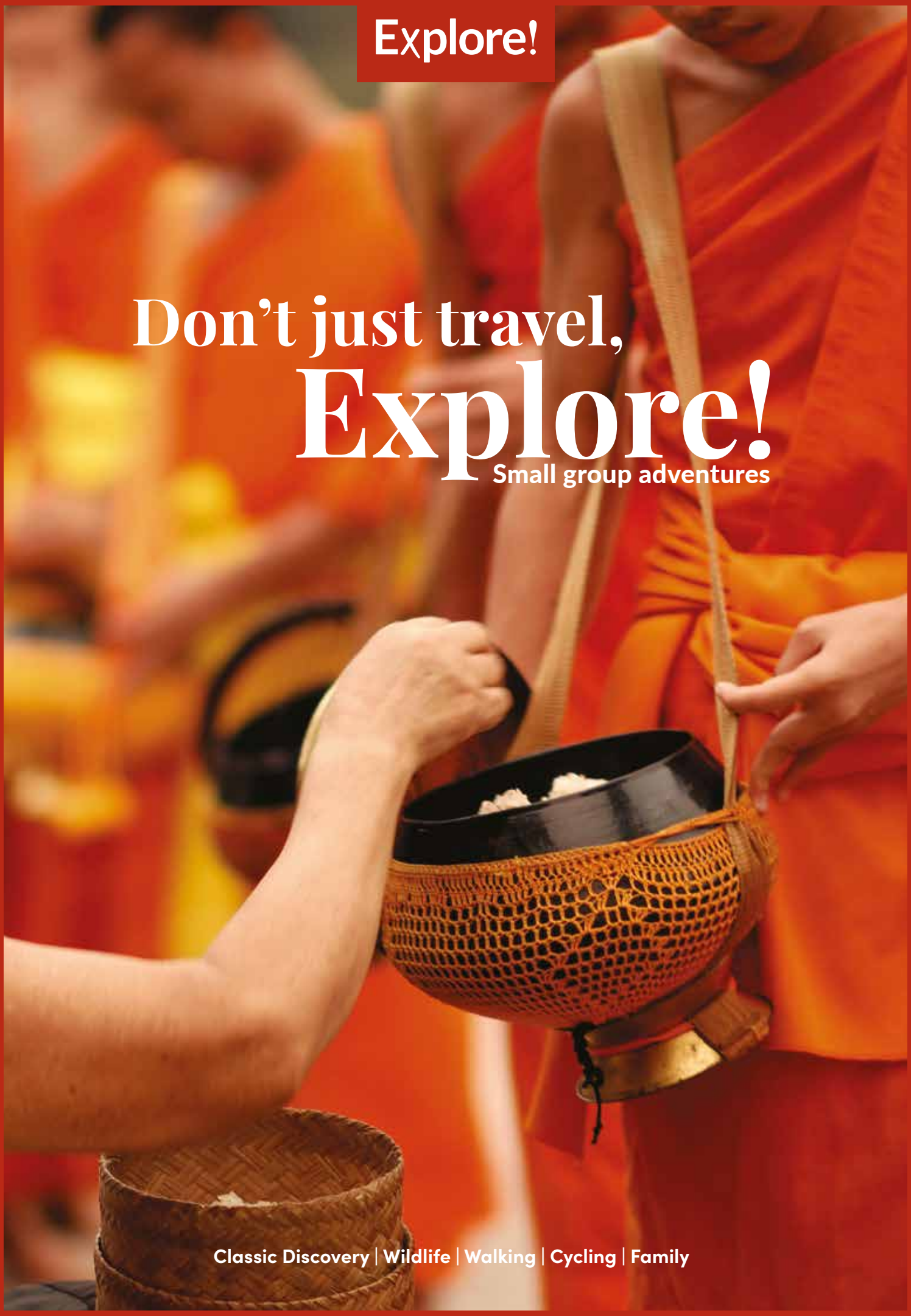

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Don’t just travel,
Explore!
Small group adventures
Classic Discovery | Wildlife | Walking | Cycling | Family

# Welcome



*Flamingos in the Bolivian Altiplano*

TRIP CODE: ABC



Things are looking a little different around here! We felt ready for a bit of a change, so you'll notice some new colours, fonts and logos in our brochure and across our site – we hope you like our new look.

It's been a fantastic year for travel, with the world fully opened up and a new appreciation for freedom and adventure. We continue to focus on the power of travel as a force for good. One of the highlights of our year was the launch of the Explore Foundation (see page 12), created to target poverty, increase access to education and healthcare and promote conservation in our global communities. A hugely proud moment.

Despite decades of travelling as well as working in the industry, there are always new places I want to visit. Last year I finally got to hike Turkey's Lycian Way (see page 112) which was magnificent. We've introduced a range of new tours in Europe for 2024, including a Highlights of Mont Blanc hiking holiday which looks incredible and has taken up a firm spot on my wishlist.

This brochure is jam-packed with our newest and most popular trips and, as ever, you'll find the full range on our website. And, we now have a local team in Australia – they love nothing more than talking about holidays and are on hand to help you plan your next trip.

Here's to a brilliant 2024 and to new adventures!

*Ben*

**Ben Ittensohn,**
Regional Director
Australia & New Zealand

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# Don't just travel, Explore!

Take a small group tour with us and you'll be joined by like-minded travel companions as well as a skilled Tour Leader with in-depth knowledge of your destination. Choose from over 350 expertly-designed itineraries in more than 100 countries worldwide. You'll visit the must-see highlights as well as places not on the typical tourist trail, and leave feeling that you've really explored.



### Small groups

Our average group size is just 11 – big enough to meet like-minded people but small enough to get to the heart of a destination. Groups are usually a mix of solos, couples, family and friends, united by an adventurous spirit and a sense of fun.



### Expert Tour Leaders

Chosen for their expertise and passion, Explore Tour Leaders use their insider knowledge and local connections to add extra special moments to your trip, making the most of unexpected events and opportunities. They're on hand to make sure your trip goes smoothly and receive regular training to ensure consistently high standards.

### Unforgettable experiences

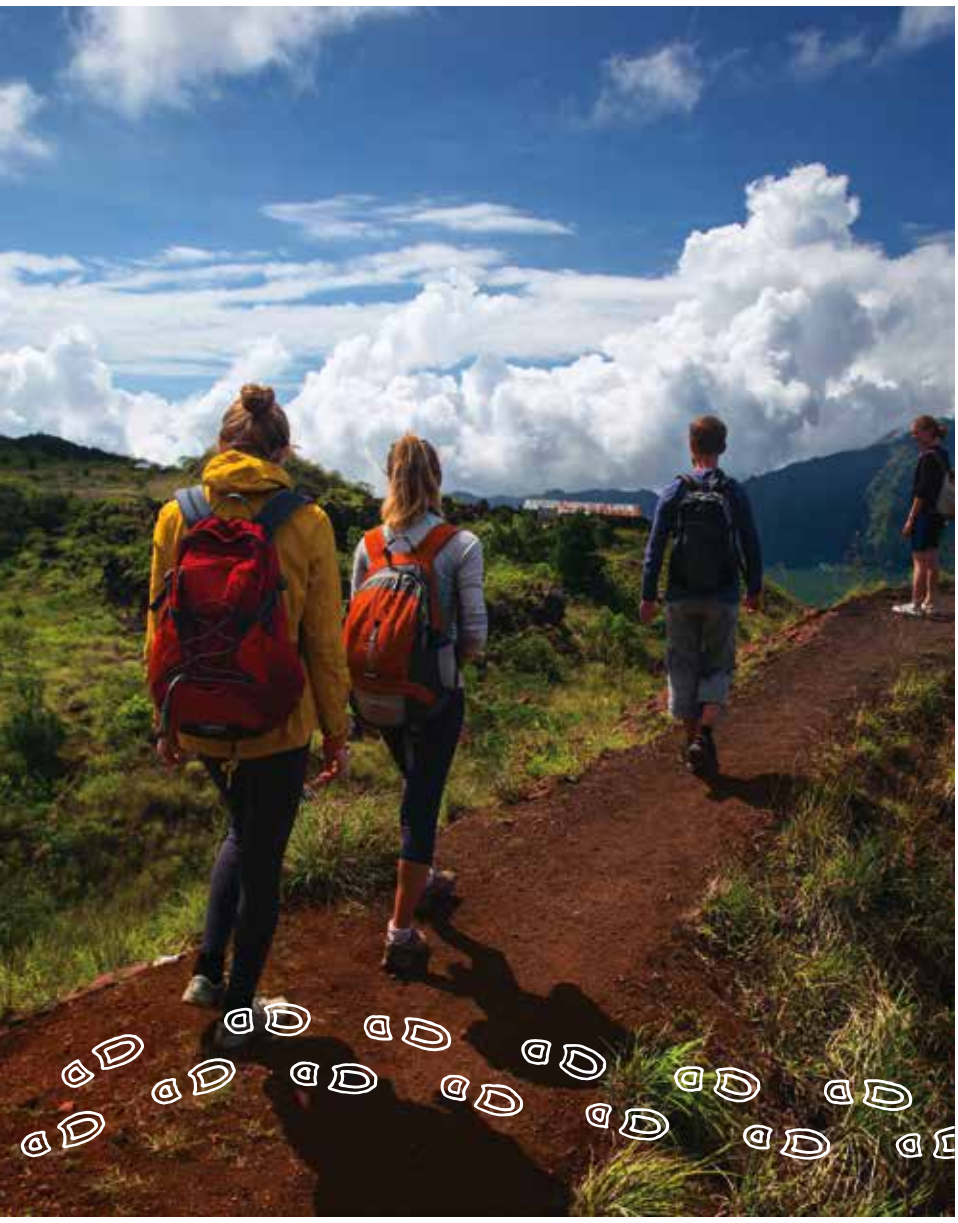
Once-in-a-lifetime moments are guaranteed; we'll take you closer to the country, its culture and people, often in spontaneous, impossible-to-replicate ways. You'll come home having seen and experienced the destination in a way that others might never have.

## Responsible at heart

Our sustainable approach and flexible booking policies set us apart. We're committed to reducing our impact on the planet and working towards a sustainable future. Every single one of our trips has a carbon label, we work with Klimate to support verifiable carbon removal projects, and invest in natural regeneration with Rewilding Britain and Cool Earth (see page 10 more details).

We've always had flexible booking conditions for your peace of mind, so you can book your small group tour with confidence.





## Book with confidence

EXPLORE FLEX

Whether you're travelling as planned or would like to change your destination or date, Explore Flex gives you peace of mind and booking flexibility. Find out more at **exploreworldwide.com.au/flex** or **exploreworldwide.co.nz/flex**

**Feefo Gold Trusted Service Award**
We've been named a Gold Trusted Service Award Winner for the second year in a row. These awards are based purely on independently-moderated feedback from customers via Feefo. It shows that we're delivering time and again for our customers, placing customer service at the heart of what we do.

Gold Trusted Service Award 2023 feefo

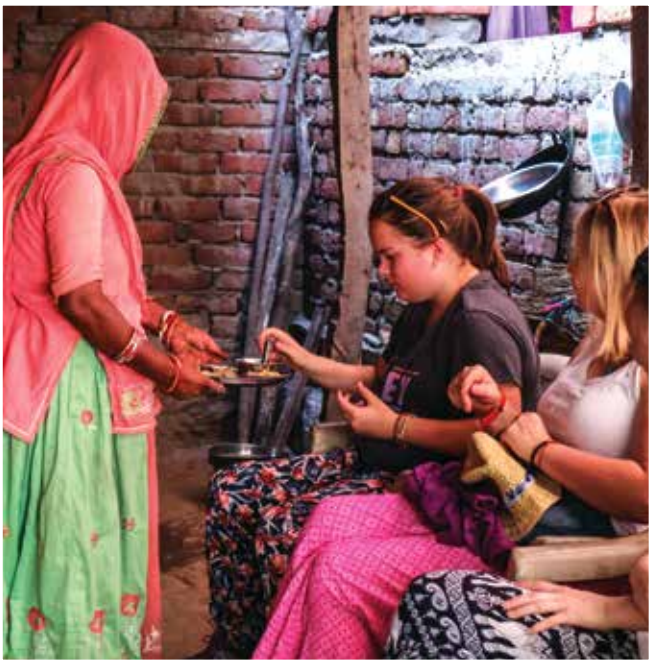
> *Excellent helpful customer service. My experience was first rate.*
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> ★★★★★
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> Allie, August 2023

## Guaranteed departures

Unlike some other adventure providers, we guarantee almost all departures, so once you book, you're going. It's as simple as that!*

*Ts&Cs apply. Excludes certain trips which require a minimum number to run. See exploreworldwide.com.au/booking-conditions or exploreworldwide.co.nz/booking-conditions for details.





# 8 reasons to try small group travel

## 1 Your group, your people

We attract curious, interested people looking for authentic travel experiences and memories to last a lifetime. Our groups are limited in number, sociable in outlook and adventurous in spirit. We attract solo travellers, couples and small groups of friends and family, with an average size of just 11 – small enough to know everyone's name and big enough to feel a group vibe.

## 2 Probably the greatest Leaders in the world

We don't want to be boastful, but our Tour Leaders are amazing, and our trips wouldn't have the magic they do without them. As experts in your chosen destination, they know how to really get you under the skin of the place, bringing it to life with colour and passion and ensuring you can stay focused on discovering.

## 3 Solo, in good company

Around half of our customers join our trips on their own. People travel alone for a whole host of reasons, but whatever that reason may be, solo travellers will always find themselves in good company on our tours. If you're happy to share a room with another traveller of the same sex, you'll never pay extra. Of course if you'd prefer your own room, that's fine too, and a supplement will apply.

## 4 You'll still get time to yourself

The amount of free time you'll get depends on the trip you choose. 'Relaxed' tours have the most, while 'Full-on' tours are packed with all the must-sees and will have less downtime. Evenings are often left free to do as you like – eat with members of the group, or opt for a quiet dinner alone, with recommendations from your Tour Leader.

## 5 The reassurance of a group

Customer safety is our top priority. In a small group, you have the security and reassurance of being with other people, and you'll have an experienced Tour Leader with you throughout. They'll be able to advise you on local customs and etiquette, common phrases and what to look out for.







## 6 Stress less, explore more

Think of us as your own personal logistics team – no queuing for site entry tickets, or working out the best bus to take – we're here to make sure your time is focused on enjoying your holiday and making memories. Our trips have all been purposefully curated by experts who know the destination inside-out; and when you're on tour, your Tour Leader will ensure everything runs smoothly.

## 7 Rewild yourself

Life can be pretty tough sometimes, but a break from the norm, going somewhere new or having a bit of an adventure, can often be just enough to shake things up a little. We love the idea of 'rewilding' ourselves – going to a different country, sleeping in a different bed, worrying less about life, meeting new people and generally just finding (or losing!) ourselves for a while.

## 8 Choose the style of travel that suits you

Whether you're looking for an active trek, a cycling holiday, a cultural tour, a safari or a foodie experience, you're sure to find a small group trip that's just right for you. We've chosen a popular selection for this brochure, but you'll find our full programme of 350+ trips at **exploreworldwide.com.au** or **exploreworldwide.co.nz**



# The Explore **Loyalty Club**

## You to us are everything

We've created the Explore Loyalty Club because it only seems right that the more you travel with us, the more benefits you should get. As you travel more with Explore, you'll climb the loyalty levels quickly, unlocking discounts and getting an early heads-up on new trips. You'll get access to exclusive offers and partner discounts, plus big savings when you recommend a friend to Explore. Speaking of which...

### Matchmaker

If you know someone that you think would like Explore and our trips, please introduce us! For every friend who books a trip with us, we'll give you both a $175** credit as a thank you. Win-win.

### Eight is great, nine is fine(r)

Considering a trip with a group of friends or a walking or cycling club? Gather up eight friends who are new to Explore and you'll get the ninth place FREE as long as you are all travelling on the same trip**. Keep the money for yourself, use it to pay for a something fun while you're all away or use it to reduce everyone's cost by 1/9th.

## VIP Benefits

| |  **Bronze Explorer** after completing your 1st trip |  **Silver Explorer** after completing your 2nd trip |  **Gold Explorer** after completing your 4th trip |  **Platinum Explorer** after completing your 9th trip |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Trip discount** Your welcome home offer | | **5% off** third and subsequent bookings* | **7% off** fifth and subsequent bookings* | **10% off** tenth and subsequent bookings* |
| Save money on your next trip when you refer friends | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Get early access to discounts and special offers | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Receive exclusive discounts with select partners | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Early access to new trips | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Access to exclusive events | | | | ✓ |
| A tree planted in your name after your 10th trip | | | | ✓ |

*A different loyalty scheme applies for Family Adventures.*

### The old switcheroo!

We get it, we're all adults here, we know you might have been with other adventure brands before us. It's ok, really it is. But we're so sure you'll love our trips that we REALLY want you to try them.

**Book your next trip with Explore and we'll reward your previous loyalty... even if it wasn't to us!** Just send us details of your previous trips, and we'll welcome you straight into our equivalent loyalty level – whether you've been on two trips or twelve. Find out more at **exploreworldwide.com.au/ loyalty-switch** or **exploreworldwide.co.nz/loyalty-switch**

### Pass it on

Our Pass It On scheme is specifically for family as we've had so many of our travellers introduce us to their children, brothers and sisters. Now you can **share your loyalty benefits** with up to five members of your family so whatever discount you get on our trips, they'll get too! The gift of travel: nothing could be better. Find out more at **exploreworldwide.com.au/ pass-it-on** or **exploreworldwide.co.nz/pass-it-on**

* The welcome home discount applies to the land only element of your booking and excludes flights. For full Ts&Cs see exploreworldwide.com.au/loyalty or exploreworldwide.co.nz/loyalty
**See exploreworldwide.com.au/recommend-a-friend or exploreworldwide.co.nz/recommend-a-friend for full terms.



# Being Better Than Yesterday

We're a responsible business that strives to prioritise people and our planet alongside profit. We know operating in this way is a journey: we're not perfect, we're just working hard to improve each and every day. Over the last 12 months we've welcomed some exceptional new partners alongside existing and longstanding ones – all experts in their field helping us to be that little bit better.

## Each and every booking made with Explore includes a donation to three vital climate partners:



### NEW! Klimate

Our new partners at Klimate are experts in carbon removal. The Copenhagen-based company was founded on the realisation that a huge amount of money is wasted on poor offsetting schemes. Instead, Klimate finds, appraises and funds all sorts of innovative, high-quality carbon removal solutions – from tree planting schemes to more complex direct air capture projects, which directly take carbon out of the atmosphere.



### Rewilding Britain

Rewilding Britain is an independent charity that champions the benefits of rewilding for people, places and in our fight against the nature and climate emergencies. They work with communities and individuals to help them rewild land and sea, providing resources and support, alongside campaigning to garner government support to protect and restore biodiversity. In the last year alone, we've donated more than $65,000 to Rewilding Britain to support their vital work.

### Cool Earth

Cool Earth works to protect the best carbon-storing technology that naturally exists: rainforest. We work alongside Cool Earth to support indigenous communities in the Amazon rainforest in Peru through community engagement, education and empowerment.

Protecting carbon-rich rainforest is key to averting climate breakdown, and we work with Cool Earth to develop sustainable livelihoods that outprice deforestation.

### NEW! We're ethy accredited!

We realise it's all too easy for us to say that we're working hard to do the right thing – we're biased. So we've welcomed an independent audit by ethy, a company built on the idea that finding ethical, sustainable businesses should be made easier for people.

In partnership with Feefo, our trusted independent review provider, ethy uses a verification system that's based on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and they require evidence that proves our commitment and action before they award trust marks against various achievements. They aim to reassure consumers that brands' sustainability claims are credible and justified.

We've been awarded a number of trust marks – each one a clear sign that we're meeting strict specified criteria to achieve sustainability goals – and are working towards several more.

Find out more at **exploreworldwide.com.au/sustainability** or **exploreworldwide.co.nz/sustainability**



# Introducing the **Explore Foundation**



**Earlier this year, we launched the Explore Foundation. Its mission? To positively impact the lives of communities worldwide, by supporting projects that target poverty reduction, increase access to education and healthcare, and promote conservation.**

Supporting projects and initiatives in the countries we visit has long been a part of Explore's ethos, and the Foundation has launched with two projects we've worked with for several years: Lone Buffalo in Laos, and One Bike in Tanzania.

A registered charity, the Explore Foundation is managed by an independent Board of Trustees, but benefits from Explore's huge community of overseas partners and contacts to help identify and support projects in countries that Explore customers visit.

Explore makes a donation to the Explore Foundation on behalf of every customer that travels with us, allowing the Foundation to continue supporting projects that create a positive impact on people, places and the planet.



> *The Explore Foundation has a really important role to play in bridging the gap between travellers and the people and communities of the places they visit. Its scope really is limitless.*
>
> Michael Edwards,
> Managing Director of Explore Worldwide



**LONE BUFFALO**

In Laos, Lone Buffalo has designed a programme called Develop Together, which aims to give secondary school students (currently only 3% of eligible young people in Laos) access to learning opportunities and expert life skills workshops, to encourage and support them to reach their full academic potential.

*"The Develop Together programme has become part of our culture at Lone Buffalo and it's important we have the support to continue each term. It's really changing young people's lives, developing confidence, creating leaders and getting young people into tertiary education.*

Mark Steadman,
COO of Lone Buffalo

**ONE BIKE**

Set at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, One Bike is a social enterprise that empowers rural communities by providing bicycles, including tools and basic mechanics training. The bikes and the skills to maintain them offer people easier access to essential services and opportunities to engage in education and employment outside of their immediate location.



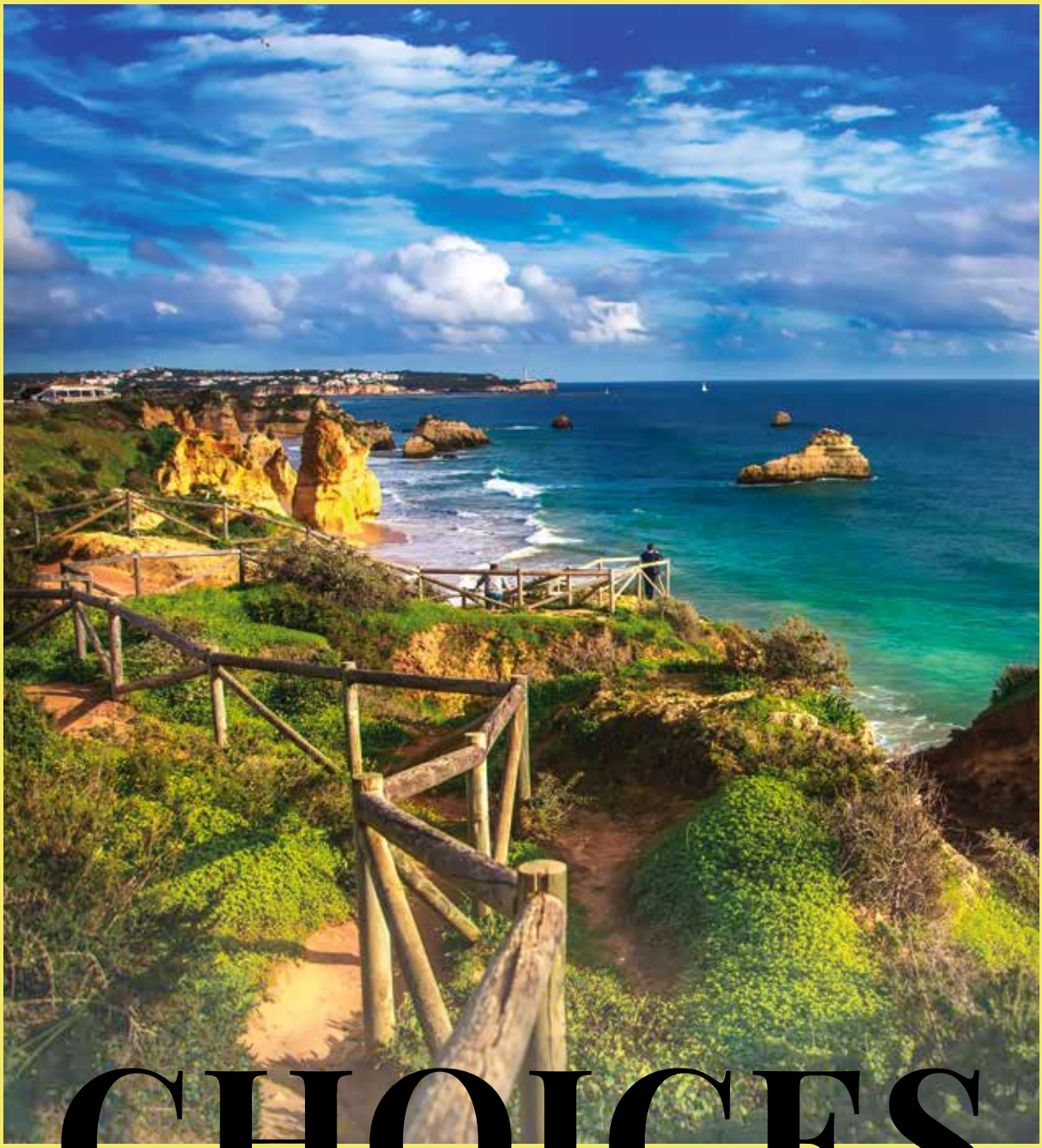

*"The support of the Explore Foundation means a lot. Thanks to this support, more and more women are going to benefit from the donations of bicycles which will mean a huge impact on their lives and their community.*

Hillary Matemu,
Founder of One Bike

To find out more about the Explore Foundation and its important work please visit **theexplore.foundation**

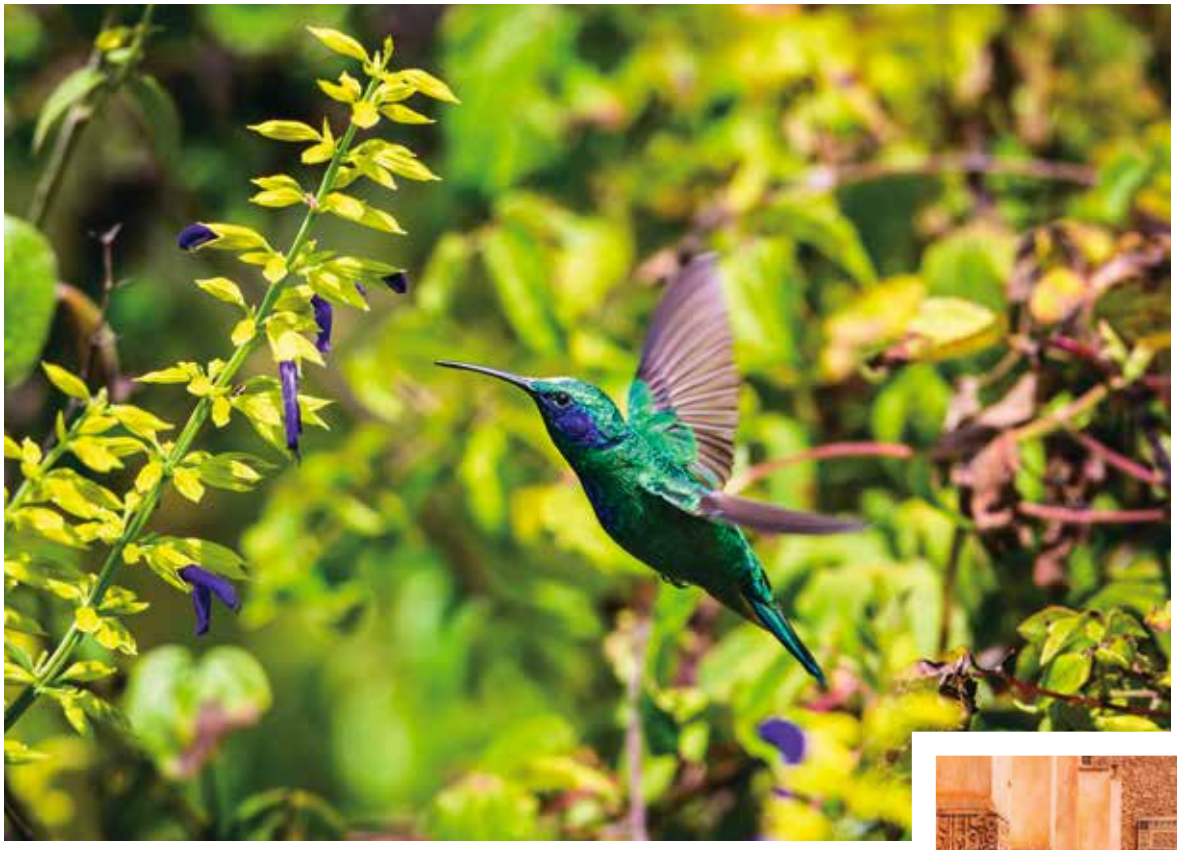
Explore! Foundation

# MAKE POSITIVE



# CHOICES

We know many of our customers care about travelling sustainably; whether that's minimising their impact on the planet, making sure they tread lightly in their destination or benefitting the local communities they visit. All of this matters to us too and travelling responsibly is one of Explore's founding principles. Here are some of our top tips on how to make good travel choices, while still having a once-in-a-lifetime holiday...



## 1 Choose a destination that's done the hard work for you

There are several countries really blazing a trail in sustainable tourism and infrastructure. Costa Rica is leading the way, with a robust set of impressive sustainability credentials that place biodiversity at the top of the agenda. 99% of the country's electricity is generated through renewable sources and the country goes for months at a time without using any fossil fuels, which makes it a great pick for low carbon travel.

Check out the Selva Verde Lodge, one of our 'hero' properties in Sarapiqui, Costa Rica, which not only has committed to protecting its surrounding 500 acres of endangered tropical forest, but is also run almost entirely from solar power.

**For more information search Costa Rica on our website.**

## 2 Go slow, enjoy the journey

Go for longer, travel more slowly (perhaps overland) and really take the time to immerse yourself in the country or countries you're visiting. Our London2 tours make the journey part of your holiday. Why not consider travelling all the from London to Marrakech by train? It's not as far as you think! Watching the landscapes change as one country blends into the next is a visceral experience that you lose by flying. Travelling with locals, commuters and holiday makers alike, this is the fabric of life come together in a train carriage, and another fantastic way to meet people and absorb new cultures.

**For more information search for Rail Journeys on our website.**

## 3 Travel smarter

We recommend thinking outside the box when it comes to your holiday planning. If the holiday you're looking at is only a week, why stop there? It's easy to combine some of our European trips using well-connected and convenient public transport to create a longer, more in-depth holiday, (read more on page 18). As an example, our Walking in Portugal and Walking the Eastern Algarve tours can be linked together by public bus to create a gorgeous two-week walking tour of the Algarve.

**For more information search Trip Codes POR and WIA.**

## 4 Get active!

For minimal vehicle usage, choose a trip that uses good, old-fashioned person power. Our Active Turkey tour is a fantastic example of this. You'll be based in the harbour town of Kas for a week and so won't need a vehicle to get around. By sea kayaking, walking and cycling, you'll be exploring under your own steam... even more reason to spend your evenings sampling local gozleme and baklava!

**For more information search Trip Code MAT.**





## 5 Let Explore put the effort in

We've measured the carbon emissions of each one of our tours. With our carbon footprint labels it's now much easier to be Clear on Carbon and make a more informed choice.

We're not stopping at simply measuring, though. We're now working hard to bring those totals down, and our Walking the Azores tour is a perfect example of this; we've taken two domestic flights out of this trip, reducing it from three to one, yet we're still visiting four fantastic islands and have a much better, logistically sound itinerary. It's a win-win!

**For more information search Trip Code AZ.**



# The world at your fingertips on our website

With over 350 trips to more than 100 countries worldwide, we just can't fit them all into this brochure – as much as we'd love to.

So make sure you visit our website, where you can choose from hundreds of Classic Discovery and Wildlife tours, Walking and Cycling holidays, fun Family adventures and even Polar voyages.

We've squeezed just a few more of our favourite trips onto this page to help ignite your Wanderlust...





## Highlights of Southern India

Wind your way around Southern India on this two-week trip. Explore intricately-carved temples and ornate palaces, spot elephants amongst the lush scenery of Bandipur National Park, and take a cruise around Kochi harbour to watch the sun setting over the Chinese fishing nets.

**Trip Code: DS**



## Highlights of El Salvador

Often overshadowed by its neighbours, El Salvador is a little hidden gem. See turtles nesting on the miles of incredible coastline, explore volcanoes concealing deep crater lakes and learn to make traditional pupusas (stuffed corn tortillas) in the village of Suchitoto.

**Trip Code: HES**



## Spirit of Laos

Travel the length and breadth of the least-visited country in South East Asia. Walk around the temples of Luang Prabang watching monks line the streets at sunrise, cruise on slow boats along the Mekong River, and trek to turquoise waterfalls.

**Trip Code: LA**



## Hiking in the Dolomites

Enjoy scenic treks through alpine meadows, pine forests, and the beautiful rock towers and limestone cliffs of the Dolomites. After an invigorating day walking, re-fuel on the traditional Austrian-influenced cuisine typical of the region.

**Trip Code: DW**

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*The guide was amazing. No stress at all. Fabulous adventure.*

★★★★★

Joanne, March 2023
South Africa and Eswatini



## South Africa and Eswatini

On this 10-day wildlife-packed trip, you'll visit some of the greatest national parks in South Africa and Eswatini. Experience the beauty of the Drakensberg Mountains, spot the Big Five in the iconic Kruger National Park, explore the wetlands of St Lucia and take a walking safari in the secluded Mlilwane.

**Trip Code: ZK**



## Cycle Hadrian's Wall – Coast to Coast

Hadrian's Cycleway is a great coast-to-coast ride with breathtaking views. You'll ride from the Irish Sea on quiet roads through beautiful hill country, attractive market towns, quaint villages and peaceful river valleys to the North Sea, visiting key sites of Hadrian's Wall along the way.

**Trip Code: CHW**

# European Escapes



Why settle for just one adventure? Make the most of your trip to Europe and take in more than one country, taking time to appreciate the diverse beauty and cultures on offer. These are just a handful of the back-to-back trip itineraries available – give us a call to find out more.

## Historic Baltics and Alpine landscapes in Slovenia

Immerse yourself in the history of the Baltic region, where medieval towns and storied pasts await. Explore the historic centres of Tallinn, Riga and Vilnius on foot and visit Curonian Spit National Park. Then head to Slovenia for glistening glacial lakes and divine Alpine landscapes.

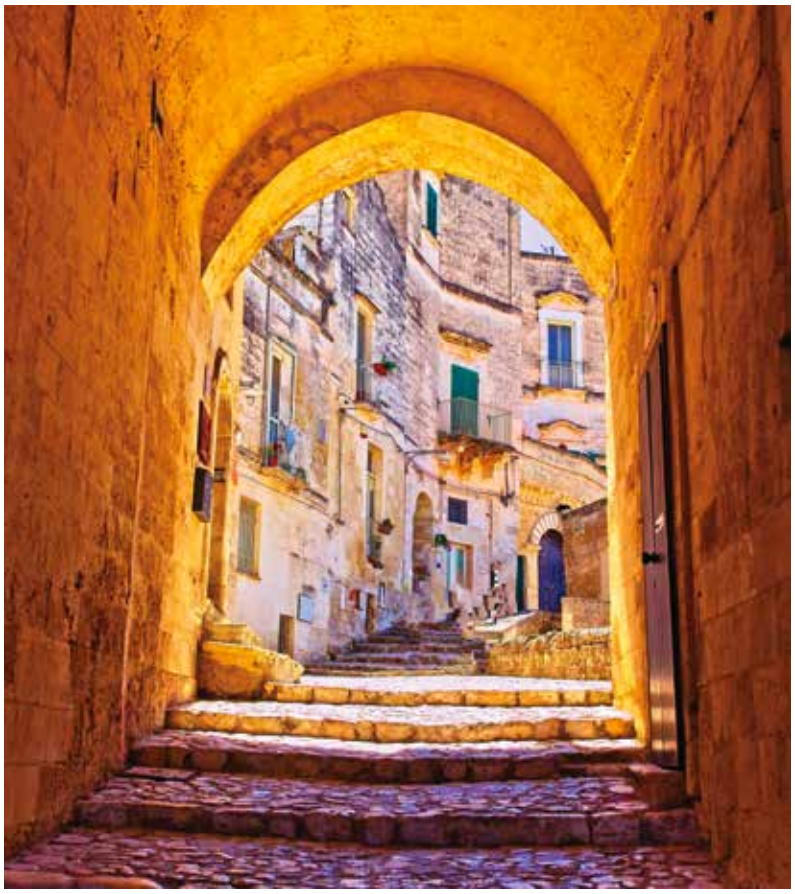
**Trip Codes: HB and SO**

## Double up on Croatia

Pedal along the stunning Dalmatian Coast, cycling through the picturesque cities of Split and Dubrovnik. Then explore the country's natural beauty on foot. Walk through Plitvice Lakes and Krka National Parks, where you can witness the awe-inspiring waterfalls, and visit the historic cities of Zadar and Trogir.

**Trip Codes: CCD and CO**





## Malta, Gozo and Puglia

In Malta and Gozo, explore impressive architecture, Megalithic temples and rugged coastlines enjoying regional food and wine along the way. Continue into Puglia, the 'heel' of Italy, where you'll see the iconic trulli houses of Alberobello, stroll along the beaches of the Adriatic coastline, and visit an ancient olive oil press.

**Trip Codes: MLA and PUL**

## Greek Island Cruising and Iberia

This triple-country trip will see you cruising Greece's turquoise waters around the island of Evia, before travelling by train in Spain and exploring Portugal's landscapes on foot. This back-to back trip offers a real variety, both in destinations and modes of transport – a true adventure.

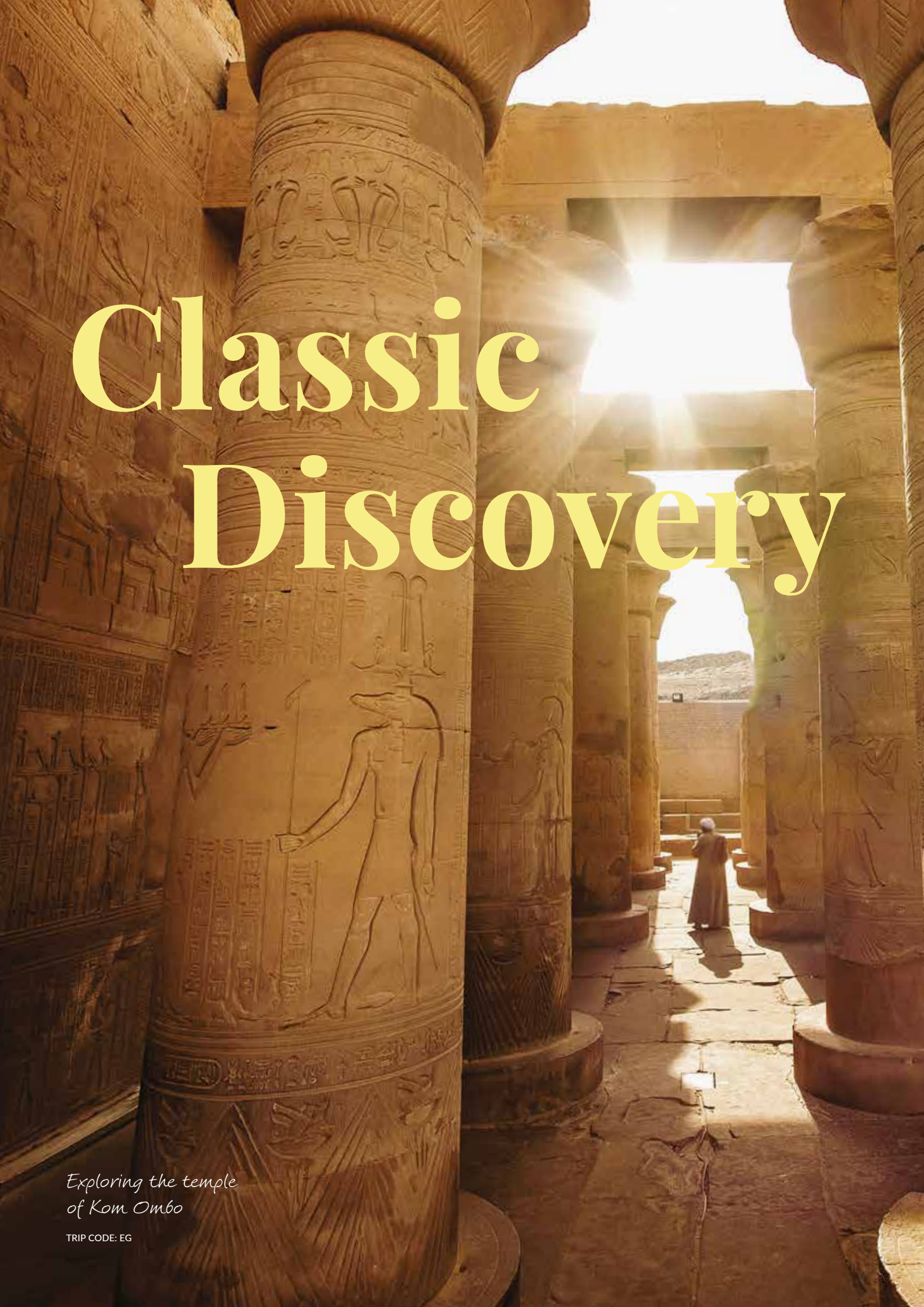
**Trip Codes: GC and SPI**



## Amalfi Coast and Greek Island Wandering

Walk the trails of the spectacular Amalfi Coast and discover the towns of Amalfi, Ravello and Positano and the island of Capri, while staying with an Italian family at their peaceful farm. Then, hop between the Greek Islands of Syros, Paros, Santorini and Naxos. Dine at authentic seafront tavernas and see the whitewashed churches with their iconic blue-domed roofs in Santorini.

**Trip Codes: NAW and GW**



# Classic Discovery

*Exploring the temple of Kom Ombo*

TRIP CODE: EG



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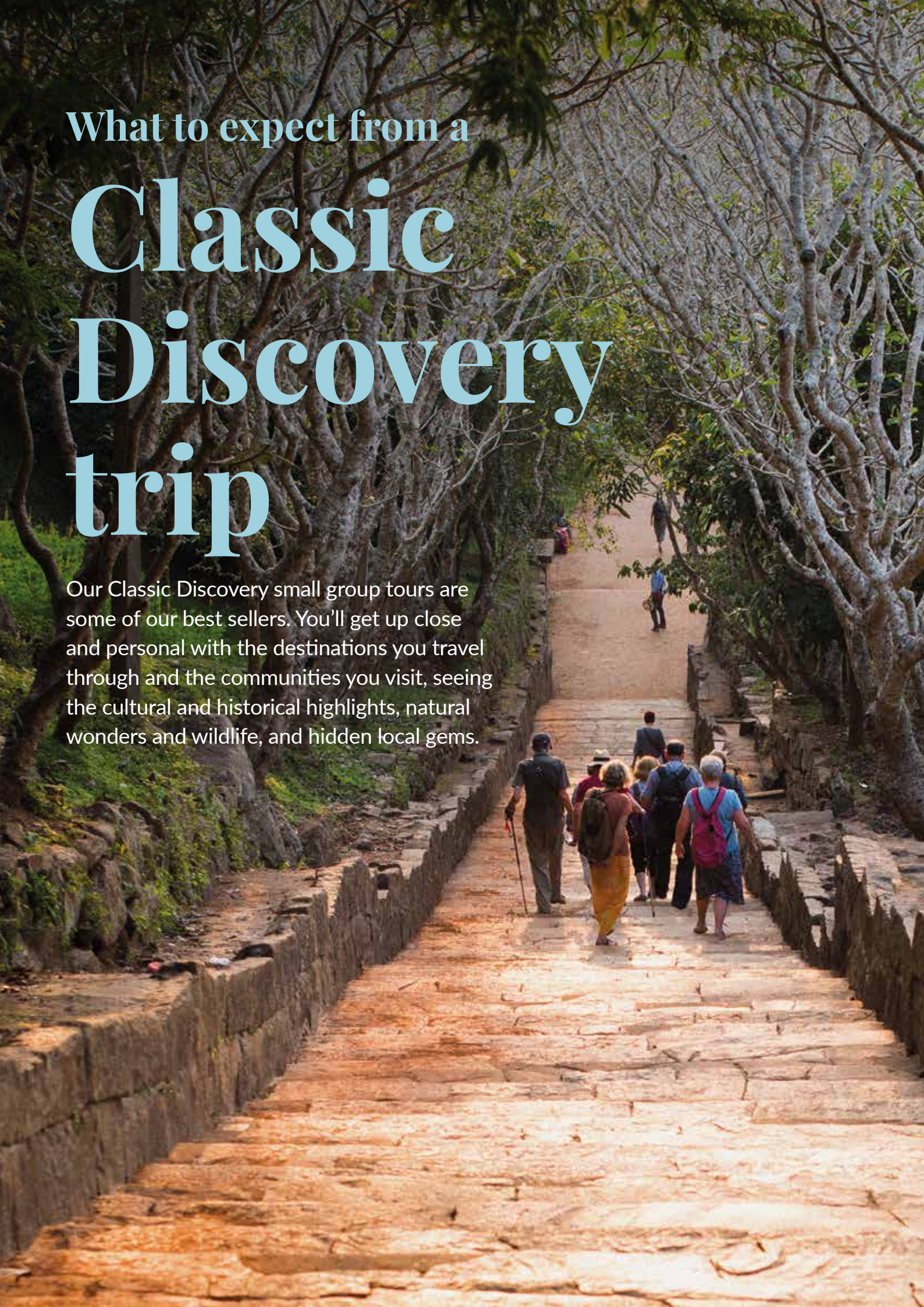
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**WILDLIFE TRIPS – look out for the paw print**



# What to expect from a Classic Discovery trip

Our Classic Discovery small group tours are some of our best sellers. You'll get up close and personal with the destinations you travel through and the communities you visit, seeing the cultural and historical highlights, natural wonders and wildlife, and hidden local gems.

# Seize the day

## Here's all you need to know about our small group Classic Discovery adventures...

*A great trip with a brilliant leader. Mehmet was superb. Lots of interesting history and facts about a country he is so proud of.*

Raymond talking about his Turkey in Depth trip.

### Pace yourself

We grade all of our Discovery trips to help you pick the right trip for you. Our 'Relaxed' trips have a lighter daily itinerary and allow you to gently immerse yourself in your destination; our 'Full On' trips cover lots of ground, with busy days and early starts; and our 'Moderate' trips are somewhere in between, combining fuller days with some downtime. The choice is yours... go easy, or pack in as much as you can?

### Play to your interests

Our Classic Discovery trips reach every corner of the globe. From perennial classics like India and Italy through to emerging favourites like Lebanon, Namibia and the Baltics; and from festival-focused faves (like the Sapporo Snow Festival in Japan and the Festivals of Bhutan) to food & drink focused adventures in Jordan, Morocco, Vietnam, Italy and more, and, of course, the best of the world's wildlife.



### Sleep soundly

We try to strike a balance between giving you interesting and characterful places to stay and choosing accommodation in the right place for your itinerary. Whether you're in a hotel, staying with a local family or in desert tents, Vietnamese stilt-houses or jungle lodges, the accommodation we choose will always be comfortable and well-located for your journey.

### Your group, your people

The people travelling on our small group trips come from a broad range of nationalities and age groups and share (at least) one thing: they really want to see the place you're visiting too! Our average group size is 11 – small enough to know everyone's name and big enough to offer some variety – made up of solo travellers, couples, friends and family. If you want more detail on the make-up of a particular trip, just call us and we can share some basic information.

### Expert Tour Leaders

Our Tour Leaders are the beating heart and beaming smile of every trip, and we only select the best to lead our groups. They are experienced, knowledgeable and passionate about the country you're visiting, as well as being expert at managing the dynamics of small group trips and making sure everyone has an amazing holiday.

Keen to find out more about a particular trip or destination, or start looking at dates? Visit **exploreworldwide.com.au** or **exploreworldwide.co.nz**

# Iceland Winter Adventure

TRIP CODE - **ICE** | ICELAND



Follow Iceland's famous Ring Road and discover the volcanoes, waterfalls and glaciers that make up the country's dramatic landscape. Walk between two continents at Thingvellir National Park, see the mighty Gullfoss Waterfall and watch Strokkur Geysir erupt.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Northern Lights** | Stay up late and watch the Aurora Borealis light up the sky

**Hrisey Island** | Discover Hrisey's laid back pace of life with a Viking guide

**Snow cat or super jeep ride** | Take an exhilarating ride up Kaldbakur Mountain

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$5710 NZ$5930

*per person, trip only (9 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
8 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Ferry

MEALS:
Breakfast: 8 | Lunch: 2

**248kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

A summer adventure to Iceland with the chance to spot puffins and whales, and to drift past icebergs on a boat trip across the Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon.

**Trip Code: SUN**








### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Reykjavik, Iceland's colourful and cosmopolitan capital.

**DAY 2:** Travel to Akureyri 'the capital of the north', situated on the shores of the country's longest fjord.

**DAY 3:** Explore Hrisey Island's Viking history, enjoy a traditional fish lunch and sample the local beer.

**DAY 4:** Ride in Iceland's snow tractors to the summit of Kaldbakur Mountain for views of snow covered peaks. Visit Godafoss waterfall, Lake Myvatn and the Nature Baths.

**DAY 5:** Visit Dettifoss waterfall en route to the small village of Egilsstadir.

**DAY 6:** Travel the coastal road to the fishing village of Hofn. A chance to see the Northern Lights.

**DAY 7:** Visit Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon before continuing to Vik famed for its black sand beaches.

**DAY 8:** Take a tour of Iceland's 'Golden Circle' including the natural wonders of Geysir, Gullfoss and Thingvellir.

**DAY 9:** Trip ends in Reykjavik.



# A Taste of France – Bordeaux to Toulouse

TRIP CODE - **XFR** | FRANCE



NEW TRIP

**Embark on a gastronomic journey from Bordeaux to Toulouse, tasting the iconic flavours of French cuisine and gaining an appreciation for the rich cultural heritage that defines it. Join skilled truffle hunters unearthing hidden treasures and indulge in creamy Rocamadour cheese.**

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Wine tastings** | Sample some of the finest French wines from Bordeaux to St Emilion

**Medieval towns** | Soak in the unique atmosphere of Sarlat and visit spectacular Carcassonne

**French cuisine** | Experience delicious regional flavours at charming restaurants and bistros

PRICES FROM

## AU$3670 NZ$3810

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Train | Bus | Boat

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 2 | Dinner: 2

**134kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

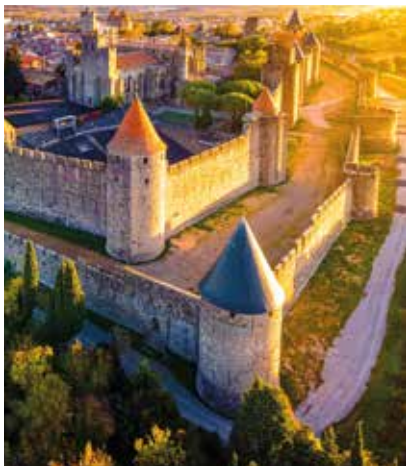
MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WHY NOT TRY?

Learning all about Portuguese food and drink while exploring the sites of Porto and the Douro Valley.

**Trip Code: XNP**



### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Bordeaux, early evening orientation walk and aperitif with Tour Leader.

**DAY 2:** Take the train to Arcachon on the Atlantic Coast, sample the local oysters and have lunch in the famous Le Bouchon market. Visit the wine museum in Bordeaux by riverboat.

**DAY 3:** Day trip by train to St Emilion, walk through vineyards and spend time in this charming medieval town. Afternoon wine tasting.

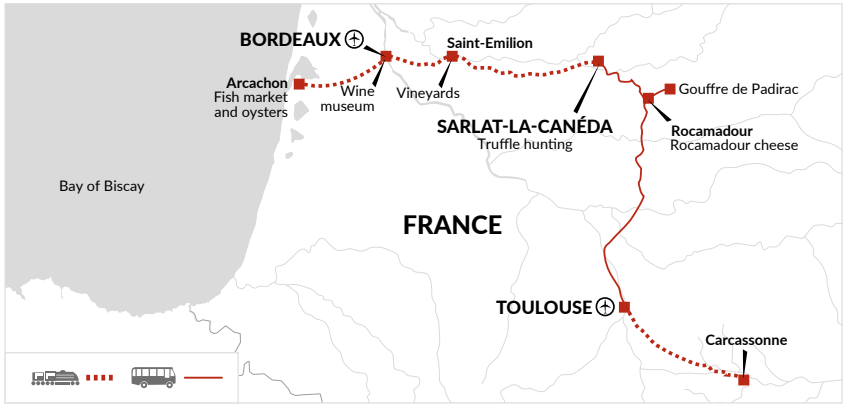
**DAY 4:** Travel by train to Sarlat to take part in a truffle hunting experience.

**DAY 5:** Visit Sarlat's market, opportunity to canoe on the Dordogne or have a cookery lesson.

**DAY 6:** Visit Rocamadour, a cheese farm and the Gouffre de Padric caves en route to Toulouse.

**DAY 7:** Day trip to the wonderful medieval fortress town of Carcassonne. Return to Toulouse for a traditional cassoulet dinner.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends Toulouse.






# Highlights of Spain, Portugal & Morocco

TRIP CODE - **SPM** | MOROCCO, PORTUGAL, SPAIN



BEST SELLER

This sunny trio blends southern Europe and north Africa to serve up a feast for the senses. Travel from the bairros of Lisbon and the covered food halls of Madrid to the spice-scented souks of Fes and Marrakech, sipping cool Porto wines and the rich sherries of Jerez along the way.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Douro Valley** | Travel by train through the wine-strewn landscape of northern Portugal

**Seville** | Discover atmospheric Moorish architecture in this charming town

**Chefchaouen** | Meander the colourful streets of Morocco's picturesque blue city

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$4420 NZ$4590

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
13 nights comfortable hotel
1 night premium hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Taxi | Train

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14

**442kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WHY NOT TRY?

Focusing on just Spain and Portugal instead. Taste cava in Catalonia and visit the Alhambra.

**Trip Code: SPI**








### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Lisbon.

**DAY 2:** Explore the bairros of Lisbon on foot.

**DAY 3:** Follow the coastline to Porto, visiting Obidos and Nazare.

**DAY 4:** Walking tour and port tasting in Porto. Scenic train ride along the Douro Valley.

**DAY 5:** Discover the UNESCO World Heritage city of Salamanca.

**DAY 6:** See Segovia's Disney-like Alcazar Fortress. Drive to Madrid.

**DAY 7:** Walking tour of lively Madrid.

**DAY 8:** Visit the Mezquita Mosque in Cordoba. Continue to Seville via the pretty white village of Carmona.

**DAY 9:** Discover beautiful Seville on foot, optional visit to the Alcazar.

**DAY 10:** Sherry tasting in Jerez de la Frontera. Relax on the beach in Tarifa.

**DAY 11:** Ferry to Tangier. Drive to Chefchaouen, Morocco's blue city in the Rif Mountains.

**DAY 12:** Bus to Fes, the oldest of Morocco's imperial cities.

**DAY 13:** Morning tour of Fes. Train to Marrakech.

**DAY 14:** Explore the colourful souks and iconic Djemma el-Fna Square on foot.

**DAY 15:** Trip ends in Marrakech.

# Highlights of Andalucia

TRIP CODE - **QAH** | SPAIN



BEST SELLER

Andalucia is blessed with a wealth of culture, history, mountain scenery and plenty of sunshine. Visit the stunning Alhambra Palace and Cordoba Mezquita, two jewels of Moorish architecture from the golden era of Al-Andalus, and spend a couple of nights off the beaten track in a traditional posada.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Cordoba** | Discover the Moorish architecture from the golden era of Al-Andalus at the Mezquita

**Sierra de Arcena** | Walk through the verdant rolling landscape to see the white villages

**Seville** | Explore this characterful city and the stunning UNESCO-listed Alcazar Palace

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$1880 NZ$1950

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
4 nights simple hotel
2 nights simple guesthouse
1 night comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Public Bus | Taxi | Train

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7

**112kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

To try an iconic Spanish walking route, with our hiking trip on the famous Camino de Santiago.

**Trip Code: CDS**








### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Malaga airport and take the bus to the beautiful Andalusian city of Granada.

**DAY 2:** Orientation walk of Granada including a visit to the spectacular Alhambra.

**DAY 3:** Take a bus to Cordoba and visit its great mosque, the Mezquita-Cathedral.

**DAY 4:** Free morning in Cordoba and travel to Castano del Robledo in the Sierra Aracena National Park.

**DAY 5:** Circular walk through rural Andalucia to the white village of Alajar.

**DAY 6:** Walk to village of Galaroza, in the beautifully scenic Valley of the Ribera de Jabugo. Travel to Seville and discover the capital of Andalucia on a guided walking tour.

**DAY 7:** Free day in Seville to walk through the city and visit its many historical sights including the Real Alcazar.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in Seville.



# Rome, Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast

TRIP CODE - **RAS** | ITALY



Immerse yourself in the vibrant street life and iconic sights of charismatic Rome before heading to the sun-drenched region of Campania to explore the colourful Amalfi Coast, legendary ruins of Pompeii and mighty Mount Vesuvius. Hike along the scenic Path of the Lemons and travel by ferry along the coast to Amalfi.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Naples** | Take a guided walk through the old city streets and indulge in a slice of Neapolitan pizza

**Capri and Sorrento** | Enjoy la dolce vita in cliff-top Sorrento and take the option to visit Capri

**Ravello** | Drink in the gorgeous sea views, option to visit its famous villas and gardens

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

### PRICES FROM

## AU$3620 NZ$3760

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Ferry | Train

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7

**176kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Extend your holiday with a trip from Venice to Rome by rail. Sip a spritz in Venice, wander the markets of Bologna, gaze out over the beauty of Florence and people watch in Rome.

**Trip Code: VRA**



### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in the wonderful Italian capital, Rome.

**DAY 2:** Enjoy a guided visit to the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill. The afternoon is left free to explore the city further.

**DAY 3:** Take a fast train to Naples with a guided walking tour of the city on arrival. In the afternoon, visit the crater of Mount Vesuvius.

**DAY 4:** Take a guided tour around the incredible site of ancient Pompeii. Drive to the Amalfi Coast with time spent in clifftop Ravello en route.

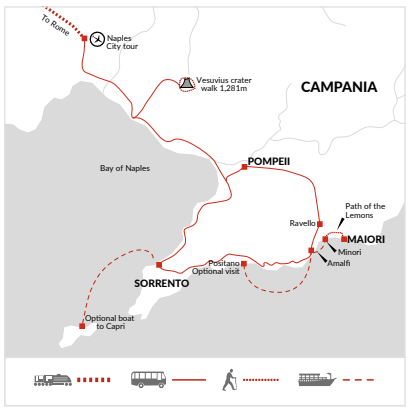
**DAY 5:** Hike along the Path of the Lemons to Minori, with incredible coastal views. Take a ferry to Amalfi.

**DAY 6:** Drive along the spectacular Amalfi Coast road to Sorrento. Visit a lemon grove and taste the famous limoncello liqueur.

**DAY 7:** A free day in Sorrento with the option to visit the island of Capri.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in Sorrento.








# Highlights of Puglia

TRIP CODE - **PUL** | ITALY



BEST SELLER

The sun-soaked 'heel of Italy' offers culture, food and the country's longest stretch of Adriatic coastline. Sample local cheese at agriturismo farms, taste olive oil prepared in caves and soak up sights such as the cave town of Matera that starred in the James Bond film No Time to Die.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Matera** | In Basilicata discover the fascinating UNESCO-listed ancient troglodyte sassi quarter

**Alberobello** | Stay in beehive-shaped trulli houses and sample local wines

**Delicious food** | Taste stone-baked bread, mozzarella and olive oil

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$3460 NZ$3590

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Train

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7

**134kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

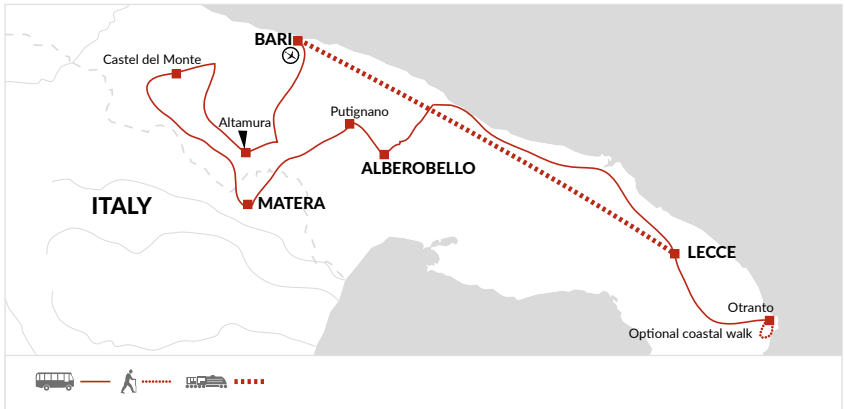
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### WHY NOT TRY?

Discovering Puglia on foot with easy walks and lots of foodie experiences thrown into the mix.

**Trip Code: TOP**






### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Bari. Free time on arrival to explore the old town.

**DAY 2:** Try pane di Altamura, a unique stone-baked bread. Visit medieval Castel del Monte.

**DAY 3:** Guided tour of Matera's cave dwellings and rock-carved churches. Chance to go to Gravina and into its underground labyrinth.

**DAY 4:** Taste mozzarella at an agriturismo and wine at the Cantina Albea Winery. Stay in a conical trulli house in Alberobello.

**DAY 5:** Free day in Alberobello. Option to visit Monopoli on the coast or the Castellana Caves.

**DAY 6:** Visit an historic underground olive press before heading to Otranto for a coastal walk. Arrive in the Baroque city of Lecce.

**DAY 7:** Guided walking tour of Lecce to see the Basilica di Santa Croce and the cathedral. Free afternoon.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in Lecce.



# Classical Sicily

TRIP CODE - **CS** | ITALY



BEST SELLER

**This fast-paced tour visits Sicily's ancient historical sites, plus snow-capped Mount Etna and the spectacular hilltop resort town of Taormina, favoured by DH Lawrence and Oscar Wilde. Fuel up for busy days on the delicious local food, widely considered to be the best in Italy.**

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Agrigento** | Visit Sicily's most famous classical remains in the Valley of the Temples

**Erice** | Discover this walled medieval hilltop town with its maze of narrow winding streets

**Villa Romana del Casale** | See some of the best-preserved Roman mosaics left in Europe

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$3260 NZ$3390**

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7

**199kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Join expert guide, Antonio Marretta, on a longer two-week trip exploring ancient Sicily.

**Trip Code: SCS**








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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Syracusa. |
| **DAY 2:** | Discover Syracusa's Neapolis Archaeological Park with a local guide and the beautiful Ortygia Island. Drive to the small town of Piazza Armerina. |
| **DAY 3:** | See the colourful and intricately designed mosaic floors at Villa Romana del Casale and the towering columns at Agrigento's Valley of the Temples. Arrive in Marsala. |
| **DAY 4:** | Take in the coastal views from the charming hilltop medieval town of Erice and see the Greek ruins at Segesta. Drive to Palermo, the island's capital. |
| **DAY 5:** | Visit the Palatine Chapel and Monreale Cathedral with a local guide. Free afternoon in Palermo to visit the Botanical Gardens or the extensive catacombs. |
| **DAY 6:** | Explore the picturesque fishing village of Cefalu and see the coastal scenery en route to the seaside town of Giardini Naxos. |
| **DAY 7:** | Travel to the base camp of Mount Etna to explore its lunar landscape, craters and lava fields. Guided walking tour of Taormina. |
| **DAY 8:** | Trip ends in Giardini Naxos. |

# Malta and Gozo Discovery

TRIP CODE - **MLA** | MALTA



BEST SELLER

A highlights tour of Malta and Gozo exploring the wealth of historic attractions on these Mediterranean islands. Discover contrasting island lifestyles, see colourful Maltese fishing boats and sample wonderful food and wine along the way.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Gozo** | Explore Malta's unspoilt sister island including the capital of Victoria

**Valletta** | Admire impressive fortifications, imposing churches and the Grand Harbour

**Megalithic Temples** | Discover the oldest freestanding structures in the world, the temples of Ggantija, Hagar Qim and Mnajdra

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$2450 NZ$2540

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat | Ferry

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 1

**179kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Combine Malta and Gozo with our Discover Sicily tour for even more island adventures.

**Trip Code: MLAS**






### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip at Malta airport and take the ferry to Gozo.

**DAY 2:** Guided walking tours of Victoria and the Ggantija megalithic temples at Xaghra.

**DAY 3:** Visit Dwejra and take a scenic walk to Xwejni Bay. Ferry to Malta.

**DAY 4:** Walking tour of Valletta and visit Saint John's Co-Cathedral.

**DAY 5:** Walking tour of the Three Cities – Senglea, Vittoriosa and Cospicua and take a Grand Harbour cruise.

**DAY 6:** Explore the temples at Hagar Qim and Mnajdra and enjoy a local food and wine tasting.

**DAY 7:** Visit to the fortified city of Mdina, the San Anton Botanical Gardens and the Mosta Dome.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in St Paul's Bay.





# Historic Baltic Republics

TRIP CODE - **HB** | ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA



BEST SELLER

Zigzagging through Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, you'll take in the three capital cities, marvel at the meteor-created 4,000-year-old Kaali Crater, see the much-photographed 'Hill of Crosses', stroll the amber-studded beaches of Nida, and try delicious locally-brewed beer.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Three Baltic Capitals** | Explore the medieval centres of Tallinn, Riga and Vilnius on foot

**Saaremaa** | See time-worn windmills and juniper groves on Estonia's largest island

**Curonian Spit National Park** | Search for birdlife and walk among the golden sand dunes

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

**AU$4070 NZ$4230**

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
12 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights simple hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Ferry

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14

**286kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

If you're a little short on time try our more compact 8-day Baltic Capital Cities trip instead.

**Trip Code: BAT**








## ITINERARY

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| **DAYS 1–2:** | Join trip in Tallinn, Estonia. Chance to visit the Maritime Museum. |
| **DAY 3:** | Tour of Saaremaa Island. See Koguva and the Kaali Meteorite Crater. |
| **DAY 4:** | Explore Kuressare including Saint Laurentius Church. Chance to visit the Bishop's Palace. |
| **DAY 5:** | Travel to Tartu, the oldest town in Estonia via the coastal town of Parnu. |
| **DAY 6:** | Walking tour of Tartu including Toomemagi Cathedral Hill and the 'Kissing Students' statue. |
| **DAY 7:** | Stop in Cesis in the Gauja National Park and Sigulda en route to Riga, Latvia. Visit Turaida Castle. |
| **DAYS 8–9:** | Walking tour of Riga's old town to see the Freedom Monument and the cathedral. Free day in the city. |
| **DAY 10:** | Visit 18th-century Rundale Palace and the 'Hill of Crosses' en route to Klaipeda in Lithuania. |
| **DAY 11:** | Explore the Curonian Spit National Park. See the Hill of Witches, twisted trees and amazing sand dunes. |
| **DAY 12:** | Walking tour of Kaunas including the castle ruins. Chance to visit the Holocaust Memorial. |
| **DAY 13:** | Drive to Vilnius via the large Baroque Pazaislis Monastery and red-bricked Trakai Castle, set on an island in a lake. |
| **DAY 14** | Walking tour of Vilnius. |
| **DAY 15** | Trip ends in Vilnius, Lithuania. |

# Croatia Island Hopping

TRIP CODE - **DC** | CROATIA



For sun and sea, with a side of culture, spend a week island-hopping along Croatia's Dalmatian Coast. Contrast ancient history found in terracotta-roofed cities with rural island life, sharing a home-cooked meal at a local farmhouse. Above all, don't miss daily opportunities to swim, kayak or snorkel in crystal-clear waters.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Dubrovnik** | Discover the Old Town's incredible architecture

**Korcula** | Explore the island's untouched corners and spend the afternoon at a traditional local farm

**Brac** | Try stand-up paddle boarding or kayaking near the Golden Cape beach, Zlatni Rat

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★☆ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$3460 NZ$3590

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
6 nights premium hotel
1 night comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Dinner: 2

**240kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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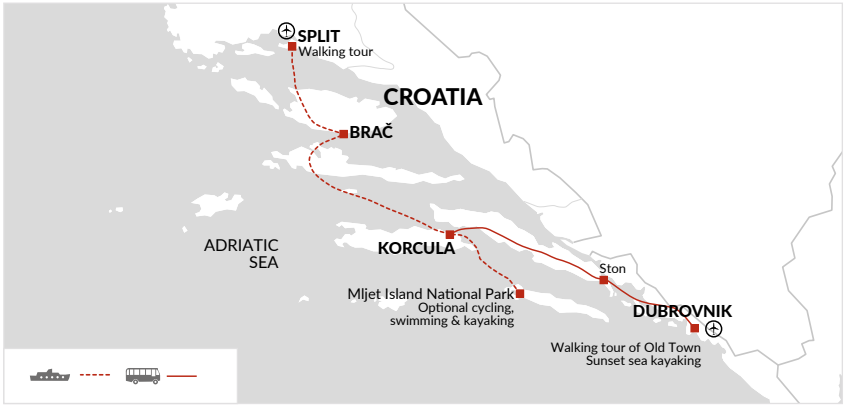
Exploring the highlights of Croatia's mainland instead. Discover the old capital city, Zadar, and walk among the shimmering lakes and cascading waterfalls of Plitvice Lakes National Park.

**Trip Code: DD**



### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1** | Join trip in Split. |
| **DAY 2:** | Morning exploration of Split. Take the afternoon ferry to Brac Island. |
| **DAY 3:** | Morning walk through rural villages to a monastery. Free afternoon with the option to try kayaking or stand-up paddle boarding. |
| **DAY 4:** | Sail to Korcula Island by catamaran ferry. Explore the island and visit a traditional farm. |
| **DAY 5:** | Full day excursion to Mljet Island with the option to kayak, cycle or simply relax on the beach. |
| **DAY 6:** | Drive to the Pelješac peninsula and visit historical Ston with an opportunity for wine tasting along the way. |
| **DAY 7:** | Walking tour of Dubrovnik. Free afternoon to discover the old town. |
| **DAY 8:** | Trip ends in Dubrovnik. |






# Balkans Rail Adventure

TRIP CODE - **YUG** | SLOVENIA, CROATIA, BOSNIA & HERZ, MONTENEGRO, SERBIA, NORTH MACEDONIA, KOSOVO



BEST SELLER

This fast-paced overland adventure takes you through the heart of former Yugoslavia. Travel by rail with backdrops of rugged mountain peaks and discover thriving cities including Sarajevo and Belgrade that remain off the beaten path for many travellers.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Rail journeys** | Travel by local train including the Bar to Belgrade line; one of the most stunning rail trips in Europe

**Plitvice National Park** | See the many cascading waterfalls, shimmering lakes and extensive flora

**Mostar** | Discover atmospheric bazaars and mosques, as well as the famed Stari Most Bridge

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$5510 NZ$5720**

*per person, trip only (16 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
15 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat | Public Bus | Taxi | Train

MEALS:
Breakfast: 15 | Dinner: 3

**745kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Our slightly shorter discovery journey through the Balkans that covers Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia.

**Trip Code: YD**








## ITINERARY

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| **DAYS 1–2:** | Join trip in Ljubljana. Sightseeing tour of Ljubljana. |
| **DAY 3:** | Free morning in Slovenia's capital; train to Zagreb, Croatia. |
| **DAY 4:** | Walking tour of Zagreb; visit to beautiful Plitvice National Park. |
| **DAYS 5–6:** | Travel to Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, for guided tour and chance to visit Tunnel Museum. |
| **DAY 7:** | Scenic rail trip to Mostar with a walking tour on arrival. |
| **DAY 8:** | Drive to Podgorica stopping along the way in Old Town Dubrovnik and Montenegro's dramatic Kotor Bay. |
| **DAY 9:** | Scenic bus and train journey to Belgrade, Serbia. |
| **DAY 10:** | Visit Novi Sad, on the banks of the Danube River. Return to Belgrade for traditional Serbian barbecue dinner. |
| **DAYS 11–12:** | Walking tour of Belgrade, drive to historic capital, Skopje, for orientation and local Macedonian dinner. |
| **DAY 13:** | Rail journey to Bitola followed by an afternoon visit to discover the ancient city of Heraclea. |
| **DAY 14:** | Travel to the lakeside town of Ohrid, via Galichica National Park, for an afternoon boat ride. |
| **DAYS 15–16:** | All day transfer to Pristina, orientation walk with Tour Leader on arrival. Trip ends in Pristina, Kosovo. |

# Grand Tour of Romania, Serbia and Bulgaria

TRIP CODE - **RSB** | ROMANIA, SERBIA, BULGARIA



BEST SELLER

Watch thousands of years of history whizz past on this whistle-stop journey that takes in medieval Transylvania, Plovdiv's Roman Theatre, Ottoman curiosities in Nis and communist Sofia. Along the way, enjoy magnificent views of the mighty Danube and at the Black Sea.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Legendary Castles** | Delve beneath the myths at Castle Bran and marvel at Peles Castle's decor

**Belgrade** | Discover the Ottoman, Roman and Communist history in the old capital of Yugoslavia

**Rila Monastery** | Visit this spectacular UNESCO Site with its brightly coloured frescoes

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★☆ | feefo

PRICES FROM

**AU$3870 NZ$4020**

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
11 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights simple hotel
1 night simple guesthouse
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 1

**470kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

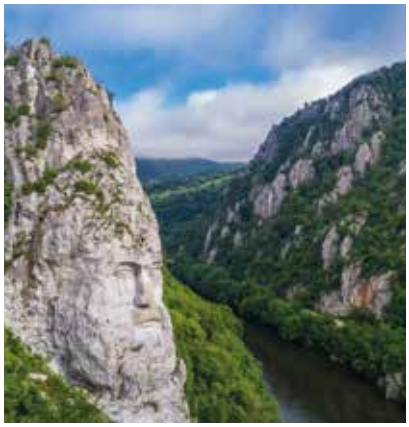
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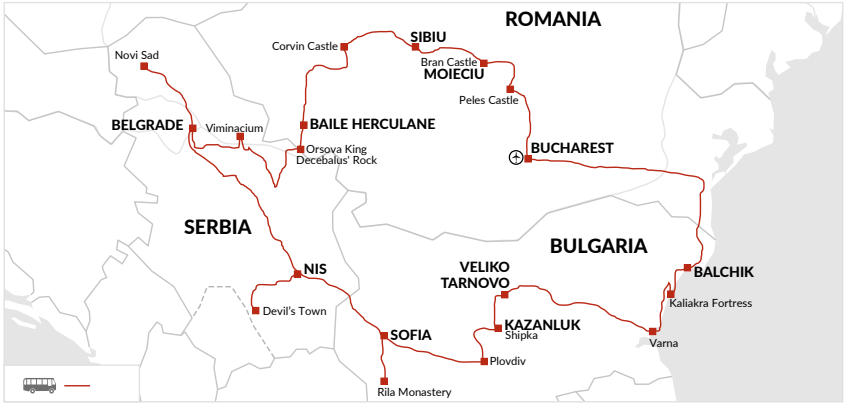
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## WHY NOT TRY?

Exploring just Romania in depth instead. Discover remote villages, hear myths of Dracula, see the towering Carpathian Mountains and cruise along the Danube Delta.

**Trip Code: TD**






## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in the Romanian capital, Bucharest.

**DAY 2:** Bucharest walking tour; visit the remarkable Transylvanian Castles of Peles and Bran in the Carpathian Mountains.

**DAY 3:** Explore medieval Brasov and the walled city of Sibiu.

**DAY 4:** Marvel at the imposing King Decebalus sculpture, carved into the cliff face high above the Danube River.

**DAYS 5–6:** Cross into Serbia to explore ancient Roman Viminacium, Belgrade and the laidback city of Novi Sad.

**DAY 7:** See the rock formations at Devil's Town and Skull Tower in Nis.

**DAYS 8–9:** Spend time in the Bulgarian capital Sofia, visiting magnificent Rila Monastery and the Soviet Army Monument.

**DAY 10:** Discover Plovdiv Roman Theatre and a Thracian tomb in the Rose Valley.

**DAY 11:** Visit Shipka Memorial Church, Etar Museum and Tsarevets Fort.

**DAYS 12–13:** Explore the Black Sea coast at Varna and Balchik where we take a walk along the cliff tops and stay in a former Royal palace complex.

**DAY 14:** Return to Bucharest and enjoy some free time.

**DAY 15:** Trip ends in Bucharest, Romania.

# Highlights of Albania

TRIP CODE - **AB** | ALBANIA



BEST SELLER

Boasting snow-capped mountains and Adriatic beaches, this tour of historically-rich Albania takes in all the highlights, from ancient Lake Ohrid to UNESCO-listed Berat. Share a family-cooked lunch and meander through Roman sites, on this journey through the Mediterranean's best-kept secret.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Butrint** | Discover one of the greatest archaeological sites in the Balkans

**Llogara National Park** | Explore the pristine forests and admire the fantastic views

**Gjirokaster** | Stroll along the cobbled streets and visit its hilltop castle

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$4070 NZ$4230

*per person, trip only (11 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
10 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus

MEALS:
Breakfast: 10 | Lunch: 2

**330kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WHY NOT TRY?

Walking through the little visited Albanian Alps instead.

**Trip Code: ALW**








### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Tirana, one of the most dynamic capitals of the western Balkans.

**DAY 2:** Today is focused on exploring Tirana and its surroundings.

**DAY 3:** Go to Elbasan Fortress. Stop in the fishing village of Lin en route to Pogradec on Lake Ohrid.

**DAY 4:** Drive via Voskopoja to Korca. Explore the old town and try Raki in the old bazaar.

**DAY 5:** Drive on one of the most scenic routes in Albania, the Barmash Pass. Spend the afternoon swimming in the Benja Thermal Baths.

**DAY 6:** Go off the beaten path and have lunch with an Albanian family. Visit the castle and Ethnographic Museum in Gjirokaster.

**DAY 7:** See the karstic spring, 'the Blue Eye', and explore Butrint. Spend the rest of the afternoon at the seaside town of Sarande.

**DAY 8:** Visit Ali Pasha Fortress en route to Llogara National Park. Afternoon hike and stay in the park.

**DAY 9:** Explore Vlora and visit the ancient Roman site of Apollonia.

**DAY 10:** Discover the fortress and Red Mosque in Berat. Visit the Roman amphitheatre in Durresi.

**DAY 11:** Trip ends in Kruja.

# Ancient Macedonia

TRIP CODE - **AM** | BULGARIA, NORTH MACEDONIA, GREECE



BEST SELLER

Walk in the footsteps of Alexander the Great, exploring mountainous landscapes and historic towns that span the ancient empires of the Ottomans, the Romans and the Greeks. Stay in a working monastery, discover a melting pot of contrasting cultures, and feast on Greek delicacies along the way.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Lake Ohrid** | Explore the monasteries around the lake and the town of Ohrid

**Rila Monastery** | See the distinctive architecture and brightly coloured frescoes

**Pella** | Discover the birthplace of Alexander the Great, with its mythological mosaics

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$4080 NZ$4240

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
13 nights comfortable hotel
1 night comfortable monastery
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat | Ferry

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14 | Dinner: 2

**720kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Combine Macedonia with Albania and Kosovo for a trip covering all three of these lesser-known countries.

**Trip Code: KOA**








### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Sofia, Bulgaria. |
| **DAY 2:** | Explore Sofia on foot. Travel to North Macedonia. Stay in Saint Joakim Osogovski Monastery. |
| **DAY 3:** | Visit Kratovo in the crater of an extinct volcano. In Skopje, see Kale Fortress. |
| **DAY 4:** | Discover the towering sides of the dramatic Matka Gorge. Chance for a boat trip above the dam. |
| **DAY 5:** | Scenic drive to Ohrid via Mavrovo National Park. See the carvings at Saint Jovan Bigorski Monastery. |
| **DAYS 6–7:** | Walking tour of Ohrid. Take in the view from the Church of Saint John at Kaneo. Free time to relax. |
| **DAY 8:** | Boat trip to the Springs of Lake Ohrid. Visit Saint Naum and Heraclea. |
| **DAY 9:** | Visit the birthplace of Alexander the Great at Pella and Vergina. Arrive in Thessaloniki, Greece. |
| **DAY 10:** | Discover Thessaloniki on foot. Free afternoon to visit the Archaeological Museum. |
| **DAYS 11–12:** | Scenic drive on the Halkidiki Peninsula. Boat trip to see Mount Athos. Ferry to Thassos Island. |
| **DAY 13:** | Explore historical Philippi. Drive on to Bansko in the Pirin Mountains of Bulgaria. |
| **DAYS 14–15:** | Visit Rila Monastery. Return to Sofia where the trip ends. |

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*Great trip travelling and staying on four different islands, and visiting two more. Fantastic guide who was with us for the whole trip.*

★★★★★ | feefo | Sally, May 2023



NAXOS | GREECE

# Greek Island Wanderer

TRIP CODE - **GW** | GREECE



BEST SELLER

Forget grappling with timetables, we take all the stress out of Greek island-hopping on this relaxed two-week tour. Starting in Athens you'll sail around the whitewashed towns and beaches of the Cyclades via ferry with plenty of free days built in for exploration.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Santorini** | Discover its volcanic scenery and whitewashed churches with blue-domed roofs

**Syros** | Opportunity to take coastal walks and sample cuisine in authentic seafront tavernas

**Paros** | Chance to walk along an ancient Byzantine road and go snorkelling

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$4010 NZ$4170

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
10 nights comfortable hotel
3 nights simple hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Ferry | Taxi

MEALS:
Breakfast: 13

**559kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Cruising the quiet coves and harbours of Greek island Evia, aboard a traditional wooden boat.

**Trip Code: GC**




### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Athens. |
| **DAY 2:** | Walking tour of Athens. Guided tour of the Acropolis. |
| **DAYS 3–4:** | Ferry to Syros. Opportunity for an easy walk from Kini to Galissas and to join an island tour and sample the sweet, Loukoumi. |
| **DAY 5:** | Free time, with the chance to take a number of coastal walks. Evening ferry to Paros. |
| **DAYS 6–7:** | Free time on Paros to walk along the Byzantine road and take a caique boat cruise. |
| **DAY 8:** | Ferry to Naxos, afternoon orientation tour of the old town. |
| **DAY 9:** | Full day Naxos tour including the picturesque villages of Halki and Moni and a gentle walk in the mountains. |
| **DAY 10:** | Free day in Naxos with the option to visit Delos and Mykonos by boat. |
| **DAY 11:** | Ferry to Santorini; included wine tasting. |
| **DAY 12:** | Spectacular coastal walk along the caldera from Fira to Oia; free afternoon to explore Oia or visit Akrotiri. |
| **DAY 13:** | Free time in Santorini to explore the beautiful capital, Fira or join a cruise to an active volcano and the tiny island of Thirassia. |
| **DAY 14:** | Trip ends in Santorini. |

# Active Turkey

TRIP CODE - **MAT** | TURKEY



BEST SELLER

**Switch things up and swap ancient sites and beaches for this activity-packed tour of Turkey's famously beautiful Lycian coastline, combining hiking, biking, kayaking and snorkelling through its pine-clad mountains and sparkling sea nicknamed the 'Turquoise Coast.'**

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Kekova Bay** | Sea kayak to the sunken city of Kekova and the village of Simena

**Xanthos** | Visit the ancient capital of Lycia and canoe down the river to Patara Beach

**Taurus Mountains** | Cycle and walk among the tree-covered foothills

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$1420 NZ$1470**

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat | Bike

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 4

**81kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## WHY NOT TRY?

Exploring Turkey's Turquoise Coast on two wheels, cycling through farmland, hills and forests.

**Trip Code: CTT**








## ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Kas. Free time to relax by the harbour. |
| **DAY 2:** | Trek in the ruggedly beautiful foothills of the Taurus Mountains with a picnic lunch along the way. Take in the views from Bozkava summit. |
| **DAY 3:** | Visit ancient Xanthos before canoeing on the river. Stop for a riverside barbecue lunch and swim at Patara Beach. |
| **DAY 4:** | Free day to go scuba diving, horse riding or visit the Greek island of Meis. Alternatively, relax in Kas or beside the hotel pool. |
| **DAY 5:** | Early morning sea kayaking in Kekova Bay to view the ruins of the sunken city. Visit to Simena Castle to admire the view over the bay. |
| **DAY 6:** | Cycle through the forest-covered foothills of the Taurus Mountains. Stop for a picnic lunch and to cool off at Kaputas Beach. |
| **DAY 7:** | Gulet boat trip, with lunch included, around the bays surrounding Kas. Take the opportunity to snorkel and swim in turquoise waters. |
| **DAY 8:** | Trip ends in Kas. |

# Turkey in Depth

TRIP CODE - **TU** | TURKEY



BEST SELLER

A history-rich whirlwind tour of Turkey. Marvel at Istanbul's Blue Mosque and Konya's Whirling Dervishes, visit ancient Troy (namechecked in the Iliad), and explore UNESCO-listed Hierapolis and the terraces of Pamukkale – and that's just the start!

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Cappadocia** | Explore the fairy-tale chimneys and rock-carved cave dwellings

**Gallipoli** | Discover the poignant World War I memorials including the Lone Pine Cemetery

**Turquoise Coast** | Take a tranquil boat ride to Caunos and swim at Iztuzu Beach

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$2850 NZ$2970

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
12 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights premium hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat | Ferry

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14

**421kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WHY NOT TRY?

Visiting Turkey in winter, for mild weather and fewer crowds. Stay at a vineyard and discover ancient sites.

**Trip Code: WT**








### ITINERARY

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| **DAYS 1–2:** | Join trip in Istanbul. Tour of the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia. Cross the Bosphorus. |
| **DAYS 3–4:** | In Ankara see Ataturk's Mausoleum and the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations. Visit Kaymakli. |
| **DAY 5:** | Explore the remarkable Uchisar Castle and Goreme Open Air Museum in Cappadocia. |
| **DAY 6:** | See the home of the Whirling Dervishes in Konya. Continue to the coastal city of Antalya. |
| **DAY 7:** | Journey to Kas via ancient Olympos. See the Chimaera – the eternal flame. |
| **DAY 8:** | Free time in Kas on the Turquoise Coast, with the chance to sea kayak. |
| **DAY 9:** | Boat ride to the rock-carved tombs at Caunos. Chance to swim at the beautiful Iztuzu Beach. |
| **DAY 10:** | Visit the amazing white terraces of Pamukkale and the ancient Roman spa town of Hierapolis. |
| **DAYS 11–12:** | Discover the famed Greco-Roman sites of Aphrodisias and Ephesus, including the Temple of Artemis. |
| **DAY 13:** | See Pergamon Acropolis in the typical Turkish town of Bergama and the ruins at Troy. |
| **DAY 14:** | Ferry to the World War I battlefields at Gallipoli, including Anzac Cove and the Lone Pine Cemetery. |
| **DAY 15:** | Trip ends in Istanbul. |

# London to Istanbul Rail Adventure

TRIP CODE - **RLA** | UK, FRANCE, ITALY, AUSTRIA, CROATIA, SERBIA, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA, BULGARIA, TURKEY



**Embark on a fast-paced rail adventure discovering iconic cities like Venice, Zagreb, and Belgrade, while also exploring off-the-beaten-path destinations in Croatia and Serbia. Enjoy eco-friendly transportation and breathtaking scenic views throughout your journey.**

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Train travel** | Take a narrow gauge train in the Serbian mountains and sleeper train to Istanbul

**Rural Balkans** | Escape tourist spots, visit a rural winery in Serbia, and explore Croatia's baroque town, Varazdin

**Venice and Istanbul** | Bookend your trip with stays in the canal city and ancient Constantinople

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★☆☆ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$7040 NZ$7310

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
11 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights simple hotel
1 night simple train
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat | Train

MEALS: Breakfast: 14

**556kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:
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### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Extend your trip and visit Cappadocia. See the fairy-tale chimneys and carved rock churches.

**Trip Code: RLAC**






### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Board Eurostar and meet your group in Paris. Train to Milan. |
| **DAY 2:** | Chance to visit the famous Last Supper painting. Train to Venice. Try local 'cicchetti', Venetian small plates. |
| **DAYS 3–4:** | Explore the canals and islands of Venice. Train to Zagreb, Croatia. |
| **DAY 5:** | Visit the medieval town of Varazdin, with its pastel houses and the castle of Stari Grad. |
| **DAY 6:** | Walking tour of Zagreb. Free afternoon to explore the capital. |
| **DAY 7:** | Train and bus to Belgrade, Serbia. |
| **DAY 8:** | Walking tour of Belgrade. Train and bus to Drvengrad. |
| **DAY 9:** | Take a mountain ride on the historic Sargan 8 train. |
| **DAYS 10–11:** | Wine-tasting experience in rural Serbia. Sample tasty burek pastries in Nis. Drive to Sofia. |
| **DAY 12:** | Free day in Sofia, Bulgaria's capital. |
| **DAY 13:** | Discover the ancient Roman amphitheatre at Plovdiv. Overnight train to Istanbul. |
| **DAY 14:** | Wake up at the gateway to Asia. Explore the atmospheric markets and mosques of Istanbul. |
| **DAY 15:** | Trip ends in Istanbul. |

# Explore the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

TRIP CODE - **KSA** | SAUDI ARABIA



BEST SELLER

Once the southernmost extension of the Nabatean empire, Saudi Arabia is a one-of-a-kind destination. It's time to discover what lies beyond the headlines as we explore its mishmash of ultra-modern cities and ancient desert landscapes on this action-packed two-week tour.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Hegra (Mada'in Saleh)** | Discover this ancient Nabatean city and sleep in a desert camp

**Jeddah** | Explore the scented souks and alleyways of the UNESCO Old Town

**Lush mountains** | Visit Al Bahah, a region of hidden villages and hairpin roads

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

**AU$9300 NZ$9670**

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
8 nights comfortable hotel
3 nights comfortable tented camp
2 nights premium hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | 4WD | Boat

MEALS:
Breakfast: 13 | Lunch: 2 | Dinner: 5

**966kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

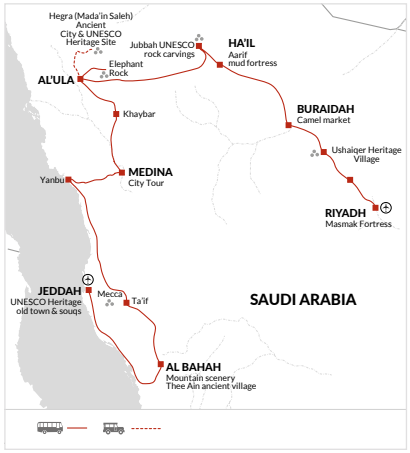
MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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> "The whole trip gave surprises and highlights and it is a truly beautiful place to visit."
>
> Trusted Customer, December 2022








## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Riyadh.

**DAY 2:** Meet with a local Saudi lady and discover the city on foot, through her eyes. Get a birds-eye view at the Kingdom Towers.

**DAY 3:** Drive past sand dunes to the ancient mud-brick village of Ushaiqer. Continue to Buraidah.

**DAY 4:** Experience the clamour of the Buraidah camel market. Explore Ha'il's hilltop fortress of A'arif.

**DAY 5:** Find prehistoric rock art in Jubbah. Drive to Al'Ula and sleep in the desert.

**DAY 6:** Peer into the tombs at the ancient Nabatean city of Hegra, and admire rock carved Lion sculptures in Dadan.

**DAY 7:** Get lost in the maze of Al'Ula's old town. Optional stargazing in the evening.

**DAY 8:** Drive to the holy city of Medina through Lawrence of Arabia country.

**DAY 9:** Enjoy a boat trip in Yanbu and admire its thriving coral reef.

**DAY 10:** Head to the south via Ta'if. Continue into the mountains, towards Al Bahah.

**DAY 11:** Visit the mountain village of Thee Ain and take an exhilarating 4WD ride up Shada Mountain.

**DAY 12:** Drive along the Red Sea to Jeddah. Walk along the lively corniche (sea front) in the early evening.

**DAY 13:** Walking tour of the UNESCO-listed old town. Enjoy a delicious meal of fresh fish and seafood this evening.

**DAY 14:** Trip ends in Jeddah.

# Mountains, Deserts and Coast of Oman

TRIP CODE - **OM** | OMAN



BEST SELLER

Known as the 'Switzerland of the Middle East', laid-back Oman is a land of contrasts, from modern Muscat to the wild Wahiba Sands. Watch dhow builders at work in Sur, have lunch with a local family in Al Hamra, perhaps see green turtles at Ras Al Jinz and camp beneath the stars.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Muscat** | Discover impressive forts, and the Royal Palace and Corniche of the capital

**Wahiba Sands** | Explore by 4WD and camp among spectacular sand dunes

**Nizwa** | Visit the jaw-dropping Jebel Shams 'Grand Canyon'

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$3860 NZ$4010

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
5 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights simple camping
*Optional single rooms available*

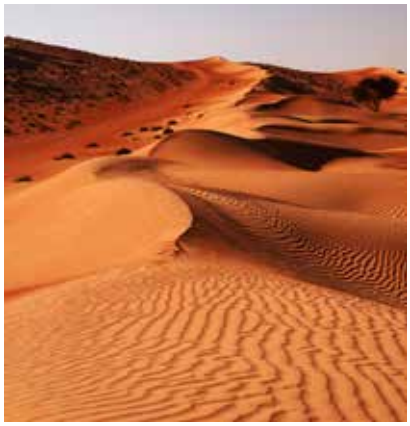
TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat | 4WD

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 3

**436kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

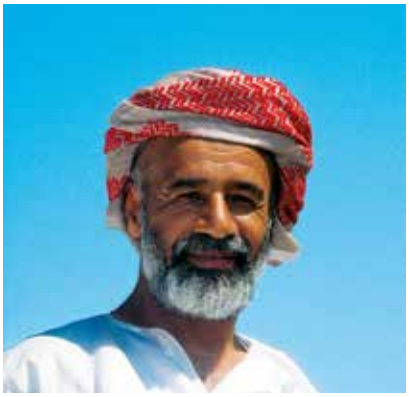
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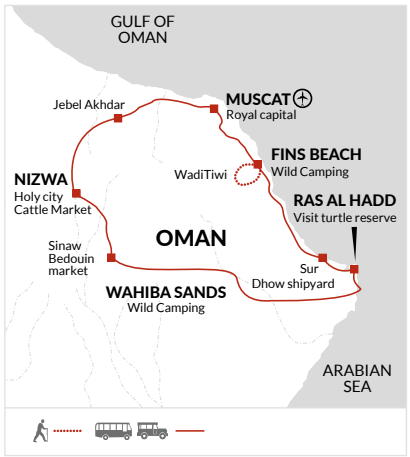


### WHY NOT TRY?

Exploring on foot instead. Trek through Oman's remarkable natural beauty and contrasting landscapes.

**Trip Code: WOM**






## ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Muscat. Explore the walled city and Portuguese fortresses. |
| **DAY 2:** | Visit the Grand Mosque and drive to the wild camp at Fins Beach. Time to relax and swim in the sea. |
| **DAY 3:** | Learn the history of Oman at the dhow shipyard. Go on a late evening excursion in search of turtles nesting on the beach. |
| **DAY 4:** | Drive deep into the heart of the shifting Wahiba Sands for amazing sunset views, and spend a night camping under the stars. |
| **DAY 5:** | Cross the desert, stopping at a Bedouin market town on the way to Nizwa, the former capital. |
| **DAY 6:** | Visit Nizwa Fort, have lunch with an Omani family and drive to the Jebel Shams viewpoint to see Oman's 'Grand Canyon'. Return to Muscat. |
| **DAY 7:** | Take the opportunity to enjoy a sunset cruise on a traditional dhow vessel, looking for dolphins. |
| **DAY 8:** | Trip ends in Muscat. |



# Highlights of Lebanon

TRIP CODE - **LL** | LEBANON



Watch Lebanon's fascinating history unfold on this journey from cosmopolitan Beirut to the charming harbour of Byblos. Discover coastal Crusader castles, join morning prayers with monks in the Qadisha Valley and have a delicious traditional lunch at a community restaurant in the heart of the Bekaa Valley.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Cedars of God** | See the 1000-year-old Lebanon Cedars set high above the Qadisha Valley

**Coastal cities** | Uncover the rich maritime heritage of Mediterranean Byblos and Batroun

**Lebanese cuisine** | Taste red wine in the Bekaa Valley and feast on fresh hummus, labneh and falafel in the narrow streets of the souks

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$3210 NZ$3340

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
6 nights comfortable hotel
1 night simple monastery
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 2 | Dinner: 2

**266kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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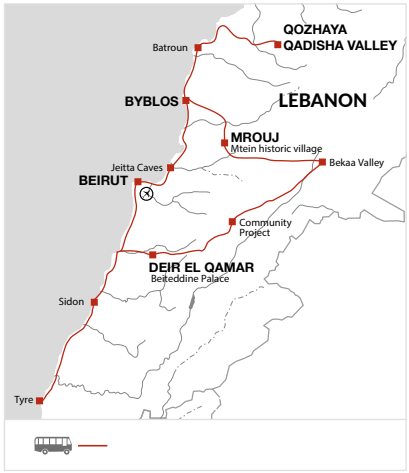
### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Visiting another foodie destination: Jordan. Experience the country's cultural highlights through a range of delicious culinary experiences.

**Trip Code: XJD**



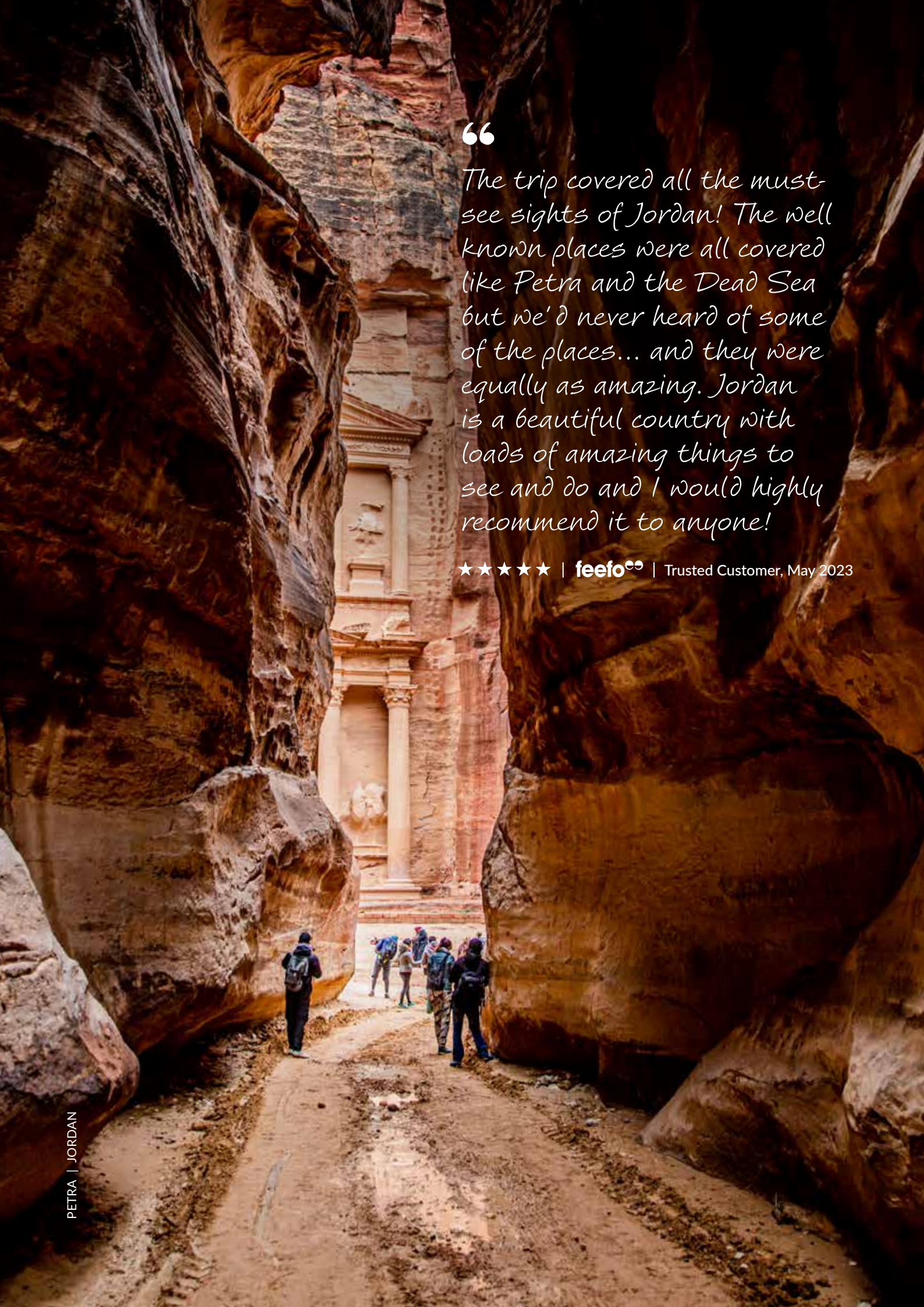





### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Beirut, Lebanon's cosmopolitan capital city. |
| **DAY 2:** | Explore Beirut, follow the city's symbolic Green Line and join locals for a stroll along the corniche. |
| **DAY 3:** | Visit Tyre's UNESCO World Heritage Site, Sidon's Phoenician Sea Castle and drive to the Chouf Mountains. |
| **DAY 4:** | Discover Beiteddine Palace. Have lunch at Tawlet Ammiq community project and visit a small Arak factory. Drive to Byblos. |
| **DAY 5:** | Full day in Byblos: guided tour, optional wine tasting and free afternoon to explore the Ottoman souks or relax by the sea. |
| **DAY 6:** | Free morning in Byblos then drive to the beautiful Qadisha Valley. |
| **DAY 7:** | Join the early morning prayers, walk in the valley and discover dramatic limestone formations at Jeitta Caves, then return to Beirut. |
| **DAY 8:** | Trips ends in Beirut. |





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*The trip covered all the must-see sights of Jordan! The well known places were all covered like Petra and the Dead Sea but we'd never heard of some of the places... and they were equally as amazing. Jordan is a beautiful country with loads of amazing things to see and do and I would highly recommend it to anyone!*

★★★★★ | feefo | Trusted Customer, May 2023

PETRA | JORDAN

# Jordan Discovery

TRIP CODE - **JD** | JORDAN



BEST SELLER

Mention Jordan and most think of UNESCO-listed Petra and the desert scapes of Wadi Rum. This tour explores these sites in-depth and then takes you beyond – from the preserved Roman town of Jerash and camping in a Bedouin goat-hair tent, to floating in the salty Dead Sea.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Mount Nebo** | Learn about Jordan's biblical heritage as we travel in the footsteps of Moses

**Petra** | Spend two full days discovering the historic and remarkable 'Rose Red City'

**Wadi Rum** | Eat a traditional Bedouin barbecue and sleep under a blanket of stars

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$2440 NZ$2530

*per person, trip only (9 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
4 nights premium hotel
3 nights comfortable hotel
1 night comfortable tented camp
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | 4WD

MEALS:
Breakfast: 8 | Lunch: 1 | Dinner: 2

**286kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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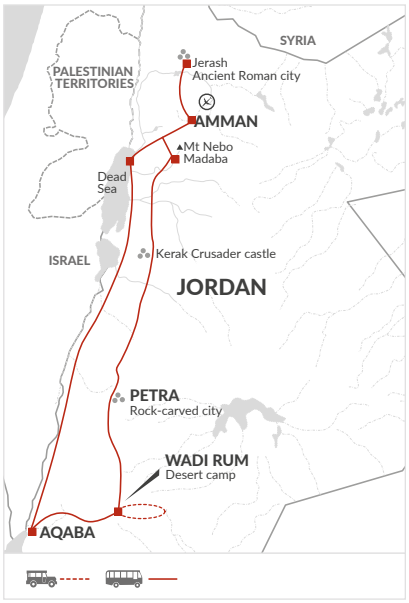


### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Exploring Jordan's historic and natural sites on foot instead. Trek across wild plateaus to Petra and explore breathtaking canyons in Wadi Rum.

**Trip Code: TP**






### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Amman.

**DAY 2:** Visit Jerash, a wonderfully preserved Roman town, before a guided tour of Amman's ancient citadel.

**DAY 3:** Explore Mount Nebo and the mosaics at Madaba before travelling to Petra. Take a chance to see Petra at night, lit by hundreds of candles.

**DAY 4:** Take a guided tour of ancient Petra, a city carved into rock by the Nabateans, including the famous facade of the Treasury.

**DAY 5:** Free time to discover Petra. Trek to the Monastery or High Place of Sacrifice for views over the Negev Desert.

**DAY 6:** Travel through Wadi Rum in a 4WD. Spend the night in a Bedouin camp in the desert.

**DAY 7:** Travel to Aqaba for a relaxing day. Opportunities to snorkel, swim and take a boat trip on the Red Sea.

**DAY 8:** Leave Aqaba and descend to the lowest point on Earth for time to float in the salty waters of the Dead Sea.

**DAY 9:** Trip ends in Amman.

# Jordan and Egypt – Petra to the Pyramids

TRIP CODE - **PP** | JORDAN, EGYPT



NEW TRIP

This action-packed journey across Jordan and Egypt, via the Sinai Peninsula, takes in some of the world's most significant archaeological sites including the Pyramids and Great Sphinx of Giza, as well as the ancient Nabatean city of Petra. Experience the buzz of Cairo, explore the Valley of the Kings and sleep like a Bedouin in Wadi Rum.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Dead Sea** | Float in the famously salty waters of the lowest point on the earth's surface

**Dahab** | Relax in the laid-back Red Sea resort of Dahab with a full day snorkelling trip

**Luxor** | Sail in a traditional felucca boat on the River Nile, the lifeblood of Egypt

### PRICES FROM

**AU$6110 NZ$6350**

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
8 nights comfortable hotel
4 nights premium hotel
1 night comfortable camp
1 night comfortable train
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat | 4WD

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 2 | Dinner: 5

**622kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Amman. |
| **DAY 2:** | Visit Jerash before exploring the Amman Citadel and downtown. |
| **DAY 3:** | Continue on to 'City of Mosaics', Madaba and float in the Dead Sea. |
| **DAY 4:** | Full day in the Red City of Petra. Optional Petra by night. |
| **DAY 5:** | Drive through the unreal landscape of Wadi Rum by 4WD. Overnight at traditional Bedouin camp. |
| **DAY 6:** | Cross to Egypt via ferry and drive to low key Red Sea coastal town of Dahab. |
| **DAY 7:** | Full day boat trip on the Red Sea from Dahab. |
| **DAY 8:** | Free morning, drive to St Catherine's monastery. |
| **DAY 9:** | Optional trek to the summit of Mt Sinai. Drive to Cairo via the Suez Canal. |
| **DAY 10:** | In Cairo; visit the Pyramids, Sphinx and Egyptian Museum. |
| **DAY 11:** | Free day in Cairo to explore; overnight train to Luxor. |
| **DAY 12:** | Visit the Karnak Temple; felucca trip on the Nile. |
| **DAY 13:** | Explore the Valley of the Kings and Hatshepsut Temple. |
| **DAY 14:** | Free day in Luxor, optional visit to West Bank to visit workers tombs and Habu Temple. |
| **DAY 15:** | Trip ends in Luxor. |

# Classic Egypt with Nile Cruise

TRIP CODE - **EG** | EGYPT



BEST SELLER

A journey as old as time – Cleopatra took Julius Caesar on the same route – this unforgettable voyage tracing the Nile from Cairo to Aswan stops at all the major sites and includes lesser-known temples too, such as the fully symmetrical and mysterious Kom Ombo.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Ancient history** | See the pyramids, temples and sphinxes for which Egypt is famed

**Nile cruise boat** | Watch the sun set over the Nile on a cruise from Aswan to Luxor

**Egyptian life** | Catch a glimpse of everyday life as you cruise past rural farming communities

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

**AU$3250 NZ$3380**

*per person, trip only (10 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
5 nights comfortable hotel
3 nights premium boat
1 night comfortable train
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat | Train

MEALS:
Breakfast: 9 | Lunch: 3 | Dinner: 4

**359kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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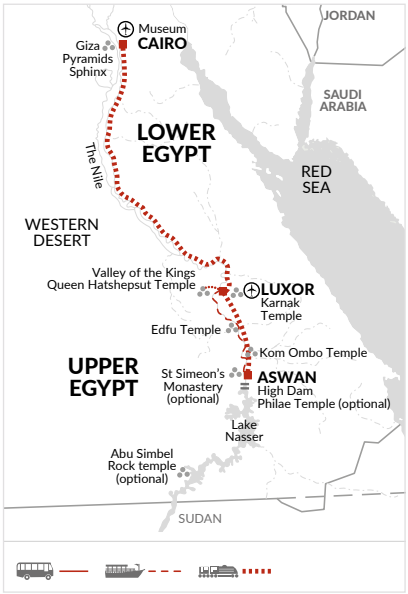
## WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Extend your trip with three days relaxing on the coast by the Red Sea. Choose to snorkel, scuba or simply unwind on the beach.

**Trip Code: EGR**








## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Cairo.

**DAY 2:** Discover the magnificent Great Pyramid of Giza, Sphinx and the Egyptian Museum.

**DAY 3:** Free day in Cairo for a chance to return to the extensive Egyptian Museum to explore further. Take an overnight train to Aswan.

**DAY 4:** Discover Aswan, including time to visit Philae Temple and enjoy a traditional Nubian village dinner.

**DAY 5:** An early morning option to visit Abu Simbel. Board river cruise boat.

**DAY 6:** Choose to take a boat journey and camel ride to visit St Simeon's Monastery. Relax aboard a luxurious Nile riverboat while cruising to Kom Ombo Temple.

**DAY 7:** Spend the day enjoying the riverboat's facilities including the pool or find a shady spot to admire the passing scenery. Evening arrival into Luxor.

**DAY 8:** Disembark in Luxor and visit Karnak Temple. Chance to watch Karnak's evening sound and light show.

**DAY 9:** Explore Deir El Medina, an ancient Egyptian village and visit the royal tombs within Valley of the Kings.

**DAY 10:** Trip ends in Luxor.

# Best of Morocco

TRIP CODE - **MR** | MOROCCO



BEST SELLER

Discover mountains, desert and sea on this tour from iconic Casablanca to the 15th-century outpost of Essaouira. Pass through ancient Fes and the UNESCO-listed Roman ruins of Volubilis, take in heady Atlas Mountain views, delve into Marrakech's souks and sleep under the stars in a Berber camp.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Atmospheric medinas** | Get lost in the colourful alleyways of the cities' old towns

**Todra Gorge** | Walk in Morocco's Grand Canyon through spectacular rock formations

**Essaouira** | Relax in the traditional and charming port town on the Atlantic coast

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$2440 NZ$2530

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
13 nights comfortable hotel
1 night simple camping
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | 4WD

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14 | Dinner: 1

**673kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WHY NOT TRY?

Joining our 9-day Taste of Morocco trip instead. Explore the four Imperial cities, discover the High Atlas, and camp out in the desert with plenty of Moroccan foodie experiences along the way.

**Trip Code: XMR**








### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Casablanca. |
| **DAY 2:** | Visit the extraordinary Hassan II Mosque. Take a city tour of Rabat and continue to Meknes. |
| **DAY 3:** | Discover the imperial city of Meknes and visit the ancient Roman site of Volubilis, Morocco's former capital. |
| **DAY 4:** | Explore Fes, the artisan capital of Morocco with its maze of narrow streets and markets. |
| **DAY 5:** | Drive over the Atlas Mountain range and discover rich Berber culture and heritage. |
| **DAY 6:** | Travel into the desert by 4WD and sleep under the stars in a Berber camp. |
| **DAYS 7–8:** | Watch sunrise over the dunes and experience a camel ride. Explore the magnificent Todra Gorge on foot. |
| **DAY 9:** | Visit the UNESCO fortified Berber settlement of Ait Ben Haddou and the Valley of 1,000 Kasbahs. |
| **DAY 10:** | Cross the highest pass in Morocco through the Atlas Mountains. Join a family for mint tea. |
| **DAYS 11–12:** | Stroll around the 15th-century coastal town of Essaouira, or relax on the beach. |
| **DAYS 13–14:** | Discover the incredible city of Marrakech. Explore markets, souks and mosques. |
| **DAY 15:** | Trip ends in Marrakech. |

# Senegal and The Gambia

TRIP CODE - **SE** | SENEGAL, THE GAMBIA



BEST SELLER

Discover tropical Anglo-influenced Gambia and Francophile Senegal, and compare these contrasting neighbours on our West African adventure. Walk through slow-paced French colonial towns, spot prolific birdlife and explore some of the region's finest national parks.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Djoudj** | Visit one of the most important bird sanctuaries in the world

**Gambia River** | Sail down the Gambia River, past bamboo groves, forests and rice paddies

**Saloum Delta** | Explore the river delta by traditional pirogue boat looking for a range of aquatic birds

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★☆ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$4070 NZ$4230

*per person, trip only (13 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
6 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights comfortable lodge
2 nights comfortable rondavel
1 night simple rondavel
1 night simple boat
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | 4WD | Boat

MEALS:
Breakfast: 12 | Lunch: 5 | Dinner 6

**629kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:
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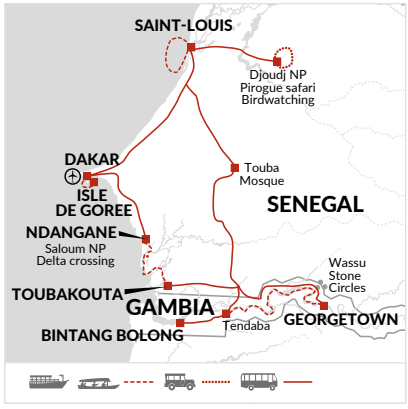
### WHY NOT TRY?

Continuing your West African adventure by joining our Benin and Togo Voodoo tour.

**Trip Code: BWA**








### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Dakar, Senegal.

**DAY 2:** Take a ferry to the carless, and UNESCO-listed, Isle de Goree.

**DAY 3:** Visit the pink-hued Lac Rose; drive north to jazz-filled St. Louis.

**DAY 4:** Discover a bird-watching paradise at Djoudj National Park; explore St. Louis by horse-drawn carriage.

**DAY 5:** Boat trip in the Langue de Barbarie National Park, spotting flamingos, pelicans, egret and more.

**DAY 6:** Visit the Touba Mosque before driving into The Gambia.

**DAY 7:** Cruise along the Gambia River, visit an archaeological mystery, the Wassau Stone Circles.

**DAY 8:** Bird and wildlife spotting on the Gambia River. Late afternoon drive to Bintang Bolong.

**DAY 9:** View outstanding wildlife and bird species in the Bintang Bolong river basin.

**DAY 10:** Drive and ferry back into Senegal.

**DAY 11:** Visit Saolum Delta National Park.

**DAY 12:** Visit Senegal's giant Baobab tree, explore Fadiout Island and return to Dakar.

**DAY 13:** Trip ends in Dakar.

# Uganda Gorilla and Chimp Safari

TRIP CODE - **UG** | UGANDA



BEST SELLER

Few experiences on Earth can rival the electrifying thrill of looking into the warm brown eyes of an endangered mountain gorilla. This bucket-list trip takes you to Uganda's Bwindi National Park to do just that, and also includes chimp tracking and a night drive to spot leopards.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Kibale Forest National Park** | Spend a day tracking chimpanzees through the jungle

**Queen Elizabeth National Park** | Safari in search of lions, elephants and buffalos

**Kazinga Channel** | Take a cruise looking out for hippos, crocodiles, elephants and birdlife

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$10150 NZ$10550

*per person, trip only (11 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights premium lodge
3 nights comfortable lodge
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Minibus | Boat

MEALS:
Breakfast: 10 | Lunch: 7 | Dinner: 9

**454kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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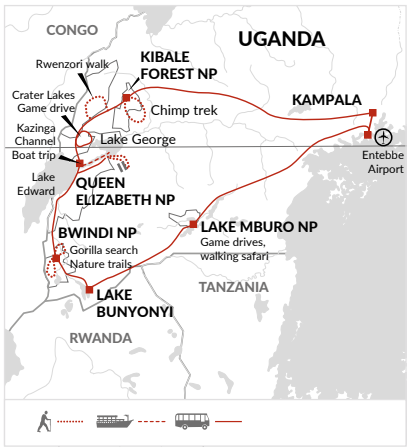




## YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

A wildlife-filled trip to the Serengeti – one of Africa's most iconic national parks. See rhinos, giraffes and leopards at the Ngorongoro Crater and witness huge herds of elephant at Tarangire.

**Trip Code: TL**




## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Kampala.

**DAY 2:** Drive to Kibale Forest National Park, past villages and rolling hills dotted with tea plantations.

**DAY 3:** Encounter the chimpanzees of Kibale as they swing through the trees and howl, hoot and play.

**DAY 4:** Walk in the foothills of the Rwenzori Mountains, through small villages, in search of waterfalls.

**DAY 5:** Spend the day on safari, including a cruise along the river in Queen Elizabeth National Park to see elephants, kob and hippos.

**DAY 6:** Drive to Ishasha to look for the famous tree-climbing lions. Travel to Bwindi.

**DAY 7:** Today we come face to face with the mountain gorillas in Bwindi National Park.

**DAY 8:** Free time in Bwindi to explore this beautiful national park, with its nature trails and village walks.

**DAY 9:** Drive to Lake Mburo. Night safari in search of leopards.

**DAY 10:** Take a walking safari through Lake Mburo National Park looking for antelopes and zebras.

**DAY 11:** Trip ends at Entebbe Airport.

# Highlights of Kenya

TRIP CODE - **KQ** | KENYA



NEW TRIP

Kenya has been a hugely popular destination for generations of travellers seeking a classic African safari. Our tried and tested itinerary encompasses the world-famous Maasai Mara, Lake Nakuru National Park, renowned for flocks of pink flamingos, and the Aberdare Mountains.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Maasai Mara** | Spend three days in one of Africa's greatest wildlife reserves, home to the Great Migration

**Aberdare Mountains** | Spend a night at The Ark, with floodlit waterholes to view a host of wildlife

**Spacious 4WD vehicles** | Travel in 6-seater Land Cruiser safari vehicles offering optimal game viewing and guaranteed window seats

PRICES FROM

**AU$6110 NZ$6350**

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
6 nights comfortable lodge
1 night comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
4WD

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 6 | Dinner: 6

**528kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Make the most of your time in Kenya and extend your trip with a four day visit to Tsavo National Park.

**Trip Code: KQE**



### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Nairobi.

**DAY 2:** Drive into the Aberdare Mountains with commanding views of Mt Kenya. Overnight stay at The Ark lodge.

**DAY 3:** Travel to Nakuru National Park via Thompson Falls. Experience a traditional Nyama Choma lunch.

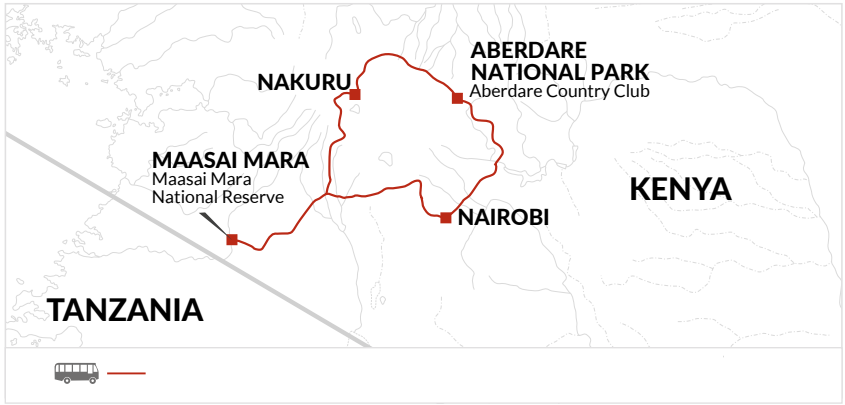
**DAY 4:** Full day on safari at Nakuru National Park, famous for pink flamingo and its population of black rhino.

**DAY 5:** Travel to the world famous Maasai Mara game reserve, afternoon game drive.

**DAY 6:** Morning and afternoon game drives in the Maasai Mara, in search of the big five.

**DAY 7:** Third day of wildlife viewing in the Maasai Mara.

**DAY 8:** Travel back to Nairobi where the trip ends.






# Namibia Lodge Safari

TRIP CODE - **NL** | NAMIBIA



BEST SELLER

Hitting all the highlights, this Namibia safari takes in Windhoek, the soaring sands of the Namib Desert, the massive Cape Cross seal colony on the Skeleton Coast, colonial Swakopmund and the saline spread of Etosha National Park – one of Africa's finest.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Sossusvlei** | The world's highest sand dunes in the world's oldest desert

**Etosha National Park** | One of Africa's great parks, famed for an abundance of wildlife that congregate around waterholes

**Coastal Namibia** | Walvis Bay Lagoon, Cape Cross seal colony and the beautiful seaside town of Swakopmund

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$6110 NZ$6350

*per person, trip only (12 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
8 nights comfortable lodge
2 nights comfortable hotel
1 night premium lodge
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Truck | 4WD

MEALS:
Breakfast: 11 | Lunch: 9 | Dinner: 4

**439kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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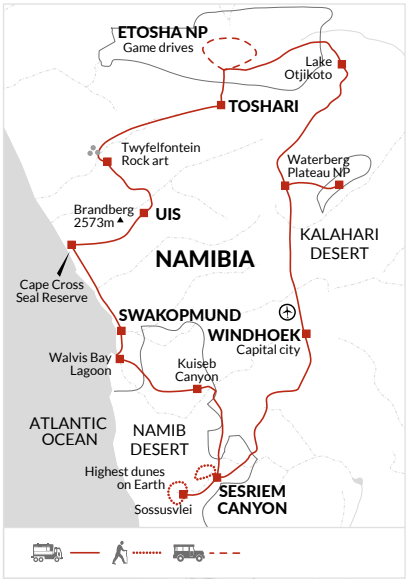




### WHY NOT TRY?

Visiting South Africa instead, on a two-week trip that includes wine tasting, and game drives in Kruger National Park.

**Trip Code: SAH**




### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Windhoek.

**DAY 2:** Travel to Sesriem via the Namib Desert, the oldest on the planet.

**DAY 3:** Explore Sesriem Canyon. Witness the magnificent sand dunes of Sossusvlei.

**DAY 4:** Drive to Swakopmund, stopping at Walvis Bay to look for flamingos and pelicans.

**DAY 5:** Free day to explore the colonial town of Swakopmund. Learn about Namibia's intriguing history.

**DAY 6:** Drive via Cape Cross Seal Reserve to Damaraland. Discover rock art of the San Bushmen.

**DAY 7:** Make our way to the salt pans of Etosha National Park.

**DAY 8:** Game drives in Etosha.

**DAY 9:** Search for lions, cheetahs, elephants, leopards, springboks, hyenas and giraffes in Etosha.

**DAY 10:** Visit the Cheetah Conservation Foundation. Drive to the Waterberg Plateau.

**DAY 11:** Free morning to explore on foot or take an extra game drive. Visit a local craft market, before returning to Windhoek.

**DAY 12:** Trip ends in Windhoek.

# Botswana Wildlife Safari

TRIP CODE - **BW** | ZIMBABWE, BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA



BEST SELLER

Looping through Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe this epic trip has you sleeping beneath canvas and on a houseboat in some of Africa's most jaw-dropping wildlife hotspots. Explore ancient San Bushmen rock paintings, Moremi Game Reserve, the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, and Victoria Falls.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Moremi National Park** | Explore one of Africa's greatest wildlife sanctuaries

**Okavango Delta Panhandle** | Search for water-dwelling wildlife and exotic birds

**Chobe National Park** | Visit a wildlife sanctuary, world famous for its huge elephant population

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$6930 NZ$7200

*per person, trip only (14 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
5 nights simple camping
3 nights comfortable boat
3 nights comfortable lodge
2 nights comfortable tented camp
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
4WD | Boat

MEALS:
Breakfast: 13 | Lunch: 9 | Dinner: 8

**662kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

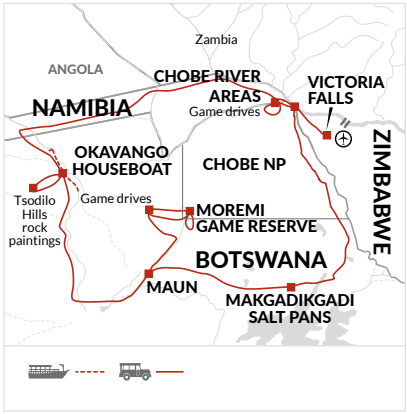
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> *We loved every aspect of this trip... especially the camping which far exceeded our expectation.*
>
> Trusted customer, June 2023






## ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Victoria Falls. |
| **DAY 2:** | Drive from Zimbabwe into Botswana. Safari drives along the Chobe river. |
| **DAY 3:** | Full day of game drives in Chobe National Park, famous for its huge numbers of elephants. |
| **DAY 4:** | Drive to Makgadikgadi Salt Pans. |
| **DAY 5:** | Full day at the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, San Bushmen guided walk. |
| **DAY 6:** | Drive to Moremi Game Reserve, wild camping and game drives. |
| **DAYS 7–8:** | Explore the pans, floodplains, lagoons and deep mopane forest of Moremi Game Reserve. |
| **DAY 9:** | Drive to our houseboat on the Okavango Delta Panhandle, stopping for lunch in Maun. |
| **DAY 10:** | Take boat trips around the Okavango Delta Panhandle, for fantastic bird and hippo sightings. |
| **DAY 11:** | Discover San Bushmen art in Tsodilo Hills, viewing 24,000 year-old paintings at a UNESCO Site. |
| **DAY 12:** | Journey from Botswana to Zimbabwe, via Namibia, in one day through the Caprivi Strip. |
| **DAY 13:** | Explore Victoria Falls, one of the seven Natural Wonders of the World. |
| **DAY 14:** | Trip ends in Victoria Falls |

# South Africa's Garden Route

TRIP CODE - **SGR** | SOUTH AFRICA



BEST SELLER

So-called because of the verdant coastal forests that fringe its sandy beaches, South Africa's Garden Route is an iconic road trip that kicks off in Cape Town and meanders eastward – stopping off at historic towns, African penguin colonies, stunning vineyards and wildlife-rich parks.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Stellenbosch** | Taste wines among rolling vineyards in the Cape Winelands

**National parks** | Explore Tsitsikamma National Park and safari in Addo Elephant National Park

**Hermanus** | Spot migrating whales in the whale watching capital of the world (in season)

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$3460 NZ$3590

*per person, trip only (12 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights comfortable cabins
2 nights comfortable guesthouse
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Minibus

MEALS:
Breakfast: 11 | Dinner: 2

**420kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:
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### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

A South African safari tour covering Eswatini and South Africa (including Kruger National Park).

**Trip Code: ZK**






### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Cape Town.

**DAY 2:** Visit Cape Peninsula National Park, including a chance to visit Seal Island by boat.

**DAY 3:** Free day to ascend Table Mountain, visit Robben Island or explore the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront.

**DAY 4:** Meet the producers of some of South Africa's famous wines in the world renowned vineyards of Stellenbosch.

**DAY 5:** Scenic drive to Hermanus, via Stony Point to see the African penguin colony.

**DAY 6:** Visit Cape Agulhas, Africa's southernmost tip. Spend the night in the historic town of Swellendam.

**DAY 7:** Drive through the Little Karoo to Oudtshoorn.

**DAY 8:** Walk inside the Cango Caves, an underground wonderland. Take in the views at Knysna Heads.

**DAY 9:** Explore the walking trails of Robberg Nature Reserve. Free time in Plettenberg Bay.

**DAY 10:** Discover Tsitsikamma National Park, with an opportunity to explore the canopy walkways and zip wires.

**DAY 11:** Game drives in search of elephants, lions, zebras and buffalos at Addo Elephant National Park.

**DAY 12:** Optional sunrise safari. Trip ends in Addo Elephant Park.

# Madagascar: The Lost Continent

TRIP CODE - **MD** | MADAGASCAR



BEST SELLER

A Jungle Book-esque jumble of baobab alleys, spiny forests and volcanoes teeming with wildlife found nowhere else on Earth. Go in search of the country's 100-plus species of lemur, visit Madagascar's Grand Canyon and snorkel off white-sand beaches.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Andasibe Reserve** | Track the indri lemurs at sunrise to hear their morning call

**Highland scenery** | See the rice paddies and isolated villages

**Ranomafana** | Walk in the rainforest observing lemurs, chameleons and amphibians

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$4890 NZ$5080

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
8 nights comfortable hotel
3 nights simple hotel
2 nights comfortable lodge
1 night simple community house
*Optional single rooms available £480*

TRANSPORT:
Minibus | Boat | Flight

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 7

**691kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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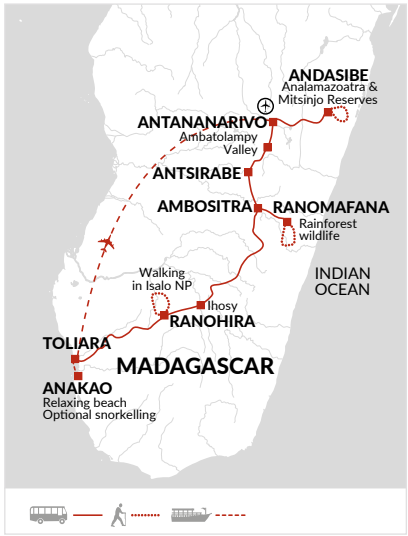


### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Getting off the beaten track and exploring Madagascar's verdant rainforests and dramatic landscapes on foot instead.

**Trip Code: MF**






### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Antananarivo. |
| **DAY 2:** | Nature walks in Andasibe Reserve, searching for the indri, the largest living lemur. |
| **DAY 3:** | Spend the morning looking for black and white ruffed lemurs and a variety of birds. |
| **DAY 4:** | Explore the colonial architecture and churches of the spa town of Antsirabe. |
| **DAY 5:** | Walk around the stunning crater at Lake Tritriva. Enjoy a night of traditional Malagasy food and dancing. |
| **DAYS 6–7:** | Journey to Ranomafana National Park, looking for rare golden bamboo lemurs. |
| **DAYS 8–9:** | Two days to travel to and explore Madagascar's Grand Canyon in Isalo National Park. |
| **DAY 10:** | Cross the cactus-filled spiny desert and visit the Mahafaly Tombs on the way to Toliara on the coast. |
| **DAYS 11–12:** | Free time by the rich turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean. Boat trip to the reefs of Nosy Ve. |
| **DAY 13:** | Take a boat to Toliara and fly back to Antananarivo. |
| **DAY 14:** | Visit Ambohimanga, an ancient palace and fort beautifully located on a forested hill. |
| **DAY 15:** | Trip ends in Antananarivo. |

# India's Golden Triangle

TRIP CODE - **GTI** | INDIA



BEST SELLER

India provides a sensory overload for even the most seasoned traveller. This one-week tour of the north is the ideal toe-dip into the dazzling sights, smells and charm of this people-packed country, while also including some of its most-iconic sites, and its delicious food.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Agra** | See the Taj Mahal up close and watch as the sun rises over the iconic building

**Kalakho** | Join the prayer ceremony then sleep like a Maharajah in heritage accommodation

**Jaipur** | Explore the historical Amber Fort, the Observatory and the Palace of the Winds

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$1460 NZ$1520

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Rickshaw

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 1 | Dinner: 1

**315kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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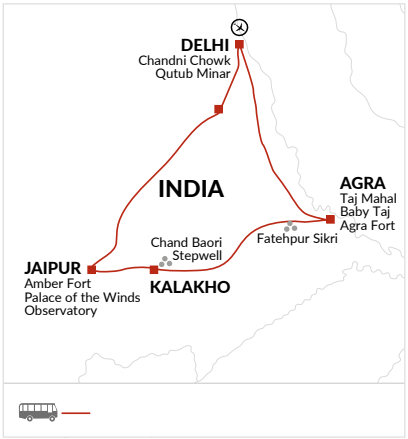
### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Go beyond the Golden Triangle and explore more of Northern India's magnetic charms over the course of two weeks.

**Trip Code: DIH**








### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Delhi and explore Old Delhi's narrow lanes by metro and rickshaw. |
| **DAY 2:** | See a different side to the capital in New Delhi, including Qutub Minar and India Gate. Drive to Agra. |
| **DAY 3:** | Watch the sun rise over the Taj Mahal. Visit Agra Fort and Itimad-ud-Daulah, known as the baby Taj. Join a local family to cook up a feast, learning how to make the perfect curry. |
| **DAY 4:** | Explore the abandoned city of Fatehpur Sikri. Visit the Chand Baori stepwell on route to Kalakho. Stay in a heritage palace and imagine life as a Maharajah. |
| **DAY 5:** | Take an early morning stroll through the palace's organic vegetable garden. Drive to Jaipur and see the phenomenal Observatory and the City Palace. |
| **DAY 6:** | Discover Jaipur's Palace of the Winds and Amber Fort, a hill-top palace with intricate Mughal architecture and carvings inside its beautiful courtyards. |
| **DAY 7:** | Drive back to Delhi via India's Heritage Transport Museum. |
| **DAY 8:** | Tour ends in Delhi. |

# India Tiger Safari

TRIP CODE - **WSI** | INDIA



NEW TRIP

Travel deep into the central heartland of India in search of the majestic Royal Bengal Tiger. Explore five different national parks over the course of two weeks and search for wildlife by boat and in private 4WD Jeeps.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve** | Search for tigers in Bandhavgarh, boasting the highest population-density of tigers in the world

**Kanha National Park** | Spot wildlife on Jeep safaris through Kanha, the inspiration for Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book

**Panna, Sariska & Chambal** | Explore the Aravalli Hills, take a boat along the River Chambal and drive through the forests of lesser-known Panna

PRICES FROM

## AU$5780 NZ$6020

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
8 nights comfortable lodge
5 nights comfortable hotel
1 night simple train
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | 4WD | Boat | Train

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 8 | Dinner: 9

**791kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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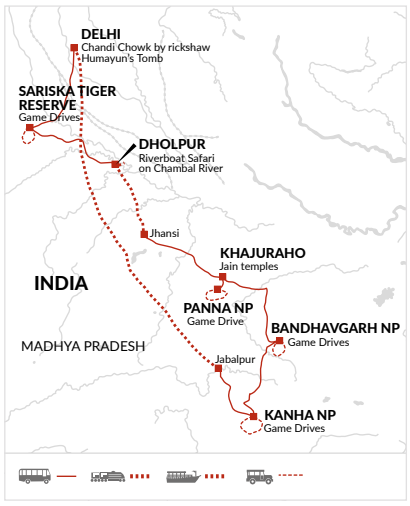
### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Add a tour to Southern India and discover the tranquil backwaters of Kerala on a traditional houseboat.

**Trip Code: KB**








### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Arrive in Delhi, with free time to explore the bustling capital. |
| **DAY 2:** | Explore the sights of New Delhi including Humayan's Tomb, then drive to Sariska Tiger Reserve. |
| **DAY 3:** | Search for wildlife amongst Sariska's rocky terrain in the Aravalli Hills. |
| **DAY 4:** | Take a private boat on the River Chambal with a chance to spot crocodile and vibrant birdlife. |
| **DAY 5:** | Drive to Khajuraho and discover the intricately carved, UNESCO-listed Jain temples. |
| **DAY 6:** | Take a game drive in Panna National Park and search for the elusive Royal Bengal Tiger. |
| **DAYS 7–9:** | Drive to Bandhavgarh and explore the park's abundant wildlife over the course of four game drives. |
| **DAYS 10–12:** | Search for tigers, deer, monkeys and leopards on five game drives through Kanha National Park. |
| **DAY 13:** | Drive to Jabalpur and catch an overnight train back to Delhi. |
| **DAY 14:** | Explore the narrow, winding lanes of Old Delhi and take a cycle rickshaw through Chandi Chowk bazaar. |
| **DAY 15:** | Trip ends in Delhi. |

# Sri Lanka in Depth

TRIP CODE - **SL** | SRI LANKA



BEST SELLER

Easily deserving of its 'Paradise Island' moniker, Sri Lanka has so much to offer its visitors. Explore towering tiers of tea plantations, cerulean seas curling onto white-sand beaches and gilded Buddhist temples, and go out in search of indigenous wildlife by Jeep safari.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Wildlife** | Search for leopards, elephants, sambar deer and sloth bears by Jeep

**Ancient capitals and temples** | Climb Lion's Rock to soak up the views from Sigiriya's rock fortress

**Hill country** | Explore the Temple of the Tooth and the lush tea plantations in cooler climates

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$3880 NZ$4040

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
11 nights comfortable hotel
1 night premium hotel
1 night simple hotel
1 night comfortable tented camp
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | 4WD

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 1 | Dinner: 2

**720kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

End your break with a week-long relaxing dhoni cruise in the Maldives.

**Trip Code: SLM**

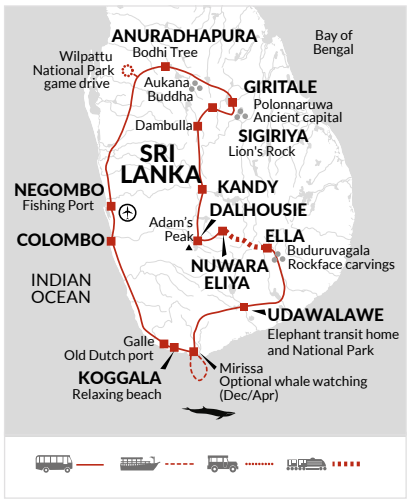
### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE?

Exploring Sri Lanka on a walking holiday.

**Trip Code: WSL**








### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Negombo. |
| **DAY 2:** | Take a Jeep safari in Wilpattu National Park. |
| **DAY 3:** | Explore the UNESCO Site of Anuradhapura and the sacred peak at Mihintale. |
| **DAY 4:** | See the giant Standing Buddha at Aukana and explore Dambulla's painted cave temples. |
| **DAY 5:** | Explore the ancient city of Polonnaruwa. |
| **DAY 6:** | Climb Lion's Rock and discover the sky fortress hidden on top! |
| **DAY 7:** | Visit the sacred Temple of the Tooth and the colourful Peradeniya Botanical Gardens in Kandy. |
| **DAYS 8–9:** | Join pilgrims for an optional ascent of Adam's Peak. Drive to Nuwara Eliya via a tea plantation. |
| **DAY 10:** | Cross the Nine Arch Bridge on the train journey to Ella. |
| **DAY 11:** | Search for elephants on a Jeep safari in Udawalawe National Park. |
| **DAYS 12–13:** | Travel to Koggala Beach. Explore the cobbled streets of Galle Fort and relax on the beach. |
| **DAY 14:** | Drive to Colombo for a city tour of the capital. |
| **DAY 15:** | Trip ends in Colombo. |

*NOTE: Departures from July to December will visit Horton Plains instead of climbing Adam's Peak.*

# Maldive Dhoni Cruise

TRIP CODE - **MC** | MALDIVES



BEST SELLER

See another side of the Maldives on this authentic tour sleeping aboard a traditional dhoni that visits remote fishing communities and uninhabited islands, takes in a traditional Bodu Beru performance and has you dining on local curries and freshly caught fish each day.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Unspoilt Maldives** | Visit small idyllic islands, far away from the tourist resorts

**Snorkelling and swimming** | Enjoy warm, clear water to spot manta rays, turtles and clown fish

**Traditional fishing villages** | Learn about local life in this tropical and remote paradise

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$3100 NZ$3230

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Relaxed**

ACCOMMODATION:
6 nights simple boat
1 night comfortable hotel

TRANSPORT:
Boat

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 6 | Dinner: 7

**334kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Add on one or two weeks in Sri Lanka. Discover ancient cities, gilded temples and wildlife-filled national parks.

**Trip Code: SLM**
**Trip Code: SLHM**






### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Male. Take an afternoon walk around the town.

**DAY 2:** Board the dhoni and cruise to the South Male Atoll. Explore idyllic Kuda Anbaraa Island.

**DAY 3:** Relax on board or snorkel in the clear waters of the Meemu Atoll seeking out the colourful sea life.

**DAY 4:** Cruise to Dhiggaru Island for a display of Bodu Beru – the indigenous drum music of the islands.

**DAY 5:** Discover how the islanders live at the traditional village of Felidhoo.

**DAY 6:** Witness the exotic underwater life of Hulhidhoo reef before sailing back to Fulidhoo.

**DAY 7:** Sail back to Male, stopping en route to snorkel at Emboodhoo Reef.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in Male.





# Discover Nepal

TRIP CODE - **DN** | NEPAL



BEST SELLER

With a skyline alive with fluttering prayer flags and gilded temples, Nepal is infused with spirituality. Discover authentic Nepal, from browsing Kathmandu's bazaars and watching the sun rise over the Himalayas to visiting the Tibetan settlement of Tashiling.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Kathmandu Valley** | Visit the medieval city of Bhaktapur, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

**Pokhara** | Take moderate walks in and around the picturesque lakeside town

**Chitwan National Park** | Search for one-horned rhinos on a walking safari

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$3680 NZ$3830

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
12 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights comfortable lodge
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | 4WD

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 5 | Dinner: 7

**451kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

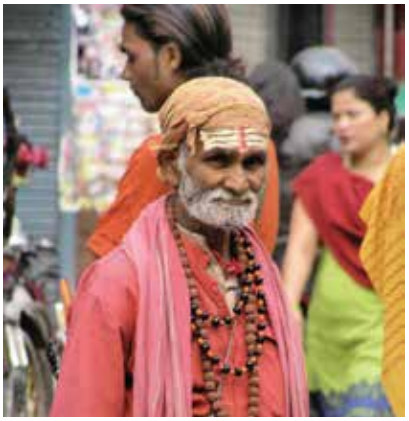
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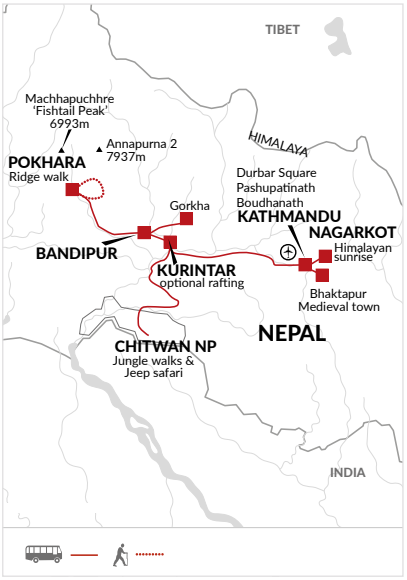
### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Combine Nepal with India on a tour from Delhi to Kathmandu including a sailing trip on the Ganges.

**Trip Code: DKD**








### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Kathmandu. |
| **DAY 2:** | Walk through the temples and bazaars of Kathmandu's Durbar Square and visit the Hindu and Buddhist shrines of Pashupatinath and Boudhanath. |
| **DAY 3:** | Explore Bhaktapur, the 'city of devotees', and drive to Nagarkot. |
| **DAY 4:** | Watch the sun rise over the Himalayas and explore the villages and farms of Nagarkot. |
| **DAY 5:** | Option to try whitewater rafting on the Trisuli River or relax in Kurintar. |
| **DAY 6:** | Visit the home of the Gurkha soldiers. Walk to a ridge for views of the Annapurna and Manaslu ranges. |
| **DAYS 7–8:** | Drive to Pokhara and explore the town. Walk to the Peace Pagoda, with views over Phewa Lake and the Annapurnas as a backdrop. |
| **DAY 9:** | Visit Pokhara's Mountain Museum and the Tibetan settlement of Tashiling. |
| **DAY 10:** | Drive to Bandipur. Visit the temple and stroll through the bazaar. |
| **DAYS 11–12:** | Search for the rare one-horned rhinos in Chitwan National Park. |
| **DAYS 13–14:** | Return to Kathmandu. Free time to visit the city's temples or Patan's Durbar square. |
| **DAY 15:** | Trip ends in Kathmandu. |

# The Best of Georgia and Armenia

TRIP CODE - **GF** | ARMENIA, GEORGIA



BEST SELLER

**Underrated Georgia and little-known Armenia make for an intriguing journey through Eurasia's borderlands. One is the birthplace of wine, the other the world's first Christian state, and between them they serve up a slew of unforgettable sites.**

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Yerevan |** Wander through ancient monasteries and stay in the shadow of Mount Ararat

**Tbilisi |** Explore the narrow medieval streets of the Old Town where East meets West

**Gudauri |** Walk in the foothills of the Greater Caucasus and visit Gergeti Trinity Church

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$5250 NZ$5460

*per person, trip only (16 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
12 nights comfortable hotel
3 nights simple guesthouse
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT: Bus

MEALS:
Breakfast: 15 | Lunch: 5 | Dinner: 6

**712kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Our Taste of Georgia trip. Discover this unsung country in depth with a special foodie focus.

**Trip Code: XGE**






## ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Yerevan. |
| **DAY 2:** | Explore Yerevan, lying in the shadow of Mount Ararat. Visit the Holy City of Echmiadzin. |
| **DAY 3:** | Discover the Hellenistic temple at Garni before continuing to the UNESCO-listed Geghard Monastery. |
| **DAYS 4–5:** | Marvel at the imposing Amberd Fortress and sample some Armenian wine in the village of Areni. |
| **DAY 6:** | Explore the dramatic monastery of Haghpat, then cross into Georgia and continue onto its medieval capital, Tbilisi. |
| **DAY 7:** | Full day in cosmopolitan Tbilisi with its narrow streets, churches, synagogues and mosques. |
| **DAYS 8–9:** | Drive onto Kutaisi to explore this ancient city. Take a day trip to the Black Sea coastal town of Batumi. |
| **DAYS 10–11:** | Visit the UNESCO-listed monastery at Gelati. Walk through the tunnels and stairways of the remarkable cave town of Vardzia. |
| **DAYS 12–13:** | Stop off at the birthplace of Stalin before taking a gentle walk in the Kazbegi Mountains. |
| **DAY 14:** | Stroll around the farmers' market in Telavi and gain an insight into local wine production. |
| **DAY 15:** | Visit Alaverdi Monastery and Gremi fortress on your way back to Tbilisi. |
| **DAY 16:** | Trip ends in Tbilisi. |

# The Silk Road of Uzbekistan

TRIP CODE - **UZ** | UZBEKISTAN



BEST SELLER

The ancient Silk Road strung together many countries, but Uzbekistan was its central jewel. Feel like an explorer of old as you wander its cities adorned with azure majolica tiles, see caravanserais traders once slept in, and stay overnight in a yurt, as you trace its millennia-spanning history.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Khiva** | Step back in time as you walk the streets of this 'open air museum'

**Yurt stay** | Sample nomadic life when sleeping in a traditional felt tent

**Samarkand** | Discover the ornate turquoise mosaics of Registan Square

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

**AU$3810 NZ$3960**

*per person, trip only (11 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
9 nights comfortable hotel
1 night simple yurt
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Flight | Train

MEALS:
Breakfast: 10 | Lunch: 1 | Dinner: 1

**563kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Combine Uzbekistan with Turkmenistan for an epic two-week adventure exploring ancient trading cities along the fabled Silk Road.

**Trip Code: SUZ**








## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Tashkent. Explore the city and its eccentric metro stations.

**DAY 2:** Fly to Urgench in western Uzbekistan. Drive to ancient Khiva.

**DAY 3:** Step back in time discovering the ancient and well-preserved city of Khiva.

**DAY 4:** Travel along the old Silk Road and take in the wide open scenery on the drive to Bokhara.

**DAY 5:** Learn about the rich and extensive history of the UNESCO World Heritage City of Bokhara.

**DAY 6:** A free day in Bokhara to allow for further discovery of this beautiful city.

**DAY 7:** Take a camel ride across the desert and stay overnight in a traditional yurt.

**DAY 8:** Drive onto the fabled city of Samarkand and view the madrassahs of Registan Square.

**DAY 9:** Follow in the footsteps of Genghis Khan and Alexander the Great discovering Samarkand.

**DAY 10:** Free time to explore before catching the high-speed train to Tashkent.

**DAY 11:** Trip ends in Tashkent.

# Pakistan's Karakoram Highway

TRIP CODE - **KKH** | PAKISTAN



Discover Pakistan as you snake through the staggering glacier-licked peaks of the Karakorams. With show-stopping scenery and plenty of walking included, prepare to be inspired by the Karakoram's warm, welcoming people and its rich tapestry of history.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Hunza Valley** | Explore the forts, castles and bazaars of the ancient Kingdom of Hunza

**Nanga Parbat** | See this 8,000m+ peak up close on a walk to the base camp

**Karakoram Range** | Travel from Islamabad into the mountains along the iconic Karakoram Highway

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★☆ | feefo

### PRICES FROM

## AU$6200 NZ$6450

*per person, trip only (14 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
11 nights comfortable guesthouse
2 nights simple guesthouse
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | 4WD

MEALS:
Breakfast: 13 | Lunch: 13 | Dinner: 13

**718kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WHY NOT TRY?

Another mountainous trip through the Himalaya, this time on the Indian side covering Buddhist monasteries and the home of the Dalai Lama.

**Trip Code: LT**






### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Trip starts in Islamabad with an afternoon tour of the capital. |
| **DAYS 2–3:** | Drive into the mountains, crossing the Babussar Pass and heading into the Astore Valley. |
| **DAY 4:** | Explore the Upper Rupal Valley and hike up to Nanga Parbat Base Camp. |
| **DAY 5:** | Drive across the Deosai Plateau, stopping at the turquoise waters of Satpura Lake. |
| **DAY 6:** | A full day exploring the towering forts and villages of the Skardu Valley. |
| **DAY 7:** | Travel further up the Karakoram Highway to Gilgit, the heart of the Karakoram region. |
| **DAY 8:** | Explore the mighty Baltit Fort and take in the sunset over the Hunza Valley. |
| **DAY 9:** | A full day exploring the Hunza Valley with a walk on Hoper Glacier. |
| **DAYS 10–11:** | Drive to the small town of Gupis and explore the remote Yasin Valley by 4WD and on foot. |
| **DAYS 12–13:** | Drive back to Islamabad, visit the UNESCO site of Taxila and explore the old city of Rawalpindi. |
| **DAY 14:** | Trip ends in Islamabad. |

# The Five Stans of The Silk Road

TRIP CODE - **STA** | KYRGYZSTAN, KAZAKHSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, UZBEKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN



**Traverse mountains pocketed with turquoise alpine lakes, drive through lush fertile valleys and zip across dry and dusty desert plains by high-speed train. This is an all-encompassing, ever-changing journey through the five Stans of Central Asia.**

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Fann Mountains** | Walk amongst wild mountain scenery and snap the picture-perfect 'Seven Lakes'

**The Silk Road** | Travel along ancient routes and discover the intricate architecture of Khiva, Bokhara and Samarkand

**Darvaza** | Peer into the 'Door to Hell', the underground cavern that's been aflame since 1971

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$10750 NZ$11170

*per person, trip only (21 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
16 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights simple guesthouse
1 night simple yurt
1 night simple camping
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Flight | Train

MEALS:
Breakfast: 20 | Lunch: 3 | Dinner: 6

**1056kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

To explore just Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan in depth. Discover Kyrgyzstan's wild mountain landscapes before crossing onto the dusty plains of Uzbekistan on this 23-day overland adventure.

**Trip Code: KRU**






### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Bishkek. |
| **DAYS 2–3:** | Visit a stadium for horse games. Enjoy an eagle hunting demonstration and sleep in a yurt. |
| **DAY 4:** | Explore Skazka Canyon on foot. City tour of Karakol. |
| **DAYS 5–6:** | Cross the border into Kazakhstan and explore the wide boulevards of Almaty. |
| **DAY 7:** | Fly to Dushanbe and go on a guided orientation tour of the Tajik capital. |
| **DAYS 8–9:** | More time in Dushanbe then drive to the scenic Fann Mountains. |
| **DAY 10:** | Walk in the picturesque 'Seven Lakes' area. |
| **DAYS 11–12:** | Drive to historic Samarkand to discover Registan Square and Gur Emir Mausoleum. Free time. |
| **DAYS 13–14:** | Catch train to blue-tiled Bukhara. Visit impressive fortress, the Ark. |
| **DAY 15:** | Drive from Bukhara to 'Open Air Museum' Khiva. |
| **DAY 16:** | Full day wandering the maze of narrow streets in Khiva. |
| **DAY 17:** | Drive west to Nukus. Dine with a local family of musicians. |
| **DAY 18:** | Cross the border into Turkmenistan. Camp by Darvaza's flaming crater. |
| **DAYS 19–20:** | Take in Ashgabat, the Turkmen capital made of white marble and gold. |
| **DAY 21:** | Trip ends in Ashgabat. |

# Malaysia and Singapore Explorer

TRIP CODE - **MAS** | SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA



Travel from the skyscraper-dominated skyline of sovereign Singapore to the tropical beaches of Langkawi. Along the way, lift the lid on real life with a homestay, where you'll help to prepare a traditional dinner, and share stories with locals over bowls of nasi goreng.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Singapore** | Discover the incredible architecture of the marina and explore Little India

**Malacca** | Stroll through this charming Dutch colonial trading port. Take an evening river cruise

**Cameron Highlands** | Walk through the mossy forest and try tea picked from plantations

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$3470 NZ$3600

*per person, trip only (13 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
11 nights comfortable hotel
1 night simple homestay
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Ferry | Train

MEALS:
Breakfast: 12 | Dinner: 2

**472kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

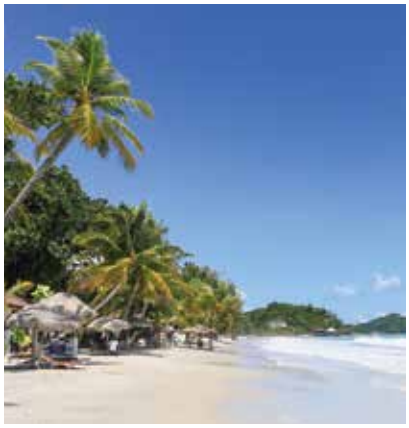
MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WHY NOT TRY?

Travelling to nearby Borneo to see Orang-utans in the wild.

**Trip Code: MAB**








### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Singapore and embark on an evening streetfood experience. |
| **DAY 2:** | Explore Singapore's Marina Bay, Little India and Chinatown on foot. |
| **DAY 3:** | Wander the Dutch colonial streets of old Malacca and take an evening river cruise. |
| **DAY 4:** | Walk in the old town. Drive to Kuala Lumpur. |
| **DAY 5:** | Discover the Petronas Towers and sights of Kuala Lumpur. |
| **DAY 6:** | Climb the stairs up to Batu Caves then stay in the rural countryside at a lake-side homestay. |
| **DAY 7:** | Free morning to relax around the lake with optional kayaking. Then continue to Cameron Highlands. |
| **DAY 8:** | Wander through the tea plantations of the Cameron Highlands and visit the 'Mossy Forest'. |
| **DAY 9:** | Explore the temples and gardens of Penang, and sample its incredible array of food. |
| **DAYS 10-11:** | Free time to relax on the white-sand beaches of Langkawi. |
| **DAY 12:** | Optional cycling or island hopping. |
| **DAY 13:** | Trip ends in Langkawi. |

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*This trip exceeded all my expectations. The itinerary was very varied and everything was well organised, including accommodation and travel. The group bonded well thanks to the excellent skills of our Tour Leader. This truly was the trip of a lifetime for me.*

★★★★★ | feefo | Katherine, June 2023



OSAKA CASTLE | JAPAN

# Simply Japan

TRIP CODE - **QJS** | JAPAN



BEST SELLER

Travel from super-modern Tokyo to villages, castles and temples that remain unchanged from the times of the Shogun and Samurai. Stay in a Buddhist temple and a family-run ryokan, meet snow monkeys and tame deer, and experience the modern and the ancient in this invigorating country.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Tokyo** | Explore ultra-modern Tokyo, with the option to visit nearby Mount Fuji

**Kyoto** | Experience traditional Japan with temples, Zen gardens and geishas

**Kanazawa** | Discover the Samurai district and the secrets of the Ninja Temple

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$7950 NZ$8270

*per person, trip only (14 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
11 nights comfortable hotel
1 night simple temple
1 night simple ryokan
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Train | Bus | Boat

MEALS:
Breakfast: 13

**498kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

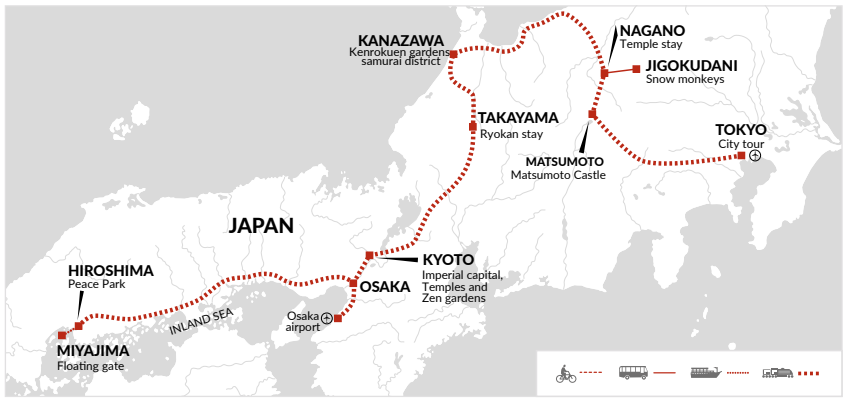
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### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE?

A food-filled adventure discovering the best of Japanese cuisine. Visit Tokyo's famous Tsujiki fish market, take a street food tour and fill up on sake and sushi.

**Trip Code: XJF**






### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Tokyo. |
| **DAYS 2–3:** | Explore Tokyo with the option to visit Hakone National Park for views of Mount Fuji. |
| **DAY 4:** | Travel by train to Matsumoto and discover Crow Castle. |
| **DAY 5:** | Meet the snow monkeys of Jigokudani and spend the night in a temple. |
| **DAY 6:** | Join the monks for morning prayers and explore the Samurai district of Kanazawa. |
| **DAY 7:** | Free time in Kanazawa to try sushi at the Omichi Fish Market or discover the 'Ninja Temple'. |
| **DAY 8:** | Try sake in the old town of Takayama and stay in a family-run ryokan. |
| **DAY 9:** | Travel by train to Hiroshima and experience the poignant Peace Park and Peace Museum. |
| **DAY 10:** | Take the ferry to Miyajima Island, meet the tame deer and see the floating torii gate. |
| **DAYS 11–12:** | Take the bullet train to Kyoto. Free time to explore the Zen gardens, temples and geisha district. |
| **DAY 13:** | Continue to explore Kyoto before travelling to Osaka for a final night among neon lights. |
| **DAY 14:** | Trip ends in Osaka. |

# The Best of Northern Thailand

TRIP CODE - **OS** | THAILAND



BEST SELLER

**Bus, boat and train from Bangkok to Chiang Mai on this fast-paced adventure that includes two nights on a jungle raft house, the film-famous Bridge over the River Kwai and the quirky Maeklong Railway Market that quickly folds up with each train that rumbles through.**

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Bangkok** | Explore the glittering Grand Palace complex and Wat Po

**Sukhothai** | Cycle around the historic park and sleep overnight in a homestay

**Chiang Mai** | Witness the excellent conservation work being done at Elephant Nature Park

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$2800 NZ$2920

*per person, trip only (11 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
6 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights simple raft house
1 night simple homestay
1 night simple train
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat | Train

MEALS:
Breakfast: 9 | Lunch: 2 | Dinner: 3

**554kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:
J F M A M J J A S O N D

### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

End your break with three days enjoying the tropical beaches and turquoise waters of Rayong.

**Trip Code: KS**








### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Bangkok.

**DAY 2:** Take in the Grand Palace and the vast reclining Buddha of Wat Po. Take a sleeper train north.

**DAY 3:** Explore tranquil Chiang Mai with a walking tour of its charming old town.

**DAY 4:** Visit Elephant Nature Park, and see elephants roaming in their natural habitat.

**DAY 5:** Drive to Si Satchanalai Temple and continue to the homestay in Nathon Chan village.

**DAY 6:** Cycle through the old capital of Siam and visit the UNESCO site of Kamphaengphet.

**DAY 7:** Experience the sights and colours of a local market early in the morning.

**DAY 8:** Ride along the Death Railway when visiting the Bridge over the River Kwai. Stay in a raft house.

**DAY 9:** Explore the surrounding jungle by bamboo raft and visit the area's minority villages.

**DAY 10:** Take a longtail boat down-river, before returning to the bustling metropolis of Bangkok.

**DAY 11:** Trip ends in Bangkok.

# Highlights of Vietnam and Cambodia

TRIP CODE - **VC** | VIETNAM, CAMBODIA



BEST SELLER

**Explore French colonial cities, vibrant riverside life and lost jungle temples on this action-packed adventure through Vietnam and Cambodia. We travel using a variety of transport and sample some of the tastiest, most authentic local food on offer.**

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Halong Bay** | Cruise through turquoise waters and past towering limestone cliffs onboard a traditional junk boat

**Ho Chi Minh City** | Crawl through the Cu Chi Tunnels and visit the War Remnants Museum

**Siem Reap** | Explore the sprawling complex of the once-lost jungle temples of Angkor

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$3680 NZ$3840

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
6 nights comfortable hotel
5 nights premium hotel
2 nights simple train
1 night comfortable junk boat
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat | Train

MEALS:
Breakfast: 12 | Lunch: 3 | Dinner: 1

**670kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

J F M A M J J A S O N D

### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Explore Vietnam in more depth on this two-week trip down the length of the country.

**Trip Code: VN**

### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Our Taste of Vietnam trip. Explore the country's highlights with lots of additional culinary extras.

**Trip Code: XVN**






### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Hanoi. |
| **DAY 2:** | Explore Hanoi on a walk through the narrow lanes of the Old Quarter. |
| **DAY 3:** | Board a traditional junk boat and sail over the turquoise waters of Halong Bay. |
| **DAY 4:** | Cruise through floating villages in Halong Bay, before taking a sleeper train to Danang. |
| **DAYS 5–6:** | Discover the charming old town of Hoi An. Visit the local market or cycle in the countryside. |
| **DAY 7:** | Enjoy a free morning before embarking on an overnight train journey to Ho Chi Minh City. |
| **DAY 8:** | Uncover French architecture on a tour of Old Saigon. Visit the haunting War Crimes Museum. |
| **DAY 9:** | Barter for exotic fresh fruit at the floating market in the Mekong Delta. |
| **DAYS 10–11:** | Learn about the Khmer Rouge at the infamous Killing Fields. Explore Phnom Penh on foot. |
| **DAY 12:** | Travel overland through rural Cambodia to Siem Reap. Watch the sun set over the Angkor temples. |
| **DAYS 13–14:** | Spend two full days exploring the temple complex at Angkor. |
| **DAY 15:** | Trip ends in Siem Reap. |

# Contrasts of Mexico

TRIP CODE - **MX** | MEXICO, GUATEMALA, BELIZE



BEST SELLER

The heartland of the Aztec and Maya comes to life in Mesoamerica, where living indigenous traditions are found in the highlands, and ancient pyramids poke out of their jungle canopies. Get your mezcal fix at local distilleries and try tasty tacos along the way.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Palenque** | Uncover Maya history at these mysterious ruins, shrouded in dense jungle

**Oaxaca** | Wander the streets and markets of this delightful UNESCO World Heritage City

**Day of the Dead** | Experience this iconic festival, with special departures available

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$4780 NZ$4970

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
13 nights comfortable hotel
1 night simple lodge
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14 | Dinner: 1

**479kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

J F M A M J J A S O N D

### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Extend your trip with two nights on idyllic Caye Caulker, Belize, and visit Chichen Itza on the Yucatan Peninsula.

**Trip Code: MXY**

### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Trying homemade tamales and mezcal on a foodie tour of Mexico's highlights.

**Trip Code: MXF**






### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Mexico City. |
| **DAYS 2–3:** | Explore like a local, on foot and by public transport. Visit the Teotihuacan Pyramids. |
| **DAYS 4–5:** | Walking tour of the colonial city of Oaxaca, and the ancient complex of pyramids at Monte Alban. |
| **DAY 6:** | Visit the Zapotec site, Mitla, and the 2,000 year old Tule tree en route to the isthmus of Tehuantepec. |
| **DAY 7:** | Take a boat trip through the vast Sumidero Canyon. Continue to the highland town of San Cristobal. |
| **DAY 8:** | Discover the indigenous village of San Juan Chamula on foot. Explore the colourful markets. |
| **DAYS 9–10:** | Travel to the important Maya site of Palenque, covered in rainforest, and bathe in waterfalls. |
| **DAY 11:** | Discover well-preserved Maya murals and carvings at the Yaxchilan ruins. |
| **DAY 12:** | Cross over to the Guatemalan rainforest by boat, and choose to take a trip onto Lake Peten Itza. |
| **DAY 13:** | Discover Tikal's magnificent 20-storey-high temples and pyramids, poking out of the jungle. |
| **DAY 14:** | Drive into Belize and explore the little-known Xunantunich ruins. |
| **DAY 15:** | Head to Belize City Airport where the trip ends. |

# Discover Belize

TRIP CODE - **BL** | BELIZE, GUATEMALA



BEST SELLER

Straight from the pages of an adventure novel, Central America's second-smallest country is a wildlife haven where you can hike, snorkel and dine on freshly-caught lobster. Spot howler monkeys swinging through ancient sites by day, and spend your evenings soaking up the Caribbean vibe.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Maya sites** | Get up close to the temples of Tikal and float down the river to Lamanai

**Belize Barrier Reef** | Snorkel in the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea

**Wildlife** | Find monkeys, toucans, crocodiles and many more in diverse natural habitats

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$5680 NZ$5900

*per person, trip only (13 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
8 nights comfortable hotel
4 nights comfortable lodge
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat

MEALS:
Breakfast: 10 | Lunch: 1 | Dinner: 2

**550kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

J F M A M J J A S O N D



## WHY NOT TRY?

Taking your search for stunning beaches, iconic wildlife and culture across to Asia instead, with our two-week trip to Sri Lanka.

**Trip Code: SL**






## ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Belize City. |
| **DAY 2:** | Visit the Maya site of Altun Ha and drive to Crooked Tree wetlands. |
| **DAY 3:** | Dawn bird-watching trip on the Crooked Tree Lagoon. Journey to the remote jungle ruins of Lamanai by boat. |
| **DAYS 4–5:** | Visit a baboon sanctuary and continue to Placencia. Opt to snorkel off tropical islands. |
| **DAY 6:** | Walk through pristine tropical forest in the Cockscomb Jaguar Sanctuary. Take a dip at the Blue Hole en route to San Ignacio. |
| **DAY 7:** | Explore the Xunantunich archaeological site including the massive pyramid of El Castillo. |
| **DAY 8:** | Take a day at leisure. Visit the impressive Belize Botanical Gardens or paddle by canoe through tropical forest. |
| **DAYS 9–10:** | Discover the great Maya temples of Tikal, Guatemala, that pierce the dense jungle canopy. |
| **DAY 11:** | Return to Belize City. Take a short boat ride to the idyllic Caribbean island of Caye Caulker. |
| **DAY 12:** | Relax on the island. Spot manatees at Goff's Caye, or take a trip to Hol Chan Marine Reserve, one of the best snorkelling spots in Belize. |
| **DAY 13:** | Trip ends on Caye Caulker. |

# Explore Jamaica

TRIP CODE - **JAM** | JAMAICA



Dive into the rhythm of island life and discover the real Jamaica, behind the resorts and cruise liners. Explore almost the entire island circuit as well as some of the inland's beautiful mountainous areas. Swim in crystal clear waters, learn about the country's fascinating history and culture and explore miles of white-sand beaches.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Blue Mountains** | Taste Jamaica's premium coffee in the lush Blue Mountains National Park

**Coastal beauty** | Relax on Seven Mile Beach and swim in the turquoise waters at Frenchman's Cove

**Local flavours** | Enjoy a tour and tasting at Appleton Estate Rum Distillery

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★☆ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$4850 NZ$5040

*per person, trip only (10 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Relaxed**

ACCOMMODATION:
9 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus

MEALS:
Breakfast: 9 | Lunch: 1

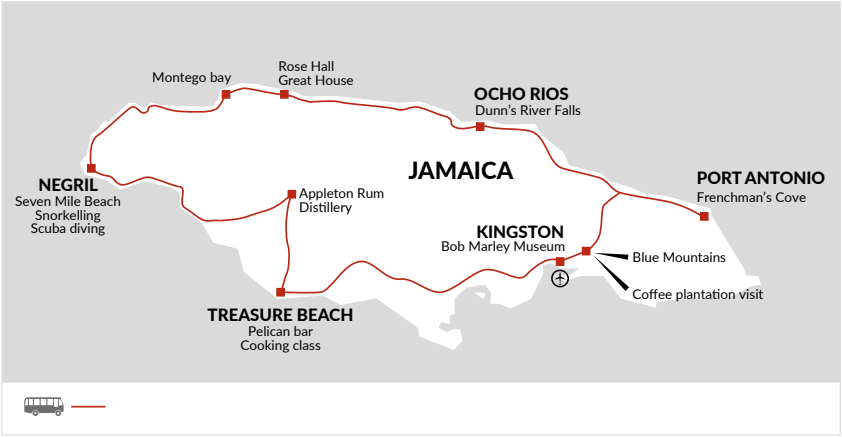
**375kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

J F M A M J J A S O N D

> *This is a great trip with plenty of variety, great mix of accommodation and a very full introduction to a beautiful island.*
>
> Trusted Customer, December 2022






### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Kingston. |
| **DAY 2:** | Taste coffee at a plantation in the lush Blue Mountains; visit the Bob Marley Museum. |
| **DAY 3:** | Drive to Port Antonio via the Charles Town Maroon Community and enjoy a traditional lunch. |
| **DAY 4:** | Enjoy the sandy beach and turquoise waters of Frenchman's Cove. |
| **DAY 5:** | Continue to Ocho Rios; option to visit Dunn's River Falls. |
| **DAY 6:** | Visit Rose Hall Great House for a guided tour. Drive to Negril and watch daring cliff divers. |
| **DAY 7:** | Free day on the golden sands of Seven Mile Beach. |
| **DAY 8:** | Visit Appleton Estate Rum Distillery for a tour and tasting. |
| **DAY 9:** | Free day in Treasure Beach – optional cooking class or Black River boat trip. |
| **DAY 10:** | Trip ends at Kingston Airport. |



# Central American Highlights

TRIP CODE - **CAQ** | GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, EL SALVADOR, NICARAGUA, COSTA RICA



Discover five diverse countries in this epic two-week adventure through Central America. From the rich wildlife and lush rainforests of Costa Rica to the impressive archaeological Mayan site of Copan in Honduras, this trip will be sure to capture the imagination of all.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Volcanoes** | Marvel at the impressive cones overlooking the city of Antigua and see lava glow in Nicaragua's Masaya volcano

**Land of the Maya** | Take in the sights and smells of the indigenous market at Chichicastenango

**Suchitoto** | Enjoy the charms of this pretty colonial town beside the shores of Lake Suchitlan

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

**AU$5710 NZ$5930**

*per person, trip only (16 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
10 nights comfortable hotel
5 nights premium hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat

MEALS:
Breakfast: 15

**501kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL

J F M A M J J A S O N D

### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

If you have time to spare, try our epic 25-day trip across Central America from Panama to Guatemala.

**Trip Code: CAE**








### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Antigua, Guatemala. |
| **DAY 2:** | Discover the charming city of Antigua. |
| **DAY 3:** | Travel to Panajachel; boat trip on Lake Atitlan. |
| **DAY 4:** | Explore the bustling Chichicastenango Market. |
| **DAY 5:** | Cross the border into Honduras. Visit the UNESCO site of Copan. |
| **DAYS 6–7:** | Head to Suchitoto, El Salvador. Explore this picturesque town on the shores of Lake Suchitlan. |
| **DAYS 8–9:** | Journey to the colonial city of Leon, Nicaragua. Optional Cerro Negro Volcano hike. |
| **DAYS 10–11:** | Drive to Granada; city tour. Visit the active volcano of Masaya. |
| **DAY 12:** | Cross into Costa Rica. Beach time in Bahia Salinas. |
| **DAYS 13–14:** | Travel to Rincon de la Vieja. Enjoy a guided walk thorough the national park. Night walk to spot wildlife. |
| **DAY 15:** | Free morning. Travel to San Jose. |
| **DAY 16:** | Trip ends in San Jose. |





HUMMINGBIRD | COSTA RICA

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*It felt like paradise… beautiful plants and flowers were in abundance. And to see the hummingbirds! Just a piece of heaven!*

★★★★★ | feefo | Natalie, April 2023

# Costa Rica Wildlife Tour

TRIP CODE - **CC** | COSTA RICA



BEST SELLER

Home to half a million species – from algae-cloaked sloths to the emerald Resplendent Quetzal – Costa Rica packs a huge wildlife punch. Brave a night walk to spot tarantulas, cruise through jungle canals and tuck into a meal at a traditional finca. Welcome to 'La Pura Vida.'

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Tortuguero** | Cruise the jungle waterways and explore the rainforest of this 'mini Amazon'

**Rafting** | Whitewater raft through rainforest on the Pacuare River

**Manuel Antonio** | Share the white-sand beaches with capuchin monkeys and iguanas

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$5300 NZ$5510

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
7 nights comfortable lodge
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 3

**160kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

J F M A M J J A S O N D

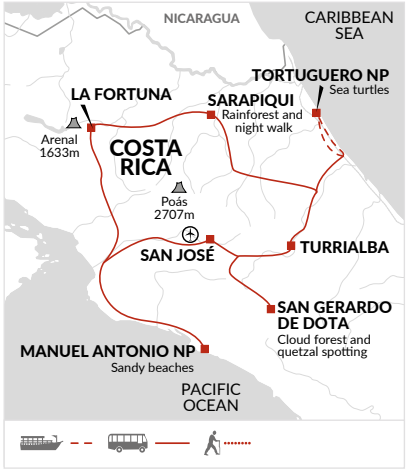
### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

If you're short on time, try our eight-day trip and journey through Costa Rica's rainforests to the Pacific Coast.

**Trip Code: BCC**








### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in San Jose. |
| **DAY 2:** | Walk to the volcanic crater of Poas and visit the Toucan Rescue Ranch. |
| **DAYS 3–4:** | Discover the Savegre Cloud Forest and spend time spotting vibrant bird species on the forest trails. |
| **DAYS 5–6:** | Drive to Turrialba. Eat at a traditional *finca* and whitewater raft on the forest-covered Pacuare River. |
| **DAY 7:** | Journey by bus and boat to Tortuguero National Park, often described as a 'mini Amazon'. |
| **DAY 8:** | Cruise the jungle waterways searching for wildlife including monkeys and toucans. |
| **DAY 9:** | Journey to Sarapiqui and indulge in a chocolate tour. Take a night walk through the forest. |
| **DAY 10:** | Discover wildlife hidden amongst the trees of the Selva Verde Rainforest Reserve. Head to La Fortuna and walk on the flanks of Arenal Volcano. |
| **DAY 11:** | Free day to discover waterfalls and wildlife in the shadow of Arenal's conical volcano. |
| **DAY 12:** | Walk the beautiful trails of the Carara Biological Reserve and drive to Manuel Antonio. |
| **DAYS 13–14:** | Explore the wildlife and beautiful sandy beaches of Manuel Antonio National Park. Keep your eyes peeled for sloths in the trees. |
| **DAY 15:** | Drive back to San Jose International Airport where the trip ends. |

# Cuba Libre!

TRIP CODE - **CL** | CUBA



In timeless Cuba, fifties-style American Cadillacs roll through the faded colonial streets, while in the music halls rum flows freely. Beyond the island's iconic cities Havana and Trinidad, find wild landscapes from forests to dramatic limestone hills, as well as the beautiful Caribbean coastline.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Trinidad** | Music bursts from every corner of this colonial town; explore it from a homestay

**Escambray Mountains** | Swim in fresh water pools and camp out under the stars

**Revolutionary history** | Visit Castro's mountain hideout and the Bay of Pigs Museum

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$3470 NZ$3600

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
10 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights comfortable casa particular
2 nights simple camping
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 4

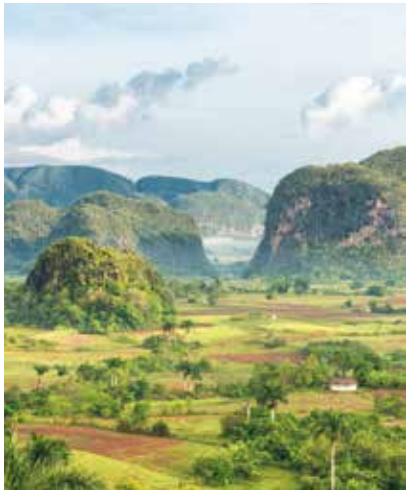
**542kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:
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### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Our shorter Best of Western Cuba tour, which covers the highlights of Havana, Trinidad and the coast in just eight days.

**Trip Code: CN**






### ITINERARY

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| **DAY 1:** | Join the trip in Havana. |
| **DAY 2:** | Explore the faded colonial splendour of Cuba's capital. Enjoy a cocktail making class. |
| **DAY 3:** | Drive to Vinales and explore the dramatic limestone landscape and tobacco fields on foot. |
| **DAY 4:** | Visit the paradise orchid gardens at Soroa and continue to Santa Clara via the Che Memorial. |
| **DAY 5:** | Take a pilgrimage to Che Guevara's Mausoleum, learning about the revolutionary's life and work. |
| **DAY 6:** | Explore Camaguey and then drive into the Sierra Maestra Mountains. |
| **DAY 7:** | Trek through the jungle to the site of Castro's rebel headquarters, Comandancia de la Plata. |
| **DAYS 8–9:** | Relax on the picture-perfect sandy Caribbean beach in Guardalavaca. Continue to Trinidad via the Torre de Manaca Iznaga. |
| **DAY 10:** | Walking tour through the narrow streets and twisting alleyways of colonial Trinidad. |
| **DAY 11:** | Drive to the Escambray Mountains and walk to waterfalls, stopping for a dip. Camp out in haciendas. |
| **DAY 12:** | Walk to La Batata and El Altar caves, spotting birds en route. Overnight camp. |
| **DAY 13:** | Visit the Bay of Pigs Museum and swim in a clear turquoise cenote. |
| **DAYS 14–15:** | Free day to explore Havana where the trip ends. |

# Contrasts of Colombia

TRIP CODE - **BCO** | COLOMBIA



Rich in culture, with vast biodiversity and a notoriously friendly population, a journey through Colombia brings 'magical realism' to life. Taste traditional Andean food in Salento, travel back in time on the colonial streets of Cartagena, and take a boat trip on Lake Guatape on this eclectic trip.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Cocora Valley** | Walk amid giant wax palms and take a cooking class with a local chef

**Medellin** | Discover how this diverse city has emerged from its dangerous past

**Tayrona National Park** | Hike through vivid green forest to beautiful Caribbean beaches

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$6530 NZ$6780

*per person, trip only (13 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
9 nights comfortable hotel
3 nights comfortable hacienda
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Flight | Boat | Cable Car

MEALS:
Breakfast: 12 | Lunch: 3

**445kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### FESTIVAL DEPARTURE

**Medellin Flower Festival**

Travel in August and experience the Silleteros Parade, where enormous, colourful flower arrangements are carried through the city.

**For more details please refer to our website.**






### ITINERARY

| | |
|---|---|
| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Bogota. |
| **DAY 2:** | Sample fresh fruits at Paloquemao local market. Visit Latin America's most impressive Gold Museum, and wander the cobbled streets of La Candelaria district. |
| **DAY 3:** | Fly to Armenia, in the heart of the coffee region. |
| **DAY 4:** | Walk amid the wax palms of the Cocora Valley and eat a typical lunch in colourful Salento. |
| **DAY 5:** | Create traditional Andean dishes with a local chef and take a tour of a coffee farm. |
| **DAY 6:** | Fly to Medellin and explore this exciting and diverse city on foot and by cable car. |
| **DAY 7:** | Free day in Medellin. Choose to discover the city's street art scene. |
| **DAY 8:** | Discover the colourful lakeside town of Guatape and climb El Penol for magnificent views of the lake. |
| **DAY 9:** | Fly to Santa Marta on the Caribbean coast. |
| **DAY 10:** | Full day visit to Tayrona National Park. Hike through lush forest to Caribbean beaches. |
| **DAY 11:** | Drive to colonial Cartagena, home to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites. |
| **DAYS 12–13:** | Explore the delightful centre of Cartagena by bus and on foot. Trip ends in Cartagena. |

NEW

# Sail amongst the Galapagos Islands

Embark on the ultimate trip for wildlife lovers, travelling through the Galapagos Islands by boat. Snorkel with penguins and sea lions, watch 200kg tortoises lumbering through cactus forests and witness the elaborate courtship displays of the blue-footed booby.



## The Islands



CENTRAL ISLANDS

### Santa Cruz and around

Walk through giant cactus forests on Santa Fe, visit the Charles Darwin Research Station on Santa Cruz and relax on white-sand beaches.



NORTHERN ISLANDS

### Genovesa

Genovesa has developed a reputation as 'the bird island' because of the numerous and varied bird species that nest here. It is one of the only places to see red-footed booby en masse.



WESTERN ISLANDS

### Isabela and Fernandina

Isabela is the largest of the islands and one of the most volcanically active places on Earth. Fernandina is the youngest and most pristine island. Famous for large colonies of marine iguana it is also home to the flightless cormorant.



SOUTHERN ISLANDS

## Floreana and Española

The Southern Islands are renowned for their excellent snorkelling sites. Española is the nesting site of nearly all the world's waved albatross population.



EASTERN ISLANDS

## San Cristobal

San Cristobal is where Darwin first went ashore in 1835. The main highlight is Kicker Rock, a striking rock formation rising from the sea, which offers incredible snorkelling opportunities.

### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Create the ultimate nature-based experience by adding on four days in the Ecuadorian Amazon. Sleeping in a first-class community-run lodge, immerse yourself in the rainforest as you explore on foot, by canoe and from treetop towers.

**Trip Code: AE**

# The Boats

## Archipel I

**Comfortable catamaran**
8 cabins | Maximum 16 guests

**On-board inclusions:**
Snorkelling gear and all meals

**WHY CHOOSE THIS BOAT?**

Offering cost-effective but comfortable cabins and a great choice of itineraries ranging from 4–7 nights, the Archipel I covers all of the islands (in different combinations).

To see all trips aboard the Archipel I, visit **exploreworldwide.com.au/Archipel-I** or **exploreworldwide.co.nz/Archipel-I**




## Treasure

**Upgraded catamaran**
11 cabins | Maximum 16 guests

**On-board inclusions:**
Snorkelling gear, use of kayaks and all meals

**WHY CHOOSE THIS BOAT?**
With a sun deck jacuzzi and private balconies for all cabins, the Treasure is perfect for an extra special getaway.

We have one trip to the West and Central Islands available on this catamaran – find out more at
**Trip Code: GT6C**



## Solaris

**Upgraded yacht**
11 cabins | Maximum 16 guests

**On-board inclusions:**
Snorkelling gear, use of kayaks and all meals

**WHY BOOK THIS BOAT?**
With no single supplements this option is ideal if you're planning a solo trip to the Galapagos. The use of kayaks is also included, so you can really make the most of getting out and discovering the wildlife and scenery.

We have one trip to the West and Central Islands available on this yacht – find out more at
**Trip Code: GS6A**



# Volcanoes and Galapagos

TRIP CODE - **GPS** | ECUADOR, THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS



BEST SELLER

Blending culture and creatures, this tour of Ecuador and the Galapagos takes you from the UNESCO-listed cobbled streets of Quito to Charles Darwin's 'little world within itself', to share rural life with indigenous communities, scale a volcano and see world-famous wildlife.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Avenue of the Volcanoes** | Hike under the snow-capped cone of Cotopaxi Volcano

**Mindo Cloud Forest** | Spot hummingbirds and visit a community ecotourism project

**Galapagos** | Get up close to Darwinian wildlife on these paradise islands

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$6890 NZ$7160

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
14 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat | Flight

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 3

**741kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Visit Machu Picchu as well as the Galapagos, on a tour combining two of South America's most iconic destinations.

**Trip Code: GSM**






### ITINERARY

| | |
|---|---|
| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Tumbaco, near Quito's airport. |
| **DAY 2:** | Drive into the rural Andes. Visit a condor sanctuary and experience the colours and sounds of Otavalo's indigenous market. |
| **DAY 3:** | Walk around Cuicocha Lake and share a traditional lunch in an indigenous community. |
| **DAYS 4–5:** | Spot butterflies, orchids and hummingbirds at the Mindo Cloud Forest Reserve. |
| **DAY 6:** | Return to Quito and discover the colonial capital with its splendid churches and cobbled plazas. |
| **DAYS 7–8:** | Walk in the Cotopaxi National Park before flying to the Galapagos. Search for giant tortoises in Santa Cruz. |
| **DAY 9:** | Sail to volcanic Isabela Island. Walk through wetlands to a turtle breeding centre. |
| **DAY 10:** | Hike the Sierra Negra Volcano to admire panoramas of the islands. Afternoon snorkelling excursion. |
| **DAYS 11–12:** | Yachting trips to spot wildlife such as land iguanas, sea lions, Galapagos penguins and blue-footed boobies. |
| **DAY 13:** | View the turtle nesting ground at Tortuga Bay and the Charles Darwin Research Station. |
| **DAYS 14–15:** | Return to the mainland. Walk along the Malecon, or seafront, of Guayaquil where the trip ends. |

# Classic Peru

TRIP CODE - **PS** | PERU



BEST SELLER

Combine Peru's wild landscapes, such as volcano-ringed Arequipa and condor-patrolled Colca Canyon, with a chance to immerse yourself in its Incan heritage, from magical Machu Picchu and atmospheric Cusco, to a stay on Taquile Island, where locals still speak Quechua.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Lake Titicaca** | Enjoy local hospitality in a homestay on this magnificent lake

**Misminay** | Stargaze with this indigenous community in the Sacred Valley

**Inti Raymi** | Witness the Inca Festival of the Sun on our special June departure

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

**AU$4440 NZ$4610**

*per person, trip only (14 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
11 nights comfortable hotel
1 night premium hotel
1 night simple village house
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Boat | Flight | Train

MEALS:
Breakfast: 13 | Lunch: 1 | Dinner: 1

**524kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

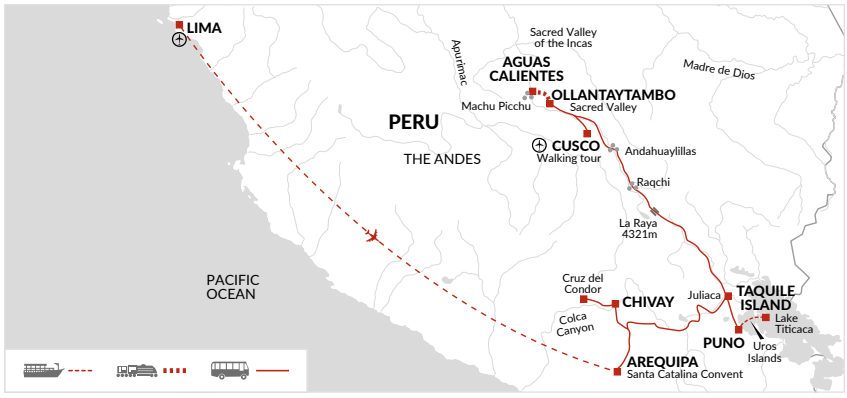
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## YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

To extend your trip and take a boat into the Peruvian Amazon, spending three nights at a jungle lodge.

**Trip Code: AMZ**






## ITINERARY

| | |
|---|---|
| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Lima. |
| **DAY 2:** | Fly to Arequipa. Free afternoon to explore the cobbled streets of this beautiful colonial city. |
| **DAY 3:** | Get lost at the fascinating 500 year-old Santa Catalina Convent, an enormous citadel in the heart of the city. |
| **DAYS 4–5:** | Drive north to the altiplano. Visit Colca Canyon and spot the Andean condor flying overhead. |
| **DAY 6:** | Sail Lake Titicaca and discover floating islands made of reeds. Homestay on Taquile Island. |
| **DAY 7:** | Walk to Inca ruins with panoramic views of the lake, before sailing back to Puno. |
| **DAY 8:** | Journey over high Andean passes and past Inca sites to reach the Sacred Valley. |
| **DAY 9:** | Free day. Go whitewater rafting or visit the Maras and Moray salt terraces. Dinner and stargazing evening in the Sacred Valley. |
| **DAY 10:** | Travel to the ancient mystical site of Machu Picchu by train and bus. Explore on foot with a local guide. |
| **DAY 11:** | Free time in Aguas Calientes. Opt to revisit the site or hike up Huayna Picchu. Train and bus to Cusco. |
| **DAYS 12–13 :** | Walking tour of the city. Visit the Sacsayhuaman Fortress and the Inca Temple of the Sun. |
| **DAY 14:** | Trip ends in Cusco. |

# Best of Argentina, Bolivia and Chile

TRIP CODE - **ABC** | ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, CHILE



NEW TRIP

**Traverse the Andean Altiplano's eye-popping landscapes, on this high altitude journey from northern Argentina to Chile's Atacama Desert. Salt flats and dramatic gorges are accompanied by wine-tasting and stargazing on this surreal adventure.**

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Salar de Uyuni** | Stay in a salt hotel at this dreamlike expanse of blinding-white salt flats

**Cafayate vineyards** | Taste Argentina's famous wines and enjoy a typical lunch with an Andean backdrop

**Atacama desert** | Treat yourself to sunset aperitifs at the unearthly Moon Valley

PRICES FROM

## AU$11110 NZ$11540

*per person, trip only (13 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
11 nights comfortable hotel
1 night simple hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | 4WD

MEALS:
Breakfast: 12 | Lunch: 5 | Dinner: 4

**1423kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Concentrating solely on the dramatic landscapes of northern Argentina, on our in-depth trip travelling from wine-producing Mendoza to colourful Salta.

**Trip Code: NWA**








### ITINERARY

| | |
|---|---|
| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in the home of tango; Buenos Aires. |
| **DAY 2:** | Fly to Salta and explore on foot. Dinner and folkloric music at a traditional peña. |
| **DAY 3:** | Full day trip to the Cafayate vineyards, with winery visits and lunch. |
| **DAY 4:** | Drive to Purmamarca, and take a short walk around the cactus-strewn desert lands. |
| **DAY 5:** | Visit the Salinas Grandes; Argentina's salt flats. |
| **DAY 6:** | Cross the border to Bolivia and jump into 4WD vehicles. Drive to Tupiza. |
| **DAY 7:** | Drive to Uyuni and take a sunset trip to the salt flats. |
| **DAY 8:** | Cross the Salar de Uyuni. Explore the bizarre snow-white landscape, and stop at Incahuasi Island with its tall cacti. |
| **DAY 9:** | Visit the coloured lagoons, where pink flamingos roam. Cross into Chile and drive to San Pedro de Atacama. |
| **DAY 10:** | Enjoy aperitifs and a walk at a lookout point over the unearthly Moon Valley. |
| **DAY 11:** | See the spouting geysers of El Tatio and opt for a stargazing trip. |
| **DAYS 12–13:** | Fly to Santiago where the trip ends. |

# Adventures in Patagonia

TRIP CODE - **PA** | ARGENTINA, CHILE



BEST SELLER

Spanning the southern tip of Argentina and Chile, Patagonia boasts some of Earth's most jaw-dropping landscapes and is the prime place to unleash your inner explorer, whether it's hiking past emerald lakes, or walking on South America's most magnificent glacier.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Perito Moreno Glacier** | Get closer with an exciting boat trip or hike on the ice itself

**Torres del Paine** | Walk among glacial lakes and mountain ranges in this immense national park

**Buenos Aires** | See live tango in La Boca and discover arty San Telmo

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$8460 NZ$8790

*per person, trip only (14 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

TRIP PACE: **Full On**

ACCOMMODATION:
13 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

TRANSPORT:
Bus | Ferry | Flight

MEALS:
Breakfast: 13 | Dinner: 3

**1387kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

J F M A M J J A S O N D

### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Trekking through the heart of Los Glaciares National Park to the magnificent Fitz Roy Massif and hiking the famous 'W' Trek from Lago Grey to the iconic Paine Towers.

**Trip Code: TPF**








### ITINERARY

| | |
|---|---|
| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Buenos Aires. |
| **DAY 2:** | Explore the capital's diverse barrios, from colourful La Boca to arty San Telmo. Sample local pastries at a cafecito. |
| **DAY 3:** | Fly to Ushuaia. Free afternoon. Set sail to see glaciers or penguin in the Beagle Channel. |
| **DAY 4:** | Walk coastal trails in Tierra del Fuego National Park. Discover its forests, lakes and wildlife. |
| **DAYS 5–6:** | Travel by bus and ferry to Punta Arenas in Chile. Continue to Torres del Paine National Park. |
| **DAY 7:** | Experience breathtaking glaciers, waterfalls, lakes and jagged mountain peaks. |
| **DAY 8:** | Nature walks with stunning views of Lake Pehoe. Zodiac trip to Serrano Glacier available. |
| **DAY 9:** | Drive to El Calafate, gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. |
| **DAY 10:** | View the incredible Perito Moreno Glacier. Opportunity to trek on the ice or take a boat ride up close to the glacier face. |
| **DAY 11:** | Drive to El Chalten. Spot wildlife in the Huemul Reserve, or hike to the Vespignani Glacier lookout. |
| **DAY 12:** | Hike to the base of the Fitz Roy Massif for spectacular views. |
| **DAYS 13–14:** | Fly to Buenos Aires where the trip ends. |

# Poles Apart

Get ready for an unforgettable trip to the polar circles




If you enjoy wildlife and wilderness, and you're looking for an experience like no other, the polar regions should not be missed. Choose from the Arctic – home to polar bears and walrus – or Antarctica, for its towering icebergs and bustling penguin rookeries.

> *If I could pocket the feeling, I would. It's like nothing else on Earth!*
>
> Vanessa Fowler,
> Polar Product Manager

## What to expect from a Polar voyage?

### Unforgettable experiences

Our aim is to maximise your time spent off the ship, seeing amazing landscapes and wildlife up-close.

### Expert knowledge

All of our polar ships have an on-board team of highly experienced expedition crew and naturalist guides.

### Small ships

Enjoy a small ship experience with fewer passengers on board.

### Responsible at heart

We select partners who subscribe to the highest environmental and safety guidelines.



For more information check online or contact your travel agent.




## North vs South

### The Arctic

Go in search of polar bears, walrus, arctic foxes and seals on a voyage to the Arctic. In true expedition style, you'll need to expect the unexpected; each trip is unique as itineraries change to make the most of the conditions and wildlife sightings. The Arctic offers unparalleled encounters with the natural world at its most rugged and wild.

Zodiac-cruise through drifting pack ice, keeping a lookout for seals and whales; explore majestic fjords where glaciers meet the ocean, and step ashore to uncover rare flora and fauna existing in the bleak tundra. Immerse yourself in rich history, fascinating traditional culture and experience the warm welcome of local Inuit people in remote Greenland settlements.

### Antarctica

Sail across the renowned Drake Passage to reach the Great White Continent or make the journey by plane on one of our fly-and-cruise trips. Antarctica is a place like no other, home to enchanting wildlife and mind-blowing panoramas of frozen landscapes that invoke a deep sense of peace.

Meander through the ice-choked waterways of the Antarctic Peninsula with towering icebergs jolting out of the calm inky-blue waters, as you go in search of penguins, seals and a plethora of seabirds. Learn all about the region's fascinating history and the intrepid explorers who first discovered it, including Sir Ernest Shackleton and Roald Amundsen.

You'll find some of our most popular Polar trips on the next page, but there are dozens more online. You can also view a copy of our Polar voyages brochure to find out more – it's packed full of information about when to visit, the wildlife you'll see, what activities are available, and the expert leaders who'll accompany you on your trip.

**Scan the QR code to view the brochure online.**

Australia

New Zealand

# Polar Voyages

We offer a whole range of Polar voyages and, whether you choose the Arctic or Antarctica, it's sure to be one of the most awe-inspiring and rewarding journeys you'll ever make. We've handpicked some of our favourites to get you started but head to our website to see all the Polar trips we offer.



## Realm of the Polar Bear in Depth

Enjoy the best of Svalbard, a world of endless daylight where polar bear sightings quicken your pulse, guillemot cries echo from sea cliffs and mink whales rise from the sea. Explore tundra adorned with wildflowers, historic camps of explorers and beautiful Norwegian fjords.

**Trip Code: GMSO**

## Spitsbergen, Greenland and Iceland

Zodiac-cruise among spectacular icebergs, keeping watch for seabirds, walrus and polar bears. Visit Ittoqqortoormiit, one of the most remote settlements on Earth, hike through the Arctic tundra and visit the Land of Fire and Ice.

**Trip Code: GMGI**



## Classic Antarctica

Immerse yourself in the raw beauty of the Great White Continent. Explore the ice-filled waters by Zodiac and take part in immersive shore landings. Visit penguin rookeries, spot humpback and minke whales and look out for leopard seals, all while calving glaciers can be heard in the distance.

**Trip Code: OECA**





## The Antarctic Peninsula and Weddell Sea

This voyage gives you the best of both sides of the Antarctic Peninsula; the wildlife-filled and ice-packed channels of the west, and the rugged remoteness and vast wilderness of the east. See huge tabular icebergs and feel the true sense of isolation experienced by Shackleton and his crew.

**Trip Code: OEWS**

## The Northwest Passage

Sail the Northwest Passage, carving through the labyrinthine maze of waterways that hug the islands of Arctic Canada. Visit historic sites, meet the incredible folk that call this region home, and search for iconic wildlife.

**Trip Code: SENW**



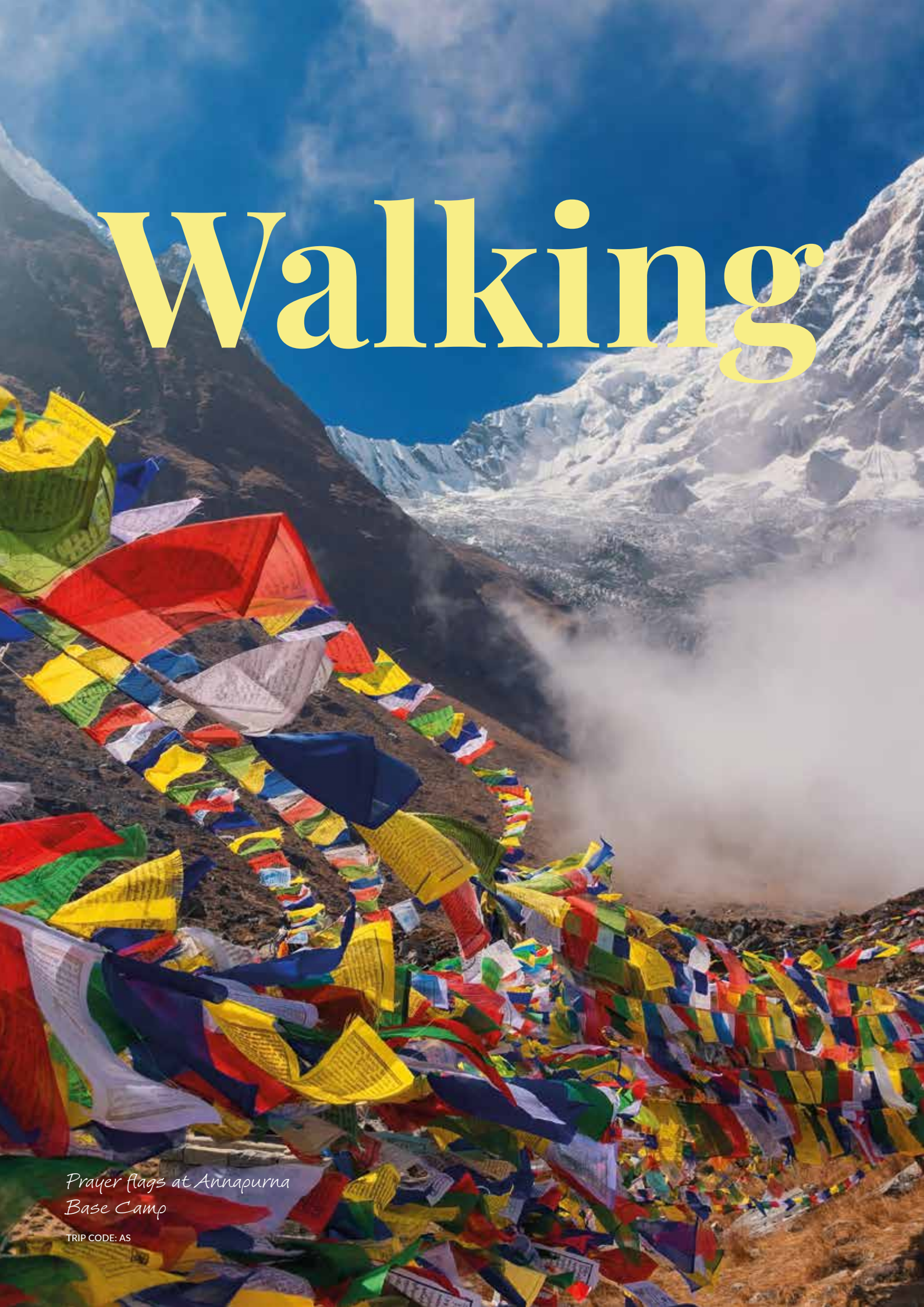



## Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctica

Discover the fascinating history and spectacular birdlife of the Falkland Islands, marvel at awe-inspiring king penguin colonies in South Georgia, and Zodiac-cruise past iridescent blue icebergs.

**Trip Code: SEFS**

# Walking



*Prayer flags at Annapurna Base Camp*

TRIP CODE: AS



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# What to expect from a Walking trip

There's no better way to explore many parts of the world than by walking. Our Walking tours slowly transport you into places and spaces you might otherwise never have seen, offering views to take your breath away and allowing you gently under the skin of a country and culture. They also allow friendships to be built through relaxed conversation, as our groups make their way through deserts, up hills and mountains, through winding lanes, around pristine lakes and along coasts with trips to suit all levels, from leisurely walks to challenging treks.



# Walk this way

## Here's all you need to know about a small group Walking adventure...

> *The guides and the porters were incredible. They ensured everything was taken care of, were amazing support, and they served up some brilliant food!*
>
> Ali talking about her 'Kilimanjaro Lemosho Trek'.

### Grade expectations

Each Walking holiday we offer is graded from 'Leisurely' (typically low-lying and mostly undemanding terrain, with plenty of non-walking time built-in) to 'Challenging & Tough' (high altitude, long trekking days that require good fitness). Our trips are all online where you'll find details of the walking distances, timings and terrain, and the total ascent and descent over the course of each hike. You won't need to be an Olympian for any of them (!), but it's still a good idea to get out and do some pre-holiday walks to find your feet, so to speak.

### Travel light (we'll carry the rest)

On all our Walking trips, your main luggage will be transported for you, so you're free to carry just a light day sack (to hold water, snacks, camera, sun protection and extra clothing). On more challenging treks we'll have additional guides to assist the Tour Leader and the group. We plan the routes and organise all accommodation so you can just focus on enjoying it (and putting one foot in front of the other).

### You'll never walk alone

Our small groups are perfect for walking holidays as you'll always have company if you want it. Each group is different - there's usually a mix of solo travellers, couples and friends travelling together - and is typically around 11 strong. Your Tour Leader will let everyone go at their own pace, regrouping together regularly.

### Can I do it my way?

Sometimes, yes. Our Walking trips are broadly divided into two; firstly there are centre-based trips where you stay in one place and leave from it each day on a walk, giving you the flexibility to choose whether to join the planned walk each day or not, and allowing you to really get to know that area in depth; the second type is point-to-point, where almost the entire journey from A to B is on foot and you'll need to take part in all the walks.

Check out the individual Trip Notes on our website to find more detailed information about what to expect and to help you choose a trip that suits you.





# Choosing your **Walking holiday**

Our walks and treks are all graded by difficulty, taking into consideration the daily distances covered, the terrain, ascents and descents, climate and altitude. The Trip Notes on our website contain detailed information about what to expect to help you choose a trip which suits your fitness and experience level.

## Walking grades

### 1 LEISURELY

Good paths, low altitude and mostly undemanding terrain, with plenty of non-walking time in the itinerary. Ideal for those in good health who can walk three to five hours in a day. Previous walking experience is not necessary.

### 2 LEISURELY AND MODERATE

Expect a mix of leisurely and moderate walks on fairly good paths at low altitude, with some more demanding ascents and descents and occasionally tricky terrain to spice it up just a little.

### 3 MODERATE

With generally good paths at low altitude (mainly below 2,500m), this is best for fit and active people who can walk three to seven hours a day with some more challenging terrain and demanding ascents and descents.

### 4 MODERATE AND CHALLENGING

Combining moderate walks with some challenging hikes and demanding treks on difficult terrain or at higher altitudes, this is perfect for fit walkers who want to challenge themselves.

### 5 CHALLENGING

Trekking days are generally between six to eight hours, with some long, steep ascents and descents, sometimes at high altitude and on difficult terrain. A good fitness level and previous trekking experience is recommended.

### 6 CHALLENGING AND TOUGH

Difficult terrain often at high altitudes and long trekking days (sometimes over nine hours). Requires a high level of fitness and you should be a confident, experienced trekker.

# Walking trips

Here's a summary of all the Walking trips we offer and where to find out more. We've included some of our favourites on the following pages, but you'll find our full programme on our website.

| COUNTRIES | TRIP NAME | POINT-TO-POINT | CENTRE-BASED | DAYS | TRIP CODE | PAGE |
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| ITALY | A TASTE OF ITALY - WALKING IN EMILIA ROMAGNA | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: TOER | |
| ITALY | A TASTE OF ITALY - WALKING IN PUGLIA | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: TOP | |
| MOROCCO | WALKING IN MOROCCO - ATLAS TO ATLANTIC | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: MAA | |
| NEW ZEALAND | WALKING IN NEW ZEALAND | | | 19 | TRIP CODE: WZN | |
| PORTUGAL | WALKING IN PORTUGAL - EASTERN ALGARVE | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: WIA | |
| SPAIN - PORTUGAL | WALKS AND WINE TASTING IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL | | | 12 | TRIP CODE: MWW | 99 |
| ESTONIA - LATVIA - LITHUANIA | WALK ESTONIA, LATVIA AND LITHUANIA | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: ELL | |
| **LEISURELY AND MODERATE** | | | | | | |
| GREECE | GREEK CRUISE AND ISLAND WALKING | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: GCW | |
| ITALY | ★ **BEST SELLER** AMALFI COAST WALKING - AGRITURISMO | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: NAW | 103 |
| ITALY | AMALFI COAST WALKING – HOTEL RISORGIMENTO | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: NAWH | |
| ITALY | **NEW** AMALFI COAST WALKING – HOTEL SOLE | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: NAWC | |
| ITALY | WALKING IN SICILY | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: SIT | |
| ITALY | TUSCANY WALKING AND WINE | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: LTY | 101 |
| MONTENEGRO - CROATIA | WALKING MONTENEGRO AND THE CROATIAN ISLANDS | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: WCM | |
| NORTH CYPRUS | ★ **BEST SELLER** WALKING IN NORTHERN CYPRUS | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: LNC | 106 |
| PORTUGAL (AZORES) | ★ **BEST SELLER** WALKING IN THE AZORES | | | 14 | TRIP CODE: AZ | |
| PORTUGAL | ★ **BEST SELLER** WALKING IN PORTUGAL - REMOTE COASTAL TRAILS | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: POR | 97 |
| SLOVENIA | WALKING IN SLOVENIA | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: WSO | |
| SPAIN (CANARY ISLANDS) | CANARY ISLANDS WALKING - LANZAROTE | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: LZT | |
| TURKEY | WALKING TURKEY'S TURQUOISE COAST | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: WTC | |
| VIETNAM | WALKING IN VIETNAM | | | 14 | TRIP CODE: WVN | 115 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | WALK NORTHUMBERLAND | | ✔ | 6 | TRIP CODE: WNU | |
| UNITED KINGDOM | WALKING SCOTLAND'S ORKNEY ISLANDS | | ✔ | 7 | TRIP CODE: ORK | 96 |
| **MODERATE** | | | | | | |
| ALBANIA | ★ **BEST SELLER** WALKING ALBANIA | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: ALW | 105 |
| ANDORRA | WALKING IN THE PYRENEES | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: PAW | |
| CANADA | WALKING IN THE CANADIAN ROCKIES | | | 13 | TRIP CODE: WRK | |
| CROATIA | ★ **BEST SELLER** WALKS AND COASTAL TOWNS OF CROATIA | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: CO | 104 |
| CROATIA | WALKING CROATIA'S ISTRIAN PENINSULA | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: WCI | |
| GEORGIA | HIKING IN THE GEORGIAN CAUCASUS | | | 9 | TRIP CODE: WGEO | 113 |
| GREECE | WALKING IN CRETE | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: CR | 107 |
| GREECE | WALKING THE CORFU TRAIL (SOUTH) | ✔ | | 8 | TRIP CODE: CF | |
| INDIA | WALKING IN KERALA | | | 11 | TRIP CODE: WIK | |
| ITALY | ★ **BEST SELLER** HIKING IN THE DOLOMITES | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: DW | |
| ITALY | LAKE COMO WALKING | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: LC | |
| JAPAN | WALK JAPAN - KUMANO KODO TRAIL | ✔ | | 12 | TRIP CODE: WJP | 116 |
| JORDAN | ★ **BEST SELLER** WALKING JORDAN'S SPICE TRAILS | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: TP | 110 |
| KYRGYZSTAN | WALKING IN KYRGYZSTAN | | | 9 | TRIP CODE: WKYZ | |
| MADAGASCAR | MADAGASCAR WILDERNESS TREK | | | 15 | TRIP CODE: MF | |
| MALTA | MALTA AND GOZO WALKING | | TWIN-CENTRE | 8 | TRIP CODE: WML | |
| NEPAL | WALKING THE ANNAPURNA FOOTHILLS | ✔ | | 13 | TRIP CODE: RT | |
| NEPAL | ANNAPURNA LUXURY LODGE TREK | ✔ | | 12 | TRIP CODE: LAN | |
| POLAND | HIKING IN THE POLISH CARPATHIANS | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: WPS | |
| PORTUGAL (MADEIRA) | ★ **BEST SELLER** WALKING IN MADEIRA | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: TM | 98 |
| SPAIN | WALKING THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO | ✔ | | 12 | TRIP CODE: CDS | |
| SPAIN | TREKKING IN SPAIN - PICOS DE EUROPA | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: PC | 100 |
| SPAIN (CANARY ISLANDS) | CANARY ISLANDS WALKING - LA GOMERA AND TENERIFE | | TWIN-CENTRE | 8 | TRIP CODE: OC | |
| SPAIN (CANARY ISLANDS) | ★ **BEST SELLER** CANARY ISLANDS WALKING - GRAN CANARIA | | TWIN-CENTRE | 8 | TRIP CODE: LOC | |
| SPAIN (MALLORCA) | WALKING IN MALLORCA | | TWIN-CENTRE | 8 | TRIP CODE: MAL | |
| SRI LANKA | WALKING IN SRI LANKA | | | 14 | TRIP CODE: WSL | |
| TURKEY | ★ **BEST SELLER** HIKING TURKEY'S LYCIAN WAY | ✔ | | 8 | TRIP CODE: LW | 108 |
| TURKEY | **NEW** WALKING IN CAPPADOCIA | | ✔ | 8 | TRIP CODE: WGV | 109 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | PEMBROKESHIRE COAST WALKING | | ✔ | 6 | TRIP CODE: WPM | |
| UNITED KINGDOM | WALK THE LAKE DISTRICT | | ✔ | 7 | TRIP CODE: WLD | |
| UNITED KINGDOM | WALK THE NORTH WEST HIGHLANDS AND SKYE | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: WHS | |
| **MODERATE AND CHALLENGING** | | | | | | |
| ARGENTINA - CHILE | TREK PATAGONIA - FITZ ROY AND TORRES DEL PAINE | ✔ | | 14 | TRIP CODE: TPF | |
| GREECE | WALKING THE CORFU TRAIL (NORTH) | ✔ | | 8 | TRIP CODE: FA | |
| ITALY | WALKING IN SARDINIA | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: SAR | |
| MOROCCO | ★ **BEST SELLER** TOUBKAL CLIMB | ✔ | | 7 | TRIP CODE: MJ | 111 |
| OMAN | OMAN TREKKING | ✔ | | 10 | TRIP CODE: WOM | |
| PERU | ★ **BEST SELLER** INCA TRAIL TREK | ✔ | | 9 | TRIP CODE: PQ | 117 |
| PERU | WALK PERU'S INCA TRAIL AND PALCCOYO RAINBOW MOUNTAIN | ✔ | | 14 | TRIP CODE: PM | |
| PERU | PERU IN DEPTH AND THE INCA TRAIL | ✔ | | 19 | TRIP CODE: PE | |
| ROMANIA | WALKING ROMANIA - TRANSYLVANIAN ALPS TREK | | | 8 | TRIP CODE: TTA | |
| **CHALLENGING** | | | | | | |
| FRANCE - SWITZERLAND - ITALY | TOUR DU MONT BLANC TREK | ✔ | | 11 | TRIP CODE: MBT | |
| MOROCCO | TOUBKAL CLIMB - LONG WEEKEND | ✔ | | 5 | TRIP CODE: ATA | |
| NEPAL | ANNAPURNA CIRCUIT TREK | ✔ | | 18 | TRIP CODE: AN | |
| NEPAL | ★ **BEST SELLER** ANNAPURNA SANCTUARY TREK | ✔ | | 15 | TRIP CODE: AS | 114 |
| **CHALLENGING AND TOUGH** | | | | | | |
| TANZANIA | ★ **BEST SELLER** KILIMANJARO - LEMOSHO TREK | ✔ | | 10 | TRIP CODE: KC | 112 |

# Walking Scotland's Orkney Islands

TRIP CODE - **ORK** | SCOTLAND

2
LEISURELY AND MODERATE



'Orkney's magic is silence…and the deep marvellous rhythms of sea and land,' wrote the archipelago's own poet, George Mackay Brown. Discover Viking settlements perched atop sea stacks, sea caves that speak, puffin and seal colonies, and plates groaning with fresh seafood.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Ancient history** | Discover Iron Age villages and Neolithic sites including Skara Brae

**Orcadian and Norse traditions** | Unearth the Orkney's history, heritage and local traditions

**Breathtaking landscapes** | Explore some of Britain's most pristine regions on foot

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$4080 NZ$4240

*per person, trip only (7 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE:
**Leisurely and Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
6 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 6 | Dinner: 3

Centre-Based

**149kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

We offer a whole collection of UK trips, showcasing the very best spots and bringing you unforgettable moments you wouldn't easily get on your own.

**Search 'United Kingdom' on our website to find out more.**

### DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 2 | 10km | 3hrs |
| Day 3 | 9km | 3hrs |
| Day 4 | 12.5km | 4-5 hrs |
| Day 5 | 3km | 1hr |
| Day 6 | 9km | 3-4 hrs |

### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Inverness. Scenic drive and ferry to reach Kirkwall, Mainland, Orkneys.

**DAY 2:** Coastal walk to the Brough of Deerness, a Viking Age settlement atop a sea-stack. Discover Scapa Flow and the Churchill Barriers.

**DAY 3:** Ferry to the Isle of Westray for a beautiful coastal walk to Noup Head to see one of the largest seabird colonies in the British Isles.

**DAY 4:** Clifftop hike past impressive sea stacks to 5000-year-old Skara Brae - one of the best preserved Neolithic villages in Europe.

**DAY 5:** Explore the Heart of Neolithic Orkney UNESCO Site - Ring and Ness of Brodgar and the Stones of Stenness.

**DAY 6:** Discover the Isle of Rousay 'Egypt of the North' on a walk between archaeological monuments and through Trumland RSPB Reserve.

**DAY 7:** Ferry and drive back to Inverness where the trip ends.










For more information check online or contact your travel agent.

# Walk Portugal – Remote Coastal Trails

TRIP CODE - **POR** | PORTUGAL

2
LEISURELY AND MODERATE



Stretch your legs and expand your soul with satisfying walks around Portugal's southern-most tip. Using the ancient town of Sagres – the 'gathering place of Gods' – as a base, you'll trace coastal cliffs, caves and secluded beaches, while dining on local wines and seafood.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Cabo Sao Vicente** | Walk the long distance Rota Vicentina path

**Ponta de Piedade** | Dramatic rocky coastline, rock arch and turquoise seas

**Seven Hanging Valleys trail** | Explore hidden beaches, coves and limestone stacks

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$1830 NZ$1910

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE:
**Leisurely and Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7

Centre-Based

**200kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WHY NOT TRY?

Combining this trip with the eastern Algarve with easy, relaxed inland and coastal walks. Explore colourful cobbled streets in Tavira, try the local Cataplana dish accompanied by a glass of crisp wine, and spot flamingos in Rio Formosa Estuarine National Park.

**Trip Code: WIA**

### DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 3 | 8km | 3hrs |
| Day 3 | 6km | 2hrs |
| Day 4 | 11km | 4hrs |
| Day 8 | 8km | 3hrs |
| Day 9 | 4km | 1.5hrs |

### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Sagres, a small historic coastal town in southwest Portugal.

**DAY 2:** Hike to the coast from Bordeira and along the rugged clifftops to Carrapateira.

**DAY 3:** Coastal walk from Burgau to Lagos via the interesting rock formations at Ponta da Piedade.

**DAY 4:** Follow the last section of Rota Vicentina to Cabo de Sao Vicente, Europe's most southwesterly point.

**DAY 5:** Free day. Opportunity to go dolphin watching, visit Lagos or relax on a local beach.

**DAY 6:** Hike the Seven Hanging Valleys trail with spectacular coastal scenery.

**DAY 7:** Walk along the unspoilt coastline from Igrina to Sagres.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in Sagres.








# Walking in Madeira

TRIP CODE - TM | PORTUGAL (MADEIRA)

3 MODERATE



A week of tracing Madeira's unique levadas – 15th-century aqueducts – and meandering through laurel forests, cobble-stone fishing towns and along cliff tops. Be sure to try the traditional espada (fish) with banana, washed down with a glass of the island's famous sweet wine.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Levada paths** | Variety of picturesque walks along irrigation channels

**Spectacular mountain views** | Walking the path between the peaks of Arieiro and Ruivo

**Funchal** | Absorb the delights of the laid-back capital, its beautiful gardens and historic buildings

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$1930 NZ$2000

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7

**156kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

J F M A M J J A S O N D

### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Scenic hikes through rugged mountains, gorges and along idyllic coastal trails in East Sardinia.

**Trip Code: SAR**



### DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 2 | 12km | 5hrs |
| Day 3 | 13km | 5hrs |
| Day 4 | 12km | 5hrs |
| Day 5 | 10km | 4hrs |
| Day 6 | | |
| Day 7 | 11km | 5.5hrs |




### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Santana, a beautiful village on the north coast.

**DAY 2:** Scenic coastal walk along the Vereda do Larano to Porto da Cruz.

**DAY 3:** Walk through UNESCO Laurisilva forest to Faja do Penedo. Overnight at Porto Moniz on the north coast.

**DAY 4:** Follow Levada do Alecrim from Rabaçal to Risco Waterfall.

**DAY 5:** Visit the westernmost tip of the island. Levada Nova valley walk.

**DAY 6:** Explore the streets of Funchal. Opportunity to go whale and dolphin spotting, wine tasting or visit Madeira Botanical Garden.

**DAY 7:** Walk from Pico Arieiro via part of the Balcony Walk to the summit of Pico Ruivo (1,862m).

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in Funchal.





# Walks & Wine Tasting in Spain & Portugal

TRIP CODE - MWW | SPAIN, PORTUGAL

1 LEISURELY



Ideal for those who enjoy wine, culture and countryside walks, this fascinating journey from Madrid to Porto ventures through the Ribera del Duero region of Spain and the Douro winelands of Portugal. Sample regional vintages, explore national parks and stay in beautiful medieval towns.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Segovia** | UNESCO World Heritage city and walks in nearby Guadarrama National Park

**Douro Valley** | Train ride snaking through the beautiful natural scenery of northern Portugal

**Seven Hanging Valleys trail** | Explore hidden beaches, coves and limestone stacks

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$4070 NZ$4230

*per person, trip only (12 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE:
**Leisurely**

ACCOMMODATION:
9 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights premium hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 11

**184kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Rambling through Italy's Emilia Romagna region and sampling outstanding produce.

**Trip Code: TOER**

### DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 3 | 8km | 3hrs |
| Day 4 | | |
| Day 5 | 6km | 2hrs |
| Day 6 | | |
| Day 7 | 11km | 4hrs |
| Day 8 | 8km | 3hrs |
| Day 9 | 4km | 1.5hrs |



### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Madrid.
**DAY 2:** Walking tour of Madrid.
**DAY 3:** Walk in Guadarrama National Park.
**DAY 4:** Walking tour of Segovia and free afternoon to explore.
**DAY 5:** Walk through canyon lands of Duraton River valley and enjoy a wine tasting in the afternoon.
**DAY 6:** Wine tasting in El Toro and visit the city of Zamora.
**DAY 7:** Walk in Arribes del Duero Natural Park and enjoy a wine tasting in Fermoselle.
**DAY 8:** Walk to Fornillos and visit Miranda do Douro.
**DAY 9:** Take a train along the Douro Valley and walk in the village of Lamego.
**DAY 10:** Drive to Porto via Vila Real and explore Porto on a foodie inspired walking tour.
**DAY 11:** Free day in Porto.
**DAY 12:** Trip ends in Porto.






# Trekking in Spain – Picos de Europa

TRIP CODE - **PC** | SPAIN

3
MODERATE



UNESCO-listed Picos de Europa was Spain's first national park and it retains a wild, unspoilt character to this day. Based in Sotres – the highest village – you'll walk through the park's alpine meadows, beech forests and limestone massifs. It's the perfect place to simply get away from everything and relax.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Sotres** | Stay in Juanjo and Sonia's small hotel sampling their hearty homemade food

**Garganta de Cares** | Walk along cliff-cut pathways through this spectacular gorge

**Aliva Valley** | Take the exhilarating Fuente Dé cable car to enjoy stunning views

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$2040 NZ$2120

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 6 | Dinner: 6

Centre-Based

**99kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

A walking trip to the little-known mountains of Andorra, hidden deep in the Pyrenees. Enjoy beautiful walks through protected valleys, meadows and glacial landscapes.

**Trip Code: PAW**

## DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 2 | 18km | 6hrs |
| Day 3 | 16km | 7hrs |
| Day 4 | 10km | 5hrs |
| Day 5 | 18km | 5hrs |
| Day 6 | 24km | 6hrs |
| Day 7 | 10km | 4.5hrs |

## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip at Bilbao Airport. Drive to the tranquil mountain town of Sotres.

**DAY 2:** Hike up to the Caseton de Andara Refuge and around Macondiu Peak.

**DAY 3:** Drive to Invernales de Cabao. Trek to Vega de Urriello Refuge at the foot of the iconic Pico de Naranjo.

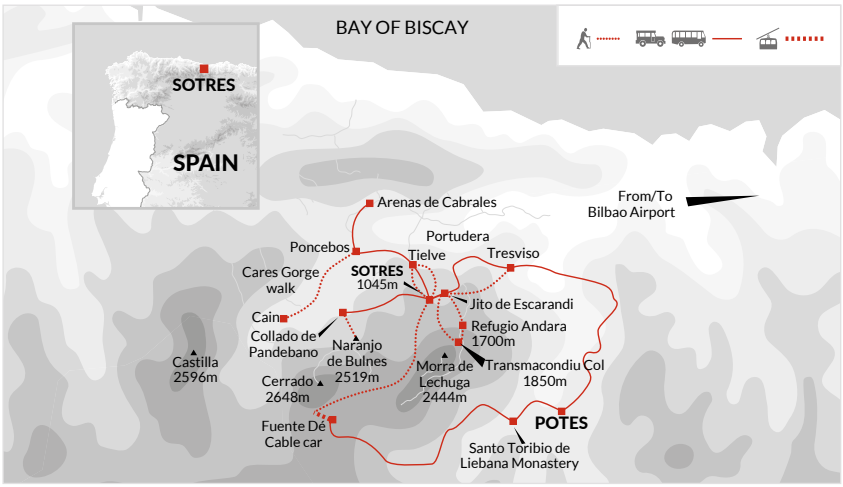
**DAY 4:** Hike through beech forest to the hamlet of Tresviso. Drive to the pretty medieval town of Potes.

**DAY 5:** Take the spectacular Fuente Dé cable car up to 1,980m and walk down into the Aliva Valley.

**DAY 6:** Walk through the imposing Cares Gorge, a highlight of any visit to northern Spain.

**DAY 7:** Walk from Caballar back to Sotres on an ancient route, stopping to try the famous Cabrales blue cheese en route.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends at Bilbao Airport.






# Tuscany Walking and Wine

TRIP CODE - **LTY** | ITALY

2
LEISURELY AND MODERATE



A walking holiday that takes in the splendours of southern Tuscany, an iconic landscape of rolling hills, avenues of cypress trees and medieval hilltop towns. Ramble through the vineyards of Chianti, along ancient pilgrimage trails and explore the captivating cities of Siena and Florence.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Wine tastings** | Sample some of Italy's finest wines from Chianti to Brunello

**Hilltop towns** | Discover San Gimignano, Pienza, Montepulciano and Montalcino

**Local cuisine** | Enjoy the fresh produce and delicious flavours of Tuscany

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$3660 NZ$3810

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE:
**Leisurely and Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 2

**123kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Join our Taste of Tuscany trip to see the highlights of this beautiful region, with a range of foodie experiences included too.

**Trip Code: XTY**

### DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 2 | 10km | 3.5hrs |
| Day 3 | 14km | 4hrs |
| Day 4 | | |
| Day 5 | 10m | 3hrs |
| Day 6 | 13km | 5hrs |








### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Pisa.

**DAY 2:** Take a scenic hike through the Tuscan countryside to the medieval hilltop town of San Gimignano. Visit a vineyard to taste some of the well-known local wines before travelling on to Castellina in Chianti.

**DAY 3:** Walk on white gravel roads typical of the region to an organic winery for a tasting and light lunch. Return to Castellina in Chianti for a relaxing afternoon.

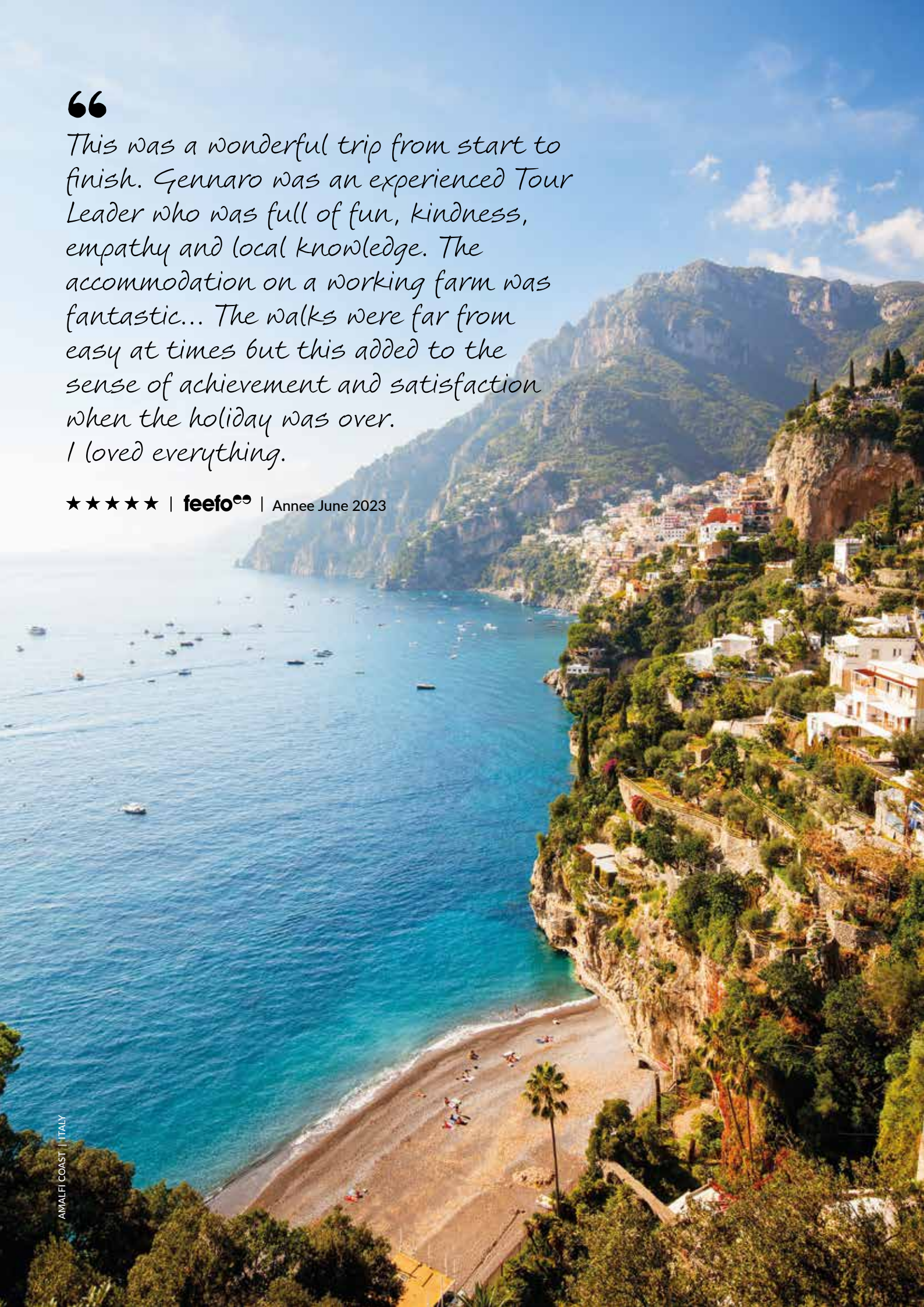
**DAY 4:** Drive to Siena for time to explore and soak in the incredible atmosphere of the Piazza del Campo and narrow streets of the Old Town. Continue to Pienza in the Val D'Orcia.

**DAY 5:** Enjoy a loop walk from hilltop Pienza through beautiful countryside where some of the scenes from the movie Gladiator were filmed.

**DAY 6:** Hike from the spa town of San Quirico D'Orcia to Montalcino with time for a tasting of the famous Brunello di Montalcino wines.

**DAY 7:** Drive to the fabulous renaissance city of Florence. Walking orientation tour followed by free time for exploration.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in Florence.



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*This was a wonderful trip from start to finish. Gennaro was an experienced Tour Leader who was full of fun, kindness, empathy and local knowledge. The accommodation on a working farm was fantastic... The walks were far from easy at times but this added to the sense of achievement and satisfaction when the holiday was over.*
*I loved everything.*

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AMALFI COAST | | ITALY

# Amalfi Coast Walking

TRIP CODE - **NAW** | ITALY

2
LEISURELY AND MODERATE



**Famed for its pastel-coloured houses contoured around curvaceous cliffs, the Amalfi Coast isn't just a place for the glitterati to gather. Spend a week strolling its ridges, woodlands and hamlets, returning each night to a rustic family-run agriturismo.**

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Coastal trails** | Five walks including the spectacular 'Walk of the Gods'

**Capri** | Take a ferry to explore the streets and trails of this enchanting island

**Optional trips** | Visit the incredible ancient sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$2850 NZ$2960

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE:
**Leisurely and Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable agriturismo
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 3 | Dinner: 4

Centre-Based

**159kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

To walk the Amalfi coast during the quieter winter season.

**Trip Code: NAWC**

### WHY NOT TRY?

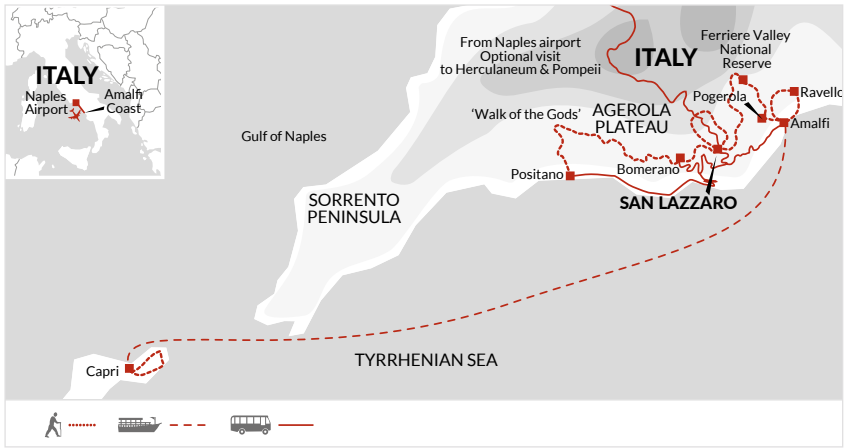
A stay at a traditional, family-run hotel instead of an agriturismo.

**Trip Code: NAWH**

### DAILY DISTANCES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Day 2 | 4km | 5km | 1.5/2hrs |
| Day 3 | 8km | | 4hrs |
| Day 4 | 10km | | 4hrs |
| Day 5 | 13km | | 6hrs |
| Day 6 | | | |
| Day 7 | 11km | | 5hrs |

Optional Walks




### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip at Naples Airport before driving to our family-run agriturismo.

**DAY 2:** Morning hike from Bomerano to San Lazzaro. Optional afternoon walk above the Agerola Plateau.

**DAY 3:** Enjoy a circular hike from Amalfi with time spent in beautiful Ravello.

**DAY 4:** Take a ferry to enchanting Capri, walk to a viewpoint and explore the town's narrow streets.

**DAY 5:** Walk through the Ferriere Natural Park passing waterfalls, rivers and unusual plantlife.

**DAY 6:** A free day, with the chance to visit the ancient sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

**DAY 7:** Hike along the 'Walk of the Gods', to the colourful cliffside village of Positano.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends at Naples Airport.



# Walks and Coastal Towns of Croatia

TRIP CODE - CO | CROATIA

3 MODERATE



Introduce your feet to Croatia's mountain trails, broadleaf forests and mint-blue lakes as you travel from Zagreb to Split, taking time to cool off in clear waters. The Dalmatian Coast is famous for its idyllic beaches, but the walking trails are serene and uncrowded.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Plitvice National Park** | UNESCO World Heritage Site with breathtaking aquamarine lakes

**Paklenica National Park** | Spectacular coastal and mountain walking

**Trogir** | Discover the diverse architecture of one of the oldest cities in Croatia

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

**AU$3250 NZ$3380**

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION: 7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS: Breakfast: 7

**181kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## DAILY DISTANCES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Day 3 | 14km | | 5hrs |
| Day 4 | 16km | | 5.5hrs |
| Day 5 | 12km | 5km | 5/2hrs |
| Day 6 | 18km | | 7hrs |

Optional Walks




## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in the capital Zagreb.

**DAY 2:** Walking tour of Zagreb. Drive to the beautiful Plitvice National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**DAY 3:** Enjoy walking around breathtaking lakes and waterfalls in Plitvice. Experience the rich variety of flora in this region.

**DAY 4:** Drive to Zavizan and walk the Premuziceva Trail, a hiker's highlight accessing the most hidden and beautiful parts of Velebit.

**DAY 5:** Explore Paklenica National Park on foot through little villages lining the coast, swim in the crystal clear water. In the afternoon, take a trip to the coastal town of Zadar.

**DAY 6:** A full-day hike in the dramatic Paklenica Gorge. Lunch at a traditional mountain hut.

**DAY 7:** Visit Trogir, one of the oldest cities in Croatia. Drive to Split, discover the Roman Palace concealed within its modern streets.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in Split.

## WHY NOT TRY?

Exploring the city of Kotor in Montenegro as well as the idyllic islands of Croatia.

**Trip Code: WCM**

# Walking Albania

TRIP CODE - **ALW** | ALBANIA

3
MODERATE



Home to the wild Albanian Alps, studded with agate-green lakes and folklore-rich villages, where shepherds sell their cheeses for picnics, Albania is truly Europe's unpolished diamond. Enjoy this natural beauty on scenic trails, hiking through towering mountains and past crystal-clear rivers.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Koman Lake** | Take a boat ride across glassy waters beneath dramatic mountain gorges

**Traditional villages** | Enjoy a tasty lunch prepared by a local family in Theth

**Alpine walking** | Meander through wildflower meadows, lush valleys and craggy passes

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$2240 NZ$2330

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
5 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights simple guesthouse
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 2

**214kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WHY NOT TRY?

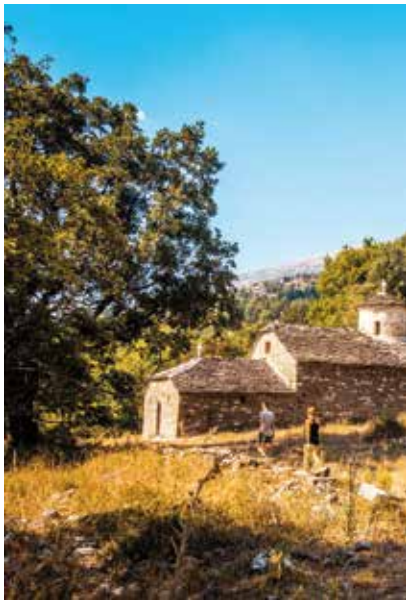
Walking through the unspoilt beauty of the Romanian countryside and Transylvanian Alps instead.

**Trip Code: TTA**

### DAILY DISTANCES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Day 2 | 6km | | 3hrs |
| Day 3 | 11km | | 5hrs |
| Day 4 | 7km | | 5hrs |
| Day 5 | 9km | | 7hrs |
| Day 6 | 7km | 6km | 4/2hrs |

Optional Walks



### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip at Tirana Airport. Drive to Shkodra and explore the historic city on foot.

**DAY 2:** Boat ride across the beautiful Koman Lake. Riverside walk then drive through the alpine landscapes of Northern Albania to Valbona.

**DAY 3:** Walk on the elevated pastures of Gjarpri I Dragobi in Valbona National Park with spectacular views of the Dragobia Gorge.

**DAY 4:** Hike Rrethi I Jubanit in the stunning Valbona National Park and have lunch at local farmers house.

**DAY 5:** Drive to Rrogram and hike over the Valbona Pass to Thethi. Spectacular views across Albania's Accursed Mountains.

**DAY 6:** Explore Thethi on foot. Visit the blood feud lock-in tower, walk along ancient terraces and past crystal clear natural pools. Barbecue lunch.

**DAY 7:** Drive to the cosmopolitan capital, Tirana and explore on foot.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in Tirana.



# Walking in Northern Cyprus

TRIP CODE - **LNC** | NORTH CYPRUS

2
LEISURELY AND MODERATE



Spend a relaxed week exploring Cyprus' curving and unspoilt northern coastline backed by the Besparmak Mountains. Trace flower-flanked mountain trails and olive groves, visit ruined castles and laze beneath the Tree of Idleness beloved by British novelist Lawrence Durrell.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Bellapais** | Explore the famous 12th century Crusader abbey

**Mediterranean food** | Enjoy the fresh flavours of mezes at local restaurants

**Buffavento** | Spectacular views from this less visited castle

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★☆ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$1420 NZ$1470

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE:
**Leisurely and Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 5

Centre-Based

**80kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

J F M A M J J A S O N D

### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

To hike on another dramatic coastal path on the sunny Spanish island of Mallorca.

**Trip Code: MAL**

### DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 2 | 7.5km | 2hrs |
| Day 3 | 12.5km | 4hrs |
| Day 4 | 10km | 4hrs |
| Day 5 | | |
| Day 6 | 13.5km | 4hrs |
| Day 7 | 13km | 4hrs |

### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Kyrenia.

**DAY 2:** Visit Incirli Cave and the Crusader Castle of Kantara. Descend to the coast and Kaplica Beach.

**DAY 3:** Walk through the Besparmak Mountains to the ruins of Bellapais Abbey. Opportunity to explore Kyrenia town.

**DAY 4:** Visit St. Hilarion Castle. Walk through the western Besparmak Mountains to the village of Lapta.

**DAY 5:** Free day. Optional trip to Famagusta including Othello's Tower and the historical site of Salamis.

**DAY 6:** Walk on historic trails from Kalkanli village through ancient olive groves to the remote west coast.

**DAY 7:** Ascend to Buffavento Castle with spectacular views of the island. Walk through the Besparmak Mountain range past 'The Five Fingered Mountain'.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in Kyrenia.






# Walking in Crete

TRIP CODE - CR | GREECE

3
MODERATE



Experience the best of Crete on this island walking holiday. Uncover isolated beaches, secluded coves, and stunning canyons as you traverse the White Mountains and explore the Samaria and Zaros Gorges. Indulge in the warmth of Cretan hospitality while staying in charming traditional villages.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Samaria Gorge** | Take a rewarding hike through Europe's longest gorge

**Cretan hospitality** | Enjoy a local village welcome and delicious fresh seafood

**Loutro** | Take a boat trip along the coast to visit this traffic-free traditional village

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$2040 NZ$2120

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
6 nights comfortable hotel
1 night simple hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7

**166kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### WHY NOT TRY?

Hiking another iconic Greek walking route on the scenic Corfu Trail, passing through sleepy mountain villages and sampling home-cooked food at local tavernas.

**Trip Code: CF**

### DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 2 | 2km | 1.5hrs |
| Day 3 | 15km | 6.5hrs |
| Day 4 | 15km | 5-6hrs |
| Day 5 | 12km | 5hrs |
| Day 6 | | |
| Day 7 | 5.5km | 4.5hrs |

Optional Walks

### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip Chania.

**DAY 2:** Explore the old town before travelling to the Omalos Plateau in the White Mountains.

**DAY 3:** Hiking in the White Mountains, Mount Gingilos (The Throne of Zeus) or Kallergi Refuge.

**DAY 4:** Hike through the breathtaking Samaria Gorge to the coast at Ayia Roumeli; ferry to Chora Sfaklion.

**DAY 5:** Explore beautiful Loutro with optional walks including the Ilingas Gorge and coastal paths.

**DAY 6:** Travel to Zaros in the Idi Mountains via a visit to Preveli Monastery.

**DAY 7:** Hike through the spectacular ravines of the Zaros Gorge, explore the traditional mountain village.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends at Heraklion Airport.








# Hiking Turkey's Lycian Way

TRIP CODE - **LW** | TURKEY

3
MODERATE



A stunning sea-coast trail comprised of a mix of old mule paths and Roman roads that weaves around the Tekke Peninsula of southwestern Turkey, leading walkers through pine forests and along clifftops that reveal crescent after crescent of brilliant-blue bays.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Butterfly Valley** | Stay in a village house overlooking the lush canyon and pristine beach

**Patara** | Explore Roman ruins and the stunning golden sand beach

**Turquoise Coast** | Take a boat trip over sunken ruins and swim in secluded bays

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$1420 NZ$1470

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
4 nights comfortable hotel
1 night simple guesthouse
1 night simple village house
1 night simple hostel
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 3 | Dinner: 2

Point-to-Point

**126kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Our slightly easier walking trip exploring Turkey's Turquoise Coast. Centre-based in the beautiful harbour town of Kas, the trip has a mix of leisurely and moderate walks.

**Trip Code: WTC**

### DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 2 | 13km | 5hrs |
| Day 3 | 21km | 7hrs |
| Day 4 | 12km | 5hrs |
| Day 5 | 10km | 3.5hrs |
| Day 6 | 14km | 5.5hrs |
| Day 7 | 10km | 3hrs |






### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Kayakoy, site of the deserted Greek village.

**DAY 2:** Hike through forests and remote villages to Faralya. Stay in a village guesthouse overlooking Butterfly Valley with views to Oludeniz Beach.

**DAY 3:** Trek through pine forests, farmland and hill villages to Gey. Stunning coastal views.

**DAY 4:** Discover dramatic coastal views hiking to the ancient city of Sidyma. Join the locals for a glass of tea.

**DAY 5:** Follow the route of the aqueduct to Patara Beach, an ancient Roman stronghold and birthplace of Saint Nicholas.

**DAY 6:** Follow the trail through the Taurus foothills to Mount Felen ridge. Overnight in Kas.

**DAY 7:** Walk to the ancient port of Aperlae. Explore the sunken city of Kekova by boat with barbecue lunch and visit Simena's medieval castle.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends at Dalaman Airport.



# Walking in Cappadocia

TRIP CODE - **WGV** | TURKEY

3
MODERATE



NEW TRIP

A centre-based walking trip that explores this unique region of central Turkey. Hike ancient pathways through spectacular landscapes, past the famous 'fairy chimneys', orchards and vineyards. Along the way we visit the impressive underground Christian city of Kaymakli, enjoy a wine tasting and try our hand at cooking a local dish.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Scenic walks** | Volcanic landscape uniquely sculpted into enchanting valleys with fairy chimneys

**Goreme** | Explore the region from our comfortable base in this charming town

**Uchisar** | Climb the rock-cut 'castle' and take in views over Cappadocia

PRICES FROM

**AU$1930 NZ$2000**

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights premium hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Dinner: 1

Centre-Based

**428kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Join our Taste of Turkey trip from Istanbul to Cappadocia and add a range of delicious foodie experiences to your discovery tour.

**Trip Code: XTU**

## DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 2 | 12km | 5-6hrs |
| Day 3 | 13km | 5hrs |
| Day 4 | 7km | 2-3hrs |
| Day 5 | 15km | 6hrs |
| Day 6 | 14km | 5-6hrs |
| Day 7 | 12km | 5hrs |

Optional Walks

## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Trip starts at Kayseri airport. Drive to our hotel for the week in Goreme.

**DAY 2:** Walk the Red Valley to Bozdag - Cappadocia's highest point. Visit Avanos and try your hand at pottery, an age-old local craft.

**DAY 3:** Hike the dramatic Ihlara Canyon with rock cut churches and caves. Explore the ancient underground city of Kaymakli.

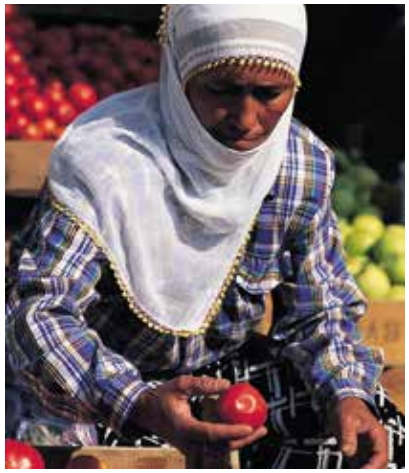
**DAY 4:** Optional early morning balloon ride. Walk Çat Valley to Aciksaray 11th century abandoned town. Wine tasting and Turkish cookery class.

**DAY 5:** Walk via the 'fairy chimneys' of White Valley to Uchisar Citadel. Visit rock churches of Goreme Open Air Museum. Visit a teashop and learn to make Turkish tea/coffee.

**DAY 6:** Walk through the scenic Pancarlik and Kizilcukur Valleys to ancient Greek village of Mustafapasa.

**DAY 7:** Circular walk in the Zemi Valley through local farmlands.

**DAY 8:** Tour ends in Goreme.








# Walking Jordan's Spice Trails

TRIP CODE - **TP** | JORDAN

3
MODERATE



Retrace the steps of the ancient Nabateans who traded spices, silks and perfume. Discover Wadi Rum's otherworldly sculpted sandstone canyons, wind-hewn stone bridges and red dunes, sleep beneath star-studded skies and explore the rose-hued city of Petra.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Wadi Rum** | Walk through the majestic desert scenery and stay in a Bedouin camp

**Petra** | Spend two days exploring this spectacular 'Rose Red City', entering via the Monastery

**Dead Sea** | Float in the saline waters at the lowest point on Earth

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$2480 NZ$2580

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
2 nights simple camping
2 nights premium hotel
2 nights comfortable tented camp
1 night comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 4

**118kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:
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### WHY NOT TRY?

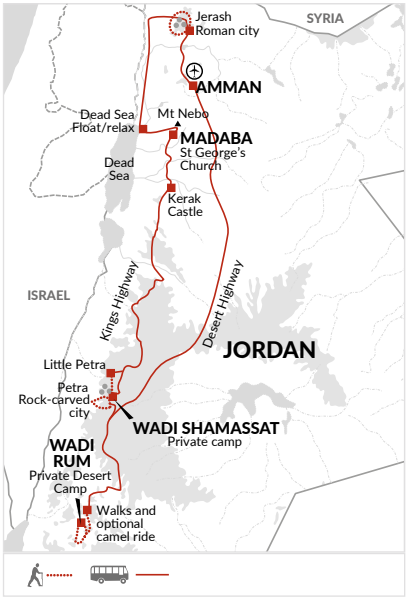
A trekking adventure in Oman. Discover spectacular canyons and deep wadis, on hiking trails through remote village oases.

**Trip Code: WOM**

### DAILY DISTANCES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Day 2 | 6.5km | | 2hrs |
| Day 3 | 17km | | 7hrs |
| Day 4 | 13km | 9km* | 5/2hrs |
| Day 5 | 18km | | 7hrs |
| Day 6 | 3km | | 45mins |

*Optional camel trek




### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Jordan's capital, Amman.

**DAY 2:** Drive along the Desert Highway to Wadi Rum. Walk through desert landscape to the campsite.

**DAY 3:** Hike among the sandy gorges and canyons of Wadi Rum, following in the footsteps of the early Nabatean traders.

**DAY 4:** Optional camel ride or walk through sandstone canyons and sand dunes. Travel to Petra and explore the Treasury on foot.

**DAY 5:** Trek along ancient spice trails to enter via the Monastery, one of Petra's greatest monuments.

**DAY 6:** Hike to Little Petra, an ancient caravan station. Visit Kerak Castle and Madaba, the 'City of Mosaics'.

**DAY 7:** Visit Mount Nebo, drive via the Dead Sea to Jerash - an impressive Roman city.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in Amman.





# Toubkal Climb

TRIP CODE - MJ | MOROCCO

4
MODERATE AND CHALLENGING



BEST SELLER

A demanding trek through Morocco's Atlas Mountains, traversing juniper forests and flood plains to bag North Africa's highest peak, Jebel Toubkal (4,167m). Stay among the Berber people in mud-brick guesthouses, and experience their welcoming hospitality.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Atlas Mountains** | Get away from it all trekking through untouched landscapes

**Berber villages** | Stay in village houses, learning about the culture of these friendly people

**Marrakech** | Immerse yourself in the atmosphere of Djemma el-Fna Square

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

PRICES FROM

**AU$1010 NZ$1050**

*per person, trip only (7 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE:
**Moderate and Challenging**

ACCOMMODATION:
2 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights simple mountain refuge
2 nights simple village house
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 6 | Lunch: 5 | Dinner: 4

Point-to-Point

**314kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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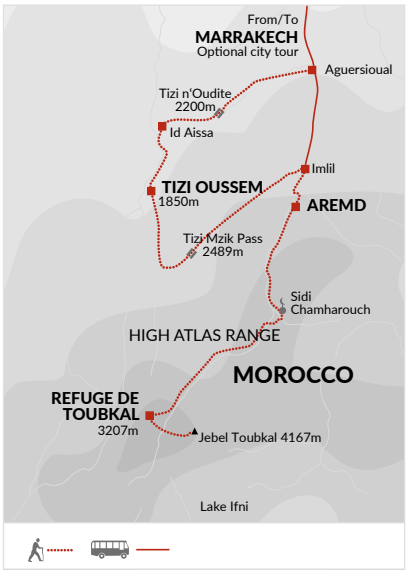
## YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Our Toubkal Climb long weekend. Spend two-and-a-half days completing a challenging trek to the summit of Jebel Toubkal and still have time to discover the exotic backstreets and iconic Djemma el-Fna Square in Marrakech.

**Trip Code: ATA**

## DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 2 | 11km | 5hrs |
| Day 3 | 10km | 5hrs |
| Day 4 | 10km | 5hrs |
| Day 5 | 4.5km | 6hrs |
| Day 6 | 13km | 5hrs |




## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Marrakech, a lively city famous for its souks.

**DAY 2:** Walk from the Berber village of Aguersioual (1,600m) through the Azaden Valley to Tizi Oussem (1,850m).

**DAY 3:** Ascend steadily to Tizi Mzik Pass (2,489m) then descend to the mountain village of Aremd (1,900m).

**DAY 4:** Walk through the High Atlas past the holy site Sidi Chamharouch to the base of Toubkal at Neltner (3,207m).

**DAY 5:** Early morning Jebel Toubkal (4,167m) summit trek. Views over the High Atlas Mountains. Descend back to refuge.

**DAY 6:** Walk down to the village of Imlil. Return to explore the souks and medinas of Marrakech.

**DAY 7:** Trip ends in Marrakech.





# Kilimanjaro – Lemosho Trek

TRIP CODE - KC | TANZANIA

6 CHALLENGING AND TOUGH



Rising up from the elephant-studded savannah, solitary Mount Kilimanjaro is a bucketlist heavyweight. This tour follows the lesser-used Lemosho path that winds through dramatic climatic zones to the 5,895-metre summit – the highest point in Africa.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**7-day ascent** | Climb slowly and acclimatise to maximise your chance of summit success

**Wild camps** | Enjoy wild camping in magnificent, scenic locations

**Trek crew** | Climb with some of the best and most experienced guides on the mountain

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

PRICES FROM

**AU$6110 NZ$6350**

*per person, trip only (10 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE:
**Challenging and Tough**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights simple camping
2 nights comfortable lodge
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 9 | Lunch: 8 | Dinner: 9

Point-to-Point

**259kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:
J F M A M J J A S O N D

## DAILY DISTANCES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Day 2 | 7km | | 3.5hrs |
| Day 3 | 8.5km | | 4.5hrs |
| Day 4 | 8km | 3.5km | 4.5/2hrs |
| Day 5 | 10km | | 7.5hrs |
| Day 6 | 6km | | 4.5hrs |
| Day 7 | 6km | | 4.5hrs |
| Day 8 | 19.5km | | 14hrs |
| Day 9 | 12km | | 5.5hrs |

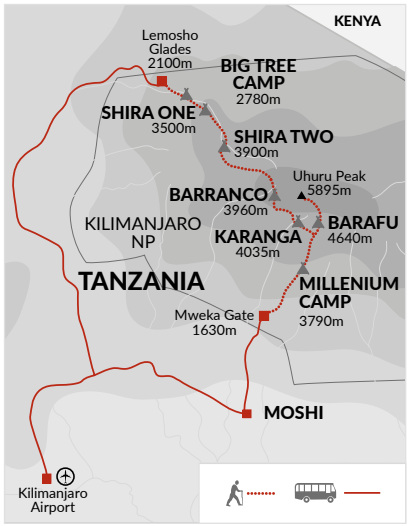
Optional Walks

## WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Add on three days on safari in some of Tanzania's finest national parks.

**Trip Code: KCS**






## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Moshi, a country town with great views of Mount Kilimanjaro.

**DAY 2:** Ascend on a trail through beautiful rainforest from Lemosho Glades to Big Tree Camp (2,780m).

**DAY 3:** Hike across wild heath to the camp at Shira One (3,500m) enjoying views of Mount Meru.

**DAY 4:** Trek below the ice fields of Kibo and across the moorland of the Shira Plateau to our campsite at Shira Two (3,900m). Optional afternoon acclimatisation walk.

**DAY 5:** Cross volcanic landscapes to the Lava Tower before the descent to Barranco Valley (3,960m).

**DAY 6:** Climb the Barranco Wall before reaching our camp in the Karanga Valley (4,035m).

**DAY 7:** Hike across a barren lunar-like landscape to our camp at Barafu (4,640m).

**DAY 8:** Trek to the summit at Uhuru Peak (5,895m) before the long descent to Millenium Camp (3,790m).

**DAY 9:** Return to verdant forest where the trek ends at Mweka Gate (1,630m) before driving back to Moshi for a celebratory meal.

**DAY 10:** Opportunity to take an optional game drive in the morning before the trip ends in Moshi.

# Hiking in the Georgian Caucasus

TRIP CODE - **WGEO** | GEORGIA

3
MODERATE



Along the little-visited northern border of Georgia lie the Greater Caucasus Mountains roamed by lynx and wolves. Hike to the beautiful mountain lakes of Koruldi and walk among the Caucasian craggy peaks, culminating in a trek to the foot of Mount Shkhara – Georgia's highest mountain.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Caucasus hikes** | Trek to the foot of Mount Ushba, Mount Guro and the Shkhara Glacier

**Ushguli** | Travel back in time at this remote village where oxen still plough the fields

**Food and drink** | Enjoy hearty home-cooked local dishes and Georgian wines

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

**AU$2700 NZ$2810**

*per person, trip only (9 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
5 nights comfortable hotel
3 nights simple guesthouse
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 8 | Lunch: 5 | Dinner: 6

**419kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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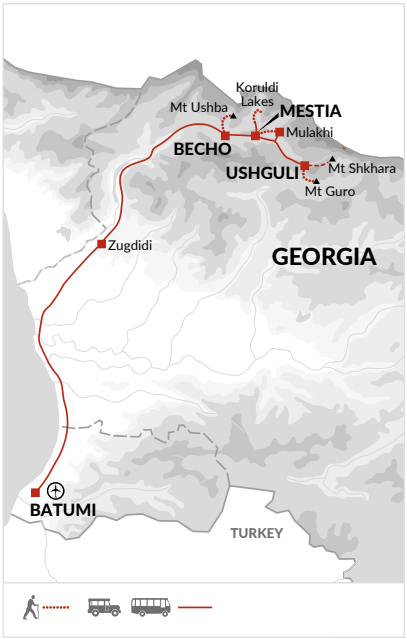
### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Discovering the unspoilt wilderness and semi-nomadic culture of Kyrgyzstan on a series of moderate day walks.

**Trip Code: WKYZ**

### DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 3 | 11km | 6hrs |
| Day 4 | 8km | 3hrs |
| Day 5 | 10km | 6hrs |
| Day 6 | 18km | 6hrs |
| Day 7 | 14km | 4.5hrs |




### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Batumi, a lively port city on the shores of the Caspian Sea.

**DAY 2:** Drive to the village of Becho in the Greater Caucasus Mountains.

**DAY 3:** Hike through forest to the waterfall at the base of Mount Ushba. Option to trek to the top of the falls. Drive to Mestia.

**DAY 4:** Hike from Jvari to the beautiful mountain lakes of Koruldi.

**DAY 5:** Drive to the dramatically sited village of Ushguli. Climb Mount Guro for incredible views.

**DAY 6:** Hike to the glacier at the base of Mount Shkhara with fantastic views of this snow-covered peak (5,068m).

**DAY 7:** Drive part-way back to Mestia, completing the journey on foot, hiking from the village of Mulakhi into the Mestia Valley.

**DAY 8:** Leaving the mountains behind, drive back to Batumi with time to explore the city in the late afternoon.

**DAY 9:** Trip ends in Batumi.





# Annapurna Sanctuary Trek

TRIP CODE - AS | NEPAL

5 CHALLENGING



Unpenetrated by outsiders until 1956, Nepal's Annapurna Sanctuary is a sacred plateau surrounded by snow-capped 7,000-metre peaks and believed to be the dwelling place of many Hindu and Buddhist deities. This challenging but rewarding trek takes you
all the way to Annapurna Base Camp.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Teahouses** | Enjoy Nepali hospitality in cosy mountain lodges

**Pokhara** | Relax beside the lake and explore this peaceful town

**Kathmandu** | Wander Durbar Square and explore some of the capital's many temples

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$3190 NZ$3320

*per person, trip only (15 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE: **Challenging**

ACCOMMODATION:
8 nights simple teahouse
6 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 14 | Lunch: 9 | Dinner: 8

Point-to-Point

**447kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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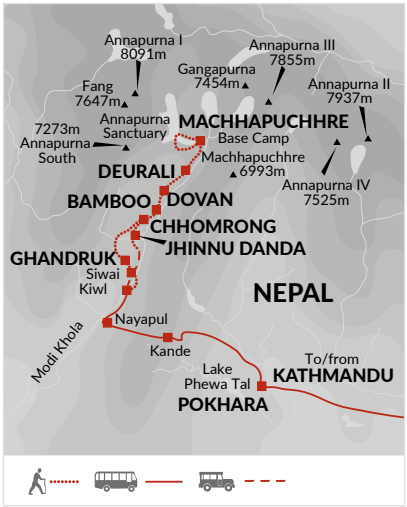
### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Experiencing spectacular Annapurna views but on an easier trek and while staying in more comfortable accommodation.

**Trip Code: LAN**

### DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 4 | 4.5km | 3hrs |
| Day 5 | 12km | 6hrs |
| Day 6 | 10km | 7hrs |
| Day 7 | 5km | 3.5hrs |
| Day 8 | 5km | 3.5hrs |
| Day 9 | 5km | 3.5hrs |
| Day 10 | 12km | 6hrs |
| Day 11 | 12km | 6hrs |
| Day 12 | 2km | 45mins |






### ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in the fascinating Nepalese capital, Kathmandu.

**DAY 2:** Discover the city's bustling bazaars and fascinating temples on foot.

**DAY 3:** Drive to the peaceful lakeside town of Pokhara and prepare for the trek.

**DAY 4:** Trek along stone pathways, through forests and terraces to the village of Ghandruk.

**DAY 5:** Cross the Kimrong Khola by bridge before ascending then descending, to Chhomrong, the final settlement before the Sanctuary.

**DAY 6:** A steep climb to the ridge at Sinuwa for fine views of Machhapuchhre, the 'Fishtail' Mountain.

**DAY 7:** Trek through Bamboo to Hinku Cave and on to Deurali.

**DAY 8:** Enter the Sanctuary 'gates' between Machhapuchhre and Huinchuli and trek to Base Camp (3,720m).

**DAY 9:** Hike to the Annapurna Base Camp (4,130m) for views of the glacier.

**DAY 10:** Descend through forests of bamboo to the village of Bamboo.

**DAY 11:** Walk through rhododendron forests full of birds to Jhinnu Danda.

**DAYS 12–13:** Continue walking to Marque where the trek ends. Drive to Pokhara for some post-trek relaxation.

**DAY 14:** Drive back to Kathmandu where the time is left free to explore or shop in the bazaars.

**DAY 15:** Trip ends in Kathmandu.

# Walking in Vietnam

TRIP CODE - **WVN** | VIETNAM

2
LEISURELY AND MODERATE



Sleep in a stilt house, experience a homestay on palm tree-studded Binh Hoa Phoc Island, stay overnight on the legendary Reunification Express from Hanoi to Hue and visit craft villages stationed along the Perfume River on this relaxed tour that mixes city walks with rural rambles.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Halong Bay** | Cruise among breathtaking limestone landscapes aboard a junk boat

**Hoi An** | Discover this charming ancient merchant's town

**Pu Luong** | Hike amongst the lush rice paddies and picture-postcard scenery of the Pu Luong Nature Reserve

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

## AU$3290 NZ$3420

*per person, trip only (14 days)*

### AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE:
**Leisurely and Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
9 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights simple stilt house
1 night comfortable homestay
1 night simple overnight train
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 12 | Lunch: 2 | Dinner: 3

**528kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:
J F M A M J J A S O N D

### DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 1 | 4km | 1.5hrs |
| Day 2 | 8km | 2.5hrs |
| Day 3 | 9km | 5hrs |
| Day 4 | 5.5km | 2.5hrs |
| Day 5 | 7km | 4hrs |
| Day 6 | | |
| Day 7 | 7km | 3.5hrs |
| Day 8 | 7km | 3hrs |
| Day 9 | | |
| Day 10 | 7km | 4.5hrs |
| Day 11 | 4km | 1.5hrs |
| Day 12 | 8.5km | 3hrs |
| Day 13 | 5km | 4hrs |






### ITINERARY

| | |
|---|---|
| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Hanoi and explore the Old Quarter on foot. |
| **DAY 2:** | Drive to Pu Luong Nature Reserve. Walk to our lodge where we stay in a stilt house. |
| **DAYS 3–4:** | Hikes among the minority tribe villages of Pu Luong. |
| **DAYS 5–6:** | Hanoi walking tour. Junk cruise through the islands and peaks of Halong Bay. |
| **DAY 7:** | Arriving in Hue by train, discover the Imperial City's streets and buildings on a walking tour. |
| **DAY 8:** | Hike through villages, observing rural life and enjoy a cruise on the Perfume River. |
| **DAY 9:** | Drive to Hoi An, a laidback town of traditional wooden houses and Chinese architecture. |
| **DAY 10:** | Hike along jungle trails to the atmospheric site of My Son with its ancient Cham temples. |
| **DAY 11:** | Travel by plane, bus and boat to Binh Hoa Phuoc Island in the peaceful Mekong Delta. |
| **DAY 12:** | Walk among the paddies and villages of the Mekong Delta. |
| **DAY 13:** | Absorb the sights, sounds and smells of Old Saigon on foot and visit the War Remnants Museum. |
| **DAY 14:** | Discover the myriad tunnels and chambers at Cu Chi. Trip ends in Ho Chi Minh City. |

# Walk Japan - Kumano Kodo Trail

TRIP CODE - **WJP** | JAPAN

3
MODERATE



Encounter Japan's fascinating blend of ancient and modern influences on a walking holiday that explores both its cities and beautiful landscapes. The trip culminates with four days walking along the Kumano Kodo, an ancient pilgrimage trail connecting Shinto shrines on the mountainous Kii Peninsula.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Nakasendo Way** | Hike between historic post towns on a highway once travelled by samurai

**Kyoto** | Explore the temples and tea houses of Japan's historic capital on foot

**Traditional accommodation** | Sleep on a futon and enjoy a hot spring bath at a traditional Ryokan inn

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

PRICES FROM

**AU$8560 NZ$8890**

*per person, trip only (12 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
3 nights simple ryokan
1 night simple hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 11 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 5

Point-to-Point

**346kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

J F M A **M** J J A **S** **O** **N** D

## YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Exploring Japan by bike instead. Cycle along quiet roads on the Noto Peninsula, ride into the highlands around Shirakawa-Go historic village and take the bullet train to Tokyo.

**Trip Code: CJA**

## DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 2 | 8km | 4hrs |
| Day 3 | | |
| Day 4 | 12km | 4.5hrs |
| Day 5 | 12km | 7hrs |
| Day 6 | 11km | 6.5hrs |
| Day 7 | 5km | 2.5hrs |
| Day 8 | 10km | 6hrs |
| Day 9 | 7km | 3.5hrs |
| Day 10 | | |
| Day 11 | 3km | 1hr |

## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Tokyo and get to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner.

**DAY 2:** Walking tour of Tokyo including neighbourhoods most visitors never see.

**DAY 3:** Train journey through the Japanese Alps to Matsumoto to visit the impressive 16th-century castle.

**DAY 4:** Hike along the Nakasendo Way from Magome to Nagiso. Shinkansen bullet train to Kyoto.

**DAY 5:** Walking in Kyoto including the Philosopher's Way and temple visits.

**DAY 6:** Train to Nara. Walk around the major sights and see deer that roam freely in the city's parks.

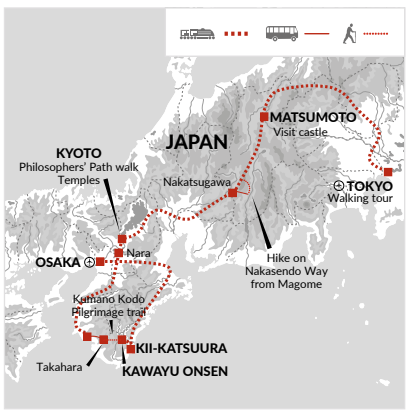
**DAYS 7–9:** Hike on the Kumano Kodo through ancient forests, past shrines and some sweeping views of surrounding countryside. End the days with a traditional hot spring bath.

**DAY 10:** Boat trip along the Kumano River to Hatayama shrine. Train to Kii-Katsuura.

**DAY 11:** Hike to the great shrine of Kumano Nachi Taisha; afternoon train to Osaka.

**DAY 12:** Trip ends in Osaka.





# Inca Trail Trek

TRIP CODE - **PQ** | PERU

4
MODERATE AND CHALLENGING



BEST SELLER

A legendary hike tracing the 500-year-old Inca Trail – a pilgrimage route laid to honour the mountains and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. After acclimatising in Cusco, you'll spend four days weaving through the Andes Mountains to reach your reward – Machu Picchu.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Classic Inca Trail** | Fully supported four-day trek camping away from the crowds

**Machu Picchu** | Get your first glimpse arriving at the Sun Gate on foot

**Cusco** | Wander the colourful markets and cobbled streets of the ancient Inca capital

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

PRICES FROM

**AU$2910 NZ$3020**

*per person, trip only (9 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

WALKING GRADE:
**Moderate and Challenging**

ACCOMMODATION:
4 nights comfortable hotel
3 nights simple camping
1 night premium hotel
*Optional single rooms available*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 8 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 3

Point-to-Point

**162kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

J F M A M J J A S O N D



## WANT TO EXPERIENCE MORE?

Go for longer and discover Peru's stunning highlights in addition to your Inca Trail Trek to Machu Picchu.

**Trip Code: PE**



## DAILY DISTANCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Day 4 | 6km | 2.5hrs |
| Day 5 | 10km | 6hrs |
| Day 6 | 15km | 8hrs |
| Day 7 | 14km | 6hrs |
| Day 8 | 1/1.5km | 2/3hrs |

Optional Walks




## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Cusco, the ancient capital city of the Incas. Relax and acclimatise to the altitude.

**DAY 2:** Explore the fascinating city of Cusco on foot. Visit the fortress of Sacsayhuaman and colourful Mercado de Wanchaq.

**DAY 3:** Free day. Option to trek to Moray, stand up paddle board on Piuray Lagoon or take a brewery tour in the Sacred Valley.

**DAY 4:** Drive via Ollantaytambo in the Sacred Valley to the start of the Inca Trail. Walk to first campsite – Llaqtapata (2,700m), opposite Inca ruins.

**DAY 5:** Follow the Inca trail along the river to Wayllabamba, and Llulluchapampa (3,800m). Views to snowy peaks of the Veronica Mountain range.

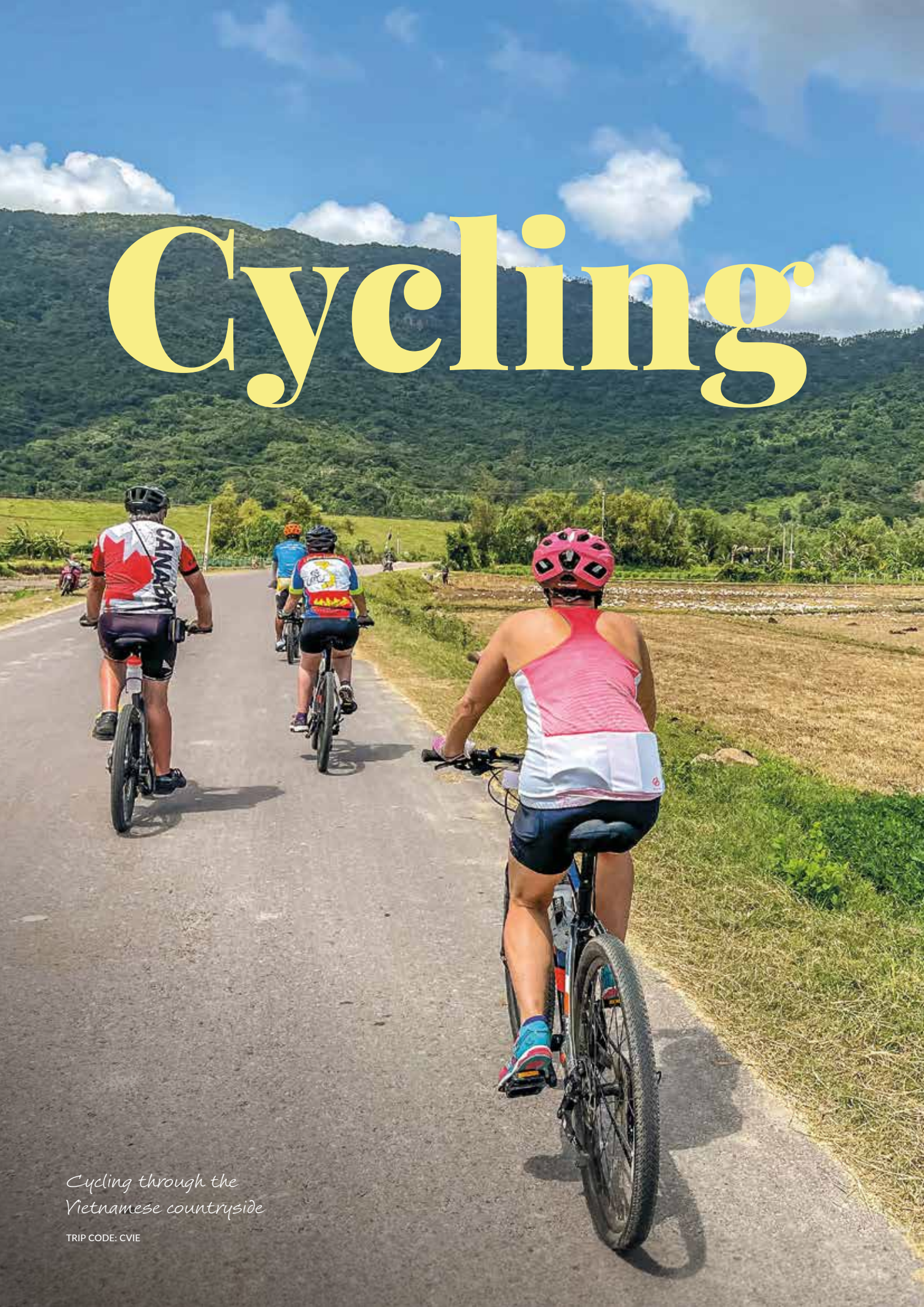
**DAY 6:** Cross Dead Woman's Pass (4,200m). Walk through cloud forest and ruins to Phuyupatamarca (3,579m).

**DAY 7:** Visit the Winay-Wayna ruins. Arrive in the 'Lost City' of Machu Picchu through the Sun Gate (2,438m).

**DAY 8:** Guided tour of Machu Picchu. Opportunity to climb Wayna Picchu or Machu Picchu mountain. Return to Cusco by train and by bus.

**DAY 9:** Trip ends in Cusco.

# Cycling




*Cycling through the Vietnamese countryside*

TRIP CODE: CVIE



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# What to expect from a Cycling trip

Taking to two wheels is the perfect way to immerse yourself in a new country and culture; whether you'd like a gentle exploration by bike on the flat, or prefer the challenge of hillier terrain, you'll find your senses filled with the sights, sounds and true colours of your destination.



# Enjoy the ride

## Here's all you need to know about a small group Cycling adventure...

> *The incredible thing about a cycling holiday is the ever-changing sights, sounds and smells as you're travelling along.*

Caitlin talking about her recent 'Cycle Vietnam' trip



### The bikes

We provide good-quality hybrid touring bikes or mountain bikes, whichever is best-suited to the terrain. Check online to see the type of bikes used for your tour, and whether panniers are included. Your Tour Leader will be on-hand to resolve any mechanical issues. Just bring your own helmet (and pedals if you prefer clip-ins, or anything other than the classic flat pedals that will be provided).

### Join the e-bike revolution

On most trips we also give the option of e-bikes, which are all kinds of brilliant for travelling companions of different abilities or for those who want a different kind of push on more challenging climbs (slip into Eco Mode and feel a gentle, consistent helping hand guide you along smoothly). They're well-worth the early request and small supplement.

### The cyclists

There's a certain amount of self-selection on these trips as infrequent cyclists don't tend to book challenging rides and cyclists looking to push themselves don't book leisurely routes. Within that, our Cycling holidays have a real mix of people – solo travellers, couples, friends, men and women in equal measure; groups are typically around 11 people. Don't worry about whether they'll all be faster than you, or that you'll have to hang around waiting for them - wherever possible your Tour Leader will allow everyone to go at their own pace and re-gather along the route.

### Blazing the trail: your Tour Leader

Our expert Tour Leaders are knowledgeable, experienced and they love cycling almost as much as they love the country and culture you're in. They're there to guide you along the route, to fix problems, recommend food stops and generally ease the smoothness of your ride.

### The cycling trifecta: route, grade and terrain

We currently have four different grades of ride available from 'Leisurely' to 'Moderate and Challenging' and run trips in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Americas and the Middle East. As you can imagine, leisurely rides tend to be shorter, flatter and slower, and the more challenging the ride, the more hills and time-in-the-saddle you'll get. We deliberately aim for quieter roads and cycle paths where we can. Look online for more detail on daily distances, route and terrain for each trip.

### Fit for the ride

How fit you'll need to be really depends on the trip you choose - but none of our cycling trips are a race! You'll regularly stop and regroup along the route with all-important rest (and re-fuelling) breaks planned in. On most trips a support vehicle will be nearby to provide back-up if needed. If you're in any doubt, choose a grade within your comfort zone and it's always advisable to do some training rides leading up to your trip.

Check out the individual Trip Notes on our website to find more detailed information about what to expect and to help you choose a trip that suits you.

# Choosing your Cycling holiday



Our Cycling trips are all graded by difficulty, taking into consideration the daily distances covered, the terrain, ascents and descents and climate. The Trip Notes on our website contain detailed information about what to expect from each day of the trip, to help you choose a trip that suits your fitness and experience level.

## Cycling grades

### 1 LEISURELY

Relatively short rides on flat or gently undulating terrain, our Leisurely grade is ideal if you want to explore, but at a relaxed pace. Approximately 2-4 hours in the saddle for each day of cycling.

### 2 LEISURELY AND MODERATE

A mix of Leisurely and Moderate rides cycling through flat or gently undulating terrain with the occasional energetic ascent.

### 3 MODERATE

Perfect for cyclists used to undulating routes with occasional energetic climbs, and those who have a reasonable level of fitness. Approximately 4-6 hours in the saddle for each day of cycling.

### 4 MODERATE AND CHALLENGING

Combining Moderate rides with Challenging ones, this grade is perfect for reasonably fit cyclists who want to challenge themselves.

# Cycling trips

Here's a summary of all the Cycling trips we offer and where to find out more. We've included some of our favourites on the following pages, but you'll find our full programme on our website.

| COUNTRIES | TRIP NAME | POINT-TO-POINT* | E-BIKE OPTION** | DAYS | TRIP CODE | PAGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **LEISURELY** | | | | | | |
| FRANCE | CYCLING IN FRANCE - THE MIDI | ✔ | ✔ | 8 | Trip code: CCM | 124 |
| INDIA | ★ **BEST SELLER** CYCLE KERALA | | | 13 | Trip code: CKB | |
| ITALY | CYCLE DOLOMITES, LAKE GARDA AND VENICE | | ✔ | 8 | Trip code: CDV | 127 |
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| MEXICO | ★ **BEST SELLER** CYCLE MEXICO - THE YUCATÁN PENINSULA | | ✔ | 9 | Trip code: CMX | |
| VIETNAM | CYCLE VIETNAM | | ✔ | 14 | Trip code: CVN | |
| VIETNAM - CAMBODIA | ★ **BEST SELLER** CYCLE VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA | | ✔ | 13 | Trip code: CVE | |
| **LEISURELY AND MODERATE** | | | | | | |
| COSTA RICA | CYCLE COSTA RICA | | | 14 | Trip code: CCR | |
| CUBA | HIGHLIGHTS OF CUBA BY BICYCLE | | | 8 | Trip code: CSC | |
| ITALY | CYCLE PUGLIA | | ✔ | 8 | Trip code: CIP | 128 |
| **MODERATE** | | | | | | |
| CROATIA | ★ **BEST SELLER** CYCLE THE DALMATIAN COAST | | ✔ | 8 | Trip code: CCD | 131 |
| CUBA | ★ **BEST SELLER** CYCLE CUBA! | | | 15 | Trip code: CCC | |
| FRANCE | CYCLE PROVENCE | ✔ | ✔ | 8 | Trip code: CVP | |
| FRANCE - SPAIN | CYCLE MARSEILLE TO BARCELONA | | ✔ | 8 | Trip code: CFS | |
| GEORGIA | ★ **BEST SELLER** CYCLING IN GEORGIA | | ✔ | 9 | Trip code: CGE | 135 |
| ITALY | CYCLING IN ITALY - CILENTO TO THE AMALFI COAST | ✔ | ✔ | 8 | Trip code: CAC | |
| JAPAN | CYCLE JAPAN | ✔ | ✔ | 13 | Trip code: CJA | 139 |
| JORDAN | CYCLE JORDAN | | ✔ | 9 | Trip code: CJP | 133 |
| MOROCCO | CYCLE MOROCCO - ATLAS TO THE SAHARA | | ✔ | 8 | Trip code: CSO | 134 |
| PORTUGAL | CYCLE PORTUGAL - PORTO TO LISBON | | ✔ | 8 | Trip code: CPL | |
| PORTUGAL | CYCLE PORTUGAL - LISBON TO ALGARVE | | ✔ | 8 | Trip code: CAL | 125 |
| ROMANIA | CYCLE ROMANIA | | ✔ | 9 | Trip code: CRT | |
| SOUTH KOREA | CYCLE SOUTH KOREA | | ✔ | 11 | Trip code: CSK | |
| SPAIN | ★ **BEST SELLER** CYCLE SOUTHERN SPAIN - MURCIA | ✔ | ✔ | 7 | Trip code: CMU | 126 |
| SRI LANKA | CYCLE SRI LANKA | | | 14 | Trip code: CSL | |
| THAILAND - CAMBODIA - VIETNAM | ★ **BEST SELLER** BANGKOK TO SAIGON BY BIKE | | | 14 | Trip code: CTV | 137 |
| TURKEY | CYCLE TURKEY | | | 8 | Trip code: CTT | |
| VIETNAM | ★ **BEST SELLER** CYCLE SAIGON TO HANOI | | ✔ | 14 | Trip code: CVIE | 138 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | CYCLE HADRIAN'S WALL - COAST TO COAST | ✔ | ✔ | 5 | Trip code: CHW | |
| UNITED KINGDOM | CYCLE DEVON - COAST TO COAST | ✔ | ✔ | 4 | Trip code: CDD | |
| **MODERATE AND CHALLENGING** | | | | | | |
| ALBANIA | CYCLE ALBANIA | | ✔ | 8 | Trip code: CAB | 129 |
| NICARAGUA - COSTA RICA - PANAMA | CYCLE NICARAGUA TO THE PANAMA CANAL | | | 14 | Trip code: CNCP | |

*POINT-TO-POINT: On a point-to-point cycling holiday, your entire journey is made by pedal power so you won't be using any other methods of transportation.
**E-BIKE: If you're interested in using an electric bike on these trips, just enquire at the time of booking and we can let you know the cost and availability.





# Cycling in France – The Midi

TRIP CODE - **CCM** | FRANCE

1 LEISURELY



Set off on a picturesque cycling holiday along France's historic Canal du Midi and through charming countryside. Explore medieval walled towns, discover Cathar Castles, and visit local markets. Enjoy the journey by bike, refueling with delightful French cuisine along the way.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Canal du Midi** | Cycle alongside one of the greatest works of civil engineering of the 17th century

**Discover rich histories** | Toulouse, Narbonne and the walled fortress town of Carcassonne

**Rural France** | Ride through the picturesque landscapes and historic villages of the Languedoc Region or up to the stronghold of Minerve

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$2450 NZ$2540**

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE: **Leisurely**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms from £299*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7

BIKE:
18 gear Trek Dual Sport hybrid bike (or similar)

Point-to-Point

E-Bike available

**85kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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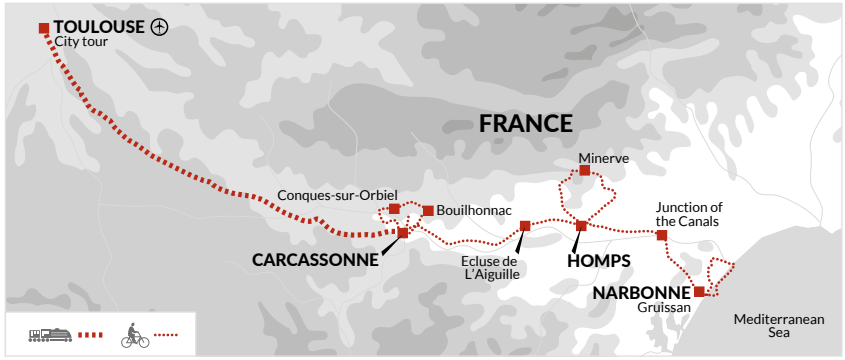


## DAILY DISTANCES

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| Day 3 | 35km |
| Day 4 | 43km |
| Day 5 | 37km |
| Day 6 | 45km |
| Day 7 | 30km |

## ITINERARY

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|---|---|
| **DAY 1:** | Join trip in Toulouse. |
| **DAY 2:** | Morning walking tour of Toulouse, train to Carcassonne. |
| **DAY 3:** | Circular ride around Carcassonne. |
| **DAY 4:** | Cycle along the Canal du Midi to Homps. |
| **DAY 5:** | Optional circular cycle route to Minerve or wine tasting. |
| **DAY 6:** | Continue on the Canal du Midi and follow the Canal de la Robine into Narbonne. |
| **DAY 7:** | Cycle to the beaches of Gruissan Plage. |
| **DAY 8:** | Drive to Toulouse Airport where our trip ends. |








For more information check online or contact your travel agent.

# Cycle Portugal – Lisbon to Algarve

3 MODERATE

TRIP CODE - **CAL** | PORTUGAL



Setting off from Lisbon and stopping at the seafood restaurants of Sesimbra, the unspoilt bays and sandy beaches of Arrabida Natural Park and concluding in the historical port town of Sagres, this biking tour of the southern coast will introduce you to Portugal's wild side.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Costa Vicentina Natural Park** | Cycle the entire length of this wild and unspoilt corner of Europe

**Food and drink** | Try great local cuisine and Alentejo wines

**Cabo de São Vicente** | Cycle to the most south-westerly point of mainland Europe

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$2690 NZ$2800**

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms from £290*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7

BIKE:
27 gear Stevens Galant or similar hybrid bike

E-Bike available

**142kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

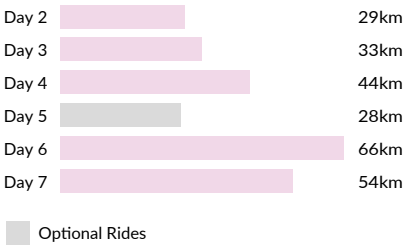
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## WHY NOT TRY?

Combining the two iconic Portuguese cities Porto and Lisbon with a cycle tour along the coast and through the Douro Valley.

**Trip code: CPL**

## DAILY DISTANCES







## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Lisbon.

**DAY 2:** Transfer from Lisbon to Lagoa Albufeira then cycle to Cape Espìchel and on to Sesimbra.

**DAY 3:** Cycle through the rolling hills, beaches and bays of Arrabida Natural Park to Setúbal.

**DAY 4:** Drive south into the Alentejo region for our cycle to Vila Nova de Milfontes.

**DAY 5:** Free day in Vilanova to relax at the beach, try kayaking or paddle boarding. Optional cycle to the beach.

**DAY 6:** Continue cycling south through the Costa Vicentina Natural Park to historic Aljezur village.

**DAY 7:** Cycle past great wild beaches to end ride in Sagres. Drive to Faro.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in Faro.





# Cycle Southern Spain – Murcia

TRIP CODE - **CMU** | SPAIN

3 MODERATE



BEST SELLER

Boasting 320 sunny days on average per year – ideal for a year-round escape – it's little wonder southern Spain's uncrowded Murcia region is nicknamed the 'Orchard of Europe.' Cycle through its fertile valleys, vineyards, whitewashed villages and gorge on fresh Spanish fare.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Peaceful cycling** | Ride on scenic and quiet backroads and cycle paths

**Whitewashed villages** | Typical Spanish villages with Moorish roots

**Tapas y Vino** | Reward yourself and refuel on delicious Spanish food and wine

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$1830 NZ$1910**

*per person, trip only (7 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
6 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms from £155*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 6

BIKE:
24 gear Bergamont Horizon hybrid bike with front suspension

Point-to-Point

E-Bike available

**103kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Cycling through the heart of Provence. Discover the landscapes that inspired Vincent van Gogh as you ride through hilltop villages and vineyards and explore the region's rich heritage.

**Trip code: CVP**



## DAILY DISTANCES




Optional Rides




## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Murcia. Optional loop ride to Fuensanta Sanctuary.

**DAY 2:** Follow a 'via verde' cycle path to Caravaca de la Cruz, one of the Vatican's five holy cities.

**DAY 3:** A circular bike route from Caravaca past historic irrigation channels, elm groves and tiny villages.

**DAY 4:** Cycle on a 'via verde' cycle path to Calasparra via the 15th century fortress in Moratalla.

**DAY 5:** Ride along peaceful country roads, past almond and apricot orchards, to the lively town of Cieza.

**DAY 6:** Complete our circuit with a cycle through the deep and scenic Ricote Valley back into Murcia.

**DAY 7:** Trip ends in Murcia.



# Cycle Dolomites, Lake Garda and Venice

1 LEISURELY

TRIP CODE - **CDV** | ITALY



On this cycle journey we ride down the magnificent glacial valleys of the South Tyrol, past the jagged backdrop of the Dolomites to the beautiful setting of Lake Garda. Crossing Lake Garda, we explore the grand architecture and cultural heritage of Verona and Venice. Along the way we sample the local wine and stay in charming Alpine towns.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Easy cycling** | Predominantly traffic-free cycle paths and country roads through the South Tyrol

**Natural beauty** | Cycle with a backdrop of rugged mountain peaks, pristine lakes and alpine meadows

**Venice and Verona** | End on a cultural high in these fabulous, historic cities

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$3870 NZ$4020**

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE: **Leisurely**

ACCOMMODATION:
6 nights comfortable hotel
1 night simple hotel
*Optional single rooms from £350*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7

BIKE:
21 gear custom made hybrid from either Giant, Begamount or Velodeville

E-Bike available

**137kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

To enjoy scenic treks on a hiking adventure in the Dolomites.

**Trip code: DW**

## DAILY DISTANCES

| | |
|---|---|
| Day 2 | 35km |
| Day 3 | 48/24km |
| Day 4 | 42km |
| Day 5 | 29km |
| Day 6 | 35km |

Optional Rides








## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip at Venice airport; drive to Merano in the South Tyrol.

**DAY 2:** Ride on the scenic Adige Valley cycle path to Bolzano with a backdrop of Alpine mountains. Option to take a cable car ride into the mountains.

**DAY 3:** Cycle to crystal clear Lake Caldaro and along the Strada del Vino to Trento past numerous wine producing villages.

**DAY 4:** Pedal along dedicated cycle paths to Torbole on the northern shore of beautiful Lake Garda.

**DAY 5:** Catch a ferry on Lake Garda to Bardolino. Cycle to the city of Verona, the setting for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.

**DAY 6:** Cycle through the vineyards and villages of Soave, returning to Verona by train.

**DAY 7:** Take a train to Venice to spend the day exploring the narrow alleyways, piazzas and canals of this fabulous island city.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in Venice Mestre.



# Cycle Puglia

TRIP CODE - **CIP** | ITALY

2
LEISURELY AND MODERATE



Take to two wheels for this tour through sun-drenched Puglia, which produces 40% of Italy's olive oil and is famed for its food. Try Italian cheeses at a local caseificio, indulge in a wine tasting and stroll around Locorotondo – one of Italy's most beautiful towns.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Alberobello** | Whitewashed town with fairytale-like 'trulli' dwellings

**Matera** | Ancient city 'sassi' cave dwellings, one of Europe's oldest settlements

**Monopoli** | Bustling historic fishing town on the Adriatic coast

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$3460 NZ$3590**

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE:
**Leisurely and Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
7 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms from £265*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7

BIKE:
27 gear Velo de Ville L200 hybrid bike

E-Bike available

**146kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

J F M A **M** **J** J A **S** **O** N D

## WHY NOT TRY?

Cycling the dramatic coastline and rugged interior of Cilento National Park. See Greek temples and sample local delicacies. After five days riding, discover the dramatic beauty of the Amalfi Coast, hiking among the lemon groves on the Sentiero dei Limone, the 'Path of the Lemons'.

**Trip code: CAC**



## DAILY DISTANCES

| | |
|---|---|
| Day 2 | 30km |
| Day 3 | 0/40km |
| Day 4 | 35km |
| Day 5 | 44km |
| Day 6 | 35km |
| Day 7 | 45km |

Optional Rides




## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Altamura.

**DAY 2:** Ride across wide open vistas under blue skies to the unique troglodyte settlement of Matera.

**DAY 3:** Discover wonderful Matera. Optional ride to San Giuliano Lake.

**DAY 4:** Enjoy a cheese-making demonstration and tasting before cycling past olive groves to the distinctive dry stone conical trulli buildings of Alberobello.

**DAY 5:** A circular ride that explores the beautiful towns of Locorotondo and Cisternino. Enjoy a local wine tasting.

**DAY 6:** Cycle past ochre fields and the Adriatic coast to Monopoli, a charming white-washed town.

**DAY 7:** A coastal ride past inviting clear waters to the Bronze Age site of Egnazia.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in Monopoli.





For more information check online or contact your travel agent.

# Cycle Albania

TRIP CODE - **CAB** | ALBANIA

4
MODERATE AND CHALLENGING



Albania is the hidden gem of the Mediterranean and will simply surprise you. Cycle along peaceful, almost traffic-free roads that cover stunning mountainous landscapes and turquoise-blue seas while visiting enchanting places such as the UNESCO-heritage cities of Berat and Gjirokaster.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Albanian Riviera** | Cycle through picturesque trails and remote villages

**Archaeological ruins and UNESCO sites** | Gjirokaster, Butrint and Berat

**Food and drink** | Mouth-watering local delicacies and great value beer

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$2650 NZ$2750**

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE:
**Moderate and Challenging**

ACCOMMODATION:
5 nights comfortable hotel
1 night simple cabins
1 night comfortable guesthouse
*Optional single rooms from £180*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Dinner: 3

BIKE:
24 gear Specialized CrossTrail hybrid bike with front suspension (or similar)

E-Bike available

**274kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

To cycle along Turkey's Turquoise Coast and discover ancient Lycia from the saddle.

**Trip code: CTT**

## DAILY DISTANCES

| | |
|---|---|
| Day 2 | 50km |
| Day 3 | 72km |
| Day 4 | 58km |
| Day 5 | 67km |
| Day 6 | 40km |




## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip at Tirana Airport. Drive to Pogradec on Lake Ohrid.

**DAY 2:** Cycle from Lake Ohrid past some small farms to Korça.

**DAY 3:** Climb into the heart of the Gramos Mountains to Germenj.

**DAY 4:** Ride through the Vjosa Valley to the source of the River Vjosa and drive onto Gjirokaster.

**DAY 5:** Cycle to Saranda via Butrint archaeological treasure.

**DAY 6:** Ride the Albanian Riviera to Qeparo. Spend the afternoon enjoying the beach.

**DAY 7:** Cycle to Radhima Beach and challenge yourself with an optional climb into the Llogara National Park. Drive towards Berat for the night.

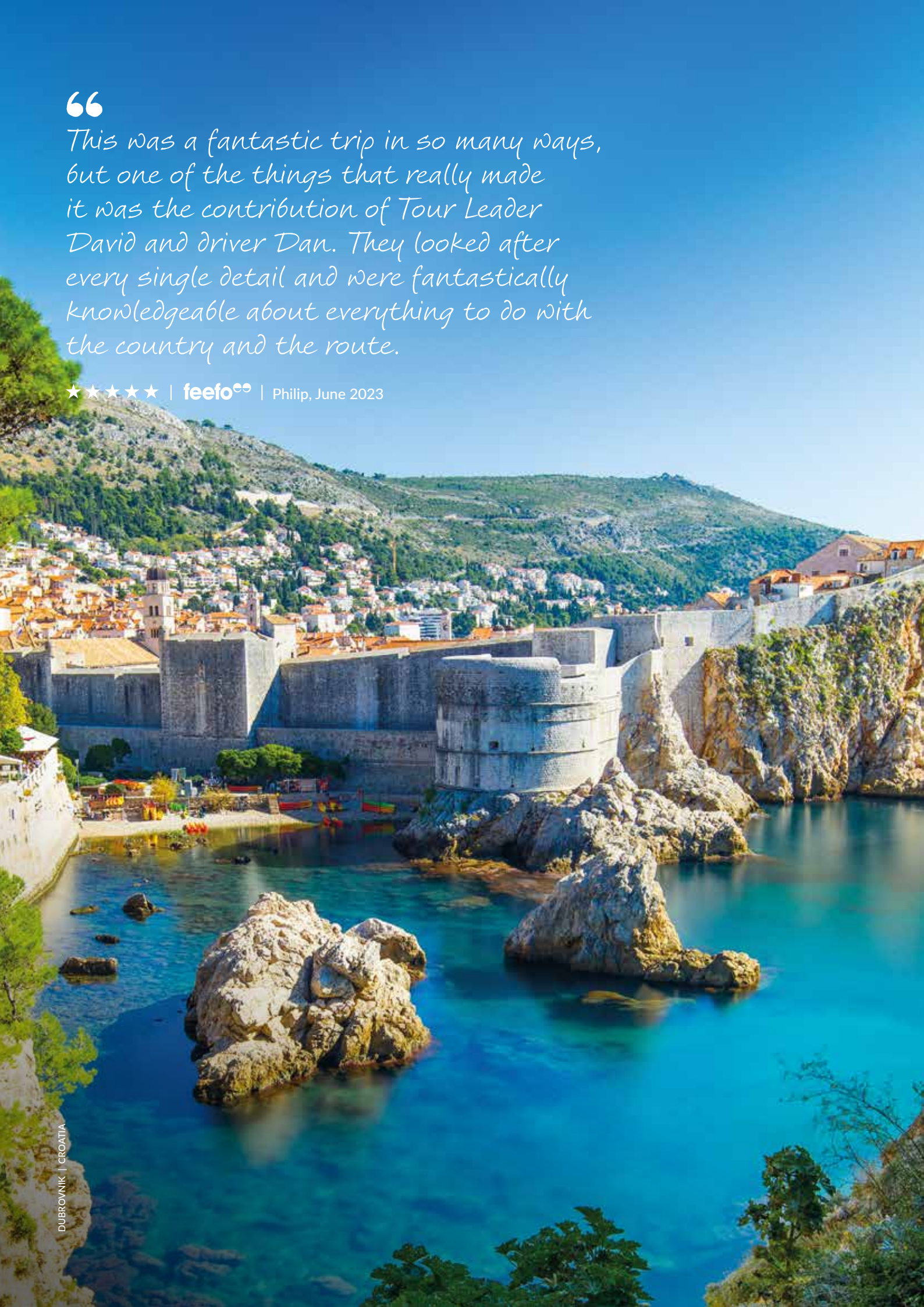
**DAY 8:** Drive to Tirana Airport where our trip ends.





*This was a fantastic trip in so many ways, but one of the things that really made it was the contribution of Tour Leader David and driver Dan. They looked after every single detail and were fantastically knowledgeable about everything to do with the country and the route.*

★★★★★ | feefo | Philip, June 2023



DUBROVNIK | CROATIA

# Cycle the Dalmatian Coast

TRIP CODE - **CCD** | CROATIA

3 MODERATE



BEST SELLER

Mixing bike, bus and boat you'll wend southwards from Split to Dubrovnik, exploring the port town of Hvar and the Venetian marbled streets of Korcula, with time for cooling swims and a tasting of Grk white wine. You'll explore Dalmatia's finest treasures on this cycling holiday.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Dubrovnik and Split** | Spend time in the historic hearts of the region's oldest cities

**Hvar Island** | Cycle through the beautiful countryside of one of Croatia's scenic gems

**Korcula Island** | Explore the villages and vineyards of this historic island

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$2850 NZ$2960**

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
5 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights simple hotel
*Optional single rooms from £385*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7

BIKE:
Polar Shadow or Scott Metrix hybrid bike

E-Bike available

**235kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

Cycling another iconic coastal route from Marseille to Barcelona. Explore the wild beauty of the Camargue wetlands, discover medieval villages, vineyards and Greek and Roman remains, and experience the contrasts between French and Catalan cultures.

**Trip code: CFS**

## DAILY DISTANCES

| | |
|---|---|
| Day 2 | 32km |
| Day 3 | 32km |
| Day 4 | 31km |
| Day 5 | 62km |
| Day 6 | 30km |
| Day 7 | 35km |

## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in the coastal town of Kastel Kambelovac.

**DAY 2:** Morning sightseeing in Split. Ferry to Hvar Island and explore by bike.

**DAY 3:** Cycle the old streets and abandoned villages on the beautiful island of Hvar.

**DAY 4:** Ferry to Korcula. Ride around the red terracotta roofed villages and limestone streets.

**DAY 5:** Full day's cycling on Korcula. Experience the rural elegance of the island.

**DAY 6:** Morning ferry to Orebić. Cycle to Zuljana, then drive to Dubrovnik.

**DAY 7:** Opportunity to cycle through the villages of the Dalmatian Coast or explore Dubrovnik.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends Dubrovnik.








# Cycling the Baltic States

TRIP CODE - **CBS** | LITHUANIA, LATVIA, ESTONIA

1 LEISURELY



BEST SELLER

Eastern European sisters Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia offer peaceful and beautiful landscapes to pedal through, as well as fascinating cities to explore. This tour's looping trails take you across Jurmala's white sand beach, through a bird migration hotspot and past feudal castles.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Three Baltic capitals** | Explore the enchanting cities of Vilnius, Riga and Tallinn

**Coastal scenery** | Discover Lahemaa and Curonian Spit National Parks

**Trakai Castle** | Cycle around the historical national park and peaceful Trakai Peninsula

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$2850 NZ$2960**

*per person, trip only (9 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE: **Leisurely**

ACCOMMODATION:
8 nights comfortable hotel
*Optional single rooms from £299*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 8

BIKE:
21 gear Kross Trans 4 hybrid bike with front suspension

E-Bike available

**232kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## DAILY DISTANCES

| | |
|---|---|
| Day 2 | 13km |
| Day 3 | 39km |
| Day 4 | 36/22km |
| Day 5 | 37km |
| Day 6 | 12/25km |
| Day 7 | 41km |
| Day 8 | 37km |

Optional Rides

## WHY NOT TRY?

An in-depth cycling tour through the heart of the Transylvanian Alps on our Romanian cycling holiday.

**Trip code: CRT**




## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Vilnius, capital of Lithuania.

**DAY 2:** Cycle around the lake to explore Trakai's historic island castle.

**DAY 3:** Cycle through fishing villages to the Curonian Lagoon and on to the Baltic port of Klaipeda.

**DAY 4:** Explore the peaceful and beautiful Curonian Spit National Park on cycle paths and forest trails.

**DAY 5:** Cycle through the Giruliai forest to Palanga Botanical Park and the Amber Museum.

**DAY 6:** Cycle on Jurmala's white sand beach and explore the charming old town of Riga, the capital of Latvia.

**DAY 7:** Discover the beauty of Lahemaa National Park by bike.

**DAY 8:** Final ride in Lahemaa. Explore Tallinn, the picturesque capital of Estonia.

**DAY 9:** Trip ends in Tallinn.





# Cycle Jordan

TRIP CODE - **CJP** | JORDAN

3 MODERATE



Follow a portion of the Kings Highway – once used by King Solomon's treasure-laden camel caravans – as well as the Old Desert Highway toward Wadi Rum. Explore rose-tinted rock-hewn Petra, Crusader castles, and learn to brew cardamom-infused Bedouin coffee.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Madaba and Mount Nebo** | Discover Jordan's biblical heritage

**Wadi Rum desert camp** | Spend a night under the stars in our secluded Bedouin camp

**Red Sea** | Relax on the beaches and swim among the coral and fish

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$2930 NZ$3040**

*per person, trip only (9 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
5 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights premium hotel
1 night comfortable tented camp
*Optional single rooms from £250*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 8 | Lunch: 4 | Dinner: 1

BIKE:
21 gear Trek 7.1 FX or Trek 7.2 FX hybrid bike

**360kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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> *Wonderful memories of being spurred on by excited children with gleaming smiles looking for high fives as we passed.*
>
> Trusted Customer, April 2023

## DAILY DISTANCES

| | |
|---|---|
| Day 2 | 36km |
| Day 3 | 42km |
| Day 4 | 0km |
| Day 5 | 20km |
| Day 6 | 58km |
| Day 7 | 35km |




## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Madaba.

**DAY 2:** Visit Madaba and cycle to Mount Nebo. Descend to the Dead Sea for a dip.

**DAY 3:** Cycle from Shobak crusader castle to Petra.

**DAY 4:** Explore Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Optional Bedouin cookery demonstration and meal.

**DAY 5:** Free time in Petra. Cycle to Little Petra and Al Beidha.

**DAY 6:** Cycle to Wadi Rum and overnight under the stars in a desert camp.

**DAY 7:** Cycle from Wadi Rum and continue on to Aqaba by bus.

**DAY 8:** Free day to relax by the Red Sea in Aqaba. Return to Amman in the evening.

**DAY 9:** Trip ends at Amman airport.





# Cycle Morocco – Atlas to the Sahara

3 MODERATE

TRIP CODE - **CSO** | MOROCCO



Journey through the heart of Morocco by bike. Pedal through the remote Hamada Desert and take on the exhilarating High Atlas descent. Discover cool oases, traditional villages and spectacular kasbahs in the Draa Valley, before uncovering the hidden gems of vibrant Marrakech.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Overnight Sahara camp** | Ride camels through Saharan sand dunes

**Thrilling descent** | Descend from the stunning High Atlas mountain pass of Tizi N'Fedrhate

**Marrakech** | Discover the atmospheric medina and lively Djemma el-Fna Square

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$1990 NZ$2070**

*per person, trip only (8 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
6 nights comfortable hotel
1 night simple camping
*Optional single rooms from £110*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 7 | Dinner: 1

BIKE:
27 gear Cannondale Off Road or Trail mountain bike with front suspension (or similar)

E-Bike available

**385kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## WHY NOT TRY?

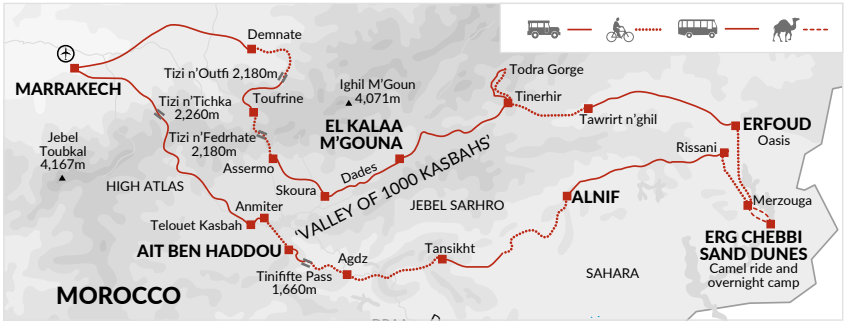
Exploring on foot instead. Walk among the foothills of the High Atlas to the windswept Atlantic Coast.

**Trip code: MAA**



## DAILY DISTANCES

| | |
|---|---|
| Day 2 | 38km |
| Day 3 | 42km |
| Day 4 | 37km |
| Day 5 | 54km |
| Day 6 | 43km |
| Day 7 | 34km |




## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Marrakech. Take in the sunset from the lively Djemma el-Fna Square.

**DAY 2:** Drive into the High Atlas. Cycle down to spectacular fortified city of Ait Ben Haddou.

**DAY 3:** Cycle in the Draa Valley. Drive to Alnif.

**DAY 4:** Cycle the foothills of Jebel Sahro. Camel trek to Sahara camp.

**DAY 5:** Enjoy the sunrise in the sand dunes then pedal to Erfoud.

**DAY 6:** Bike through local villages en route to El Kalaat M'Gouna.

**DAY 7:** Ride down through the Atlas Mountains and return to Marrakech.

**DAY 8:** Trip ends in Marrakech.



# Cycling in Georgia

TRIP CODE - **CGE** | GEORGIA

3
MODERATE



BEST SELLER

Cycle through the beautiful landscapes of the Caucasus, a history-steeped area that straddles two continents. Travelling by bike and bus, explore ancient Silk Road cave towns and castles. Visit local farms and vineyards in the Kakheti wine region, trying local delicacies along the way.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Vardzia** | Explore this dramatic medieval cave city, hewn into the rockface

**Tbilisi** | Discover the picturesque Old Town of Georgia's capital

**Georgian cuisine** | See ancient wine-making practices and lunch on khinkali dumplings

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$3300 NZ$3430**

*per person, trip only (9 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
5 nights comfortable hotel
3 nights comfortable guesthouse
*Optional single rooms from £225*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 8 | Lunch: 7 | Dinner: 3

BIKE:
21 gear Ghost mountain bike

E-Bike available

**455kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

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## DAILY DISTANCES

| | |
|---|---|
| Day 3 | 61km |
| Day 4 | 65km |
| Day 5 | 65km |
| Day 6 | 74km |
| Day 7 | 39km |
| Day 8 | 45km |




## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Tbilisi.

**DAY 2:** Explore Old Tbilisi on foot. Afternoon cable car ride to Narika Fort and the sulphur baths.

**DAY 3:** Visit the ancient capital Mtskheta. Cycle to the great Silk Road cave town of Uplistsikhe.

**DAY 4:** Cycle from Gori along the Mtkvari and Dzama Valleys to Kintsvisi Monastery overlooking beautiful forested countryside.

**DAY 5:** Stunning ride from Akhaltsikhe via Khertvisi fortress to the ancient cave town of Vardzia which is cut into the side of the mountain.

**DAY 6:** Pedal past Lake Paravani and across Georgian 'Siberia'. Continue by bus back to Tbilisi.

**DAY 7:** A nice challenging cycle up over Gombori Pass, then a great descent into the Kakheti wine region. Learn about the Qvevri technique and try some Georgian grappa, *Chacha*.

**DAY 8:** Cycle from Telavi to Kvareli, biodynamic wine tasting. Return to Tbilisi.

**DAY 9:** Trip ends in Tbilisi.

# Cycle Kerala

TRIP CODE - **CKB** | INDIA

1 LEISURELY



BEST SELLER

A leisurely cycle tour through this southwest Indian state's palm-lined beaches, backwaters and the Western Ghats mountain range. Experience warm hospitality in a plantation homestay, spot wildlife in Periyar's lush forests and take a traditional wooden-canoe trip at sunset.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Varied cycling** | Pedal along beautiful coastlines, through plantations and tropical forests

**Kochi** | Explore this fascinating colonial coastal town

**Kovalam** | Relax on the stunning beaches of the Malabar Coast

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$3680 NZ$3830**

*per person, trip only (13 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE: **Leisurely**

ACCOMMODATION:
10 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights simple homestay
*Optional single rooms from £340*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 12 | Lunch: 3 | Dinner: 2

BIKE:
21 or 24 gear Trek or Merida mountain bike with lockable front suspension

**435kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:

J F M A M J J A S O N D



## DAILY DISTANCES

| | |
|---|---|
| Day 2 | 10/32km |
| Day 3 | 37km |
| Day 4 | 36km |
| Day 5 | 39km |
| Day 6 | 35km |
| Day 7 | 33km |
| Day 8 | 9/32km |
| Day 9 | 36km |
| Day 10 | 0km |
| Day 11 | 30km |
| Day 12 | 10km |

Optional Rides




## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Kovalam.

**DAY 2:** Morning cycle ride. Afternoon free to relax on the Malabar Coast.

**DAY 3:** Drive to Veli Lagoon. Visit Anjengo Fort and cycle to Varkala.

**DAY 4:** Cycle through traditional Keralan villages to Kollam.

**DAY 5:** Boat trip along backwaters. Cycle to Mancombu.

**DAY 6:** Full day cycling through backwater villages. Afternoon canoe trip.

**DAY 7:** Drive and cycle to Vagamon. Stay at Planter's Homestay.

**DAY 8:** Free to explore Vagamon on foot. Optional cycle rides available.

**DAY 9:** Drive and cycle to Thekkady. Visit plantations and a tea factory.

**DAY 10:** Walk Periyar National Park forest in search of wildlife. Explore the spice gardens of Thekkady.

**DAY 11:** Drive to Kuttikkanam. Cycle to Malayattoor. Drive to Kochi.

**DAY 12:** Tour of Kochi by bike. Evening boat cruise.

**DAY 13:** Trip ends in Kochi.

## YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE...

To go on another Leisurely cycling adventure combining both Vietnam and Cambodia.

**Trip code: CVE**

# Bangkok to Saigon by Bike

TRIP CODE - **CTV** | THAILAND, CAMBODIA, VIETNAM

3 MODERATE



BEST SELLER

A cycle-centric immersive journey through Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam with a night ride through Bangkok, a visit to the stilt village of Kompong Phluk, time in the Killing Fields, a meeting with the silk weavers of Koh Dach Island and the warm hospitality of a homestay.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Khao Yai National Park** | Cycle amid beautiful scenery and waterfalls

**Temples of Angkor** | Cycle through the jungle between Khmer temples

**Mekong Delta** | Boat and bike along the labyrinthine waterways

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$4550 NZ$4740**

*per person, trip only (14 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
9 nights comfortable hotel
3 nights premium hotel
1 night comfortable homestay
*Optional single rooms from £385*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 13 | Lunch: 2 | Dinner: 2

BIKE:
24 gear Giant or ATX mountain bike with front suspension

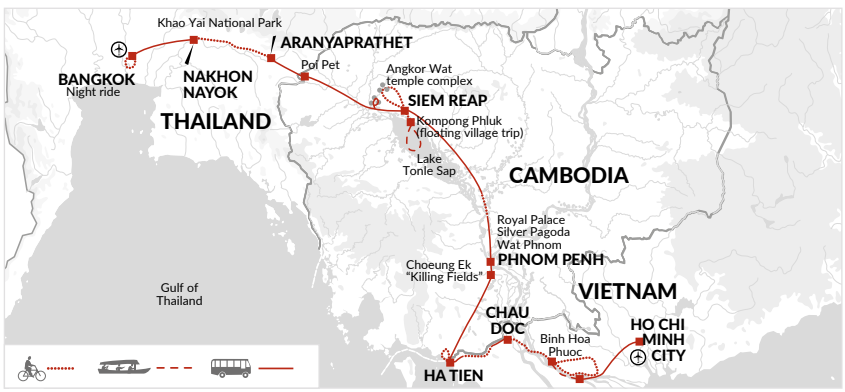
**538kg** of $CO_2e$
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:
J F M A M J J A S O N D



## DAILY DISTANCES

| | |
|---|---|
| Day 2 | 40km |
| Day 3 | 53km |
| Day 4 | 51km |
| Day 5 | 0km |
| Day 6 | 25km |
| Day 7 | 56km |
| Day 8 | 37km |
| Day 9 | 0km |
| Day 10 | 20km |
| Day 11 | 50km |
| Day 12 | 50km |
| Day 13 | 30km |




## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Bangkok. Optional long-tail canal trip.

**DAY 2:** Cycle Bangkok's hidden urban oasis. Night bike ride with food tour.

**DAY 3:** Explore Khao Yai National Park by bike.

**DAY 4:** Cycle past typical scenes of rural Thailand to the Cambodian border.

**DAY 5:** Silk farm visit and drive to Siem Reap in Cambodia. Sunset visit to Angkor temples.

**DAY 6:** Explore the magnificent temples of Angkor by bike including Angkor Wat, the Bayon and Ta Prohm.

**DAY 7:** Visit Tonle Sap floating village by boat. See Banteay Srey temple and try a home hosted lunch.

**DAY 8:** Drive and cycle to Phnom Penh via Koh Dach silk weaving village.

**DAY 9:** Explore Phnom Penh. Visit National Museum, Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and the Killing Fields.

**DAY 10:** Cross the border to Vietnam. Cycle around Ha Tien on the Mekong Delta.

**DAY 11:** Cycle the canal between Vietnam and Cambodia to Chau Doc.

**DAY 12:** Rural village cycling. Homestay with traditional Vietnamese dinner included.

**DAY 13:** Cycling on Binh Hoa Phuoc Island then drive to Ho Chi Minh City.

**DAY 14:** Trip ends in Ho Chi Minh City.

# Cycle Saigon to Hanoi

TRIP CODE - **CVIE** | VIETNAM

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MODERATE



BEST SELLER

On this adventurous and active trip we experience Vietnam on two wheels. Along the way we discover Saigon, Hoi An, Hué, Hanoi and the majestic beauty of Halong Bay on an overnight cruise. What better way to fuel your ride than with the delicious Vietnamese cuisine.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Central Highlands** | Explore the hill country and cycle over Hon Giao Pass

**Saigon** | Cycle out to the Cu Chi Tunnels and explore the Mekong Delta

**Hoi An** | Visit the beautiful World Heritage town

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★½ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$3090 NZ$3220**

*per person, trip only (14 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
10 nights comfortable hotel
1 night premium hotel
1 night comfortable junk boat
1 night simple overnight train
*Optional single rooms from £340*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 13 | Lunch: 2 | Dinner: 1

BIKE:
24 gear Giant or ATX mountain bike with front suspension

E-Bike available

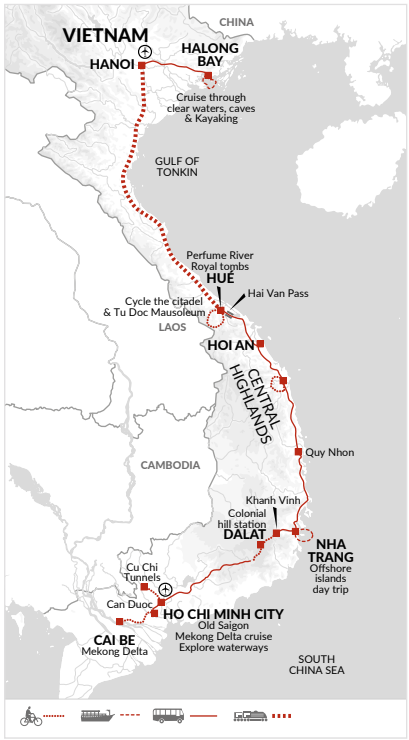
**620kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:
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## DAILY DISTANCES

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| Day 2 | 50km |
| Day 3 | 51km |
| Day 4 | 30km |
| Day 5 | 80km |
| Day 6 | 0km |
| Day 7 | 60km |
| Day 8 | 59km |
| Day 9 | 0km |
| Day 10 | 80km |
| Day 11 | 20km |




## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in Ho Chi Minh City with an afternoon orientation tour of Old Saigon.

**DAY 2:** Cycle to Cu Chi Tunnels. Late afternoon free to explore Old Saigon.

**DAY 3:** Drive to Mekong Delta. Cycle the backroads to Cai Be.

**DAY 4:** Explore Vietnam's Central Highlands. Stay in the old French city of Dalat.

**DAYS 5–6:** Cycle over Hon Giao Pass to Nha Trang. Rest day from the bikes. To relax, take a boat trip to tropical islands.

**DAY 7:** Cycle and drive from Nha Trang to Quy Nhon.

**DAY 8:** Pedal over the Thi Nai sea bridge. Drive to historic Hoi An.

**DAY 9:** Morning walking tour of Hoi An's traditional wooden houses and Chinese temples. Free afternoon.

**DAYS 10–11:** Cycle and drive to Hué via the Hai Van Pass. Cycle around Hué then overnight train to Hanoi.

**DAY 12:** Arrive in Hanoi. Drive to Halong Bay for overnight cruise amid stunning karst scenery.

**DAY 13:** Morning cruise of the bay. Drive to Hanoi for a tour of the city.

**DAY 14:** Trip ends in Hanoi.

# Cycle Japan

TRIP CODE - **CJA** | JAPAN

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MODERATE



From ancient Kyoto, take an eight-day scenic ride around the Noto Peninsula for a slice of real Japan. Visit the 250-year-old thatched gassho-zukuri farmhouses of Shogawa Valley, browse Wajima's millenia-old Morning Market and soothe tired muscles in the Wakura Onsen hot springs.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

**Noto Peninsula** | Uninterrupted scenic ride through rural Japan

**Delicious local food** | Included healthy, tasty and traditional Japanese cuisine

**Kyoto and Tokyo** | Experience the ancient and modern capitals

PRODUCT RATING: ★★★★★ | feefo

## PRICES FROM

**AU$9480 NZ$9850**

*per person, trip only (13 days)*

## AT A GLANCE

CYCLE GRADE: **Moderate**

ACCOMMODATION:
9 nights comfortable hotel
2 nights simple ryokan
1 night simple guesthouse
*Optional single rooms from £160*

MEALS:
Breakfast: 12 | Dinner: 7

BIKE:
24 gear Japanese brand hybrid bike. Simple local bike in Kyoto

Point-to-Point

E-Bike available

**418kg** of $CO_2$e
*Average carbon footprint pp*

MONTHS OF TRAVEL:
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## DAILY DISTANCES

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| Day 2 | 17km |
| Day 3 | 8km |
| Day 4 | 60km |
| Day 5 | 66km |
| Day 6 | 47km |
| Day 7 | 49km |
| Day 8 | 71km |
| Day 9 | 71km |
| Day 10 | 57km |




## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:** Join trip in historic Kyoto.

**DAY 2:** Kyoto sightseeing by bike along the Philosopher's Path to temples. Visit Tofukuji rock gardens.

**DAY 3:** Morning train to Kanazawa. Bike tour of Kenrokuen Garden and the old teahouse district.

**DAY 4:** Cycle around the beautiful Noto Peninsula including the Chirihama Beach Road.

**DAY 5:** Cycle the coastal road to Wajima. Visit the Sojijiso-in Temple.

**DAY 6:** Explore Wajima Market. Continue along the stunning coastal road to Suzu.

**DAY 7:** Cycle to Noto Ushitsu as we head down the eastern side of the peninsula.

**DAY 8:** Cycle to Wakura Onsen where ancient, healing hot baths await our arrival.

**DAY 9:** Begin our journey inland heading up to Shokawa Onsen.

**DAY 10:** Visit stunning Shirakawa-Go, famous for its traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses.

**DAYS 11–12:** Take the Shinkansen bullet train to Tokyo. Explore the Japanese capital.

**DAY 13:** Trip ends in Tokyo.

## Once-in-a-lifetime

# Family adventures



*Fun on board a traditional Greek sailing boat*

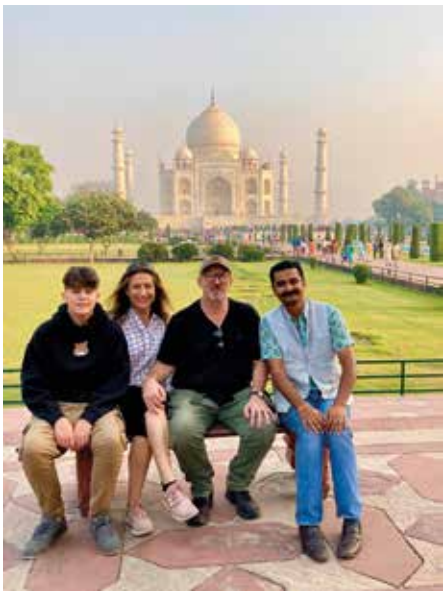
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Whether you're planning your first active family holiday or are looking for a super special adventure before your teens head off for new pastures, our Family trips are packed with unforgettable experiences.

*"I'm not sure I quite appreciated it at the time, but when I look back at my photos and see myself outside the Taj Mahal, I think 'wow, not everyone gets to say they saw the Taj for real.' It's crazy really!*

Ivor, age 14, on his Family Golden Triangle Adventure.



To read all about Ivor's trip visit
exploreworldwide.com.au/Ivor
exploreworldwide.co.nz/Ivor

## Ages & stages

Our family groups are as varied as the kids who join us; we very often have tweens and teens, with 11–16 probably being most common – old enough to understand "this is a different kind of holiday" and be wowed in a really positive way. We do also happily welcome 7–10-year-olds and can let you know the general ages of other children on a specific holiday you're interested in. We'd always encourage you to consider your child's maturity, adaptability and ability to enjoy the trip before you book.

## OMG!

This could be a phrase you hear a lot. How else does someone with limited experience of the wider world respond to snorkelling in secluded coves, wandering through Roman ruins, canyoning down a gorge, eating with locals, searching for crocs, bustling through souks, hanging out in an oasis, staying on raft houses or ziplining through rainforests...? Maybe yours will use a different phrase, but it'll mean the same thing – wow!

## Immersed in the subject

It's a holiday first and foremost, of course, but it's not without its educational benefits. These holidays can be classed under 'horizon widening'. Want them to learn about climate change? Take them to a rainforest. Want to bring history to life? Walk among temples built thousands of years ago. Want them to understand human differences and similarities? Visit a totally different culture. There is nothing quite like the deep, immersive nature of a small-group adventure to open their eyes to the wider world.

## Expert Tour Leaders

Our Tour Leaders are brilliant at what they do, and are lovely people to boot. They're very experienced and are super-passionate about the country and culture. They know their way around, can handle the unexpected and will work hard all the way through the trip to make sure you and yours have the smoothest and most unforgettable of holidays.

## Pace your people

Our 'Relaxed' holidays have some chilled mornings and dedicated pool days; 'Moderate' trips have a little less down-time and 'Full-On' trips have some early starts and longer days... you choose what works for your family. We mix where you stay, from family-friendly hotels to tree-tents and from homestays to houseboats, and can usually configure things so you're all together (or not, if you'd prefer!).

Want to find out more?
Visit our website for more family adventures.

*"Family time is sacred – but planning the logistics, the transport, the meals, the activities when you do it yourself it's a big deal. When someone else does it for you, and does it this well, it's a gift. Our trip ticked every box. All the adventure, all the precious quality time, all the river swims, all the meals, without the stress – holiday gold for parents.*

Taryn, mum of three teens, on their Family Thailand Beach, Jungle and Wildlife Adventure.

## Fabulously fun Family trips

### Turkey Coastal Active Adventure



Eight days of sunshine-filled good times including swimming, snorkelling, sea-kayaking, canoeing and being in and around water almost every day. You'll have barbecue lunches and riverside picnics as well as eating with a local family in the Taurus Mountains. If you're going to see Roman ruins, you may as well kayak over them!

**Trip code: FLL**

### Atlas Mountain and Sahara Adventure



How the other half live... stay in a Berber gite, spend a night under the Saharan stars, discover Marrakech, run down sand dunes, ride camels and see where they filmed both Gladiator and The Mummy. This is one they'll remember for life.

**Trip code: FAT**

### Costa Rica Rainforest and Wildlife Adventure



Colour me magic... zipline through the tree canopy, cruise jungle waterways, try and talk to monkeys, sloths and a host of colourful birds, see a volcano crater and enjoy golden beaches... a sensory overload of the very best kind!

**Trip code: FCC**

### Thailand Active Jungle and Beach Adventure



Two weeks of life, for a lifetime of memories. This fortnight will give your family an amazing taste for Thailand. Starting in Bangkok your trip includes going under a bridge on the River Kwai, bamboo rafting, trekking to the Erewan Waterfall, swimming in natural pools, a jungle canoe adventure and a few days in and around the heaven-on-earth that is Koh Samui. If you want, you can also learn some Thai boxing!

**Trip code: FOT**



# Essential information about our Classic Discovery, Walking, Cycling and Family Tours

## Please carefully read through the following information about booking an Explore trip.

**When you book (whether by phone, travel agent or online), you will be asked to confirm that you have read and understood these pages, as well as our Trip Notes and Booking Conditions (www.exploreworldwide.com.au/booking-conditions or www.exploreworldwide.co.nz/booking-conditions).**

### Guaranteed departures

Almost all trips are guaranteed, although certain trips are excluded because they require a minimum number to run. We guarantee that the advertised itinerary will not be cancelled or significantly changed once the first booking is confirmed unless we are forced to do so by a "force majeure" (as defined in our Booking Conditions). There is no minimum group size, but we appreciate that the group experience is important to many of our customers and therefore, in some cases where there is an opportunity to suggest an alternative departure date which affords you a wider group experience, we will offer this as a no obligation alternative. This guarantee does not apply to international or UK domestic flights, which may be subject to change or cancellation in accordance with our Booking Conditions

### Itineraries

From time to time, some elements of our trips may change from those that have been published. This could be the result of inclement weather, a change in the local political situation or in flight or train schedules or other circumstances beyond our control. We will keep you as well informed as possible about these changes. Significant changes to your holiday will be notified as soon as we feasibly can. Minor amendments to your trip will be detailed on your final trip documentation, although our website will be regularly updated should you wish to check the information at any time. You will be provided with a provisional list of your accommodation shortly after booking. Whilst we expect to stay at the accommodation stated, please note that this is subject to change to an equivalent or higher standard at any time.

### Group size

Whilst every group make up is different, the average group size on our adult tours is 11 people plus an Explore Tour Leader. The maximum group size differs across our tours depending on the nature of the trip, the transport, accommodation used an activities included, but will never be greater than 16 on our adults tours and is rarely smaller than 5. Our family tours usually have a group size of between 14-20 people, or 3-5 families, but on occasion may be smaller.

### Eligibility for Family adventures

For our purposes, a family is defined as having a minimum of two people, with at least one adult over the age of 18 and one person 18 years or younger.

### Age limits

Because of the active nature of our Family Adventures, we provide guidelines regarding the minimum age that we feel is most suitable for each Family trip. This starts at 7 years of age, at the time of travel depending on the level of activity involved and overall suitability. On certain trips there may be some flexibility to accept children from the age of 5. Please speak to our Sales team for details. Trips to certain destinations have a higher age limit. Please refer to individual Trip Notes and our website for further information where applicable. A parent or guardian must book for and accompany anyone under the age of 18.

Fitness and stamina are more important than age and we often find that some of our older travellers are the fittest in the group. Whilst we do not have a maximum age, we do recognise that at some point during our customers' journey with us they will reach an age where we will have to review the fitness and ability to participate in the trips they've chosen to book. Should you be 80 years old or older at the time of travel, we will discuss the itinerary with you before booking you on the trip and may ask you additional questions about your health and fitness.

### Fitness and trip participation

All our trips require some level of active participation. It is in the interests of all members of the group that everyone should be capable of fully participating in the activities of their chosen trip. With this in mind, please be aware that (as detailed in our Booking Conditions) if it is felt that any customer is not able to participate in a trip without endangering the health or safety of themselves or any other person (including other group members), or that the presence of the customer on the trip means we will be unable to provide the trip, in whole or part, to other members of the group as advertised and contracted, the Explore Tour Leader has the right to require them to leave the trip at any stage. To ensure that this is never necessary, please make sure that you have fully understood the level of fitness and ability required to complete the trip on which you are booking. It is your responsibility to let us know if you have any concerns related to this subject. If you have any medical condition or disability which may affect your trip arrangements in any way, you must provide us with full details at the time of booking. In certain circumstances, usually on more strenuous trips, we may require you to provide proof of medical fitness before travelling.

On some of our trips, there will be water-based activities, boat excursions or swimming opportunities. For your own personal safety and enjoyment, an ability to swim is therefore strongly recommended.

Several trips reach elevations of 2,500 metres or more. We allow time for acclimatisation and usually the body acclimatises well to spending extended periods of time above this altitude. It is difficult to predict who is at risk from altitude sickness but if you have a heart or respiratory problem we advise you not to risk extended travel or trekking at high altitudes.

## Trip prices

The prices shown in this brochure are for guidance only. Prices represent the basic per person cost of the trip at the time of publication of this brochure. The price at the time of booking may be different. The latest guide prices for each trip departure can be found on our website.

## NO SURCHARGE PRICE GUARANTEE

**Once we have confirmed your booking we guarantee the price of your confirmed services won't change: we will not pass on surcharges of any kind. Unlike most other tour operators we will not pass on unexpected additional costs like fuel surcharges and tax increases.**

## What is included?

- ✔ Transport, meals and accommodation: all details are outlined in the individual Trip Notes.
- ✔ Explore Tour Leader: the services of an Explore Tour Leader are included on nearly all trips. In most cases they will accompany you for the full duration of the trip. On some trips a local representative may be provided instead (this will be outlined in the individual Trip Notes).
- ✔ Local crew: as well as drivers and local guides, interpreters, cooks, helpers and porters may be provided on some trips (details will be outlined in the individual Trip Notes).
- ✔ Bike hire is included on all cycling trips. Your included bike will be the correct frame size for your height. All bikes have a maximum rider's weight limit which varies but is usually around 120kg. Should you exceed this weight you must mention this to us at the time of booking to enable us to try to source a suitable alternative. E-Bikes can be hired locally (subject to availability) on some trips for an additional charge. See Trip Notes for details.
- ✔ Activities, equipment, sightseeing and visits: please see individual Trip Notes for details.

## Transfers

We are pleased to be able to offer airport transfers on the majority of our tours, for customers arriving and departing on the trip's start and end dates, providing you provide your flight details to us no later than 30 days before you travel and keep us updated with any changes. Please refer to your Trip Notes or joining information for further details and visit **www.exploreworldwide.com.au/transfers** or **www.exploreworldwide.co.nz/transfers.**

## Parental responsibility on Family Adventures

Please note that Explore Tour Leaders are not expected to be child-minders. Parents and guardians booking on Explore Family Adventures agree to take full responsibility for any children travelling with them at all times. Any child under the age of 16 wishing to participate in the activities can do so only with the full consent of their parent or guardian.

## What's not included?

The price of the trip does not include: visa fees, vaccination charges, passport costs, international departure taxes, insurance premiums, excess baggage charges, optional trips and excursions, hotel porters or meals (other than those we list as included). We also do not include items of a personal nature such as laundry, room service charges, drinks or phone calls. Tipping isn't included, nor is it compulsory, however it is customary to tip drivers, local crew and Tour Leaders who have done a good job. If you book on a trip only basis we do not include flights from Australia or New Zealand or departure taxes.

## Accommodation grades

We know that finding the right place to stay is just as important as the destination and activities. All our accommodation is carefully chosen for location and character. Countries have varying standards and on some holidays a range of grades are used.

**Simple**

These are often small, family run establishments or campsites which provide a no-frills experience with adequate amenities and service standards. Sleeping arrangements are simple, sometimes with en suite facilities.

**Comfortable**

Our comfortable, mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service, often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will have en suite facilities and heating or air-conditioning.

**Premium**

Our premium accommodation is handpicked for its character, location or local importance. These properties have excellent facilities and a higher level of comfort and service.

**Other**

On some trips a night or two may be spent in communal sleeping areas, for example in a village house or on an overnight train. Where this occurs it will be outlined in the Trip Notes.

## Single rooms

Most trips are based on customers sharing twin-bedded rooms. If you book a group trip as an individual, you will share a room with someone of the same sex. On rare occasions mixed sex rooms may be necessary. If applicable, this will be stated on the relevant Trip Notes. However, on many trips we offer the opportunity to pay a supplement to pre-book a single room. On some of these trips a single room will be provided every night, on others it will be provided on some nights, but for logistical reasons not all. Individual Trip Notes clarify this. Please note that on rare occasions it may be necessary for customers in single rooms to share bathroom facilities. Please note that due to the nature of the accommodation we use, the single room supplement will guarantee you sole occupancy of the room, however single rooms may differ in configuration and may be smaller than a standard twin/double room.

## Rooming arrangements on Family Adventures

We will room your family in the most appropriate way using a mixture of twin, triple, double and single rooms as necessary. Please note that sometimes a triple room may be a twin room with an additional bed added. We will leave it to you to decide who shares with whom in your family group. We will do our very best to give you rooms next to each other but we can't promise this. In exceptional cases, where accommodation is limited, for example on boat-based trips, one or more of you may need to share with members of another family.

## Preparing for your holiday

Travelling to far-flung corners of the earth involves adapting to living conditions that are often very different from your own. Please be prepared for unusual situations, local differences and unpredictable events. The very nature of adventure holidays means your most enjoyable moments are likely to come from the unexpected. You need to be sure you are happy to swap luxury for experience when joining an Explore trip. If you are someone who prefers things to go as planned and enjoys some pampering along the way, then maybe think twice about an adventure holiday. You should also be aware that some countries around the world have security problems. Unsavoury characters are likely to be active in big cities and street markets and certain areas may be considered 'out-of-bounds' for tourists. However, most crime is opportunistic. Using your common sense will reduce the risks. Unfortunately, no destination can be guaranteed to be safe from terrorism. We constantly monitor the political situation in the regions we visit and will re-route or cancel a trip if we feel it is necessary. Whilst we endeavour to provide as much information as possible in our brochure and individual Trip Notes regarding the areas our trips travel to, we would always recommend that you undertake some background research about the places you will be visiting and the type of climate and local conditions you can expect in order to get the most from your holiday.

## Travel advice

The Australian and New Zealand Governments both provide information about overseas destinations. We strongly recommend that you read their comments about the country you are planning to visit, both when you book and again just before you leave. The information can be found here: Australian citizens: **https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/destinations**
New Zealand citizens: **https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/travel-advisories**

The UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Travel Advice Unit provides detailed information about your destination. We strongly recommend that you read their comments about the country you are planning to visit, both when you book and again just before you leave, and that you sign up to the travel alert service. For the UK, the FCDO alert service can be found here: **www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/email-signup.** We monitor UK FCDO travel warnings and advice, and based on them, may cancel trips before departure, or re-route or make other changes to trips operating in or throughout the country concerned. Any decision we take about whether to operate or cancel a trip or make other changes will always be in the interests of your safety and security. We will make these decisions at least four weeks before departure, unless we believe that local conditions will improve before the start of the trip.

## Travel insurance and pre-existing medical conditions

You must have valid travel insurance. You will need to confirm to your Explore Tour Leader that you are covered by a travel insurance policy at the start of the trip. Please ensure that your documentation shows you as the named policyholder and that the cover is valid for the entire period of travel. It must also indicate that you have cover for (at least) Medical Expenses and Emergency Repatriation in the event of illness or injury. Please ensure that a 24 hour contact telephone number for your Insurance Company is written on your documentation in case of an emergency. If you are unable to provide this information at the start of the trip you will not be able to continue with us unless you purchase a suitable insurance policy.

If you, your travelling companions, or anyone upon whom your travel depends (such as a friend or family member) have a pre-existing medical condition, you must disclose this to your travel insurer's medical screening helpline when you purchase your insurance policy. Failure to do so may result in your claim being declined. Please

ensure that you receive written confirmation from them that the condition is covered. You must take this written confirmation with you on the trip, in addition to the insurance policy itself. If you don't, you may not have appropriate cover. We reserve the right to cancel your booking at any point if you do not fully insure your pre-existing medical condition. Please also tell us about any pre-existing medical conditions at the time of booking.

### Changes to flight information

We strongly recommend that you do not purchase non-flexible, non-refundable connecting rail, air or bus tickets, as they usually incur cancellation or penalty charges in the event of a change to the departure time or date.

### Aircraft weight restrictions

For the purposes of flight safety, it is essential that you adhere to the luggage weight restrictions imposed by the airline you are flying with, particularly when flying on internal flights on smaller aircraft.

### Trip only packages

Our trip only packages start and finish at the designated overseas joining and ending point. Trip only packages do not include any connecting flights to or from the joining or ending point. If you are planning to book a trip only package on one of our trips, then we strongly recommend that you only purchase flights/train/bus tickets that are totally flexible and refundable. This is because by their very nature, adventure holiday itineraries can change and it's important that you're able to amend your connecting travel arrangements should the need arise. In the event of a trip being cancelled, it is important that you are able to get a refund if you no longer wish to use the associated flight, bus or train. We regret that we cannot accept liability for any connecting travel arrangements that you make (including any cancellation or amendment charges) in the event of any change to, or cancellation of, our trip; or for any other reason that makes you unable to use your booked travel arrangements.

### Consumer peace of mind

We've been named a Gold Trusted Service Award Winner for the second year in a row. These awards are based purely on independently moderated feedback from customers via Feefo. It shows that we're delivering time and again for our customers, placing customer service at the heart of what we do.

Explore has met ethy's standards for verified sustainability claims. By achieving ethy certification, Explore is demonstrating contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and helping consumers make informed decisions. See our ethy ecolabels here: **exploreworldwide.com.au/ethy** or **exploreworldwide.co.nz/ethy**

The Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT) provides financial protection for Explore Worldwide Ltd, Member 5207 and in the event of their insolvency, protection is provided for:

**Non-flight packages**

ABTOT cover provides for a refund in the event you have not yet travelled or repatriation if transportation was included in your package. Please note that bookings made outside the UK are only protected by ABTOT when purchased directly with Explore Worldwide Ltd.

In the unlikely event that you require assistance whilst abroad due to our financial failure, please call our 24/7 helpline on **(+44) 1702 811397** and advise you are a customer of an ABTOT protected travel company.

### Brochure / Website / Advertising material accuracy

The information contained in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material is believed correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing or publication. However, errors may occasionally occur and information may subsequently change. You must therefore ensure you check all details of your chosen trip (including the price) with us or your travel agent at the time of booking.

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## Passport, Visa and Entry Requirements

### Passport information

Please note it is your responsibility to ensure you have the correct, current information in good time before departure and that you act on it. Please ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity and appropriate number of blank pages for your chosen destination. You must also have all visas and vaccination certificates that are necessary to enter or pass through any countries involved in the journey or trip.

### Visas

Many countries require a visa to be obtained before travel or on arrival. If required, visas can be obtained through a Visa Service or the relevant Embassy or Consular Office.

### General Note

Some countries refuse admission to travellers not meeting their accepted standards of dress or appearance (even if they hold a visa). Entry may also be refused to some countries if your passport bears stamps or visas (valid or expired) from certain countries. Please bear this in mind when booking/travelling to these destinations as it can negatively affect your future travel plans. Further information can be found on our Trip Notes where applicable.

### Vaccinations

It is your responsibility to ensure you have the correct vaccinations required for all countries that you will visit on your trip. Explore Trip Notes detail the recommended vaccinations for each trip but you must consult with your doctor or a travel health clinic to ensure you have the most up to date advice. Please note that some inoculation programmes require two injections, administered four weeks apart. You should leave plenty of time for this. As a general rule, please note that health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the current requirements in good time before departure.

### Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

### Lone parents travelling with children

Single parents or other adults travelling alone with children should be aware that some countries require documentary evidence of parental responsibility before allowing lone parents to enter the country or, in some cases, before permitting the children to leave the country. For further information on exactly what will be required at immigration please contact the consulate of your destination country.



# Your Privacy

Explore takes your privacy extremely seriously. We are committed to doing everything we can to protect any personal information provided to us when you enquire about or book a holiday or another travel service with us, when you visit our website, or when you engage with us by other means. This equally applies if someone else makes arrangements on your behalf.

For full details of what, why and how we collect and use your personal information, how we protect it and how you can contact us, see our online Privacy Centre at **www.exploreworldwide.com.au/privacy or www.exploreworldwide.co.nz/privacy**

If you handle the arrangements for other travellers, please ensure they are aware of the information contained within our Privacy Centre and they consent to you acting on their behalf in your dealings with us.

To enable us to make holiday arrangements for you, we may ask you to provide information such as:

- your name, gender, date of birth, contact details;
- your preferred rooming arrangements and other special requests (including special categories of personal data such as dietary requirements, which may disclose health matters or your religious or philosophical beliefs, and information about any disability or medical condition which may affect the chosen holiday arrangements.);
- the name and telephone number of an emergency contact person (whom we will only contact in urgent circumstances while you are away);
- your passport and travel insurance details;
- details of your payment card or your bank account (this information is processed using a third party payment services provider and is not stored by us).

When you call us or correspond with us about your booking, we may record the call for training and quality control purposes and/or keep information on why you contacted us, and the advice we gave you.

On your return from holiday we email or post a satisfaction questionnaire to you. This gives us specific feedback on any issue you may have experienced, and statistical data we can amalgamate in order to monitor the quality of our holidays. We may share your holiday feedback with third party review companies.

We will need to share your data with third party service providers, used in the delivery of your purchased holiday arrangements, some of which may be based outside the EEA. These providers include accommodation, restaurants and transport providers; local ground partners and agents, where we use them; equipment hire operators, including our cycling partners and guides, tutors and local attractions where booked on your behalf.

We keep the information related to your booking for a period which enables us to handle or respond to any complaints or queries and to fulfil our obligations to our third party suppliers who provided your holiday arrangements. The information may also be retained so that we can continue to improve your experience with us while you engage with and purchase from us. By law we have to keep basic information about our customers for legal and tax purposes for up to 7 years after they cease being customers.

## If you fail to provide personal information

Should you fail to provide data required either by law, or necessary to provide your chosen travel arrangements, we will not be able to provide the services you have booked or are attempting to book. This may result in Explore being unable to process your booking and being forced to cancel the booking. In this case, we will treat this as a 'cancellation by you' in accordance with the relevant Booking Terms & Conditions and notify you accordingly.

## Marketing communications

We may use your information to provide you with brochures, newsletters and other communications if you have provided your prior consent or we are permitted under an identified and assessed legitimate interest.

We sell our holidays directly to customers and so sending out brochures and other marketing communications by post from time-to-time is very important to the way we do business. We use data we have collected from bookings, brochure requests and other forms of engagement to decide what marketing information our customers may like to receive, and we have identified this as in our legitimate interest.

We do provide an opportunity to opt-out of this direct marketing during the booking or enquiry process and in subsequent communications, or you may contact us at any time to do so.

We have found over the years that the majority of people welcome these communications and, those who do not are happy to let us know so we can ensure no more are sent.

If you ask us to stop sending marketing information, you may continue to receive communications for up to 4 weeks after your requested change while our systems are fully updated.

## Images

From time-to-time, our staff, customers and suppliers may take photographs and video footage of trips in progress, including photos and video footage of our customers. You will be invited to sign a model release form to consent to this. These images may be used in future marketing materials and stored physically and digitally. If you do not wish to be filmed or for your pictures to be taken or used in this manner, please advise your Explore Leader and/or the photographer at the start of your trip.

## Website use

In order for us to provide you with the optimum service, we use 'Cookies' on our website. Cookies are small text files sent to your computer when you access our site. Cookies used on our site are anonymous and contain no personal information, but do identify your computer so that you can navigate our site more easily and our website can remember your preferences. For more information about what cookies we use and how to manage them please refer to our Cookie Policy at **www.exploreworldwide.com.au/privacy/cookies or www.exploreworldwide.co.nz/privacy/cookies.**

## Contact us

It is important that the personal data we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed if any of the details you provide to us should change during the course of your relationship with us.

If you need further assistance, would like to make a comment or update your marketing preferences, you can contact us:

- By email: **Dataprivacy@explore.co.uk**
- By mail to **Data Privacy Manager, Explore, Nelson House, 55 Victoria Road, Farnborough, Hampshire, GU14 7PA, UK.**

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