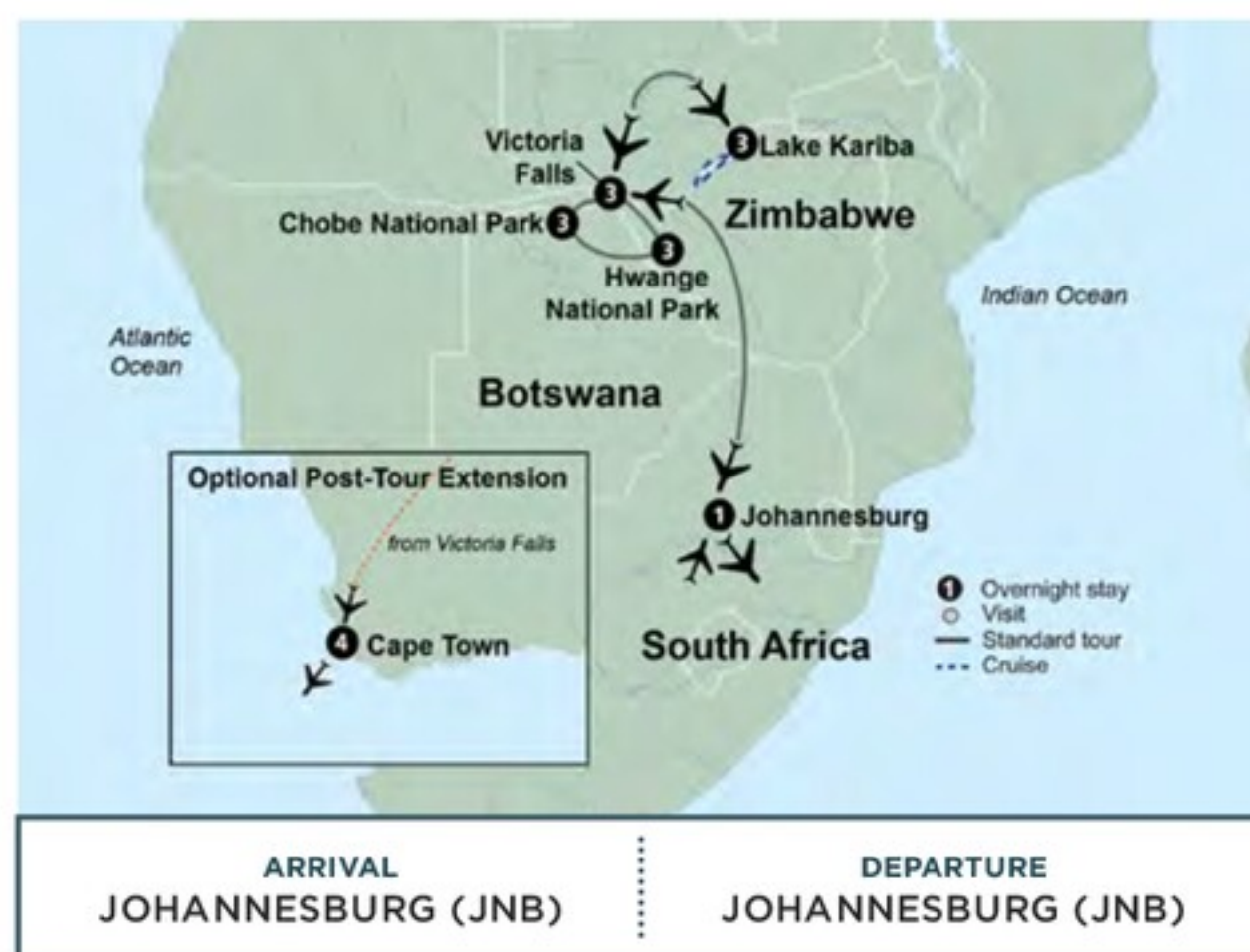
Start your day with a return to land. Alongside an expert ranger, feel the dirt beneath your feet and venture onto the land for a two-hour walking safari, offering a more secluded atmosphere than the national park game searches you have experienced. Return to the safari boat for brunch later this morning and enjoy another trip and chance to fish on tender boats in the afternoon. Before having dinner on the safari boat, take time to admire the stunning red and orange hues of the setting sun over Lake Kariba. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Lake Kariba - Victoria Falls

Your safari boat experience will come to a close this morning as you fly back to Victoria Falls. Upon arriving at the Ilala Lodge, enjoy lunch. Then grab your poncho because this afternoon you will visit the exhilarating natural wonder of Victoria Falls! At 5,600 feet wide and 354 feet tall, this waterfall is one of the world's largest. (B, L)

Day 12: Victoria Falls

This morning, start your day with a visit to Chinotimba township. Visit a local market, where you can barter for goods and experience daily life. After, you will visit the modest home of a local family for lunch. Your host will prepare an authentic, simple meal with you and share what life is like in around Victoria Falls. Following your home visit, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will join an optional tour taking a relaxing cruise on the Zambezi River, a body of water that separates Zimbabwe and Zambia whose banks are frequented by the local animals. (B, L)



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(featured itinerary)

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Day 13: Victoria Falls

Your last full day on tour will bring you up close to elephants at a local sanctuary. Hear stories from these gentle giants' caretakers and learn about the efforts to understand, care for, and protect these intelligent and inspiring creatures, all while marvelling at the animals interacting and walking by their side. Continue learning about animal conservation and care with a visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust, Collette's **Impact Moment**. The staff at the VFWT will review some of the incredible work they do, ranging from wildlife rehabilitation to community outreach and disease research. You will have the afternoon free to do as you wish. This evening, you will join your fellow travellers for a 3-course farewell dinner under the stars on the bank of the Zambezi River. (B, D)

Day 14: Victoria Falls - Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to your safari companions as you depart your African adventure and head home. (B)



Chobe Game Drive



FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION

ADD 4 NIGHTS IN CAPE TOWN



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

POST TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$1610† PP

Extend your journey and explore Cape Town! Take a ride up Table Mountain by cable car; visit the Cape of Good Hope; visit the famous penguins on Boulders Beach and more!

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Rabat • Fes • Sahara Desert Luxury Tented Camp • Camel Ride • Khamlia Music Village • Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou • High Atlas Mountains • Marrakech • Cooking Class • Casablanca • Hassan II Mosque



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit with a Nomad family and learn about their ancient traditions.
- Experience the desert by 4x4 and during your 2-night camp stay.
- Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of ancient markets and medinas.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 11** — Embark on a walking tour with a local guide, stopping at shops of traditional craftsmanship -OR- relax in a traditional Hammam and experience this ancient form of wellness -OR- return to the hotel to relax by the pool.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Select your own ingredients before a culinary workshop at a local women's cooperative.
- Experience a dish prepared by the women of the Ksar, following traditional recipes.
- Indulge in a tour and tasting at a winery estate.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Flower Town Hotel & Spa, Rabat
Days 3 - 5	Riad Yacout, Fes
Day 6	Kasbah Hotel Xaluca, Erfoud
Days 7, 8	Sahara Desert Camp, Merzouga
Day 9	Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades
Days 10 - 12	Es Saadi Hotel or Movenpick Hotel Mansour Eddahbi, Marrakech
Day 13	Barcelo Anfa, Casablanca

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Sahara Desert

Get to know the vibrant culture and colourful backdrops that are distinctively Morocco.

Day 1: Casablanca, Morocco - Rabat - Tour Begins

Welcome to Morocco! After you land in Casablanca you will transfer to Rabat. Depending on your arrival flights, you may join your local Tour Manager on a vicinity walk to get acquainted with the area around your hotel in Rabat, your home for the next two days.

Day 2: Rabat

Come to know Rabat on an in-depth tour with a local guide who will share his knowledge of this city and its architectural gems. Visit the Chellah Necropolis, a walled town containing both Roman ruins and a medieval necropolis. Explore the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, the epitome of modern Moroccan design. The mausoleum's ornate woodwork, marble, and bronze ornamentations make this a tomb truly fit for a king. See the Kasbah de Oudaias and its whitewashed buildings. Enjoy free time to explore on your own in the afternoon. At the end of your day, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Rabat - Fes

Depart Rabat for Fes this morning. En route to Fes, stop at a winery estate for a tour, tasting and lunch. Explore the winery's grounds on a guided tour through the vineyard and cellar, taking in

sweeping views of vines and tasting some of the vintages. End your tour with a lunch in the estate. Then continue on to Fes where you will spend the next three nights at your riad. (B, L)

Day 4: Fes

Get ready to discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn about its history as a centre of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion. Visit the Royal Palace and the Al-Qarawiyyin University, the oldest continuously-operating university in the world (UNESCO), admiring its high arches and Andalusian influences. On a walking tour of the 9th-century medina, explore the alleyways and stalls of this ancient market. (B, D)

Day 5: Fes

Enjoy your day at leisure in Fes. Explore the city further, strolling through marketplaces or visiting a museum. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to Meknes and Volubilis. On this full-day tour, experience Meknes, one of four Imperial cities in Morocco where you will see the Bab Mansour gate. After an included lunch, travel to Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its impressive and well-preserved Roman ruins. (B)

Day 6: Fes - Midelt - Erfoud

Cross some of Morocco's most breathtaking

desert landscapes on the way to the Sahara. En route, pause in Midelt to bask in majestic views of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Arrive in Erfoud, called "Door to the Desert," and where many famous movies were filmed, including *The Prince of Persia* and *The Mummy*. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Erfoud - Sahara Desert

This morning, get to know a little more about local life at El Maadid Ksar, a village with narrow lanes surrounded by ancient, fortified walls. Spend some time walking through town and get an authentic look into how local people live, like the farmers who spend their days tending to fields on the outskirts of the village. This evening, make your way into the Sahara aboard 4x4 Jeeps, for a 2-night stay in a luxury tented camp in the desert among the stars. (B, D)

Day 8: Sahara Desert

Rise early to watch the sun illuminate the Sahara in stunning hues of orange, yellow and red. This morning you will have the opportunity to ride through the dunes on the back of a camel. Continue your day by travelling to the village of Khamlia. Meet with locals to have an eye-opening and meaningful discussion before experiencing traditional sub-Saharan Gnawa music. The next step of your desert expedition brings you to meet a nomadic community where you'll learn more about this ancient way of living and how their traditions have changed. Return to your camp as the sun sets over the desert. This evening, sit with your Tour Manager and learn more about the importance of Islam in Morocco through the centuries and its impact in today's day-to-day life in sub-Saharan Africa. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sahara Desert - El Khorbate - Boumalne du Dades

Return to the edge of the desert this morning and marvel as the sun illuminates the vast sands. Visit the fortified village of El Khorbat. Dating back to the 17th century, this village showcases Jewish and Muslim architecture and artefacts. Learn more about Berber culture while visiting the museum within the village. Sit down to a simple lunch at

a local restaurant. This **Impact Moment** supports a business whose profits are used to conserve the cultural heritage and improve the living conditions of this small community. Later, arrive in Boumalne du Dades, where a golden sun lights up the gorge's river valleys, palmeries and burnished mud-brick homes. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Boumalne du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech

Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs," where turreted fortresses rise up like sandcastles along this ancient trading route. Arrive at the UNESCO site of the Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou and discover the earthen buildings, defensive walls, and corner towers that make the ksar a striking feat of Moroccan architecture. Before you reach the exotic city of Marrakech, you will experience a homemade meal, and then continue along the Tizi n'Tichka Pass in the High Atlas Mountains, a scenic route through lush oasis valleys, imposing mountains and several Berber villages. (B, L)

Day 11: Marrakech

Among the mosques and palaces, souks and riads, visit the Jardin Majorelle, an iconic site that showcase the beauty and ingenuity of Morocco's cultural heritage, then visit the ancient El Bahia Palace, whose architecture is a distinct blend of both Islamic and Moroccan styles. Then **it's your choice!** Embark on a walking tour with a local guide, stopping at shops along the way **-OR-** relax in a traditional Hammam, a community bathhouse where locals still gather to relax, cleanse, and socialize today **-OR-** return to the hotel to relax by the pool. (B, D)

Day 12: Marrakech

Today experience an **Impact Moment** and join a local women's training centre in an interactive cooking class. Head to a garden on the property grounds to source your own herbs and vegetables and learn the secret to making the country's most celebrated dish: the tagine. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. This evening, perhaps you



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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ **Post-Night: Casablanca (1-2 NIGHTS)**



will join an optional horse-drawn carriage through Marrakech, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L)

Day 13: Marrakech - Casablanca

Depart Marrakech for Casablanca this morning. Upon arrival in Casablanca, visit the largest functioning mosque in Africa, the Hassan II Mosque. Learn about the history and the significance of this mosque on a privately-led tour. Gaze upon the intricate, colourful artistry of ceramic tile and hand-carved stone of this architectural wonder. Then bid farewell to your Tour Manager and fellow travellers during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 14: Casablanca - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close this morning. (B)



FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION

ADD 4 NIGHTS IN CHEFCHAOUEN & TANGIER



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

PRE TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$1820 PP

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Victoria Falls • Chobe National Park • Pilanesberg National Park • 8 Wildlife Safaris • Cape Winelands • Cape Town • Table Mountain



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Head out for an African sundowner via 4x4 and enjoy the sunset.
- Learn about African elephants during a sanctuary visit.
- Explore the Dutch architecture and vineyards of the Cape Winelands.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 5** — Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon game drive **-OR-** venture down the river for a different perspective on a safari cruise.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

- Sample South African wines at a vineyard tasting.
- Get to know a Capetonian family over dinner in their home.

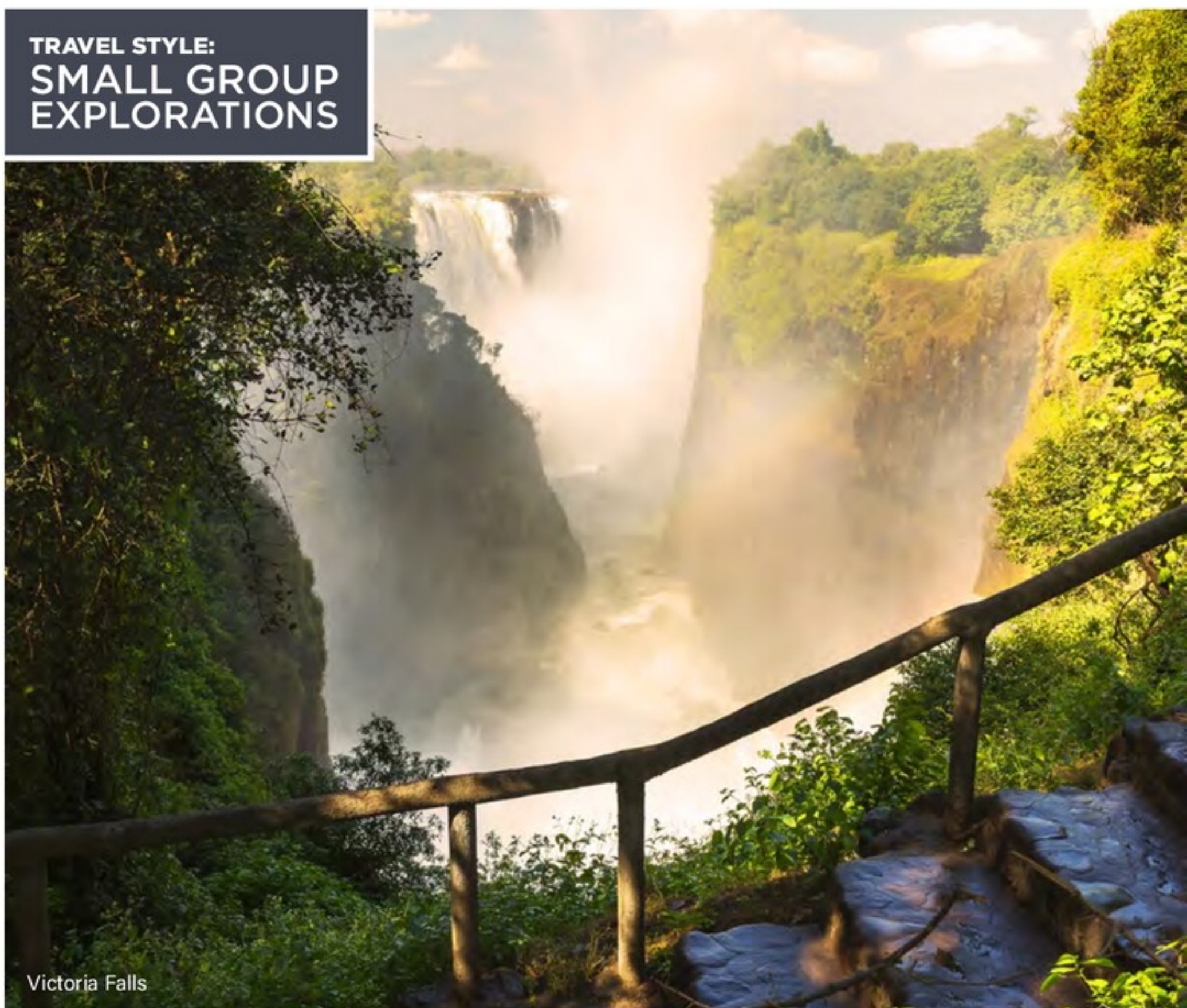


ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Southern Sun O.R. Tambo, Johannesburg
Days 2, 3	The Wallow, The Elephant Camp, or Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls
Days 4, 5	Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane
Days 6 - 8	Black Rhino Game Lodge, Pilanesberg National Park
Days 9, 10	Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West
Days 11 - 13	Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel or The Portwood Hotel, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Victoria Falls

Get ready for an unparalleled journey through the cultural diversity and abundant wildlife of southern Africa.

Day 1: Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Begins

Your adventure starts in Johannesburg – a vibrant city that revolves around modernity and a gold-mining history. As South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg is home to a wide collection of cultures, museums, and attractions. Enjoy time to get settled on your own before tomorrow's exploration into the wild.

Day 2: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Fly to Victoria Falls today – an awe-inspiring Natural Wonder of the World. When you arrive, check in to your lodge – an authentic African tent camp with all the amenities of a luxury resort. This afternoon, when rainbows are at their best, witness the awesome power of Victoria Falls. (B, D)

Day 3: Victoria Falls

Embark on an experience of a lifetime. Greet African elephants, spend some quality time interacting with them in their own habitat, and witness some of their unique behaviors. Then, experience an **Impact Moment** during our visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust and learn how their programs are having a positive impact in the local communities and animals. After you've worked up an appetite, travel to a township where you will join a local family for a simple home-hosted lunch. Your evening continues with dinner on the shores

of the Zambezi River overlooking Victoria Falls. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana

Start your day with a visit to a traditional rural homestead, meet the village chief, and come to understand more about traditional ways of living in this part of the world. Cross the border into Botswana and arrive in Chobe – an untamed national park whose namesake river twists its way throughout the area. During a captivating safari cruise along the Chobe River, spot elephants and hippos that linger along the shores, and crocodiles basking in the sun. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Chobe National Park

On a game drive through Chobe National Park, take in diverse ecosystems and unparalleled biodiversity. After lunch, **it's your choice!** Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon game drive **-OR-** venture down the river again for a different perspective on a safari cruise. Tonight, gather by the river for an unforgettable dinner. Learn the secret to cooking a traditional *braai*, complete with some local favourites and delicacies. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Chobe - Victoria Falls - Johannesburg - Pilanesberg National Park

This morning transfer to Victoria Falls Airport where you will fly to Johannesburg. On arrival

at Johannesburg transfer to Pilanesberg National Park, a game reserve set within an ancient crater and where the lions reign as kings. This is the wild Africa you've always dreamt of – now laid out before you just waiting to be discovered. Venture out in a 4x4 in search of the "Big 5" across vast marshlands and craggy landscapes, and while you're out there, enjoy a traditional African sundowner with a drink and watch as the sun disappears behind the mountain. (B, D)

Day 7: Pilanesberg National Park

Before sunrise, in the open expanse of Pilanesberg, drive out in your 4x4 on a search for the elusive "Big 5." Later on, an afternoon game drive could take you past the big cats preparing for the hunt. Back at the lodge tonight, indulge in a bush dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Pilanesberg National Park

Discover the wildlife around you with another full day in Pilanesberg. On morning and afternoon game drives, continue your search for the "Big 5" and other local animals, such as giraffes or cheetahs. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Pilanesberg - Cape Town, South Africa - Somerset West

The winelands of the Western Cape await. See for yourself why this area boasts a reputation as one of the world's most beautiful wine countries. Head to Johannesburg and board your flight to Cape Town, South Africa. A short drive takes you to the town of Somerset West – located in South Africa's most famous wine region and overlooking the majestic False Bay. Settle in for a two-night stay among rolling vineyards and historic Cape Dutch architecture. (B)

Day 10: Somerset West - Franschhoek - Somerset West

Sip the South African specialities with a full day exploring the country's winelands. Start in the Stellenbosch Valley and enjoy a tasting at your first winery of the day. Perhaps you'll try the local favourite, crossed between a Pinot Noir and a Cinsaut, the Pinotage is a speciality of South Africa. Travel to the charming village

of Franschhoek for lunch. Take advantage of time at leisure before visiting a second winery in the afternoon. Cap the evening off with a dinner featuring locally-sourced ingredients. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Somerset West - Cape Town

Say hello to Cape Town, South Africa's electric cultural mecca that captivates you at every turn. Explore Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, a Cape Town hotspot. From heritage sites to historic landmarks, markets, shops, and restaurants, the waterfront is one of South Africa's most compelling destinations. On arrival, rise gently over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain, taking in views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic Robben Island. Return to the city via Table Bay. Pass through the Moorish Malay Quarter and pause at Milnerton Lighthouse. (B)

Day 12: Cape Town

Travel to Cape Point, the southwestern tip of Africa. Marvel at the vibrant green foliage blanketing the rocky outcrops, set as a contrast to the bright blue waves below. Set out on an easy hike down the mountain, wandering by diverse patches of native flowers. Stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events – a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Tonight, you're an honoured guest in a Capetonian family's home. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like here in Cape Town. (B, D)

Day 13: Cape Town

Enjoy your final day at leisure before gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner to taste the country's beloved flavours at dinner, starring a host of South African specialities and delicacies. (B, D)

Day 14: Cape Town - Tour Ends

Today you bid farewell to your fellow travellers when you leave beautiful Cape Town. Depending on your departure flight time, you will have access to a day room. (B)

ARRIVAL
JOHANNESBURG (JNB)

DEPARTURE
CAPE TOWN (CPT)

Optional Pre-Tour Extension
To Johannesburg, South Africa
Dubai

Legend:
 ① Overnight stay
 ○ Visit
 — Standard tour
 - - - Option

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Prices based on 12 April 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - April 2024 (different itinerary - see note*)
May 2024 - April 2025 (featured itinerary)

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🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Johannesburg (1-2 Nights)

+ Post-Night: Cape Town (1-2 Nights)

+ OPTIONAL EXCURSION

Day 4: Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi River

Set sail on the majestic Zambezi River! Find yourself surrounded by amazing views during one of the most magical times of the day – sunset. It is Africa's fourth largest river and a lifeline for crocodiles, hippos, elephants, and a variety of wildlife. Be welcomed aboard with a glass of champagne and toast to the start of your scenic adventure. Enjoy an all-inclusive bar menu and complimentary hot and cold snacks as you sit and gaze at the calm waters of the river. Get your cameras ready as the sun sets and fills the sky with a warm glow.

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JORDAN & ISRAEL: CULTURAL CROSSROADS

14 DAYS • 24 MEALS

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Dead Sea • Madaba • Petra • 2 Impact Moments • Wadi Rum • Red Sea • Eilat • Desert Agriculture Research Center • Masada • Jerusalem • Yad Vashem • Sea of Galilee • Safed • Nazareth • Tel Aviv



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Head into the desert on the back of a pick-up truck and see the striking landscape of Wadi Rum.
- Engage in a discussion with a Holocaust Survivor at Yad Vashem.
- Impact Moment: Visit a non-profit community centre and learn a traditional craft from local women.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — Explore biblical history at the traditional site of King Solomon's mines in Timna **-OR-** relax aboard a glass bottom boat cruise in search of marine life.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Dine with a local Jewish family during a home-hosted dinner.
- Try your hand at Arabic culinary techniques during an authentic cooking class.
- Enjoy a traditional Bedouin lunch baked in the sand of Wadi Rum's desert.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2** Dead Sea Marriott Resort, Dead Sea
- Days 3, 4** Petra Marriott, Petra
- Days 5, 6** Dan Panorama or Dan Neptune Eilat Hotel, Eilat
- Days 7 - 9** Atlas Arthur Hotel, Jerusalem
- Days 10, 11** Ruth Zefat Hotel, Safed
- Days 12, 13** Atlas Artist Hotel, Tel Aviv

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Petra

Delve into the past and present of Jordan and Israel, uncovering a land of quiet deserts, modern coastlines, ancient ruins, and spiritual roots.

Day 1: Amman, Jordan - Dead Sea - Tour Begins

Start your journey in Amman, the innovative capital of Jordan. Make your way to the legendary Dead Sea, whose salty shores draw inquisitive nomads, health gurus, and those seeking out a slice of indulgence. Feel at peace as you settle into your tranquil home for the next 2 nights. As the sun sets on the turquoise tides, get to know your fellow travellers over dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 2: Dead Sea

Admire sprawling vistas from Mount Nebo, where Moses shared his vision of the elusive Promised Land. In Madaba, visit St. George's Church, whose Byzantine mosaic illustrates a glimpse into ancient history. Then, connect with the local community during a home hosted lunch. Experience traditional Jordanian hospitality and authentic home cooking as you share stories and mingle with your hosts over a traditional meal. Return to the hotel in the mid-afternoon and enjoy time on your own to float in the Dead Sea's ethereal waters. (B, L)

Day 3: Dead Sea - Petra

Start your morning with an **Impact Moment** at a cooperative promoting the conservation of traditional crafts through the employment of Bedouin women, where you'll participate in a hands-on lesson before lunch. Continue on to

Petra, a red sandstone city carved into the cliffs and settle into your hotel for a 2-night stay. (B, L)

Day 4: Petra

Beat the crowds and the heat of the sun with an early-morning tour of Petra's archaeological remains (UNESCO). With towering bluffs overhead, delve into this ancient crossroad with a local guide. The remainder of the day is yours to discover this "lost city" on your own. This evening, try your hand at culinary techniques during an authentic Arabic cooking class. After you prepare your meal, discover the unique blend of flavours as you enjoy your carefully crafted dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Petra - Wadi Rum - Border Crossing - Eilat, Israel

Launch into a land of quiet stillness and open dunes as you make your way to Wadi Rum. Cruise through the reserve on the back of a pick-up truck and take in the vast landscape around you. Take time for lunch at a local camp before returning back through the desert. Grab your bags and get ready for the second part of your adventure as you cross the border into Israel. A short transfer takes you to your hotel located in Eilat's Marina, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 6: Eilat

Soak in the atmosphere as **it's your choice!** Spend a morning exploring the traditional site of

King Solomon's mines at Timna -**OR**- relax aboard a glass-bottom-boat cruise of the Gulf of Aqaba in search for marine life. With a free afternoon, perhaps you'll go on an optional excursion to the Eilat Mountains, where you'll be able to take in the sun as it sets over four countries: Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and Egypt. Gather around a bonfire and gaze over the Sinai, the area where Moses led the Jews during their Exodus from Egypt and back to the Promised Land. (B, D)

Day 7: Eilat - Masada - Jerusalem

Discover why the locals have so much pride in their ability to grow food in this harsh climate. Visit the Vidor Centre for Desert Agriculture and learn about drip irrigation and other innovative techniques that allow crops to flourish in the desert. Travel to the desert fortress of Masada (UNESCO), perched upon a cliff overlooking the Dead Sea. Explore Herod's Palace and the Roman Camp. Descend the ancient walls by cable car before continuing on to Jerusalem, your home for the next 3 nights. (B)

Day 8: Jerusalem

Today, you'll begin your exploration of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, where you'll marvel at the panoramic view of the Holy City, including the shining Dome of the Rock. Get ready to see Jerusalem on foot and embark on a comprehensive tour of the old city, covering multiple religions that have coexisted here for centuries. Pause at the Western (Wailing) Wall, follow the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa, and walk in the footsteps of millions before you. With the remainder of your day at leisure, delve into Jerusalem's Shuk (the Bazaars of the Old City), with each narrow street dedicated

to different trades passed down through generations. As you explore, breathe in the smell of freshly baked bread, and savoury spices. This evening, you may opt to see the city from the different perspective with a tour of Jerusalem at night. (B)

Day 9: Jerusalem

Reflect on the sorrows of the past at Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Centre, followed by a poignant discussion with a Holocaust survivor. The rest of the day is yours to do as you please. Perhaps you'll take an optional tour through the Judean Hills to Bethlehem, returning in the early evening. (B)

Day 10: Jerusalem - Safed

A full morning transfer takes you to the hills of Galilee and to Safed, a beautiful little town of weather-worn alleyways and one of Judaism's Four Holy Cities. This afternoon, join a local expert for a walking tour of the Old Town. Learn about Kabbalah's mystical beliefs, providing a glimpse into a local religion. This evening, connect with one of the town's Orthodox Jewish families over a home-hosted dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Safed

Head to Magdala, regarded to be the hometown of Mary Magdalene, and find an ancient city of stone carvings and excavated temples. Sail on the sea of Galilee in a historic replica boat before continuing on to the Mount of Beatitudes, an overlook where Jesus gave his famous Sermon of the Mount. Then, meet with a member of the Druze community to learn more about this mysterious and secretive sect of Islam. Return to Safed in the early evening for a buffet dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

Optional 3 Night Cairo Pre-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1400† pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 1: Cairo, Egypt - Extension Begins

Settle into Cairo, an ancient city with an intriguing past. This evening, connect with your fellow travellers and get a taste of local cuisine at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Cairo

Start your day by exploring the remarkable collections of the Grand Egyptian Museum.

See the statues, reliefs, sarcophagi, and treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun. Walk along el-Moez Street, admiring the elegant Islamic architecture of Historic Cairo (UNESCO) and enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous Khan el Khalili Bazaar. Peruse colourful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more. (B)

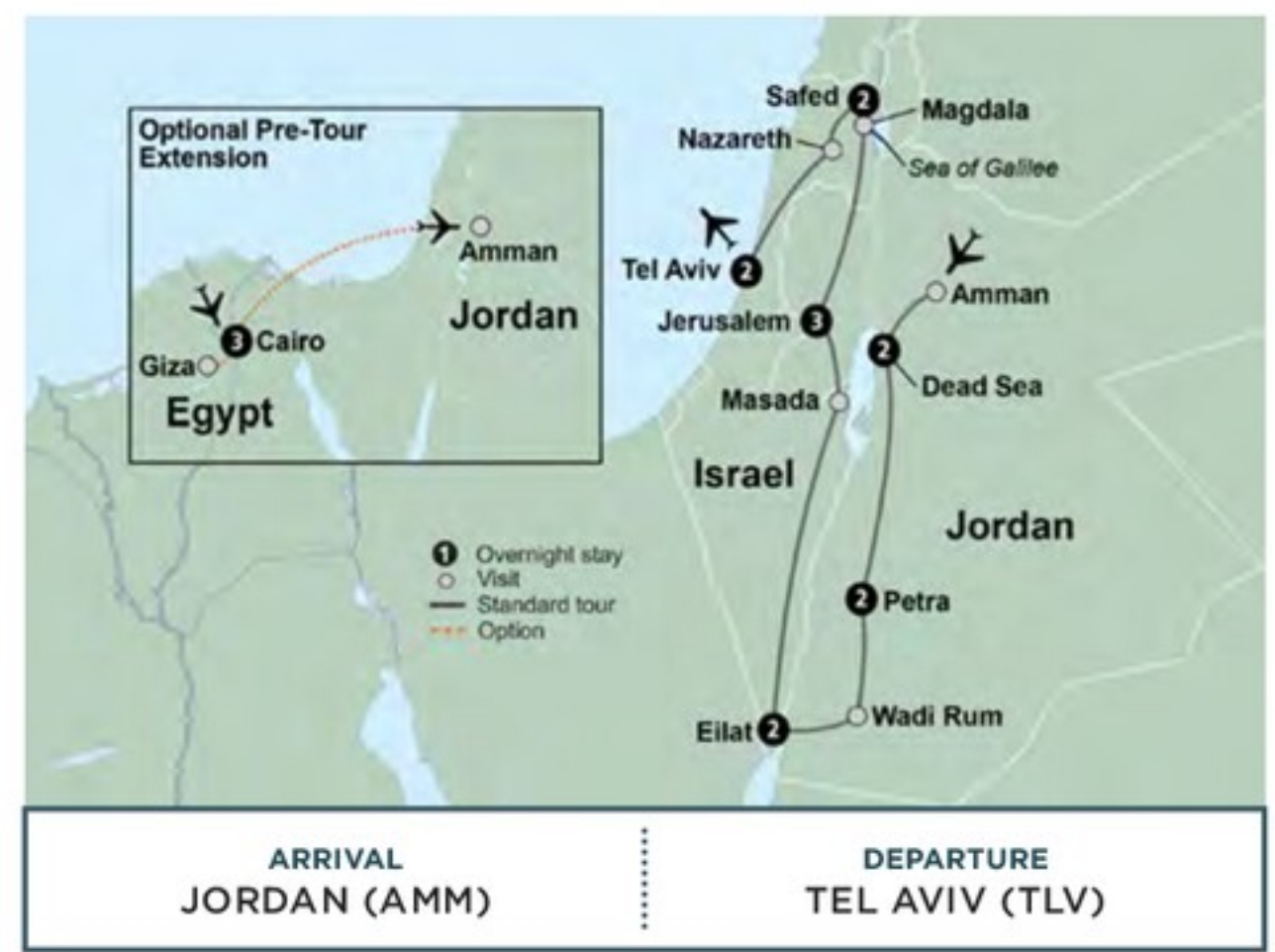
Day 3: Cairo - Giza - Cairo

Fulfill a lifelong dream and head to nearby Giza (UNESCO). Embark on an in-depth visit to the Pyramids of Giza, one of the 7 ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the world's oldest and largest monuments. Take advantage of some free time to explore these ancient temples on your own. The remainder of the day is yours. (B)

Day 4: Cairo - Amman, Jordan

Wish Egypt goodbye as you depart for Jordan. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.



DOUBLE
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Pricing is per person, land only,
and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 9 February 2025 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

December 2023 - April 2024
(different itinerary - see note*)

May - June 2024
Sept 2024 - April 2025
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night:

Dead Sea (1-2 Nights)



+ Post-Night:

Tel Aviv (1-2 Nights)



Day 12: Safed - Nazareth - Tel Aviv

Explore Nazareth, the childhood town of Jesus. More than just a religious town, Nazareth's culinary scene and growing businesses brought the city into the 21st century. After visiting the Basilica of the Annunciation, experience an **Impact Moment** at a community centre where local women lead a lesson on traditional crafts. Pause for lunch in a historic house, featuring Arab-Israeli favourites such as hummus, baba ghanoush, pastries, and more. This afternoon, head to the bustling waterfront city of Tel Aviv - the remainder of the day is yours. (B, L)

Day 13: Tel Aviv

Make your way through Tel Aviv's historic section, Jaffa, passing by St. Peter's Church, Wishing Bridge, Ramses Gate, and the unique Suspended Orange Tree. Then taste your way through one of Tel Aviv's lively street markets as you connect with the locals, getting a true taste of everyday life. This evening, toast to the end of your trip at a farewell reception. (B, L)

Day 14: Tel Aviv - Tour Ends

Wish Israel goodbye as you depart for home. (B)

JOURNEY THROUGH EGYPT & JORDAN

13 DAYS • 26 MEALS
STARTING AT \$6539

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Cairo • Grand Egyptian Museum • Giza Pyramids & Sphinx • Historic Cairo • Aswan • 3-Night Nile River Cruise • Kom Ombo • Edfu • Luxor • Valley of the Kings • Amman • Wadi Rum • Petra • Impact Moment • Dead Sea • Home Hosted Lunch



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river, on a 3-night cruise.
- View the tomb of King Tut during a tour of the Valley of the Kings.
- Connect with locals at a cooperative advancing women's employment in Jordan.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — Visit the expansive ruins of Karnak Temple **-OR-** admire spectacular views of the Nile while you enjoy high tea at the Old Winter Palace.
- **Day 10** — In Petra, trek up to the legendary "Monastery," **-OR-** join a local family at their home for tea and learn about life in their community **-OR-** visit a Nabatean outpost.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a Bedouin lunch baked in the sand of Wadi Rum's desert.
- Prepare your meal and eat family-style at an Arabic cooking class.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 - 3** Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: Upgrade your stay to a Partial Nile View room and enjoy views of the Nile River. CALL FOR DETAILS
- Day 4** Anakato Wadi Kiki Nubian Houses, Aswan
- Days 5 - 7** Sonesta St. George 1
- Day 8** Amman Marriott Hotel, Amman
- Days 9, 10** Movenpick Resort, Wadi Musa, Petra
- Days 11, 12** Movenpick Resort and Spa, Dead Sea

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Great Sphinx of Giza

Experience a dramatic world beyond imagination as you enter into lands of legends, relics, and indescribable beauty.

Day 1: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Your adventure starts in Cairo, the capital of Egypt. A constant thrum of energy wrapped around you, feel the ever-present heartbeat of the country in the city streets. Located strategically along the banks of the Nile, generations of wanderers have traversed these grounds just as you do now. At your hotel this evening, connect with your fellow adventurers at a welcome dinner featuring local specialities. (D)

Day 2: Cairo

This morning, join your Tour Manager-Egyptologist for an introductory talk on ancient Egypt. Get a glimpse into ancient Egypt's Pharaohs, power struggles, and dynasties before navigating Cairo's famous traffic on your way to the remarkable collections of the Grand Egyptian Museum, a collection featuring some of the country's oldest artefacts. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Cairo

Early this morning, venture to nearby Giza and embrace the Egypt you have always imagined. Stand in awe before the iconic Pyramids of Giza, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the stoicism of the Great Sphinx, a

colossal structure jutting out of the desert sand, full of mystery and intrigue. This afternoon, walk along el-Moez Street, admiring the elegant Islamic architecture of Historic Cairo (UNESCO) and enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous souk of Khan el-Khalili. Peruse colourful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more. (B)

Day 4: Cairo - Aswan

Pre-dawn this morning, transfer to the Cairo airport for the 2-hour flight that takes you to Aswan, a breathtaking port city up the Nile. You may choose to partake in an optional tour to Abu Simbel and see the extraordinary temples of Ramses II relocated there during the construction of the High Dam. Experience the Nubian culture of Upper Egypt as you transfer by motorboat to your rustic riverside lodge, with its colourful decorations and naïve architectural style. This afternoon, learn more about the Nubian people, their ancestral heritage and language during a walk in the nearby village, before relaxing over dinner at your lodge. (B, D)

Day 5: Aswan - Board Ship

This morning, discover the mysteries of Philae Temple. Located on a small island, this complex

can only be reached by motorboat. Philae is among the architectural wonders rescued from the rising waters of the Nile during the construction of the High Dam. Then, board your cruise ship and settle in for the next three nights. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aswan. Perhaps you'll visit the fascinating artefacts at the Nubian Archeological Museum. This evening, aboard a felucca (wooden sailboat), take in the views of the tall sand dunes on the western shore of the Nile before relaxing over dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Kom Ombo - Edfu

Coast along to Kom Ombo and visit a rare double temple. Watch the Egyptian landscape slowly drift by as you sail on to the mesmerising Temple of Edfu, dedicated to the ancient god Horus. Relax during an afternoon on board as you glide down the Nile, before enjoying a festive Galabeya Party, where you might don a traditional Egyptian gown. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Luxor

As dawn breaks, venture to Luxor's West Bank, trekking along the elaborate tombs of the Valley of the Kings. Delve even further into Egyptian legends with an included viewing of the tombs of King Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut as well as the Colossi of Memnon before returning to the ship for lunch. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Visit the expansive ruins of Karnak Temple. Wander through this 4,000-year-old complex of pylons and obelisks, often of near-mythic proportions **-OR-** admire expansive views of the Nile while you enjoy high tea at the Old Winter Palace which hosted esteemed guests such as Agatha Christie, Winston Churchill and the great Egyptologist Howard Carter. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Luxor - Disembark Ship - Amman, Jordan

Pre-dawn this morning, say goodbye to the land of the pyramids as you fly to Cairo, where you connect to Amman, the capital of Jordan. Get a peek into this innovative city housing both modern technologies and ancient relics on your way to tonight's street food dinner which includes local specialities such as hummus, falafels and kunafa. (B, D)

Day 9: Amman - Wadi Rum - Petra

This morning, cross Jordan all the way to the south as you leave Amman for the isolated desert of Wadi Rum where you arrive by lunchtime. Nicknamed the Valley of the Moon, this ethereal landscape resembles nothing found on earth. Cruise through the reserve on the back of a pick-up truck and take in the vast landscape

around you. Enjoy lunch at a local camp before venturing onward to Petra, the fabled "Rose Red City." In the evening, stroll down the street to an authentic Arabic cooking class. Prepare your meal, featuring fresh ingredients from local markets and traditional Jordanian recipes, before digging in family-style. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Petra

At daybreak, weave along sandstone carvings as you tour the vast archeological site of Petra with your guide. Serving as a crossroads between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea, Petra contains ages of hidden wonders just waiting to be explored. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Keep exploring Petra's vast archeological site on your own. Perhaps you'll travel up to the "Monastery," one of Petra's legendary monuments **-OR-** join a local family at their home for tea and friendly conversation about life in the Bedouin community of Wadi Musa **-OR-** visit Little Petra, a Nabatean outpost located a few miles from its famous big sister, and featuring a 2000-year old Nabatean fresco that finds no corresponding in its larger neighbour. (B)

Day 11: Petra - Dead Sea

A full morning transfer takes you north to the fertile basin of the Jordan Valley. Here, connect with the local community during an **Impact Moment** at a cooperative promoting the conservation of traditional crafts through the employment of Bedouin women. After lunch at the cooperative, descend to the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea for a 2-night stay at a hotel featuring direct access to the legendary sea. (B, L)

Day 12: Dead Sea

Journey to Madaba and delve deep into St. George's Church and its famous Byzantine mosaic representing the Holy Land. Then, connect with the local community during a home hosted lunch. Experience traditional Jordanian hospitality and authentic home cooking as you share stories and connect with your hosts over a traditional meal. Gaze upon the Promised Land at Mount Nebo like Moses long before you. This evening, celebrate the end of your Middle Eastern journey during a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Dead Sea - Tour Ends

Your epic adventure comes to a close today. Return home with a new understanding of these mystical lands. (B)



DOUBLE Starting at \$6539
SOLO Starting at \$8039

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 2 December 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - April 2024
(different itinerary - see note*)

May 2024
Sept 2024 - May 2025
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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Cairo (1-2 NIGHTS)



TREASURES OF EGYPT

11 DAYS • 22 MEALS
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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Cairo • Grand Egyptian Museum • Luxor
• Temple of Karnak • Valley of the Kings
• 4-Night Nile River Cruise • Queen
Hatshepsut Temple • Kom Ombo • Aswan
• Philae Temple • Khan el-Khalili Bazaar •
Giza • Pyramids • Sphinx



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Dress up and join the fun at a traditional *galabeya* party.
- Journey by motorboat to Philae Temple, rescued stone by stone during the construction of the High Dam.
- Embark on a 4-night cruise and discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 10** — Meet with a local archeologist to learn about the most recent findings in Egyptology and how they influence the active digs on the Giza plateau **-OR-** channel your inner explorer and venture inside the largest Pyramid of Giza via the Robber's Tunnel.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Experience freshly prepared traditional local cuisine each night on your Nile cruise.
- Get a first-hand introduction into how Egyptian cuisine is prepared during a cooking demonstration.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 3 Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
During your stay at the Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino you may choose to enjoy views of the Nile River by upgrading your accommodations to a partial Nile River View room.
CALL FOR DETAILS

Days 4 - 7 Movenpick Royal Lily

Day 8 Movenpick Resort, Aswan

Days 9, 10 Intercontinental Citystars Hotel, Cairo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Pyramids of Giza

Follow the allure of the Nile, uncover complex legends, and retrace the steps of the pharaohs in ancient Egypt.

Day 1: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Begin your journey in Cairo, a modern megalopolis with an intriguing past. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 2: Cairo

Get a glimpse into ancient Egypt's Pharaohs, power struggles, and dynasties during an introductory talk before navigating Cairo's famous traffic on your way to the remarkable collections of the Grand Egyptian Museum. See the statues, reliefs, sarcophagi, and treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun before returning to the hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Cairo

The day is yours to experience the energy of Cairo's buzzing streets. Wander a maze of stalls at the market, relax at a local café, or maybe even spend time in one of the city's many museums. Perhaps you will join a full-day exploration of Alexandria, Egypt's second-largest city. The 3.5-hour-drive north takes you to the shores of the Mediterranean. Here you'll discover Alexandria's Hellenic roots and Greco-Roman architecture, set in unique harmony with the ultramodern facade of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. Or you may choose to join a local guide for a tour of Sakkara and Djoser's Step Pyramid. (B)

Day 4: Cairo - Fly to Luxor - Board Cruise Ship

Depart your hotel before dawn for your flight to Luxor home to the expansive Karnak Temple. Wander through this 4,000-year-old complex

of pylons and obelisks, often of near-mythic proportions. This afternoon, board your cruise ship for a voyage on the Nile River. Relax aboard, taking in the views from the sundeck. In the early evening, opt to join a visit to Luxor temple, all lit up and boasting fascinating plays of light and shadow, ending at a local café for a taste of mint tea before returning to the ship for a late dinner followed by a folkloric belly dancing performance. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Luxor - Valley of the Kings - Edfu

Venture thousands of years into the past. As the sun rises, cross the Nile for a day in ancient Thebes. Explore the Valley of the Kings, including the world-renowned tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut as well as the Colossi of Memnon before returning to the ship for a late lunch. This afternoon, take in the views of the fertile banks of the Nile as you sail down the river towards Edfu. Join a culinary demonstration and learn about the staples of Egyptian cuisine from your chef. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Edfu - Kom Ombo - Aswan

Beat the heat with an early morning visit to the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu. Peruse the endless carvings of scenes depicting the power and grandeur of the pharaohs. Later this morning, participate in an informative talk covering Egypt from past to present. After lunch, set sail for Kom Ombo and explore the unique double temple before continuing to Aswan, the Nubian City. This

evening, dress up and join the fun during a traditional *galabeya* party after dinner on board. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Aswan

Board a motorboat towards the sanctuary island dedicated to the goddess Isis. Philae Temple (UNESCO) is among the architectural wonders rescued from the rising waters of the Nile during the construction of the High Dam. Then, learn about Aswan's ancient trade of granite extraction and carving techniques during a visit to an ancient quarry and its unfinished obelisk. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aswan. Perhaps you'll visit the fascinating artefacts at the Nubian Archeological Museum. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Aswan - Disembark Cruise Ship

Disembark the ship this morning and sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island where you embark on a stroll through the botanical gardens. Aboard a *felucca* (wooden sailboat), take in the views of the tall sand dunes on the western shore of the Nile before arriving at your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Perhaps you'll stroll along the Corniche, Aswan's waterfront promenade before regrouping for dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 9: Aswan - Fly to Cairo

Pre sunrise, consider an optional tour to Abu Simbel for a visit of the extraordinary temples of Ramses II, relocated here during the construction of the High Dam. If you're not participating in the optional tour, you will transfer to the Aswan airport sometime between 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. for your return to Cairo. Walk along el-Moez Street, admiring the elegant Islamic architecture of Historic Cairo (UNESCO) and enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous souk of Khan el Khalili. Peruse colourful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more. (B)

Day 10: Cairo - Pyramids of Giza

Fulfil a lifelong dream and head to nearby Giza (UNESCO). Embark on an in-depth visit to the Pyramids of Giza, one of the 7 ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the world's oldest and largest monuments. Then, **it's your choice!** Meet with a local archeologist to learn about the most recent findings in Egyptology and how they influence the active digs on the Giza plateau **-OR-** channel your inner explorer and venture inside the largest Pyramid of Giza via the Robber's Tunnel, winding through the inner chamber. Join your fellow travellers this evening for a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Cairo - Tour Ends

Your epic adventure comes to a close today. Return home with a new understanding of this mystical land. (B)

Optional 4 Night Jordan, Petra & the Dead Sea Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$1960† pp



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 11: Cairo - Amman, Jordan - Madaba - Mt. Nebo - Petra

An early morning transfer brings you to the airport in Cairo for your flight to Amman. Upon arrival, embark on an afternoon-long bus ride towards the ancient city of Petra. Arrive in Wadi Musa, Petra's modern-day settlement, for a 2-night stay. This evening, experience the flavours of the region during dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 12: Petra

Early this morning, travel to the archeological site of Petra (UNESCO). Enjoy a full day walking tour of this remarkable stone-carved city, one of the new Wonders of the World. This remarkable treasure of the ancient world remained "hidden" behind rugged mountains prior to its discovery in 1812, after being lost for over 500 years. Explore these breathtaking ruins, carved from sandstone by the Nabataeans and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, the history of its prominence and decline, its rediscovery, and efforts at preservation. (B)

Day 13: Petra - Wadi Rum - Dead Sea

Depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, home of the famous film, *Lawrence of Arabia*. Learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark and unspoiled desert. Pause for lunch at a local campsite before an afternoon-long transfer to the Jordanian shore of the Dead Sea. Arrive in the early evening and enjoy sunset overlooking the Promised Land. (B, L)

Day 14: Dead Sea - Madaba - Mt. Nebo

Take advantage of your hotel's private access to the beach and enjoy a morning at leisure to experience the Dead Sea's natural buoyancy. Then travel to Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." Enjoy a home hosted lunch and savour traditional Jordanian hospitality as you connect with your hosts over a traditional meal. In the afternoon, visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region. Then pause at Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land - present day Israel - and is believed to be laid to rest. (B, L)

Day 15: Dead Sea - Extension Ends

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.



ARRIVAL
CAIRO (CAI)

DEPARTURE
CAIRO (CAI)

DOUBLE Starting at \$4999
SOLO Starting at \$5999

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 10 May 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - April 2024 May 2024

(different itinerary - see note*)

September 2024 - April 2025

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2024 - April 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Cairo (1-2 NIGHTS)



+ OPTIONAL EXCURSION



Excursion: Abu Simbel

Visit the great sun temples of Abu Simbel, built by Ramses II. The Temple of Ramses II was constructed so that the sun's rays would illuminate four statues of Egyptian deities on his birthday and on the anniversary of his coronation, October 20 and February 20. The temple is fronted by four colossal figures of Ramses II seated with the gods and attended by his Queen and daughters. The smaller temple is dedicated to Queen Nefertari. This excursion must be purchased at time of booking.

Visit our website and discover more optional excursions.

COSTA RICA: A WORLD OF NATURE

12 DAYS • 23 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4399

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Tortuguero National Park • Cooking Demonstration • Sarapiquí • Tirimbina Rainforest Center • Chocolate-Making Demonstration & Tasting • River Safari • Forest Reserve Guided Walk • Hanging Bridges • Arenal Volcano • Manuel Antonio National Park • Jungle Crocodile Safari & Bird Watching



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Learn about Costa Rica's ecosystem and local culture.
- Visit the world's first sea turtle research station in Tortuguero National Park.
- Explore Arenal during a captivating 3-night stay.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — Embark on one of Costa Rica's most thrilling zip lining experiences and take in one-of-a-kind views of the Arenal rainforest -**OR**- enjoy a moderate hike along the trails of Arenal Volcano National Park; cross lava fields and pause to enjoy spectacular views of the volcano.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Taste for yourself why cacao is called "the food of the gods" and observe the process of converting this seed from bean to bar.
- Learn how to cook using a coconut before making some delicious local candy.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1** Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose
- Days 2, 3** Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero
- Days 4, 5** Tilajari Hotel Resort, San Carlos
- Days 6 - 8** Hotel Lomas del Volcán, Arenal
- Days 9, 10** Marriott Los Suenos, Playa Herradura
- Day 11** Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Nature Cruise

From thrilling water journeys to ethereal jungle expeditions, discover what *pura vida* means to you when you explore the essence of Costa Rica.

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins

Pura vida. In English, it translates to "the simple life." But *pura vida* is so much more: it's an attitude; a celebration of life in the moment. It's time to experience what *pura vida* means to you. You're on your way to explore a place that's unlike anywhere else in the world, where *pura vida* is an unofficial motto and a way of life. Welcome to the emerald of Central America: Costa Rica.

Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park

Seemingly endless mountain horizons. Complex evergreen forests. These are the wonders of Tortuguero National Park. Travel by boat to your hotel before heading further down the rivers and canals to the world's first sea turtle research station. Later, have time to explore Tortuguero town with your Tour Manager. Get away from it all and relax at your lodge set in the middle of the jungle, your home for the next two nights. From the morning calls of the monkeys to the gentle chatter of the birds, listen to the active sounds of the rainforest around you. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tortuguero National Park

Begin the day on an excursion to search for the elusive green macaw and other unique winged creatures that flock to Tortuguero. Embark on a nature cruise, getting a glimpse into the life of jaguars, manatees, ocelots, and more. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy your Tortuguero resort. Tonight, a local will teach you all about his village and its previous history as a coconut plantation. Watch as he demonstrates how they use coconuts before trying your hand at making a local favourite: coconut candy. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - Sarapiquí - San Carlos

Take a boat back to the mainland and make your way towards Sarapiquí and Tirimbina Rainforest Center. Today will be an **Impact Moment** as you visit a cacao plantation at the Tirimbina Rainforest Centre — an ecotourism destination that is vigilant of environmental, social, and economic impact. Learn the process of sustainably converting seed from bean to bar and taste for yourself why it's called "the food



Zip Lining



Hanging Bridges

of the gods." Later, arrive at your secluded nature resort, nestled on the edge of the San Carlos River. Stroll the butterfly and botanical gardens lined with fruit trees, including lemon, soursop, guava, mango and tangerine. (B, L, D)

Day 5: San Carlos

Explore the beauty of your surroundings on a Peñas Blancas River Safari. Paddle and float down the river on a peaceful adventure, taking in the sights and sounds of the rainforest as your naturalist guide describes the intricacies of the wildlife around you. Visit the *finca* of a local family and try speciality snacks such as banana bread, gourmet Costa Rican coffee and more. End your day with a guided walk through a private, primary forest reserve for a look at the various flora and fauna. (B, D)

Day 6: San Carlos - Arenal

Today, suspended over the rainforest floor, relish a bird's-eye view of the jungle on a guided tour of Arenal's famous hanging bridges. High above the jungle canopies, marvel at a cloud forest taking shape around you. Settle into your resort where you'll be surrounded by striking views of Arenal's famous volcano for the next 3 nights. (B, D)

Day 7: Arenal

Today, **it's your choice!** Since Costa Rica is the birthplace of zip lining, glide over the canopies on a mind-blowing rip through the jungle **-OR-** make your way across lava fields for an up-close-and-personal look at the volcano on a moderate hike along the trails formed by lava during the 1968 eruption. The afternoon is yours to spend as you please. Perhaps you'll discover the town of La Fortuna or relax in the hotel's naturally heated pools. Also consider an optional excursion to a family-owned *finca* with an included farm to table lunch. (B, D)

Day 8: Arenal

In the shadow of Arenal Volcano, the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Perhaps, if you're feeling adventurous, you'll opt for an exhilarating white water rafting experience. Or simply hang back at the resort, explore the grounds, and soak in the views. (B)

Day 9: Arenal - Playa Herradura

This morning, wake up and smell the coffee at a local farm that produces some of Costa Rica's well-known beans. Take a tour with local plantation workers and have a chance to discuss what life is like for these coffee farmers. In the afternoon, head to Playa Herradura and settle into your resort for the next 2 nights. As the day draws to a close, watch the sun set over the Pacific alongside birds in every colour of the rainbow. (B, D)

Day 10: Playa Herradura - Manuel Antonio National Park - Playa Herradura

Welcome to Manuel Antonio National Park, home to verdant rainforests and white sand beaches. In this natural wonderland, traverse the trails where the wild things are, or go for a swim in the turquoise waters as wildlife rummages in the canopies. (B)

Day 11: Playa Herradura - Tárcoles - San Jose

See wild crocodiles among the mangroves of Tárcoles' Rio Grande. On this exhilarating jungle crocodile safari, you'll boat beneath the towering jungle, looking along the river banks for a glimpse of these incredible creatures. Then say goodbye to the coast and hello to San Jose. Toast to the *pura vida* of Costa Rica tonight over a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends

Bid Costa Rica farewell as your tour comes to an end today. (B)



ARRIVAL
SAN JOSE (SJO)

DEPARTURE
SAN JOSE (SJO)

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4399**
SOLO Starting at **\$5349**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 11 May 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - April 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

May 2024 - April 2025
(featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for May 2024 - April 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

🌐 See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night or Post-Night: San Jose (1-2 NIGHTS)



“The tour truly exceeded my expectations. It was focused on encounters with wildlife throughout Costa Rica and provided us several opportunities to learn about the people and culture of this beautiful country.”

- Kimberly C.

TROPICAL COSTA RICA

9 DAYS • 14 MEALS

STARTING AT \$2849

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

San Jose • Coffee Plantation • Arenal Volcano • Cano Negro Refuge • Lake Arenal Cruise • Farm Tour and Lunch • Monteverde Cloud Forest • Guanacaste



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy the breathtaking scenery surrounding Arenal Volcano.
- Spot indigenous wildlife while on a Cano Negro riverboat cruise.
- Learn about Costa Rica's vegetation on a guided walk in the cloud forest



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 6** — Climb high into the trees for your choice of a "Hanging Bridges" tour **-OR-** ziplining in the cloud forest.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 8 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)
- Discover the history of coffee in Costa Rica during your visit to a coffee plantation.
 - Learn about local farming practices and learn to make tortillas while having lunch at Don Juan Finca Educativa.



ACCOMMODATION

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| Day 1 | DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose |
| Days 2 - 4 | Mountain Paradise Resort & Spa, Arenal |
| Days 5, 6 | El Establo Hotel, Monteverde Cloud Forest |
| Days 7, 8 | Nammbu Beachfront Bungalows, Playa Carrillo, Guanacaste |

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
CLASSIC



Arenal Volcano

Discover Costa Rica's *pura vida* on a rendezvous with exotic fauna, lush rainforests, and endless coastlines.

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins

Your trip to Costa Rica opens in the colourful capital city of San Jose, the perfect place to relax and soak up the sights as your adventure begins.

Day 2: San Jose - Coffee Plantation - Arenal

Welcome to the Central Valley. Begin with a tour of a local coffee plantation highlighting the history and cultivation of this driver of the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, check in for a leisurely 3-night stay at a lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. Get to know the Costa Rican culture this evening. (B, D)

Day 3: Arenal - Cano Negro - Arenal

Embark on a Cano Negro guided riverboat trip in a covered canoe known as a panga. These 20,000 acres are home to the largest viewable collection of indigenous wildlife in all of Costa Rica. Go in search of caimans, river otters, sloths, monkeys, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies.

Later, return to Arenal for the chance to relax at your resort. (B)

Day 4: Arenal

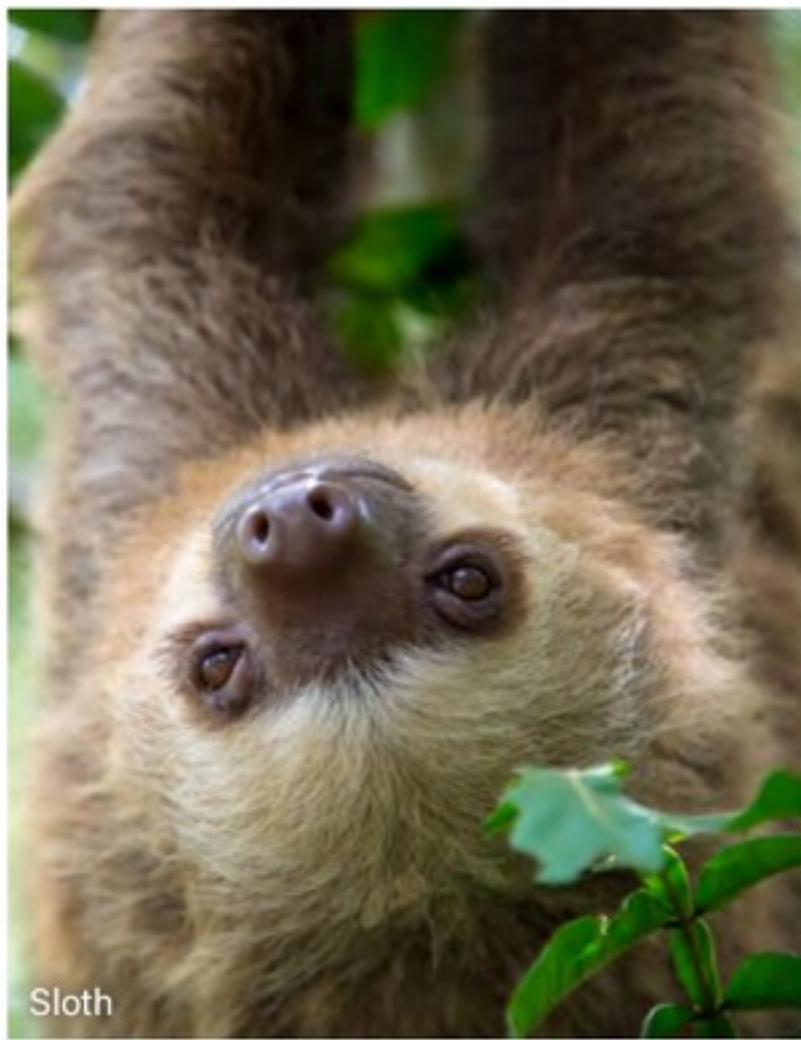
Today, explore a family-owned farm, getting a peek into the daily lives of the locals. During a tour of the gardens, learn how the plants are organically grown through the concept of sustainability. The farm considers itself a "classroom without borders." Taste the exotic fruit harvest and experience the traditional way to process sugar cane. Enjoy a sip of cane liquor before engaging in a culinary demonstration and a farm-to-table lunch. (B, L)

Day 5: Arenal - Lake Arenal Cruise - Monteverde

Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, Costa Rica's largest and most important lake. Then, it's off to the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, a place you have to see to believe, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Set off on a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem, where



Zip-lining



Sloth

one of the top sunset spots in Costa Rica. Soak in the spectacular colours as the sun illuminates the natural landscape. (B, D)

Day 9: Guanacaste - Tour Ends

Today you depart for home with fabulous memories of your Costa Rican adventure. (B)

Optional 3 Night Pre-Tour Extension

Starting at \$1190 pp, land only



EXTENSION STYLE: FULLY-GUIDED

Day 1: San Jose

Arrive in San Jose, Costa Rica's capital city for an overnight stay.

Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park

This morning set out for an exciting soft-adventure jungle experience in Tortuguero, the Amazon of Costa Rica, in search of wildlife such as macaws, sloths, monkeys, falcons and other native species. Depart your San Jose hotel via private transportation for a transfer to the dock where you board an open-air boat with other travellers to journey into Tortuguero's unspoiled paradise. Check into an eco-lodge built in harmony with nature using the best sustainability practices - where fans create breezes instead of air conditioning and meals feature locally sourced ingredients prepared with Caribbean flair. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tortuguero National Park

An early morning bird watching excursion is offered so you may learn about the variety of local species and migratory birds that flock to this area. Join your fellow lodge guests on a spectacular boat cruise through the various canals and be sure to keep an eye out for wildlife including howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, aquatic birds, bats and caimans, as well as exotic flora. Tortuguero National Park is a study in rainforest, freshwater, and marine biology. It protects over 350 species of birds and mammals including green macaws; 57 species of amphibians; 111 species of reptiles; and 60 mammal species, including 13 of Costa Rica's 16 endangered species including jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and manatees. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - San Jose

Depart Tortuguero National Park today to return to San Jose. Upon arrival, meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for the start of your Tropical Costa Rica tour. (B, L)

you're sure to encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. (B, D)

Day 6: Monteverde

It's your choice! Explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens. Then, join an expert for a leisurely paced "Hanging Bridges" walking tour to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest's lush ecosystem -**OR-** take an exhilarating ride on one of the longest canopy zip line tours in Costa Rica. If you would like to do both the hanging bridges and the zip line tour, you may purchase the second as an option on tour. (B, D)

Day 7: Monteverde - Guanacaste

Today we make our way to breathtaking Guanacaste, known for its fine sandy beaches. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort and take in the mesmerising ocean views. (B, D)

Day 8: Guanacaste

Fun in the sun is in store today as you explore the nearby beaches, or simply relax by the pool and take advantage of your resort's lovely amenities. This afternoon, visit the delightful beach town of Samara,



DOUBLE Starting at \$2849
SOLO Starting at \$3549

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 14 October 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - April 2024
(different itinerary - see note)*

May 2024 - April 2025
(featured itinerary)

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night:

San Jose (1-2 Nights)



+ Post-Night:

Guanacaste (1-2 Nights)



+ OPTIONAL EXCURSION



Excursion: Dolphin Watching

Get a different perspective of the Costa Rican wildlife when you venture into the natural habitat of dolphins. With a guide, watch as dolphins play along the water's surface. Keep an eye out for other creatures as well, you may even spot some turtles or whales! Afterwards, you'll also get a chance to fish, swim or snorkel in the warm water.

Visit our website and discover more optional excursions.

MACHU PICCHU & GALAPAGOS WONDERS

14 DAYS • 27 MEALS
STARTING AT \$11619

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 2 3 4
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

HIGHLIGHTS

Lima • Sacred Valley of the Incas • Cooking Class • Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio • Home-Hosted Meal • Machu Picchu • Cuzco • Colonial Quito • "Middle of the World" • 4-Night Galápagos Cruise



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover centuries-old Andean textile methods in the Peruvian Andes.
- Wind through the Andes in a train to Machu Picchu.
- Stand tall in the "Middle of the World" at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — Visit the Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress **-OR-** explore the neighbourhood of San Blas' charming cobblestone streets.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Master two of South America's classics, ceviche and pisco sours, at an interactive cooking class.
- Indulge in a farm-to-table meal in a local community.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Casa Andina Premium Miraflores, Lima
Days 3, 4	Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Yucay
Day 5	Casa Andina Standard Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7	Casa Andina Premium, Cuzco
Days 8, 9	Mercure Hotel Alameda, Quito
Days 10 - 13	M/Y Coral II

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Galapagos Islands

Journey from the Land of the Incas to the Galápagos archipelago, enjoying a 4-night cruise aboard a personal yacht.

Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

Touch down in Lima, the "City of Kings." Across ancient lands and earthly legends, experience the mysticism of the Peruvian Andes.

Day 2: Lima

Become fascinated by Lima's history on a tour through the historic centre, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site, where the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas stands out among the colonial architecture. Visit the former home of a conquistador and feel the surge of colonial and republican life. Get to know new friends over a menu of artful Peruvian dishes at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley

Fly over the Andes on your way to Cuzco - the heart of the Inca civilisation. Follow the trails of this Andean paradise with a local guide to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Learn about centuries-old methods of traditional textiles at Awana Kancha - known as the "palace of weaving." Stop in Pisac village and browse a handicraft market full of vibrant colours. Discover why Peru has consistently been named the world's top food travel destination during a fun-filled interactive cooking class where you will learn how to master ceviche and pisco sours. Settle in to your hotel

nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley and relax in the calming surround of the Andes. (B, D)

Day 4: Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley

Visit the terraced ruins of Ollantaytambo, the only Incan settlement that has remained continually inhabited since its inception. At the ceramic studio of artist Pablo Seminario, see how he utilizes the intricate techniques inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Mix with a nearby community and delve deep into the cultures of modern Andean people. Learn traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving, listen to their music and learn their dances before enjoying a farm-to-table meal of local specialities. (B, L)

Day 5: Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu

Hop aboard your train to Machu Picchu, where views of the Andes astound through panoramic windows as you climb towards the "Lost City of the Incas." Uncover the mysteries of this "Lost City" at the meeting point between the Peruvian Andes and the Amazon Basin. Wrapped inside a semi-tropical jungle and hidden by mountains, Machu Picchu or La Ciudadela, (the Citadel), is one of the world's most spectacular archaeological sites. (B)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

Enjoy some leisure time this morning. You may choose an optional excursion to Machu Picchu at sunrise, or maybe you'll explore the local markets before boarding your train back to the Sacred Valley. Continue to Cuzco and feel the local culture at a special community dining experience. (B, D)

Day 7: Cuzco

Start your morning with a local guide on your tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the Koricancha Temple, the central Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral. Later, **it's your choice!** Travel above the city to discover the Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress **-OR-** embark on a walking tour of San Blas, the traditional old quarter of Cuzco, lined with restaurants and artisan shops. The rest of the afternoon is yours. This evening, enjoy flexible dining at a popular local restaurant featuring the local flavours of Cuzco. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador

This morning, fly to Ecuador's stunning capital city - Quito, your home for the next two nights. An intersection of mountains and colonial architecture, this city is a UNESCO World Heritage site full of lively culture and vibrant history. (B)

Day 9: Quito

Today, tour the Presidential Palace in Quito's colonial centre. After lunch, stand at the "Middle of the World," situated between two hemispheres, at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)

Day 10: Quito - Baltra - Embark Ship - Santa Cruz Highlands, Galápagos

Fly to the gateway of the Galápagos, Baltra to launch your eco-adventure aboard the *M/Y Coral II*, an exclusive yacht that serves as your home for the next four nights. After dry landing on Santa Cruz Island head from the coast to the dense humid forests and the Highlands Tortoise Reserve. In addition to famed Galápagos Giant Tortoises you may also spot many different kinds of birds, such as tree and ground finches, vermillion flycatchers, paint-billed crakes, yellow warblers, and cattle egrets - usually found

standing on the tortoises' shells. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Isabela Island - Fernandina Island

On Isabela Island soak in the wonders of one of the richest marine havens on earth during deep-water snorkelling at the Bolivar Channel. Then, take a dinghy ride along the coast to observe a great diversity of sea and coastal birds; Nazca and blue-footed boobies, noddies, brown pelicans, penguins, and flightless cormorants. Continue on to make a dry landing on Fernandina Island, where the largest, most primitive-looking marine iguanas are found mingling with sea lions and Sally Lightfoot crabs. You may even encounter flightless cormorants at their nesting sites, Galápagos penguins and the "King" of predators on the islands, the Galápagos hawk! (B, L, D)

Day 12: Isabela Island

Make a wet landing today on the volcanic black beaches of Urbina Bay - home to giant tortoises, land iguanas, and the unusual flightless cormorant. Here, colourful varieties of plants and flowers attract unusual insects, birds, and reptiles. Enjoy time to snorkel, possibly swimming alongside with sea turtles, sea lions, and countless tropical fish. Don't miss the remarkable views of the Alcedo Volcano from the island's uplifted coral reef. Travel from Urbina to Tagus Cove for a dry landing. Take the trail that leads to Darwin's salt-water crater lake, offering excellent views of lava fields and volcanic formations. A dinghy ride along the shoreline full of marine wildlife highlights a variety of seabirds, such as Bluefooted Booby, Brown Noddy, terns, and - depending on the season - a large number of Galápagos Penguins which are only 35 cm tall and the only penguin species to live in the tropics. Keep an eye out for graffiti believed to have been left by 19th-century pirates. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Santiago Island

Walk in Darwin's footsteps today on Santiago Island. Begin with a wet landing at Egas Port's black volcanic sand beach, visited by Darwin in 1835. Take a unique trail formed of volcanic ash that transitions



DOUBLE SOLO

Starting at **\$11619**
Starting at **\$16069**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 22 January 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE
October 2023 - April 2024

**Itinerary featured is for October 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. For departures May 2024 - April 2025, please refer to our website.*

See this tour [online](#) for available departure dates and pricing.

ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Lima (1-2 NIGHTS)



halfway to uneven terrain of volcanic basaltic rock. The unique, truly striking layered terrain of Santiago is home to the bizarre yellow-crowned night heron and marine wildlife such as lobster, starfish and marine iguanas that graze on algae alongside Sally light-foot crabs. Colonies of fur seals swim in volcanic rock pools. After landing in Sullivan's Bay on southeastern Santiago Island, walk through the otherworldly landscape of solidified pa-hoe-hoe lava flows, formed during the last quarter of the 19th century. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Santa Cruz - Disembark Ship - Quito - Tour Ends

Your last landing in the Galápagos is on the north side of Santa Cruz at Bachas Beach where ponds entice Galápagos Flamingo's to visit, iguanas to sunbathe, and coastal birds such as Darwin finches, mockingbirds, and gulls flit among the red and black mangroves. This beach is also one of the main sea turtle nesting sites in the Galápagos and home to the remains of barges that sank during World War II. Bid the Galápagos goodbye and return to Quito, where a day room will be available close to the airport before your flight home. (B)



FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION

ADD 3 NIGHTS IN PERUVIAN AMAZON



EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

PRE TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$840[†] PP

Complete your immersion in Peru with a visit to the Peruvian Amazon. Delight in the sights and sounds of this mighty rainforest and uncover a fascinating array of flora and fauna.

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[†] Additional air segment purchase required.

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PERU: MACHU PICCHU AND LAKE TITICACA

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS
STARTING AT \$4539

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:
SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR DETAILS

1 2 3 4

HIGHLIGHTS

Lima • Sacred Valley of the Incas • Local Andean Cultures • Ollantaytambo Ruins • Home-Hosted Lunches • Machu Picchu • Cuzco • Lake Titicaca • Uros Floating Islands



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the colourful markets of Peru, including the famous Pisac village market.
- Discover the artist's techniques and designs at Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 7** — Travel above the city of Cuzco to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress **-OR-** embark on a walking tour of San Blas, the traditional old quarter of Cuzco.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a culinary demonstration at your hotel at the base of Machu Picchu.
- Delight in a home hosted farm-to-table lunch at a local Quechua community.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Hilton Garden Inn Lima Miraflores, Lima
Days 3, 4	Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Yucay
Day 5	Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7	Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco
Days 8, 9	GHL Lago Titicaca, Puno
Day 10	Hilton Garden Inn Lima Miraflores, Lima

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Machu Picchu

From the sacred citadel of Machu Picchu to the floating islands of Lake Titicaca, the magical wonders of Peru are waiting behind every corner.

Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

Welcome to Peru, one of the treasures of South America. Travel through this intriguing land visiting some of the world's most legendary sites, including Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas." Arrive late this evening in Lima, the "City of Kings."

Day 2: Lima

Discover Lima's fascinating history during a colonial tour through the historic city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas and visit the Casa de Aliaga – former house of the conquistador Jeronimo de Aliaga y Ramirez – where the energy of colonial and republican Lima comes to life. Get to know your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner featuring artfully crafted Peruvian dishes. (B, D)

Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley

Fly to Cuzco, in the heart of the Inca civilization. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas, the agricultural centre of their grand empire. While en route to your hotel, explore different towns in the valley, each a representation of the region's unique culture. After a short lesson

on the local language, stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market. Settle into your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. (B)

Day 4: Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley

This morning, visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo ruins, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. A uniquely terraced complex topped with carved stone panels, these ruins reflect ancient Incan architecture and heritage. Then, head to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get first-hand knowledge of this internationally renowned artist's techniques and designs, inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Deep dive into the cultures of modern Andean people and experience an **Impact Moment** as you mingle with a nearby community. Thanks to their effort and teamwork, tourism has become an additional income to agriculture which has positively impacted their quality of life. You'll get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group workshops that teach you traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving. Celebrate their culture as you learn their dances and listen to their musical instruments before

enjoying a home-hosted farm-to-table lunch featuring local specialties. (B, L)

Day 5: Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu

Climb aboard your train to Machu Picchu for breathtaking views through panoramic windows as you ride through the Andes to the "Lost City of the Incas." Hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungle, Machu Picchu is considered the most spectacular sight in South America. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu for a chance to further soak up its atmosphere. Enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration and learn how to craft the perfect ceviche and pisco sour before your dinner featuring a Peruvian menu. (B, D)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

This morning, take advantage of free time and explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own, or you may choose to visit Machu Picchu at sunrise. Return to the Sacred Valley by train. Upon arriving in Cuzco, take time to explore the captivating city at your leisure. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco

Start your morning on a tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the Koricancha temple, the central Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral. Later, **it's your choice!** Travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress **-OR-** embark on a walking tour of San Blas, the traditional old quarter of Cuzco, lined with restaurants and artisan shops. The rest of the afternoon is yours. This evening, dine at your leisure at a local restaurant featuring the local flavours of Cuzco. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Puno

This morning, fly to Puno, hugging the shores of Lake Titicaca. Known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire, ancient legends say that life began here. Have time to meet the locals and discover the history of this region as you explore the village centre before checking into your lakeside hotel. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 9: Puno-Uros Floating Islands-Lake Titicaca-Chullpas de Sillustan-Puno

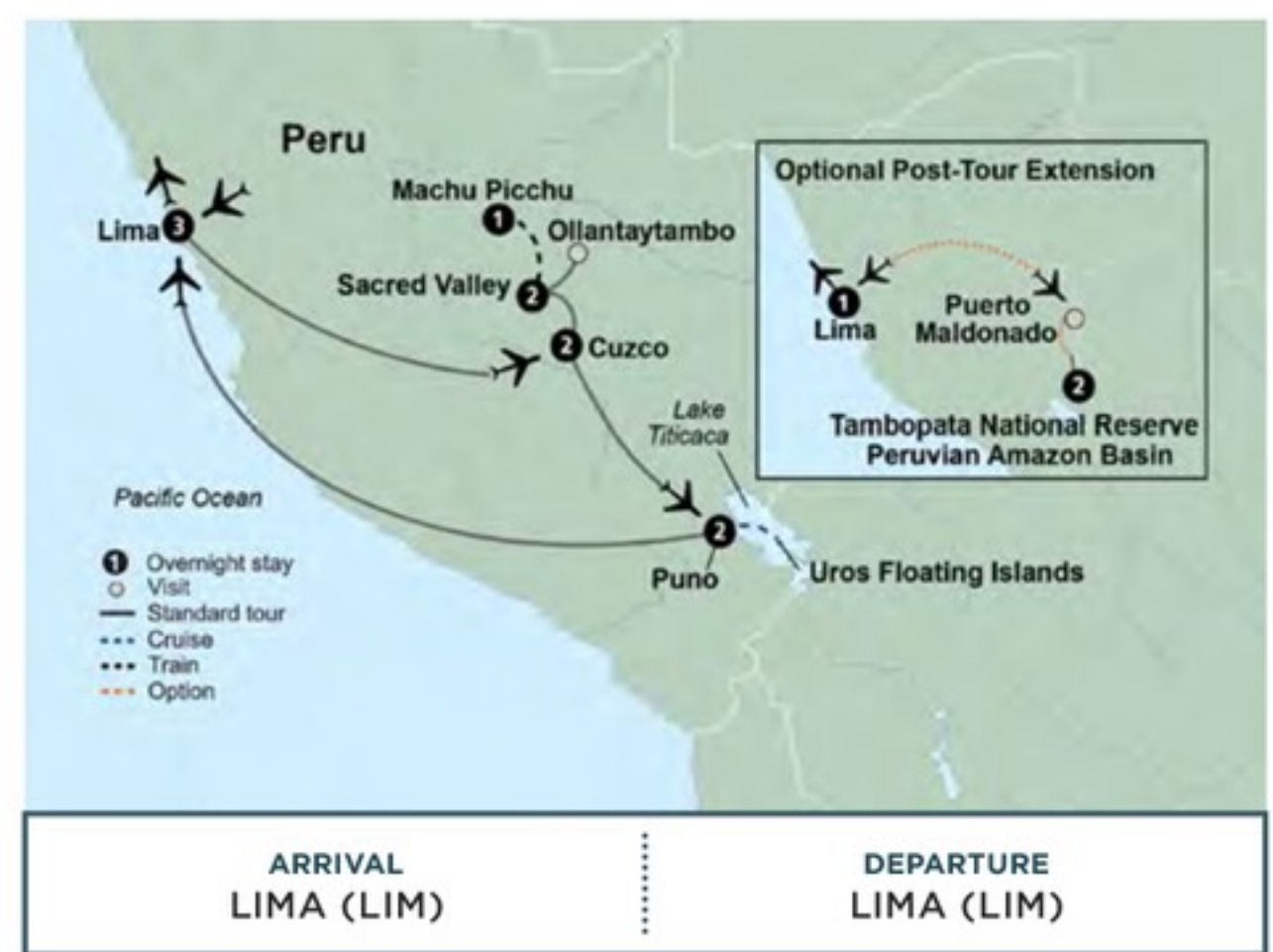
The Titicaca area, steeped in tradition and folklore, is the center of Incan legends. Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca; experience walking on the island's spongy surface made from compacted beds of tortora reeds and meet the locals, learning about their history and lifestyle. Later, cruise to a local rustic village for a home-hosted meal and swap stories with Peruvian families before visiting the mystical Chullpas de Sillustani – an archaeological area boasting 13th-century funerary monuments. (B, L)

Day 10: Puno - Lima

Spend the morning relaxing on the shores of Lake Titicaca before flying to Lima. Upon arrival, head to the Larco Museum, a former mansion built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple. The museum offers a collection of over 3,000 years of ceramic, textile, and precious metal artifacts. After this incredible trip through history, your tour concludes with a farewell dinner on the grounds of the museum. (B, D)

Day 11: Lima - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



DOUBLE SOLO Starting at **\$4539** Starting at **\$5389** Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 27 April 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2023 - April 2024 (different itinerary - see note*) **May 2024 - April 2025** (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2024 - April 2025 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ADD MORE TO YOUR TOUR

+ Pre-Night: Lima (1-2 NIGHTS)

Optional 3 Night Peruvian Amazon Post-Tour Extension

Starting at \$840+ pp



Day 11: Lima - Puerto Maldonado - Peruvian Amazon Basin

Fly from Lima to the Puerto Maldonado airport where you meet your naturalist guide. Board a canoe and transfer up the Madre

de Dios River to the Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción Lodge. After a welcome lunch, take a walk through the Concepción trails and learn about the rainforest's composition, its uses, the human impact and its relevance to the world climate. At dusk, once again take to the water on a motorized canoe. Your evening excursion will teach you about the river's ecosystem, Amazonian creeks, nocturnal animals' behavior and the southern sky's constellations. Then, you'll enjoy a delightful dinner in the Casa Grande's dining room. (B, D)

Day 12: Tambopata National Reserve - Lake Sandoval

After an early breakfast, your naturalist guide will lead you on a trek through Tambopata National Reserve. Arrive at pristine Lake

Sandoval and board a dugout canoe. Glide along taking in your peaceful surroundings. Keep an eye out for the endangered giant river otter, blue and yellow macaw, red howler monkey, black caiman, and one of the world's biggest fresh water scaled fish, the paiche. After lunch, the Inkaterra canopy walkway awaits. Begin at the Interpretation Center to learn about the project. Then ascend 98 feet in the air and cross a series of hanging bridges that connect the treetops, taking in the breathtaking panoramas and discovering the wildlife that surrounds you. This evening, explore the Amazon rainforest by moonlight and listen to the unique nocturnal sounds of the rainforest. Your day concludes with a wonderful dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Puerto Maldonado - Lima

After breakfast, take a scenic boat ride back to Puerto Maldonado. Arrive at the Inkaterra Lounge (Butterfly House) where you may wait for your flight back to Lima. (B)

Day 14: Lima - Extension Ends

Depart Lima for your overnight flight home. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.

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SPAIN'S COSTA DEL SOL & MADRID
8 DAYS • 11 MEALS

Highlights: Málaga • Picasso Museum • Marbella • Setaenil de las Bodegas • Ronda • The Alhambra • Home-Hosted Lunch • Madrid • Segovia

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at
\$2,999
Solo starting at
\$3,799

Price based on
10 March 2024 departure



PATAGONIA: EDGE OF THE WORLD
13 DAYS • 24 MEALS

Highlights: Ainsworth Bay • Perito Moreno Glacier • Torres del Paine National Park • Cape Horn • Ushuaia • 4-Night Fjord Cruise • Buenos Aires • Tucker Islets • Glacier Alley • Pia Glacier • Tierra del Fuego National Park • Wulaia Bay • Tango Show • Patagonian *Estancia*

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at
\$9,859
Solo starting at
\$13,009

Price based on
13 March 2024 departure



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JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT
13 DAYS • 34 MEALS

Highlights: Buenos Aires • Kayak Excursions • The Drake Passage • Authentic Expedition Ship • Zodiac Forays • Penguin Colony Close-Ups • Ushuaia • On Board Educational Sessions • Photography Guidance

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at
\$25,329
Solo starting at
\$32,429

Price based on
6 February 2024 departure



SPECTACULAR SOUTH AFRICA
13 DAYS • 25 MEALS

Highlights: Johannesburg • Panoramic Route • Knysna • Soweto • Featherbed Nature Reserve • Safari Game Drives • Wine Tasting & Dinner • Kruger National Park • Choice on Tour • Cape Town • Garden Route • Stellenbosch • Table Mountain

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at
\$5,029
Solo starting at
\$6,429

Price based on
4 April 2025 departure



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REFLECTIONS OF ITALY

9 DAYS • 12 MEALS

Highlights: Rome • Vatican Museums • Assisi • Sistine Chapel • St. Peter's Basilica • Lake Como • Cortona • Florence • Michelangelo's *David* • Venice • Chianti Winery & Cooking Class • Murano Island • Perugia

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$3,999**

Solo starting at **\$4,999**

Price based on 7 March 2024 departure



ROME & THE AMALFI COAST

9 DAYS • 13 MEALS

Highlights: Rome • Trevi Fountain • Montecassino • Piazza Navona • Colosseum • Choice on Tour • Farmhouse Visit and Mozzarella-Making Demonstration • Sorrento • Amalfi Coast • Pompeii • Pantheon • Winery Visit and Lunch

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$4,299**

Solo starting at **\$5,449**

Price based on 21 March 2024 departure



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CRUISING



VENICE & CROATIAN ISLANDS CRUISE

12 DAYS • 23 MEALS

Highlights: Venice • Murano Island • Cres • Hum • Krk • Farm-to-Table Dinner • Opatija • 7-night Adriatic Cruise • Collio Wine Region • Olive Oil Tasting • Rab • Šibenik • *Sea Organ* and *Greetings to the Sun* • Zadar • Sailing through Kornati National Park • Cathedral of St. James

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$5,949**

Solo starting at **\$9,299**

Price based on 14 September 2024 departure



SPOTLIGHT ON NORTHERN ITALY

8 DAYS • 14 MEALS

Highlights: Treviso • Tiramisu Cooking Class • Verona • Choice on Tour: Verona Painted City or Verona and its Waters Walking Tours • Bassano del Grappa • Venice • Asolo • Prosecco Winery Tour • Venetian Villa Visit • Murano Glass Blowing Demonstration • The Dolomites

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$3,649**

Solo starting at **\$4,349**

Price based on 13 September 2024 departure



SPOTLIGHT NEW



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ICONIC ISRAEL

9 DAYS • 16 MEALS

Highlights: Yad Vashem • Jaffa • The Western Wall • Caesarea • Druze Lunch • Winery Visit • Masada • Nazareth • Mount of Olives • Home-Hosted Dinner • Carmel Market Food Tour • Tel Aviv • Sea of Galilee • Holocaust Survivor Discussion • Dead Sea • Jerusalem

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$4,999**

Solo starting at **\$6,999**

Price based on 10 April 2024 departure





CLASSIC
EXPLORING SCOTLAND & IRELAND
 12 DAYS · 18 MEALS

Highlights: Highland Evening · Edinburgh Castle · St. Andrews · Loch Ness Cruise · Urquhart Castle · Edinburgh · Glasgow · Belfast · Cider Farm Tour · Titanic Experience · Giant's Causeway · Dublin · Derry · The Causeway Coast Rail Journey

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$5,449**
 Solo starting at **\$6,899**
 Price based on 31 March 2025 departure



IRISH SPLENDOUR
 7 DAYS · 9 MEALS

Highlights: Dublin · Christ Church Cathedral · Blarney Castle · Dingle Peninsula · Farm Visit · Cliffs of Moher · Whiskey Distillery · Castle Stay

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$3,199**
 Solo starting at **\$3,899**
 Price based on 7 March 2025 departure



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SHADES OF IRELAND
 FEATURING NORTHERN IRELAND
 12 DAYS · 17 MEALS

Highlights: Dublin · Waterford · Farm Visit · Choice on Tour: Dublin City Bus or Walking Tour · Boat Tour · Blarney Castle · Derry · Kilkenny · Cliffs of Moher · Galway · Ring of Kerry · Donegal Town · Titanic Experience · Belfast · Glens of Antrim · Giant's Causeway · Choice on Tour: Waterford Crystal Factory or Waterford Medieval Museum & Wine Vault

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$4,999**
 Solo starting at **\$5,999**
 Price based on 7 March 2025 departure



HOLLAND AND BELGIUM
 SPRINGTIME RIVER CRUISE
 8 DAYS · 20 MEALS

Highlights: Amsterdam · 7-Night River Cruise · Arnhem · Middelburg · Bruges · Antwerp · Kinderdijk Windmills · Keukenhof Gardens

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$5,299**
 Solo starting at **\$7,949**
 Price based on 11 April 2024 departure



CRUISING



CRUISING
MAGICAL RHINE AND MOSELLE RIVERS
 8 DAYS · 20 MEALS

Highlights: Amsterdam · 7-Night River Cruise · Rhine River · Cologne · Moselle River · Bernkastel · Wine Tasting · Cochem · Speyer · Mannheim · Lorelei Passage · Strasbourg

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$5,499**
 Solo starting at **\$8,599**
 Price based on 20 September 2024 departure





CLASSIC



DISCOVERING POLAND

11 DAYS • 15 MEALS

Highlights: Warsaw • Malbork Castle • Gdansk • Solidarity Shipyards • Choice on Tour • Wroclaw • Jasna Góra Monastery • Black Madonna • Kraków • Auschwitz • Folklore Show & Dinner

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$3,899**

Solo starting at **\$4,899**

Price based on 18 May 2025 departure



SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS & MAJESTIC PEAKS

Highlights: Swiss Travel Pass • Choice on Tour • Walking Tour of Neuchâtel's Historic Quarter • Bern • Mount Stanserhorn • Museum of Vine and Wine • Lake Geneva • Vevey • Lavaux Terraced Vineyards • Wine Tastings • Neuchâtel • Lucerne • Zermatt

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$7,399**

Solo starting at **\$9,099**

Price based on 20 April 2024 departure



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ESSENCE OF FRANCE

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS

Highlights: Paris • Le Marais Food Tour • Seine River Cruise • High-speed TGV train • Aix-en-Provence • Truffle Hunting • Cassis • Choice on Tour • Grasse • Perfume Workshop • Nice • Saint Paul de Vence • Villa Rothschild

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$6,499**

Solo starting at **\$8,349**

Price based on 18 April 2024 departure



FRANCE MAGNIFIQUE

Highlights: Versailles Palace & Gardens • Loire Valley • American Cemetery • Seine River Cruise • Omaha Beach • Normandy • Le Mont St. Michel • Winery Tour • Giverny • 2-Night Château Stay • Eiffel Tower Dinner • Paris • Chenonceau Castle • D-Day Landing Sites • Amboise

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$5,499**

Solo starting at **\$6,749**

Price based on 15 March 2024 departure



CLASSIC



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MEMORIALS OF WORLD WAR II

9 DAYS • 12 MEALS

Highlights: Normandy • Seine River Dinner Cruise • Arromanche-les-Baines • Apple Cider Farm Visit • Utah Beach • Pointe du Hoc • Omaha Beach • Juno Beach • London & Paris WWII-Focused City Tours • Portsmouth • Giverny Gardens • Longues-sur-Mer

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$4,299**

Solo starting at **\$5,699**

Price based on 2 November 2024 departure





ISRAEL: A JOURNEY OF FAITH

8 DAYS • 14 MEALS

Highlights: Caesarea • Nazareth • Cana • Tiberias • Sea of Galilee • Mount of Beatitudes • Capernaum • Golan Heights • Caesarea Philippi • Tel Megiddo • Mount of Olives • Garden Tomb • Western Wall • Mount Zion • Bethlehem • Via Dolorosa • Jerusalem

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$4,299**

Solo starting at **\$5,599**

Price based on 22 April 2025 departure



ISRAEL: PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

8 DAYS • 14 MEALS

Highlights: Caesarea • Church of the Transfiguration • Cana • Tiberias • Sea of Galilee • Mount of Beatitudes • Capernaum • Nazareth • Western Wall • Mount of Olives • Church of the Holy Sepulchre • Church of the Nativity • Celebrate Mass Daily • Bethlehem • Mount of Olives • Jerusalem

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$4,299**

Solo starting at **\$5,449**

Price based on 24 October 2024 departure



PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES WITH BARCELONA

9 DAYS • 15 MEALS

Highlights: Fatima • Aljustrel • Valinhos • Cathedral of Burgos • Lourdes • Grotto of Massabielle • Barcelona • La Sagrada Familia

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$3,499**

Solo starting at **\$4,199**

Price based on 16 September 2024 departure



2025 JUBILEE: THE HOLY YEAR

8 DAYS • 11 MEALS

Highlights: Rome • Assisi & Basilica of Saint Francis • St. Mary Major Basilica • St. Paul Outside the Walls • Vatican City • Papal Blessing in Saint Peter's Square • Basilica of St. John Lateran & the Holy Stairs • Sistine Chapel • Vatican City • St. Peter's Basilica & Holy Door • Papal Audience

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$3,799**

Solo starting at **\$4,599**

Price based on 19 June 2025 departure



SHRINES OF ITALY

10 DAYS • 15 MEALS

Highlights: Rome • Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi • Holy House of Nazareth in Loreto • Vatican City • Christian Rome City Tour • San Giovanni Rotondo • Catacombs • St. Peter's Basilica

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$3,349**

Solo starting at **\$3,899**

Price based on 29 January 2025 departure





SPOTLIGHT

SPOTLIGHT ON LONDON

6 DAYS • 8 MEALS

Highlights: Choice on Tour: London Theatre or Afternoon Tea • Greenwich Culinary Walking Tour • London Underground • London Retro Bus • Westminster Abbey • Tower of London

Double starting at **\$3,399**

Solo starting at **\$4,242**

Price based on 28 March 2025 departure



Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

SPOTLIGHT ON PARIS

6 DAYS • 8 MEALS

Highlights: Eiffel Tower Dinner • Notre Dame • Champs-Elysees • Place des Vosges • Le Marais • Parisian Food Tour • Versailles Palace & Gardens • Montmartre • Louvre Museum • Arc de Triomphe • Seine River Dinner Cruise

Double starting at **\$4,799**

Solo starting at **\$6,649**

Price based on 19 March 2025 departure



Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4



SPOTLIGHT

SPOTLIGHT ON SAN ANTONIO

5 DAYS • 5 MEALS

Highlights: Mission San José • Fredericksburg • Choice on Tour • Paseo del Rio Cruise • The Alamo • National Museum of the Pacific War • El Mercado • Historic Pearl District

Double starting at **\$2,649**

Solo starting at **\$3,199**

Price based on 23 February 2025 departure



Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4



SPOTLIGHT

SPOTLIGHT ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA

8 DAYS • 12 MEALS

Highlights: Nice • Food Tour & Tasting • Monaco • St. Paul de Vence • Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild • Choice on Tour • Fragonard Perfumery Workshop • Cannes • Saint-Honorat Island & Wine Tasting • Nice Flower Market • Monte Carlo • Grasse

Double starting at **\$4,149**

Solo starting at **\$5,549**

Price based on 3 May 2024 departure



Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4



SPOTLIGHT

SPOTLIGHT ON SOUTH DAKOTA

7 DAYS • 9 MEALS

Highlights: Off-Road Jeep Safari at Custer State Park • Choice on Tour • Oglala Lakota Living History Village • Wall Drug • Deadwood • Crazy Horse Memorial • Devils Tower National Monument • Mount Rushmore • High Plains Heritage Centre • Badlands National Park

Double starting at **\$3,399**

Solo starting at **\$4,249**

Price based on 2 October 2024 departure



Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4



SPOTLIGHT



SPOTLIGHT



SPOTLIGHT ON BOSTON

5 DAYS · 6 MEALS

Highlights: Faneuil Hall · Harvard University · Choice on Tour: JFK Library or Architectural Walking Tour of Boston · Buckman's Tavern · Beacon Hill · Lexington & Concord

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$2,999**

Solo starting at **\$3,849**

Price based on 12 September 2024 departure



HAWAIIAN ADVENTURE

10 DAYS · 13 MEALS

Highlights: Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park · Polynesian Luau · Kona Highlights · Waikiki Beach · Lahaina · Iao Valley · Iolani Palace · Pearl Harbor

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

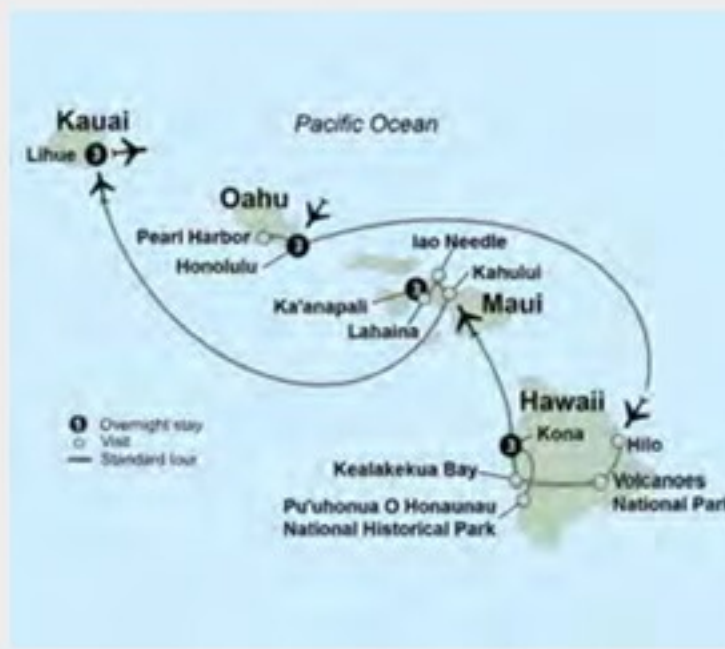
Double starting at **\$6,839**

Solo starting at **\$9,239**

Price based on 3 November 2024 departure



CLASSIC



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GRAND HAWAIIAN ADVENTURE

13 DAYS · 17 MEALS

Highlights: Waikiki Beach · Waimea Canyon · Iolani Palace · Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park · Kona Highlights · Polynesian Luau · Pearl Harbor · Iao Valley · Lahaina

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$9,589**

Solo starting at **\$13,089**

Price based on 27 March 2025 departure



MACKINAC ISLAND

9 DAYS · 12 MEALS

Highlights: Millennium Park · Mackinac Island · Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village · Frankenmuth · Grand Hotel · Chicago · Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$4,949**

Solo starting at **\$5,999**

Price based on 5 October 2024 departure



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SMALL GROUPS



MONTANA: EXPLORING BIG SKY COUNTRY

11 DAYS · 16 MEALS

Highlights: Bozeman · Yellowstone · Old Faithful · Mammoth Hot Springs · Yellowstone Grand Canyon · Helena · Gates of the Mountains · Great Falls · Whitefish · White Water Rafting · Flathead Lake · Museum of Mountain Flying · Holt Heritage Museum

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$8,299**

Solo starting at **\$10,699**

Price based on 25 June 2024 departure





HOLIDAY TOURS



SPOTLIGHT



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW YORK CITY HOLIDAY

5 DAYS • 5 MEALS

Highlights: Greenwich Village • Wall Street • Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall • Statue of Liberty • Ellis Island • Broadway Show • 9/11 Museum • 9/11 Memorial

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$3,999**

Solo starting at **\$5,099**

Price based on 12 December 2024 departure



SPOTLIGHT ON SAN ANTONIO HOLIDAY

5 DAYS • 5 MEALS

Highlights: Historic Pearl District • The Alamo • El Mercado • Fredericksburg • Choice on Tour • National Museum of the Pacific War • Paseo del Rio Cruise • Mission San José

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$2,799**

Solo starting at **\$3,349**

Price based on 5 December 2024 departure



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NASHVILLE & THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS HOLIDAY

8 DAYS • 11 MEALS

Highlights: Grand Ole Opry Show • Asheville • Country Music Hall of Fame • Gaylord Opryland Resort Dinner & Holiday Show • Dollywood • Historic RCA Studio B • Asheville • Biltmore Estate • Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

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SOUTHERN CHARM HOLIDAY

7 DAYS • 9 MEALS

Highlights: Historic Charleston • Sea Turtle Hospital • Choice on Tour: Walking Tour or Fort Sumter Cruise in Charleston • James Island County Park Holiday Display • Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens • St. Simons Island • Jekyll Island • Savannah • Christmas Carolling

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

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AMERICA'S MUSIC CITIES HOLIDAY

8 DAYS • 11 MEALS

Highlights: Ryman Auditorium • French Quarter • Swamp Tour • Jazz Revue • Mardi Gras World • Historic RCA Studio B • Grand Ole Opry Show • Gaylord Opryland Resort Dinner & Show • Graceland • Country Music Hall of Fame

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

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CHRISTMAS IN LONDON

6 DAYS • 8 MEALS

Highlights: Buckingham Palace • Covent Garden • Oxford • Tower of London • Traditional English Tea • Christmas Markets • Blenheim Palace • Big Ben

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$2,999**

Solo starting at **\$3,799**

Price based on 6 December 2024 departure



CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE

8 DAYS • 19 MEALS

Highlights: Würzburg • Rothenburg • Nuremberg • 6-Night Danube River Cruise • Glühwein Party • Hofburg Palace • Wachau Valley • Christmas Markets • Vienna • Passau • Regensburg • Vienna Opera House

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$3,999**

Solo starting at **\$5,399**

Price based on 8 December 2024 departure



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EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS

8 DAYS • 11 MEALS

Highlights: Prague's Christmas Markets • Bratislava • Choice on Tour: Vltava Boat Tour or Jewish Heritage Tour • Prague Castle • Dresden's Christmas Markets • Vienna's Christmas Markets • Schönbrunn Palace • Train Ride to Dresden • Budapest's Christmas Markets • Fisherman's Bastion

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$3,499**

Solo starting at **\$4,299**

Price based on 10 December 2024 departure



MAGICAL CHRISTMAS MARKETS

7 DAYS • 10 MEALS

Highlights: • Innsbruck • St. Peter's Restaurant • Choice on Tour: Innsbruck City Tour or Museum of Tyrolean Heritage • Oberammergau • Carriage Ride • Salzburg • Seefeld • Munich

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Double starting at **\$3,199**

Solo starting at **\$3,749**

Price based on 11 December 2024 departure



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Frequently Asked Questions

Accommodation

What is the difference between a twin room and a double room? A double room is designed to accommodate two people, but may not have two separate beds. A twin bedded room has two separate beds of any size, and is the type most commonly utilised.

What size is a triple room? A triple room is the same size as a twin bedded room and beds will accommodate three people, but we cannot guarantee three separate beds. If there are only two beds, a rollaway may be requested but cannot be guaranteed due to size of room and fire codes. Please inquire at time of reservation.

Can my children travel on tour? Children over the age of 5 may travel on a Collette tour accompanied by an adult. Child land rates are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults on certain tours only. If you are travelling with a child, it is your sole responsibility to ensure the child follows all safety rules of the tour. For safari tours, travelers must be at least 13 years of age.

Are single and triple rooms always available? Triple rooms are not always an option on every tour. Single rooms are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Be advised that single rooms are often smaller.

When can I check into my hotel? Normal check-in time is late afternoon. If you do have an early arrival, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

Flights

Can Collette book our airline reservations? Collette is happy to assist you in accommodating your flight needs. Due to tour scheduling and limited availability, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of Collette's air packages. We are not responsible for air arrangements you have made on your own. On occasion, it is necessary to change tour dates. In this case, we can only protect air reservations booked through Collette. For all air reservations, it is strongly recommended to reconfirm flights before departure, in the event that the airline has an unexpected schedule change. We cannot assume responsibility for schedule changes, routings or flight cancellations involving the airlines.

Attractions and Sightseeing

Are attractions always available? Access to some attractions or Collette Foundation sites may be affected by local holidays, weather conditions or other circumstances. As a result, the days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilise your time on tour. Boat rides are weather permitting. Some attractions may not be available during the "off-season" months. When attractions are unavailable, other similar attractions will be substituted. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.

Is there a lot of walking on tour? Our itineraries include many activities and some may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict coaches. Some hotels/lodges in remote locations may not have elevators. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. See our "Activity Levels" section on the inside front cover and page 1, and "Tour Pacing" below.

Can you tell me more about the safaris? For a fuller wildlife experience you will be traveling by custom-built safari vehicles which requires frequently climbing in and out of jeeps and sometimes traversing bumpy roads. We recommend a good fitness level and to prepare properly.

How can I plan for shore landings? Special clothing is required for the shore landings (Antarctica, Galapagos); please refer to your predeparture documents for important details.

Are all theatre performances suitable for children? Some theatre performances may be unsuitable for children — please consult your tour manager.

Documentation

Do I need a passport? A valid passport is required for all trips. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements as well as other laws that may affect your ability to travel. We recommend that your passport has six months validity, and at least three blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each traveller.

Extending your Stay

Can I extend my tour to see more of a region? Yes! You may enhance your tour by purchasing either an extension or pre/post hotel stays when offered. Extensions may be "hosted" rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will be available on-call during the duration of the stay. A minimum number of passengers may be required to operate some extensions. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Collette also offers pre and post hotel nights before and/or after a tour. Should you purchase additional nights, your tour manager will not be available during this time.

Extras

What is not included in the tour price? The land price does not include international air travel from Australia, travel insurance, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, pre/post tour accommodation, extensions, extension Air, presold optional excursions, customary end-of-trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, government quarantine fees, and any incidental charges.

Gratuities

Are gratuities included? Collette offers a pre-paid tipping option for guests. This allows guests to purchase the package up to 45 days prior to departure and know that all tipping is covered. Gratuities are not included in the tour price and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Customary gratuities have not been included for hotel housekeeping staff, local sightseeing guides, transfer drivers, motor coach drivers, pre/post accommodation, extensions and tour managers. Gratuities should be given in direct proportion to the level of professionalism and personal service extended to you. With this in mind, we have created a guide for you:

- Tour Manager: \$5-8 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Local Guide: \$2-3 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per person

- Motor Coach Driver: \$3–5 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Hotel Housekeeping Staff: \$2–3 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per room per day
- Applicable gratuities for bellmen, doormen and dining room staff for group meals have been included.

Late Bookings

Do you accept late bookings? Yes, tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. Late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with full payment if within 60 days prior for standard departures and 120 days prior for cruises.

On-tour Experience

Where do I meet my tour manager? Our tour manager will make contact with you at your first hotel. The hotel's address and phone number will be included in your documents.

Can I pre purchase optional excursions/ activities? Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase provided that you make your options purchase 15 days or more prior to the tour start date. Collette makes it convenient to reserve presold options by visiting our website for a full listing of activities and excursions or when your reservation is made with our team. In addition, there are benefits to prepurchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full, so once payment is received in full, your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure. Any presold options cancelled while on tour are nonrefundable.

Revisions/changes

Would my tour date ever be changed? While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Should this happen, Collette will make every effort to put you on another departure date. If an alternate cannot be found, a full refund will be made. Flights booked through Collette will be protected. We cannot be held responsible for penalties incurred if you secured your own flights.

Can I make changes to my reservation?

Should you decide to change your reservation after initial booking and 45 days or more prior to tour start date, a handling fee of \$25 per transaction will be charged. A change of tour date or tour itinerary within the guidelines of the cancellation policy will be treated as a cancellation and regular cancellation fees may apply. Revisions to air tickets are subject to the rules and regulations of the airline. See our Cancellation Policy for more details.

Tour Pacing

How can I be best prepared for the pacing and physical requirements on a Collette tour? Tour pacing varies by itinerary, and each destination's sightseeing and activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. At Collette, we do include the best a destination has to offer, enhancing your overall tour experience. For overnight pacing of a tour, as well as day-by day descriptions of the tour, please refer to our website.

The Tour Activity Level Ranking is featured in a circle on each tour itinerary in this brochure and on our webpage. The definition of each activity level is listed here. If you have additional questions regarding a specific tour, please enquire at time of reservation. For your comfort, we recommend packing comfortable walking shoes so you can fully enjoy every aspect of your tour.

Level 1:

You're a leisurely traveller. You like to discover the energy of a new place, but typically take it easy. You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15–30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.

Level 2:

You like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30–45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains — from cobblestone streets to easy straightaways to a couple hills or flights of stairs. You're comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time, but need some time to unwind and relax.

Level 3:

You're an on-the-go traveller. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1–2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

Level 4:

You're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and hiking are things you may enjoy) and few thousand steps a day isn't out of the norm. You can handle longer walking tours (more than 90 minutes), traversing dusty or uneven terrain, standing for periods of time, varying altitudes and temperatures, and don't mind being on the go with some early starts, late-night experiences, and full days. Unfortunately, this level is not appropriate for individuals who use wheelchairs or walkers.

Transfers

Are airport and hotel transfers available?

Roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers are provided for all passengers who purchase airfare through Collette. These transfers also apply to pre- and post-night stays. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase transfers (for the first and last day of the tour) at an additional cost, roundtrip. Some restrictions may apply. All transfers leave at prescheduled times.

What is the private sedan service? It's your ticket to and from the airport if you purchase international air through Collette. This personalised service is included within a 80km radius from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth airports. Extended kilometres for travellers residing between 80–100 kilometres, will be available for a surcharge. A surcharge will be provided at the time of reservation.

Services are direct to/from the gateway, no stops.

* One transfer per room booking. More options are available ask our Reservation staff for details.

Visit gocollette.com.au/chauffeur for a video and more details on this amazing service!

Travel Loyalty

We design and deliver touring experiences to encourage travellers to choose to explore the world with Collette. We also reward travellers for making the choice to travel again with us. Travellers are automatically enrolled into our Passport Club on booking. Benefit details are available at collette.com.au or simply ask our consultants for details when you book.

Reservation Information

1. Booking Conditions

These booking conditions, together with our privacy policy, and any other written information we brought to your attention before we confirmed your booking, form the basis of your contract with Collette Pty Ltd (ACN 600 161 671) of Level 16, 175 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000 ('we' or 'us'). Please read them carefully as they set out your respective rights and obligations. References to 'you' and 'your' include the first named person on the booking and all persons on whose behalf a booking is made or any other person to whom a booking is transferred. By making a booking, the first named person on the booking agrees on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking that:

- he/she has read these terms and conditions and has the authority to and does agree to be bound by them;
- he/she consents to our use of information in accordance with our privacy policy; and
- he/she is over 18 years of age and resident in Australia and where placing an order for services with age restrictions declares that he/she and all members of the party are of the appropriate age to purchase those services.

2. Making a Booking and Paying for Your Holiday

When you confirm your booking you must pay the applicable deposit or full payment detailed in the table below. If the arrangements you wish to book are available we will issue a confirmation invoice and send this to you or your travel agent. A binding contract will come into existence between you and us as soon as we have issued you with this confirmation invoice. Upon receipt, if you believe that any details on the confirmation invoice (or any other document) are wrong, you must advise us immediately as changes cannot be made later and it may harm your rights if we are not notified of any inaccuracies in any document within 10 days of us sending it out (5 days for tickets). The balance of the cost of your arrangements is due in accordance with the table in section 3 below. If we do not receive all payments in full and on time, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you in which case the cancellation charges set out in the tables in section 7 below will become payable. In the case of international payments you must ensure that the full Australian dollars amount is received by us after all bank charges have been levied.

3. Deposits and Balances

Further to section 2, in order to confirm your chosen arrangements, you must pay a deposit. The deposit payable and the time that the balance of the cost of your arrangements (including any surcharge where applicable) will become due will vary depending on the holiday you book. Your deposit includes Collette's Cancellation Waiver Policy. See point 6 for more details.

Land Package Deposit

- A \$395 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica and Cruises, a non-refundable \$695 deposit is required.
- An additional \$1000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

Internal Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- A \$895 non-refundable deposit is due with your internal air inclusive reservation.
- For Antarctica and Cruises, internal air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable \$1195 deposit is required. An additional \$1000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

International Flexible Purchase Air

- If you have selected International Flexible Purchase Air, a \$500 (per ticket and may vary dependent on Cancellation Fees imposed by the Airline) plus the land package deposit noted above, all of which is non-refundable.
- For Antarctica and Cruises, International Flexible Purchase Air reservations, a \$500 (per ticket and may vary dependent on Cancellation Fees imposed by the Airline/ check with Reservations) plus a \$695 deposit is required all of which is non-refundable. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.
- International Flexible Purchase Airfare includes round-trip airport /hotel transfers.

International Flexible Purchase Airfare requires the aforementioned deposit requirements at time of booking.

International Flexible Purchase Airfare is fully refundable less the land and Air deposit under Collette's Waiver Policy.

These tickets include an administration fee and round-trip airport to hotel transfers of which both hold no airline reissue value. Once paid in full, there can be no fluctuation in price due to an increase in government taxes or in airline fuel surcharges.

International Instant Purchase Air

- If you have selected International Instant Purchase Air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airfare plus the land package deposit noted above, all of which is non-refundable.
- For Antarctica and Cruises, International Instant Purchase Air reservations, the full cost of the airfare plus a \$695 deposit is required all of which is non-refundable. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.
- International Instant Purchase Non-refundable Airfare includes round trip airport /hotel transfers. International Instant Purchase, Non-refundable Airfare requires full payment at the time of booking.

Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% non-refundable at time of reservation. Tickets will be issued immediately and, once issued are non-refundable, may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline. These tickets include an administration fee and round trip airport to hotel transfers of which both hold no airline reissue value. Once issued, there can be no fluctuation in price due to an increase in government taxes or in airline fuel surcharges.

The balance is due 60 days before departure on all tours, except cruises, Antarctica and Galapagos. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises, Antarctica and Galapagos. Payment may be made by Direct deposit, Credit, bank account details on invoice, charging to clients' MasterCard, Visa. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit.

The Price of your Holiday

The price of your travel arrangements has been calculated using exchange rates as at the date of advertisement of the holiday. We reserve the right to amend the price of unsold holidays at any time and correct errors in the prices of confirmed holidays. The price of your confirmed holiday is subject at all times to changes in transport costs such as fuel, scheduled airfares and any other airline cost changes which are part of our contracts with airlines (and their agents), cruise ship operators and any other transport provider; to cost changes arising from government action such as changes in GST or any other government imposed changes; and to changes in currency exchange rates and to dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports any or all of which may result in a variation of your holiday price. We will absorb and you will not be charged for any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements, which excludes insurance premiums and any amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements. You will be charged for the amount over and above that, plus an administration charge of \$25 per person together with an amount to cover agents' commission. If this means that you have to pay an increase of more than 10% of the price of your travel arrangements (excluding any insurance premiums, amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements), you will have the options set out in section 9 below. There will be no change made to the price of your holiday within 30 days of your departure nor will refunds be paid during this period.

4. Cutting Your Holiday Short

If you are forced to return home early, we cannot refund the cost of any services you have not used. If you cut short your holiday and return home early in circumstances where you have no reasonable cause

for complaint about the standard of accommodation and services provided, we will not offer you any refund for that part of your holiday not completed, or be liable for any associated costs you may incur. Depending on the circumstances, your travel insurance may offer cover for curtailment and we suggest that any claim is made directly with your insurer.

5. Changes By You

If you wish to alter your booking after your holiday has been confirmed, we will try to make the necessary arrangements provided we receive written confirmation of the change from before the date on which the final balance of the cost of your holiday is due. If you are prevented from travelling it may be possible to transfer your booking to another suitable

person provided that written notice is given no later than 28 days before you are due to depart. Whilst we will do our best to assist, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet your requested change. Change and transfers will be subject to an administrative fee as well as any applicable rate changes or extra costs incurred by ourselves and any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible. Where we are unable to assist you and you do not wish to proceed with the original booking we will treat this as a cancellation by you. A cancellation fee may be payable.

Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements.

6. Cancellation Waiver Policy

To assist you to avoid cancellation fees, we include a cancellation waiver policy for your Collette tour (land arrangements). The Collette waiver policy guarantees a full refund of all Collette tour payments (excluding deposit), in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable International Instant Purchase airline tickets, the cancellation waiver fee does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of a cancellation. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline. The cancellation waiver protects you from forfeiting payments made in advance if you cancel your entire inclusive holiday package up to the day prior to departure. The cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you elect to partially cancel your holiday, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. The cancellation waiver does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers

involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the cancelling client, the travelling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement.

7. If You Cancel

If you or any other member of your party decides to cancel your confirmed booking you must notify us in writing. Your notice of cancellation will only take effect when it is received in writing or by email by us at our offices. If cancellation is confirmed prior to 24 hours before date of departure, your non-refundable deposit will be retained.

If cancellation is confirmed within 24 hours of date of departure full payment will be retained.

* Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% non-refundable at time of reservation.

Upon cancellation of transport or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not cancelled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration or cancellation could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements in addition to the charge above. You may be able to reclaim these charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. We will deduct the cancellation charge(s) from any monies you have already paid to us. If some, but not all party members cancel, additional charges may be payable by the remaining members, e.g. under occupancy charges or single supplements. No allowance or refund can be made for your meals, rooms, excursions etc., included in the price of your tour but not taken, nor can any refund be made for lost, mislaid, or destroyed travel tickets or vouchers. If any member of your party is prevented from travelling, that person(s) may transfer their place to someone else (introduced by you and satisfying all the conditions applicable to the arrangements) providing we are notified not less than 28 days before departure and you pay an amendment fee of \$25 per person transferring, meet all costs and charges incurred by us and/or incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers and the transferee agrees to these booking conditions and all other terms of the contract between us. If you are unable to find a replacement, cancellation charges as set out will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

8. Alterations and Cancellations By Us

Occasionally, we may have to make changes to or cancel your holiday arrangements and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most of these changes will be minor and we will advise you or your travel agent of them at the earliest possible date. We also reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your travel arrangements. For example, if the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached, we may have to cancel it. However, we will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 60

days before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure (as defined in Section 14) or failure by you to pay your final balance. Most changes will be minor and we will advise you or your travel agent of them at the earliest opportunity. Your rights vary depending on whether we make a 'minor' or 'major' change. Examples of "minor changes" include the following when made before departure. Any change in the identity of the carrier(s), flight timings, and/or aircraft type is deemed to be a minor change. Other examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same standard. Examples of "major changes" include the following when made before departure; a change of accommodation area for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of accommodation to that of a lower official classification for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of outward departure time or overall length of your holiday of 12 or more hours, the closure of the only or all advertised swimming pool(s) at your accommodation for an extended period and, in the case of tours, a significant change of itinerary missing out one or more major destination substantially or altogether. If we have to make a major change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible and if there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of i) (for major changes) accepting the changed arrangements ii) having a refund of all monies paid or iii) accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from us, if available (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value). You must notify us of your choice within 7 days of our offer. If you fail to do so we will assume that you have chosen to accept the change or alternative booking arrangements. If we make a major change or cancel, less than 60 days before departure, we will also pay compensation as detailed in section 9 below.

9. Compensation for Major Changes and Cancellations

We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any holiday departure in accordance with operational requirements or circumstances beyond our control. If a holiday is cancelled prior to the scheduled departure date, our only responsibility will be to refund the amount received for the reservation. Wherever possible, we will offer the same holiday with a different departure date, or an alternative similar holiday. If there is a difference in cost, it will be your expense. For air-inclusive holidays, we will try to confirm air schedules for the selected new dates, subject to availability. We are not responsible for any additional costs or fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements not made through us. The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so. We will not pay you compensation where we make a major change or cancel more than 60 days before departure or in the event that we are forced to make a change or cancel as a result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with all due care. All holidays operate subject to a minimum

number of bookings. Very rarely, we may be forced by "force majeure" (see section 14) to change or terminate your arrangements after departure. If this situation does occur, we regret we will be unable to make any refunds (unless we obtain any from our suppliers), pay you compensation or meet any costs or expenses you incur as a result.

10. Passports, Visas & Health Requirements

Passport and visa requirements vary depending on your destination. The information which we provide is for guidance only, and we cannot accept any liability. We recommend that you contact the relevant consulate to check any restrictions that may apply. Requirements do change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. Please contact your doctor for advice on health requirements. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a proper passport and visa and that no personal circumstances such as a criminal offence or travel to another country will affect your individual visa requirements, and that you have the required vaccinations to gain entry to any country which you are visiting. Most countries now require passports to be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. If your passport is in its final year, you should check with the Embassy of the country you are visiting. For further information contact the Australian Passport Office (www.passports.gov.au). Up to date travel advice can be obtained from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, visit www.dfat.gov.au or www.smarttraveller.gov.au. If you fail to take the necessary steps, we have no liability to you and you will have to pay us any costs which we incur through helping you because of such failure on your part. Further, we are not liable to you for any illness or discomfort you suffer through failure to have required vaccinations or to follow medical advice.

11. Single Traveller Occupancy

We levy a single traveller supplement for those travelling on their own because our contract with hotels is based on a price per room, while our holidays are sold per person including flights and other elements. Therefore, the per person price for a single traveller includes the entire room cost. It is not our intention to penalise anyone who is under occupying the accommodation we provide and we certainly do not make additional or excessive profits from these

sales: the price we charge merely reflects the real cost to us. If a hotel is able to offer accommodation designed for single occupancy only, we will normally charge a reduced supplement, considerably smaller than the one we apply when a single traveller occupies a double room. Allocation of rooms is at the discretion of each individual hotel and not something that we can influence.

12. Dealing with Complaints

We will make every effort to make your holiday as enjoyable and trouble free as possible. Most problems can be sorted out straight away if we know about them. If you have a complaint, you must advise our representatives straight away and the supplier of the

service(s) in question. Any verbal notification must be confirmed in writing as soon as possible. You may also contact us directly using the emergency telephone number enclosed with your travel documents. That number will put you in touch with one of our employees who will take all reasonable steps to help you. If you feel that a complaint has not been dealt with satisfactorily, you must write within 28 days of your return from holiday to: Customer Services Department, Level 16, 175 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia, quoting your booking reference number. We will need to investigate your complaint. An acknowledgement shall be sent no later than 14 days from the date of receipt of correspondence. A detailed reply, or a reply containing a detailed explanation for any delay, shall be sent no later than 28 days from the date of receipt of correspondence. The final date for dealing in full with such correspondence shall be 56 days from the date of receipt of that correspondence. Failure to follow the procedure set out in this section may reduce or even extinguish any right which you may have to compensation.

13. Behaviour

You must not behave in a way which may cause distress or annoyance to others. If, in our opinion or the opinion of any airline personnel, accommodation manager or other person in authority, you are behaving in such a way as to cause danger, distress or annoyance to others or damage to property, your holiday arrangements may be terminated by us or the supplier concerned. In this situation, our liability to you and/or your party will cease and you and/or your party will be required to leave your accommodation or other service immediately. We will not be responsible for making any refunds, paying any compensation or meeting any costs or expenses you incur as a result. You and/or your party may also be required to pay for loss and/or damage caused by your actions and we will hold you and each member of your party jointly and individually liable for any damage or losses caused by you or any member of your party. Full payment for any such damage or losses must be paid directly to the hotel manager or other supplier prior to departure from the hotel. If you fail to make payment, you will be responsible for meeting any claims (including legal costs) subsequently made against us as a result of your actions together with all costs we incur in pursuing any claim against you. We cannot be held responsible for the actions or behaviour of other guests or individuals who have no connection with your booking arrangements or with us.

14. Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions we will not be liable or pay you compensation if our contractual obligations to you are affected by any event which we or the supplier(s) of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. These events can include, but are not limited to war, threat of war, civil strife, terrorist activity and its consequences or the threat of such activity, riot, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster and adverse

weather, sea, ice and river conditions and all similar events outside our or the relevant supplier(s) control. Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure. We will follow the advice given by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

15. Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we exclude any liability for any loss, death, injury or damage which you may suffer (directly or indirectly) in connection with or arising out of your participation in a holiday that is caused or contributed by:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected;
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party unconnected with the provision of the services contracted for and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable;
- unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond ours or our supplier(s) control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or
- an event which either ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers and subcontractors could not, even with all due care, have foreseen or forestalled.

You release us and our officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of or in connection with your participation in a holiday. To the fullest extent permitted by law, any condition or warranty which would otherwise be implied by law into these booking conditions (Implied Warranty), is excluded. Our liability in respect of an Implied Warranty is limited to (in our absolute discretion): (i) providing you with credit for a holiday of an equivalent value; or (ii) a refund of the total amount received by us from you in connection with your booking.

16. Prompt Assistance In Resort

If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed as a result of failures attributable to a third party unconnected with the provision of the services or as a result of failures due to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised, or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall, and you suffer an injury or other material loss, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is reasonable in the circumstances.

17. Conditions of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions which will form part of your contract with us. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable International Conventions. Copies of the relevant parts of

these terms and conditions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

18. Delays and Other Travel Information

If you or any member of your party miss your flight or other transport arrangement, it is cancelled or you are subject to a delay of over 3 hours for any reason, you must contact us and the airline or other transport supplier concerned immediately. Where you experience a delay which is not owing to any failure by us, we will use reasonable endeavours to assist in locating refreshments, accommodation and communications but we will not pay for them on your behalf. Any airline or other transport supplier may however pay for or provide refreshments and/or appropriate accommodation and you should make a claim directly to them. Subject to the other terms of these conditions, we will not be liable for any costs, fees or charges you incur in the above circumstances, if you fail to obtain our prior authorisation before making your own travel arrangements. We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in section 14 of these booking conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on any flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time). The carrier(s), flight timings and types of aircraft shown in this brochure or on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. We shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of it. The latest flight timings will be shown on your tickets which will be despatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You should check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. If flight times change after tickets have been despatched we will contact you as soon as we can to let you know. This brochure is our responsibility, as your tour operator. It is not issued on behalf of, and does not commit the airlines mentioned herein or any airline whose services are used in the course of your travel arrangements.

19. Special Requests

Any special requests must be advised to us at the time of booking e.g. diet, room location, a particular facility at a hotel etc. You should then confirm your requests in writing. Whilst every effort will be made by us to try and arrange your reasonable special requests, we cannot guarantee that they will be fulfilled. We will inform the relevant supplier of such request. The fact that a special request has been noted on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation or that it has been passed on to the supplier is not confirmation that the request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part unless the request has been specifically confirmed. We do not accept bookings that are conditional upon any special request being met.

20. Disabilities and Medical Problems

We are not a specialist disabled holiday company,

but we will do our utmost to cater for any special requirements you may have. If you or any member of your party has any medical problem or disability which may affect your stay, please provide us with full details before we confirm your booking so that we can try to advise you as to the suitability of your chosen arrangements. We may require you to produce a doctor's certificate certifying that you are fit to participate in the tour. Acting reasonably, if we are unable to properly accommodate the needs of the person(s) concerned, we will not confirm your booking or if you did not give us full details at the time of booking, we will cancel it and impose applicable cancellation charges when we become aware of these details.

21. Advance Passenger Information

A number of governments are introducing new requirements for air carriers to provide personal information about all travellers on their aircraft before the aircraft leaves the country of origin. The data will be collected either at the airport when you check in or in some circumstances when, or after, you make your booking. Accordingly, you are advised to allow extra time to check in for international flights.

22. DFAT Advice

You are responsible for making yourself aware of warnings issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in regard to the safety of the countries and areas in which you will be travelling and to make your decisions accordingly. Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure (see section 14).

23. Law & Jurisdiction

These booking conditions and any agreement to which they apply are governed in all respects by the laws of New South Wales, Australia. We both agree that any dispute, claim or other matter which arises between us out of or in connection with your contract or booking will be dealt with by the Courts of New South Wales only.

24. Accuracy of Prices & Information

We endeavour to ensure that all the information and prices both on our website and in our brochures are accurate. However, occasionally changes and errors occur and we reserve the right to correct prices and other details in such circumstances. You must check the current price and all other details relating to the arrangements that you wish to book before your booking is confirmed.

25. Insurance

It is a condition of your contract with us that you have adequate insurance in place. You must be satisfied that your insurance fully covers all your personal requirements including medical expenses, repatriation, helicopter rescue and air ambulance in the event of accident or illness. The insurance cover should extend for the planned duration of the holiday and at least an additional day. If you choose

to travel without adequate insurance cover, we will not be liable for any losses howsoever arising, in respect of which insurance cover would otherwise have been available. The insurance policy and the receipt of premiums paid there under should be provided to us prior to departure. If you join the holiday without adequate insurance you may not be allowed to continue on the holiday, with no right to refund. If circumstances give rise to a claim the client will forthwith pursue his remedies under such policy(ies). We will also ask you for details of the name, address and telephone numbers of their next of kin or persons to be notified in the event of an emergency.

26. Baggage Disclaimer

Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Collette is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or wear and tear through hotel and group carrier handling. It is recommended for your own self interest and protection that you have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. Check with your sales agent for low cost insurance to cover these risks.

27. Checked Baggage Charges

Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

28. Holiday and Museum Closures

Museum visits and personal shopping time may be disrupted due to unforeseen circumstances or many religious, state and local holidays observed throughout the world.

29. Motorcoach Washrooms

Most motorcoaches used on our tours are equipped with washrooms (except safari vehicles, exotic locations, and on some of our Explorations tours). These are typically for emergency use, as we make plenty of comfort stops, allowing you the opportunity to use public restrooms and/or stretch your legs.

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