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WORLDWIDE

*Premium Tours for
Curious Travellers*

Welcome to a World of Wonder

ALL THE SIGHTS AND INSIGHTS, UP CLOSE
AND PERSONAL, IN COMFORT AND STYLE.



EXPLORE OUR FEATURES & TOURS

Throughout the pages of this magazine, you'll discover the rich layers of the world and see things through a new lens. On tour, the curious mind will be satisfied with learnings through culture, history and experiences, all up close and personal. Like dining after-hours within the galleries of the Vatican's Anima Mundi, surrounded by more than 80,000 precious objects – you will fast learn why this museum is called the 'soul of the world'. These life-changing experiences at the Vatican are among the many carefully curated adventures that await in every destination. We bring a world of wonder to reality.



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IS THIS HAWAII'S BEST RESTAURANT?

*Dining discoveries
feed every journey*

Hawaii enjoys a rich culinary heritage, defined by its multicultural residents as well as its dazzling seafood and produce. Discover Maui's best restaurant, then devour more of the culinary experiences that we offer around the world.

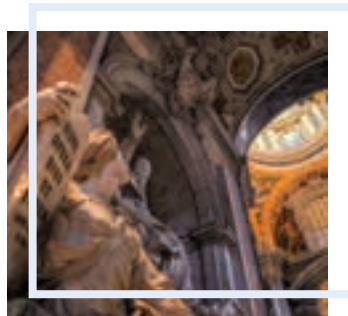


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THE INSIDER'S GUIDE TO SENSATIONAL STAYS

*Hand-picked hotels
in fantastic locations*

Whether your perfect stay involves dreamy pools, jaw-dropping views, individual design or highly personalised service, our curated hotel hot list from around the world features plenty of inspiration when it comes time to check in. The hard part is deciding where to go first...



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MEET THE MAN TAKING YOU BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE VATICAN

*Explore through an expert
lens on every tour*

More than six million people visit the Vatican Museums every year, descending to explore chapels, galleries and some 20 museums packed with an immense collection amassed by the Catholic Church and the papacy. And you will have fast-track entry and enjoy an intimate, behind-the-scenes experience accompanied by a Local Expert.



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THESE ARE THE LOCALS PRESERVING FLAMENCO FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

*Experiences that give back
to local communities*

Dating back to the 9th century, flamenco is not just a dance – it's an artform that tells the folkloric traditions of southern Spain. Discover why UNESCO declared it one of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity, how it's being preserved, and how your visit to a Sevillian flamenco studio supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4.



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MARVEL AT ANCIENT WONDERS OF THE WORLD WITH AN EGYPTOLOGIST

*Fascinating insights delivered
by experts in the field*

Unearth the mysteries of ancient Egypt, a country with more than 5,000 years of history. Meet the local experts protecting these sights through enthralling stories gathered over decades of research and exploration.

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BRITAIN & IRELAND

10 TOURS*Islands of historic cities and windswept, rugged coastlines*

Visit landmarks from the pages of classic literature. Explore Stratford-upon-Avon, birthplace of William Shakespeare, and Hadrian's Wall.

p.52SPAIN, PORTUGAL
& MOROCCO**10 TOURS***Lands of unique architecture and tempting flavours*

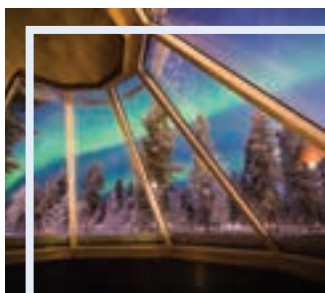
Learn flamenco, explore the Prado Museum with an expert art historian and stroll through Granada's oldest olive grove.

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ITALY, SICILY & MALTA

12 TOURS*From the Vatican and Mt. Vesuvius to islands that delight*

Enjoy behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, discover Sicily's fishing villages and stroll through Malta's Fortress City.

**p.104**ALPS, CENTRAL &
EASTERN EUROPE**17 TOURS***Snow-capped peaks lure you to old-world charm*

Sip Bavarian wine, experience a Tyrolean folk show and marvel at Bohemian architecture.

**p.136**FRANCE, BELGIUM &
THE NETHERLANDS**5 TOURS***Where culture, cuisine and history spring to life*

Watch a shoemaker whittle wooden clogs in Amsterdam and explore historic World War II battlefields.

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NORTHERN EUROPE

8 TOURS*Scandinavian villages and cosmopolitan cities invite you to explore*

Be dazzled by aurora borealis (Northern Lights), sail alongside a fjord and explore the life of Hans Christian Andersen.

**p.166**EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
& EGYPT**9 TOURS***Where ancient pyramids and sun-drenched coasts meet Croatia's country roads*

Visit the Temple of Zeus, where the Olympic Games began, and float on the Dead Sea.

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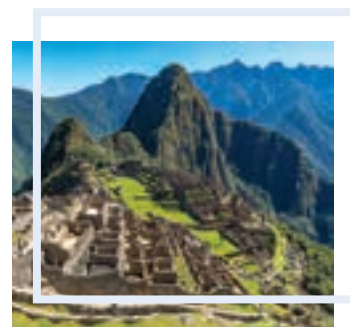
EUROPEAN DISCOVERIES

5 TOURS*Europe's best from Paris and London to the Cinque Terre*

Admire the immense baroque palace of Marienburg Fortress and feast on a farm-to-table dinner in Salzburg.

p.198INDIA, NEPAL &
SRI LANKA**2 TOURS***Embrace the rich colours, flavours, and fascinating lands*

Meet the women who climbed Mount Everest and step back in time to the Mughal Empire in Old Delhi.

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LATIN AMERICA

2 TOURS*Patagonia, Andean peaks, rainforests and Incan ruins call*

Learn the art of the Tango, sip Uruguay's fine wine and unwind at a spa hotel overlooking Iguassu Falls.

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USA & CANADA

10 TOURS*Spell-bounding lands of natural diversity, vibrant colours and man-made wonders*

Discover the USA's enchanting New England and venture onto the Glacier Skywalk after-hours in the Canadian Rockies.

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A Note from The CEO

Dear Traveller,

I am writing this note at 40,000 feet, travelling between London and Los Angeles, enjoying a rare moment of quiet up among the clouds.

In recent times, I have had the privilege and the pleasure to completely rediscover the wonders of travel, including the United States, Argentina, United Kingdom, Australia and Singapore. I am reminded of how through travel, all our senses are brought to life. And what a remarkably life-changing adventure it has been.

Of particular note was a recent journey to Patagonia. The place was a dream – a perfect canvas for me to see how travelling the world reveals not only incredible beauty, but incredible meaning.

Everything I saw, touched, smelled, tasted and heard, felt new, felt fresh, and felt to be an incredible blessing. It was a reminder of how eye-opening, and heart-opening, it is to be exposed to our diverse world. When we see how people live, what they do and what they value, one instinctively desires to try new things. It broadens the mind and pushes new boundaries. Soon, very soon, it becomes a part of you. And my experiences along the way reaffirmed how our planet and its people are more interconnected than ever.

An Insight Vacations tour delivers all the sights and insights of destinations up close and personal, with each itinerary carefully crafted to include experiences that spark joy and wonder, in the same way that I experienced in Patagonia.

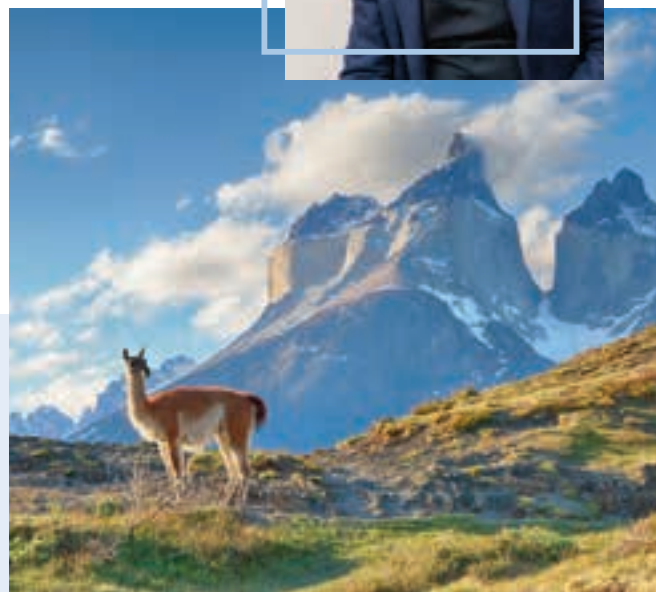
We're exceptionally proud of our efforts in leading the way in immersive, responsible travel. Through our MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences, we ensure each and every one of our itineraries has a lasting positive impact for both the visitor and visited, and that each supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Beyond the exceptional experiences, our tours are also curated to include stylish hotels and incredible dining.

Discovering a destination through its culinary traditions is a true delight, and we're also proud to lead the way in offering vegetarian options across all itineraries. The hand-selected hotels, dining offerings and experiences,

alongside the exceptional personal service delivered by our Travel Directors, allow you to take the pulse of the destination you're visiting, while travelling in comfort and style. The world is full of wonders waiting for discovery, and we invite you to read the pages of this magazine and uncover just some of those that lie ahead.



GAVIN TOLLMAN
CEO INSIGHT VACATIONS



You can visit Patagonia with Insight on **Best of Chile from Atacama to Patagonia**, online exclusive.

Wonders of the World Revealed

TAKE A DEEP DIVE INTO
CULTURE AND HISTORY
DURING EXCLUSIVE
EXPERIENCES

Having spent decades exploring the globe, we have the ultimate connections in every destination imaginable. It's this on-the-ground know-how that allows us to offer experiences that take you beyond traditional sightseeing. Each and every day is filled with fascinating facts, special access and choices. Look out for Insight Choice on select days, where you can follow your interests and choose the experience that speaks to you. Choose between two carefully selected activities to further enhance your holiday and satisfy your curiosities.

Behind the scenes of our cover: Mesmerising and hypnotising, the whirling dervish ceremony is more than a dance, it's a spiritual journey. A traditional form of Sufi worship dating back to the 13th century, Whirling Dervishes can spin continuously for an hour, thanks to their meditative state. This meditation has evolved across secular and regional forms, like in Egypt where the whirler more commonly wears a colourful skirt. Be swept up in the flowing robes, music, and reverence as you witness this fascinating ritual in Cappadocia where the Whirling Dervishes will be wearing traditional white, representing the spiritual birth into truth, during a performance at a 13th century Seljuk Caravanserai. **Wonders of Turkey**, page 172.

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SPARK YOUR CURIOSITY

Insightful experiences will fascinate across every journey.

Make lasting connections with hand-selected experiences like these:



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1. DUBLIN, IRELAND

The world's most famous medieval manuscript, the Book of Kells, is renowned for the intricacy, detail and majesty of its illustrations. It was created by monks around 800 A.D. and lives within Dublin's Trinity College. You'll learn the book's secrets, then explore the grounds of this elite university, discovering glorious 18th-century architecture enveloped by emerald lawns. **Focus on Ireland**, page 42, **Irish Elegance**, page 44 & 2 other tours.

2. STON, CROATIA

Plucked straight from the sea, just-shucked oysters are one of the world's greatest delicacies. Visit a shellfish farm to meet Tomislav, who will teach you about oyster cultivation and the harvesting process. Think of this as your entrée to a delicious sea-to-table tasting of the freshest shellfish you'll ever try, paired with local wine. **Country Roads of Croatia**, page 126.

3. MONTPELIER, VERMONT

If you haven't tried 'sugar on snow', you haven't truly lived. This Vermont tradition sees maple syrup drizzled over packed snow – which you eat with a doughnut and a pickle. Try it when the 'sap is flowing' at Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, where maple syrup is tapped from the trees and served straight to you. **New England's Fall Foliage**, page 226.

4. STANSERHORN, SWITZERLAND

Switzerland is known for its mountains, and few are as spectacular as Mount Stanserhorn. Journey to its peak (and take a ride through history) on a funicular railway dating back to 1893. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger. **Glorious Switzerland**, page 108, **Road to Rome**, page 188 & 10 other tours.

5. SANT'ANDREA IN PERCUSSINA, ITALY

Few books have attracted so much controversy, commentary and debate over the last 500 years than Niccolò Machiavelli's *The Prince*. You'll discover where the treatise was written when you head into the Apennine Mountains and through the cypress-lined landscapes of Tuscany for a private tour of the home of this famed Renaissance diplomat and writer, with a Local Expert as your guide. **European Dream**, online exclusive.

6. VIENNA, AUSTRIA

A unique experience created to heighten your senses, 'Dancing Without Barriers' is an inclusive workshop to support the visually impaired community. You'll get to be part of the action in a specially designed studio, where you'll learn the Viennese waltz while listening to musical masterpieces written by Austrian native, Mozart. **The Bohemian**, page 116.

7. GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

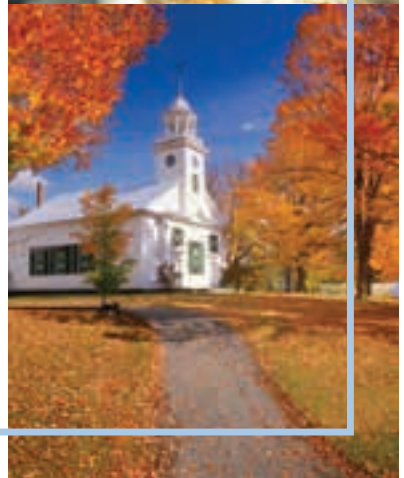
Home to the headquarters of Europe's United Nations and a hub for diplomacy, Geneva is also the base for the largest humanitarian organisation in the world. A three-time Nobel Prize Laureate, the Red Cross opens its museum to you, offering insights into how the organisation aids refugees, migrants and asylum seekers around the globe. Your visit supports their vital work. **Magical Switzerland**, page 114.



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Follow in the Footsteps of Popes

IN THE PAPAL STATE

The Vatican, the world's smallest sovereign state, radiates out from the domed grandeur of St Peter's Basilica. It boasts some of Italy's most revered artworks, many housed in the vast Vatican Museums, home of the Sistine Chapel and the Bramante Staircase. The latter is normally closed to the public, but with Insight, and brought to life through Local Experts like Valerio, you can go behind the scenes to discover this masterpiece. If you thought things couldn't get any better, think again: you have the fortune to dine after-hours within the galleries of the Vatican's Anima Mundi, a museum that dates back to a donation of pre-Columbian artefacts more than 300 years ago.



HEAR FROM LOCAL
EXPERT, VALERIO

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The Vatican is full of priceless art and treasures collected by the Popes. Normally off limits to visitors, I'll take you behind-the-scenes to access the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture.



Explore Rome with these hand-selected Vatican experiences on **Italian Elegance**, page 88, **Easy Pace Italy**, page 84 & **Treasures of Italy**, page 86.



Insightful Insights

If you visit every single room in the Vatican Museums, you would walk nine miles, or 14.48 kilometers.

The Vatican City doesn't charge any tax to its inhabitants — the only way it generates revenue is through Vatican Museums entrance fees and the selling of souvenirs.

The Vatican Museums receive more than six million visitors every year. This makes it the 4th most visited museum complex in the world.

The Vatican City, including the Vatican Museums, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's the only UNESCO listing that covers an entire country.



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Pictured: Local Expert Diana on our Italian tours, pages 76-102.

At Your Service

MEET OUR INSIGHT TEAM: TRAVEL DIRECTORS, DRIVERS & LOCAL EXPERTS

There's nothing quite like being in the travel moment – having the freedom to enjoy every experience, because someone else has taken care of all the details. Your Insight Vacations team does just that. They are expertly trained, knowledgeable and enthusiastic to ensure that your journey is enlightening and informative, proven by our independently rated Feefo Platinum Trusted Service Award.



Pictured: Travel Director Elena on our Italian tours, pages 76-102.

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WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Enjoy anecdotes from Local Experts, historians and those in the know.

Beyond sightseeing, make lasting connections with the people on the ground. Historians, chefs, musicians, anthropologists – all ensure your journey is illuminating. Meet some of our Insightful experts:

TRAVEL DIRECTOR

Betty Griffith is a Travel Director with deep knowledge of Spain and Sicily. Betty's career began in public relations and communications. She's constantly curious and loves to learn – a winning combination when it comes to discovering local stories and sharing them with Insight guests. If you're lucky enough to be on one of Betty's tours, she'll likely regale you with the fascinating history of Andalusian horses in Seville, from their origins in the 15th century until today; you'll also learn why they have been prized by nobility and the Spanish government, being used as a tool of public relations and diplomacy.

LOCAL EXPERT

Mark Conroy is a London Destination Expert and a trained actor. "I find the two things a little bit similar as they're both about talking and making connections. I've always had an interest in travel and in history, and it has been a real pleasure of about 30 years now to show groups of Insight guests around my small home city. The actual City of London is only 1.2 square miles in size, so it is, in fact, the smallest city in England!"

TRAVEL DIRECTOR

Danny Steenkamp is an expert on all things Scandinavian – his knowledge of, and passion for, fjords, the Vikings and Nordic lore will have you captivated and enthralled. You'll see the edge of the world with Danny at the Lyngen Alps, lying 500 kilometers (310 miles) beyond the Arctic Circle.



MEET ASSEM, RENOWNED
EGYPTOLOGIST WITH
EXPERT KNOWLEDGE ON
EGYPT'S HISTORY

We spoke to Travel Director, Assem Omar

HOW DID YOUR LOVE FOR EGYPTOLOGY BEGIN?

"My mother was a history teacher and a great storyteller. When I was young, the only place she allowed me to run freely around was among the museums and temples. She knew how much I loved those places. That's how I built my passion for the monuments. Imagine wandering among those great temples, seeing all those Egyptian artefacts with inscriptions, art and beautiful colours covering every inch of the paintings and the intricate hieroglyphics and carvings. I fell in love with the ancient civilisation. It's exciting, especially when your mother tells you about the story behind what you're looking at. It brings everything to life."

WHAT DO YOU DO AS A TRAVEL DIRECTOR?

"What I do as a Travel Director and Egyptologist is act like my mother with my groups. I bring the site to life and tell guests the story behind it. Why would they build a forest of columns in the Karnak Temple? Why are the colours so vivid at the Valley of the Kings? What makes Egyptians think there'll be an afterlife?"

DO EXCAVATIONS OFTEN UNCOVER ANYTHING NEW?

"At any given time of the year there are no less than 45 missions working on excavations all over Egypt. The number swells in winter when the weather is cooler, but even after years of discoveries, new surprises regularly come from ancient Egyptian sites on a monthly basis. Some of them you don't read about as they are 'minor' discoveries, but every now and then something big comes out and it hits the news. The famous Avenue of the Sphinxes is a recent find. This 2.7-kilometer [1.7-mile] 'Path of the Gods' was buried under numerous houses, schools, mosques and churches. And for centuries, nobody knew about it. In the 1940s, as some of the old houses were demolished, we learned there was an avenue there, but nobody was prepared to make the bold decision to remove all the houses that were built above it."

HOW DO THESE RECENT DISCOVERIES IMPACT EGYPTIAN LOCALS?

"Our current president took the brave decision to relocate people with compensation and the whole avenue was revealed. Some 1050 Sphinxes have been discovered up to now, and the whole avenue was reopened with a big celebration in November 2021. The level of the rich history in Egypt is just unheard of in most civilisations. Its elegance is an art form. A mummy is more than just remains – it's the most beautifully tended to and loved remains."

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME OF YEAR TO COME?

"It's warm and sunny all year round, and perfect weather in winter. The diversity of attractions in Egypt is amazing, no matter when you visit. You can enjoy sitting on a ship watching the scenery of the Nile pass by or get hands on, touring the popular sites."

Explore Egypt on **Wonders of Egypt**, page 168.

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The World on Your Plate

EXPERIENCE GLOBAL
FLAVOURS THROUGH
SIGNATURE DINING
MOMENTS.

One of the greatest joys of travel is discovering a destination through its cuisine – food and wine not only bring people together, but also tell stories of provenance, history, culture and tradition. Regardless of where you are in the world, we nourish your soul through experiences that range from visiting the kitchens of applauded chefs to taking a seat in acclaimed restaurants. Every day is delicious as we introduce you to the people, produce and personalities that bring flavours of the globe to your table.

INDULGE IN DINING EXPERIENCES

Whether by day or night, culinary adventures await.

For a true taste of your destination, indulge in an array of flavour-packed foodie experiences.

- **Hands-on culinary demonstrations**, to discover how local delicacies are made. You'll not only get to sample the cuisine, but also take home new skills.
- **Dine-around evenings** offer you the chance to personally select culinary experiences you want to try from a curated list of top local restaurants.
- **Dine-at-home experiences** give you exclusive access to locals in their homes, where you'll learn the secrets of regional dishes before sitting down to a meal.

There are endless flavours to look forward to. Here are some of the highlights across just a few destinations.

1. BASCHI, ITALY

A decadent day awaits in the company of Chef Lorenzo at the medieval Casa Segreta. You'll be welcomed with a tour of the estate's dreamy olive groves and vineyards, followed by aperitivo while Lorenzo reveals why this region of Italy is applauded for its fragrant truffles. End the experience foraging with a local truffle hunter and his dog, before grazing on focaccia, cheese, salami with sliced truffles, and pasta. **European Dream**, online exclusive.

2. CASABLANCA VALLEY, CHILE

Chile enjoys a long history of grape growing, with wines made across the country since the 16th century. Today, Chilean vintages are in high demand across the world. You get to taste them at the source when you visit Kingston Family Vineyards, a boutique estate where you'll be treated to a flight of varietals ranging from chardonnay to pinot noir and syrah. Cheers to that! **Best of Chile from Atacama to Patagonia**, online exclusive.

3. VALENCIA, SPAIN

Discover the origins of paella when you join a Spanish chef for a cooking demonstration at a restaurant that fuses typical Valencian food with modern Mediterranean cuisine. The name 'paella' comes from the Valencian word for 'frying pan', so it comes as no surprise that you'll indulge in this aromatic favourite straight from the hot pan. The perfect accompaniment to a glass of chilled sangria. **Highlights of Spain**, page 64.

4. SALTASH, ENGLAND

Showcasing produce foraged from the Cornish countryside or supplied by local farmers, Heskyn Mill's chefs are the proud pioneers of both sustainable sourcing and elevated vegetarian cuisine – although seafood and meat are also on the daily changing menu. Over lunch here you'll soon understand why the restaurant was awarded gold by the most prestigious food awards programme in England's South West, the 'Taste of the West'. **Best of Britain**, page 50.



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Insightful Insights

Oysters can change their sex. In fact, they will often do it more than once. Indulge in an oyster or two on **Country Roads of Croatia**, page 126.

There are around 49 million bubbles in a bottle of champagne. Sip and savour on **Country Roads of France**, page 142.

42 bottles of whisky are exported from Scotland every second. Whet your whistle on **Best of Ireland & Scotland**, page 48.

The Dutch are the largest cheese exporters in the world, producing 650 million kilos annually. Find a new favourite variety on **Country Roads of Belgium, Luxembourg & the Netherlands**, page 138.

The Burgundy region produces a surprisingly tiny amount of wine: about 3% of France's overall output. Appreciate a glass on **Country Roads of France**, page 142.

There are 1.5 billion vegetarian people in this world. Enjoy a selection of vegetarian options across our tour menus.

5. POMPEII, ITALY

The volcanic slopes of Mt. Vesuvius are fertile, with the terroir ideal for growing abundant crops. Welcome to Casa Barone, a small family-run farm that is one of the world's only producers of Piennolo tomatoes. Meet owner Enza, who is passionately committed to sustainable growing, before savoring the distinct flavours of this special 'volcanic' tomato during a farm-to-table lunch that is as delicious as it is insightful. **Best of Italy**, page 78.

6. ATHENS, GREECE

A delicious union of yoghurt, cucumber and fresh herbs, tzatziki is a staple dip on every Greek dinner table. Under the guidance of Chef Farije, you'll learn to master this creamy specialty, alongside a host of other dishes that capture the flavours and traditions of the region. Farije's passion for Greek cuisine prepared using high-quality local ingredients is infectious. **Treasures of Greece & The Islands**, page 184.

7. MAUI, HAWAII

Hawaiian hospitality and aloha spirit unite at Hali'imaile General Store, acknowledged as one of 'America's Top Tables' by Gourmet magazine. Many attribute the popularity of farm-to-table dining to the restaurant, which is dedicated to using only locally sourced produce to highlight the diversity of Hawaiian cuisine thanks to its melting pot of cultures – Immigrant workers brought cuisines from China, Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Puerto Rico and Portugal after arriving in Hawaii, influencing the food today. **Hawaii with Oahu, Maui & the Big Island**, page 230.



MEET THE MAN BEHIND THE MEAL,
LIAM FINNEGAN EXECUTIVE CHEF
AT ASHFORD CASTLE

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*Keep things
uncomplicated and
ensure each dish is well
sourced, simple and
perfectly executed.*



Over his 20 years as a chef, Liam Finnegan has worked in some of the most prestigious kitchens in the world, a number of them with Michelin stars across Ireland and the UK. In his role as Executive Chef at Ashford Castle – Ireland’s only Forbes 5-star hotel – Liam showcases his passion for creating exciting new dishes using classic cooking techniques and local produce.

Ashford Castle has hosted distinguished guests for 800 years, including the Prince of Wales, who became George V of England. In honour of his 1905 visit, the former owners of the castle, the Guinness family, built an exquisite dining room that still bears his name today – you too can feel like royalty in the George V Dining Room.

Dine & Stay at the Majestic Ashford Castle
on **Irish Elegance**, page 44.

A rooftop terrace at dusk. In the foreground, a large, light-colored patio umbrella stands on a white base. To its right, a tiered metal candle holder holds several lit candles, casting a warm glow. The terrace has a wooden railing and a potted plant. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a dark blue sky with a crescent moon.

Hotel Havens. Check In, Bliss Out.

HAND SELECTED STAYS THAT IMPRESS

From Zagat to Condé Nast Traveller's Gold List, there are countless hotel ratings and awards. Here at Insight, we have our own curated compilation of standout places to stay, based on decades of experience in the industry and knowledgeable insiders on the ground. Whether you're dreaming of a place with plenty of character and individual design, a premium central hotel, or perhaps a resort with a postcard-perfect pool, our tours deliver an array of hand selected stays that unite style and stories in equal measure. And you'll actually truly get to enjoy them as well thanks to the fact that Insight Vacations knows the value of relaxed morning starts and itineraries with a slower, more leisurely pace. Read on for some hotel highlights.

Splendid Hotel, Venice

Stay here on: **Italian Elegance**, page 88.

STYLISH STAYS

Wonder-filled days blend seamlessly into stylish nights. Start and end each day with the comfort of our trusted 5 and 4-star hotel partners.

Every stay is a standout on an Insight Vacations tour, but here are some of our favourites across just a few destinations.

1. GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Accommodation in Geneva doesn't get any more luxurious than the Hotel D'Angleterre, a five-star, design-driven delight that blends British charm with Swiss hospitality – and then there are the views of the Jet d'Eau on Lake Geneva and the city centre. Be sure to end your day with a beverage in the hotel's glamorous Leopard Lounge. **Glorious Switzerland**, page 108.

2. SEVILLE, SPAIN

Seville is home to the world's biggest gothic cathedral, but staying at the Meliá Sevilla brings modernity, comfort and the soul of Andalusia to guests. In the heart of the city, this elegant urban hotel lies alongside the iconic Plaza de España and magnificent María Luisa Park, with a breathtaking pool. **Highlights of Spain**, page 64.

3. IVALO, FINLAND

Take your Northern Lights gazing to the next level with a stay at Aurora Village. Your private cabin has a laser-heated glass ceiling, which means you'll fall asleep gazing at the changing colours of the heavens if you're lucky, and sleep soundly knowing your view won't be obstructed by ice or snowfall. **Northern Lights of Scandinavia**, page 156.

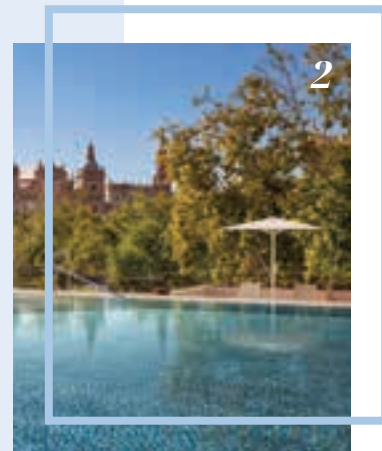
4. NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Known for its Gilded Age mansions and yacht-studded harbour, Newport is as glamorous as American cities get. Experience the sophistication first-hand at boutique Hotel Viking, delivering sublime hospitality for almost a century – small wonder it's registered with the Historic Hotels of America. **Boston, Cape Cod & the Islands**, online exclusive.



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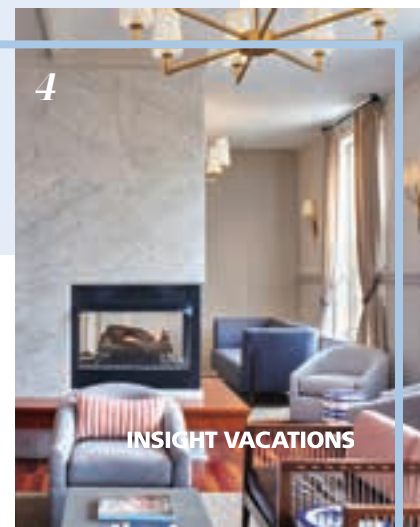
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The Indian city of Jaipur – aka the ‘Pink City’ – was given its colour in 1876 to welcome Queen Victoria’s husband, Prince Albert. It retains its blushing hues to this day, as you’ll discover when you check in to Hotel ITC Rajputana. **Classical India & Nepal**, page 200.

When someone is a Talleyrand, they are known to be a crafty and skilled politician. Learn about the historic figure who inspired the term when you visit the Loire Valley in France and see the Château De Rochecotte. This hotel is the former private estate of Prince Tallyrand. **Normandy, Brittany & the Loire Valley**, page 140.

There are more bicycles than people in Amsterdam, as you’ll witness firsthand while staying at the 5-star Grand Hotel Amrath Amsterdam.

Set in a former shipping house overlooking a canal, this century-old, art nouveau-style hotel offers a deluxe stay. **European Rhapsody**, online exclusive.

5. HÖFN, ICELAND

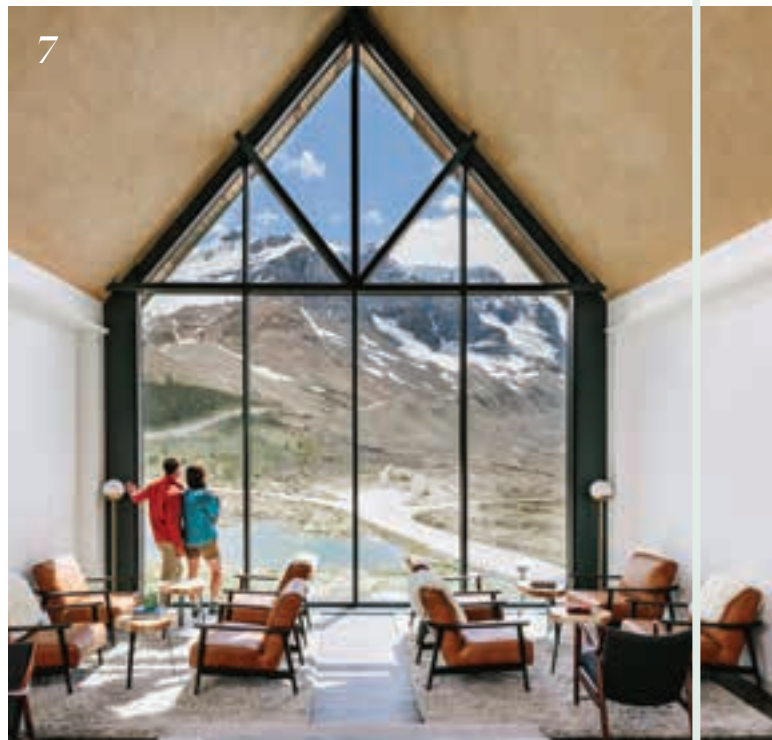
Iceland’s jaw dropping Vatnajökull glacier is the largest of its kind in Europe, and you’ll have a clear view from your sleek room at Hótel Höfn. In summer, look forward to rainbow-hued glacier sunsets; in winter, there’s the chance to glimpse the Northern Lights. **Natural Wonders of Iceland**, page 158.

6. NORTH BOVEY, UNITED KINGDOM

Channel your inner royalty when you check in to grand Bovey Castle, a 5-star gem within Dartmoor National Park. Each room is individually designed, offering dramatic woodland or courtyard views. You may even glimpse the hotel’s private 18-hole golf course. **Country Roads of Wales, Devon & Cornwall**, page 38.

7. BANFF, CANADA

When it comes to rooms with a view, they don’t get much better than those at the aptly named Glacier View Lodge. Sitting pretty within Canada’s first national park, the property is exclusive in its outlook – and also offers unprecedented access to the glacier on guided tours. It doesn’t get much cooler than that. **Canadian Rockies & Pacific Coast**, page 224.



WHEN THE JOURNEY MATTERS AS MUCH AS THE DESTINATION

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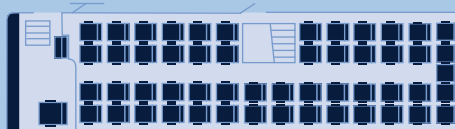
Our premium guided tours are seamless thanks to smaller group sizes, to truly maximise your time. You can always select between a Classic Groups size, which averages just 33 guests and never more than 40. Or select a Small Groups size, which have no more than 24 guests, available on all tours.

Our luxury coaches feature double the legroom and personal space of a regular touring coach. Each is customised with bathroom facilities, device chargers, tray tables and drink holders, for the most superior on-road experience. Adjust your personal air-conditioning for comfort, and stay in touch with complimentary Wi-Fi.

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Pioneering Responsible Travel

MAKE YOUR TRAVELS A FORCE
FOR GOOD –
CHANGING LIVES FOREVER

Travel has the power to change lives – not only yours, but those of locals in the destinations you visit. As a tour company we take this charter seriously, and we aim to protect the world as we know it for future generations. We are committed to having a positive impact on not only the people and communities we visit, but also by protecting the wildlife we encounter, and conserving the natural resources of the planet we call home. We do this through our 5-year sustainability strategy How We Tread Right (HWTR) and our not-for-profit TreadRight Foundation which supports sustainable travel initiatives worldwide, with a focus on nature-based solutions to the climate crisis.

Insightful Insights

Globally, 51 billion tons of greenhouse gases (GHG) are emitted into our atmosphere annually. We have a mission to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. We are the only tour company with an Internal Carbon Fund – a fund dedicated to financing initiatives to reduce the carbon emissions of our business.

Kelp forests generate approximately \$500 billion annually in ecosystem services, such as capturing carbon and removing nutrient pollution from water. We invest in nature-based solutions to tackle climate change, such as partnering with GreenWave, supported by our TreadRight Foundation. The GreenWave's Kelp Climate Fund plants kelp and provides subsidies to ocean-based farmers.

Research shows that inclusive companies are 1.7 times more likely to be innovative. We don't travel to experience 'sameness' – we explore to meet different people, hear new perspectives, and delve into exciting destinations. To the team at Insight, DEI (diversity, equality, inclusion) is much more than a catchphrase – it's our ethos as a business, ingrained in our day to day at all levels, and across all countries.

The 5 year strategy

Our sustainability strategy, How We Tread Right (HWTR), is our guiding light when it comes to addressing the impact of our business and our trips. It consists of 11 measurable goals which address the issues of climate change, sustainable food production, waste reduction, travel experiences, diversity and inclusion, and wildlife, all anchored to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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WE SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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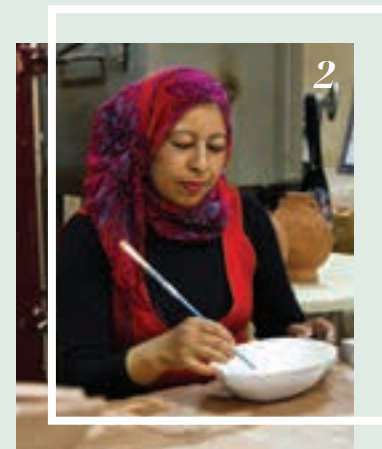
As part of our 5-year sustainability strategy How We Tread Right, each and every tour includes at least one MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. These immersive impact experiences are not only a positive force for change in the destinations you visit, by advancing one or more of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), but also offer you the chance to take a deep dive into culture and community. Here are six to inspire your travels.

1. SEVILLE, SPAIN

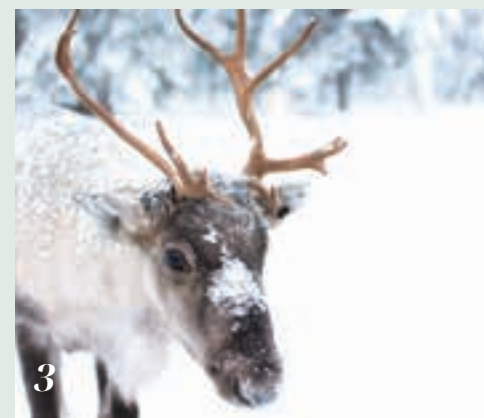
Through nurturing young Andalusian talent, the Cristina Heeren Foundation is preserving the revered Spanish tradition of flamenco. This is more than just a dance – it's a way of life, and one that you'll experience first-hand with the foundation's students during a private (and highly emotive) performance and interactive dance class. Your visit supports UN Global Goal 4: Quality Education, conserving local traditions and protecting natural heritage. **Highlights of Spain**, page 64, **Amazing Spain & Portugal**, page 74 & 4 other tours.

2. AMMAN, JORDAN

The Iraq Al-Amir Women's Cooperative is a not-for-profit organisation managed and run by women. Here they develop training projects that have assisted hundreds of local women financially, teaching the skills required to create traditional handicrafts. The creation and sale of the crafts help boost financial livelihood among female communities. Your visit supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality, as well as UN Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities. **Jordan Experience**, page 176, **Land of the Prophets**, page 178 & 3 other tours.



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3. SAMI CAMP, NORWAY

Arctic Norway never fails to dazzle, but it's even more spectacular when glimpsed through the eyes of its Indigenous inhabitants. Join a Sami family in their reindeer camp to share their traditions, culture and history over dinner and games. Step inside a traditional tent to hear stories and folk songs around the fire after enjoying an authentic Sami meal. Your visit supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities.

Northern Lights of Scandinavia, page 156.

4. BANFF, CANADA

Canada's Indigenous communities have survived and thrived for millennia thanks to their knowledge of the country's native flora and fauna. In Banff, you'll take a deep dive into the world of natural plant medicines – used historically and to this day – when you join a First Nations Cree Iroquois Local Expert from Mahikan Trails, while wandering through the boreal forest. Your visit supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities. **Spectacular Rockies & Glaciers of Alberta**, online exclusive.

5. GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, IRELAND

Mother Nature turns up the geological drama at Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Northern Ireland's number-one attraction. Decide for yourself if the basalt formations are the handiwork of ancient volcanic activity – or of a legendary Irish giant – then discover how the National Trust protects biodiversity and ecosystems here, supporting both wildlife and quality food production, during your educational walking tour. Your visit supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Country Roads of Ireland, page 46, **Britain & Ireland Discovery**, page 33 & 1 other tour.

6. MONUMENT VALLEY, UNITED STATES

Monument Valley's sandstone buttes dial up nature's drama – and there are Indigenous stories behind each and every one of them, as you'll discover when you venture deep into this desert wilderness in off-road vehicles. You'll also enjoy a BBQ cookout set amongst red rocks and the sounds of nature in the desert backcountry. Try traditional Navajo fry-bread and interact with members of the Navajo Nation who will regale you with traditional stories. Your visit supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Wonders of the American West, online exclusive & **America's Magnificent National Parks**, page 218.





Britain & Ireland



Insightful Insights

In 1861 Queen Victoria visited Killarney and is credited with putting this charming town on the Irish tourism map. Killarney is known for its age-old tradition of the Horse-Drawn Carriage, but these were actually first introduced to Ireland in 1815 by an Italian entrepreneur named Charles Bianconi.

French became the UK's official language in 1066 with the arrival of William the Conqueror.

Halloween originated in Ireland as the Celtic festival of Samhain, a pagan religious celebration to welcome the harvest at the end of summer, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts.

Britain & Ireland Explorer

13 days, page 30

Britain & Ireland Discovery

22 days, page 33

Romantic Britain & Ireland

18 days, page 36

Country Roads of Wales, Devon & Cornwall

11 days, page 38

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BRITAIN & IRELAND EXPLORER

*Experience the regal heritage of Edinburgh Castle,
learn the secrets of Guinness, go jaunting and see
beauty of England's Lake District.*

13 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DAY 1 | STRATFORD-UPON-AVON AND MEDIEVAL YORK

At 07:30, meet your Travel Director and journey to Stratford, beautifully situated on the River Avon. Visit the birthplace of William Shakespeare, full of interesting memorabilia and artefacts relating to his life. Continue on to York, where you walk within the old city walls to the crooked houses of the Shambles and see York Minster, England's largest medieval cathedral. Join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner with drinks and the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. (D)
Hilton, York.

DAY 2 | DURHAM, HADRIAN'S WALL AND EDINBURGH

Stop in Durham to see the castle and Romanesque cathedral. Then view part of Hadrian's Wall, Britain's most impressive Roman monument, once spanning 80 miles from coast-to-coast, marking the northern frontier of the mighty Roman Empire. Cross the Scottish border to reach the elegant Scottish capital, Edinburgh, known for its medieval, Georgian and neo-classical architecture. (B)
Leonardo Royal Hotel, Edinburgh.

DAY 3 | SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Journey down the Royal Mile to see the Palace of Holyroodhouse - official Scottish residence of His Majesty the King - before crossing over to New Town. Next, walk with your Local Expert inside Edinburgh Castle for spectacular views of the town and to see Scotland's Crown Jewels, the Stone of Destiny and Mons Meg. The afternoon is free to shop on Princes Street and amble through the secret lanes of Auld Reekie. In the evening, select departures will enjoy the spectacle of The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo - a colourful mixture of historic battles and military manoeuvres with pipes and drums. (B)

DAY 4 | ST. ANDREWS AND INVERNESS

Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife. Make your way to St. Andrews, home to the Old Course and birthplace of golf. Enjoy free time to explore. Perhaps stroll to West Sands Beach where the famous 'Chariots of Fire' scene was filmed? Your travels continue as you cross the Tay river. Journey via Blair Atholl and past the Grampian Mountains to the sparkling Spey Valley. Later, continue to Inverness and your hotel. (B) (D)
AC Hotel Inverness by Marriott, Inverness.

DAY 5 | LOCH NESS AND GLENCOE

In the morning, travel along Loch Ness and hear tales of the famous Nessie. Continue your journey through some of the most stunning scenery in all of Scotland, found in the region of Glencoe. Reach the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond and admire the incredible scenery as you cruise what is arguably one of Scotland's most beautiful lochs, while enjoying a light lunch. Cross the

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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English border before arriving at your lakeside hotel. (B) (L) (D)
Castle Green Hotel, Kendal.

DAY 6 | THE ENGLISH LAKES TO LIVERPOOL

In the morning, discover the beauty of the Lake District. Continue to your hotel in Liverpool. Liverpool is known for its contribution to music, home to The Beatles, arguably the most successful band in history. In the afternoon, why not join The Beatles City Tour Optional Experience? (B)

DAY 7 | NORTH WALES AND OVER TO DUBLIN

Today, continue through Wales, passing the massive Conwy Castle before crossing over to the Isle of Anglesey. The village with the longest name in Europe will be visible - see if you are able to read it aloud! From the port of Holyhead, set sail for Dublin in Ireland. Follow in the footsteps of literary giants James Joyce and Oscar Wilde, through the lyrical streets of Dublin, setting the stage for a memorable encounter with Ireland's iconic highlights. (B)
The Morgan Hotel/Trinity City Hotel, Dublin.

DAY 8 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

Experience Ireland's national world-famous drink with a self-guided visit to the Guinness Storehouse. Gain a fascinating insight into the history and traditions behind its production. Later, become acquainted with Dublin's elegant squares during sightseeing with a Local Expert. See famous O'Connell Street, the Custom House and Dublin Castle. For the rest of the afternoon, you are free to soak up the Irish atmosphere or browse the shops along Grafton Street. (B)

DAY 9 | FROM DUBLIN TO KILLARNEY

Travel to Ireland's premier thoroughbred horse breeding region for a fascinating, behind-the-scenes visit of the National Stud with an equine professional. You then visit the acclaimed



I love to learn, discover and share my knowledge with like-minded people, so they can discover riches they did not know existed.

— LAURENT, TRAVEL DIRECTOR



Special Events & Dates

Select departures in August attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in York | Light Lunch while cruising Loch Lomond | Choice of Dine-Around restaurants in Killarney | Celebration Dinner in Waterford.

Insightful Experiences

Waterford: Visit Waterford Crystal to learn more about the art of crystal carving that has been practised here since the late 1700s. See master craftsmen utilise traditional cutting and blowing methods at one of the few remaining artisan workshops.

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DAY 13 | Visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community.

Insight Choice

Blarney: Choose between a visit to Blarney Castle to see the famous Stone of Eloquence, and a visit to the lush gardens of the estate with a senior gardener.

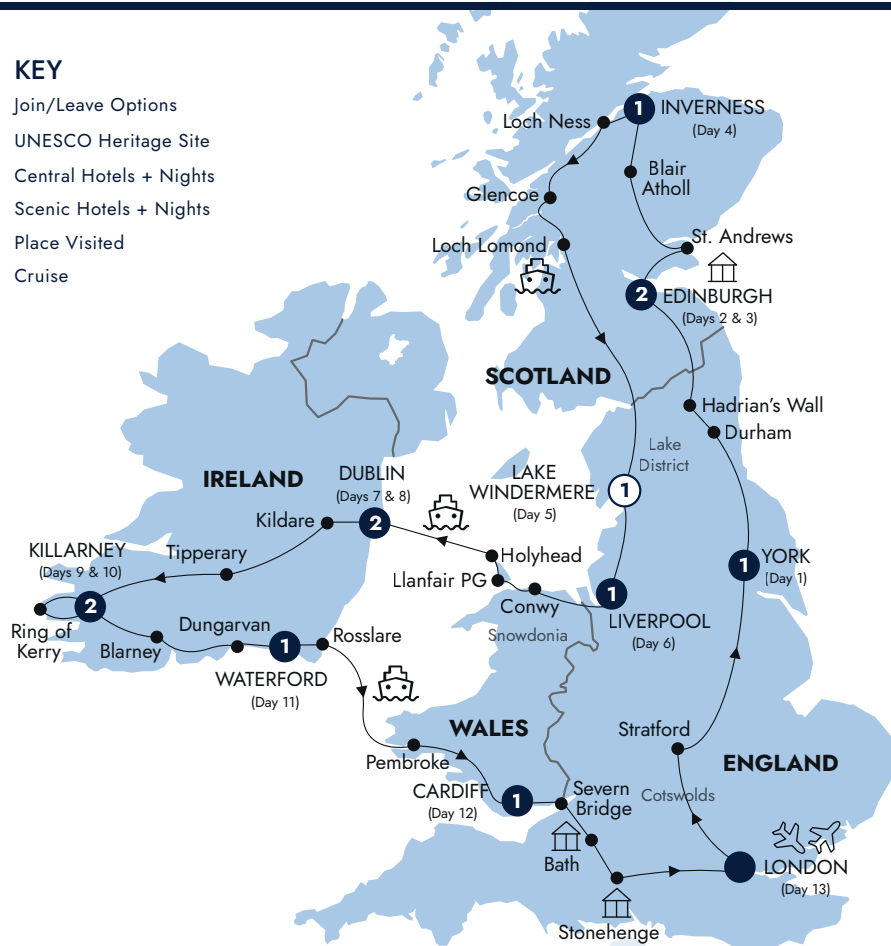
Top Rated Highlights

Travel by ferry across the Irish Sea. Visit Shakespeare's birthplace | Edinburgh Castle | Roman Baths and Pump Room | Stonehenge | City tours of Edinburgh and Dublin, with Local Experts | See Lake Windermere | Rock of Cashel.

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- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Cruise



100-year-old Japanese Gardens, where you can 'journey through life.' Cross the rolling pastures that encircle Tipperary to Brookfield Farm and join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Meet Ailbhe Gerrard, a passionate farmer and beekeeper, who shares her secrets to crafting the most delicious and sustainable honey of the island over a delicious Farm-to-Table lunch. At night, your Dine-Around Evening offers authentic and intimate dining with your friends, from a hand-picked selection of fine local restaurants. (B) (L) (D) The Gleneagle/Internationa, Killarney.

DAY 10 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

In the morning, join a delightful trip around the Ring of Kerry, a world of towering cliffs, lush lakelands and remote villages. The Ring is a 179km circular route around the Iveragh Peninsula in County Kerry in South Western Ireland. Get a sense of the unhurried pace of Irish life as you pass through Ireland's highest mountain range and make your way to the three peaceful Lakes of Killarney, Lough Leane, Muckross Lake (also called Middle Lake) and Upper Lake. Explore Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and past the grounds of Ross Castle, admiring the incredible scenery of the National Park. While there aren't any mountains to climb, walkers should be fit, have good walking shoes or boots, sunscreen and rain gear. (B)

DAY 11 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND WATERFORD

Explore Blarney with Insight Choice. Choose to climb up the ramparts and see the famous Stone of Eloquence. Also known as the Blarney Stone, there is a tradition to kiss it that's been around for several centuries, and is said to give a person the gift of eloquence and persuasiveness. Alternatively, visit the lush gardens of the estate with a senior gardener. Travel on through the scenic port of Dungarvan to the historic walled city of Waterford, with its 11th century Reginald Tower. The medieval city was attacked several times, and earned the motto *Urbs Intacta Manet* (the untaken city). Enjoy a guided visit of the world-famous House of Waterford Crystal and meet a master craftsman. After miles of fun and fascinating sights, spirits will be high during your Celebration Dinner. Toast to your newfound friends — Sláinte! (B) (D) Granville Hotel, Waterford.

DAY 12 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO CARDIFF

Start your morning in Rosslare, a tourist resort for at least 100 years. It is noted as the "sunniest spot in Ireland". From the port of Rosslare, board



your ferry to cross the Irish Sea. The ferry terminal at Rosslare Harbour (Ireland's second largest passenger port) provides passenger services from Ireland to South Wales and the ports of northern France. A pleasant drive will then take you into the rural scenery of Pembrokeshire. Continue past the valleys of southern Wales to the capital, Cardiff, famous for its imposing Cardiff Castle and brilliant Principality Stadium, the National Stadium of Wales. (B) Clayton Hotel, Cardiff.

DAY 13 | ROMAN BATHS AND STONEHENGE

Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community.

See the incredibly well-preserved remains of one of the greatest spas of the ancient world, still owing with the natural hot water from the springs below. Its school educational programme actively supports local schools and students to learn about the cultural heritage of the region. The Roman Baths experience advances UN Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education. Your journey continues across Salisbury Plain for a visit to a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Stonehenge, it is the most architecturally sophisticated prehistoric stone circle in the world. No-one can be sure why they were built, or even how prehistoric man could move such huge blocks of stone. Your exploration of Britain and Ireland draws to a close upon your return to the hotel in London. (B) The Clermont Victoria, London.



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*Hear the story of Nessie on a Loch Ness cruise
and visit the Orkney Islands' 5000-year-old
Skara Brae village.*

22 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 31 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DAY 1 | LONDON TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

At 08:00, meet your Travel Director. Stop in Oxford and travel through Cotswolds villages. In Stratford-upon-Avon, visit Shakespeare's birthplace. Join your Travel Director at a local restaurant for your Welcome Dinner. (D) Swan's Nest Hotel, Stratford.

DAY 2 | MEDIEVAL YORK

Head to the historic city of York. Inside the ancient city walls, see the York Minster, the largest medieval church in northern Europe. (B) (D) Hilton, York.

DAY 3 | BY THE LAKES TO EDINBURGH

Travel across the Yorkshire Dales and wild Pennines to the picturesque Lake District. A scenic wonderland awaits, with rugged mountains and tranquil waters that inspired a host of English poets, including Wordsworth, Coleridge, Tennyson and Shelley. After a visit to Wordsworth's grave in the village of Grasmere, cross into Scotland and stop briefly at Gretna Green. This is the famous spot where runaway lovers were married over the anvil at the blacksmith's shop. Then it's on to the majestic Scottish capital. (B) Apex City, Edinburgh.

DAY 4 | SCOTLAND'S CITY OF CULTURE

Join a Local Expert for a trip along Princes Street to see the ornate Victorian Gothic monument to Sir Walter Scott and the elegant 18th century New Town with its classical Adam facades. Over in the Old Town, see the Palace of Holyroodhouse - the official Scottish residence of His Majesty, The King and visit the castle, home of Mons Meg, the Stone of Destiny and the Honours of Scotland - Scotland's glittering Crown Jewels. The rest of the day is at leisure. Perhaps research your family tartan in the Tartan Centre or visit the art treasures in the National Gallery? In the evening, select departures will attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo - a colourful mix of pipes and drums, dance and display, set against the floodlit backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. (B)

DAY 5 | INVERNESS

Make your way to St. Andrews, home to the Old Course and birthplace of golf. Stop at Culloden Moor. Travel to the Highland capital of Inverness. (B) (D) AC by Marriott, Inverness.

DAY 6 | LOCH NESS TO WICK

Start the day with a journey of discovery on a Loch Ness cruise. Soak up the scenery, historic monuments and intriguing tales of Nessie in the heart of Scotland's great glen. Your travels then follow the rugged coast north to the fishing port of Wick. Visit a whisky distillery to taste a wee dram and learn about the production of the national drink. Don't blink as you drive on to your hotel - you pass Ebenezer Place, which at 2.06 m, is the world's shortest street! (B) (D) The Norseman Hotel, Wick.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 7 | ORKNEY ISLANDS EXPERIENCE

Visit the most northern community on the British mainland, John O'Groats. Board the ferry to the beautiful Orkney Islands, where the hardy locals live 'below the wind and above the water.' Your Local Expert takes you to the 5000-year-old village of Skara Brae, the mysterious Ring of Brodgar, the town of Kirkwall and the small chapel built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

Relax and enjoy the stunning landscapes of lochs and mountains on your way to the fishing town of Ullapool. Continue alongside Loch Carron and through Glen Carron, before crossing to the magical Isle of Skye - the largest and most beautiful island of the Inner Hebrides. Hear the story of the song 'Over the Sea to Skye,' which tells of young Flora MacDonald and how she helped to rescue Bonnie Prince Charlie, who fled in disguise after his defeat at Culloden. Admire the scenic splendour on the way to your hotel in Broadford. (B)

The Dunollie Hotel, Broadford.

DAY 9 | LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW

Stop at Loch Lomond before travelling to Glasgow. (B)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

DAY 10 | WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS ON THE WAY TO LONDONDERRY

Journey to the iconic Giant's Causeway, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Learn how the National Trust is enabling farming and biodiversity to work together, supporting both wildlife and quality food production. (B) (D)

Da Vinci's Hotel Derry, Londonderry.

DAY 11 | BELLEEK AND SLIGO BAY

Meet Ronan, one of the nation's great storytellers in Londonderry. Meet artisans at Belleek Pottery and Visitor Centre. (B) (D)

Clayton Hotel, Sligo.

DAY 12 | GALWAY AND LIMERICK

Experience the rugged landscape of Connemara, a wonderland of rivers and lakes.

In Galway, see St. Nicholas Cathedral. (B)

The George Hotel, Limerick.

DAY 13 | ADARE TO KILLARNEY

Start the day with an exploration of Limerick where you will see King John's Castle, St. Mary's Cathedral and the Treaty Stone. Continue your journey through the land of song and legend via the picturesque thatched village of Adare, into County Kerry and onto your Killarney hotel. (B)

Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa, Killarney.



DAY 14 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

In the morning, enjoy a trip around the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's most scenic journeys. See towering cliffs, lush lakelands, remote villages, Ireland's highest mountain range and the three peaceful Lakes of Killarney. At night your Dine-Around Evening offers you authentic and intimate dining as you choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants, ranging in style and ambiance. (B) (D)

DAY 15 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND CORK

Visit Blarney Castle, where you might kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that by kissing the stone endows the kisser with the gift of gab. (B)

Maldron Hotel South Mall, Cork City.

DAY 16 | KILKENNY AND DUBLIN

Travel to the medieval city of Kilkenny to visit Kilkenny Castle. With a Local Expert, learn how the castle was built in 1195 after the Norman Conquest of Ireland and admire its beautifully restored Victorian era rooms. Continue to Ireland's lively capital, Dublin, and spend a leisurely evening relaxing, exploring or perhaps taking in a famous Irish cabaret? (B)

Trinity City Hotel, Dublin.

DAY 17 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

Experience Ireland's national, world-famous drink with a visit to the Guinness Storehouse. Gain a fascinating insight into the history and traditions behind its production. Then meet your Local Expert who will show you the sights of the city, including Dublin's elegant Georgian squares, O'Connell Street and the Custom House. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)



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DAY 18 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO CHESTER

Bid farewell to Ireland as you board the ferry to Wales. Cross the Isle of Anglesey, via the village bearing Britain's longest name, and continue over the Menai Straits for a stop in the walled market town of Conwy to see the castle. (B) (D) The Queen at Chester, BW Premier Collection by Best Western, Chester.

DAY 19 | THE WELSH MARCHES TO CARDIFF

Continue through the countryside to the Welsh capital and see the Principality Stadium and Cardiff Castle. (B) (D) Clayton, Cardiff.

DAY 20 | BATH AND SOMERSET

Cross the soaring Severn Bridge to reach the elegant Georgian city of Bath, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built in amphitheatre-style on the surrounding hills. An orientation of the city will show you the impressive Pulteney Bridge and gothic Bath Abbey, famous for the sculpture of angels climbing Jacob's Ladder. Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. Journey on to

Somerset, see Wells Cathedral, as you make your way to Plymouth for the night. (B) Crowne Plaza Plymouth/Copthorne Hotel, Plymouth.

DAY 21 | DISCOVER DARTMOOR AND THE CORNISH COAST

Explore Dartmoor with Insight Choice. Choose to join a scenic exploration of Dartmoor National Park. Alternatively, cruise the scenic Plymouth harbour, where 400 years ago the Mayflower set sail for America. Back in Plymouth, enjoy a glass of wine and a delectable Celebration Dinner with your newfound friends as you toast to an inspiring journey. (B) (D)

DAY 22 | ANCIENT STONEHENGE TO LONDON

Travel across Salisbury Plain to visit the prehistoric and mysterious Stonehenge, where the strange and awe-inspiring monoliths are reputed to be up to 5,000 years old. Your discovery of Britain and Ireland concludes upon your return to the hotel in London. (B) Thistle Marble Arch, London.



Special Events & Dates

Select departures in August attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Stratford-upon-Avon | Choice of Dine-Around options in Killarney | Celebration Dinner in Cornwall | Whiskey Tasting | Guinness Tasting.

Insightful Experiences

Visit Orkney Islands with a Local Expert | Londonderry with a storyteller.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



DAY 10 | Visit the legendary Giant's Causeway, site of wonders. At the visitor centre support local wildlife, learn about the efforts to protect biodiversity and ecosystems, participating in habitat restoration.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by private cruise on Loch Ness | Cross the Irish Sea by ferry | Visit Shakespeare's birthplace | Edinburgh Castle | Culloden Visitor Centre in the Highlands | Orkney Islands | Belleek Pottery | Blarney Castle | Roman Baths and Pump Room | Stonehenge | City tours of Edinburgh and Dublin with Local Experts | Travel through the Chiltern Hills, Cotswolds, Yorkshire Dales, Pennines, English Lake District, Grampian Mountains, Spey Valley, Scottish Highlands, Ullapool, Loch Carron, Glen Carron, Isle of Skye, Valley of Glencoe, Loch Lomond, Antrim Coast, Sligo Bay, Connemara, Derrynasaggart Mountains, Severn Bridge, and Cornish Countryside.

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Embark on a romantic tour of Oxford's historic, cobbled alleyways, Edinburgh's Royal Mile and Dublin's Guinness Storehouse.

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DAY 1 | OXFORD AND STRATFORD

At 07:45, depart for Oxford and later, visit Shakespeare's Birthplace. Join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner with drinks at a local pub. (D)
DoubleTree by Hilton, Stratford-upon-Avon.

DAY 2 | LINCOLN AND MEDIEVAL YORK

Visit Lincoln and travel to see the York Minster. (B) (D)
Hilton, York.

DAY 3 | THE ENGLISH LAKES TO EDINBURGH

Stop in Wordsworth's village of Grasmere to see the poet's grave. (B)
Virgin Hotels, Edinburgh.

DAY 4 | SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Join your Local Expert to visit Edinburgh Castle and see the Palace of Holyroodhouse. In the evening, select departures will attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. (B)

DAY 5 | ST. ANDREWS AND INVERNESS

See the Old Course as you arrive in St. Andrews, and perhaps wander to St. Andrews University, where Prince William met his princess when they were students there. Stop at Blair Castle and Gardens.
Enjoy an authentic Farm-to-Table experience with traditional Scottish tea and scones. (B) (AT) (D)
Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness.

DAY 6 | ACROSS THE SEA TO SKYE

Enjoy a journey of discovery on a Loch Ness cruise. Continue across the sea to Skye. (B) (D)
The Dunollie Hotel, Broadford.

DAY 7 | LOCH LOMOND AND GLASGOW

Return to the mainland and drive to the World War II Commando Memorial, shadowed by Ben Nevis. Continue through Fort William and Loch Lomond, en route to Glasgow. (B)
Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

DAY 8 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO BELFAST

Meet your Local Expert for a passionate city tour of Belfast. (B)
Titanic Hotel, Belfast.

DAY 9 | DUBLIN CITY SIGHTSEEING.

Journey to Dublin to meet your Local Expert and see O'Connell Street, Dublin Castle and St. Patrick's Cathedral. (B)
Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin.

DAY 10 | A PINT OF THE 'BLACK STUFF'

Head to the Guinness Storehouse and enjoy a tasting of Ireland's world-famous drink. (B)

DAY 11 | GALWAY AND THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

Cross the limestone landscape of the Burren, to see the Cliffs of Moher. (B)
The George Hotel, Limerick.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 12 | THE DINGLE PENINSULA

See the 12th century St. Mary's Cathedral, King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone before setting off to Tralee via the picturesque thatched village of Adare. For dinner you are treated to a traditional Sunday roast, with all the trimmings. (B) (D)
Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa, Killarney.

DAY 13 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

Meet John for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit his family-run seaweed farm on the Ring of Kerry. Learn about sustainable farming practices that protect the wild Irish Atlantic coasts. (B) (D)

DAY 14 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND WATERFORD

Visit Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence. Join a guided visit of the House of Waterford Crystal and meet an artisan. (B) (D)
Granville Hotel, Waterford.

DAY 15 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO CARDIFF

See Cardiff Castle and the impressive Principality Stadium. (B)
Clayton Hotel, Cardiff.

DAY 16 | BATH AND GLASTONBURY

Visit the Roman Baths and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering educational investments to benefit the community, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Continue to Glastonbury and see the abbey. (B)
The Imperial Torquay (Sea view rooms).

DAY 17 | THE CORNISH COAST

Explore Dartmoor with Insight Choice. Choose to join a scenic exploration of Dartmoor National Park. Alternatively, enjoy a relaxing cruise of Plymouth harbour. At your Celebration Dinner, enjoy a fine selection of local dishes with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 18 | SALISBURY PLAIN AND STONEHENGE

Visit the mysterious megaliths of Stonehenge and return to London. (B)



Special Events & Dates
Select departures in August attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Stratford-Upon-Avon | Afternoon tea at Blair Castle in Inverness | Sunday roast in Killarney | Choice of Dine-Around restaurants in Killarney | Celebration Dinner in Torquay | Taste Guinness at the Guinness Storehouse in Dublin.

Insightful Experiences

Waterford: Visit Waterford Crystal to learn more about the art of crystal carving that has been practised here since the late 1700s. See master craftsmen utilise traditional cutting and blowing methods at one of the few remaining artisan workshops.

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DAY 13 | Visit a local seaweed farm striving to protect the fragile ecosystem of the wild Atlantic Irish coasts.

DAY 16 | Visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community (pictured above).

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by cruise on Loch Ness | Cross the Irish Sea by ferry | Visit Shakespeare's birthplace.

See more experiences online

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Cruise



COUNTRY ROADS OF WALES, DEVON & CORNWALL

*Delight at seaside villages and country lanes.
Sip Devonshire tea, explore manors and enjoy
a 5-star castle stay at Bovey Castle.*

11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - Oct

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DAY 1 | OXFORD, THE COTSWOLDS AND BATH

Welcome to England. At 08:00 you'll be picked up from the hotel in London before making your way along the scenic Great West Way road to Oxford for an orientation with your Travel Director.

Continue your journey on to the Cotswolds to see Bourton-on-the-Water and the pretty market town of Stow-on-the-Wold. Heading to the historic city of Bath for an orientation of the city.

End your day with a delicious traditional Sunday roast at your Welcome Dinner. (D)
Apex Hotel, Bath.

DAY 2 | BATH THROUGH THE YEARS

After a relaxed start to enjoy the amenities at your spa hotel, begin your exploration of Bath in a rejuvenated manner. Having attained UNESCO World Heritage status in 1987, this unique city is famous for its Georgian and Victorian architecture and of course its Roman-built baths. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths, also an important hub of culture and education for the area. During free time perhaps learn more about the life of the esteemed author Jane Austen, who made Bath her home? (B)

DAY 3 | BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK

Visit the Brecon Beacons with Insight Choice. Choose to join your Local Expert for a foraging walk in the stunning surroundings of the Brecon Beacons National Park. Under her tuition she will show you how to reconnect with nature, and forage for edible and medicinal plants. Alternatively, visit a local kitchen garden for a peek into the freshest seasonal aromatics from this stunning area. After a morning in the great outdoors, rectify your lethargic bliss with a hearty Farm-to-Table pub lunch, where a delicious seasonal menu with local ingredients will be available. (B) (L)
Clayton Hotel, Cardiff.

DAY 4 | CARDIFF

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning. Join your Travel Director for an orientation of this vibrant city. See Principality Stadium, home of Welsh Rugby, and Cardiff Castle. The rest of your day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 5 | GLASTONBURY ABBEY AND PLYMOUTH

Begin your day at the historic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, an 8th-century monastery now registered as a Grade I listed building. Continue to the port city of Plymouth in Devon, famous for its cobbled streets, gin distilleries and the Mayflower. (B)
Crowne Plaza, Plymouth.

DAY 6 | EXPLORING THE SOUTHWEST

Today, journey to the quaint coastal town of Looe, a vacation hotspot of the Victorian Era. Continue to St. Ives, where art galleries, surf shops and fashion boutiques line the streets. Later, visit Penzance,

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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made famous by the comic opera "The Pirates of Penzance," which recounts the adventures of pirates who arrived at the city's shores in the late 18th century. (B)

The Royal and Fortescue Hotel, Barnstaple.

DAY 7 | LEGENDS OF CORNWALL

Admire the unspoiled maritime scenery of Cornwall as you begin your day in Tintagel, featured in the legendary tale of King Arthur. Travel to Port Isaac, a pretty fishing village and popular filming location for British television programmes. For lunch, visit Padstow and perhaps try traditional fish and chips. (B)

DAY 8 | BREATHTAKING NATIONAL PARKS

Stop in the town of Lynmouth before journeying to Somerset's Exmoor National Park, a unique landscape of moorland, woodland and dramatic coastline. Your day ends at Bovey Castle. Nestled in the rolling valleys of Dartmoor National Park, this five-star accommodations stands amid 275 acres of picturesque countryside. Catch up with your fellow travellers tonight over dinner at the hotel. (B) (D)

Bovey Castle, Dartmoor.

DAY 9 | COUNTRY HOUSES OF DORSET

Stop at Athelhampton, a 500-year-old Tudor Manor House in the heart of Dorset. Join Estate Manager Owen for a walk through one of the world's greatest estates, and enjoy time at leisure to explore the tranquil Elizabethan gardens. Delight in a quintessential Devonshire high tea with freshly baked scones and sandwiches. (B) (D)

Summer Lodge Country House Hotel & Restaurant, Dorset.

DAY 10 | JURASSIC COAST AND WEYMOUTH

Admire England's only natural World Heritage Site, the Jurassic Coast, during a visit to Lulworth Cove. Stroll on the pebbled beach or learn about the unique geology at the Visitor Centre. Enjoy time at leisure in Weymouth to explore the harbour town or perhaps join an Optional visit to historic Nothe Fort. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for a Celebration Dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine. (B) (D)

DAY 11 | SALISBURY AND STONEHENGE

This morning, journey to iconic Stonehenge to appreciate the history, and mystery, of this prehistoric monument. The ring of standing stones is believed to have been constructed between 3000 BC and 2000 BC. It was made a legally protected Scheduled Ancient Monument in 1882 and, as one of Britain's most celebrated sites, draws visitors from around the world. Continue to Salisbury and visit the 13th-century cathedral. Witness Britain's tallest spire and see the world's best-preserved original copy of the Magna Carta. End your day in London. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Bath | Hearty Farm-to-Table Lunch in Brecon Beacons | Celebration Dinner in Dorchester.

Insightful Experiences

Dorchester: Visit the Manor House of Athelhampton and join a Estate Manager Owen on a guided tour to discover the beautiful Tudor architecture and Elizabethan style gardens.

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DAY 2 | Visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the Bath community.

Scenic Drives

Enjoy the scenery as you travel on the Great West Way between London and Oxford, through the Cotswolds, Brecon Beacons National Park, Exmoor National Park, Cornish coast, Dartmoor National Park and Dorset.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Exmoor National Park | Glastonbury Abbey | Stonehenge | See Cardiff Castle | Oxford | Picturesque Cotswolds villages | Plymouth Hoe, the Barbican and Mayflower Steps in Plymouth | Looe | Port Isaac | Padstow | Penzance.

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KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited



COUNTRY ROADS OF SCOTLAND

Follow your curiosity sailing to the Isle of Skye, the Orkney Islands and strolling St. Andrews' cobbled streets.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 15 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: B905

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

Welcome to Scotland - land of legends and romance, from the great cultural cities in the south, to the dramatic mountains and misty lochs of the Highlands. On arrival at Edinburgh airport, transfers depart for your hotel at 09:00, 11:00 and 13:00. Then the rest of the day is yours to relax before joining your Travel Director at 16:30 for a Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. On select departures, during your time in Edinburgh you will also attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo — a colourful mix of pipes and drums, dance and display, set against the floodlit backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. (D)
Malmaison Hotel, Edinburgh.

DAY 2 | EDINBURGH, THE CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Join a Local Expert to see the highlights of the city. In the Old Town, see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the King. Drive along Princes Street to the ornate Scott Memorial, then see the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Georgian facades. Venture up the Royal Mile to visit Edinburgh Castle, home of Mons Meg, the Stone of Destiny and Scotland's Crown Jewels. The rest of the day is at leisure; why not visit the art treasures in the National Gallery? (B)

DAY 3 | TO ST. ANDREWS AND THE HIGHLAND CAPITAL OF INVERNESS

Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife and journey to St. Andrews, passing the Old Course, home of golf since its creation in the 15th century. Enjoy free time to explore. Perhaps stroll to West Sands Beach where the famous 'Chariots of Fire' scene was filmed? Alternatively, wander to St. Andrews University where the love story of Kate Middleton meeting her Prince Charming began. Continue via Blair Atholl and pass the Grampian Mountains on the way to the sparkling Spey Valley. Stop at Blair Castle and Gardens, which has been home to the Atholl family for over seven centuries. Tour the magnificent ballroom and learn about the history of the estate. During your visit relish a delicious cream tea. (B) (AT) (D)
Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness.

DAY 4 | CULLODEN, LOCH NESS AND ONTO THURSO

See Culloden Moor in the morning, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was crushed in 1746. Visit the Culloden Visitor Centre before continuing along the shores of Loch Ness. Keep your eyes peeled for the legendary monster! Next, follow the rugged coast north to the fishing port of Wick. Explore Wick with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Old Pulteney Distillery to taste a wee dram of its award-winning whiskeys. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a visit to the highly rated Wick Heritage Museum and hear about the past of this once thriving fishing community. (B) (D)
The Pentland Hotel, Thurso, Wick.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 5 | A DAY IN THE ORKNEY ISLANDS

Start the day by driving to the most northerly inhabited village in mainland Britain. Board the ferry to the beautiful Orkney Islands where the countryside is breathtakingly majestic and the tranquillity supports a quieter pace of life. Here the hardy locals say they live 'below the wind and above the water.' Your Local Expert accompanies you as you visit the 5,000-year-old village of Skara Brae, the mysterious Ring of Brodgar, Kirkwall and the small chapel built by Italian prisoners during World War II. (B) (D)

DAY 6 | OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

Travel through stunning landscapes along the northern coast with its white sandy beaches, and further inland to misty valleys and glens, lochs and rushing waters. Then it's 'Over the Sea to Skye,' the largest and most beautiful island of the Inner Hebrides. On the way to Broadford, hear romantic tales of how young Flora MacDonald helped rescue Bonnie Prince Charlie and see the dramatic Cuillin Hills. (B) (D)
The Dunollie Hotel, Broadford.

DAY 7 | THROUGH THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS TO GLENCOE

Explore this wild and beautiful island on your own, before crossing to the Kyle of Lochalsh. Stop for a photo at remote Eilean Donan Castle, which under a clear sky offers a perfect reflection in its loch. Move on to the WWII Commando Memorial where there is a fine view of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain. Enjoy spectacular scenery en

route to the Valley of Glencoe. Join a ranger for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, learn about the protection of this rare ecosystem and the important work reintroducing lost indigenous species to its flora and fauna. In the evening, enjoy market-fresh Scottish ingredients and wine, as you get together with your newfound friends for a sumptuous Celebration Dinner. Don't be surprised if, by the end of the evening, you're 'Toasting to the Lassies' or singing 'Auld Lang Syne'. (B) (D)

Ballachulish Hotel, Glencoe.

DAY 8 | ALONG THE BONNIE BANKS OF LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW







Spend time around peaceful Loch Lomond or the 'Queen of Scottish Lochs', according to Sir Walter Scott. Perhaps experience the beauty and tranquillity of the loch with an optional cruise before continuing to Glasgow? An orientation drive through the city will show you the grand public buildings, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral. Then the rest of the afternoon is at your leisure. (B)

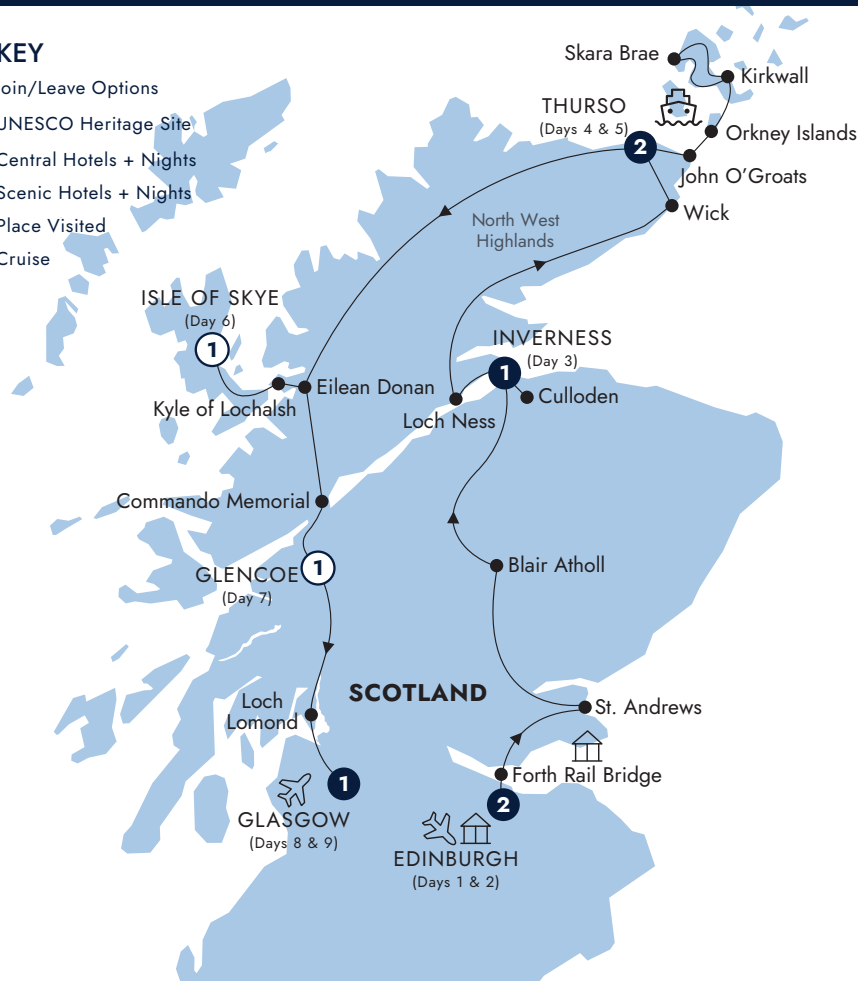
Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

DAY 9 | DEPART GLASGOW

Departure transfers arrive at Glasgow airport at 06:30 and 09:00. (B)

KEY

-  Join/Leave Options
-  UNESCO Heritage Site
-  Central Hotels + Nights
-  Scenic Hotels + Nights
-  Place Visited
-  Cruise

*Superior Dining*

Visit Blair Castle and Gardens, which has been home to the Atholl family for over seven centuries, and tour the ballroom to learn about the history of the estate. Relish a delicious afternoon sipping on freshly brewed coffee or tea and tasting homemade scones with berry jam and sweet cream.

Insightful Experiences

Orkney Islands: Cruise to the windswept Orkney Islands on a full day guided journey. Come face-to-face with relics spanning human history, from pagan stone circles to reminders of wartime tragedy. Join a Local Expert for a fascinating journey into the history of this remote part of the world.

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EXPERIENCE



DAY 4 | Visit the highly rated Wick Heritage Museum, a Make Travel Matter experience, to gain a full picture of this once thriving fishing community and how your visit helps keep the story of this town alive.

DAY 7 | Join a ranger in the spectacular Valley of Glencoe, learn about the protection of this rare ecosystem and the important work reintroducing lost indigenous species to its flora and fauna.

See more experiences online

FOCUS ON IRELAND

Embrace the Emerald Isle, including looking out over the Cliffs of Moher and strolling past the grandiose Georgian architecture of Cork.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: B906

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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DAY 1 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

At Dublin airport, transfers leave for your hotel at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00. Meet your Travel Director at 14:00 before an orientation of Dublin with a Local Expert. Pass St. Patrick's Cathedral and Christchurch Cathedral. See the 9th century Book of Kells and walk the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College. Enjoy a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner with drinks and the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over the course of the evening. (D)

Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

DAY 2 | TO GALWAY, CITY OF THE TRIBES

Leave Dublin and set off through the delightful landscapes of the Emerald Isle. Cross Ireland's longest river, the river Shannon, to reach historic Galway, the City of the Tribes, at the mouth of the Corrib River. Easily one of Ireland's most fun and lively cities, the streets are lined with buskers, the region is known for its famous oysters and the pubs are full of Irish charm. Join your Travel Director to see the infamous Lynch Memorial and the Church of St. Nicholas, where Christopher Columbus reputedly prayed before setting off for his discovery of America. Also see the aged Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late US President, John F. Kennedy. (B)

Harbour Hotel Galway.

DAY 3 | THE CLIFFS OF MOHER, ADARE AND KILLARNEY

Take the scenic route through the mysterious rocky limestone landscape of the Burren, with its underground caverns, streams and rare flora. Stop at the Exhibition Centre, situated next to the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher with breathtaking views of the Clare Coast. Continue past the city of Limerick, stop in quaint Adare and take a relaxed village walk to see its thatched-roof cottages. In the evening, stay in the centre of the action in lively Killarney. Gateway to the famous Ring of Kerry, Killarney has been welcoming travellers, who appreciate the spectacular scenery of woodlands and lakes, for over 250 years. (B) (D)

Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa, Killarney.

DAY 4 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

Explore Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose to join a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, admire incredible scenery on a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and National Park. Take a leisurely excursion around the magnificent Ring of Kerry with stunning views of mountains and sea. Pass through the small towns of Killorglin, where the famous Puck Fair takes place, and Cahersiveen, birthplace of the great patriot, Daniel O'Connell. Follow the narrow road as it winds along the cliffs to the fishing town of Waterville. Continue through delightful villages like Sneem and cross the peat bogs of the Black Mountains to Moll's Gap to admire Queen Victoria's Ladies View. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a Farm-to-Table

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

dinner. Enjoy some Irish home cooking at the family-run kitchen of chef John Sheehan. Join John and his wife, Freda, for drinks and a personal insight into classic Irish recipes that are loved throughout the world and help preserve this intangible cultural heritage. Then, settle down for a night of great food and drink in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. (B) (D)



I love sharing insights into Ireland's traditional Gaelic language. Phrases, such as: 'Míle buíochas,' which means 'a thousand thanks', and 'Go n-éirí linn,' which means, let's go!

— KATIE, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 5 | COBH AND BLARNEY CASTLE ON THE WAY TO CORK

Drive to the historic port town of Cobh, which was the last port of call for the Titanic. Walk through the Queenstown Story exhibition at the Heritage

Centre, which recounts the era of Irish emigration and the life of this once great passenger port. Continue to visit the 15th century Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence - once kissed, never forgotten! Or enjoy a sensory walk in the extensive and varied estate gardens. Then Continue on to Cork along the spacious Grand Parade and South Mall and see the City Hall and fine Georgian houses en route to your hotel. In the evening, raise your glass and revel in rich flavours at a lively Celebration Dinner. (B) (D) Maldron Hotel South Mall Cork City.

DAY 6 | KILKENNY AND DUBLIN

Drive through prime farmland to the medieval city of Kilkenny, with its majestic castle and river walk. Browse the medieval mile showcasing the hub of Ireland's arts and crafts scene along its narrow lanes. Then, return to Dublin and your hotel, located in the heart of Dublin's leafy south side just minutes from the city centre. The rest of the evening is at your leisure to further explore if you wish. (B) Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

DAY 7 | DEPART DUBLIN

Your memorable trip comes to an end. Departure transfers arrive at Dublin airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 10:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Dublin | Celebration Dinner in Cork.

Insightful Experiences

Dublin: Visit Trinity College, before marvelling at the ancient Book of Kells, created by monks and dating from A.D. 800.

Killarney: Join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and past the grounds of Ross Castle, admiring the incredible scenery of the Killarney National Park.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



DAY 4 | Meet John and Freda, passionate restaurant owners, and learn how their farm-to-table concept operates. Enjoy a delicious meal made from fresh ingredients all sourced within a five-mile radius.

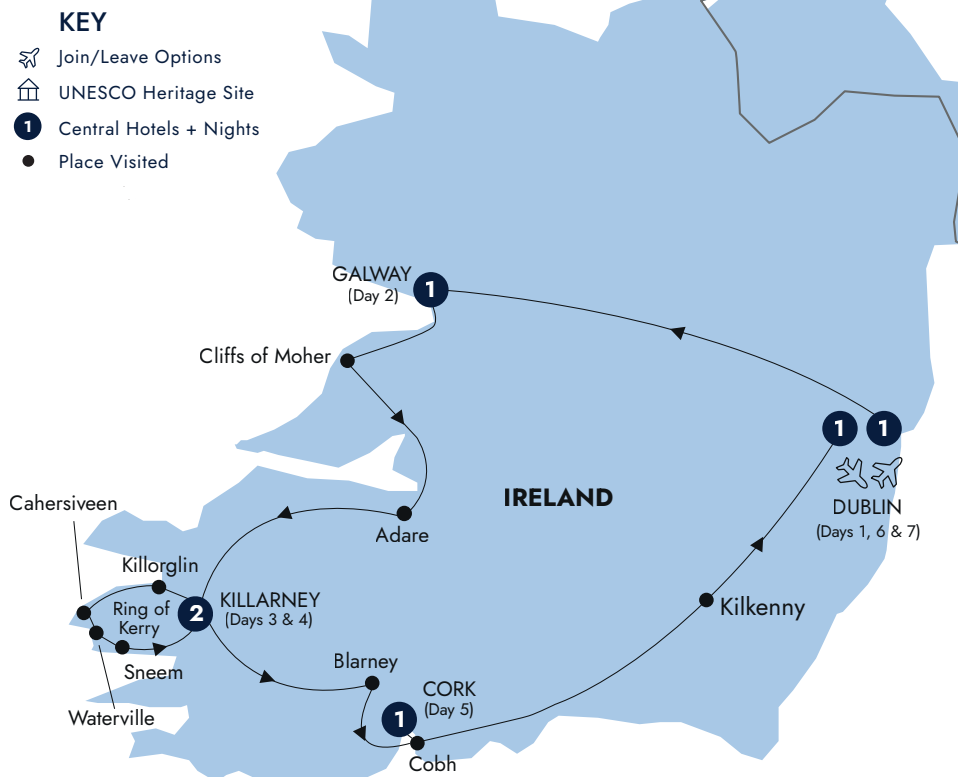
Scenic Drives

Irish scenery is some of the most beautiful in the world. Relax and admire the views as you travel through the Burren, Derrynasaggart Mountains and along the Ring of Kerry.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Cliffs of Moher | Blarney Castle | Queenstown Story Cobh | See Dublin | Galway | Adare's thatched cottages | Killarney | Cork.

See more experiences online



IRISH ELEGANCE

Experience the delights of the Wild Atlantic Way. Stay at the 5-star Ashford Castle and sample fresh Atlantic oysters.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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DAY 1 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

Welcome to Dublin. On arrival at Dublin airport, your airport transfer shuttle service leaves for your hotel at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00. Meet your Travel Director at 14:30 for an orientation tour with a Local Expert that brings to life Dublin's architectural treasures and history, stretching back more than 1,000 years. Travel along the River Liffey, see Custom House, Guinness Storehouse, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral. See the 9th century Book of Kells and enjoy a walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College. Back at your hotel, join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner with drinks and the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. (D) Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

DAY 2 | CASHEL AND BLARNEY, HEADING FOR KILLARNEY

Depart Dublin, and pass the famous Curragh Racecourse and green meadows where many of the finest Irish racehorses are bred. Driving south, stop to see the spectacular Rock of Cashel, crowned with medieval buildings that dominate the flat countryside for miles around. Then on to explore Blarney with Insight Choice. Choose to visit Blarney Castle and kiss the magical stone to ensure a lifetime of eloquence. Alternatively, meet a senior gardener for a tour of Blarney Gardens. Head to Killarney, where you may fancy a 'pint of porter.' This town on the lakes is famous for its lively pubs so in the evening why not join in the 'craic'? (B) (D) Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa, Killarney.

DAY 3 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

In the morning, marvel at spectacular mountain and sea views as you travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as the Ring of Kerry. Meet John for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit his family-run seaweed farm to learn about sustainable farming practices that protect the wild Irish Atlantic coasts. (B)

DAY 4 | THE CLIFFS OF MOHER AND ON TO GALWAY

Cross the Shannon Estuary by ferry and enter County Clare. Stop at the Exhibition Centre and enjoy a walk along the Cliffs of Moher, raised approximately 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic waves. Then travel north across the Burren, a suddenly stark and barren landscape, scarred with interesting limestone creases. Journey to Galway, the City of the Tribes, and visit the lovely cathedral. Take in the scenery from your hotel, which is spectacularly set on the shores of Galway Bay. (B) (D) Connemara Coast Hotel, Galway.

DAY 5 | CAPTIVATING CONNEMARA

Embark on a superb exploration of the Connemara National Park and see a wonderland of rivers, lakes and silent hills. Explore Connemara with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the magnificent, turreted Neo-Gothic Kylemore Abbey. Alternatively join a

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit one of Ireland's oldest oyster farms for a tasting. Learn about their commitment to biodiversity and work promoting sustainable packaging. (B)



Meeting the piper at Ashford Castle is always a hit with guests. You'll walk across a bridge to the castle, behind the lone piper, who is playing just for you. It's a spine-tingling experience!

— ERICA, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 6 | MAJESTIC ASHFORD CASTLE

Sitting on the edge of Lough Corrib and nestled on the border of County Galway and County Mayo, is the delightful Cong. You may recognize much of the town as it was used as the location in the 1952 film, 'The Quiet Man.' With free time to explore this quintessential Irish village, see the statue of the lead characters played by John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara, and the ruins of the Medieval Cong Abbey. Then a short drive

down the road leads you to Ashford Castle, the highlight of your travels. As you arrive a lone piper escorts you over the drawbridge. Your exquisite hotel provides a romantic backdrop in superior surroundings, offering both relaxation and comfort. There are many opportunities to explore the vast estate, pamper yourself at the spa, or get to know the hawks and woodland surroundings at the hotel's falconry school. Dining at Ashford Castle ranks among the finest culinary experiences in the world. Creative cooking, locally sourced ingredients and an innovative menu await at your Celebration Dinner. Gentlemen, a jacket is required. (B) (D) Ashford Castle, Cong.

DAY 7 | ACROSS THE EMERALD ISLE TO DUBLIN

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the morning and perhaps a stroll on the estate? Then cross the midlands to Dublin where the rest of the day is free for independent activities and maybe some last minute shopping. (B) Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

DAY 8 | DEPART DUBLIN

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. Departure transfers arrive at Dublin airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 10:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Dublin.

Insightful Experiences

Dublin: Visit Trinity College, before marvelling at the ancient Book of Kells, created by monks and dating from A.D. 800.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



DAY 3 | Visit a local seaweed farm striving to protect the fragile ecosystem of the wild Atlantic Irish coasts.

DAY 5 | Taste the unique flavours of DK Connemara oysters, bred in pure water that runs off the limestone hills of the Connemara National Park. Learn about the farm's sustainability initiatives in an enlightening MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience.

Insight Choice

Blarney: Choose between a visit to Blarney Castle to see the famous Stone of Eloquence, and a visit to the lush gardens of the estate with a senior gardener.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by Ferry across Shannon Estuary | Be escorted by a lone piper across the drawbridge at Ashford Castle | Visit Cliffs of Moher | Ring of Kerry | Galway Cathedral | See Guinness Storehouse, Dublin Castle and O'Connell Street in Dublin | Killarney | Cong Abbey.

See more experiences online



COUNTRY ROADS OF IRELAND

Get up close to the Book of Kells and go behind-the-scenes at the home of legendary Irish racehorses.

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 16 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: B909

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - Sep

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/cireland](https://www.insightvacations.com/cireland)

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO DUBLIN

On arrival at Dublin airport, transfers leave for your hotel at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00. Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner, with the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over a meal with wine. (D)
Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

DAY 2 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

Become acquainted with Dublin's elegant squares during an orientation of the city with a Local Expert. Discover Custom House, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Enjoy entrance to the 9th century Book of Kells and a walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College. (B)

DAY 3 | A JOURNEY FROM DUBLIN TO CORK

Visit one of the country's main racehorse breeding centers and meet an equine professional. Visit the 100-year-old Japanese Gardens. Travel to the medieval city of Kilkenny to visit the majestic Kilkenny Castle. With a Local Expert, learn how the castle was built in 1195 after the Norman Conquest of Ireland and admire its beautifully restored Victorian era rooms. Continue through Cahir and see its 13th-century castle. In Cork, your Travel Director shows you around the university city, with its vibrant waterfront and grand Georgian parades. (B)

The Kingsley Hotel, Cork.

DAY 4 | ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS TO KILLARNEY

Travel to Blarney Castle and kiss the stone to ensure a lifetime of eloquence. Travel across the majestic Derrynasaggart Mountains to the lively town of Killarney. Join John and Freda, your hosts at the 19th Green Guesthouse, and savour the delicious flavours of fresh local cuisine on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Gather together at a Farm-to-Table dinner, using responsibly sourced ingredients from the local community, and gain personal insight into classic Irish recipes that are loved throughout the world. (B) (D)
Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa, Killarney.

DAY 5 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

Explore Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore through the National Park. Explore around the magnificent Ring of Kerry. Here, mountains, valleys, lakes and sea blend into a landscape that is breathtaking beyond words. Journey past lush lakelands and around towering cliffs as you appreciate sweeping sea views. (B)

DAY 6 | AROUND THE DINGLE PENINSULA

Continue driving with views of wide skies, peaceful towns and coastal scenery of the Dingle Peninsula - the setting for the film Ryan's Daughter. Drive to dramatic Sleat Head at the peninsula's far end, before reaching your hotel on the shores of Dingle

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Peninsula. With the evening at leisure, why not treat yourself to a relaxing experience at the hotel's spa? (B)
Skellig Hotel, Dingle.

DAY 7 | THE CLIFFS OF MOHER AND GALWAY

Journey to the Visitor Centre at the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Clare Coast before a delightful drive through the strange, rocky landscape of the Burren to Galway Bay. On arrival, see the Lynch Memorial and Church of St. Nicholas, where Christopher Columbus reputedly prayed before his voyages to America. See the Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late US President, John F. Kennedy. (B) (D)
Connemara Coast Hotel (Sea View Rooms), Galway.

DAY 8 | FREE DAY GALWAY OR ARAN ISLANDS

Spend a day at leisure to relax and enjoy Galway. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the Aran Islands? A genuine highlight of the Wild Atlantic Way. (B)

DAY 9 | EXPLORE LONDONDERRY

Cross into Northern Ireland, bound for the ancient walled city of 'Derry.' On arrival, one of Northern Ireland's best storytellers, Ronan, will fascinate you as he takes you inside the city walls. (B) (D)
Maldron Hotel Derry, Londonderry.

DAY 10 | WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS

Journey to the iconic Giant's Causeway for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Learn how the National Trust is enabling farming and biodiversity to work together, supporting both wildlife and quality food production. Continue to your hotel overlooking Ballygally Bay. Join us for a finale Celebration Dinner, where old-fashioned hospitality blends with good food and wine. (B) (D)
Ballygally Castle Hotel, Co. Antrim.

DAY 11 | THE ANTRIM COAST TO BELFAST

Follow the Antrim Coast, past the huge Norman castle at Carrickfergus, to arrive in Belfast. Meet your Local Expert for a passionate city tour including views of the City Hall, Queen's University, the Parliament Building at Stormont and murals in different locations indicating political sentiments of local residents. (B)
Titanic Hotel, Belfast.

DAY 12 | DEPART BELFAST OR DUBLIN

Departure transfers arrive at Belfast George Best City Airport at 08:00 and Belfast International Airport at 08:45. An additional transfer will arrive at Dublin airport at 08:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Celebration Dinner in Ballygally.

Insightful Experiences

Kildare: Join a working member of the famous Irish Stud Farm for a private, behind-the-scenes visit of the stud where many legendary racehorses were bred. After, stroll through the finest Japanese gardens in Europe, designed by master horticulturalists, Tassa and Minoru Eida.

Killarney: Join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and past the grounds of Ross Castle, admiring the incredible scenery of the Killarney National Park.

Londonderry: There's no better way to experience sightseeing than with one of Northern Ireland's best storytellers, Ronan, as he takes you on a tour inside the city walls.

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EXPERIENCE



DAY 4 | Meet John and Freda, passionate restaurant owners, and learn how their farm-to-table concept operates. Enjoy a delicious meal made from fresh ingredients all sourced within a five-mile radius.

DAY 10 | Visit the legendary Giant's Causeway, site of wonders. At the visitor centre support local wildlife, learn about the efforts to protect biodiversity and ecosystems, participating in habitat restoration.

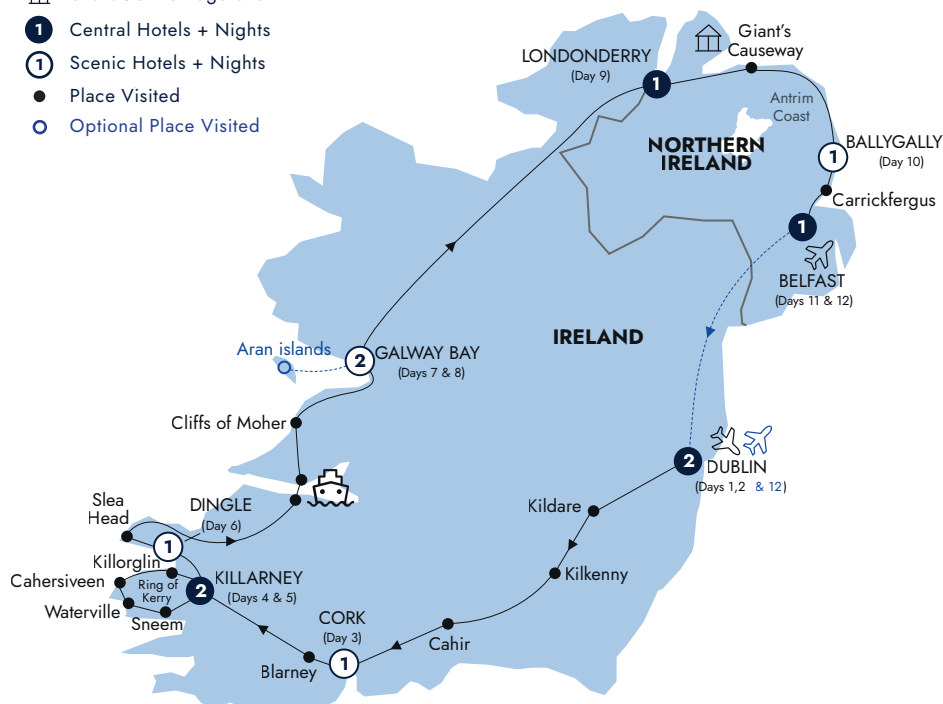
Top Rated Highlights

Visit Blarney Castle | Cliffs of Moher | City tour of Belfast with a Local Expert | See Dublin Castle and St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin | Cahir Castle | City Hall and Opera House in Cork | Killarney | Dingle Peninsula | Lynch Memorial, Church of St. Nicholas and Eyre Square in Galway | Ballygally | Carrickfergus Castle.

See more experiences online

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited



BEST OF IRELAND & SCOTLAND

Take in the best of the Isles with a Whiskey tasting, getting up close to the Book of Kells and visiting Dublin's Trinity College.

14 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 21 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: B935

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see insightvacations.com/irelandscotland

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO DUBLIN

On arrival at Dublin airport, your airport transfer service leaves for your hotel at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00. Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner. (D) Clayton Hotel Charlemont/Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin.

DAY 2 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

Your Local Expert takes you past the Custom House to see the Guinness Brewery, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College and gain an insight into its history. Enjoy entry into its famed library and the 9th century Book of Kells exhibition. (B)

DAY 3 | KILDARE AND CORK

Witness life behind the scenes of the National Stud Farm, where many legendary racehorses are bred. Then see the finest Japanese gardens in Europe, where the gardens portray the symbolism of life and trace the journey of a soul, designed by master horticulturists, Tassa and Minoru Eida. Travel along Grand Parade to see Cork's City Hall and Opera House. (B) The Kingsley/Maldron South Mall, Cork.

DAY 4 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND KILLARNEY

Visit the ruined 15th century Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence - once kissed, never forgotten! (B) (D) Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa, Killarney.

DAY 5 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

Explore Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and through the National Park. Tour the superb seascapes, towering cliffs and spectacular mountains of the Ring of Kerry. Follow the narrow road as it winds through delightful villages like Sneem, to admire Queen Victoria's Ladies View. Return mid-afternoon for time at leisure. (B)

DAY 6 | THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

Begin the day with a short ferry ride across the Shannon estuary. Enjoy magnificent views of the Clare coast, as you journey to the Visitors' Centre at the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher. Join your Travel Director in Galway to see the infamous Lynch Memorial and the Church of St. Nicholas. Continue on to your hotel, located at the heart of the Wild Atlantic Way. (B) The Galmont Hotel & Spa, Galway.

DAY 7 | GLORIOUS GALWAY TO SLIGO BAY

Tour the wild Connemara region, a scenic wonderland of rivers, lakes and silent hills. Drive along the scenic shores of Sligo Bay. (B) (D) Clayton Hotel, Sligo.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 8 | WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS

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Ballygally Castle Hotel, Co. Antrim.

DAY 9 | HIGH TEA AT ARDGOWAN ESTATE

Journey to Ardgowan, where Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart welcomes you to his family castle, set on a 10,000-acre coastal estate. Explore the history of the area and learn the Shaw Stewart family's conservation efforts to protect the land on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, followed by delightful traditional Scottish tea and scones. Continue to Glasgow to see the city's grand public buildings. (B) (AT)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

DAY 10 | GLENCOE AND LOCH NESS

A scenic drive takes you along the banks of Loch Lomond and the dramatic landscape of Glencoe, before reaching The Great Glen. Experience a journey of discovery on a Loch Ness cruise. Soak up the scenery, and intriguing tales of Nessie. (B) (D)

Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness.

DAY 11 | A HIGHLANDS EXPERIENCE

Enjoy an orientation of Inverness, before driving out to the Culloden Moor Visitor Centre, where

Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was finally defeated. Savour a 'wee dram' during a visit to a local distillery, as you delve into the fascinating world of the single malt. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | ST. ANDREWS AND EDINBURGH

A scenic drive takes you through the Grampian Mountains passing Blair Castle. Cross the Tay to visit St. Andrews and see the Old Course, the home of golf since the 15th century before enjoying free time to explore. Continue to Edinburgh. In the evening, select departures will attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. (B) Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh.

DAY 13 | SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Join a Local Expert to see the highlights of the city. Drive along Princes Street to the ornate Scott Memorial, then see the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Georgian facades. In the Old Town, see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the King. Venture up the Royal Mile to visit Edinburgh Castle, home of Mons Meg, the Stone of Destiny and Scotland's Crown Jewels, the Honours of Scotland.

Join your friends for a Celebration Dinner of modern Scottish cuisine, served with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 14 | FAREWELL EDINBURGH

Transfers arrive at Edinburgh airport at 06:15 and 09:00. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Dublin | Celebration Dinner in Edinburgh | Taste whisky at a local distillery.

Insightful Experiences

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MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



DAY 8 | Visit the legendary Giant's Causeway, site of wonders. At the visitor centre support local wildlife, learn about the efforts to protect biodiversity and ecosystems, participating in habitat restoration.

DAY 9 | Join Sir Ludovic for a tour of his family home, Ardgowan Estate, and savour a traditional Scottish tea made from local ingredients. Hear more about centuries of history on the beautiful grounds. Your visit supports the estate, helping to keep Scottish history alive.

See more experiences online

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Cruise



BEST OF BRITAIN

Get the royal treatment, from a farm-to-table feast in historic Heskyn Mill to learning the insights of Stonehenge.

9 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: B903

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Dec

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/bestbritain](https://www.insightvacations.com/bestbritain)

DAY 1 | LONDON AND MEDIEVAL YORK

At 07:30, meet your Travel Director to begin your journey north to Stratford-upon-Avon, with its wealth of black-and-white, timber-framed houses. Discover how William Shakespeare and his incredible works continue to shape society today when you visit his birthplace, full of interesting memorabilia and artifacts relating to his life. Continue to historic York to stroll the narrow lanes including the Shambles and view York Minster, England's largest medieval cathedral. Later, join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner and the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening. (D) Hilton, York.

DAY 2 | HADRIAN'S WALL TO EDINBURGH

See a part of Hadrian's Wall, an impressive Roman construction that once spanned 80 miles from coast to coast, marking the northern frontier of the mighty Roman Empire. Continue past Jedburgh Abbey en route to the Scottish capital, Edinburgh, for your two-night stay in this stunning city. This evening, perhaps partake in a traditional dinner at Ghillie Dhu. (B)
Edinburgh Marriott Hotel Holyrood, Edinburgh.

DAY 3 | EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING

In the morning join a Local Expert to explore the Royal Mile. You will see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of His Majesty the King. Continue past the Sir Walter Scott Monument to the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Adam facades. Visit Edinburgh Castle, home of the Honours of Scotland, to view Mons Meg, and see the Stone of Destiny. The afternoon is at leisure. In the evening, select departures will attend the spectacular Military Tattoo - a colourful mix of pipes and drums, dance and display, set against the floodlit backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. (B)

DAY 4 | LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW

Drive via historic Bannockburn and Stirling and enjoy the scenery of the Trossachs. Continue along the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, before arriving in Glasgow for an orientation of the city with your Travel Director. See the grand public buildings, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral. (B)
Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

DAY 5 | THE GLORIOUS LAKE DISTRICT

Travel via Gretna Green to the English Lake District, with scenery so beautiful it inspired a host of writers. Learn about the life of William Wordsworth and visit his grave in the picturesque, stone-built village of Grasmere. (B) (D)
Castle Green Hotel, Kendal.

DAY 6 | THE WELSH MARCHES AND CARDIFF

Stop in ancient Ludlow, one of England's most attractive towns, dominated by its castle, rich in tragic royal history. Why not spend time exploring

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

the traditional open-air market, admiring the local crafts and perhaps sampling the produce? Afterwards, cross into southern Wales and head for the capital of Cardiff for an orientation of the port city, upon the River Taff. See Cardiff Castle and the impressive Principality Stadium. (B) Clayton Hotel, Cardiff.

DAY 7 | GEORGIAN BATH AND DEVON

Cross the Severn Bridge back into England and drive to the golden Georgian City of Bath, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, which serve as a hub of culture and education for the local population. Continue to Glastonbury, steeped in legend and reputed to be the final resting place of King Arthur and the Holy Grail. View the ruined monastery before continuing to your hotel in the heart of Plymouth. (B) Leonardo Hotel, Plymouth.

DAY 8 | DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK

Explore Dartmoor with Insight Choice. Choose to join a scenic exploration of Dartmoor National

Park. Spend time reconnecting with nature amidst the stunning landscape of towering granite tors, open moorland, beautiful rivers and lush, wooded valleys. Alternatively, enjoy a relaxing cruise of Plymouth Harbour and see the Mayflower Steps, Barbican, Royal Citadel and Plymouth Hoe. Later this evening, savour an unforgettable Celebration Dinner at Heslyn Mill during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Join your Travel Director and newfound friends for the ultimate Farm-to-Table dining experience. Enjoy a mouth-watering meal prepared from organic seasonal produce, freshly picked from the surrounding fields, served with a glass of wine. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | STONEHENGE AND LONDON

Travel across Salisbury Plain to visit the pre-historic and mysterious Stonehenge, where the strange and awe-inspiring monoliths are reputed to be up to 5,000 years old. Explore this fascinating site and learn about its historic and modern interpretations before returning to London. (B)



Special Events & Dates
Select departures in August attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in York | Dinner in Windermere.

Insightful Experiences

Dartmoor National Park: Learn about the history of stone circles and indigenous traditions from your knowledgeable Local Expert and enjoy a scenic exploration across the rolling valleys of Dartmoor National Park.

Alternatively, cruise the scenic Plymouth harbour, where 400 years ago the Mayflower set sail for America.



DAY 7 | Visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community.

DAY 8 | John and Anne welcome you to historic Heslyn Mill for a Farm-to-Table dinner. Savour a delightful meal, with all ingredients responsibly sourced from local producers or carefully foraged from the local area to reduce waste (pictured above).

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace | Edinburgh Castle | the Roman Baths | Stonehenge | City tour of Edinburgh with a Local Expert.

See more experiences online

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited





Spain, Portugal & Morocco



Insightful Insights

Morocco was the first country to recognize America as an independent nation in 1777. This has initiated the longest unbroken diplomatic relationship in USA history.

Andalusia, Spain is credited for creating tapas, which were thin slices of bread or meat that sherry drinkers in taverns used to cover their glasses between sips. Also, in Andalusia, you will find the Plaza de España in the capital of Seville, where several buildings were designed for the Ibero-American exhibition of 1929.

Portugal has been continuously inhabited since prehistoric times. Throughout the ages, it has been the home of Celts, Carthaginians, and Romans, to name just a few.

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BEST OF SPAIN & PORTUGAL

Grand castles, Prado Museum's masterpieces and bountiful Port, olive oil and wine tastings, the best flavours and insights await.

15 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 21 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/bestspain](https://www.insightvacations.com/bestspain)

Trip code: E932/W932

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID

Your transfer will depart Madrid airport at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 or 16:00. Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner in a local restaurant and get to know your fellow travellers over an evening of delicious food and wine. (D) Barcelo Torre de Madrid/Barcelo Emperatriz/Canopy Hilton Madrid Castellana, Madrid.

DAY 2 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Guided by your Local Expert, visit the Spanish capital's most historic neighbourhoods. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter, discovering the origins of the city. Enjoy a special visit to the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. (B)

DAY 3 | SEGOVIA AND GOLDEN SALAMANCA

Travel to the fortified city of Segovia. Walk through the medieval streets with a Local Expert and see the magnificent Alcazar fortress, before continuing onto the historic aqueduct. Journey west, overlooking the ancient walls of Ávila, en route to Salamanca. During your guided sightseeing tour, admire the golden stone buildings the city is famous for, including the arcaded Plaza Mayor, the honey-coloured cathedral and the 16th century university buildings. (B) Hotel Alameda Palace, Salamanca.

DAY 4 | PORTO, GRANDE DAME ON THE DOURO

Cross the Portuguese border to reach Porto. Situated on the River Douro, the city is celebrated internationally as the capital of Port wine. Visit the Vila Nova de Gaia wine stores and walk along corridors of casks. Get to know your tawnys and vintages during a tasting. Continue your exploration of the city, admiring the multi-coloured houses, churches adorned with glazed tiles and iconic bridges (or 'Eiffel Towers on end' according to one Frenchman). (B) (D) NH Collection Porto Batalha, Porto.

DAY 5 | HOLY FÁTIMA, ANCIENT ÓBIDOS AND LISBON

Continue to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned place of pilgrimage. See the basilica or perhaps visit the Chapel of the Apparitions, which commemorates the appearance of the Virgin Mary to three young shepherds in 1917. Journey to the fortified town of Óbidos and walk within its walls, exploring the narrow, medieval streets where houses are covered with flowers. Your travels continue to the Portuguese capital, Lisbon. (B) Dom Pedro Lisboa | Corinthia Hotel, Lisbon.

DAY 6 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE GREAT DISCOVERIES

Sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the spacious avenues of the Lower Town and beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paco, the finest square in the city.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Visit the Belém Quarter, from where sailing ships once set forth to discover faraway lands. Enjoy a taste of the famous Pastéis de Belém from a traditional patisserie that has managed to hold on to the secret recipe of Portugal's finest pastry for almost 200 years. View the modern Monument to the Discoveries and the historic Belém Tower. This fortress was originally set in the middle of the river, but is now left high and dry on the riverbank. Visit the National Coach Museum. With the afternoon at your leisure, perhaps join an Optional Experience to the Portuguese Riviera, frequented by surfers, royalty and, on occasion, James Bond. (B)

You can't miss an evening horse and carriage ride through Seville. The squares, buildings and aroma of Sevillian orange blossoms is as traditional as a gondola ride in Venice.

— DOM, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 7 | SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN

Leave Lisbon via the modern Tagus Bridge and cross the border to reach Seville. Visit the Seville Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walk through the narrow lanes of the Santa Cruz Quarter. Alternatively, join a scenic drive around the city and enjoy panoramic views. (B)
NH Collection Sevilla, Seville.

DAY 8 | FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE

Enjoy a relaxed start and a morning to unwind, shop or continue exploring this fascinating city at your own pace. Our suggestion is to join an Optional Experience to the ancient city of Córdoba, where you will visit the magnificent Mezquita and see the old Jewish Quarter. Later this afternoon, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Their mission is to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson. (B)

DAY 9 | HEAD FOR GIBRALTAR, MIJAS AND THE COSTA DEL SOL

Head south to Gibraltar, part of mainland Spain yet an overseas territory under British control since 1704.



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Madrid | Paella cooking demonstration dinner in Valencia | Cava wine with lunch in Sant Sadurni d'Anoia | Celebration Dinner in Barcelona. Taste wine in Porto | Tasting Olive oil in Alfaratejo | Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon | Dine-at-Home in Alfaratejo.

Insightful Experiences

Madrid: Witness the world's finest collection of Spanish paintings, plus an impressive international collection, as you tour the Prado Museum with an Art Historian.

Granada: Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens with a Local Expert.

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DAY 8 | The Cristina Heeren Foundation aims to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco and is a beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Meet the students, learn some basic flamenco steps, and watch them perform an emotional show.

Insight Choice

Seville: Panoramic City Tour Drive with Local Expert or Old Jewish Quarter Walking Tour with Local Expert.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Chapel of the Apparitions in Fátima | Sagrada Família in Barcelona | City tours of Madrid, Segovia, Salamanca, Lisbon, Seville, Gibraltar and Barcelona, all with Local Experts.

See more experiences online



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- 1** Central Hotels + Nights
- 2** Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited

With your Local Expert, visit the Rock of Gibraltar and St. Michael's Cave. See the Barbary Apes, legendary guardians of the colony. Relax as you travel the scenic route along the Costa del Sol through high end resorts where the rich and famous vacation. Your journey continues through the green hills to the white-washed village of Mijas. Stroll through the old streets and gardens, taking in the views of the coast. (B) (D)
Meliá Costa del Sol, Torremolinos.

DAY 10 | AT LEISURE ON THE COSTA DEL SOL

Enjoy the day at leisure on the sun-drenched Costa del Sol. Relax by the blue Mediterranean waters, stroll along the promenade, savour the specialties in the local restaurants or consider exploring Málaga, the birth city of Picasso and one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Western Europe - its history spans about 28000 years. (B)

DAY 11 | DINING WITH LOCALS AND THE ALHAMBRA

Continue to Alfaratejo, a quiet whitewashed village, with a population of less than 500 people, surrounded by stunning mountainous landscape. Walk the town centre to see the 18th century Iglesia del Santo Cristo de Cabrilla. Travel to the oldest olive grove in the region and stop at the rural mill-factory to taste a selection of different oils, paired with locally made farmer bread.

In small groups, you are invited into the home of a local family to join them for a delicious Highlight Lunch made of fresh, local produce with flavours typical of the region. Continue to Granada to visit the magnificent Alhambra Palace with your Local Expert. The UNESCO-listed Alhambra is Granada's crowning glory and visitor numbers are limited to help preserve its beauty. Built as a citadel by the Moors in the 13th century, it is a wonder of beautiful gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. (B) (L)

Vincci Albayzín, Granada.

DAY 12 | ON TO VALENCIA

Journey to Valencia. Pass through the Old City to see its ancient gates, and the City of Arts and Sciences. In your free time perhaps take a stroll to the Cathedral and El Miguelete? Alternatively sit back with a drink and watch the Valencians go about their day. Valencia is home to one of the world's greatest dishes, paella. Meet the chef of a local family-run restaurant in the heart of the Old City and learn how to make this local specialty during a Cooking Demonstration. Later, indulge in the delicious flavours of this classic dish at your Highlight Dinner. (B) (D)
Barceló, Valencia.



DAY 13 | ALONG THE COAST TO PEÑÍSCOLA AND ON TO BARCELONA

Follow the coast to Peñíscola to view the sea-lapped castle used in the film 'El Cid'. At Cava Bodegas in Sant Sadurn d'Anoia, enjoy a delicious light lunch and savour a tasting as you learn the sparkling secrets of Spanish bubbly. Learn about their traditional cava-making processes, and marvel at the preserved farm house, which displays an impressive array of items collected over the family's history. See a demonstration of how to drink cava like a local, and perhaps try the technique for yourself. Continue along the coast to reach Barcelona. (B) (L)
Meliá Barcelona Sarrià, Barcelona.

DAY 14 | BARCELONA SIGHTSEEING

A Local Expert joins you for a drive along the Passeig de Gràcia, adorned with elegant wrought-iron street lamps and some of the most flamboyant Modernist buildings. Continue through the Eixample district to visit Gaudí's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Família. See the central nave with its giant, tree-like pillars, spectacular vaulting and the beautiful rainbows flooding in through the intricate stained-glass windows. At a local restaurant, join your fellow travellers to toast to newfound friends and a wonderful journey, enjoying a Celebration Dinner with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 15 | DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID

Departure transfers arrive at Barcelona airport at 07:00, 09:00 or 11:00. The 09:00 transfer continues on to Madrid airport and hotel in the early evening. (B)



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Mar - Nov

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID

Your transfer will depart Madrid airport at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 or 16:00. Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner in a local restaurant and get to know your fellow travellers over an evening of delicious food and wine. (D)
Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana, Madrid.

DAY 2 | PRADO MUSEUM AND ON TO GOLDEN SALAMANCA

With your Local Expert, travel along the main historical areas of the capital of Spain, known as Madrid of the Bourbons. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter, to discover the origins of the city. Join an art historian to explore the Prado Museum, a magnificent palace housing works by Velázquez, Goya, Rubens and other masters. Journey past the walls of Ávila en route to Salamanca, with its honey-coloured cathedral and 16th-century university buildings. (B)
Hotel Alameda Palace, Salamanca.

DAY 3 | HOLY FÁTIMA AND LISBON

Cross the Portuguese frontier and skirt the Estrela Mountains en route to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned religious site. Join the pilgrims flocking into the great basilica, commemorating the miraculous appearance of the Virgin Mary to three young shepherds in 1917. In the heart of the Shrine of Fátima is The Chapel of Apparitions, marking the exact location of her first appearance. Other sacred sites include the Museu de Arte Sacra e Etnologia, exhibiting religious artifacts and the modern church of the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity. Your travels continue to Lisbon. (B)
Dom Pedro Lisboa, Lisbon.

DAY 4 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE GREAT DISCOVERIES

Your guided sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the spacious avenues of the Lower Town and across the tree-shaded squares. Pass beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paço. Visit the Belém Quarter and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years. Visit National Coach Museum and see the ancient Belém Tower erected to protect this architectural jewel. Marvel at the Monument to the Discoveries. This afternoon is free to explore further as you wish or perhaps decide to visit the Portuguese Riviera. (B)

DAY 5 | TO SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN

Visit Seville's Cathedral, the final resting place of Christopher Columbus. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to walk through the old Jewish quarter and see La Giralda, the former minaret of the Great Mosque, which is now the bell tower of the cathedral. Alternatively, join a scenic drive around the city and enjoy panoramic views. (B)
Catalonia Giralda Hotel, Seville.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE

This morning is yours to completely relax or continue exploring this fascinating city. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Córdoba and visit the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built inside it? Later this afternoon, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Their mission is to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson. (B)

DAY 7 | THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR TO FES

Set sail across the Strait of Gibraltar to reach Morocco, a historic land of deep-rooted tradition and compelling cultural character. (B) (D) Marriott Jnan Palace, Fes.

DAY 8 | EXPLORE FES

Your Local Expert will guide you through the ancient Medina, teeming with hidden courtyards, beautiful mosques and local workshops. Sensorial delights await around every corner as you take in the historic grandeur of this walled city. Walk through the souks and pass one of the world's oldest universities. Learn about the ancient craft of handwoven carpets, a tradition developed in this region over thousands of years. Gain insight into the exceptional skill and artistic symbolism applied to make each carpet unique. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | ON THE ROAD TO MARRAKESH

During today's journey, see traditional mud-walled villages set against the vast arid plains. Glimpse the Atlas Mountains as you approach Marrakesh, a bustling hub of culture and trade. (B) Mövenpick Mansour Eddahbi, Marrakech.

DAY 10 | EXPLORE MARRAKESH

Join a Local Expert to explore the Medina, the historic heart of the city. See the Koutoubia Mosque, its minaret dominating the Marrakesh skyline with golden brickwork. Visit the intricately-decorated Palais Bahia, a 19th-century mosaic-laden masterpiece built to be the greatest palace of its day. Experience the city's captivating charm during time at leisure. Perhaps try your hand at haggling in the souks on Jemaa-el-Fnaa Square or visit one of the acclaimed museums. (B)

DAY 11 | PLAY IT AGAIN SAM IN CASABLANCA

Journey to the west coast of Africa to reach Casablanca. Did Humphrey Bogart really say "Play it again, Sam"? Your Local Expert will reveal



the truth to this and other fascinating elements of this storied city. See the impressive Hassan II Mosque, the largest in the country. For those who came to Casablanca for the waters, the Corniche, a chic seaside strip, welcomes you with its trendy restaurants and cafes. (B) (D)

Grand Mogador City Centre, Casablanca.

DAY 12 | Rabat and Tangier

Travel north to Rabat to see the intricately-decorated Royal Palace and Hassan Tower with your Local Expert.

Your journey continues to Morocco's port of Tangier, overlooking the Strait of Gibraltar where the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean. You will be taken for a guided sightseeing tour of the city with a Local Expert. After dinner, enjoy an evening at leisure to relax in the comfortable surroundings of your hotel as the sun sets or take a stroll along Avenue d'Espagne on the Bay of Tangier. (B) (D) Grand Hotel Villa de France, Tangier.

DAY 13 | ON TO THE COSTA DEL SOL

Cross the water to Spain and continue on to Gibraltar, an overseas territory under British control since 1704. Meet your Local Expert for a guided tour of the Rock of Gibraltar, St. Michael's Cave and see the Barbary Apes, legendary guardians of the colony.

Your travels continue through Andalucía and on to the Costa del Sol, famous for its beaches. (B) Meliá Costa del Sol, Torremolinos.



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DAY 14 | AT LEISURE ON THE COSTA DEL SOL

Enjoy the day at leisure on the sun-drenched Costa del Sol. Relax by the blue Mediterranean waters, stroll along the promenade, savour the specialties in the local restaurants, or consider exploring Malaga, the birth city of Picasso. (B)

DAY 15 | DINING WITH LOCALS AND THE ALHAMBRA PALACE

Continue to Alfnatejo, a quiet white washed village with a population of just 500 people, surrounded by stunning mountainous landscape. Walk the town centre to see the 18th century Iglesia del Santo Cristo de Cabrilla. Travel to the oldest olive grove in the region and stop at the rural mill-factory of Alfnatejo to taste a selection of different oils with locally made farmer bread. In small groups, you are invited into the home of a local family to join them for a delicious Highlight Lunch made with fresh, local produce that showcases the flavours typical of the region.

Continue to Granada, where overlooking the town stands one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built, the Alhambra. Led by your Local Expert,

explore this exquisite palace built as a citadel by the Moors in the 13th century - a fantasy of arabesque gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. Stroll through the elegant, exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the summer residence of the Spanish royals. (B) (L)

Gran Hotel Luna de Granada.

DAY 16 | TO MADRID IN SEARCH OF DON QUIXOTE

Your journey continues to the north, through countryside immortalized by Cervantes fictional hero, Don Quixote. On return to Madrid, toast your travels with your newfound friends during a lively Celebration Dinner of delicious food and wine at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

Barceló Emperatriz, Madrid.

DAY 17 | FAREWELL MADRID

After breakfast, transfers arrive at Madrid airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Madrid | Celebration Dinner in Madrid | Restaurant Dinner in Fez and Casablanca | Taste Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon | Tasting Olive oil in Alfnatejo | Dine-at-Home in Alfnatejo.

Insightful Experiences

Madrid: Witness the world's finest collection of Spanish paintings, plus an impressive international collection, as you tour the Prado Museum with an art historian.

Granada: Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens with a Local Expert.

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DAY 6 | The Cristina Heeren Foundation aims to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco and is a beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Meet the students, learn some basic flamenco steps, and watch them perform an emotional show.

Insight Choice

Seville: Panoramic City Tour Drive with Local Expert or Old Jewish Quarter Walking Tour with Local Expert.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel across the Straits of Gibraltar between Europe and Africa | Visit Chapel of the Apparitions in Fátima | National Coach Museum in Lisbon | Seville Cathedral | Bahia Palace | Fes Medina | See Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca.

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID

Your airport transfer departs Madrid airport for your hotel at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 or 16:00. While in Madrid, explore the elegant boulevards, expansive parks and varied architectural styles. At 18:30, join your Travel Director for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (D) Barcelo Emperatriz, Madrid.

DAY 2 | TOLEDO AND ON TO GRANADA

Meet a master Damascene artisan for insights into this unique craft. Explore Toledo led by your Local Expert. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, housing El Greco's 'The Burial of the Count of Orgaz.' (B) (D) Vincci Albayzín, Granada.

DAY 3 | THE ALHAMBRA PALACE

Explore the incredible Alhambra Palace and exotic water gardens of the Generalife, with your Local Expert. Continue on to Seville and visit the Cathedral with a Local Expert. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to walk through the old Jewish quarter. Alternatively, enjoy a panoramic drive around the city (B) Melia Sevilla, Seville.

DAY 4 | FREE TIME IN SEVILLE AND FLAMENCO

Enjoy a free day to explore as you wish. Visit Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance. (B)

DAY 5 | ÉVORA AND ON TO LISBON

Continue to the lively university town of Évora. Visit the fascinating Capela dos Ossos, a chapel decorated with human bones, before making your way to Lisbon. (B) Turim Saldanha Hotel, Lisbon.

DAY 6 | LISBON

Visit the Belém Quarter and National coach museum, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a Local Expert and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same, secret recipe for almost 200 years. View the Monument to the Discoveries and the more ancient Belém Tower. (B)

DAY 7 | HOLY FÁTIMA AND SALAMANCA

In Fátima, visit the famed basilica. Cross the border, returning to Spain and continue to Salamanca. Across the River Tormes, see the Puente Romano with 15 of its 26 arches dating from the time of the ancient Romans. (B) Hotel Alameda Palace, Salamanca.

DAY 8 | ÁVILA AND MADRID

Travel to Ávila to walk within the ancient city. Return to Madrid to explore more of the capital with your Local Expert. At a local restaurant, join your newfound friends for a Highlight Dinner. (B) (D) Barcelo Emperatriz, Madrid.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 9 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Visit the Prado Museum with an art historian, housing works by Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and others. (B)

DAY 10 | THROUGH THE GUADARRAMA MOUNTAINS TO SANTIAGO

Journey through the Guadarrama Mountains to the infinite horizons of Old Castile and pass the impressive Castillo de la Mota. Continue past historic Tordesillas, and on to Santiago de Compostela. (B) (D)

NH Collection, Santiago de Compostela.

DAY 11 | SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Explore Santiago de Compostela with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a scenic walk on the Way of St. James. Alternatively, join a city tour with a Local Expert. (B)

DAY 12 | ALONG THE COSTA VERDE TO OVIEDO

Pass through Galicia to the Green Coast of Asturias. Take in the coastal views en route to Oviedo. A short drive brings you to the Bay of Biscay. Enjoy an espicha experience for lunch, very popular with the locals, you'll have a taste of different products they offer, with a souvenir glass of cider. In Oviedo, a Local Expert shows you the 9th century churches. Visit the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour in Plaza Alfonso II. Admire the incredible altarpiece, one of the finest in Europe. (B) (L)

Barceló Oviedo Cervantes, Oviedo.

DAY 13 | PICTURESQUE SANTILLANA DEL MAR AND ON TO SANTANDER

Visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga, a shrine to Pelayo. See the unique Roman bridge in Cangas de Onís and head into Picos de Europa, a national park boasting spectacular scenery. Enjoy views of the Costa de Cantabria while travelling to Santillana del Mar, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. (B)

Eurostars Hotel Real, Santander.

DAY 14 | BILBAO AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

Admire the architecture of the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. Continue to San Sebastián and admire its beauty during a City Tour with a Local Expert. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Old Quarter including Plaza de la Constitución. (B)

Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián.

DAY 15 | THE CANTABRIAN COAST

Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk or enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. (B)

DAY 16 | PAMPLONA AND ON TO BARCELONA

Journey to the famed town of Pamplona where you are free to explore. Perhaps stroll to Estafeta Street or visit Café Iruña, immortalized in Ernest Hemingway's 'The Sun Also Rises?' On a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, learn the sparkling secrets of Spanish bubbly at a biodynamic winery. Continue to Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Catalonia, a land that retains its own distinctive language, culture and traditions. (B)

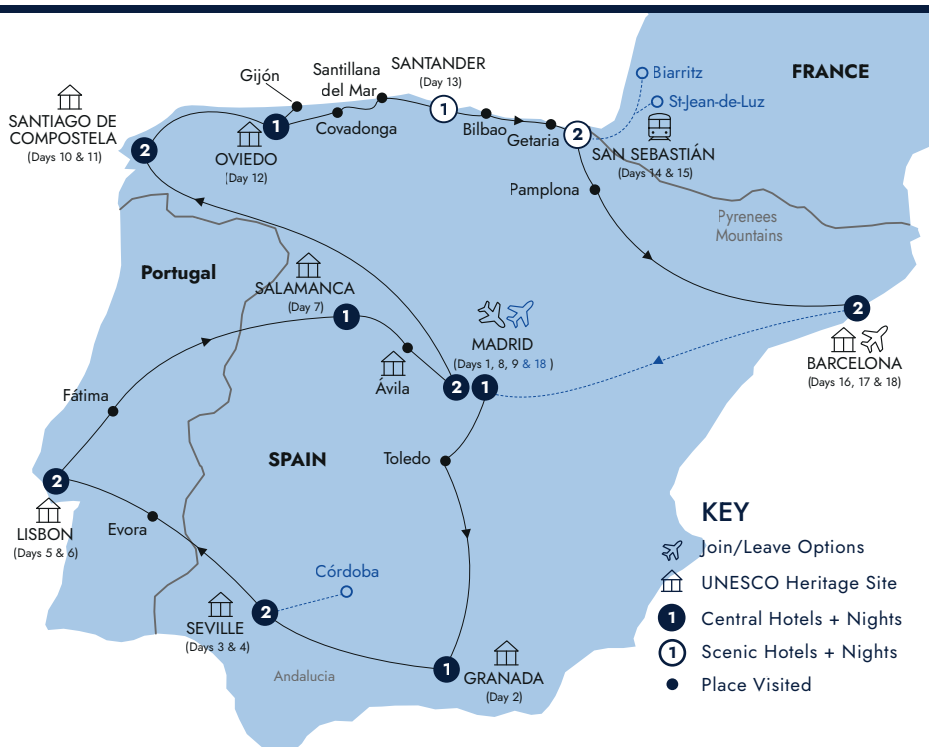
Hilton, Barcelona.

DAY 17 | BARCELONA, CITY OF GAUDI

A Local Expert joins you for a drive along the Passeig de Gràcia, adorned with elegant wrought-iron street lamps and some of the most flamboyant Modernist buildings. Continue through the Eixample district to visit Gaudí's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Família. In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant. Raise your glass and toast to your travels during your delightful Celebration Dinner. (B) (D)

DAY 18 | DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID

Departure transfers arrive at Barcelona airport at 07:00, 09:00 or 11:00. The 09:00 transfer continues on to Madrid airport and hotel in the early evening. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Visit Trabanco for an espicha experience, a specific type of party that is very popular in Asturias | Welcome Dinner in Madrid | Celebration Dinner in Barcelona | Taste Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon.

Insightful Experiences

Granada: Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens with a Local Expert | Visit a Damascene workshop | Prado Museum with a local art historian.

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DAY 16 | A master vintner unveils the secrets of organic and biodynamic Spanish bubbly, produced in harmony with the terroir, climate and natural environment.

Insight Choice

Choose between two experiences in Seville and Santiago de Compostela.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Seville Cathedral | National coach museum | Fátima basilica | Santo Tomé church | Picos de Europa National Park | Holy Cave of Covadonga | Sagrada Família | City tours of Madrid, Oviedo, San Sebastián, Barcelona, Toledo and Seville, and Lisbon, all with Local Experts.

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BARCELONA

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DAY 2 | BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

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DAY 3 | ALONG THE COAST TO VALENCIA

Stop at Peñíscola to see the sea-lapped castle. Continue to Valencia. Meet the chef of a local family-run restaurant in the heart of the Old City and learn how to make the local specialty, paella. Later, indulge in the delicious flavours of this classic dish with a glass of sangria at your Highlight Dinner. (B) (D) Barceló, Valencia.

DAY 4 | EXQUISITE GRANADA AND ALHAMBRA

Travel toward Andalucía, passing the castle at Lorca and troglodyte dwellings. The afternoon is at your leisure to explore as you wish. Overlooking Granada stands one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built, the Alhambra. Led by your Local Expert, explore this exquisite 13th century palace. (B) (D) Meliá Granada.

DAY 5 | A SCENIC DRIVE TO SEVILLE

Your journey continues to Seville. (B) Meliá Sevilla, Seville.

DAY 6 | SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN

Visit the Seville Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walk through the old Jewish Quarter. Alternatively, enjoy a drive around the city with panoramic views. Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B)

DAY 7 | MOORISH CÓRDOBA

In Córdoba, meet a local historian and visit the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built within. (B) Radisson RED/Canopy Hilton, Madrid.

DAY 8 | WONDERFUL MADRID

Guided by your Local Expert, visit the Spanish capital's most historic neighborhoods. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter, discovering the origins of the city. Enjoy a special visit to the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Join your newfound friends at a local restaurant for a Highlight Dinner. (B) (D)

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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DAY 9 | MADRID AT LEISURE

Relaxed Start. Enjoy a relaxed start and a full day at leisure to explore Spain's capital. Consider an optional experience to the fortified city of Segovia. (B)

DAY 10 | THROUGH THE GUADARRAMA MOUNTAINS TO SANTIAGO

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NH Collection, Santiago de Compostela.

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*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Barcelona | Paella cooking demonstration and Highlight Dinner in Valencia | Highlight Dinner in Madrid | Espicha experience | Celebration dinner in Barcelona.

Insightful Experiences

Visit Alhambra Palace and the Generalife gardens with a Local Expert.

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Insight Choice

Choose between two experiences in Seville and Santiago de Compostela.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Sagrada Família | Córdoba's Mezquita | Picos de Europa National Park and the holy cave of Covadonga | Monte Iguelo in San Sebastián.

City tours of Barcelona, Seville, Córdoba, Oviedo and San Sebastián, all with Local Experts.

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BARCELONA

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Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers at 18:00 for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

NH Collection Constanza/Hilton Barcelona/Melia Barcelona Sarria, Barcelona.

DAY 2 | BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

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Enjoy a free afternoon to explore. (B)

DAY 3 | ALONG THE COAST TO VALENCIA

Follow the sunny Costa Dorada, past the rice fields of the Ebro Delta. Stop at the seaside resort of Peñíscola and see the hilltop castle used in the film 'El Cid'. Pass through the famous orange groves to Valencia and see the City of Arts and Sciences. Later see the Old City and take in its medieval charm.

Valencia is home to one of the world's greatest dishes, paella. Meet the chef of a local family-run restaurant in the heart of the Old City and learn how to make this local specialty during a Cooking Demonstration. Later, indulge in the delicious flavours of this classic dish with a glass of sangria at your Highlight Dinner. (B) (D)

Barceló, Valencia.

DAY 4 | EXQUISITE GRANADA AND ALHAMBRA

Travel south toward Andalucía, passing the castle at Lorca and troglodyte dwellings hollowed out of the soft rock near Guadix. Enjoy views of the Sierra Nevada mountains from a distance as you reach glorious Granada. This historic city was a Moorish kingdom for almost eight centuries and was the last stronghold to fall to the Catholic monarchs of Spain in 1492. Overlooking Granada stands the Alhambra, one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built. Led by your Local Expert, explore this exquisite palace, built as a citadel by the Moors in the 13th century. A fantasy of arabesque gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. Later, stroll through the elegant exotic gardens of the Generalife, the Royal summer residence. (B) (D)

Gran Hotel Luna de Granada.

DAY 5 | A SCENIC DRIVE TO SEVILLE

The morning is at your leisure to explore as you wish. Perhaps join an Optional Experience and visit the Albaicin Quarter with a Local Expert. Here, in addition to falling in love with Granada, you will also uncover its pivotal role in European history. Continue your travels to Seville, past gleaming white villages and olive groves that stretch as far as the eye can see. (B)

Meliá Sevilla, Seville.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN

Visit the Seville Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walk through the old Jewish Quarter. Alternatively, join a scenic drive around the city. This evening, visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance. (B)



Coastal Valencia is the original home of fragrant paella. Under the guidance of Chef Lorenzo, you'll learn the insights of creating this dish from scratch, it's name deriving from 'hot pan.'

— PHILIPPE, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 7 | MOORISH CÓRDOBA AND ON TO MADRID

Set off early and journey to Córdoba to see the famous Roman bridge, built in the 1st century BC. Meet a local historian and visit the magnificent Mezquita, a beautiful 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built inside it. Enjoy time at leisure to stroll the narrow streets before continuing to the capital, Madrid. (B) Radisson RED/Canopy Hilton, Madrid.

DAY 8 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Enjoy sightseeing with your Local Expert as they guide you through the most historic neighbourhoods in the Spanish capital. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter to discover the origins of the city. Visit the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. With the afternoon at leisure, perhaps travel to Toledo with an Optional Experience. Join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant to toast your adventures during a delicious Celebration Dinner served with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | DEPART MADRID

After breakfast, transfers arrive at Madrid airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Barcelona | Paella cooking demonstration in Valencia | Celebration Dinner in Madrid.

Insightful Experiences

Granada: Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens with a Local Expert.

Madrid: Witness the world's finest collection of Spanish paintings, plus an impressive international collection, as you tour the Prado Museum with an art historian.

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DAY 6 | The Cristina Heeren Foundation aims to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco and is a beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Meet the students, learn some basic flamenco steps, and watch them perform an emotional show (pictured above).

Insight Choice

Seville: Panoramic City Tour Drive with Local Expert or Old Jewish Quarter Walking Tour with Local Expert.

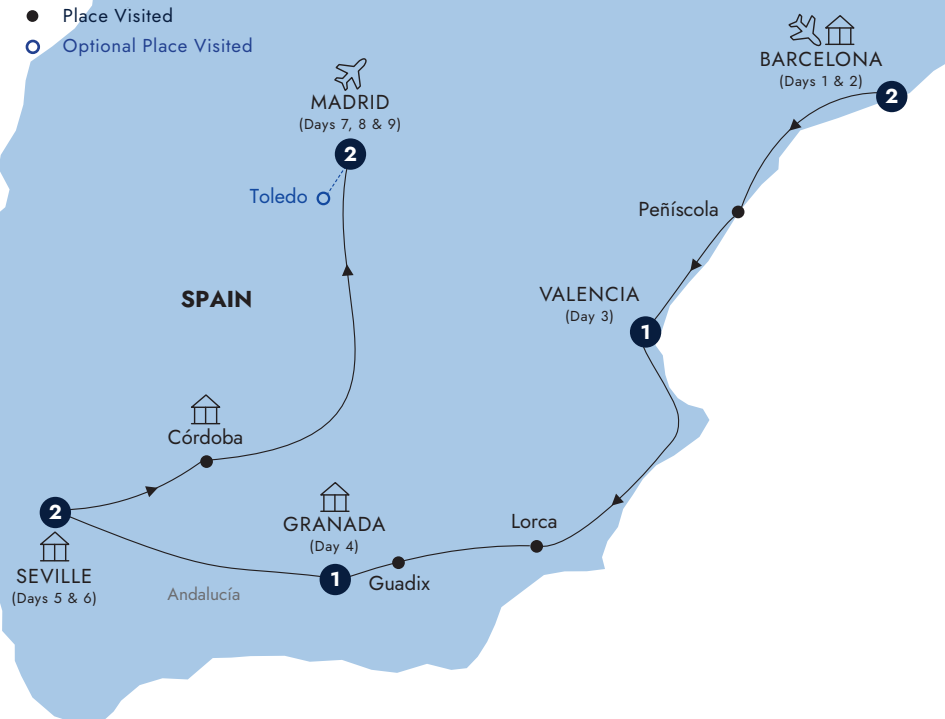
Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Sagrada Família | Seville Cathedral | Córdoba's Mezquita | City tours of Barcelona, Seville and Madrid, all with Local Experts.

See more experiences online

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited



BEST OF MOROCCO

Discover vibrant souks, and the ancient palace of Fes. Be awed by the rugged red mountains of Dades Valley, and sip tea alongside local nomads.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E938/W938

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/bestmorocco](https://www.insightvacations.com/bestmorocco)

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO CASABLANCA

On arrival at Casablanca airport, your transfer leaves for your landmark city hotel at 09:00, 12:00 or 15:00. Join your Travel Director and fellow guests at 18:00 for your Welcome Reception. **Grand Mogador City Centre, Casablanca.**

DAY 2 | RABAT, IMPERIAL MEKNES AND FES

An exploration of the sights of Casablanca will show you the huge Hassan II Mosque, the largest in the country. Venture to the très chic seaside strip known as the Corniche, which stretches to the west and is lined with trendy restaurants and cafes. Depart for the capital of Rabat to see the Royal Palace, Hassan Tower and visit one of the few holy places open to non-Muslims, the lavish Mausoleum of King Mohammed V. This site is both an architectural marvel and a monument to a great ruler. Travel to Meknes, one of the kingdom's great imperial cities where little has changed since its founding in the 11th century. Stand before the Bab el-Mansour, the monumental entrance to the imperial city and focal point of Square El-Hedim, before continuing to Fes. You'll be delighted with a superb Moroccan Highlight Dinner in an ancient palace at the entrance to the Medina. A colourful array of meze plates, aromatic tagines, exotic fruits and wine will be laid before you whilst you are entertained with a traditional folklore show. Enjoy the carnival-like atmosphere of belly dancers, drums and authentic music. (B) (D) **Marriott Jnan Palace, Fes.**

DAY 3 | FES SIGHTSEEING

Led by your Local Expert, wander the maze of streets that make up the ancient Medina. Pass one of the world's oldest universities and see the hidden courtyards, mosques and workshops. Continue through the souks where an array of vendors sell food, clothes, leather goods and beautiful lights. (B) (D)

DAY 4 | THE ZIZ GORGES TO ERFOUD

Leave the bustle of the city behind and head for the spectacular snowcapped High Atlas Mountains. Pass through Ifrane before reaching the great cedar forests of Azrou. After stopping for lunch at Midelt, continue through the magnificent Ziz Gorges, past palm-fringed towns to Er Rachidia, built by the French at an important crossroads. Your destination is Erfoud, where the red sand buildings stand in stark contrast against the patches of greenery and surrounding desert. In the evening, there is an Optional Experience to meet the nomadic desert dwellers and marvel at the glorious Sahara sunset on a four-wheel drive vehicle. (B) (L) (D) **Kasbah Hotel Xaluca Arfoud, Erfoud.**

DAY 5 | SPECTACULAR OUARZAZATE

Venture towards the oasis of Tinehir and explore the Todra Gorge, known as the Grand Canyon of the Sahara. At Boumalne du Dadès you will encounter the dry and rugged Dades Valley, dotted with oases of figs, olives, date palms and castellated mud houses—hugging the slopes. Meet

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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the locals of the region when you visit a traditional Nomad house and try authentic Berber tea. The Road of a Thousand Kasbahs concludes at Ouarzazate, also known as the film capital of Morocco. Many blockbusters have been filmed here, including Lawrence of Arabia and Star Wars. (B) (L) (D)

Le Berbère Palace, Ouarzazate.

DAY 6 | TO MARRAKESH

Marvel at and photograph the architectural wonder of Ksar of Aït Benhaddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that boasts one of Morocco's finest kasbahs. Your journey continues via the spectacular Tizi n'Tichka Pass, before descending past charming mountain villages, dense woods and green fields to the ochre-coloured city of Marrakesh. With the rest of the day at your leisure, why not relax and enjoy the immaculate facilities of your hotel? (B)

Mövenpick Mansour Eddahbi, Marrakech.

DAY 7 | MARRAKESH, PEARL OF THE SOUTH

Meet your Local Expert in the bustling Jemaa el-Fnaa Square, where you can take a moment to watch the dancers, snake charmers, storytellers and acrobats. Wander the maze of the Medina and see the Koutoubia Mosque, with its minaret dominating the Marrakesh skyline. Explore Marrakesh with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the intricately decorated Palais Bahia, intended to be the greatest palace of its time. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you take a leisurely guided bike tour with an organization providing financial support to local youth.

With time at leisure, you are free to continue exploring, try your hand at haggling in the souks or maybe visit a museum? In the evening, perhaps choose to join fellow guests at a vibrant restaurant on Jemaa el-Fnaa Square. Here you will enjoy a slew of classic Moroccan dishes as you absorb the ambience and watch twirling belly dancers balance plates of lit candles on their heads. (B)

DAY 8 | ELEGANT ESSAOUIRA

Reach the fishing town of Essaouira. After checking into your hotel, why not spend the afternoon navigating the narrow alleyways, exploring the busy fishing port or maybe just relaxing on the beach? In the evening, you could sample the local seafood and wine at a waterside restaurant. (B)

Atlas Essaouira & Spa, Essaouira.

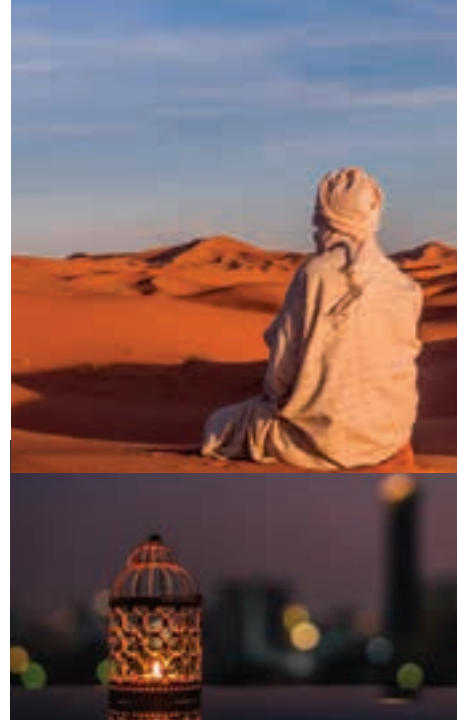
DAY 9 | RETURN TO CASABLANCA

Once you've experienced the traditional charms of the country, Casablanca is a fascinating place to return to and offers a unique insight into modern Morocco. In the evening 'of all the gin joints, in all the towns, in all the world' there really is only one place to be. Join your Travel Director at Rick's Café, recreated from the famous movie. Enjoy a hearty Celebration Dinner with drinks and no doubt a rendition of 'As Time Goes By'. Here's looking at you kid! (B) (D)

Grand Mogador City Centre, Casablanca.

DAY 10 | AU REVOIR CASABLANCA

Departure transfers arrive at Casablanca airport at 05:00, 07:00, 10:00 and 12:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Moroccan performance with dinner in Fes | Celebration Dinner at Rick's Café in Casablanca.

Insightful Experiences

Dades Valley: Stop at a traditional Nomad house and meet the locals as you sip Berber tea.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



DAY 7 | Discover the beauty of Marrakesh on a guided bike tour organized by a company that empowers local youth by promoting education, employment and financial opportunities.

Scenic Drives

Travelling Morocco is all about the senses. Take in the ever changing scenery of the Middle Atlas Mountains, Azrou, the Ziz Gorges, Tinehir and the Dades Valley. Travel the Road of a Thousand Kasbahs, Tizi n'Tichka Pass and the African North-West Coast.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Mohammed V Mausoleum in Rabat | Bahia Palace in Marrakesh | City tours of Fes and Marrakesh, all with Local Experts | See Casablanca | Meknes | Erfoud | Ouarzazate | the Ksar in Aït Benhaddou | Essaouira | View Hassan II Mosque.

See more experiences online

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- Scenic Hotels + Nights
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- Optional Place Visited



NORTHERN SPAIN

Encounter beaches on the Cantabrian Sea, the Cathedral of the Holy Savior, quaint villages and Barcelona's Gothic Quarter.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E931

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID

Your transfer will depart Madrid airport at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 or 16:00.

Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner in a local restaurant and get to know your fellow travellers over an evening of delicious food and wine. (D)

Radisson RED/Canopy by Hilton Castellana, Madrid.

DAY 2 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Enjoy sightseeing with your Local Expert as they take you along the main historical areas in the capital of Spain, known as Madrid of the Bourbons. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter, discovering the origins of the city. Learn about the growth of this city, from humble beginnings to a thriving European metropolis. A highlight of your escorted journey will be to visit the Prado Museum. Discover countless works by Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and others as you are guided by a local art historian. Gain new perspective on classic artworks as your art historian shares historic anecdotes and provides new insights into the Prado's collection. The afternoon is free for you to relax at a café or shop in the boutiques. (B)

DAY 3 | THROUGH THE GUADARRAMA MOUNTAINS TO SANTIAGO

Journey through the Guadarrama Mountains to the infinite horizons of Old Castile and pass the impressive Castillo de la Mota. Continue past historic Tordesillas, and on to Santiago de Compostela. (B) (D)

NH Collection, Santiago de Compostela.

DAY 4 | SAINTLY SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Explore Santiago de Compostela with Insight Choice. Choose to join a city tour with a Local Expert and visit the cathedral, festooned with architectural frills. Alternatively, embark on a scenic walk along the Way of St. James, through scenic parks and gardens. Relax during your free time, or explore the narrow streets and old city squares. (B)

DAY 5 | ALONG THE COSTA VERDE TO OVIEDO

Pass through Galicia to the Green Coast of Asturias. Take in the coastal views en route to Oviedo. A short drive brings you to the Bay of Biscay. Enjoy an espicha experience for lunch, very popular with the locals, you'll have a taste of different products they offer, with a souvenir glass of cider. In Oviedo, a Local Expert shows you the 9th century churches. Visit the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour in Plaza Alfonso II. Admire the incredible altarpiece, one of the finest in Europe. (B) (L)

Barceló Oviedo Cervantes, Oviedo.

DAY 6 | PICTURESQUE SANTILLANA DEL MAR AND ON TO SANTANDER

Visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga, a shrine to Pelayo. See the unique Roman bridge in Cangas

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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de Onís and head into Picos de Europa, a national park boasting spectacular scenery. Enjoy views of the Costa de Cantabria whilst travelling to Santillana del Mar, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. Continue to Santander. (B)
Eurostars Hotel Real, Santander.

DAY 7 | BILBAO, COSTA VASCA AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

In nearby Bilbao, admire the striking architecture of the Guggenheim Museum. Enjoy the views as you are driven along part of the Costa Vasca and pause in Getaria to see 'El Ratón', the mouse-shaped rock. Continue to San Sebastián and admire its beauty during a City Tour with a Local Expert. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Old Quarter including Plaza de la Constitución. (B)
Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián.

DAY 8 | SAN SEBASTIÁN, PEARL OF THE CANTABRIAN COAST

Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk and with the city harbour filled with fishing boats and pleasure crafts, you can enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. Perhaps you'll want to explore the nearby French villages of Saint-Jean-de-Luz, also known as Little Paris and Biarritz? Maybe stroll the promenade of the famous La Concha bay or enjoy the boutiques of the Old Town? (B)

DAY 9 | PAMPLONA AND ON TO BARCELONA

Journey to the famed town of Pamplona where you are free to explore. Perhaps stroll to Estafeta Street or visit Café Iruña, immortalized in Ernest

Hemingway's 'The Sun Also Rises?' On a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, learn the sparkling secrets of Spanish bubbly at a biodynamic winery. Continue to Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Catalonia, a land that retains its own distinctive language, culture and traditions. (B)
Hilton, Barcelona.

DAY 10 | BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

Wake up ready to embrace the city's artistic heritage. Join a Local Expert and drive along the Passeig de Gràcia, adorned with elegant wrought-iron street lamps and the most flamboyant Modernist buildings. Continue through the Eixample district to behold Gaudí's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Família. As you venture inside, look above to see its giant, tree-like pillars and spectacular vaulting. Admire the wonderful rainbow of the incredible stained-glass windows. With the afternoon at leisure, you are free to relax or continue your exploration on your own. In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant. Raise your glass and toast your travels during your delightful Celebration Dinner. (B) (D)

DAY 11 | DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID

Departure transfers arrive at Barcelona airport at 07:00, 09:00 or 11:00. The 09:00 transfer continues on to Madrid airport and hotel in the early evening. (B)



Superior Dining

Visit Trabanco for an espicha experience, a specific type of party that is very popular in Asturias | Welcome Dinner in Madrid | Celebration Dinner in Barcelona | Taste wine in Sant Sadurni d'Anoia.

Insightful Experiences

Madrid: Witness the world's finest collection of Spanish paintings, plus an impressive international collection, as you tour the Prado Museum with an art historian.

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DAY 9 | A master vintner unveils the secrets of organic and biodynamic Spanish bubbly, produced in harmony with the terroir, climate and natural environment.

Insight Choice

Santiago: Santiago de Compostela City Tour with Local Expert including cathedral visit or Way of St. James Scenic Walk with Local Expert.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Picos de Europa National Park | Holy Cave of Covadonga | Sagrada Família.



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EASY PACE SPAIN

Ease in Espana from Bilbao's Guggenheim and Barcelona's Sagrada Familia to pintxos and the Prado.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 12 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E303

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BARCELONA

Airport transfers depart from Barcelona airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00. Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for your Welcome Dinner at local restaurant La Pau. This MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience supports teenagers and young people transition to their adult life. Learn about local life through the eyes of the youth. (D)
NH Collection Barcelona Constanza, Barcelona.

DAY 2 | BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

The lively port of Barcelona boasts an impressive Old Town, although it's the daring architecture of the Catalan Art Nouveau that really sets it apart. Sightseeing with your Local Expert begins a drive down the Passeig de Gràcia to Gaudí's Sagrada Família. Venture inside the leviathan of the Eixample where a tree canopy carved from stone, holds up the roof as sun pours through stained glass. Then you are free to explore this amazing city at your own pace. (B)

DAY 3 | BARCELONA AT LEISURE

Enjoy a relaxed start and a full day at leisure to explore Spain's most vibrant city. From its geographical location, boasting coastal vistas, to the city's extravagant architectural landscape, Barcelona is a delight to explore. Consider a stroll along the famous Las Ramblas or explore Gaudí's fascinating Park Güell. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to ascend the sacred mountain of Montserrat, Catalonia's most important pilgrimage site for a thousand years, for sweeping views? (B)

DAY 4 | PAMPLONA AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

Journey past Zaragoza on the way to Pamplona in the region of Navarre, famous for the Running of the Bulls. With free time to explore as you wish, perhaps stroll to the famous Estafeta Street. Travel to the aristocratic seaside resort of San Sebastián. Northern Spain's Basque country has evolved into the best place to eat in the Western world, so in the evening, discover the city's rich gastronomic tradition in the heart of Lo Viejo, the Old Town. (B)
Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián.

DAY 5 | BILBAO AND GUGGENHEIM

Few places have been able to reinvent themselves quite like Bilbao. The former industrial city has changed its ways and is now a pin-up for urban redevelopment. Explore Bilbao with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the spectacular Guggenheim Museum to marvel at its modern architecture and contemporary works of art. Alternatively, join your Local Expert and take the funicular to Mount Artxanda. On return, join a Local Expert to admire San Sebastián and the crescent-shaped La Concha Bay from the heights of Monte Igueldo. After taking in the amazing views, enjoy a guided tour of the Old Quarter. See the numbered balconies of the Plaza de la Constitución, a reminder of the days when bullfights were held in the square. Explore the Old Town during your progressive Highlight Dinner with the locals, as you enjoy the

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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gastronomic Basque tradition of pintxos. Similar to tapas, enjoy a variety of snack-sized treats and be sure to try some of the local Txakoli wine. Buen provecho! (B) (D)

DAY 6 | SAN SEBASTIÁN, PEARL OF THE CANTABRIAN COAST

Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk. The harbour is filled with fishing boats and pleasure crafts, so you can enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. Perhaps explore the nearby French village of Saint-Jean-de-Luz, known as the Jewel of the Basque Country? During this Optional Experience you will explore this town with a Local Expert and visit the church where The Sun King, Louis XIV, married the Spanish princess Maria Theresa. (B)

DAY 7 | BURGOS AND MADRID

Journey south through the Pyrenees foothills and the land of El Cid for a stop in Burgos, where you can see the cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue along the Guadarrama Mountains to the plateau of New Castile and Spain's elegant capital. Madrid's grand avenues and dynamic culture welcome you. In the evening, why not see the city lit up at its glory, with a drive along the grand avenues and past the spectacular fountains? (B)

Meliá Madrid Princesa, Madrid.

DAY 8 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

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Bourbons. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter, discovering the origins of the city. Learn about the growth of this city, from humble beginnings to a thriving European metropolis. A highlight of your escorted journey will be to visit the Prado Museum. Discover countless works by Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and others as you are guided by a local art historian. Gain new perspective on classic artworks as your art historian shares historic anecdotes and provides new insights into the Prado's collection. The afternoon is free for you to relax at a café or shop in the boutiques. (B)

DAY 9 | THE MEDIEVAL STREETS OF SEGOVIA

Venture north to visit the fascinating city of Segovia. Marvel at the engineering of the Roman aqueduct, which towers over the historic hub of the city. Walk the medieval streets of this fortified city with your Local Expert and see the 14th century Alcazar Palace. You are at leisure after returning to Madrid. Delve into the capital's delights before you make the most of your final night with your fellow travellers at a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. Enjoy delightful regional produce paired with the finest local wines, as you toast to a vacation done well. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | DEPART MADRID

After breakfast, transfers arrive at Madrid airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Pintxos Dinner in San Sebastián |
Celebration Dinner in Madrid |
MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
at Pau Restaurant in Barcelona.

Insightful Experiences

Madrid: Witness the world's finest collection of Spanish paintings, plus an impressive international collection, as you tour the Prado Museum with an art historian.

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DAY 1: Dine at La Pau, an acclaimed restaurant for the quality of its seasonal menu and social impact. This social initiative generate quality employment to young people and guides them through their transition to adult life.

Insight Choice

Bilbao: Guggenheim Museum Visit or
Mount Artxanda Funicular Ride.

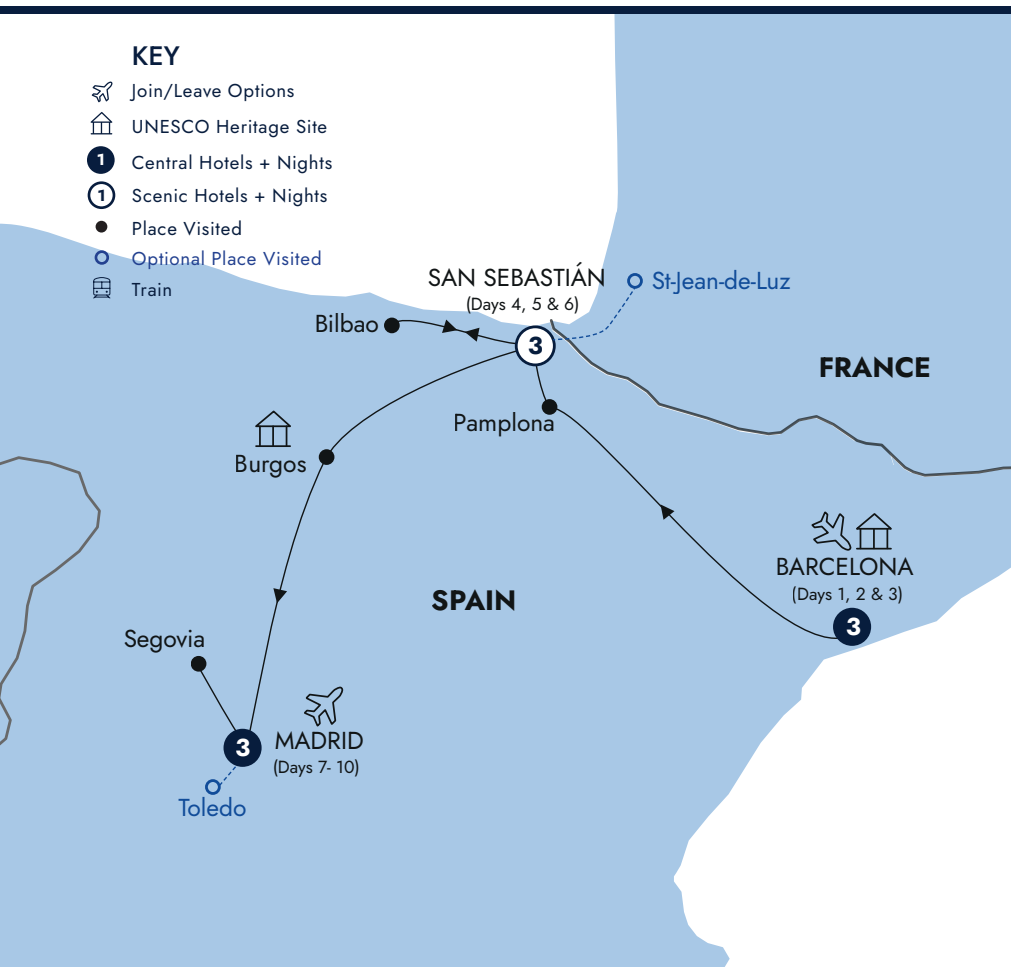
Scenic Drives

Enjoy the scenery of the Río Ebro River,
Basque Country, Sierra de Guadarrama
and the Plains of La Mancha.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Sagrada Família | City tours of
Barcelona, San Sebastián, Segovia and
Madrid, all with Local Experts | See Burgos'
cathedral | Zaragoza's El Pilar and
Río Ebro | Pamplona.

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COUNTRY ROADS OF PORTUGAL

Explore Lisbon's historic downtown, set sail on Lake Alqueva and learn the complexities of Alentejo wine.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 15 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E928/W928

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see insightvacations.com/crportugal

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LISBON

On arrival at Lisbon International Airport, there are complimentary transfers to your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant and the opportunity to mingle with your fellow travellers. (D)

Corinthia Hotel, Lisbon.

DAY 2 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE GREAT DISCOVERIES

Your guided sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the spacious avenues of the Lower Town and across the tree-shaded squares. Pass beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paço. See the ancient Belém Tower and marvel at the Monument to the Discoveries. Explore more of the Belém Quarter as you enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years, and visit the Cloister of Jeronimos Monastery. This evening, gain further insight into Portuguese culture with an Optional Experience dinner. (B)

DAY 3 | THE ALGARVE

Cross the River Tagus to reach Lagos, a coastal fishing port nestled in the bay of Meia Praia. After free time to explore, continue to your resort hotel set within a magnificent 360-acre estate. A short walk away, specialized Portuguese seafood restaurants hug the coastline, overlooking the Atlantic. (B)

Ria Park Hotel & Spa, Algarve.

DAY 4 | EVERLASTING ÉVORA

Journey to the medieval walled city of Évora where cathedrals, churches, aqueducts and ancient castle walls all serve to create the feeling that this beautiful city is a living, breathing museum to Portugal's rich past. Join your Local Expert to explore the highlights of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the Roman Temple and visit the cathedral as well as the Capela dos Ossos, an extraordinary 17th century chapel made of bones. (B)

M'Ar de Ar Aqueduto, Évora.

DAY 5 | MONSARAZ AND ÉVORA

Travel to the striking white village of Monsaraz and take in the spectacular views from the castle ruins. Join a local boat captain for a leisurely cruise on the tranquil waters of Lake Alqueva. Relax and enjoy calming waters, picturesque views and tales of river life. Sit down to a delicious Highlight Lunch at local restaurant Sem Fim, once an olive mill. Enjoy a wide range of tasty tapas dishes showcasing the local cuisine, and soak up the vibrant, cheerful atmosphere. Return to Évora where the evening is at your leisure to explore this beautifully preserved regional capital. (B) (L)

DAY 6 | ON TO TOMAR

This morning, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit Adega da Casa Relvas. Learn about olive oil production and wine-making

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)
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traditions in the Alentejo before sampling these quintessential ingredients of Portuguese cuisine. Continue to Tomar to visit the Templar Castle and the Convent of Christ, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join your Local Expert to explore the Templars' Rotunda and glimpse the day-to-day life of a warrior monk. See the Manueline Window, a national masterpiece and visit the Synagogue of Tomar and its small Jewish museum. (B) (D)
Hotel dos Templários, Tomar.

DAY 7 | COIMBRA AND THE DOURO VALLEY

In Coimbra, your Local Expert will guide you through the Old Town, before visiting the baroque university library, one of the finest in the world. Your journey continues past verdant hills and lush vineyards, along the tranquil waters of the Douro River. (B) (D)
Douro Palace Hotel Resort & Spa, Douro Valley.

DAY 8 | GUIMARÃES AND PORTO

Journey to Guimarães to admire the views from the ruined castle and explore the cobbled streets and cozy squares. Explore Porto with Insight Choice. Choose to join your Local Expert and visit the São Bento Railway Station, with a walk along the architecturally impressive Dom Luís I Bridge. Alternatively, enjoy a panoramic drive through the city streets, also lead by a Local Expert. In the evening you are at leisure to enjoy your boutique, five-star hotel, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, in the heart of Porto's historic district. The decor is a mix of classic

and contemporary and each room is individually decorated with original artwork. (B)
Pousada do Porto Rua Das Flores.

DAY 9 | PORTO, GRANDE DAME ON THE DOURO

With a full day free to enjoy at your own pace, why not take a stroll to admire the multi-coloured houses of Porto? Perhaps choose to visit Braga, the capital of baroque. In the evening, bid adeus to your Travel Director and fellow travellers with a mouth-watering Celebration Dinner with wine at an authentic Porto restaurant. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | HOLY FÁTIMA, ANCIENT ÓBIDOS AND LISBON

Continue to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned place of pilgrimage. See the basilica or perhaps visit the Chapel of the Apparitions, which commemorates the appearance of the Virgin Mary to three young shepherds in 1917. Journey to the fortified town of Óbidos and walk within its walls, exploring the narrow, medieval streets where houses are covered with flowers. Your travels continue to the Portuguese capital, Lisbon. (B)
Dom Pedro Lisboa, Lisbon.

DAY 11 | DEPART LISBON

After breakfast, your departure transfer arrives at Lisbon International Airport at 07:00 or 09:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Lisbon | Farm-to-Table dining in Douro Valley | Celebration Dinner in Porto | Taste Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon | Highlight Lunch in Monsarraz.

Insightful Experiences

Monsarraz: Join a local boat captain for a tranquil cruise of Lake Alqueva. Relax and enjoy calming waters, picturesque views and tales of river life.

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DAY 6 | During a wine tasting session, appreciate the delicate yet complex nuances of Alentejo wine, and learn how the Relvas family has been managing to keep low water consumption, reforestation of indigenous trees, and providing scholarships to children of the village.

Insight Choice

Porto: São Bento Railway Station Visit or Porto City Tour with Local Expert.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Cloister of the Jeronimos Monastery | Capela dos Ossos in Évora | Chapel of the Apparitions in Fátima | Coimbra University library | Templar Castle | Convent of Christ and Synagogue in Tomar | City tours of Lisbon, Tomar, Évora, Coimbra and Porto all with Local Experts.

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Year-round

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID

Your airport transfer departs Madrid airport for your hotel at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 or 16:00. While in Madrid, explore the elegant boulevards, expansive parks and varied architectural styles. At 18:30, join your Travel Director for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (D) Barcelo Emperatriz, Madrid.

DAY 2 | THE OLD CAPITAL OF TOLEDO AND ON TO GRANADA

Visit the fascinating city of Toledo, situated high above the River Tagus. This was Spain's capital during the golden era, where Arab, Jewish and Christian cultures flourished side-by-side through the Middle Ages. From here you will venture south to meet a master artisan in a Damascene workshop for a personal insight into this ancient craft, handed down by the Moors centuries ago. Then enjoy a walk within the city walls of Toledo, through the narrow cobbled streets, led by your Local Expert. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, housing El Greco's famous painting, 'The Burial of the Count of Orgaz.'

Your journey continues to Granada. (B) (D) Vincci Albayzín, Granada.

DAY 3 | THE ALHAMBRA PALACE AND SEVILLE, CITY OF CARMEN

'Give him alms, woman, because there is nothing sadder in life than being blind in Granada,' proclaims the inscription on the walls of the Alhambra. Bathed in the morning light, the Alhambra Palace awaits - a fantasy of arabesque gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. Explore with your Local Expert before visiting the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the summer residence of the Spanish royals. Take a moment to relax in the sunshine as you enjoy the fine views over the town and its three verdant hills before continuing to Seville.

Visit the Seville Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus in Lisbon. Explore the city with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walk through the old Jewish quarter. Alternatively, enjoy a drive with panoramic views. (B) Meliá Sevilla, Seville.

DAY 4 | FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE

This day is yours to completely relax or continue exploring this fascinating city. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Córdoba and visit the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built inside it?

Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This private dance school is dedicated to promoting the conservation of flamenco and supports young enthusiasts from all over the world with a special focus on new talent from the Andalusian region. Feel the passion behind the choreography as you put your

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

rhythm to the test during a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance. (B)

DAY 5 | ÉVORA AND ONTO LISBON

Continue to the lively university town of Évora, one of the best preserved towns in Portugal, with architectural styles dating back to Roman Times. Visit the fascinating Capela dos Ossos, a chapel decorated with human bones, before making your way to Lisbon. (B)

Turim Saldanha Hotel, Lisbon.

DAY 6 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE DISCOVERIES

During your stay, a guided orientation of the city with your Local Expert takes you along the avenues of the Lower Town and beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paco, the finest square in the city. Visit the Belém Quarter and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same, secret recipe for almost 200 years. View the Monument to the Discoveries and the historic Belém Tower. This fortress was originally set in the middle of the river, but is now left high and dry on the riverbank. Visit the National Coach Museum. With the afternoon at your leisure, perhaps join an Optional Experience to the beautiful Portuguese Riviera, frequented by surfers, royalty and, on occasion, James Bond? (B)

DAY 7 | HOLY FÁTIMA AND SALAMANCA

Travel into the green hills north of Lisbon to visit Fátima, the most celebrated place of pilgrimage in Portugal. Visit the chapel commemorating the appearance of the Virgin Mary to three children in 1917. Cross the border, returning to Spain and continue to Salamanca, famous for its golden stone buildings and the handsome arcades of the Plaza Mayor. Across the River Tormes, see the Puente Romano with 15 of its 26 arches dating from the time of the ancient Romans. (B)

Hotel Alameda Palace, Salamanca.

DAY 8 | ÁVILA AND MADRID

Cross the rock-strewn hills of the Castile, to arrive at Ávila. Admire the impressive city still entirely enclosed within its 11th-century walls, a unique occurrence in Europe. Return to Madrid to explore more of the capital with your Local Expert. Relish in the lively buzz of this dynamic European capital as you spend a final afternoon exploring its grand avenues. At a local restaurant, join your Travel Director and newfound friends for a lively Celebration Dinner. (B) (D)

Barcelo Emperatriz Madrid.

DAY 9 | FAREWELL MADRID

After breakfast, transfers arrive at Madrid airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Madrid | Celebration Dinner in Madrid | Taste Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon.

Insightful Experiences

Toledo: At a Damascene workshop, meet a master artisan for a personal insight into this ancient craft. Witness firsthand their precision as they inlay gold and silver into iron, using a chisel and a hammer. Granada: Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens with a Local Expert.

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DAY 4 | The Cristina Heeren Foundation aims to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco and is a beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Meet the students, learn some basic flamenco steps, and watch them perform an emotional show.

Insight Choice

Seville: Panoramic City Tour Drive with Local Expert or Old Jewish Quarter Walking Tour with Local Expert.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Capela dos Ossos in Evora | National Visit Chapel of the Apparitions in Fátima | City tours of Madrid, Toledo, Seville and Lisbon, all with Local Experts | Visit Fatima, Salamanca and Avila.

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Venice, 'La Serenissima', is a floating city made up of more than 100 islands and crisscrossed by over 150 canals and 400 bridges. Hailed as an engineering marvel, the city and its lagoon are a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Sicily has also been ruled by most of Europe's most famous empires, including the Ancient Greeks, the Byzantines, the Romans, the Arabs, and the Normans, just to name a few.

Malta is one of the smallest countries in the world but their capital, Valetta, is the first planned capital city in Europe, during the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the city was sketched out, in 1565.

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BEST OF ITALY

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learn the secrets of leather making in Florence
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11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 16 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and baroque churches. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director, and get to know your fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel Romanico Palace, Rome.

DAY 2 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

The day is devoted to The Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums, full of priceless art treasures collected by the Popes. Insight has arranged Fast Track entry and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture, normally off-limits to visitors. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, to wonder at another of his works, the emotive 'Pietà,' and stand beneath the dome completed after his death. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus. Admire the beautifully preserved Arch of Constantine, walking on the ancient pavement. Discover the history, the construction and the legends of the iconic Colosseum as you stroll around the exterior of this amazing structure. Later, perhaps continue your exploration of Rome to see the Pantheon, the stunning piazzas and fountains of Rome. (B)

DAY 3 | THE CHIANTI HILLS TO FLORENCE

Drive to the Chianti Hills and the city of Florence. On arrival, you will be privy to the secrets of traditional Florentine leatherwork and see a gold demonstration. Learn about the history of leatherwork, its development in the region and its effect on the local culture. Admire high quality pieces as you appreciate the unique traditions displayed during today's demonstration. This evening, indulge in a delicious meal at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

NH Firenze/Hotel Adler Cavalieri, Florence.

DAY 4 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After continue on foot to admire the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Wander into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune and Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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in a local caffè, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. In the afternoon, perhaps visit medieval San Gimignano? (B)



Did you know? Italy is the world's biggest wine producer, with the largest number of native grape varieties. You'll enjoy some of these paired with delicious meals throughout the peninsula.

— CHRIS, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 5 | PISA TO VENICE, THE QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC

Journey to the coastal town of Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles, as well as the baptistery and colonnaded bell tower behind the cathedral. Relax and enjoy the scenery as you cross the spectacular Apennine Mountains, through the Emilia-Romagna region - one of Europe's most intensely farmed and fertile plains. Continue through the marshes of the Venetian Lagoon before crossing the causeway into the floating city of Venice. As evening falls, day-trippers desert the city to return to the mainland. Appreciate the peace and tranquility of Venice from your centrally located hotel. This evening, indulge in a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

NH Venezia Santa Lucia, Venice.

DAY 6 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Stroll past historic churches and 13th century palaces to St. Mark's Square. The first sight is the gilded façade of St. Mark's Basilica. Turn the corner, and view the pink marble of the Doge's Palace, connected to the prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. It was from here that Casanova made his daring escape. Afterwards, board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts



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Welcome Dinner in Rome | Restaurant Dinner in Florence | Celebration Dinner in Rome.

Insightful Experiences

Vatican: Gain Fast Track access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

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DAY 6 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

DAY 10 | Visit Casa Barone, a small family-run farm on the slopes of Mt. Vesuvius and one of the world's only producers of Piennolo tomatoes. Learn about their commitment to sustainability and taste the flavours of this special tomato during your Farm-to-Table lunch.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri | Ride in an open-top taxi in Capri | Enjoy a gondola serenade in Venice | Visit Pompeii | Visit the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi.



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centre. See how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. (B)

DAY 7 | ASSISI

Journey to the peaceful town of Assisi, dotted with medieval churches, colourful frescoes and shady courtyards. The town is UNESCO recognized as a World Heritage Site site known for the magnificent medieval architecture and for being the birthplace of Saint Francis. In the valley, see the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, much venerated as the place of St. Francis' death, then continue up Mount Subasio to the upper town. With your Local Expert, step inside the huge Basilica of St. Francis, built in the 13th century. You will find paintings by Cimabue, Pietro Lorenzetti, and Simone Martini inside, which have made Assisi a fundamental reference point for the development of Italian and European art and architecture. The frescoes painted by Giotto here within the basilica heralded a new era in Italian art. Arrive at your hotel, located in the heart of the medieval Old Town. Enjoy the tranquility of the historic old town during free time. (B) (D)

Hotel Giotto, Assisi.

DAY 8 | SORRENTO ON THE COAST

Travel south passing Cassino, the scene of a fierce battle during World War II, which resulted in huge Allied and German casualties as well as the near total destruction of the town itself. Follow the spectacular clifftop road to the picturesque resort of Sorrento, overlooking the Bay of Naples to Mount Vesuvius. After checking in to your hotel, spend the rest of the day at your leisure. Sorrento is known for its citrus fruits and abundance of lemons. As you wander through the town, keep your eye out for small lemon groves and trees hidden among the buildings. Locals continue to cultivate the fruit as part of their culture and of course to make Sorrento's most famous export – limoncello liqueur. (B)

DAY 9 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

Cross the Bay of Naples to reach the beautiful Isle of Capri, a rock rising sheer from the Mediterranean. For 2,000 years, Capri has beckoned visitors from Tiberius to Gracie Fields. The island is famous for its dramatic stretch of coastline peppered with grandiose villas and you will see that the glitzy Italian island is a playground for glamorous celebrities and jet-setters still today. Arriving at the Marina Grande by boat, ascend to Capri town by one of the island's iconic open-top taxis. A Local Expert joins you for an exploration of the narrow alleyways. Browse in deluxe boutiques



and wonder at the views over the Tyrrhenian Sea, off the Sorrento Peninsula. Descend to the port by funicular railway and return to Sorrento, where you are at leisure for the rest of the day. Perhaps head to Positano for an exploration of the colourful Amalfi Coast? (B)

DAY 10 | POMPEII, FROZEN IN TIME AND ON TO ROME

Continue to Pompeii, the opulent Roman town which was preserved by layers of ash from the disastrous eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. A walk with your Local Expert through the cobbled streets and extensive excavations reveals the daily life of ancient Roman civilisation. Visit the Forum and peer into shops and patrician villas, decorated

with colourful wall paintings. Unearthing treasures occurs every day during excavations in Pompeii. Snapshots of a lost Roman world continue to be discovered as one-third of the city buried under pumice and ash has yet to be excavated. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Vesuvius National Park and visit Casa Barone. This small family run farm on the slopes of the volcano is one of the world's only producers of Piennolo tomatoes, an endangered fruit that only thrives in the fertile volcanic soil. Each harvest is sustainably farmed and cared for by the extended Barone family, who all work here.

Be sure to savour the unique flavours of this rare tomato during a truly unique Farm-to-Table lunch. Your journey continues to Rome.

In the evening, enjoy an elegant four-course Celebration Dinner with local wine at a Roman restaurant. As you dine, enjoy a private performance of popular songs and arias from some of Italy's best-loved operas. (B) (L) (D) NH Roma Centro/Kolbe Hotel, Rome.

DAY 11 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)



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Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director. Get to know your fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel St. Martin, Rome.

DAY 2 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

A Local Expert leads you through the priceless art collection of the Vatican Museums, culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Your priority visit includes fast-tracked entry to the museums and a behind-the-scenes look at the Bramante Staircase. Later, continue to St. Peter's Basilica and cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum. (B)

DAY 3 | PISA AND SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE

Enjoy a delightful drive to Pisa through rolling countryside dotted with cypress trees, passing vineyards and olive groves.

With a Local Expert, view the incredible Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles from which Galileo is said to have conducted experiments on velocity and gravity. See the splendid cathedral and baptistry, decorated with mosaics and designs in solid marble. Your journey continues to the pretty seaside resort of Santa Margherita Ligure. (B) (D) Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure.

DAY 4 | THE CHARMS OF THE CINQUE TERRE

Head to the famous Cinque Terre, which translates to Five Lands. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is located on a gorgeously wild yet hospitable part of the coastline. With a Local Expert, approach one of the fishing villages by boat and spend some time exploring the medieval quarter or the popular sandy beach in Monterosso. Later, discover the resort town of Portofino, famed for its colourful houses. Should weather permit, return with a cruise along the rugged Ligurian coast to your hotel in the resort of Santa Margherita. (B)

DAY 5 | LAKE MAGGIORE

Head north to beautiful Lake Maggiore in the Italian Lakes District and the town of Baveno, noted for its narrow cobbled streets and charming 16th century square. On arrival, settle into your hotel and take in the magical scenery. In the afternoon, why not join an optional cruise to Isola Bella to explore the palace and admire the stunning and immaculate Italian style gardens. (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | ONTO VENICE

Your travels continue past the Soave vineyards, the City of Padua and on to the canals of Venice.

In the evening, indulge in a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

NH Venezia Rio Novo, Venezia.

DAY 7 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Stroll past historic churches and 13th century palaces to St. Mark's Square. The first sight is the gilded façade of St. Mark's Basilica. Turn the corner, and view the pink marble of the Doge's Palace, connected to the prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. It was from here that Casanova made his daring escape. Afterwards, board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre. See how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. (B)

DAY 8 | A SCENIC JOURNEY TO FLORENCE

Bid farewell to Venice and begin your journey to Renaissance Florence. Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After continue on foot to admire the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune and Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with delicious local wine, a specialty not to be missed. (B) (D)
Hilton Garden Inn Florence Novoli.

DAY 9 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Start the day with a traditional Florentine leather-work demonstration and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Perhaps join an Optional Experience to explore the hilltop town of San Gimignano? (B)



DAY 10 | ILL-FATED POMPEII AND ON TO SORRENTO

Journey south through the volcanic hills of Frascati to Pompeii. Walk with a Local Expert through the preserved cobbled streets for a glimpse into the daily life of civilization during the Roman Empire. Follow the cliff-top road to the resort town of Sorrento. (B)

Hotel Isabella, Sorrento.

DAY 11 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

With your Local Expert, cruise to the Isle of Capri and ascend to Capri town by one of the island's iconic open-top taxis. Explore the narrow alleyways

and descend to the port by funicular railway for the return to Sorrento. Later perhaps explore Positano on the Amalfi Coast. (B)

DAY 12 | SASSI DI MATERA AND ALBEROBELLO

After breakfast, discover two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. First, visit Matera for an in-depth guided exploration of the extraordinary Sassi, ancient troglodyte dwellings and churches dug out of the rock. These are the most extensive example of their kind in the Mediterranean and were inhabited by about 20,000 people up until 1950. Matera was also used as the setting for the film 'The Passion of the Christ'. Continue to Alberobello, the second UNESCO World Heritage Site and your home for the next two nights. (B) (D)
Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello.

DAY 13 | THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO

With a Local Expert, admire the Trulli of Alberobello, circular structures with conical roofs, built from limestone and stacked without mortar. Later, perhaps explore Ostuni?



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This evening you are welcomed into the home of a local for a freshly prepared meal, typical of the region. Dine with the family and learn more about their life. (B) (D)

DAY 14 | SICILY AND THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

Follow the shores of the Gulf of Taranto to the mountainous Calabria region. Travel along the Violet Coast and board your ferry bound for Sicily, continue to the Taormina Riviera. (B) (D)
RG Naxos Hotel, Taormina.

DAY 15 | TAORMINA AND THE DAWN COAST OF EUROPE

Join a Local Expert for a visit to the Greek Theatre, graced with the most spectacular of backdrops. Stroll on to the tiny courtyard of the Palazzo Corvaja, Taormina's grandest building. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Mt. Etna? (B)

DAY 16 | PALERMO, CAPITAL OF SICILY

Head to the Sicilian capital of Palermo. On arrival, your Local Expert will show you the highlights of the capital. Palermo Cathedral has been altered over the years and a venture inside will help you to appreciate the composite architectural styles. Next, head to the amazing Palatine Chapel in the Palace of the Normans. With the outside completely covered in glittering 12th century mosaics, it provides an insight to what's within. Join your travelling companions and Travel Director at a local restaurant for an unforgettable Celebration Dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine. (B) (D)
NH, Palermo.

DAY 17 | DEPART PALERMO

Your journey draws to an end. Departure transfers arrive at Palermo Falcone–Borsellino Airport at 06:00 and 08:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Rome | Restaurant Dinner in Venice | Bistecca alla Fiorentina Dinner in Florence | Celebration Dinner in Palermo | Dine at Home in Alborabello.

Insightful Experiences

Vatican: Gain Fast Track access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante and Palatine Chapel in Palermo | Greek Amphitheater in Taormina | City tours of Rome, Pisa, Cinque Terre, Florence, Pompeii, Isle of Capri, Matera, Alberobello, Taormina and Palermo, all with Local Experts.

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DAY 7 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

Insight Choice

Florence: Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a shopping tour.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel from Portofino to Santa Margherita on a cruise | Ride a gondola in Venice | Cruise to the Isle of Capri and ride in an open-top taxi | Visit Norman Palace and Palatine Chapel in Palermo | Greek Amphitheater in Taormina | City tours of Rome, Pisa, Cinque Terre, Florence, Pompeii, Isle of Capri, Matera, Alberobello, Taormina and Palermo, all with Local Experts.

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EASY PACE ITALY

Feast on an authentic Italian meal in the Tuscan hills, cruise to Venice's Piazza San Marco by private boat and join a Local Expert to tour Pisa's tower.

10 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Year-round

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Transfers to your hotel depart Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. At 17:30, join your Travel Director for a uniquely Roman Welcome Dinner. Get to know your travelling companions over a relaxed evening of dinner and wine, as you join your local host for a truly Italian, home-cooked meal. (D)

DAY 2 | ROME SIGHTSEEING AND DINNER IN THE VATICAN

Enjoy the very best of the city's highlights including visiting St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican with your Local Expert. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus famous for its chariot races, and the iconic Colosseum. Choose to join an optional piazzas & Fountains experience. With your Local Expert, take a "passeggiata" (stroll) to enjoy the backstreets and secrets of pedestrian Rome. Be amazed at sights such as the fascinating Pantheon and the beauty of 17th-Century fountains and beautiful Piazzas. In the afternoon, enjoy special fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection, before entering the Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece. Dine in the Vatican Museum during a private Highlight Dinner. (B) (D) room 007 Select, Rome.

DAY 3 | ROME AT LEISURE

Spend another day enjoying Rome at your own pace. Stroll to the boutiques of the Via del Corso and Via Nazionale or visit the elegant designer stores near the Spanish Steps. Perhaps take an Optional Experience south to the ill-fated town of Pompeii, buried in 79 AD by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, to visit one of the greatest archaeological sites in the world. With your Local Expert, stroll into a 2,000-year-old town revealing fascinating discoveries preserved in time. Later, take a panoramic tour of the Bay of Naples with the dormant Volcano as a backdrop. You have a few treats in store along the way and then return to Rome, passing the formidable Abbey of Montecassino, one of the greatest shrines of Christendom and the site of an epic battle in 1944. As night falls, why not sip a glass of prosecco at a pavement café in the Piazza Navona and enjoy life's pageantry pass by? (B)

DAY 4 | ON TO FLORENCE

Drive through Lazio and the rolling hills of Umbria, regarded as Italy's green heart. Admire the Medieval hilltop towns perched like crown jewels overlooking the valleys below. Journey to the Chianti Hills and the city of Florence. (B) Hotel Roma, Florence.

DAY 5 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After continue on foot to admire the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune and Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. Later, use your free time to shop or continue exploring at your leisure. (B)

DAY 6 | PISA AND THE TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE

After a leisurely morning in Florence, explore the nearby town of Pisa with a Local Expert. See the Leaning Tower, baptistery and the colonnaded bell tower, lurching out from behind the cathedral. Visit the organic farm Il Poggio and join a guided walk, exploring olive oil and wine production. After taking in beautiful views of the rolling Tuscan hills, enjoy tasting the farm's fine wines and olive oil, in addition to an authentic Italian meal prepared with locally sourced ingredients. (B) (D)

DAY 7 | ON TO VENICE

Today we travel through the Emilia-Romagna region, and stop to sample the flavours of the region and learn about Italian food culture over a delicious lunch with wine. Take the autostrada east to Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Your luxurious hotel gazes out over the Giudecca Canal and an unforgettably romantic city skyline. (B) (L)
Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice.

DAY 8 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'

Your private boat takes you past historic churches and 13th century palaces to St. Mark's Square. The first sight is the pink marble of the Doge's Palace, connected to the prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. It was from here that Casanova made his daring escape. Turn the corner, and the gilded façade of St. Mark's Basilica comes into view. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre. See how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. This afternoon there is plenty of time to explore the museums, galleries and churches or browse through the shops on the Rialto Bridge. (B)

DAY 9 | VENICE AT LEISURE

Who could refuse another day to take in the unique atmosphere of this wonderful city? Lose yourself in the back lanes and quiet squares, where tourists seldom tread and the Venetians go about their daily lives. Maybe visit some of the 90 churches housing masterpieces of Venetian art or explore the modern artworks in the Guggenheim? Perhaps relax at a canal-side café sipping local wine or sample delicious lagoon-fresh fish? Later, board a traditional gondola for a serenade through the romantic canals. This evening, indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Home-Hosted Welcome Dinner in Rome.
| Highlight Dinner at the Vatican | Lunch at Fico food theme park | Dinner at il Poggio
| Celebration Dinner in Venice.

Insightful Experiences

Vatican: Gain Fast Track access into the Vatican Museums. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

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DAY 8 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by gondola, serenaded through the canals of Venice | Visit Pisa with a Local Expert | City tours of Florence and Rome, both with a Local Expert | Scenic drives through the rolling green hills of Umbria and Tuscany | Learn about olive oil and wine production in Tuscany.

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TREASURES OF ITALY

Gain fast track entry to the Pope's art collection in the Vatican and cruise to Capri to tour the island in an open-top taxi.

11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E980

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Mar - Oct

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and baroque churches. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D)
Hotel Romanico Palace, Rome.

DAY 2 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

The day is devoted to the Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums. With Insight's fast-track entry gain behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture, normally off-limits to visitors. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, to wonder at another of his works and stand beneath the dome completed after his death. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum, site of memorable battles and a legacy to the courage of gladiators. (B)

DAY 3 | ANCIENT POMPEII AND ON TO SORRENTO

Journey to the ill-fated town of Pompeii. Walk with a Local Expert through cobbled streets to learn about Roman life in the first century before enjoying a refreshing lemon granita. Follow the spectacular cliff-top road to the picturesque resort of Sorrento, overlooking the Bay of Naples to Mount Vesuvius. (B)
Hotel Isabella, Sorrento.

DAY 4 | THE ISLE OF DREAMS

Enjoy a morning in the town of Sorrento before heading off to the port to board your jeffoil to the Isle of Capri. Enjoy a scenic drive by open-top taxi past orange and lemon groves to your hotel. Visit Capri town with its whitewashed houses, winding alleyways and small cafes. A Local Expert escorts you to the lush Gardens of Augustus for views of the Faraglioni rocks. As twilight descends and the day-trippers have returned to their mainland hotels, the island is yours to gather with locals in the piazzetta or relax with a glass of wine. (B)
Gatto Bianco Hotel & Spa, Capri.

DAY 5 | THE AUTOSTRADA DEL SOLE TO FLORENCE

Descend to the port by private open-top taxis and take the jeffoil across the bay to Naples. Follow the Autostrada del Sole and continue through Umbria and idyllic Tuscan landscapes to Florence. (B) (D)

DAY 6 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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David. After continue on foot to admire the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune and Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. After a demonstration of leatherwork, there's free time to shop or explore Florence on your own. In the evening, why not sample fine Florentine cuisine of tasty starters and typical Tuscan dishes accompanied by Chianti wine? (B)

DAY 7 | CINQUE TERRE AND PORTOFINO TO SANTA MARGHERITA

The famous Italian Riviera and Cinque Terre are a highlight of your journey. With a Local Expert, take a boat ride along the Ligurian coast (weather permitting) to admire its fishing villages before landing ashore to spend some time exploring one of the medieval quarters or the popular sandy beach. Continue to the village of Portofino, to admire the colourful houses. (B) (D)

Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure.

DAY 8 | LAKE MAGGIORE

Journey to the beautiful Italian Lake District, where alpine scenery combines with lush subtropical vegetation. Enjoy time at leisure or perhaps cruise to the Borromean Islands?

Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)
Hotel Siplon, Baveno.

DAY 9 | TO VENICE WITH WINE ALONG THE WAY

Follow the southern fringes of the Alps to the vineyards by the shores of Lake Iseo. Here, winemaking traditions run deep. Taste the delicious vintages produced with a master vintner at a family-owned estate. Continue to the unique city of Venice and step back in time to the 16th century. (B)

Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice

DAY 10 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Your private boat takes you past historic churches and 13th century palaces to St. Mark's Square. The first sight is the pink marble of the Doge's Palace, connected to the prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. It was from here that Casanova made his daring escape. Turn the corner, and the gilded facade of St. Mark's Basilica comes into view. Afterwards, board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre. See how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Cruise the Venetian lagoon to Burano and sit down to a sumptuous Celebration Dinner with wine, sampling the local specialties. (B) (D)

DAY 11 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Dine-Around options in Lake Maggiore |
Celebration Dinner on Burano in Venice |
Taste wine with a master vintner near
Lake Iseo.

Insightful Experiences

Vatican: Gain Fast Track access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

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Top Rated Highlights

Travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri |
Ride in an open-top taxi in Capri | Travel
through the Cinque Terre by boat and
train | Cruise to Santa Margherita from
Portofino | Ride a gondola in Venice | Visit
Augustus Gardens in Capri | City tours of
Rome, Pompeii, Isle of Capri, Florence
and Cinque Terre, all with Local Experts |
Scenic drive through the green rolling hills
of Umbria with views of hilltop medieval
villages | Visit the Cinque Terre National
Park, a UNESCO Heritage area.

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ITALIAN ELEGANCE

Tour Rome's Colosseum, and go behind the scenes at the Vatican, and taste creamy flavours with a champion gelato maestro.

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 18 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and baroque churches. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D)
room 007 Select, Rome.

DAY 2 | ROME WITH VATICAN DINNER

Enjoy the best of the city's highlights with a visit to St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and see the Colosseum and Circus Maximus. In the afternoon, gain fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection and observe the stunning Museo Gregoriano Profano before entering the Sistine Chapel. Dine in the Vatican Museum during a private Highlight Dinner. (B) (D)

DAY 3 | RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After continue on foot to admire the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune and Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. Continue to your elegant hotel in Tuscany. (B) (D)

Villasanpaolo, San Gimignano.

DAY 4 | THE FLAVOURS OF SAN GIMIGNANO

Spend time exploring the maze of alleyways and admire scenic views across the valley.

Meet world champion gelato maestro, Sergio Dondoli, for a taste of his finest frozen treats. (B)

DAY 5 | PISA AND LUCCA

Drive through the Chianti hills and head to Lucca. Taste the lavish loaves of buccellato, Lucca's sweet raisin anise bread. Continue to Pisa to see the incredible Leaning Tower and the splendid cathedral and baptistery. Enjoy leisure time to explore. Relax as you journey along the coast to the resort of Santa Margherita Ligure. (B) (D)

Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | THE CINQUE TERRE AND PORTOFINO

Head to the Cinque Terre National Park for a highlight of your travels, a UNESCO World Heritage area and one of Italy's most beautiful landscapes. With a Local Expert, cruise along the rugged Ligurian coast and appreciate the views as you approach one of the picturesque fishing villages by boat (weather permitting). Enjoy the scenery on your train journey up the coast to Santa Margherita Ligure and catch a boat to the elegant seaside village of Portofino, the epitome of la dolce vita (weather permitting). Enjoy leisure time to admire the coloured houses, browse the boutiques or simply stay a while in the cafe bars on the piazzetta, watching the yachts moored in the harbour. (B) (L)

DAY 7 | LAKE MAGGIORE

Journey north to the beautiful Italian Lake District, a favourite retreat of the rich and famous where Alpine scenery combines with lush vegetation. Relax and enjoy an afternoon at leisure at this popular resort and beautiful lake. (B)

DAY 8 | CORTINA D'AMPEZZO

Travel through the stunning northern Italian countryside to one of the world's most breathtaking wine regions. Protected by the Alps to the north, and caressed by the warm breezes from the Adriatic, the vineyards around Conegliano Veneto produce Italy's most prized sparkling wine. Stop at Carmina where great care is taken to ensure these hand-picked grapes produce the world's finest prosecco. See how production differs from its more famous French counterpart, champagne. Be tempted with a taste of the crisp and aromatic flavours and learn how to make the perfect bellini. Continue through the Dolomites, to the mountain resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | EXPERIENCE THE DOLOMITES

The whole day is free for you to explore the colourful peaks and sheer valleys of the Dolomites. There are a number of walking tracks to explore, or perhaps take a thrilling Optional Experience to the summit of one of the peaks for breathtaking panoramic views? (B)

DAY 10 | VENICE, QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC

Descend through the mountains to the romantic city of Venice. A private boat glides you past canals lined with ornate palaces to St Mark's Square. See the basilica, the Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs, before checking into your luxurious hotel. With the afternoon at leisure, why not cruise the Venetian Lagoon to the island of Burano? (B) Splendid Venice - Starhotels Collezione, Venice.

DAY 11 | VENICE AT LEISURE

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Then there is free time to enjoy the magical atmosphere of this incredible city at your own pace. Later, on your romantic gondola serenade, glide along the atmospheric canals whilst musicians set the mood with traditional songs. This evening, stroll past the famous Opera House to our restaurant for a magical Celebration Dinner. Indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Rome | Highlight Dinner in the Vatican | Celebration Dinner in Venice | Taste prosecco in Veneto | Anise bread in Lucca | Gelato in San Gimignano.

Insightful Experiences

Vatican: Gain fast-track access into the Vatican Museums, witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



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Top Rated Highlights

Cruise from Santa Margherita to Portofino | travel by train to Cinque Terre | Ride a gondola in Venice | City tours of Rome, Florence and Cinque Terre, all with Local Experts | Scenic drive through green rolling hills of Umbria and Tuscany | Visit the Cinque Terre National Park, a UNESCO Heritage area | Marvel at the scenery of the Italian Lake District.

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ITALIAN ESCAPE

See where gladiators fought in Rome, wind through the cypress lined hillsides of Tuscany and glide through Venice's canals.

13 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and baroque churches. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel Romanico Palace, Rome.

DAY 2 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

A Local Expert leads you through the priceless art collection of the Vatican Museums, culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Your visit includes fast-track entry to the museums and a behind-the-scenes look at the Bramante Staircase. Later, continue to St. Peter's Basilica and cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum. (B)

DAY 3 | SIENA AND MEDIEVAL FLORENCE

In medieval Siena, stroll through the winding stone-paved streets to the vast Piazza del Campo. See the Fountain of Joy and walk up to the hilltop cathedral, striped with marble. Continue through the cypress-clad hills and vineyards of Tuscany to Florence.

Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with delicious local wine, a specialty not to be missed. (B) (D)

Michelangelo, Florence.

DAY 4 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After continue on foot to admire the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune and Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. Later, use your free time to shop or continue exploring at your leisure. (B)

DAY 5 | PISA AND THE ITALIAN LAKES

Stop in Pisa to see the incredible Leaning Tower. See the splendid cathedral and baptistery, decorated with mosaics and designs of solid marble. (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | THE ITALIAN LAKE DISTRICT

Today is set aside for you to relax and enjoy all the fantastic sights of this beautiful lakeland area. On your Dine-Around Evening, choose from a selection of hand-picked restaurants carefully curated for your dining pleasure. (B) (D)

DAY 7 | TO VENICE WITH WINE ALONG THE WAY

Follow the southern fringes of the European Alps to the vineyards by the shores of Lake Iseo. Here, winemaking traditions run deep. Taste the delicious vintages produced with a master vintner at a family-owned estate.

Continue to the unique city of Venice and step back in time to the 16th century. (B) (D)
Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal, Venice.

DAY 8 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

A private boat ferries you to St. Mark's Square. See the basilica, Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Enjoy being serenaded with traditional songs on a gondola ride, gliding through the city canals in romantic awe. (B)

DAY 9 | HILLTOP ASSISI

Journey to the stone-built, hilltop town of Assisi, home of St. Francis. See the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, before continuing up Mount Subasio with a Local Expert to visit the Basilica of St. Francis. (B) (D)

Hotel Giotto, Assisi.

DAY 10 | SORRENTO ON THE COAST

Journey along the clifftop road to the picturesque resort of Sorrento, perched upon the southern

cliffs of the Bay of Naples and looking out to Mount Vesuvius. With the evening at leisure, why not try some of the local specialties during a regional dining experience? (B)

Hotel Isabella, Sorrento.

DAY 11 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

Cruise to Capri and on arrival step into one of the island's iconic open-top taxis for a drive up the steep, winding roads whilst a symphony of cicadas sing away in the pines. Your Local Expert leads you through the narrow alleyways of Capri town, before you descend to the port by funicular and return to Sorrento for some relaxation time. Perhaps join an optional visit to Positano and the Amalfi Coast? (B) (D)

DAY 12 | ON TO ILL-FATED POMPEII AND ROME

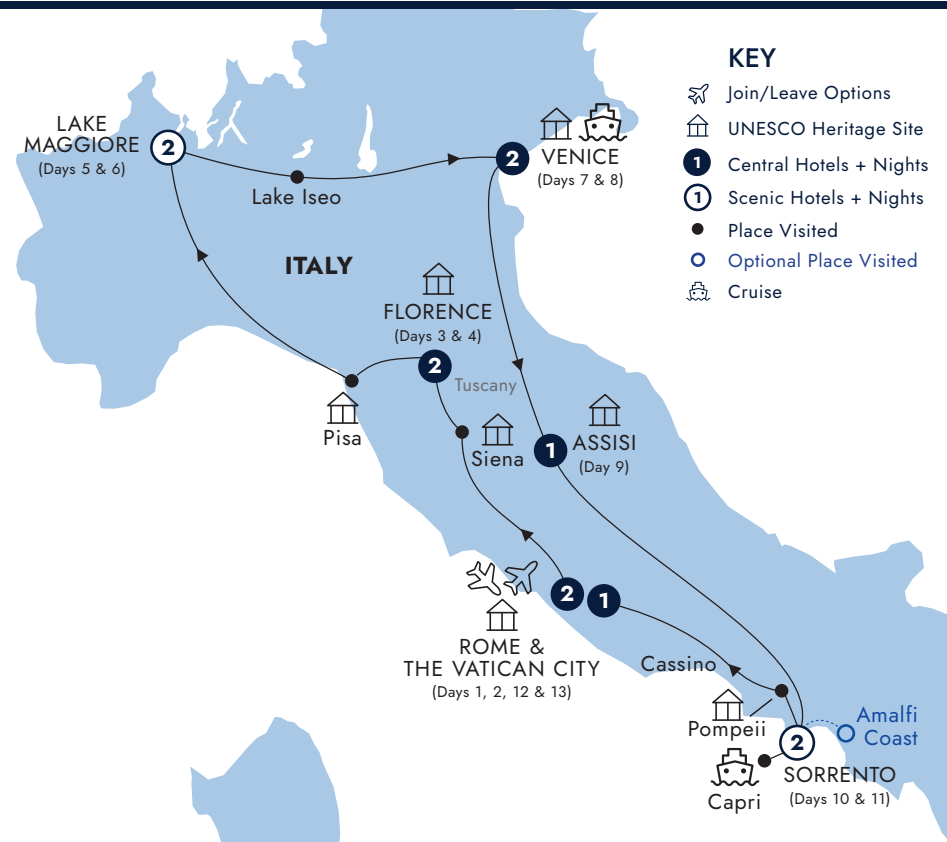
At the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, your Local Expert walks you through cobbled streets. Witness the colourful frescoes that were hidden for centuries. Travel past the striking hilltop monastery of Monte Cassino on your return to Rome.

In the heart of The Eternal City, you are treated to a quintessential Italian experience. Fine food, wine, music and a private performance of enchanting operetta for your Celebration Dinner. (B) (D)

Hotel Mediterraneo, Rome.

DAY 13 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Rome | Bistecca alla Fiorentina Dinner with wine in Florence | Dine-Around options in Lake Maggiore | Celebration Dinner in Rome | Taste wine near Lake Iseo.

Insightful Experiences

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DAY 8 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by gondola, serenaded through the canals of Venice | Hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri | Ride in an open-top taxi on Capri | Visit the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi | City tours of Rome, Florence, Assisi, Isle of Capri and Pompeii, all with Local Experts | Scenic drive through green rolling hills of Umbria and Tuscany | Enjoy the glamour and views of the Italian Lake District.

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COUNTRY ROADS OF SOUTHERN ITALY

Experience cuisine and hospitality in a family's home in Alberobello, and tour the village of Grottole with locals, glass of wine in hand.

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 13 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D) Kolbe Hotel, Rome.

DAY 2 | ROME WITH THE LOCALS

Rome is about art, antiquity, piazzas and pizza, and our guided walk with a Local Expert has it in abundance. Sightsee the local way, with a leisurely passeggiata through the backstreets, where a friend in Rome will explain how modern life takes place. Toss a coin into the spectacular Trevi Fountain, see the Pantheon, the best-preserved monument from the Roman period, and enjoy free time to do as the Romans do. Perhaps join a tour to discover the incredibly characteristic Roman quarter of Trastevere. Get off the beaten track and explore Rome's most untouched and unique districts and most consistently unchanged medieval neighbourhoods, Trastevere is dotted with ancient and dimly lit churches, crumbling buildings and streets barely wide enough for a Fiat. With your Local Expert, explore the medieval labyrinth of alleyways and pause from time to time to take in this very atmospheric area. A maze of food shops, art galleries, cafes, apartment buildings and pretty squares, this district was once rather run-down and working-class, but has now become one of the city's liveliest and most popular neighbourhoods. (B)

DAY 3 | VATICAN AND ALBEROBELLO

With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. Insight provides Fast Track entry and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, normally off-limits to the public. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling before visiting St. Peter's Basilica. Next, journey to the low hills and flatlands of coastal Puglia. Arrive in Alberobello and settle in to this unique town before dinner. (B) (D)

Grand Hotel La Chiesa di Chietri, Alberobello.

DAY 4 | THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO

With a Local Expert, admire the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Trulli of Alberobello, circular structures with conical roofs, built from limestone and stacked without mortar. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Trattoria Terra Madre. Alessandro, the owner, shares his philosophy of using home-grown organic and seasonal produce at their restaurant which focuses on sustainability and creating jobs for locals. See Nonna making orecchiette pasta during a demonstration, before a delicious four-course, Farm-to-Table Highlight Dinner. Your experience advances UN Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption & Production. (B) (D)

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 5 | FREE TIME IN ALBEROBELLO

The day is free for you to enjoy this extraordinary town as you wish. Why not join an Optional Experience to the stunning city of Ostuni? With its dazzling white houses and fascinating history, it is a true delight. Your Local Expert experience reveals this town reminiscent of a North African Arab Medina. Admire the stark white-washed buildings, narrow cobbled streets and arched stairways. Set against three hills and perched high above the beautiful sea; 'The White Town' is a photographer's delight. Afterwards, visit a Mill to taste the renowned olive oil produced in this area that incorporates olives from the ancient groves of Puglia. Or, join an optional Masseria Dinner in Puglia, a food lovers' paradise. You're off to the countryside to a local 'Masseria', a typical ancient fortified 'Farmhouse'. Enjoy an authentic dinner in a 'country roads' experience all served up with great wines from the region. (B)

DAY 6 | JOURNEY SOUTH TO MATERA

Visit Matera with a Local Expert for an in-depth exploration of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sassi — a labyrinth of cave dwellings, churches, staircases and arches, hewn out of the solid rock. You may recognize Matera as the biblical backdrop for the film 'The Passion of the Christ.'

Continue to the small village of Grottole. Once a thriving community, it has lost most of its activity and population. Meet Andrea, a local striving to bring back the area's traditional way of living. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience explore

the historic old town to learn about the fascinating history of the village. (B) (D)

MH Matera Hotel.

DAY 7 | POMPEII AND SORRENTO

Start your day in Pompeii, buried in A.D. 79 by the historic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Walk with your Local Expert through the cobbled streets to see a city frozen in time. Venture on to the picturesque resort of Sorrento, perched upon the southern cliffs of the Bay of Naples and looking over to Mount Vesuvius. (B)

Hotel Isabella, Sorrento.

DAY 8 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

Cruise by jeffoil to the sun-drenched island of Capri. Enjoy an escorted ride in an iconic, open-top taxi to Capri Town and meet your Local Expert for an orientation walk through narrow alleyways. Explore Capri with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the immaculate Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert and admire the views over Faraglioni Rocks. Alternatively, enjoy a tasting of limoncello, Capri's famous lemon liqueur. Descend to the port by funicular, before returning to Sorrento for Dinner. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | DEPART SORRENTO

Your journey through Italy's southern escapes comes to an end today. This morning, bid farewell to your fellow travellers as you depart Sorrento on a coach transfer to Rome. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Rome | Celebration Dinner in Sorrento.

Insightful Experiences

Vatican: Gain fast-track access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

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DAY 6 | Participate in the fascinating Wonder Grottole project. This regeneration initiative works to rehabilitate the abandoned historic centre and preserves traditional village life.

Insight Choice

Capri: Choose to visit the exquisite Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert. Alternatively, indulge with a limoncello tasting, Capri's renowned lemon liqueur.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri | Ride an open-top taxi on Capri | City tours of Rome, Pompeii, Isle of Capri, Matera and Alberobello, all with Local Experts | See Mount Vesuvius from Sorrento | the Sassi of Matera | the Trulli of Alberobello.

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COUNTRY ROADS OF SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

Glide to Capri, indulge in farm to table feasts in Alberobello, and stay at a luxurious resort in Sorrento.

15 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 22 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D) Kolbe Hotel, Rome.

DAY 2 | ROME WITH THE LOCALS

Rome is about art, antiquity, piazzas and pizza, and our guided walk with a Local Expert has it in abundance. Sightsee the local way, with a leisurely passeggiata through the backstreets, where a friend in Rome will explain how modern life takes place. Toss a coin into the spectacular Trevi Fountain, see the Pantheon, the best-preserved monument from the Roman period, and enjoy free time to do as the Romans do. Perhaps join a tour to discover the incredibly characteristic Roman quarter of Trastevere. Get off the beaten track and explore Rome's most untouched and unique districts and most consistently unchanged medieval neighbourhoods, Trastevere is dotted with ancient and dimly lit churches, crumbling buildings and streets barely wide enough for a Fiat. With your Local Expert, explore the medieval labyrinth of alleyways and pause from time to time to take in this very atmospheric area. A maze of food shops, art galleries, cafes, apartment buildings and pretty squares, this district was once rather run-down and working-class, but has now become one of the city's liveliest and most popular neighbourhoods. (B)

DAY 3 | VATICAN AND ALBEROBELLO

With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. Insight provides Fast Track entry and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, normally off-limits to the public. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling before visiting St. Peter's Basilica. Next, journey to Alberobello. (B) (D) Grand Hotel La Chiesa di Chietri, Alberobello.

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DAYS 7-8 | POMPEII, SORRENTO AND CAPRI

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DAYS 9-10 | TO SICILY AND THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

Board your ferry across the Strait of Messina to Taormina. Your hotel faces east, so early risers may learn why D.H. Lawrence christened this 'The Dawn Coast of Europe.' Today, perhaps join an optional experience visit to Mount Etna with a Local Expert. (B) (D)

DAY 11 | CEFALU AND PALERMO

Travel to the quaint fishing town of Cefalu. Stroll down to the medieval stone fountain and seek out the Gothic arch of the Porta Marina for a picture-perfect view of the little harbour. Later, travel onwards to Palermo. (B) NH, Palermo.

DAY 12 | PALERMO & THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE NORMANS

Explore Palermo with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Monreale Cathedral with a Local Expert and marvel at the Byzantine mosaics. Discover hidden Palermo as you join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, and learn about the civil anti-mafia movement. Later this morning, visit Palermo Cathedral. This evening dine with your fellow travelling companions. (B) (D)

DAY 13 | EXPLORE THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES AND ON TO RAGUSA

Journey to Agrigento. Explore the Valley of the Temples with a Local Expert and see the massive Temple of Concordia and the cliff-top Temple of Juno overlooking the sea. Your travels continue to the hilltop town of Ragusa. (B) Mediterraneo Palace, Ragusa.

DAY 14 | ANCIENT SYRACUSE AND CATANIA

Your Local Expert takes you to Syracuse's Paradise Quarry with its Ear of Dionysius, an ear-shaped grotto with an unusual echo. There is time to explore the Old City, a maze of narrow streets lined with palaces. Continue to Catania to celebrate tour time in Sicily over Dinner with your fellow travellers. (B) (D) NH, Catania Centro.

DAY 15 | DEPART CATANIA

Appreciate views of Mount Etna on your way. Departure transfers arrive at Catania Airport at 06:30 and 08:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Rome | Dine-Around options in Palermo | Celebration Dinner in Catania.

Insightful Experiences

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DAY 12 | Learn about the civil anti-mafia movement and discover the lesser known history of Palermo.

Top Rated Highlights

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- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Cruise

COUNTRY ROADS OF ITALY

Go behind-the-scenes viewing the Bramante Staircase, marvel at the gardens of Castel Gandolfo and set sail to the isle of Capri.

16 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 20 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D) room 007 Select, Rome.

DAY 2 | VATICAN AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

Today is devoted to The Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums. With Insight's fast-track entry, gain behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture, normally off-limits to visitors. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where the Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, to admire another of his works and stand beneath the dome completed after his death. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy views of ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum. (B)

DAY 3 | CASTEL GANDOLFO

Venture to Castel Gandolfo to explore the artistic treasures of the Villa Barberini Gardens. Ride an electric train along the pathways to marvel at the intricately designed mosaic flower beds and fountains. Continue to the resort town of Sorrento. (B)

Majestic Palace Hotel, Sorrento.

DAY 4 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

With your Local Expert, cruise to the Isle of Capri and ascend to Capri town by one of the island's iconic open-top taxis. Explore the narrow alleyways, admire the views and Mediterranean atmosphere before descending to the port by funicular railway for the return to Sorrento. (B)

DAY 5 | THE PICTURESQUE AMALFI COAST

Board minibuses and travel along the Amalfi Coast to Positano, famous for its terraced houses. (B)

DAY 6 | POMPEII AND TODI

Journey to the ancient Roman city of Pompeii and explore with your Local Expert. Journey through Umbria to Todi and savour the medieval ambiance during your orientation. In the evening, enjoy a Highlight Dinner at a local restaurant with a glass of Orvieto Classico wine. (B) (D)

Hotel Fonte Cesia, Todi.

DAY 7 | ASSISI AND ON TO PERUGIA

On arrival in Assisi, see the church of St. Mary of the Angels and visit the huge Basilica of St. Francis. A Local Expert walks with you down the Via San Francesco. Continue to Perugia for a guided exploration through the Old Town.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit an artisanal workshop and meet Marta, a recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant. (B) Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 8 | PERUGIA, THE JEWEL OF UMBRIA

The entire day is at leisure for you to explore this gem of a town on your own. (B)

DAY 9 | FLORENCE AND RADDA IN CHIANTI

Walk through Renaissance Florence with a Local Expert to see the marble-clad cathedral, bell tower and Gates of Paradise on the baptistry. See the area around Santa Croce Basilica, famous for the quality of its luxury goods. (B) (D)
CDH Hotel Radda, Tuscany.

DAY 10 | SAN GIMIGNANO AND SIENA

Visit the hilltop town of San Gimignano and enjoy a tasting with award-winning, master gelato maker, Sergio Dondoli. Later explore Siena with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the medieval cathedral or alternatively, sample panforte, a traditional Tuscan dessert. Enjoy a delicious exploration of Tuscany's red wines, discovering their robust flavours and absorbing history. In the afternoon, return to the tranquil surroundings of your hotel. (B)

DAY 11 | ON TO LUCCA

Travel to Lucca, a city perfectly preserved within encircling medieval ramparts. Taste the lavish loaves of buccellato, Lucca's sweet raisin anise bread. Later, perhaps explore Pisa? (B) (D)
Hotel Villa La Principessa, Lucca.

DAY 12 | EXPLORING THE CINQUE TERRE

Get ready to explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of Cinque Terre. Join a Local Expert in one of the picturesque fishing villages, before cruising along the rugged coastline (Weather Permitting). (B)

DAY 13 | ON TO PARMA

Journey to Parma, where you'll meet Paolo and learn about the process of making Parmigiano-Reggiano. Taste samples of the famous Parmigiano-Reggiano, accompanied by a glass of wine. (B)
Starhotels Du Parc, Parma.

DAY 14 | MODENA AND ON TO VENICE

Modena is famed the world over for its artisan balsamic vinegar. Visit a local producer to understand what makes this vinegar as expensive as top-rated wine, and enjoy a tasting. Continue to Venice where you will be serenaded through the atmospheric canals as you glide by gondola, past water-lapped doorways and rococo palaces. (B)
Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice.

DAY 15 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Visit St. Mark's Square to admire St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace and the adjoining Bridge of Sighs. Cruise the Venetian Lagoon to Burano and sit down to a sumptuous Celebration Dinner with wine, sampling the local specialties. (B) (D)

DAY 16 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Rome | Highlight Dinner in Todi | Celebration Dinner on Burano island in Venice | Taste Chianti wine in Radda | Gelato in San Gimignano | Buccellato in Lucca | Balsamic vinegar in Modena | Parmigiano Reggiano in Parma.

Insightful Experiences

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- 1** Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Cruise



DAY 7 | Meet Marta, a recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Learn how she offers employment opportunities for local women and alongside her weavers, preserves the ancient craft of loom-weaving in an artisan workshop (pictured above).

DAY 15 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri and ride in an open-top taxi | Explore Cinque Terre by boat | Glide along the Venice canals in a gondola | Visit Papal Gardens and Castel Gandolfo | Positano | Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi | San Gimignano.

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ITALIAN INTERMEZZO

Glide through Venice on a private boat, see Rome's legendary Colosseum and dine in the Pope's garden.

8 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 10 MEALS | DYNAMIC ACTIVITY



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DAY 1 | ITALIAN LAKES

Welcome to Italy. After being greeted by your Travel Director at Milan's Malpensa Airport, your transfer departs at 09:30 or 12:30. Later Join your Travel Director and head to an elegant restaurant, known for serving delicious fresh produce. Your Welcome Dinner provides the opportunity to mingle and get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening. (D)

DAY 2 | VENICE, THE QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC

Journey through the beautiful Italian lake district, past Lakes Iseo and Garda to the floating city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Your hotel offers authentic Venetian charm, as it reflects the history and culture of the surrounding area. This evening is at your leisure to experience the charm of Venice first-hand, whether by foot or on the canals. As night falls, why not savour the magic of St. Mark's square with its orchestras and al-fresco cafes? (B) Hotel Indigo Venice - Sant'Elena, Venice.

DAY 3 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Wake up ready to embrace this romantic city. What better way to see Venice than from a private boat, cruising past palazzos and churches to St. Mark's Square? See the gilded basilica, the Doge's Palace and Lord Byron's Bridge of Sighs. No visit to Venice would be complete without a gondola serenade through the myriad of beautiful canals. Relax and enjoy the local traditional songs, as you drift along in awe. While here, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Spend the afternoon and evening as you wish or join an Optional Experience to the island of Burano. Leave the hustle of St Mark's Square behind on a delightful private cruise around the islands of the Venetian lagoon. Alight at the island of Burano, famous for its candy coloured houses, artisan lace makers and leaning bell tower that would give Pisa a good run for its money. Enjoy a superb meal sampling the local specialties with wine included. (B)

DAY 4 | TRANQUIL TUSCANY, PISA AND FLORENCE

Journey to Pisa and see the Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles. Later, continue to Florence and start your explorations with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After continue on foot to admire the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune and Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director

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to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. In the evening, dinner is served with a selection of Tuscan wine. (B) (D)
Hotel Albani Firenze, Florence.

DAY 5 | FREE TIME IN RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

Learn the secrets of traditional Florentine leatherwork when you visit a local workshop to admire the intricate work. The rest of the day is free for you to fully immerse yourself in the Tuscan capital. Perhaps shop for leather or gold goods around Santa Croce or relax in one of the many street cafés. Be sure not to miss the magnificent museums and galleries that house some of the most famous works of art in the world. Choose to take an excursion to Tuscany's most famous hill-top town, San Gimignano. Soak up the atmosphere of this ancient gem which has remained intact since the 14th century and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. In the evening, enjoy an opportunity to sample the true flavours of the region with a sumptuous optional Tuscan dinner, served with local wine. Your destination serves the best of Tuscan cuisine accompanied by great music and drinks, including of course, Chianti from the local vines. (B)

DAY 6 | CHIANTI COUNTRY TO ORVIETO AND ON TO ROME

Journey to Umbrian Orvieto, a hilltop village overlooking a vineyard-covered plain. Explore the town with your Travel Director and visit Piazza del Duomo to admire the cathedral, before continuing towards the Eternal City of Rome. Join

an optional experience, Piazzas & Fountains. With your Local Expert, take a "passeggiata" (stroll) to enjoy the backstreets and secrets of pedestrian Rome. Be amazed at sights such as the fascinating Pantheon and the beauty of 17th-Century fountains and beautiful Piazzas. In the evening, why not throw your coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to the city? (B)
Golden Tulip Rome Piram, Rome.

DAY 7 | ROME SIGHTSEEING AND DINNER IN THE VATICAN

In the morning, enjoy the very best of the city's highlights, including visiting the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. View religious masterpieces by the greats, including Michelangelo's pieta and Bernini's baldacchino. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum, site of memorable battles and a monument to the courage of gladiators. In the afternoon, gain fast-track entry to the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection and visit the breathtaking Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's ceiling Masterpiece. This evening, indulge in a special Highlight Dinner hosted inside the galleries of the Vatican's Anima Mundi Museum. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Your brief sojourn through some of Italy's most iconic cities comes to an end as your departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in the Italian Lake District
| Taste wine from Tuscany | Celebration Dinner inside the Vatican's Anima Mundi Museum.

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EXPERIENCE



DAY 3 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

Insight Choice

Choose to visit the Accademia Museum or take a leisurely stroll and sample a typical Italian treat with time to enjoy the elegant Italian boutiques.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by gondola, serenaded through the canals of Venice | Visit Pisa | Piazza del Duomo in Orvieto | St Peter's Basilica | the Vatican Museums in Rome | City tours of Florence and Rome, both with Local Experts | See the Bramante Staircase, Michelangelo's pieta, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Florence's Piazza della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio and Duomo, and St. Mark's Square in Venice | Travel past the Italian Lakes, through the cultivated lands of Emilia-Romagna and rolling hills of Tuscany.



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SICILY IN DEPTH WITH MALTA

*Discover Taormina, Paradise Quarry,
Palermo Cathedral and Cefalú. Immerse
yourself in the best of Sicily and Malta.*

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN GIARDINI NAXOS

Welcome to Sicily. Relax in your hotel or take a stroll along the beach before meeting your Travel Director and travelling companions this evening. Your Sicily and Malta adventure begins with two glorious nights on the Taormina Riviera. (D) RG Naxos Hotel, Taormina.

DAY 2 | TAORMINA AND THE DAWN COAST OF EUROPE

Your hotel faces east, so early risers may learn why D.H. Lawrence christened this 'The Dawn Coast of Europe.' After breakfast, perhaps take an Optional Experience through the vineyards to Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano. Travel to the old town of Taormina, which clings to the side of Mount Tauro, overlooking the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna. With your Local Expert, visit the Greek theatre set on a cliff and open to the sky. Take a moment to sit in this ancient theatre and admire the view through the crumbling arches to Mount Etna. Stroll through the tiny courtyard of the Palazzo Corvaja, Taormina's grandest building, and along the elegant Corso Umberto. (B)

DAY 3 | CEFALU AND PALERMO

Travel to the quaint fishing town of Cefalu. The town's imposing cathedral was erected to fulfill a vow made by the Norman King Roger II. Stroll down to the medieval stone fountain and seek out the Gothic arch of the Porta Marina for a picture-perfect view of the little harbour. Later, travel onwards to Palermo. (B) NH, Palermo.

DAY 4 | PALERMO & THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE NORMANS

Explore Palermo with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the spectacular 12th century Monreale Cathedral with a Local Expert. Discover hidden Palermo as you join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, and learn about the civil anti-mafia movement. Later this morning, visit Palermo Cathedral which has been altered many times over the years and observe its unique blend of architectural styles. Savour the delights of Sicilian cuisine this evening with your fellow travellers. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | EXPLORE THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES AND ON TO RAGUSA

Journey to Agrigento. Explore the Valley of the Temples with a Local Expert and see the massive Temple of Concordia and the cliff-top Temple of Juno overlooking the sea. Your travels continue to the hilltop town of Ragusa. (B) Mediterraneo Palace, Ragusa.

DAY 6 | ANCIENT SYRACUSE AND CATANIA

Sightseeing with your Local Expert takes you to Syracuse's Paradise Quarry with its unusual Ear of Dionysius, an ear-shaped grotto with an unusual echo. See the superb Greek theatre, carved out of solid rock, one of the largest of the ancient world. There is time to explore the

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atmospheric Old City, a maze of narrow streets lined with palaces, sprawling over the island of Ortygia. It was here that the famous geometrician Archimedes ran naked through the streets, crying 'Eureka!' Continue to Catania to celebrate your time in Sicily over Dinner with your fellow travellers. (B) (D)

NH, Catania Centro.

DAY 7 | FLY FROM CATANIA TO MALTA

During your private transfer to Catania airport, appreciate the vistas of Mount Etna one last time. Board your short flight to Malta where on arrival you are met and taken to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax and settle into your hotel. Join your Travel Director at 18:30 for Dinner with wine. (B) (D)

Waterfront Hotel, Sliema.

DAY 8 | FREE TIME IN SLIEMA

Your day is at leisure. You may want to explore the World Heritage Site of Haġar Qim and Mnajdra temples before proceeding to the idyllic fishing village of Marsaxlokk, enjoy a stroll around the many market stalls whilst admiring the colourful 'luzzu' fishing boats in the harbour. (B)

DAY 9 | EXPLORE VALETTA

Your Local Expert takes you to visit the Upper Barrakka Gardens and St. John's Cathedral, designed in a baroque fashion. For lunch,

feast on a delicious meal made from fresh local ingredients. Visit the National War Museum and learn about Malta's important role in WWII with a lecture from an historian. (B) (L)

DAY 10 | FREE DAY IN MALTA

Today is free for you to relax at leisure on the rooftop terrace and enjoy the marvellous seascapes from the seafront hotel. Perhaps take a relaxing stroll along the promenade lined with restaurants and bars. If you're feeling active, why not take an Optional Experience with lunch on Gozo Island? Calypso Cave, found on the island, is said to be the one Homer wrote about in his acclaimed epic poem, The Odyssey. (B)

DAY 11 | MDINA THE SILENT CITY

Head to Mdina with a Local Expert in the late afternoon to explore this golden city, known also as the silent city for its shady streets and peaceful atmosphere. Enjoy a Celebration Dinner at a wonderful local restaurant where you'll toast to your trip with your fellow travellers. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | DEPART MALTA

It's time to say goodbye to this beautiful island and your fellow travellers, as a transfer takes you to Malta International Airport for your onward journey. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Taormina Riviera | Celebration dinner in Mdina.

Insightful Experiences

Selima: Visit the National War Museum, site of a former air raid shelter | Learn about the important role Malta played during WWII over a lecture by an historian.

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DAY 4 | Learn about the civil anti-mafia movement and discover the lesser known history of Palermo.

Insight Choice

Palermo: Choose to visit the spectacular Arab-Norman Monreale Cathedral with a Local Expert. Alternatively, learn about the civil anti-mafia movement through the history of Palermo.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Paradise Quarry and the Ear of Dionysius | Explore the Old City of Ortygia in Syracuse | Valley of the Temples in Agrigento | Palermo Cathedral | Greek Amphitheater in Taormina Riviera | City tours of Syracuse, Agrigento, Palermo, Taormina, Valletta and Mdina all with Local Experts | Visit Barrakka Gardens and St John's Cathedral | See Sliema.

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COUNTRY ROADS OF NORTHERN ITALY

From Milan to the Dolomites and the romance of Venice to the shores of Lake Como and sip Prosecco in Veneto.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: E823

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ITALY

After a warm welcome at Milan's Malpensa Airport, transfers depart for your hotel at 09:30 and 12:30. Meet your Travel Director at 15:30 and join a local historian to navigate through Milan's history and the life of Leonardo da Vinci. See the impressive facade of Milan Cathedral and the world famous La Scala Opera House. Mingle and get to know your fellow travellers during your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Milan City.

DAY 2 | BERGAMO AND TRENTO

Bid farewell to this cosmopolitan capital of fashion and journey into the region of Lombardy. Bordered by the Alps to the north and tributaries of the Po River to the south, Lombardy is an agricultural region that produces 93% of Italy's rice. Bergamo is yours to explore this morning, or pause for a cappuccino in one of the many cafes. Admire the 16th century walls of the Città Alta and the modern buzz of the commercial Città Bassa. Skirting Lake Garda, the largest of the Italian lakes we enter alpine scenery. Enjoy time in Trento, a city distinguished for its standard of living and the picturesque Medieval and Renaissance historic centre. (B)

DAY 3 | CLIMB UP TO CORTINA D'AMPEZZO

Follow the Adige River north into the magnificent mountains and the distinctive limestone peaks of the Dolomites. Arrive at the town of Bolzano, where Italy and Austria culturally collide and you are at leisure to explore the arcaded streets and squares. Continue along the zig-zagging scenic route to Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy's most exclusive ski resort and a beautiful alpine haven during summer. (B) (D)

Hotel de la Poste, Cortina d'Ampezzo.

DAY 4 | THE DOLOMITES AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day at your leisure in this fashionable playground of the rich and famous, surrounded by towering cathedrals of rock. Take in the fresh mountain air as you stroll the pedestrianised Corso Italia, lined with designer stores and backed by the impressive green and white bell tower of the parish church. Why not ascend to the summit of one of the nearby peaks for magnificent panoramic views of the Dolomites? (B)

DAY 5 | THROUGH PROSECCO COUNTRY TO VENICE

Travel down through more majestic Dolomite scenery to one of the world's most breathtaking wine regions. Protected by the Alps to the north and caressed by the warm breezes from the Adriatic, the vineyards around Conegliano Veneto produce Italy's most prized sparkling wine. Stop in Conegliano, where great care is taken to ensure these hand-picked grapes produce the world's finest prosecco. See how production differs from its more famous French counterpart, champagne. Be tempted with a taste of the crisp and aromatic flavours and learn how to make the perfect bellini.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Continue on to the unique and remarkable island city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic and check into your hotel. (B)

Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

DAY 6 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Wake up ready to embrace this romantic city. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. What better way to see Venice than from a private boat, cruising past palazzos and churches to St. Mark's Square? See the gilded basilica, the Doge's Palace and Lord Byron's Bridge of Sighs. No visit to Venice would be complete without a gondola serenade through the myriad of beautiful canals. Relax and enjoy traditional local songs, as you drift along in romantic awe. Spend the afternoon as you wish. As night falls, why not savour the magic of St. Mark's Square with its orchestras and al-fresco cafes? (B)

DAY 7 | FAIR VERONA

Depart enchanting Venice to fair Verona, the home of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers. Explore its maze of elegant squares and see the well-preserved Roman Arena, still used for opera performances. Explore Verona with Insight Choice. Choose a walking tour through the grand piazzas, see the statue of Dante and admire the Gothic tombs of the Scala family. Alternatively, embark on a Shakespeare-themed walk to discover famous moments from the story

of Romeo and Juliet, stopping at Juliet's famed balcony. (B)

DAY 8 | COMO AT LEISURE AND LAKE MAGGIORE

Journey to Lake Como to explore. Nestled in the foothills of the Alps, this is a prime spot to catch a glimpse of Europe's rich and famous.

Journey onwards to Lake Maggiore's Baveno, renowned for its charming 16th century square and narrow cobbled streets. (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno.

DAY 9 | ITALIAN LAKES AT LEISURE

Relish a full day to relax and enjoy this popular resort and beautiful lake. Napoleon came here to plan his Italian Campaign, and Mussolini and Chamberlain met here before World War II to sign the Treaty of Stresa. Perhaps take a cruise out to the lovely Borromean Islands? Isola Bella is where Carlo Borromeo built his charming Palace. Savour delicious Farm-to-Table cuisine during your Celebration Dinner, accompanied by some exquisite Italian wines. Raise a glass to your travels and newfound friends. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | DEPART MILAN

Your journey draws to a close in the morning and transfers arrive at Milan's Malpensa Airport at 07:30 and 10:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Milan | Dinner in Verona | Farm-to-Table Celebration Dinner in Baveno | Taste Prosecco in Veneto.

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EXPERIENCE



DAY 6 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art (pictured above).

Insight Choice




Verona: Choose a walking tour through the grand piazzas, see the statue of Dante and admire the Gothic tombs of the Scala family. Alternatively, embark on a Shakespeare-themed walk to discover famous moments from the story of Romeo and Juliet.

Top Rated Highlights

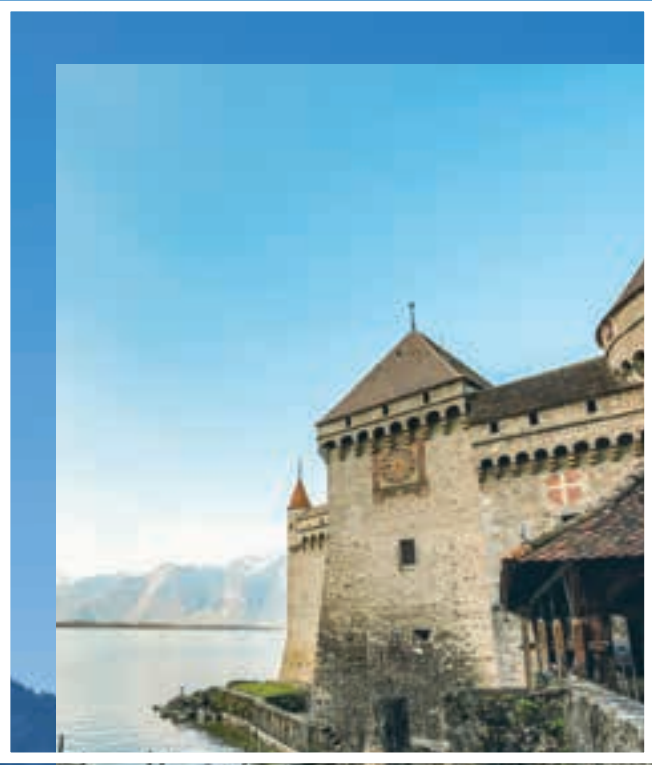
Serenaded gondola ride through the canals of Venice | City tours of Milan and Verona, with Local Experts | Visit Bolzano and views of the Dolomite mountains | See the Bridge of Sighs and St Mark's Square | Take a private boat along the waterways of Venice.

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-  Place Visited





The word "Alps" comes from the Latin word "Alpes", meaning "the white mountain range". Under the gaze of the Alps on the shore of Lake Geneva, you will find Chillon Castle, known as the most visited historic building in Switzerland. For nearly four centuries Chillon was the residence and profitable toll station of the Counts of Savoy.



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BEST OF GERMANY

Tour Berlin's iconic sights and, in Munich, see the Hofbräuhaus, St. Peter's Church and Marienplatz topped off with a farm-to-table dinner.

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E929

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BERLIN

On arrival at Berlin's Brandenburg Airport, transfers depart at 10:30, 13:00 & 16:00.

At 18:30, meet for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Crowne Plaza Berlin City Centre, Berlin.

DAY 2 | THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN

Join a Local Expert to see some of Berlin's many highlights. Travel along the Ku'Damm past the Memorial Church and drive through the Tiergarten to see the Reichstag building. Continue with a visit to Brandenburg Gate and along Unter den Linden, passing the Humboldt University and State Opera to stop on Museum Island. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Perhaps choose to explore Potsdam? (B)

DAY 3 | DRESDEN, A BAROQUE PHOENIX ON THE ELBE

In Dresden, join your Local Expert to see the splendours of the city. From the Frauenkirche, which has risen again from the destruction of World War II, walk past 'The Procession of the Princes', a mosaic of colossal proportions on the Royal Palace facade. See the huge cathedral, Semper Opera House and Baroque Zwinger Palace. Although the town was heavily bombed during World War II, it remains a treasure trove of early German history and baroque architecture. (B) Hilton, Dresden.

DAY 4 | MEDIEVAL ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER

Join a Local Expert in Weimar to explore the city of literary luminaries Goethe and Schiller. Venture to medieval Erfurt and to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the best-preserved town on the Romantic Road. Plunge back into the 16th century during your orientation with your Travel Director as you walk through narrow cobbled streets lined with high-gabled houses to the market square, dominated by its Renaissance town hall. For your Dine-Around Evening, choose from a hand-picked selection of restaurants within the walls of the Old Town. (B) (D) Hotel Altes Brauhaus, Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

DAY 5 | ROTHENBURG AT LEISURE

Enjoy an inspiring stroll through the narrow-cobbled streets with a Local Expert before taking in panoramic views on the historic city walls walk. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure for further exploration on your own, or perhaps a guided visit to the medieval town of Nuremberg. (B)

DAY 6 | FRANKFURT AND MAINZ

Continue your travels through to Frankfurt and take in the city's famed landmarks with a Local Expert. See the gable-roofed Römer, European Central Bank, Frankfurt Cathedral's Coronation Site, and the eminent Paulskirche. Complete your visit with a tasting of local Apfelwein. Your hotel is in the nearby town of Mainz, a bustling and important town since the time of the Romans. Enjoy a guided

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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visit of the Gutenberg Museum, dedicated to one of history's most important inventors. (B) Hilton, Mainz.

DAY 7 | CASTLES OF THE RHINE EXPERIENCE

Begin the day with a relaxing cruise past steep-sided vineyards, half-timbered taverns, hilltop castles and the infamous Lorelei Rock. Enjoy a delicious Farm-to-Table Lunch, prepared with locally sourced ingredients. (B) (L)

DAY 8 | HEIDELBERG AND FREIBURG

Continue your travels through to Heidelberg and venture inside Heidelberg Palace. See the Heidelberg Tun, a 130,000-liter wine vat, marvel at the panoramic vistas of the city and Neckar Valley from the castle fortress. Stop to meet the locals who still make cuckoo clocks by hand, a tradition passed down over 300 years. Continue on to the picturesque city of Freiburg, on arrival join your Local Expert for an orientation tour of the city. (B) (D)

Hotel Stadt, Freiburg.

DAY 9 | THE BLACK FOREST AND CUCKOO CLOCKS

The best way to enjoy this enchanting region is on a lake cruise. Relax and soak up the atmosphere of the Black Forest on a guided wildlife walk with a ranger, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. On your journey, stop to meet the locals who still

make cuckoo clocks by hand, a tradition passed down over 300 years. (B)

DAY 10 | JEWELS OF THE BAVARIAN ALPS

Embark on an exciting visit to Neuschwanstein Castle, bristling with turrets and pinnacles, and built as a retreat for the wildly eccentric King Ludwig II. See the extravagantly decorated apartments, including the Throne Room and Lohengrin Grotto. Continue to Munich, Bavaria's capital city and home of the world-famous Oktoberfest. (B)

Munich Marriott Hotel, Munich.

DAY 11 | THE BAVARIAN CAPITAL OF MUNICH

Explore Munich with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert for a foodie walking tour in the city centre. Alternatively, visit the famous Residenz, and see its museum and Treasury. In the evening, round off your German experience with a farewell Celebration Dinner, complete with local wine. Prost! (B) (D)

DAY 12 | AUF WIEDERSEHEN MUNICH!

Your departure transfer arrives at Munich Airport at 07:00 and 09:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Lively Welcome Dinner in Berlin | Farm-To-Table Lunch in Bacharach | Dine-Around options in Rothenburg | Celebration Dinner in Munich.

Insightful Experiences

Black Forest: Discover the art of cuckoo clock making at a charming workshop in the Black Forest. Watch a demonstration by a lively artisan, while you enjoy a glass of cherry wine.

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DAY 9 | Join Ralf, a passionate Black Forest ranger, for a fun and educative wildlife walk in the pristine biosphere. Stop along the way to forage aromatic herbs.

Insight Choice

Munich: Choose between a foodie walking tour in the heart of Munich and enjoy authentic Bavarian cuisine, or visit Munich's Residenz, the largest city palace in Germany, and see its Treasury.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel along the Rhine on a scenic cruise. Visit Heidelberg Castle | Neuschwanstein Castle | City Tours of Berlin, Dresden, Weimar, Rothenburg and Frankfurt, all with Local Experts | See the Reichstag Building, Berlin Wall, Berliner Dom and Brandenburg Gate in Berlin | Dresden | Marienplatz and Glockenspiel in Munich | Rothenburg | Heidelberg | Mainz.

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GLORIOUS SWITZERLAND

Sample rich cheese fondue before a 5-star stay in Geneva, tour Chillon Castle and breathe in the Alpine air of Mt Stanserhorn and Zermatt.

8 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E965

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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DAY 1 | GENEVA, CITY OF GARDENS

Prepare yourself for the majesty of Switzerland's snow-capped mountains, glaciers, sparkling lakes, flower-filled meadows and rich, green valleys. Transfers from Geneva airport to your hotel depart at 11:00, 13:00 and 16:00. Meet your Travel Director and travel companions at 18:00 in the hotel lobby, for a short stroll to your Welcome Dinner. The evening is full of Swiss delight, as you enjoy the cozy decor while being served typical Swiss specialties including cheese fondue. Return to your immaculate boutique hotel, the award-winning Hotel d'Angleterre. Enjoy British charm and the finest Swiss hospitality, with each room individually designed to reflect its elegant style. (D)

Hotel d'Angleterre, Geneva.

DAY 2 | MONTREUX, CHILLON AND THE MATTERHORN VILLAGE OF ZERMATT

Start your day with highlights of Geneva, the City of Gardens. See the Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock. Then relax and enjoy the enchanting scenery as we continue to the charming town of Montreux. Situated at the foot of the Alps and boasting beautiful lakeside walks, enjoy free time to explore this pretty town. On the western bay of Lake Geneva, join Maud, head of collections at Chillon Castle, for a special tour of the former home to the Dukes of Savoy, immortalized by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon.' Keep a look out for where the writer is rumoured to have left his mark. Continue through the Rhone Valley, where high summer temperatures support vines and other fruits. The final stage of your journey is by cogwheel train to the traffic-free Alpine resort of Zermatt. During your orientation with your Travel Director, feast your eyes on the distinctive triangular silhouette of the Matterhorn. At night, enjoy a stroll in the fresh mountain air to your chosen restaurant for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)

Resort Hotel Alex/Walliserhof Grand-Hotel & Spa, Zermatt.

DAY 3 | FREE TIME IN ZERMATT

Zermatt in the summertime offers many leisure possibilities. Green meadows and dreamy mountain lakes provide the perfect landscape for your summer holidays in the Alps. Maybe, try swimming, hiking, or spend a whole day relaxing in the fresh Alpine surroundings. Perhaps take an optional ride on Europe's highest cable car to the snow-capped roof of the world for a magnificent panorama of the highest peaks in Switzerland, Italy and France. The Matterhorn Glacier Ride I, is the world's highest 3S cableway, connecting Trockener Steg with Matterhorn Glacier Paradise at 3883 metres. This evening, take in your picturesque surroundings as you relax or explore at leisure. (B) Resort Hotel Alex, Zermatt.

DAY 4 | ELEGANT BAVENO

Descend to Täsch and rejoin the coach. Follow in Napoleon's footsteps as you ascend the Simplon Pass, taking in magnificent views over the Alps

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

from the 2,000-metre summit. Continue along the gentle shores of Lake Maggiore. Perhaps take a delightful boat trip to see the stunning Isola Bella? (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno.

DAY 5 | GRISON ALPS TO CHIC ST. MORITZ

Head north back into the high mountain country of the Grisons Alps today. Ascend the San Bernardino and the Julier Passes to arrive in the sparkling Engadine Valley with an invigorating climate characterised by clear skies and its location high in the Alps. On arrival in the cosmopolitan resort of St. Moritz, a brief orientation with your Travel Director will show you the spa quarter and the brilliantly sparkling glacial lake, before there is time to explore further on your own, or perhaps step aboard the Bernina Express to experience one of Europe's most outstanding train journeys? (B) (D)
Crystal Hotel/Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz.

DAY 6 | SCENIC TRAIN RIDE, LIECHTENSTEIN AND LUCERNE

Start the day with a scenic train ride along part of the route of the Glacier Express, through unforgettable scenes of ice-capped mountains, stone-built villages and lush meadows. At Chur, reboard your coach and travel along the valley of the Upper Rhine to spend some time in Vaduz, the tiny capital of the Principality of Liechtenstein, where you explore the area around the castle. Continue to Lucerne alongside the dramatic Walensee and Lake Zürich. On arrival,

see the sorrowful sculpture of the wounded lion, commemorating the brave Swiss Guards who died defending King Louis XVI during the French Revolution. Your Travel Director will also show you the Jesuit Church and the Chapel Bridge. This evening, experience the local cuisine at your leisure, or enjoy folklore music and a traditional dinner. (B)

Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

DAY 7 | THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT STANSERHORN

Commence the day with a morning stroll along lakeside promenades or shopping for fine watches while enjoying the scenery. Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Celebrate new friends and enjoy a Celebration Dinner at the foot of Mount Stanserhorn with magnificent views over Lake Lucerne at Restaurant Seeblick. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | LEAVE LUCERNE FOR ZÜRICH

In the morning, your departure transfer will arrive at Zürich airport at 08:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Geneva | Dine-Around options in Zermatt | Celebration Dinner in Lucerne.

Insightful Experiences

Lake Geneva: Visit Chillon Castle with the Head of Collections to discover the artifacts, treasures and history of the chateau.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



DAY 7 | Embark on a spectacular journey to the summit of Mount Stanserhorn. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel on the Matterhorn Gotthard Railway to Zermatt | Travel along part of the route of the Glacier Express | See Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock in Geneva | Lake Geneva and the Alps from Montreux | Matterhorn from Zermatt | Lake Maggiore | Baveno's cobbled streets | St. Moritz | Vaduz Castle | Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne.



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COUNTRY ROADS OF SWITZERLAND

Explore a former Duke's home on Lake Geneva's shore, wander Lucerne's wooden bridges and reach Stanserhorn's summit.

14 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 18 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E728

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/crswitzerland](https://www.insightvacations.com/crswitzerland)

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LUCERNE

Welcome to Switzerland. On arrival at Zürich airport, transfers leave for your hotel in Lucerne at 09:30 and 13:30. Meet your Travel Director and travel companions at 18:00, followed by a pleasant Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D) Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

DAY 2 | ASCEND THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT STANSERHORN

Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Return to the 14th century city of Lucerne to see its storybook wooden bridges, baroque church and sorrowful Lion Monument. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 3 | BERN, GRUYÈRES AND MONTREUX

In Bern, your Local Expert, a local English teacher, shows you the Cathedral of St. Vincent, Federal Palace and floral displays. Gather at the clock tower to watch the mechanical procession of painted figures before viewing the Ogre Fountain. Continue to the fortified town of Gruyères, where there is time at leisure. From Montreux, travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to visit a winery. Admire the stunning panorama overlooking the lake and savour a tasting of tantalising, local wines. Delight in a delicious Farm-to-Table light dinner, made from locally sourced produce, and learn how the family is preserving the estate for future generations on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B) (D) Grand Hôtel Suisse-Majestic, Montreux.

DAY 4 | LAKE GENEVA AND THE SWISS COUNTRYSIDE

On the western bay of Lake Geneva, visit Chillon Castle, for a special tour of the former home to the Dukes of Savoy, immortalized by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon.' (B)

DAY 5 | GENEVA AND SCENIC LAKE CRUISE

Follow the shores of the lake to the international city of Geneva, seeing the Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock. Next, relax in first-class comfort on the waters of Lake Geneva during a highlight cruise. This evening, enjoy time at leisure on the promenade of your lakeside resort. (B)

DAY 6 | MARTIGNY, SION AND ZERMATT

Journey to Martigny to view the Roman Amphitheater and continue to the town of Sion to see the cathedral and Old Town Hall. Complete your journey via cogwheel train to the traffic-free mountain resort of Zermatt. This evening, take your pick from a selection a local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. Perhaps you will delight in the typical Swiss dining experience of fondue? (B) (D) Resort Hotel Alex, Zermatt.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 7 | ZERMATT AT LEISURE

Zermatt in the summertime offers many leisure possibilities: try swimming, hiking or relaxing in your alpine surroundings. Perhaps take a trip to the Klein Matterhorn to view the magnificent snow-capped top of the world. (B)

DAY 8 | THE ITALIAN LAKE DISTRICT TO BAVENO

Descend to Täsch for a scenic drive to Brig, where you'll commence your ascent of the Simplon Pass. The afternoon is at your leisure. Perhaps join an experience to the stunning Isola Bella? (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno.

DAY 9 | THE GLAMOR AND GLITZ OF ST. MORITZ

Journey along the shores of Lake Maggiore, heading north to the three fortifications at Bellinzona. Meet your Local Expert for a fascinating insight into this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue through the Grisons Region, following the Rhine River to the glamorous resort of St. Moritz. (B)

Crystal Hotel/Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz.

DAY 10 | LEISURE TIME IN ST. MORITZ

Enjoy a day at leisure to mingle with the jet-setters in this elegant resort or perhaps take an exciting train journey over the Bernina Pass. To help you make the most of your day, your Travel Director will provide you with a mountain railways pass, offering free travel on all cable cars, funiculars and chairlifts (when available) in Engadine St. Moritz. (B)

DAY 11 | THE GLACIER EXPRESS

Step aboard the Glacier Express to experience one of the world's great railway journeys. Cross the Landwasser Viaduct and head down through the Oberalp Valley, rejoining the coach at Andermatt. Drive through the Schöllenen Gorge, along the Grindelwald Valley and follow the Lütschine River to Lauterbrunnen. See the Staubbach Falls plunge 300 meters from the plateau above. (B) (D)

Romantik Hotel Schweizerhof, Grindelwald.

DAY 12 | GRINDELWALD AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day at your leisure to explore Grindelwald further. Perhaps take a cogwheel train ride to the summit of the Jungfrau mountain? (B)

DAY 13 | RURAL SWITZERLAND TO ZÜRICH

Journey to Brienz to visit the Jobin Swiss Woodcarving Centre. On return to Zürich, see the Bahnhofstrasse, Grossmünster, River Limmat and Fraumünster.

Join your travel companions at a local restaurant.

Your Celebration Dinner is accompanied with wine - raise your glass to toast to your adventures. (B) (D)

Renaissance Zurich Tower Hotel/Opera Hotel, Zurich.

DAY 14 | DEPART ZÜRICH

Your Swiss adventures come to and end this morning, with a transfer to Zürich airport arriving at 08:00. (B)

*Superior Dining*

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Insightful Experiences

Lake Geneva: Visit Chillon Castle with the Head of Collections to discover the artifacts, treasures and history of the chateau.

Bellinzona: Explore the stunning town of Bellinzona with your Local Expert | Julie will passionately share with you her insights into the three marvellous castles, and her personal stories about how she fell in love with this city and decided to move to the area.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



DAY 2 | Embark on a spectacular journey to the summit of Mount Stanserhorn. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora.

DAY 3 | Visit a winery. Enjoy a tasting, and learn how the family is preserving the estate for future generations.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel on the Glacier Express | Cruise on Lake Geneva | Ride the Matterhorn Gotthard Railway to Zermatt | Visit the Jobin Swiss Woodcarving | Centre in Brienz | See Zürich | Lucerne's Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge | Travel in St. Moritz with your included pass | Lauterbrunnen | Staubbach Falls | the glacier village of Grindelwald.

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COUNTRY ROADS OF BAVARIA, SWITZERLAND & AUSTRIA

*Ride a funicular to a mountaintop Stanserhorn Dinner,
step aboard the Glacier Express for vistas of ice capped
mountains and visit Neuschwanstein Castle.*

12 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E727

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/crbavaria](https://www.insightvacations.com/crbavaria)

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VIENNA

At Vienna airport, transfers to your hotel will leave at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30. At 17:30, meet your Travel Director and enjoy a pleasant Welcome Dinner served with wine at a local restaurant. (D) InterContinental, Vienna.

DAY 2 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

Join a private tour of Maria Theresa's magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens. Be transported to a time of opulence and extravagance, as you marvel at the intricacies of gilded Rococo frames, frescoed ceilings and crystal chandeliers. See the city's many highlights, including St. Charles' Church, the Hofburg Palace, Parliament and State Opera House. (B)

DAY 3 | ON TO SALZBURG

A short drive through wonderful Austrian countryside leads us to Salzburg. En route, visit Melk Abbey and Mondsee's Basilica St. Michael, easily recognizable due to its appearance in 'Sound of Music'. (B)

ARCOTEL Castellani, Salzburg.

DAY 4 | THE CITY OF MOZART

Join your Local Expert, who will show you the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace, Residenzplatz, the city's imposing fortress, the immense cathedral in the Old Town. Visit Mozart's birthplace. Enjoy a pianoforte demonstration and examine letters, memorabilia, and musical instruments of the great composer. In the evening, relish the authentic experience of Farm-to-Table dining as you dine at a local organic farm. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | SALZBURG TO MUNICH

This morning, board a boat to explore the sites of picturesque Herrenchiemsee. Visit the palace and Fraueninsel convent. Enjoy time at leisure in the gardens over lunch before continuing by boat to Gstadt. Journey by coach to Munich, and see the world-famous Oktoberfest. This evening, revel in a truly Bavarian experience as you dine at a local beerhall. (B) (D)

Munich Marriott Hotel, Munich.

DAY 6 | EXPLORE MUNICH AND DACHAU

Journey to Munich for a city orientation of the university, Victory Arch and the Marienplatz, where crowds gather at the Town Hall to watch the antics of the Glockenspiel. After, explore with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert for a foodie walking tour in the city centre. Alternatively, visit the Munich Residenz, Germany's largest inner-city palace and former seat of Bavarian royalty. Travel to Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site for a moment of commemoration and remembrance. Reflect on the weighty history that marks the site and observe the importance of its preservation. (B)

DAY 7 | ON TO INNSBRUCK

Embark on an exciting visit to Neuschwanstein Castle, bristling with turrets and pinnacles and built as a retreat for the wildly eccentric King Ludwig

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

II. See the extravagantly decorated apartments, including the Throne Room and Lohengrin Grotto. Continue to Oberammergau, home of the Passion Play since 1634. See the immense theatre and admire the colourful painted chalets before driving on to the Tyrolean capital of Innsbruck, set in a valley of snow-capped mountain peaks. This evening, for your Dine-Around experience, choose from a fantastic selection of restaurants. (B) (D)
Hotel, Innsbruck.

DAY 8 | BEAUTIFUL INNSBRUCK

Awake to the beautiful Alpine city of Innsbruck. A Local Expert guides you through the city to see the 14th-century houses of the Old Town, the impressive Imperial Palace and the delightful Golden Roof. Visit a nearby ski jump, set against staggering mountain vistas. Meet one of the ski jumpers and observe a demonstration jump. (B)

DAY 9 | THE ENGADINE VALLEY AND CHIC ST. MORITZ

Take in the stunning views of the beautiful Engadine Valley, as you enter Switzerland headed for the chic Alpine resort of St. Moritz. Enjoy the town's marvellous scenery, fresh air and maybe visit its many museums or shop for souvenirs. Perhaps step aboard the Bernina Express to experience one of Europe's most outstanding train journeys? (B) (D)
Crystal Hotel/Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz.

DAY 10 | ALL ABOARD THE GLACIER EXPRESS AND ON TO LUCERNE

Embark on an iconic train journey onboard the Glacier Express, taking in vistas of ice-capped mountains, stone-built villages and lush meadows.

Rejoin the coach at Andermatt. Continue north, following the staggering Schöllenen Gorge through William Tell country, to Stans. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a seasonal juice tasting. Your Travel Director will show you the beautiful and poignant Lion Monument, which honors the Swiss Guards in Lucerne. (B)
Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

DAY 11 | DINNER AT THE 'ROOF OF EUROPE' IN STANSERHORN

Enjoy the morning at your leisure to explore the city's 14th century covered wooden bridge, painted gables, old walls and watchtower of the medieval fortifications. Stroll across the Chapel Bridge to the Jesuit Church, or use your free time to shop. Later, head to the town of Stans where you'll embark on a scenic journey by funicular railway and cable car, to the summit of the stunning Stanserhorn. On a clear day, there are views as far as Alsace in France and the Black Forest in Germany. Here amid true Alpine majesty, your journey literally peaks with an unforgettable Celebration Dinner, hosted in Drehrestaurant Rondorama, located atop the mountain. Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and admire the stunning panoramic views as the restaurant slowly rotates throughout the evening, ensuring you don't miss a thing. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | LEAVE LUCERNE FOR ZÜRICH

Your Alpine adventures end this morning, with a transfer to Zürich airport arriving at 08:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Enjoy expansive mountain views over Lake Lucerne for your special Celebration Dinner | Welcome Dinner in Vienna | Dine-Around options in Innsbruck | Highlight dinner in Munich | Farm to table dinner in Salzburg.

Insightful Experiences

Salzburg: Experience a Musical Demonstration at Mozart's Birthplace.

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DAY 10 | Taste a refreshing seasonal juice at a renovated Capuchin monastery producing sustainable crops from the alpine region.

Insight Choice

Choose between a Foodie Walking Tour or a Visit to the Residenz and its Treasury.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel on the Glacier Express | Visit Neuschwanstein Castle | City tours of Innsbruck, both with Local Experts | See Feldherrnhalle in the Odeonsplatz, Palace of the Dukes of Wittelsbach, English Garden, Hofbräuhaus and Marienplatz in Munich | the church featured in 'The Sound of Music' in Mondsee | Hofburg Imperial Residence and Opera House in Vienna | Old Town, Imperial Palace and Golden Roof in Innsbruck | St. Moritz | Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne.

See more experiences online



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Train
- Cruise

MAGICAL SWITZERLAND

Traverse Switzerland aboard the Glacier Express and experience the frozen waterfalls of the Grison Alps to the ski resorts of St Moritz.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



Transfers depart Zurich airport for your Lucerne hotel at 09:30 and 13:30. Enjoy the ambiance of this picture-perfect town as you walk among its painted facades in the quaint Old Town. Make your way to the fashionable ski resort of St. Moritz, nestled below the majestic Grisons Alps. Relax, shop or join a memorable ride on the UNESCO World Heritage Bernina Express.

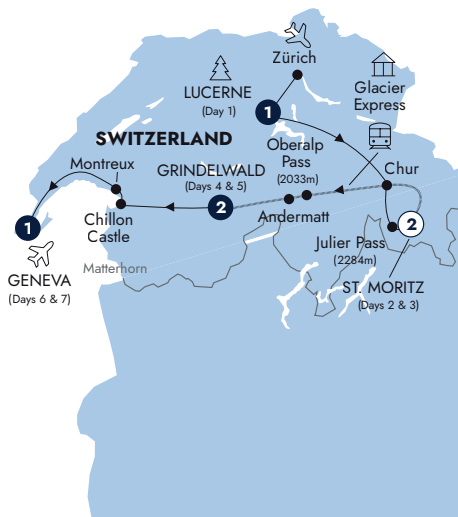
Experience the magic of the Glacier Express from the comfort of panoramic viewing cars as you journey to Grindelwald, going past ice-capped mountains, deep gorges and snowy pastures. Explore the car-free haven of Zermatt, accessible by a cogwheel railway at the foot of the iconic Matterhorn.

Discover Chillon Castle with Maud, the head of collections at the Chateau, on the shore of Lake Geneva. Stop by for a stroll in Montreux as you make your way to cosmopolitan Geneva.

On your final day departure transfers arrive at Geneva airport at 08:00 and 10:00.

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Christmas Markets



Superior Dining

Celebration dinner in Geneva.

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DAY 5 | Visit the fascinating Red Cross Museum. Learn how this world-renowned organization provides assistance to refugees, migrants and asylum seekers and, with your visit, support their vital work.

Top Rated Highlights

Select departures explore Christmas markets in Lucerne | Travel on the Glacier Express through the Swiss Alps | See Lucerne's Lion Monument, Jesuit Church and Chapel Bridge | Alpine ski resort of St. Moritz | Lakeside Montreux | Geneva's Jet d'Eau and United Nations Building.

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Trip code: W850

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Jan + Mar + Nov - Dec

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/magicalsui](https://www.insightvacations.com/magicalsui)

WINTER WONDERLAND

Embrace the winter wonderlands of Europe with stunning views of Lake Lucerne from the peak of Mount Pilatus and immerse yourself in Munich and Salzburg.

9 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 12 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- 1** Central Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Christmas Markets

Depart from Frankfurt airport by transfer at 09:30 or 12:30, to your hotel on the mighty River Rhine in Mainz. You'll visit Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, a medieval town filled with festive cheer. In Bavaria, enjoy the fun-loving city of Munich and the beautiful countryside of the Austrian Alps.

Admire the beauty of baroque Salzburg, and visit Mozart's birthplace. At the Christmas Market sample local 'Lebkuchen,' a sweet-and-spicy soft gingerbread along with delicious mulled wine. Visit the quirky headquarters of Swarovski at Crystal World before settling into dinner in Innsbruck. The following day, relax on a scenic horse-drawn carriage ride through the city.

Stop in tiny Liechtenstein, on your way to the heart of Switzerland.

In Lucerne, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit a local chocolaterie for a tasting of Swiss chocolates sourced sustainably.

Return to Germany through the Black Forest as you make your way to Heidelberg.

On the final day, transfers to Frankfurt airport's Terminal 1 arrives at 09:00 and Terminal 2 at 09:15.



Superior Dining

At the Christmas Market, meet a local stallholder and taste the delicious Lebkuchen with a fragrant cup of Glühwein | Welcome Dinner in Mainz | Highlight Dinner at Swarovski Wattens | Celebration Dinner in Heidelberg.

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EXPERIENCE



DAY 6 | Taste delicious Fairtrade Swiss chocolates that have been sourced sustainably.

Insight Choice

Choose to join a foodie walking tour in the heart of Munich. Alternatively, visit the famous Residenz.

Top Rated Highlights

Embrace the magic of Christmas time in Europe. Select departures explore Christmas markets in Mainz, Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, Munich, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Lucerne and Heidelberg. Travel by cable car to summit Mount Pilatus | City Tour of Salzburg with a Local Expert.

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Nov - Dec + Jan

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/wonderland](https://www.insightvacations.com/wonderland)

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Trip code: W600

THE BOHEMIAN

Sample the locals favourite spicy 'kielbasa' in Kraków, dance the waltz in Vienna and embrace the fairy tale town of Český Krumlov.

9 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 12 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E957

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see insightvacations.com/bohemian

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VIENNA

At Vienna airport, transfers to your hotel will leave at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30. At 17:30, meet your Travel Director and enjoy a pleasant Welcome Dinner served with wine at a local restaurant. (D) Hilton, Vienna Park.

DAY 2 | STATELY VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

Join a Local Expert for a private tour of Maria Theresa's magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens. Be transported to a time of opulence and extravagance, as you marvel at the intricacies of gilded Rococo frames, frescoed ceilings and crystal chandeliers. Explore Vienna by joining a unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience, take to the floor in a Viennese Waltz dance workshop and support the visually impaired community. Dancing in the dark, in a specially designed sensory studio, will be a unique experience for all your senses.

Then get your camera ready for a drive around the Ring Road, a grand boulevard built along the lines of the old city walls, showcasing many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence, Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. (B)

DAY 3 | CHARMING ČESKÝ KRUMLOV AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

Once over the Czech border, head for picturesque Český Krumlov, where you'll start with a brief orientation tour of this fairy-tale town, straight out of the Middle Ages. Enjoy some free time to explore and appreciate views of the Vltava River. Wander through the cobblestone, traffic-free streets, past colourful houses that lead up to the finest castle in the land. In the afternoon, continue through the green Bohemian countryside to Golden Prague. (B) Hotel Royal, Prague.

DAY 4 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the Jewish Quarter and learn about a different side of the history of Prague. Continue to Old Town Square where the mechanical antics of the Astronomical Clock's glockenspiel delight onlookers each hour. (B)

DAY 5 | REFLECT ON AUSCHWITZ THEN ONTO KRAKÓW

Enjoy a gentle drive through the rolling Czech countryside before crossing into Poland where you will stop at Oświęcim, better known by its German name of Auschwitz. Join a guided tour of the memorial and museum and stop at Birkenau, which bore witness to the terrible atrocities of the Holocaust. (B) (D)

Vienna House Andel's Cracow, Kraków.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | THE DAMSELS AND DRAGONS OF KRAKÓW

In the morning why not join an Optional Experience and journey into a glistening subterranean world at the 600-year-old Wieliczka Salt Mine? In a maze of tunnels deep below the surface, witness unique salt sculptures, sunken lakes and even a glorious cathedral carved entirely out of rock salt by the miners. Alternatively, enjoy a morning at leisure before joining your fellow travellers to ascend Wawel Hill and visit the cathedral, with your Local Expert. Walk past the former residence of Pope John Paul II through the Old Town, to Europe's largest and most beautiful town square. See the medieval Sukiennice Cloth Hall and visit the 14th century St. Mary's Basilica, the most important church in the city. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for the trumpeter in the tower. In the evening, choose from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants on your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)

DAY 7 | THROUGH SLEEPY SLOVAKIA TO BUDAPEST

Journey into the Slovakian region of Orava and see the picturesque Oravský Hrad Castle before continuing through the breathtaking Low Tatra Mountains to arrive in Budapest. Your evening is at leisure to stroll the historic streets, or perhaps indulge your senses as you dine aboard a cruise along the Danube River, passing spectacular

sights such as the illuminated Parliament Buildings. (B)
Courtyard by Marriott, Budapest City Centre.

DAY 8 | BUDAPEST, THE QUEEN OF THE DANUBE

Explore Budapest with a Local Expert. Cross the Danube to the Pest district to visit Heroes' Square and drive down elegant Andrassy Boulevard. Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. The university was founded by the piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. The rest of the day is at your leisure to relax by the Danube or browse the boutiques of Vaci Street. For your Celebration Dinner, you are treated to mouthwatering Hungarian specialties, accompanied by specially selected wines. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | DEPART BUDAPEST OR VIENNA

Your Bohemian journey concludes after breakfast with transfers arriving at Budapest airport at 07:00 and 11:00. The 07:00 transfer continues to Vienna airport, arriving at midday and offers a final stop at the hotel. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Vienna | Choice of Dine-Around options in Kraków | Celebration Dinner in Budapest.

Insightful Experiences

Budapest: Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. Producing incredible musical talent, the university was founded by piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875.

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DAY 2 | Listen to the musical masterpiece of Mozart and learn the Viennese Waltz, in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired community.

Insight Choice

Prague: Choose between a Castle District Walking Tour with a Local Expert or a Jewish Quarter Walking Tour with Local Expert.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Český Krumlov | Auschwitz | Wawel Cathedral and St. Mary's Basilica in Kraków | Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna | City tours of Prague, Kraków, Budapest and Vienna, all with Local Experts | See Prague Castle, Old Town Square and Astronomical Clock in Prague | Old Town and Sukiennice Cloth Hall in Kraków | Oravský Hrad Castle | Hungarian Parliament Building, Castle Hill District, Andrassy Boulevard and Váci Utca in Budapest | Hofburg Imperial Residence and Opera House in Vienna.

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KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited



EASY PACE BUDAPEST, VIENNA & PRAGUE

Experience the capital cities' sights, savour local flavours during a strudel tasting and discover the grandeur of Schönbrunn Palace.

10 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E705

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Mar - Oct

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/epbudapest](https://www.insightvacations.com/epbudapest)

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUDAPEST

On arrival at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport, enjoy a complimentary transfer to your hotel at 10:00, 13:00 or 15:30. Meet your Travel Director and travel companions at 18:00. Tonight you are in for a treat with your Welcome Dinner. Dine in elegance as you savour hearty, Hungarian delicacies accompanied with specially selected wines. (D)

Hotel Nemzeti Budapest - MGallery.

DAY 2 | BUDAPEST, QUEEN OF THE DANUBE

Drive along the elegant boulevards en route to Heroes' Square. Across the river in Buda, walk with your Local Expert. Make your way to a traditional strudel house to see pastry chefs at work, as they prepare delicious sweet strudel by stretching the dough and readying fillings. Enjoy a delectable taste of this famous delicacy paired with a rich aromatic coffee.

Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. Producing incredible musical talent, the university was founded by piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. (B) (MT)

DAY 3 | FREE TIME IN BUDAPEST

The day is at leisure to immerse yourself in Budapest's history, culture and gastronomy. Perhaps, visit a thermal bath, spend time browsing the boutiques on Vaci Street or relax in a pavement café. This evening, enjoy a Dine-Around experience from your choice of specially selected restaurants. (B) (D)

DAY 4 | ALONG THE DANUBE TO ESZTERGOM AND ON TO STATELY VIENNA

Travel along the Danube to the picturesque city of Esztergom, home to the largest Catholic church in Hungary. Then, journey westward for a stop in the pretty town of Győr, located on the confluence of the Danube, Rába and Rábca rivers. Cross the border and continue to stately Vienna, known for its elegant coffee houses and lavish architecture steeped in history. In the evening, sit down to a meal of authentic Viennese cuisine, a perfect complement to this enchanting city. (B) (D)
Hotel Am Konzerthaus Vienna MGallery by Sofitel, Vienna.

DAY 5 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

Much of Vienna's present-day charm is due to the long reign of the Habsburgs. Join a Local Expert for a private visit of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and explore its formal gardens at your own pace. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose to visit a traditional Viennese café to enjoy local specialties of coffee and Sachertorte. Alternatively, join a unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience, take to the floor in a Viennese Waltz dance workshop and support the visually impaired community. Dancing in the dark, in a specially designed sensory studio, will be a unique experience for all your senses.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Then ready your camera for a dazzling drive around the famous Ring Road. This grand boulevard, built along the lines of the old city walls, showcases many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence, Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. The afternoon is at your leisure. (B)
Mercure Grand Hotel Biedermeier, Vienna.

DAY 6 | VIENNA AT LEISURE

Discover the regal grandeur of Vienna as you explore at your own pace. Perhaps start at St. Stephen's Cathedral - one of Europe's great Gothic structures - or browse the shops of the bustling Kärntnerstrasse? You may wish to add another capital to your travels with a visit across the Slovakian border to Bratislava. (B)

DAY 7 | CHARMING ČESKÝ KRUMLOV AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

Once over the Czech border, continue to picturesque Český Krumlov, where you'll start with a brief orientation tour. Wander through cobblestone, traffic-free streets, past colourful houses that lead up to the finest castle in the land. Enjoy some free time to explore. In the afternoon, continue through the green Bohemian countryside to Prague. Prior to your arrival in "The Golden City" you are invited to a Dine-at-Home experience to savour a traditional meal with a local family. (B) (D)
K+K Hotel Central, Prague.

DAY 8 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the Jewish Quarter and learn about a different side of the history of Prague. The city is then yours to explore. Maybe take a river cruise through the heart of the city or walk in the footsteps of kings along the Royal Route? Czechs are passionate about their beer, so be sure to try the local pilsners together with hearty Czech cuisine. (B)

DAY 9 | PRAGUE AT LEISURE

Wind along cobble lanes and discover a treasure trove of hidden gems as you explore Prague at your own pace. Perhaps cross the border to Germany and explore Dresden? This evening, tantalise your taste buds with a rousing Celebration Dinner of local specialties at a restaurant. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | DEPART PRAGUE

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. Departure transfers arrive at Prague airport at 08:00 and 10:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Visit a traditional strudel house for a taste of sweet strudel and learn about the art of making this Hungarian delicacy | Welcome Dinner in Budapest | Restaurant Dinner in Vienna | Dine-Around options in Budapest | Dine at Home in Skvorec | Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant in Prague.

Insightful Experiences

Budapest: Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. Producing incredible musical talent, the university was founded by piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875.

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DAY 5 | Listen to the musical masterpiece of Mozart and learn the Viennese Waltz, in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired community. Unique to Insight Guests.

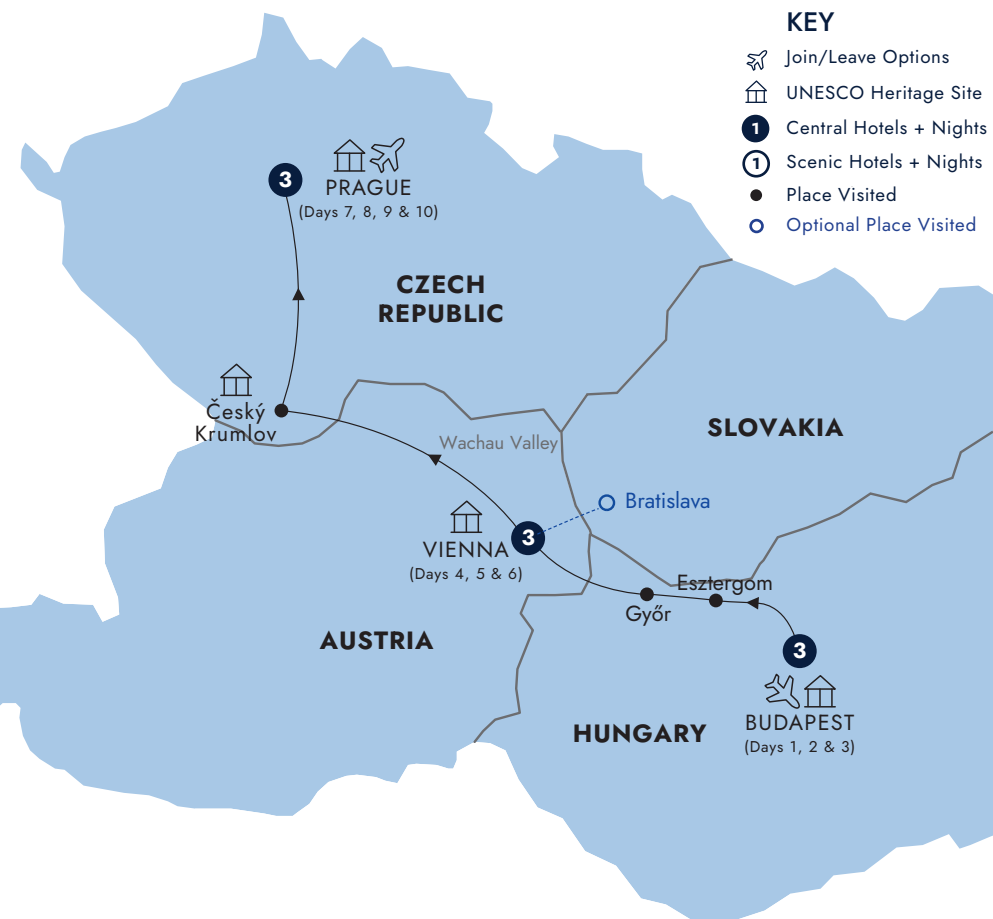
Insight Choice

Choose between two experiences in Vienna and in Prague.

Top Rated Highlights

Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna | City tours of Budapest, Vienna and Prague, all with Local Experts | Visit Český Krumlov, Győr and Esztergom.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF POLAND

Shop for folklore fare in Krakow, sample traditional dumplings in Warsaw and explore Wawel Royal Castle.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E975

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see insightvacations.com/highlightspoland

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO KRAKÓW

Transfers to your hotel depart Kraków airport at 12:30 and 15:00. Meet your Travel Director at 17:00 for a walk around the Rynek Główny, Europe's largest and most beautiful town square. See the famous Sukiennice Cloth Hall, St. Mary's Basilica and the many historic townhouses, palaces and churches.

Enjoy getting to know your fellow guests over a fabulous Welcome Dinner. (D)

Vienna House Andel's Cracow, Kraków.

DAY 2 | THE DAMSELS AND DRAGONS OF KRAKÓW

Relax until your ascent of Wawel Hill to see the Renaissance castle and visit the cathedral with a Local Expert. Head across the former Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz to Podgórze to see Ghetto Square. This afternoon, why not join an Optional Experience to visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine? (B)

DAY 3 | ACROSS THE HIGH TATRA MOUNTAINS TO ZAKOPANE

Journey into the Tatras, the highest range of the Carpathian Mountains. Arrive in at the resort town of Zakopane, famous for its wooden houses and winter sports, and explore on a city orientation. Enjoy a rousing Highlight Dinner, accompanied by Goral Highlander folklore entertainment at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

Radisson Blu Hotel & Residences, Zakopane.

DAY 4 | REFLECT ON AUSCHWITZ, THEN ON TO WROCLAW, THE VENICE OF POLAND

Travelling past the birthplace of Pope John Paul II, your first stop will be the city of Oświęcim, better known by its German name, Auschwitz. With a local historian, experience a moving visit to the memorial and museum and stop at Birkenau.

Travel along the Oder River to the city of Wrocław, and with your Local Expert see the brightly coloured facades of noble mansions, the flower markets on the Plac Solny, the Baroque splendour of the Rynek and be introduced to Wrocław's cheeky gnomes. This evening join your Travel Director for a Craft Beer at the Piwnica Świdnicka, the oldest restaurant/cellar in Poland, founded in 1273. (B)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Wrocław.

DAY 5 | POZNAŃ, CRADLE OF THE POLISH NATION

In Poznań visit Ostrów Tumski, known as Cathedral Island, a fascinating place of legend, often overlooked by other visitors. Explore Poznań with Insight Choice. Choose to immerse yourself in the history of the city and enjoy a walking tour. Alternatively, learn the secrets behind the St. Martin's croissant, a local delicacy, and enjoy a tasting. (B) (D)

Sheraton Poznań Hotel, Poznań.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Poland isn't usually associated with rugged mountains & ski resorts, but the moment you see the Tatras in Zakopane you'll see they're absolutely stunning.

— GREG, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 6 | TORUŃ, THE GOTHIC GLORY ON THE VISTULA AND GDAŃSK

Stop at Gniezno to visit the cathedral and see the famous winged bronze doors. Continue to Toruń, founded by the Teutonic Knights in 1233. Join a Local Expert to discover this outstanding example of medieval architecture, now a living museum and UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, meet an artisan baker for a taste of traditional gingerbread, baked following a traditional recipe and using only locally sourced ingredients. Spend time exploring at your own pace. Why not shop for traditional gingerbread?

Follow the Vistula River to the Baltic Sea and Gdańsk, with a lovingly restored historic district. (B)

Radisson Hotel & Suites, Gdansk.

DAY 7 | THE BALTIC BELLES OF GDAŃSK

Spend the morning with a passionate Local Expert. Learn captivating and fun facts about the city and see the Westerplatte, the scene of

the first fighting between Polish and German troops in 1939, and the Gdańsk Shipyards where Lech Wałęsa formed the anti-Soviet Solidarność in 1980. Continue through the medieval city, where buildings date back to the time of the Hanseatic League. Enjoy a free afternoon and perhaps choose to visit the elegant seaside town of Sopot? (B)

Hilton, Gdańsk.

DAY 8 | MALBORK CASTLE AND WARSAW

With a Local Expert, visit the Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork, founded in 1274 by the Teutonic Knights on the banks of the Nogat River. The castle is a stunning example of a medieval fortress and the largest brick Gothic castle in the world.

Next travel south to the capital of Warsaw. With the rest of the day at your leisure, why not join an Optional Experience to attend an evening concert of Poland's best-loved composer, Frédéric Chopin? (B)

The Westin, Warsaw.

DAY 9 | EXPLORING THE PROUD POLISH CAPITAL OF WARSAW

See the Palace of Culture and the Chopin Monument in Łazienki Park with a Local Expert. Visit the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes, followed by a walk through Warsaw's Old Town, entirely rebuilt since World War II. At your Celebration Dinner, enjoy a fine selection of local dishes with wine at a cozy Warsaw restaurant. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | DEPART WARSAW

Your transfers will arrive at Warsaw airport at 07:30 and 10:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Kraków | Dinner with entertainment in Zakopane | Celebration Dinner in Warsaw.

Insightful Experiences

Craft beer at the Piwnica Świdnicka, the oldest restaurant/cellar in Poland and one of the oldest in Europe, founded in 1273.

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DAY 6 | Meet an artisan baker to uncover the secrets of the traditional Toruń gingerbread during a delicious tasting. Baked following a traditional recipe and using only local and natural ingredients, these colourful treats are a true delight.

Insight Choice

Poznan: Choose between a Poznan Historical Walking Tour or a Croissant Tasting.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Wawel Cathedral in Kraków | Auschwitz | Gniezno Cathedral | Malbork Castle | City tours of Kraków, Wrocław, Toruń, Gdansk and Warsaw, all with Local Experts | See Rynek Główny, Sukiennice Cloth Hall and St. Mary's Basilica in Kraków | Palace of Culture and Chopin Monument in Warsaw.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF EASTERN EUROPE

Meander through Berlin's Tiergarten, watch a chef make Polish dumplings and attend a Mozart & Strauss Concert dinner in Vienna.

14 DAYS | 6 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



4.6



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E958

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/highlightseasterneurope](https://www.insightvacations.com/highlightseasterneurope)

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUDAPEST

On arrival at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport, there are complimentary transfers to your hotel at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30. Join your Travel Director at 18:00 and travel to a local restaurant. Your Welcome Dinner is a treat of mouthwatering Hungarian specialties, accompanied by specially selected wine. (D)

Kempinski Hotel Corvinus, Budapest.

DAY 2 | DELVE INTO BUDAPEST

Stroll through the alleys of the Old Town of Buda with a Local Expert. Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. The university was founded by the piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. (B)

DAY 3 | THE MOUNTAINS TO KRAKÓW

Travel through Slovakia, passing the breathtaking Low Tatra Mountains. Stop at scenic Donovaly. See Oravský Hrad Castle before continuing to historic Kraków. (B) (D)

Mercure Kraków Stare Miasto.

DAY 4 | THE DAMSELS AND DRAGONS OF KRAKÓW

Join a Local Expert to explore Kraków and ascend Wawel Hill to visit the cathedral. Walk through the Old Town, to Europe's largest and most beautiful town square and see the medieval Cloth Hall. Visit the 14th-century St. Mary's Basilica. Then enjoy free time to explore. Why not join an Optional Experience to visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine? (B)

DAY 5 | AUSCHWITZ AND ON TO WARSAW

Join a Local Expert for a visit to Auschwitz, infamous for its role during the Holocaust. Spend reflective moments amid the remains of the concentration camp and the memorials. Continue across the Polish plains to the capital, Warsaw. Enjoy a dumpling demonstration and tasting. Afterward, you will be treated to a delicious Highlight Dinner of local dishes. (B) (D)

The Westin, Warsaw.

DAY 6 | THE POLISH CAPITAL OF WARSAW

Join a Local Expert in the morning to see the Old Town, Royal Castle and Palace of Culture. Visit the Chopin Memorial in the Łazienki Park. Pay your respects at the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes and then enjoy a free afternoon to explore at your own pace. Perhaps attend a Chopin recital or delve into Warsaw's inspirational past? (B)

DAY 7 | WIELKOPOLSKA TO BERLIN

Your route leads westward, across the rolling farmlands of the central plains, over the Oder River to enter Germany. (B)

Hotel NH Collection Berlin Mitte am Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin.

DAY 8 | THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN

Join a Local Expert for a drive through the leafy Tiergarten to the refurbished Reichstag building and see the Brandenburg Gate. On the eastern

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

side, take the Unter den Linden past the State Opera House to Museum Island. (B)

DAY 9 | DRESDEN AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

In Dresden, see the reconstructed Frauenkirche and the 'Procession of Princes' on the wall of the Royal Palace. Explore around the Catholic cathedral to view the tiered facades of the opera house and the Baroque Zwinger Palace. (B) (D) Hermitage Hotel, Prague.

DAY 10 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the Jewish Quarter and learn about a different side of the history of Prague. The city is then yours to explore. Perhaps walk in the footsteps of kings along the Royal Route? (B)

DAY 11 | BOHEMIAN ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

At České Budějovice, enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of a local brewery to sample the beer and discover the secrets of this golden vintage. Continue on to the medieval town of Český Krumlov to walk the narrow cobbled streets and arch-covered footpaths.

After the day trippers have left, soak up the unique atmosphere of this UNESCO World Heritage Site at a local restaurant. Enjoy a traditional Czech Highlight Dinner of local specialties. (B) (D)

Hotel Old Inn, Český Krumlov.

DAY 12 | STATELY VIENNA

Cross the border into Austria and enjoy a delightful journey to Vienna. The afternoon is free for you to explore this stately capital. (B)

Hilton Vienna Park.

DAY 13 | THE HABSBURGS OF VIENNA

Join your Local Expert for a private visit of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens. Take some great photos on a circuit of the Ring Road that showcases architectural masterpieces such as the Opera House, Hofburg Imperial Residence, Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose between a visit to a traditional Viennese café to enjoy local specialties of coffee and Sachertorte or alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during an inclusive workshop and take to the floor in a Viennese Waltz dance workshop designed to support the visually impaired community. Enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Austrian fare with drinks at a local restaurant, before sitting down to an extraordinary concert of Viennese classical music. (B) (D)

DAY 14 | DEPART VIENNA OR BUDAPEST

A transfer arrives at Vienna airport at 08:00 and continues to Budapest airport, arriving early afternoon. For those extending their stay, a stop is also made at the Corinthia Hotel Budapest. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Budapest | Cooking Demonstration and Dinner in Warsaw | Highlight Dinner in Český Krumlov | Strauss and Mozart concert with dinner in Vienna | Taste beer in České Budějovice.

Insightful Experiences

Budapest: Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. Producing incredible musical talent, the university was founded by piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875.

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DAY 13 | Listen to the musical masterpiece of Mozart and learn the Viennese Waltz, in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired community.

Insight Choice

Choose between two experiences in Vienna and in Prague.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Wawel Cathedral and St. Mary's Basilica in Kraków | Auschwitz | Schönbrunn Palace | City tours of Budapest, Kraków, Warsaw, Berlin, Prague and Vienna, all with Local Experts.



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DALMATIAN ELEGANCE

Sail Croatia's coastline on this luxury yacht cruise. Admire ancient Dubrovnik's terracotta rooftops and feast on farm- to-table delicacies.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 17 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E860

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see insightvacations.com/dalmatian

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE DALMATIAN COAST

Your private transfer will collect you from Split airport and take you to Cornaro Hotel, located in the heart of the city. Your Local Host will greet you and be on hand to help you decide how to spend your time. Perhaps wander through the Old Town, situated minutes away from your hotel? Maybe enjoy a wine tasting at your hotel, or take in the views from the rooftop bar?

Cornaro Hotel, Split.

DAY 2 | YOUR ELEGANT CRUISE SHIP

After a relaxed morning at leisure, your Local Host will accompany you to Split harbour, where your deluxe cruiser awaits. After a warm welcome by your Cruise Manager, settle into your cabin. Join your Local Expert for a stroll through the ancient walkways of Diocletian's Palace, which now forms the historic centre of Split. Walk through labyrinthine streets to see St. Duje's, originally Diocletian's Mausoleum, and the Temple of Jupiter, which today is a baptistery, as well as the Golden Gate. Continue your venture underground to explore the cellars. Return to your cruiser to enjoy a cocktail and Welcome Dinner with wine at your meet-and-greet party. (B) (D)

Avangard/Futura.

DAY 3 | CRUISE TO KORČULA

Early this morning, depart from Split and journey along the picturesque coast. From the comfort of your cabin window or the breakfast table upstairs, enjoy views of sun-dappled islands during your leisurely start to the day. Stop for lunch in one of the secluded bays before arriving in Korčula, on the island of the same name. The locals claim the celebrated globetrotter, Marco Polo was born here. Embark on a fascinating photography walk with Andrea, a passionate Local Expert who takes you through the herringbone maze of streets and flagstone plazas. Spend time looking for the cultural and natural treasures of the city. Then you are at leisure to indulge your taste buds in the evening at one of Korčula's many appealing restaurants and bars. (B) (L)

DAY 4 | MLJET AND DUBROVNIK

Voyage south to the Island of Mljet and join your Cruise Manager for a stroll to Veliko Jezero, the Big Lake of Mljet National Park. A gentle boat ride brings you to the Benedictine Monastery of St. Mary, which rises out of the saline waters on its own small island. After time to explore, return to your cruise ship for a traditional Croatian lunch. Set sail for the mighty bastions of Dubrovnik. As the receding sun casts autumnal hues across the endless sky, drift alongside the monumental city walls and enjoy a delicious buffet dinner served on deck. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 5 | DUBROVNIK, A 'PARADISE ON EARTH'

Transfer to the medieval Old Town of Dubrovnik, where the footsteps of endless travellers have buffed the marbled streets and squares to a smooth

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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patina. After your guided walking exploration, take the cable car to Srđ Mountain for scenic views over the famous fortifications and the Elaphiti Islands. Enjoy a free afternoon in the Pearl of the Adriatic - explore at your own pace, shop in the markets or stroll with friends along the ancient ramparts. (B)

You will enjoy the view of old town Dubrovnik hugged by the city walls, Elaphite archipelago and the horizon where the sky

kisses the sea.

— AIDA, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 6 | THE PELJEŠAC PENINSULA

Start off your day cruising past the beautiful Elaphiti Islands, a summer playground for Dubrovnik's aristocracy during the 16th century. Continue to the Pelješac Peninsula, renowned for its excellent wines. Enjoy time to explore before returning to your cruise ship for an included four-course buffet lunch. After mooring at a small port on the peninsula, travel to Kuna to see the local church, monastery and a nearby farm. Meet the locals and treat your taste buds to a typical village feast with a Farm-to-Table dinner of

Croatian delicacies, freshly made with their own produce. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 7 | A VENETIAN DREAM ON HVAR

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning onboard your deluxe yacht. Drop anchor at the small island of Šćedro, with quiet coves and pristine beauty offering the most irresistible backdrop for lunch. Cruise west for a chance to swim in the crystal clear waters of the Pakleni Islands. Disembark at Hvar and wander to the town's magnificent main square with your Local Expert to view the yacht-filled harbour with the Renaissance cathedral forming a stunning backdrop. Spend time exploring the secluded beaches and tiny seafood restaurants, or visit the fortress for superb views over the town and island-studded bay. (B) (L)

DAY 8 | BOL'S FAMOUS BEACH ON THE ISLAND OF BRAČ

Set sail for Bol, the oldest town on the island of Brač. Walk along the promenade and swim at the picture-perfect Zlatni Rat, or Golden Cape, a shifting triangle of sandy beaches, protruding into the cobalt waters of the Adriatic. At a local winery, relax with some appetizers and taste some of the revered wines of the island. The evening is reserved for the Captain's Celebration Dinner with live entertainment. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 9 | DEPART SPLIT

Early morning, cruise to Split port, where your trip comes to an end. Transfers are available to Split airport. Please do not schedule flights prior to 12:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Dinner while cruising in Dubrovnik | Captain's Celebration Dinner with entertainment onboard in Brač | Wine Tasting in Bol | Farm to Table heritage dinner with Croatian delicacies made from local own produce.

Inightful Experiences

Korčula: Join Andrea, a passionate local, for a photography walk across the maze of streets and flagstone plazas. Spend time looking for the cultural and natural treasures of the city.

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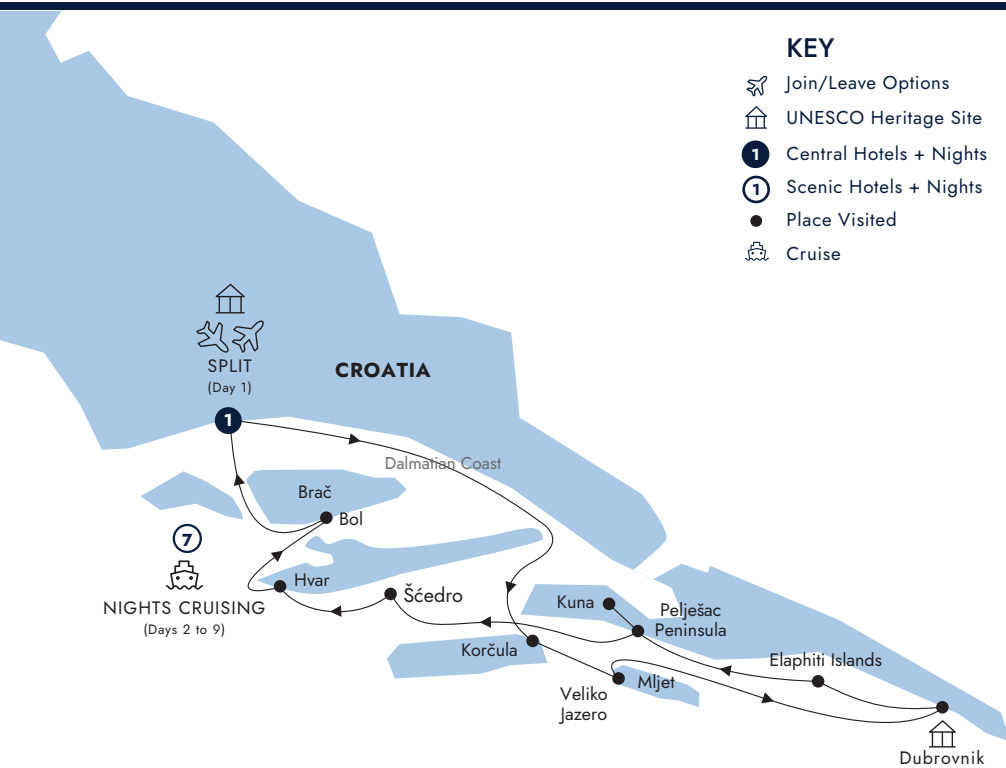


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Top Rated Highlights

Cruise to the Benedictine Monastery of St. Mary | Ride the cable car to the summit of Srđ Mountain | Visit Diocletian's Palace in Split | Mljet National Park | a local farm in Kuna | City tours of Split, Hvar and Dubrovnik, all with Local Experts | See Veliko Jezero Church and monastery in Kuna Main square, yacht-filled harbour and Renaissance cathedral in Hvar | Learn about the purported birthplace of Marco Polo in Korčula | Swim at Zlatni Rat, also known as the Golden Cape.

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COUNTRY ROADS OF CROATIA

Enjoy fresh oysters in a quaint coastal village and stroll the boardwalks of Plitvice National Park.

14 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E962

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ZAGREB

Transfers to your hotel depart from Zagreb airport at 11:30 and 14:00. Join your Travel Director at 17:30 for a Welcome Dinner, with the opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening with wine. (D)
Sheraton Zagreb Hotel.

DAY 2 | ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

Join your Local Expert to explore the two-tiered capital of Croatia. Drive through the squares of the Lower Town, Donji Grad and ride the funicular to the medieval Upper Town, Gornji Grad. (B)

DAY 3 | POSTOJNA CAVES AND OPATIJA

At the world-famous Postojna Caves, descend into a stunning subterranean world. Marvel at the five-metre tall Brilliant, the cave's most beautiful stalagmite. Return to Croatia, where your hotel is located in the Belle Époque seaside resort town of Opatija. (B) (D)
Hotel Icici/Hotel Admiral, Opatija.

DAY 4 | DISCOVER THE JEWELS OF ISTRIA

Explore the Jewels of Istria with your Local Expert. Visit the well-preserved first-century arena at Pula. Continue to the charming old town of Rovinj, rising directly from the sea. (B)

DAY 5 | PRISTINE PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy the scenery of the Adriatic coast in the morning - journey past sparkling deep blue seas, studded with rocky islands, before heading inland to visit one of Europe's great natural wonders. Explore Plitvice with Insight Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. Alternatively meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community. (B) (D)

DAY 6 | THE DALMATIAN COAST TO SPLIT

The green forests of Plitvice Lakes National Park give way to pebble-dashed shores lapped by turquoise waters. Walk through the Roman Ruins and market to see the sea organ of Zadar. Witness the dramatic change in landscape, as you travel through Mediterranean olive groves on your way to Trogir, a city founded by the Greeks in 3rd Century B.C. Admire the cathedral and Renaissance Čipiko Palace before continuing to the historic port of Split. (B)
Hotel President Solin, Split.

DAY 7 | ISLAND HOPPING TO HVAR

In the morning, enjoy a walking tour of Split. 1,700 years ago, the Roman Emperor Diocletian built his palace here and today it forms the nucleus of the Old Town. A Local Expert will lead you through the labyrinthine streets and arcaded squares to see St. Dujе's - originally Diocletian's Mausoleum - and the

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Temple of Jupiter, which today is a baptistery, as well as the Golden Gate.

Continue your venture underground, to explore the cellars. Your island-hopping adventure begins here. Cross the azure waters of the Adriatic to spend two nights on Hvar, famed for being the sunniest island in the country and boasting an interior dotted with lofty mountain peaks and aromatic fields of lavender. (B) (D)
Amfora, Hvar Grand Beach Resort.

DAY 8 | EXPLORING THE ISLAND OF HVAR

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the hidden coves, secluded beaches, old monasteries and villages of Hvar. (B)

DAY 9 | ON THE TRAIL OF MARCO POLO TO KORČULA

Cruise back to the mainland and continue your journey to the island of Korčula. This evening, dinner will be at the hotel. (B) (D)
Hotel Liburna, Korcula.

DAY 10 | CAPTIVATING KORČULA

Join a knowledgeable Local Expert for a walking tour of the Old Town. Stroll towards the main square of Korcula where the Cathedral of St. Mark dominates the ancient skyline. (B)

DAY 11 | DUBROVNIK, PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC

Journey to the beautiful southern slopes of the Pelješac Peninsula. Weather permitting, cruise the tranquil waters of the bay of Mali Ston and admire the surrounding untouched natural beauty, as you enjoy a glass of traditional Croatian brandy.

Stop at a shellfish farm and meet Tomislav, a local oyster farmer, to learn about the cultivation and harvest of oysters. Enjoy a delicious Sea-to-Table tasting of the fresh shellfish, accompanied with a glass of wine. Continue to the walled town of Dubrovnik, to meet your Local Expert. Explore the Old Town, passing Onofrio's Fountain, the Old Jewish Quarter, the cathedral and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. (B) (MT)
Dubrovnik Palace, Dubrovnik.

DAY 12 | OPTIONAL MONTENEGRO EXPERIENCE

Spend the day at your leisure or enjoy an optional visit to Montenegro, travelling to Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a photographer's dream. (B)

DAY 13 | DUBROVNIK AT LEISURE

Make the most of a day at leisure in the Pearl of the Adriatic. Perhaps take the opportunity to visit Cavtat? This evening, should weather permit, embark on a dazzling cruise around the fabled bay. Gaze out at views of the glistening Adriatic. Start your Celebration Dinner with a glass of grappa, before savoring authentic flavours of local specialties washed down with locally produced wine. (B) (D)

DAY 14 | DEPART DUBROVNIK

Departure transfers arrive at Dubrovnik airport at 05:00, 09:00 and 11:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Zagreb | Celebration Dinner with wine and grappa in Dubrovnik | Oyster Tasting in Mali Ston.

Insightful Experiences

Ston: Meet a local oyster farmer and learn about the cultivation of oysters, before enjoying a delicious Sea-to-Table tasting of fresh shellfish and local wine.

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DAY 5 | Choose to join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species (pictured above). Alternatively, meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community.

Insight Choice

Plitvice: Choose between two experiences in Plitvice Lakes.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by funicular in Zagreb | Cruise through the islands to Hvar and Korčula, across the scenic bay of Mali Ston and in the bay of Dubrovnik | Visit Postojna Caves | Pula Arena | Diocletian's Palace in Split | Zadar | City tours of Zagreb, Opatija, Split, Korčula and Dubrovnik, all with Local Experts.

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EASTERN CAPITALS & THE DALMATIAN RIVIERA

Adventure in Plitvice National Park, explore the ancient town of Trogir and tour the ballrooms of Schönbrunn Palace with a Local Expert.

14 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E961

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/easterncapitals](https://www.insightvacations.com/easterncapitals)

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VIENNA

On arrival at Vienna airport, your transfer will leave for your hotel at 10:00, 13:00 or 15:30.

Join your Travel Director at 17:30 for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant, for a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. (D)

Hilton, Vienna Park.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING STATELY VIENNA

Join a Local Expert for a private tour of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and explore its formal gardens at your own pace. Then enjoy a drive around the famous Ring Road, built along the lines of the old city walls. It showcases many of the capital's architectural highlights, including the Opera House, Hofburg Imperial Residence, the Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. (B)

DAY 3 | MARIBOR AND LJUBLJANA

In the morning, cross the border into Slovenia and journey to its second largest city, Maribor. After spending time in this charming location, head to Ljubljana. (B)

Hotel Lev, Ljubljana.

DAY 4 | EXPLORING LOVABLE LJUBLJANA

Your Local Expert will reveal the Baroque elegance of the Slovenian capital. See the medieval castle, City Hall, Cathedral of St. Nicholas and Triple Bridge. Spend time in the Central Market, rich with heady aromas. Your Local Expert shares insights into some of the Slovenian delicacies on display and treats you to a tasting. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Postojna Caves?

Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

Journey to Croatia's capital, Zagreb. Meet your Local Expert for an exploration through Donji Grad, the Lower Town, devoted to art and spacious parks. See the Mimara Art Museum in Roosevelt Square and continue to Ban Josip Jelacic Square en route to the cathedral. Ride the funicular and continue to the medieval Upper Town, to view the former Presidential Palace, Stone Gate, St. Mark's Church and the Lotrščak Tower. (B)

Sheraton Zagreb Hotel.

DAY 6 | ZAGREB AT LEISURE

A free day to relax and enjoy a city that is bursting with culture. Perhaps spend time exploring one of the many museums or browsing the shops in Donji Grad? Or join an Optional Experience to the charming village of Kumrovec and meet a local to hear their perspective on the region's history? (B)

DAY 7 | ON TO PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK

Journey south to visit one of Europe's great natural wonders. Explore Plitvice with Insight Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

of species. Alternatively meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community. (B) (D)

Hotel Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo.

DAY 8 | ALONG THE DALMATIAN COAST

Travel to Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage site, a historic town founded by the Greeks more than 2,300 years ago, and admire the cathedral and Renaissance Cipiko Palace. Continue to the historic port of Split, where your Local Expert leads you through the labyrinthine streets to the Diocletian's palace. See St. Duje's and the Temple of Jupiter, as well as the Golden Gate. Your exploration then continues underground as you are guided through the cellars. (B)

Hotel President Solin, Split.

DAY 9 | EXPLORING SPLIT

Always buzzing, lively Split has just the right balance of tradition and modernity. See Dalmatian life as it's lived with a full day free to explore Split and its surroundings. Why not join an Optional Experience to the island of Hvar? (B) (D)

DAY 10 | MOSTAR TO SARAJEVO

Cross the border into Bosnia & Herzegovina to reach Mostar and see the famous Stari Most, or Old Bridge, with your Local Expert. Continue to Sarajevo, a town with a turbulent past. You are invited into a Sarajevo family home for a dinner with drinks. Savour the authentic cuisine as you hear inspirational stories and experience the local culture. (B) (D)

Swissotel Sarajevo.

DAY 11 | SARAJEVO, THE CITY OF CULTURE

Morning sightseeing with a Local Expert introduces you to the Sarajevo War Tunnel Museum. Continue along the Miljacka river and see the historic Hapsburg centre of the city. (B)

DAY 12 | ON TO DUBROVNIK

Cross the border into Croatia and journey to the walled town of Dubrovnik. On arrival, join your Local Expert to explore the stone-paved streets inside the 16th century bastions of the old town. See Onofrio's Fountain and the Rector's Palace and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. (B)

Hotel Ariston, Dubrovnik.

DAY 13 | OPTIONAL MONTENEGRO EXPERIENCE

In the morning, why not visit Kotor in Montenegro? Kotor is known as a stunning coastal city, full of things to see and do, and there are gorgeous views from every direction. As the sun begins to set, and should the weather permit, join your fellow travel companions for a relaxing cruise around the fabled bay of Dubrovnik.

Enjoy a Celebration Dinner of typical Dalmatian Coast cuisine, accompanied by local wines. (B) (D)

DAY 14 | DEPART DUBROVNIK

Departure transfers arrive at Dubrovnik airport at 05:00, 09:00 and 11:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Vienna | Dine-Around options in Ljubljana | Dine-at-Home in Sarajevo | Dalmatian Celebration Dinner in Dubrovnik.

Insightful Experiences

Sarajevo: Meet an expert on the Bosnian War for a visit to Sarajevo's Tunnel of Hope and hear a first-hand account of when the city was under siege for 44 months.

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DAY 7 | Choose to join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. Alternatively, meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community.

Insight Choice

Plitvice: Choose between two experiences in Plitvice Lakes.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by the funicular in Zagreb | Cruise the bay of Dubrovnik | Visit Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna | Diocletian's Palace in Split | City tours of Vienna, Ljubljana, Zagreb, Split, Mostar and Dubrovnik, all with Local Experts.

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- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited

THE EASTERN DISCOVERY WITH CRUISE OPTION

*Explore Dubrovnik's hidden markets, toast
with glasses of grappa and set sail to
Corfu's white domes and blue seas.*

17 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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group size call your Travel Advisor or
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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ZAGREB

Transfers to your hotel depart from Zagreb airport at 11:30 and 14:00. Join your Travel Director at 17:30 for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant with the opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening with wine. (D) Sheraton Zagreb Hotel.

DAY 2 | ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

Join your Local Expert to explore the two-tiered capital of Croatia. Drive through the squares of the Lower Town, Donji Grad and ride the funicular to the medieval Upper Town, Gornji Grad. (B)

DAY 3 | THE CRYSTAL LAKES OF PLITVICE

Take this morning to relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities. In the afternoon depart for your next hotel, located inside the Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B) (D) Hotel Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo.

DAY 4 | PLITVICE LAKES, TROGIR AND SPLIT

Explore Plitvice with Insight Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively researches to monitor the natural habitat of species. Alternatively meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community. Travel along the coast and visit Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage site, renowned for its beautiful cathedral and Renaissance Cipiko Palace. Continue to the historic port of Split. (B) Hotel President Solin, Split.

DAY 5 | DIOCLETIAN'S PALACE

With your Local Expert explore St. Dujе's, originally Diocletian's Mausoleum. Discover the Temple of Jupiter and see the Golden Gate. This evening, should weather permit, embark on a dazzling cruise around the fabled bay and gaze out at views of the glistening Adriatic. Travel alongside sparkling deep blue seas and the rocky islands of the Dalmatian coast to Dubrovnik. (B) (D) Hotel Croatia, Cavtat/Hotel Kompas, Dubrovnik.

DAY 6 | DUBROVNIK, PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC

Join a Local Expert to explore the stone-paved streets inside the 16th century bastions. This evening, should weather permit, embark on a dazzling cruise around the fabled bay and gaze out at views of the glistening Adriatic. (B)

DAY 7 | MEDITERRANEAN MONTENEGRO

Stop to visit the old town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire the bay, with its azure waters lapping at the edges of the medieval towns which dot the coastline. Next, make your way along the Adriatic sea to Budva. Discover the medieval old town, home to religious sites such as the 9th century Church of Santa Maria in Punta. (B) Hotel TQ Plaza, Budva.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 8 | SCENIC DRIVE TO TIRANA

Pass spectacular scenery, along ancient olive groves, citrus fields and medieval castles. On arrival in Tirana, join a Local Expert for sightseeing. (B) (D)
MAK Albania Hotel, Tirana.

DAY 9 | ACROSS TO CORFU

Journey across southern Albania, past the Gjerë Mountains, to Greece where you set sail for the cobalt-blue waters of Corfu, renowned for its untamed beauty. (B) (D)
Divani Palace Hotel, Corfu.

DAY 10 | RELAX IN CORFU

Enjoy a full day at leisure to relax and enjoy the beautiful island of Corfu. (B)

DAY 11 | DELPHI, CENTRE OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

Set off from your island paradise for Delphi, which hosts a spectacular cliff-side amphitheater. (B)
Amalia Hotel, Delphi.

DAY 12 | DELPHI SIGHTSEEING AND ON TO ATHENS

Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi with your Local Expert. (B)
Divani Palace Acropolis/New Hotel/Athens Marriott Hotel, Athens.

DAY 13 | THE GLORY OF ATHENS

For guests joining the cruise, you will be transferred to the port, in the morning, to board your ship. Those staying in Athens will join a Local Expert for sightseeing.

Enjoy the glory of ancient Greece from the Parthenon and Acropolis to the Temple of Zeus, the Temple of the Wingless Victory and Hadrian's Arch. (B) (D)

DAYS 14-16 | CRUISING TO THE GREEK ISLES

Set sail for the lovely island of Mykonos, with its dazzling sugar cube houses and whitewashed windmills. Explore the Turkish port of Kusadasi and visit the ancient ruins of Ephesus. Sail to the island of Patmos where St. John the Devine was exiled by Emperor Domitian. Dock at Heraklion in Crete, where you visit the site of the ruins of King Minos' Palace of Knossos with a Local Expert. Cruise beneath the sheer cliffs of Santorini and explore the capital of Thira, with its cliff-top restaurants and cafes, breathtaking views and amazing sunsets.

Disembark from your cruise in Athens and join a Local Expert for city sightseeing. Enjoy the glory of ancient Greece from the Acropolis with the Parthenon, Temple of Athena Nike and the Erechtheion. You will also see the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Arch of Hadrian. Enjoy a final afternoon at leisure in Athens. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served on board daily. Your cruise includes a complimentary drinks package, featuring a selection of alcoholic, soft drinks and hot beverages.

DAY 17 | DEPART ATHENS

Your journey comes to an end with a transfer to Athens airport. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Zagreb | Local Restaurant Dinner in Dubrovnik | Local Restaurant Dinner in Corfu | Greek-style Celebration Dinner in Athens.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



DAY 4 | Choose to join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. Alternatively, meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community.

Insight Choice

Choose between two experiences in Plitvice Lakes.

Scenic Drives

Enjoy the scenery of Drava River, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Dinaric Alps in Croatia and Montenegro, Albania and the Pindus Mountains and Gulf of Corinth in Greece.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by the funicular in Zagreb | Visit Plitvice National Park | Diocletian's Palace in Split | Sacred Way in Delphi | Parthenon in Athens | City tours of Zagreb, Split, Dubrovnik, Tirana, Delphi and Athens, all with Local Experts | See Trogir's Renaissance Cipiko Palace | Kotor | Corfu | Arch of Hadrian and ruins of the Temple of Olympian Zeus in Athens.



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TREASURES OF THE BALKANS

Explore Romania, Croatia and Bulgaria's hand-picked sights from Roman ruins in Sofia to a private after-hours tour of Bran Castle.

16 DAYS | 8 COUNTRIES | 25 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see insightvacations.com/balkans

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUCHAREST

Transfers depart Henri Coandă International Airport at 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00 for your hotel.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for your Welcome Dinner, served with wine at a local restaurant. (D)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Bucharest.

DAY 2 | BUCHAREST AND CASTLES OF TRANSYLVANIA

Join a Local Expert for sightseeing to view University Square and the former communist headquarters. Visit the immense Parliament Palace, one of the most impressive buildings in the world.

This evening after the crowds have left enjoy a private visit to the iconic Bran Castle, said to be the inspiration for Bram Stoker's Dracula. Learn about Queen Maria of Romania, the last inhabitant of the castle, visit the torture rooms and relive the tales of the infamous Count Dracula. Finish with a delicious private dinner in the recently renovated Queen Mary's Tea House. (B) (D)

Aro Palace, Brasov.

DAY 3 | BRASOV AND SINAIA

With your Local Expert, walk around Town Hall Square, lined with beautiful red-roofed houses and dominated by the Black Church. Travel along the Prahova Valley to the elegant mountain resort of Sinaia to visit Peleş Castle. Led by a local historian, admire the lavish rooms filled with art, armor and tapestries. Return through the Carpathian Mountains to the charming medieval city of Braşov. (B)

DAY 4 | VELIKO TARNOVO

Continue to Veliko Tarnovo. Enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B) (D)

Yantra Hotel, Veliko Tarnovo.

DAY 5 | TO SOFIA

Meet your Local Expert to visit Tsarevets Fortress for stunning views. At the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Arbanasi, visit a traditional 17th century merchant's house and the Church of the Holy Nativity. Cross the Balkan Mountains to Sofia and join a Local Expert to explore. (B) (D)

Grand Hotel Millennium, Sofia.

DAY 6 | SOFIA AT YOUR PACE

Enjoy the day at your leisure. Perhaps visit the Rila Monastery? (B)

InterContinental, Sofia.

DAY 7 | SKOPJE

Cross the border and continue to Skopje, the capital of North Macedonia, for sightseeing with a Local Expert. (B) (D)

Bushi Resort & Spa, Skopje.

DAY 8 | LAKE OHRID AND TIRANA

Making your way to the border with a local expert, stop by the scenic Lake Ohrid. Cross into Albania and journey to Tirana. Continue to the landmark

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Skanderbeg Square for an insider's look at the Albanian capital with Local Expert. (B) (D)
MAK Albania Hotel Tirana.

DAY 9 | KOTOR AND DUBROVNIK

Journey to the Old Town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to the fortified port of Dubrovnik.

At night, you may choose from a fine selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)

Hotel Kompas, Dubrovnik.

DAY 10 | DUBROVNIK SIGHTSEEING

Join a Local Expert to see Onofrio's Fountain and the Rector's Palace, the city walls and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries.

Visit the workshop of Deša during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This important educational centre supports vulnerable communities and promotes local cultural heritage. (B)

DAY 11 | DUBROVNIK, PARADISE ON EARTH

Spend a day at leisure in the Pearl of the Adriatic. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to learn about olive oil traditions at an ancient mill, followed by a delightful home-cooked meal. (B)

DAY 12 | MOSTAR AND SARAJEVO

Journey to Mostar. With your Local Expert, see the famous Stari Most, the Old Bridge. Explore the cobbled streets of the Old Town, stretching on both sides of the bridge and filled with shops selling traditional handicrafts.

Follow the scenic route to Sarajevo. A unique and rewarding insight into the local way of life awaits, as you are invited into a Sarajevan family for dinner and wine. (B) (D)

Swissotel, Sarajevo.

DAY 13 | SARAJEVO, CITY OF CULTURE

Explore Sarajevo with Insight Choice. Choose to meet an expert on the Bosnian War for a visit to Sarajevo's astonishing Tunnel of Hope. Alternatively, join a nature walk to the spring of the Bosna River, a protected park just beyond the city, led by a conservation guide. (B)

DAY 14 | THE SERBIAN CAPITAL OF BELGRADE

Trace your way along the Drina River. Take in beautiful landscapes of lush, green mountains that create magical forest canyons, winding your way through deep valleys as you make your way to Belgrade. (B) (D)

Radisson Collection Hotel, Old Mill Belgrade.

DAY 15 | THE BEST OF BELGRADE

Join a Local Expert to see the best of Belgrade. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before joining your fellow travellers for a Celebration Farewell Dinner this evening. (B) (D)

DAY 16 | FAREWELL BELGRADE

Our journey through the Balkans has come to an end. All that's left is to say a fond *dovidenja* as you bid your new friends farewell. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Bucharest | Dinner at Bran Castle | Dine-Around options in Dubrovnik | Home Hosted dinner in Sarajevo | Celebration Dinner in Belgrade. Taste Bosnian coffee in Sarajevo.

Insightful Experiences

Bran: Learn about the story of the infamous Count Dracula during a private after-hours visit of Bran Castle, followed by dinner. Sarajevo: Meet an expert on the Bosnian War for a visit to Sarajevo's Tunnel of Hope and hear a first-hand account of when the city was under siege for 44 months.

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DAY 10 | Visit the workshop of Deša, an organization founded following the Siege of Dubrovnik to help refugees and women who were victims of violence. They have grown to be an important educational centre, workshop and an advocate for women's rights.

Insight Choice

Sarajevo: Choose between two experiences in Sarajevo.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Palace of Parliament in Bucharest | Peleş Castle in Sinaia | Tsarevets Fortress in Veliko Tarnovo | Church of the Holy Nativity in Arbanasi | City tours of Bucharest, Brasov, Veliko Tarnovo, Skopje, Tirana, Dubrovnik, Mostar, Sarajevo, Sofia and Belgrade, all with Local Experts.

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ALPINE CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Celebrate Christmas among the Alps admiring Salzburg's spires, sampling gingerbread and visiting France's oldest Christmas market.

9 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 13 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



Transfers from Munich airport to your stylish hotel depart at 10:00 and 13:00. After your orientation, spend time at the traditional Christmas Market in Marienplatz, surrounded by the fragrance of Bavarian delicacies. In Munich, choose between a Foodie walking tour and Munich Residenz visit with a Local Expert.

Stop in baroque Salzburg, 'alive with the sound of music,' and visit Mozart's family home. Visit the quirky headquarters of Swarovski Crystal for a highlight dinner. Explore Innsbruck and enjoy a relaxed horse-drawn carriage ride.

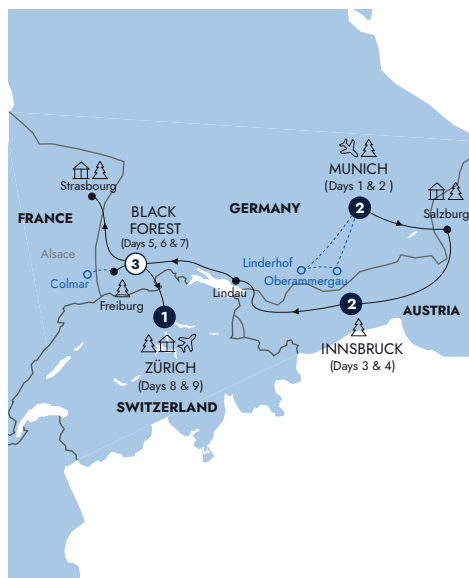
Return to Germany and discover the old town of Lindau, located on a small island in Lake Constance. Visit the lively university town of Freiburg, the jewel of the Black Forest.

Cross the mighty Rhine river and visit Strasbourg in the Alsace region. Look out for local bite-sized 'bredele' biscuits at France's oldest Christmas market.

Travel to Zurich in Switzerland and taste sustainable chocolates on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. On your final day, transfers to the airport depart every 15 minutes.

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- 1** Central Hotels + Nights
- 1** Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Christmas Markets



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Munich | Dinner at Swarovski Crystal Worlds | Dinner in the Black Forest | Swiss Celebration Dinner in Zurich.

Insightful Experiences

Experience a musical demonstration at Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



DAY 8 | Taste delicious Fairtrade Swiss chocolates that have been sourced sustainably.

Insight Choice

Visit the Residenz and its treasury or embark on a Foodie walking tour.

Top Rated Highlights

Embrace the magic of Christmas time in Europe | Departures explore Christmas markets in Munich, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Strasbourg, Freiburg and Zurich | City tour of Salzburg with a Local Expert | Enjoy Innsbruck Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride.

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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: W550

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Nov - Dec

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CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF POLAND, PRAGUE & GERMANY

Embrace the festive season in Europe. Indulge your taste buds with traditional treats in Prague and exploring the festive Krakow Christmas Market.

8 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



Arrival transfers from Kraków airport to your central hotel depart at 12:30 and 15:00.

Stroll through the medieval streets of Kraków, from Wawel Royal Castle to the spectacular Market Square with your Local Expert. In Wrocław, the 13th century Town Hall watches over its inviting Christmas Market. Taste traditional gingerbread on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience.

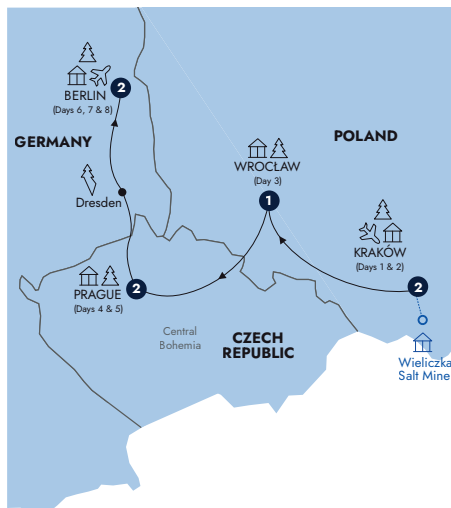
Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose a walk through the castle courtyards and a visit to the imposing St. Vítus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert on an exploration of the Jewish Quarter, uncovering the history and traditions of the neighbourhood. Sample a delicious mug of mulled wine, known as Svařák, and the popular Trdelník pastry at the Old Town Christmas Market.

Visit Dresden as you arrive in Germany and see the world's largest Christmas pyramid. Berlin awaits with its fascinating history, festive cheer and Christmas markets, dotted all around the city. Celebrate new friendships over a Celebration Dinner.

On the last day of your trip departure transfers arrive at Berlin airport at 07:00 and 10:00.

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Christmas Markets



Superior Dining

Prague mulled wine and pastry tasting | Welcome Dinner in Kraków | Celebration Dinner in Berlin.

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DAY 3 | Get a taste of forgotten varieties of gingerbread, traditional from Lower Silesia region. Using only local ingredients, these treats are a true delight.

Insight Choice

Choose between a Castle Walking Tour with Local Expert or a Jewish Quarter Walking Tour with Local Expert in Prague.

Top Rated Highlights

Embrace the magic of Christmas time in Europe | Select departures explore Christmas markets in Kraków, Wrocław, Prague, Dresden and Berlin | City tours of Krakow, Dresden and Berlin with a Local Expert.

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Trip code: W530

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Nov - Dec

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France is currently the second largest wine-producing country in the world, churning out roughly 6 billion bottles each year. Italy is number one.



France, Belgium & the Netherlands

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Hand-picked encounters from canals to clogs. Farm-to-table feasts and Rembrandt's masterpieces display the best of the region.

11 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



DEPARTURE MONTHS

Mar - Sep

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/crbelgium](https://www.insightvacations.com/crbelgium)



Trip code: E918

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BRUSSELS

Airport transfers depart Brussels airport for your hotel at 09:00, 11:00 and 14:30. Join your Travel Director at 17:00 for a visit to the cheeky Manneken Pis statue and a leisurely stroll around the Grand Place. Your delightful first evening also includes a Welcome Dinner with drinks, at a local restaurant in the heart of the Old Town. (D) Sofitel Europe, Brussels.

DAY 2 | THE BATTLEFIELD OF WATERLOO OR CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE MAKING LESSON

Explore Brussels with Insight Choice. Learn about Napoleon's final defeat at Waterloo or alternatively, join a private chocolate truffle making lesson and tasting with a master chocolatier, and further explore Brussels with a Local Expert. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the lively city of Antwerp. In the evening, you could choose the MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® restaurant, which is one of the hand-picked local restaurants on your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)

DAY 3 | GHENT AND ON TO BRUGES

In the morning, admire the contrast of the Chinese and Japanese Pavilions and the impressive, metallic spheres of the Atomium. Your journey then crosses the pasture lands of Belgian Flanders to reach Ghent, the City of Flowers, offering a fascinating cultural mix of medieval heritage and modern urban life.

With a Local Expert, take a stroll through the historical streets and be mesmerised by the outstanding beauty of its quays, churches and squares. Visit St. Bavo's Cathedral, former home of the Eyck masterpiece, and see the Castle of the Counts. We continue to Bruges, where you'll stay for the next two nights. (B)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Bruges.

DAY 4 | SIGHTSEEING BRUGES

Meet your Local Expert in Bruges for a stroll along cobbled streets, lined with high-gabled houses from the 16th century. Visit the Market Square, dominated by the 83-metre medieval bell tower, The Belfry of Bruges. Explore Burg Square with its ornate Gothic town hall. (B)

DAY 5 | LUXEMBOURG

Travel into the French-speaking region of Wallonia, where picturesque country roads lead you to the late 19th century Scourmont Abbey.

Visit the Chimay Experience to learn about the production secrets of Chimay Trappist beers. Your visit concludes with a sample of freshly brewed beer and a taste of golden-crust cheese.

Continue on to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to arrive at your 18th century château home for two nights. In the evening, you will be served a fresh and delicious Farm-to-Table Dinner at restaurant L'Écurie du Parc. See the 12th century Clervaux Castle illuminated on your stroll after dinner. (B) (D) Château d'Urspelt (Castle Rooms), Clervaux.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | LUXEMBOURG CITY AND COUNTRYSIDE

Your travels continue to Luxembourg City for sightseeing with your Local Expert. Visit the grave of U.S. General George S. Patton and admire the view over the Petrusse Ravine from the Pont Adolphe. Stroll through the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to see the cathedral and the Palace of the Grand Duke. With the afternoon free for you to explore at your leisure, perhaps join an Optional Experience to the ancient Roman city of Trier. (B) (D)

DAY 7 | EXPLORE BASTOGNE THEN ON TO ROTTERDAM

Head for Bastogne to visit the Mardasson Monument, dedicated to the U.S. troops who died during Battle of the Bulge in World War II. Visit the interactive memorial centre of Bastogne War Museum. Your journey continues to Rotterdam. During your orientation with your Travel Director, see the impressive market hall and its radical modern design. (B) Intel Hotels Rotterdam Centre.

DAY 8 | DELFT AND THE HAGUE

Visit one of the manufacturers of original Delft blue pottery and see the potters at work. Continue on to the Hague to see the Binnenhof courtyards where the Parliament is situated and the impressive Peace Palace. Select departures visit Keukenhof Gardens one of the world's largest flower gardens, an unforgettable experience not to be missed.

Pass through picturesque villages and windmills of the Dutch countryside to Amsterdam. (B) Grand Hotel Amrâth Amsterdam.

DAY 9 | AMSTERDAM SIGHTSEEING

Today you explore Amsterdam, a living museum of the 17th century, yet still a vibrant metropolis and port. Cruise through the canal district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and admire the elegant merchant houses from the 16th and 17th centuries. Relax as you pass stunning gables, beautiful churches and the iconic Skinny Bridge. Disembark your cruise to wander the city and see the floating flower market, Dam Square and the Royal Palace. (B)

DAY 10 | A TRUE DUTCH DELIGHT

Visit the Rijksmuseum with a local art historian. Journey to the fishing village of Monnikendam for an Insightful Experience to learn the secrets of cheese makers craft and witness a traditional shoemaker turn a block of wood into clogs. In the evening, join your newfound friends and Travel Director at a beautiful restaurant in Monnikendam to enjoy your Celebration Dinner. (B) (D)

DAY 11 | DEPART AMSTERDAM

Transfers to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport arrive at 08:00 and 10:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Brussels | Choice of Dine-Around options in Brussels | Celebration Dinner in Monnikendam. Taste Chimay Trappist beer and cheese.

Insightful Experiences

Monnikendam: Visit a delightful rustic workshop, and take a step back in time to learn the arts of cheese and clog making.

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DAY 2 | Experience a Dine-Around Evening. Diverse options reflect the cosmopolitan nature of the city, including We Exist, an initiative supporting Syrian immigrants.

Insight Choice

Choose between visiting Waterloo and the Panorama mural, to learn about Napoleon's final defeat. Alternatively, join a private chocolate truffle-making lesson and tasting with a master chocolatier, and later explore Brussels further with a Local Expert.

Top Rated Highlights

Cruise on the canals of Amsterdam. Visit the Bastogne War Museum | Delft Pottery Workshop | City tours of Ghent, Bruges, Luxembourg City, and the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam all with Local Experts | Old Town in Luxembourg City an UNESCO World Heritage Site | Visit St Bavo's Cathedral in Ghent.

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KEY

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- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited



NORMANDY, BRITTANY & THE LOIRE VALLEY

*Enjoy romance, glamour, gastronomy and elegance,
including the fragrant gardens of Château de
Villandry, one of the hidden gems of France.*

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: E926

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Mar - Oct

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see insightvacations.com/normandy

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO PARIS

On arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, transfers to the hotel leave terminal 2F at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:30, and 30 minutes later from terminal 1. After checking in, the capital's grand boulevards and world-famous landmarks are yours to explore. At 17:30, meet your Travel Director and fellow guests at the hotel before enjoying a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant with cuisine inspired by fresh home-made recipes. (D)
Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

DAY 2 | ROUEN, HONFLEUR AND DEAUVILLE

Follow the River Seine to Rouen, capital of Normandy, to admire its ancient cathedral - a masterpiece of Gothic style and the subject of a series of paintings by Claude Monet. Wander through the narrow streets beneath the Great Clock to the Old Market Square. Here, a superb modern church commemorates the burning of Joan of Arc on this very spot in 1431. Continue to the charming fishing town of Honfleur with free time to explore the colourful, narrow streets after an orientation by your Travel Director. This afternoon, visit a family-run apple orchard to see how the local drink is produced and sample some cider and calvados. Then on to your luxurious hotel, located in the chic seaside resort of Deauville. (B)
Hotel Barrière L'Hôtel du Golf, Deauville.

DAY 3 | NORMANDY BEACHES AND D-DAY LANDINGS

Follow the route of the Rangers and visit the bunkers and the Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc. With a Local Expert, spend a few reflective moments at the American Military Cemetery of Saint-Laurent, near Omaha Beach. Explore Normandy with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the D-Day Museum in Arromanches and see the remnants of the artificial port in the bay. Alternatively, visit the Bayeux Tapestry Museum and learn about the epic story of William, Duke of Normandy battling to become the King of England. This evening, you are treated to a delightful dinner, which promises creative cuisine, seasonal ingredients and delicious wines. (B) (D)

DAY 4 | MONT SAINT-MICHEL AND SAINT-MALO

Journey through Bocage country and explore the hilltop abbey of Mont Saint-Michel with your Local Expert. Situated on an island, the abbey is reached by a bridge across the shining sands. Continue along the Emerald Coast to stunning Saint-Malo, situated on the Rance Estuary and one of the most charming places in France. A Local Expert will take you on an exploration of the City of the Corsairs. Walk through the maze of streets of Intra Muros, the walled city, home of Jacques Cartier and other celebrated voyagers. (B)
Hôtel Le Nouveau Monde, St Malo.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 5 | VILLANDRY EXPERIENCE

Head south to follow the valley of the Loire, passing the moated Angers Castle. Cross the Loire to Saumur, where a local vintner will guide you through tastings of the region's delicious wines. Head to Château de Villandry, the jewel of the Loire, to visit the glorious sustainable gardens on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Ensure you don't miss the water, ornamental and kitchen gardens. This stunning sea of fragrant green herbs, silvery cabbages and purple basil which has been grown organically to regenerate the local ecosystem. (B)
Relais Des Landes, Ouchamps.

DAY 6 | SCENIC DRIVE ALONG THE LOIRE VALLEY

Journey to the fairy-tale Château d'Azay-le-Rideau, considered one of the best representations of French Renaissance architecture. Having recently undergone extensive restoration, your Local Expert will show you the subtle blend of French tradition and innovative Italian decor within this 16th century icon of the Loire Valley. Return to your superb chateau for relaxation and free time. This evening, your Celebration Dinner starts with a glass of local sparkling wine and continues with excellent service and delicious Farm-to-Table dishes in the most wholesome setting, ensuring the memory of your meal will linger long after you've returned home. (B) (D)

DAY 7 | LA BEUCE AND CHARTRES TO PARIS, CITY OF LIGHT

Travelling through the vast wheat fields of the Beauce region, Chartres Cathedral, nicknamed the 'Acropolis of France' by August Rodin, looms large on the horizon. Enjoy a guided tour of this architectural delight. From here, return to the French capital where your Travel Director introduces you to all the fabulous sights, including the magnificent Eiffel Tower and the Tuileries Gardens bordering the facades of the Louvre. Behold the vast Place de la Concorde, where the guillotine once stood, then travel down the Champs Élysées to Napoléon's Arc de Triomphe. After dark, the City of Light really lives up to its name, when the monuments, buildings and bridges are lit up in all their glory. For that special touch of excitement and glamour, don't miss the chance to experience one of the world-famous cabaret shows. (B)
Le Méridien Etoile, Paris or similar.

DAY 8 | AU REVOIR PARIS

Your departure transfer will arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 or 11:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Enjoy a delicious farm-to-table Celebration Dinner, prepared with fresh, locally sourced ingredients | Welcome Dinner in Paris | Wine tasting in the Loire Valley.

Insightful Experiences

Visit a family-run apple orchard and taste Normandy cider and calvados.

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DAY 5 | Discover the sustainable gardens of Château de Villandry. In the scenic Loire Valley, explore France's finest formal gardens. Now a hub for sustainability preserving the estate's biological diversity, learn how the organically grown herbs help to re-generate the local ecosystem (pictured above).

Scenic Drives

Fall in love with the French countryside as you travel along the River Seine and through Normandy, Brittany and the Loire Valley.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Mont Saint-Michel and Chateau d'Azay Le Rideau, both with Local Experts. City tour of Saint Malo and a guided visit to the Normandy Landing Beaches, both with Local Experts | See the Cathedral, Great Clock, Old Market Square and Place du Vieux-Marché in Rouen, Honfleur, Angers Château, Eiffel Tower, Champs-Élysées and Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

See more experiences online



COUNTRY ROADS OF FRANCE

Drive along the Grand Prix circuit in Monaco, play pétanque, and feast on a farm-to-table dinner with local wine.

16 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 22 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Trip code: E723

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Jun + Aug - Oct

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/crfrance](https://www.insightvacations.com/crfrance)

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO PARIS

On arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, transfers to the hotel leave terminal 2F at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:30, and 30 minutes later from terminal 1. After checking in, the capital's grand boulevards and world-famous landmarks are yours to explore. At 17:30, meet your Travel Director and fellow guests at the hotel before joining a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant with cuisine inspired by country recipes. (D)
Pullman Paris Centre Bercy, Paris.

DAY 2 | CHAMPAGNE REGION AND ON TO DIJON

Journey through the Champagne region. Stop to savour a taste of Champagne, for which this region is world famous. Arrive in Burgundy, the historical heartland of France. Continue to Dijon, the region's elegant capital. (B) (D)
Grand Hotel Dijon La Cloche, Dijon.

DAY 3 | FREE TIME IN DIJON

With your day at leisure, perhaps visit the wine capital of Beaune? (B)

DAY 4 | CHAMONIX

Travel towards the Mâconnais and Beaujolais and ascend into the high Alps to the fashionable ski resort of Chamonix. (B)
Alpina Eclectic Hotel, Chamonix.

DAY 5 | LAKESIDE ANNECY AND GRENOBLE

Embark on a beautiful journey to Annecy, dramatically situated between lake and mountains. Enjoy free time for lunch in Little Venice, aptly named for the network of canals criss-crossing through the Old Town. This evening, savour a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)
Park Hôtel Grenoble-MGGallery.

DAY 6 | THE FRENCH RIVIERA TO REACH NICE

Enjoy glorious mountain scenery today. Travel south along the route Emperor Napoleon took in 1815 when he escaped from exile on Elba. Continue to the French Riviera to reach the elegant resort of Nice. (B)
Radisson Blu Hotel, Nice.

DAY 7 | MONACO AND THE CÔTE D'AZUR

Unlock the secrets of the French perfume industry with a visit to a perfumery. Then enjoy a drive along part of the Grand Prix circuit in Monaco and with Insight Choice choose the Oceanographic Museum dedicated to the concept of the Mediterranean Science Commission or visit the Royal Palace of Monaco and Monaco Cathedral. (B)

DAY 8 | PICTURESQUE PROVENCE

Visit the medieval village of Saint-Paul de Vence and walk through its winding streets. Enjoy a lesson in the French sport of pétanque. Steady your hand and get ready to test your newfound skills as you take part in a game, completed by a glass of pastis, a French apéritif.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Continue to Aix-en-Provence to see the sumptuous mansions lining the Cours Mirabeau. (B)
Aquabella Hotel & Spa, Aix-en-Provence.

DAY 9 | AVIGNON AND PONT DU GARD

Head to beautiful Arles and learn about its historical connection to Vincent Van Gogh. After journey to Pont du Gard to see the magnificent ancient Roman aqueduct bridge. Continue on to Avignon to enjoy views of the remaining arches of the Pont d'Avignon and the fortified Papal Palace. (B)

DAY 10 | CARCASSONNE AND TO ALBI

A scenic drive through the Alpilles takes you to Chateau De Luc, for a wine tasting and MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Cross the fertile Languedoc region, to the fortified town of Carcassonne. Travel to Albi and marvel at iconic sites during your orientation, including the views of Toulouse Lautrec Museum and the cathedral. (B)
Hôtel Saint Antoine, Albi.

DAY 11 | FREE TIME IN ALBI

Enjoy a full day at leisure, to relax and soak up the atmosphere of Albi. This evening savour a delicious dinner of carefully selected fresh ingredients, at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | CAHORS AND ROCAMADOUR

Sample some local Dordogne specialties when you visit the market at Cahors, famous for its black wine. Travel to Rocamadour and enjoy free time to explore this medieval town. (B) (D)
Hotel Le Perigord, Dordogne.

DAY 13 | EXPLORING THE DORDOGNE VALLEY

Start the day with a morning drive into the stunning Valley of the Dordogne to visit Lascaux, where the world-famous prehistoric cave paintings have been faithfully reproduced. Enjoy a delicious Farm-to-Table Dinner, prepared with locally sourced ingredients and served with wines from the region. (B) (D)

DAY 14 | PARIS, THE CITY OF LIGHT

Follow the Dordogne river this morning and travel north past the cites of Limoges and Orleans. Reach the Île-de-France and immerse yourself in the beautiful city of Paris. (B)
Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

DAY 15 | ROMANTIC CAPITAL ON THE SEINE

During your time in Paris see the Eiffel Tower, the Luxor obelisk in Place de la Concorde and drive along the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe. Your Travel Director will highlight exciting sites of Paris, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Enjoy a Celebration Dinner full of the delights of French cuisine and delicious wine. (B) (D)

DAY 16 | AU REVOIR PARIS

Your departure transfer will arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 or 11:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Paris | Dinner in Grenoble | Farm-to-Table dining in Dordogne | Celebration Dinner in Paris | Taste champagne in the Champagne region | Market tasting in Cahors.

Insightful Experiences

Saint-Paul-de-Vence: Join a pétanque player to learn the secrets behind this traditional French discipline. End with a glass of pastis, a French apéritif.

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Scenic Drives

Relax and enjoy the scenery of the French countryside as you travel through Burgundy, the High Alps, along the Route Napoleon and French Riviera, past Cote d'Azur, the Languedoc and through the Dordogne Valley.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Principality of Monaco, St Paul de Vence, the Pont du Gard, Carcassonne walled city and the prehistoric caves of Lascaux.

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FRENCH HERITAGE

Adventure across France, playing pétanque in Provence, wine tasting in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, and jet-setting on the French Riviera.

22 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 30 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E326

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Jun + Aug - Sep

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Park Hotel Grenoble MGallery, Grenoble.

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Wake up ready to rub shoulders with the jet-set on the glamorous Côte d'Azur. Unlock the secrets of the French perfume industry with a visit to a perfumery, where your fragrance expert will guide you through the world of scent creation. Then enjoy a drive along part of the Grand Prix circuit in Monaco and with Insight Choice choose the Oceanographic Museum dedicated to the concept of the Mediterranean Science Commission or visit the Royal Palace of Monaco and Monaco Cathedral. The rest of the day is set aside for you to enjoy the French Riviera at your own pace. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to visit to the medieval village of Eze and its hilltop Botanical Gardens for a spectacular view of the coastline? (B)

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Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

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Superior Dining

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Insightful Experiences

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DAY 19 | Discover the sustainable gardens of Château de Villandry. In the scenic Loire Valley, explore France's finest formal gardens. Now a hub for sustainability preserving the estate's biological diversity, learn how the organically grown herbs help to re-generate the local ecosystem.

Insight Choice

Choose between two experiences in Monaco.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit a perfumery on the Côte d'Azur | Lascaux II Caves | Arramanches Landing Museum | Mont-Saint-Michel with Local Expert | Château d'Azay Le Rideau with Local Expert | City tour of St. Malo and a guided visit to the Normandy Landing Beaches, both with Local Experts | Relax and enjoy the scenery of the French countryside as you travel through Burgundy, the High Alps, along the Route Napoleon and French Riviera, past Cote d'Azur, Avignon, the Languedoc Region, through the Dordogne Valley, along the River Seine and through Normandy, Brittany and the Loire Valley.

See more experiences online



DAY 16 | ROUEN, HONFLEUR AND DEAUVILLE

Follow the River Seine to Rouen, capital of Normandy, to admire its ancient cathedral - a masterpiece of Gothic style and the subject of a series of paintings by Claude Monet. Wander through the narrow streets beneath the Great Clock to the Old Market Square. Here, a superb modern church commemorates the burning of Joan of Arc on this very spot in 1431. Continue to the charming fishing town of Honfleur. After lunch, sample some cider and calvados. Then on to your luxurious hotel, located in the chic seaside resort of Deauville. (B)

Hotel Barrière L'Hôtel du Golf, Deauville.

DAY 17 | NORMANDY BEACHES AND D-DAY LANDINGS

Follow the route of the Rangers and visit the bunkers and the Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc. With a Local Expert, spend a few reflective moments at the American Military Cemetery of Saint-Laurent, near Omaha Beach. Explore Normandy with Insight Choice. Choose between visiting the D-Day Museum in Arromanches and see the remnants of the artificial port in the bay. Alternatively, visit the Bayeux Tapestry Museum and learn about the epic story of William, Duke of Normandy becoming the King of England. This evening, you are treated to a delightful dinner, which promises creative cuisine, seasonal ingredients and delicious wines. (B) (D)

DAY 18 | MONT SAINT-MICHEL AND SAINT-MALO

Journey through Bocage country for an exploration of the hilltop abbey of Mont Saint-Michel with your Local Expert. The abbey stands on an island and is reached by a causeway across the shining sands. Continue along the Emerald Coast to stunning Saint-Malo, situated on the Rance Estuary and one of the most charming places in France. A Local Expert will take you on an exploration of the City of the Corsairs. Walk through the maze of streets of Intra Muros, the walled city, to the cathedral, the burial place of Jacques Cartier and other celebrated voyagers. (B)

Hôtel Le Nouveau Monde, St Malo.

DAY 19 | VILLANDRY EXPERIENCE

Head south to follow the valley of the Loire, passing the moated Angers Castle. Cross the Loire to Saumur, where a local vintner will guide you through tastings of the region's delicious wines. Head to Château de Villandry, the jewel of the Loire, to visit the glorious sustainable gardens on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Ensure you don't miss the water, ornamental and kitchen



gardens. This stunning sea of fragrant green herbs, silvery cabbages, and purple basil grown organically to regenerate the local ecosystem. Continue to your château hotel, where you can relax like royalty in sumptuous surroundings. (B)

Relais des Landes, Loire Valley.

DAY 20 | SCENIC DRIVE ALONG THE LOIRE VALLEY

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Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

DAY 22 | AU REVOIR PARIS

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WORLD WAR I BATTLEFIELDS




Live the history from Paris to the Ypres Salient battlefields and see the Passchendaele Memorial and Tyne Cot Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery.

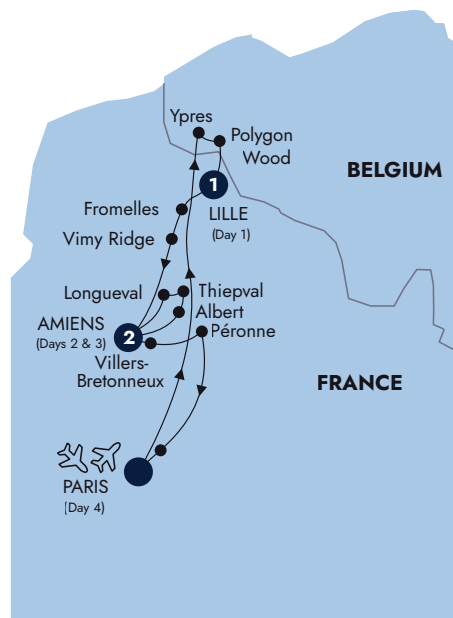
4 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 4 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



Meet your Travel Director at 09:00 at the Méridien Etoile hotel in Paris and head off toward Flanders Fields in Belgium. Visit key locations in the Ypres Salient that witnessed several major battles during the Great War. Attend the Last Post Ceremony in the rebuilt town of Ypres. Leaving Lille, see the Australian Cemetery in Fromelles. Explore Arras with Insight Choice. Choose to spend time at Vimy Ridge and walk among original trenches. Alternatively, learn about the efforts of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, before arriving in Amiens. Join your Local Expert to discover various sites around the Somme Battlefields. Stop by the South African and New Zealand Memorials at Longueval. In Albert, take time to see the Golden Virgin statue on top of the reconstructed church before visiting Beaumont-Hamel. Visit the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux and the village of Le Hamel. Return to Paris, with a stop at Charles De Gaulle Airport or conclude your trip at the Le Méridien Etoile hotel.

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-  1 Central Hotels + Nights
-  1 Scenic Hotels + Nights
-  • Place Visited



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Insightful Experiences

Amiens: Venture through the battlefields of the Somme, as your local historian explains how brave soldiers fought tirelessly for five months.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Franco-Australian Museum in Villers-Bretonneux | See Lille | Australian cemetery at Fromelles | Leaning Virgin and church of Albert | Ypres Battlefields | Beaumont-Hamel | Péronne.

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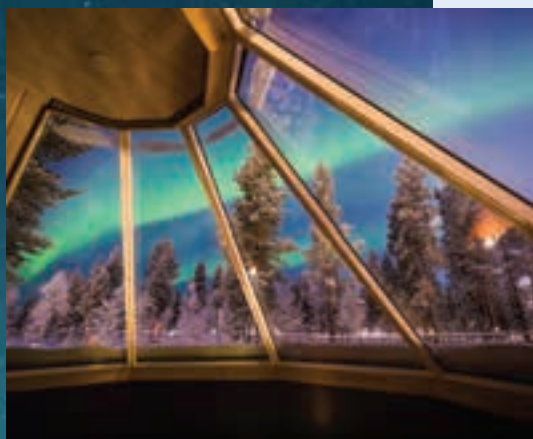
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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Jun + Sep - Oct

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Insightful Insights

The scientific name for the Northern Lights, 'aurora borealis', was derived from Roman goddess of dawn, Aurora, and the Greek name for the north wind, Boreas.

Europe's oldest national parks are in Sweden. In 1909 Sweden was the first country to establish national parks, with almost 30 existing today.

The Danish flag is the oldest in the world, first appearing in 1219 used during victory against Latvia in the Battle of Lyndanisse.

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COUNTRY ROADS OF SCANDINAVIA

Cruise crystalline fjords, experience the Flåm Railway journey and see the bustling seaside economy of the Bergen Fish Markets.

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 18 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: E340

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - Sep

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/crscandinavia](https://www.insightvacations.com/crscandinavia)

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO OSLO

On arrival at Oslo airport, your transfer will leave for the hotel at 09:30, 12:00 or 14:30. Join your Travel Director and fellow guests at 17:30, to enjoy a Welcome Dinner with wine. (D)
Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo.

DAY 2 | COSMOPOLITAN OSLO

Sightseeing with a Local Expert includes views of Akershus Castle and the Royal Palace. Walk around the Opera House and marvel at the striking contemporary architecture of the new Bjorvika district. Wander through Frogner Park, with its intriguing sculptures by Gustav Vigeland. The afternoon is at your leisure to continue exploring as you wish. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the most modern ski jump in the world? (B)

DAY 3 | OSLO - ULLENSVANG

Journey across the Hardanger Plateau, the largest national park in the Nordic countries, to arrive in Ullensvang. (B) (D)
Ullensvang Hotel, Ullensvang.

DAY 4 | ULLENSVANG - FLAM - BERGEN

Travel to the Coastal City of Bergen by the traditional train of the Flåm Railway, journey on one of the world's steepest railways through tunnels that spiral in and out of the mountainside. This evening join your Travel Director at a Local Restaurant for Dinner. (B) (D)
Thon Hotel Rosenkrantz, Bergen.

DAY 5 | THE HANSEATIC PORT OF BERGEN

A Local Expert introduces you to Bergen. See the lively Fish Market with its many stalls that also include fruits, vegetables, flowers, handicrafts and souvenirs, before continuing on to see the 13th century Haakon's Hall. With the afternoon free to explore on your own, perhaps visit the home of composer Edvard Grieg and ascend Mount Fløyen by the only funicular in Scandinavia. (B)

DAY 6 | A COASTLINE LIKE NO OTHER

Travel along this incredible coastline and sail across fjords passing an abundance of islands. Arrive in Stavanger, one of Norway's oldest cities founded almost 900 years ago. The city has continued to evolve with changing times and is now the headquarters of the Norwegian oil industry, Stavanger is a fusion of old world charm and cosmopolitan flair. (B)
Thon Hotel Maritim, Stavanger.

DAY 7 | LYNGDAL AND KRISTIANSAND

In Lyngdal, tour the Wild Salmon Centre with a biologist guide, learn about protecting salmon populations and the local ecosystem. Observe the majestic fish in their own environment, via a unique indoor 'staircase' and viewing area. Your scenic drive around the southern cape of Norway brings you to Kristiansand. An orientation walk will show

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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you the Dom Kirke and Nupen Fountain. Savour a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)
Thon Hotel Parken, Kristiansand.

DAY 8 | KRISTIANSAND TO AALBORG

Say farewell to Norway as you sail across the Skagerrak to Hirtshals, Denmark. Your journey continues to Aalborg, Denmark's fourth largest city. Take an Orientation of Skagen with your Travel Director. (B) (D)
Comwell Hvide Hus, Aalborg

DAY 9 | JOURNEY TO ODENSE

A vibrant mix of youthful energy and a blast from the past makes Aarhus a city with an energetic beat of the pulse. Join your Travel Director for an orientation of the city centre. See the City Hall, AROS Aarhus Art Museum - topped with an immense and interactive artwork - and Dokk1, the largest public library in Scandinavia. En route to Odense, you will stop for a tour of Jelling, visiting the Home of the Viking Kings Museum. Then cross the Jutland Peninsula to the town of Odense, on the island of Fyn where this evening we will join your fellow travelling companions for dinner in a local restaurant. (B) (D)
Comwell HC Andersen, Odense.

DAY 10 | ODENSE AND THE FAIRYTALES OF FYN

Visit Odense with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Hans Christian Andersen House, a museum dedicated to his life and works. Learn all about the famous fairytale writer as you follow his career, travels and love life. Alternatively, visit St Canute's Cathedral and hear tales of Canute, Denmark's last Viking king and first saint. (B)
Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Copenhagen.

DAY 11 | WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN

Meet your Local Expert and pay a visit to Hans Christian Andersen's iconic Little Mermaid statue. Later, see Christiansborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle, Amalienborg Palace, the Renaissance Stock Exchange, Copenhagen Cathedral and the unusual Round Tower. The afternoon is at your leisure. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Cofoco restaurant and enjoy a delicious Celebration Dinner of sustainable ingredients, as you toast to the end of your Scandinavian adventure. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | DEPART COPENHAGEN

Departure transfers arrive at Copenhagen airport at 06:30, 09:00 and 12:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Dinner with Wine in Bergen | Farm-to-Table Dinner in Aalborg.

Insightful Experiences

Lyngdal: Tour the Wild Salmon Centre with a biologist guide, learn about protecting salmon populations and the local ecosystem.

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DAY 11 | For your Celebration Dinner enjoy a meal at Cofoco, a restaurant leading the way in minimizing food waste and acting for a sustainable future.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel the fjords from Bergen to Stavanger | Cruise across the Skagerrak from Kristiansand to Hirtshals | City tours of Oslo, Bergen, and Copenhagen, all with Local Experts | The Home of the Viking Kings Museum | journey on the Flåm Railway | While travelling through southern Scandinavia, experience some of the most beautiful natural scenery in the world, along the Norwegian West Coast from Bergen to Stavanger and around the southern cape of Norway | See Akershus Castle, Frogner Park and Royal Palace in Oslo | Hardangervidda National Park | Haakon's Hall and the market stalls of Bergen | Pulpit Rock above Lysefjord | Kristiansand's Dom Kirke and Nupen Fountain | City Hall and modern art museum, AROS Aarhus Art Museum in Aarhus | Christiansborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle, Amalienborg Palace, Renaissance Stock Exchange and Round Tower in Copenhagen.

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Traverse Denmark, Sweden and Norway's fjords and mountains touring Stockholm's Nobel Peace Prize halls and ascending the famous Flam railway.

15 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 21 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: E941

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/fjords](https://www.insightvacations.com/fjords)

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN

On arrival at Copenhagen airport, your transfer will leave for your hotel at 09:00, 12:00 or 15:00.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for your Welcome Dinner. In the evening, visit the world-famous Tivoli Gardens. (D)
Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Copenhagen.

DAY 2 | WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN

A Local Expert will reveal the charm of Denmark's capital. Meet Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid and see Christiansborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle, Amalienborg Palace, the Renaissance Stock Exchange and Copenhagen Cathedral. View the unusual Rundetaarn and enjoy an afternoon at your leisure, relaxing or exploring at your pace. (B)

DAY 3 | ON TO GOTHENBURG

Continue along Sweden's west coast to the cosmopolitan port city of Gothenburg. On arrival, explore with your Local Expert and learn about the region's culture and nautical history. Perhaps choose to delve into the heritage of Volvo - one of Sweden's most recognisable exports. The evening is at your leisure. Take a stroll along the leafy boulevards and enjoy dinner in one of the city's many restaurants. (B)

Elite Park Avenue Hotel, Gothenburg.

DAY 4 | SCENIC FARMLANDS OF SWEDEN

Enjoy views of the patchwork of fertile farmlands as you journey along the shores of Lake Vättern to the Swedish capital. Stop at Grännaberget café for a Swedish Fika, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience that helps preserving Sweden's cultural heritage. (B)

Hilton, Stockholm Slussen.

DAY 5 | STOCKHOLM, CITY OF ISLANDS

See the charms of this fabulous city with your Local Expert. Wander the medieval streets of Gamla Stan and see the 13th-century cathedral. Stroll through the courtyard of the Royal Palace and visit the imposing City Hall to see its gilded Golden Hall and the Blue Hall, where the annual Nobel Prize banquet is held. (B)

DAY 6 | UPPSALA AND FALUN

Travel to the historic city of Uppsala and visit the Carl Linneaus Garden with Hans Odoo, a passionate local storyteller. See the Falun Copper Mine and the Great Pit, a vast crater created by an enormous mine collapse in 1687. In the evening, enjoy a delightful dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

First Grand Hotel, Falun.

DAY 7 | LILLEHAMMER

Travel along Lake Siljan to Mora, home to the infamous 17th-century witch trials. Continue to Salen, starting point for the famous cross-country ski race, before crossing into Norway.

Journey along Mjøsa, Norway's largest lake, to arrive at Lillehammer. (B) (D)

Scandic Lillehammer Hotel.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 8 | GEIRANGER, JEWEL OF THE FJORDS

Travel through the countryside of Peer Gynt, to reach Lom where you visit the Norwegian stave church dating back to 1158. For the next two nights you will stay in the scenic village of Geiranger. (B) (D)

Hotel Union, Geiranger.

DAY 9 | GEIRANGER AT LEISURE

Enjoy a relaxed start and a day reserved for your leisure amongst breathtaking scenery. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | FJÆRLAND AND FJORDLAND

Take a scenic morning cruise along the Geirangerfjord. Explore Fjærland with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the interactive Norwegian Glacier Museum, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, at the foot of the Jostedal Glacier, the largest icecap in continental Europe. Alternatively, take a walk through the village of Fjærland with a Local Expert and hear about life between the fjord and the glacier. Your journey continues with a scenic drive to your historic fjord hotel in Leikanger.

Delight in a dinner of fresh and locally sourced produce. (B) (D)

Leikanger Fjord Hotel.

DAY 11 | THE FLÅM RAILWAY TO BERGEN

Cross the magnificent Sognefjord and embark on a spectacularly scenic journey aboard the Flåm Railway. Visit a family-run farm on the Hardangerfjord to hear how eight generations have farmed the land. Sample their fresh apple juice and homemade cider and enjoy a walk through the orchard.

Travel on to your hotel in the historic port of Bergen. (B)

Thon Hotel Rosenkrantz, Bergen.

DAY 12 | THE HANSEATIC PORT OF BERGEN

A Local Expert introduces you to Bergen. See the lively Fish Market with its many stalls that also include fruits, vegetables, flowers, handicrafts and souvenirs, before continuing on to see the 13th century Haakon's Hall. (B)

DAY 13 | MOUNTAINS AND FJORDS TO OSLO

Travel along scenic and varied landscapes to Oslo, through some of Norway's most picturesque ski-resorts. Cross the Hardanger Plateau, Europe's greatest mountain plateau and the largest national park in the Nordic countries. (B)

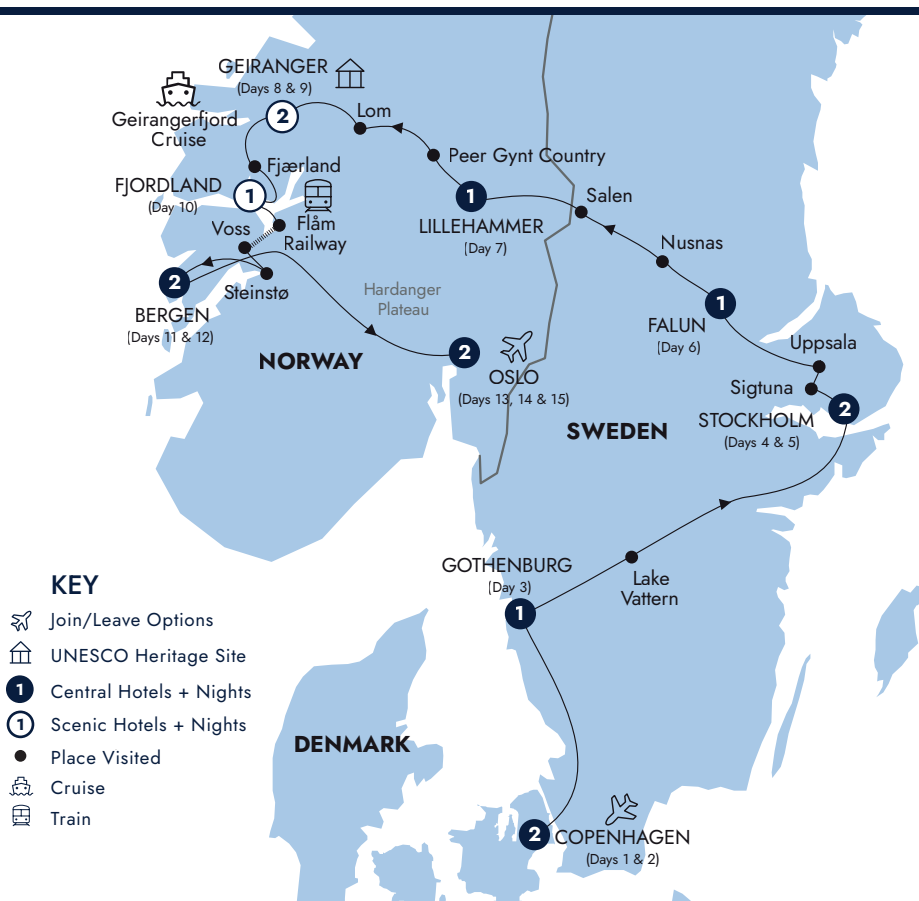
Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Oslo.

DAY 14 | COSMOPOLITAN OSLO

With your Local Expert, see the Royal Palace and the Akershus Castle guarding the harbour. Explore the area around the Opera House and see the strikingly modern architecture of the Bjorvika neighbourhood. Round off your Scandinavian adventure with a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. Over a glass of wine, toast to your travels with your newfound friends. (B) (D)

DAY 15 | OUT OF OSLO

Departure transfers arrive at Oslo airport at 07:15 and 10:15. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Copenhagen |
Celebration Dinner in Oslo | Taste apple
cider in Hardangerfjord.

Insightful Experiences

Uppsala: Meet Hans Odo, a passionate
Uppsala local and storyteller, who will share
the fascinating history of the Carl Linneaus
Garden on a guided tour. You'll learn
about Sweden's first botanical garden and
its 1300 species of flora and fauna.

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DAY 4 | Experience a traditional Swedish
Fika of coffee and freshly baked pastries
at a family-run café in a traditional
18th Century Swedish house. The café
supports the village museum in preserving
traditional memorabilia and artifacts
(pictured above).

DAY 10 | Visit the interactive Norwegian
Glacier Museum. Experience an incredible
journey through time at this interactive
museum surrounded by striking glacial
landscapes. Hear more about climate
change and the natural environment in this
spectacular national park centre.

Top Rated Highlights

Cruise Geirangerfjord | Travel on the
Flåm Railway | Visit Tivoli Gardens in
Copenhagen | Stockholm's City Hall | Lom
Stave Church | City tours of Copenhagen,
Gothenburg, Stockholm, Bergen and Oslo,
all with Local Experts.

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GRAND SCANDINAVIA

Toast the midnight sun with champagne and caviar and see Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid in Copenhagen.

20 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 30 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E940

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Aug

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/grandscand](https://www.insightvacations.com/grandscand)

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN

On arrival at Copenhagen airport, your transfer shuttle service will leave for your hotel at 09:00, 12:00 and 15:00. Join your Travel Director at 17:30, for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner. Visit the world-famous Tivoli Gardens. (D)
Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Copenhagen.

DAY 2 | WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN

Meet your Local Expert and pay a visit to Hans Christian Andersen's iconic Little Mermaid statue. Later, see Christiansborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle, Amalienborg Palace and the Renaissance Stock Exchange. Visit the cathedral. (B)

DAY 3 | ON TO STOCKHOLM, CITY OF ISLANDS

Travel from Denmark to Sweden, crossing the incredible Øresund Bridge. Journey along the shores of Lake Vättern to Stockholm. (B)
Hilton, Stockholm Slussen.

DAY 4 | STOCKHOLM AND BALTIC SEA CRUISE

Join a Local Expert and visit the City Hall. Continue to Gamla Stan to view the cathedral and the Royal Palace. Board your Baltic cruise to Finland and enjoy dinner onboard from your sea-view cabin. (B) (D)
Serenade/Symphony—Tallink & Silja Line Ships.

DAY 5 | FASHIONABLE HELSINKI

Disembark your Baltic cruise and meet your Local Expert. Wander through the aromatic stalls of a traditional food market and sample local produce, like liquorice or smoked reindeer. (B)
GLO Hotel Art, Helsinki.

DAY 6 | LAKES AND FORESTS TO KUOPIO

Journey through the Finnish Lake District to Kuopio and on arrival ascend Puijo Tower for stunning views. (B) (D)
Scandic Atlas, Kuopio.

DAY 7 | THE ROAD TO ROVANIEMI

Visit Oulu, northern Finland's oldest city. Travel to Lapland. (B) (D)
Santa's Hotel Santa Claus, Rovaniemi.

DAY 8 | ROVANIEMI AND LAPLAND

Cross the Arctic Circle today, a highlight for many travellers. With your Local Expert, see the Town Hall and visit Rovaniemi Church. Explore Rovaniemi with Insight Choice. Choose to meet Santa Claus and embrace the spirit of Christmas. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a nature walk in the forest. (B)

DAY 9 | ACROSS THE ARCTIC TO IVALO

Continue along the Four Winds Road, where you may see herds of reindeer as you journey to one of the oldest churches in Lapland. Travel through Europe's last great wilderness past the Urho Kekkonen National Park. (B) (D)
Hotel Ivalo.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 10 | THE NORTH CAPE

Cross the rolling tundra into Norway and stop at Karasjok for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Visit a Sami National Museum, devoted to preserving the Sami history and culture, and see the Sami Parliament. Continue through unique scenery en route to North Cape. Journey to the northernmost point of mainland Europe in search of the midnight sun and enjoy celebratory delicacies in one of the most special places on Earth. (B) (D)
Scandic, Nordkapp.

DAY 11 | THROUGH FINNMARK TO ALTA

Enjoy a morning at leisure before continuing onwards to Alta. (B)
Scandic, Alta.

DAY 12 | A WORLD OF ADVENTURE IN ALTA

Visit a working husky farm to meet the champion dog sledding Lyrek family. Learn about their Alaskan huskies and Arctic dog sled races. Meet husky puppies that may grow to be the best racing dogs in the country. Afterwards, delight in a wonderful oven-baked Highlight Lunch with seasonal specialties from the region, such as salmon or reindeer. (B) (L)

DAY 13 | NARVIK

Pass Kåfjord where the German battleship Tirpitz was stationed during World War II, before arriving into scenic Narvik. (B)
Scandic, Narvik.

DAY 14 | ACROSS TYSFJORD TO MOSJØEN

Board a ferry to cross Tysfjord, then continue past Rago National Park and bid farewell to the Arctic. (B) (D)
Fru Haugans Hotel, Mosjoen.

DAY 15 | LAKSFOSS FALLS TO TRONDHEIM

Continue past the village of Hell to Trondheim. See the impressive Nidaros Cathedral, the world's northernmost medieval cathedral. (B)
Scandic Nidelven Hotel [Trondheim, Norway]

DAY 16 | GEIRANGER, JEWEL OF THE FJORDS

Travel past lakes and snowcapped peaks to Lom. Arrive at Geirangerfjord to embark on a spectacular cruise beneath towering cliffs and cascading waterfalls. (B) (D)
Hotel Union, Geiranger.

DAY 17 | GEIRANGER AT LEISURE

Enjoy a whole day free for you to explore the fjords and mountains. (B) (D)

DAY 18 | OSLO, THE CAPITAL

Travel through 'Peer Gynt' Country, inspiration for Edvard Grieg. Stop in Lillehammer and continue on to Oslo. Round off your travels with a Celebration Dinner, and raise your glass to toast your adventures. (B)
Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo.

DAY 19 | COSMOPOLITAN OSLO

Your Local Expert will show you the medieval Akershus Castle and the Royal Palace. Wander through Frogner Park with its intriguing sculptures by Gustav Vigeland and see the area around the Opera House. (B) (D)

DAY 20 | OUT OF OSLO

Departure transfers arrive at Oslo airport at 07:15 and 10:15. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Copenhagen | Celebration Dinner in Oslo | Taste local treats at Helsinki's Market Hall | Sparkling wine and local specialties in North Cape.

Insightful Experiences

Alta: Meet the Lyrek family and their huskies. Hear tales about their marathon Arctic dog sled races while enjoying a hearty lunch.

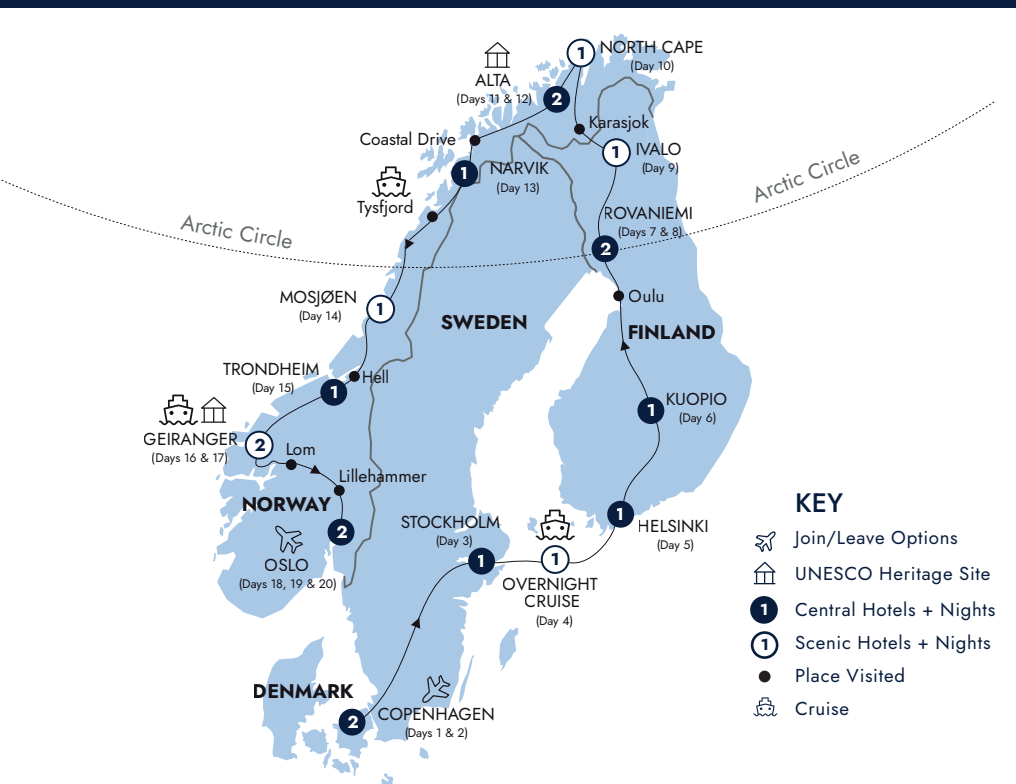
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DAY 10 | Visit the Sami Museum, dedicated to preserving the culture of one of the world's oldest tribes. Admire over 5,000 objects in the cultural heritage collection on a visit that actively supports the community's efforts to conserve their heritage for future generations.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel the Baltic Sea by overnight cruise from Stockholm to Helsinki | Cruise Geirangerfjord | Visit Copenhagen Cathedral | Tivoli Gardens | City Hall Stockholm | Kuopio Viewing Tower | North Cape | Visit Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, Rovaniemi and Oslo with a Local Expert | Visit a Sami National Museum | Visit a working husky farm, meet the huskies and learn about Arctic dog sled races | View a 12th century stave church.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Cruise

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NORTHERN LIGHTS OF SCANDINAVIA

Embrace the Northern Lights. Sample caviar in Europe's northernmost point, meet racing huskies and feed reindeer in an Indigenous Sami community.

10 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: W800A

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Jan - Mar + Oct - Dec

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/northernlights](https://www.insightvacations.com/northernlights)

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO HELSINKI.

Welcome to Helsinki, with its excellent museums and pretty seaside buildings. This beautiful city is set to be your home for the night. At Helsinki airport, transfers depart at 10:00, 14:00 and 16:00. Meet your Travel Director at 18:00 for a drinks reception. This is the perfect opportunity to sit back and get to know your fellow travellers, before your Scandinavian adventure begins. GLO Hotel Art, Helsinki.

DAY 2 | THE GATEWAY TO LAPLAND

Today you'll take a flight to Ivalo, a small yet important centre in Finnish Lapland, 250km above the Arctic Circle. The Gateway to the North, Ivalo is set on the Ivalo River, where the first Lapland Goldrush took place in the 19th century. You'll enjoy a Welcome Dinner at your boutique hotel. Look out for the dancing northern lights, as you gaze through the glass ceiling from the comfort of your room. Please note that the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and therefore sightings cannot be guaranteed. (B) (D) Aurora Village, Ivalo.

DAY 3 | IVALO TO HONNINGSVÅG

Today you'll be heading further North through the winter Lapland landscape. Cross the Finnish–Norwegian border as you make your way to Honningsvåg, the northernmost and smallest city in Norway. Your drive will take you along the mighty Porsangerfjord, the fourth largest fjord in Norway. Take the subsea Nordkapp Tunnel to the island of Magerøya, to reach your hotel in this small fishing community. Explore the quaint city by taking a stroll along the waterfront before dinner at your hotel. (B) (D) Scandic, Nordkapp.

DAY 4 | NORTHERN LIGHTS IN NORTH CAPE

You simply can't visit Norway without heading to North Cape (weather permitting). Dubbed the northernmost point in continental Europe, you'll go in search of the iconic Northern Lights as you sip on bubbles and delight in exquisite caviar with your fellow travellers. End your day back at your charming hotel, where you'll rest up ahead of tomorrow's adventures. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | NORTH CAPE TO ALTA

Enjoy a spectacular drive from North Cape to Alta, taking in the country's magnificent fjords and Arctic landscapes along the way. Head to an ice bar with your fellow travellers, for a chilled beverage as you discuss the day's events. With time at leisure, perhaps visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Rock Art Museum? (B) Scandic, Alta.

DAY 6 | ALASKAN HUSKIES IN ALTA

This is a day for dog lovers and a true highlight of the trip. Visit a working husky farm and get to know the Lyrek family and champion sled dogs. Learn

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

about their Alaskan huskies and the challenges they face competing in the marathon long Arctic dog sled races. Indulge in a delectable oven-baked Highlight Lunch, before meeting the dogs themselves. (B) (L)

DAY 7 | NORWAY'S GATEWAY TO THE ARCTIC

Today you'll head to Tromsø, northern Norway's largest city, located on the island of Tromsøya. The city is milder than most settlements on the same latitude, due to the effect of the westerlies reaching this far north, as well as the North Atlantic Drift, a branch of the Gulf Stream. Tromsø's latitude of just below 70°N renders annual midnight suns and polar nights depending on the season. You'll be surrounded by snow capped mountains and ethereal water views. Just a short walk from your hotel, you'll find a high concentration of old wooden houses and a great array of restaurants. (B)

Clarion Hotel The Edge, Tromsø.

DAY 8 | DELVE INTO SCANDINAVIAN HISTORY

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet members of the Indigenous Sami community of Scandinavia. Delve into the history

of Arctic Norway and join a Sami guide for an immersive journey through their camp, with an invitation to help feed their reindeer herd. You are invited into a lavuu (a traditional Sami tent) to hear stories of Sami life and folk songs around the fire, after enjoying a traditional Sami meal with hot drinks. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | A MERRY FINALE IN OSLO

In the morning, take a flight from Tromsø to Oslo, a modern city located on the shores of the Oslofjord. Surrounded by forested mountains, city dwellers and visitors alike have easy access to nature all year round. On your orientation, see the Oslo Opera House and the new Deichmann Library in the contemporary Bjørvika district. Join your fellow travellers at a local restaurant to make a toast to newfound friends and a wonderful journey, over a Celebration Dinner with wine. (B) (D)

Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo.

DAY 10 | FAREWELL OSLO

It's time to say farewell to your fellow travellers. Transfers arrive into Oslo airport at 07:15 or 10:15. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Drink in Helsinki | Welcome Dinner in Ivalo | Drinks at an Ice Bar in Alta | Celebration Dinner in Oslo.

Insightful Experience

DAY 6 | Meet the Lyrek family and their huskies. Hear tales about their marathon Arctic dog sled races while enjoying a hearty lunch.

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DAY 8 | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet members of the Indigenous Sami community of Scandinavia. You are invited into a lavuu (a traditional Sami tent) to hear stories of Sami life and folk songs around the fire, after enjoying a traditional Sami meal with hot drinks.

Scenic Drives

Enjoy the scenery of shimmering winter wonderland forests and snow covered mountains, as you cross the border between Finland and Norway, chasing the northern lights. Watch dramatic coastlines rise from the seas by Alta, tracing your way past the Lyngen Alps down the coast to Tromsø.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit North Cape and search for the Northern Lights | See the Opera House and the new Deichmann Library in Oslo.

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KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- Included Flights
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited



NATURAL WONDERS OF ICELAND

Encounter iconic volcanic landscapes from relaxing in Vok's geothermal pools to exploring the Gullfoss Waterfall and the lava fields of Budir.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E964

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - Sep

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/nwiceland](https://www.insightvacations.com/nwiceland)

DAY 1 | THE SMOKY BAY OF REYKJAVÍK

Welcome to Iceland. On arrival at Reykjavík's Keflavík Airport, you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel. Begin your journey along Iceland's stark coastline, through picturesque towns and to spectacular natural sites by joining your Travel Director and travel companions for a Welcome Drink served with canapés. Fosshotel, Reykjavík.

DAY 2 | HOT SPRINGS, WATERFALLS AND VÍK

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, heading east to visit Iceland's newest geothermal and electric power station at Hellisheiðavirkjun. Later, explore a local farm and sample their sweet-tasting, homegrown tomatoes. Meet the family to learn about Icelandic horticulture and growing the tastiest tomatoes. Continue to the hot springs at Geysir and the mighty Gullfoss waterfalls, the Icelandic equivalent of Niagara Falls. In the afternoon, visit the majestic south coast waterfalls of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss before continuing to your hotel in Vík. (B) (D) Hótel Kría, Vík.

DAY 3 | BY GLACIERS AND ICEBERGS TO HÖFN

Travel along the southern coast of Iceland, beside the black sand beaches and basalt rock formations. Continue through the National Park at Skaftafell and see the largest glacier in Europe, Vatnajökull. Travel on to the luminous blue icebergs of Lake Jökulsárlón, the highlight of the day. This dramatic setting was featured in two James Bond films. Arrive in the small harbour town of Höfn, an active lobster fishing hub. From here, your Travel Director will lead a short orientation. Dine at your hotel's restaurant tonight and experience what the local produce has to offer. (B) (D) Hótel Höfn.

DAY 4 | EASTERN FJORDS TO EGILSSTAÐIR

Explore yet another face of Iceland, as you drive through narrow fjords surrounded by steep cliffs and past small fishing villages. Catch a glimpse of Papey Island, once the home of Gaelic monks who settled here before the arrival of the Vikings. Continue to the lakeside town of Egilsstaðir where upon arrival relax in the untouched nature at Iceland's only geothermal floating pools. Vök Baths harnesses the natural geothermal power of the area to create a unique bathing experience with amazing views of the Lake Urriðavatn. The architecture of the hot springs are designed to complement the unspoiled beauty of the Icelandic environment. Continue onto your hotel for an included dinner. (B) (D) Icelandair Hotel Herad, Egilsstaðir.

DAY 5 | BY DESERT, LAKES AND DIVINE WATERFALLS TO AKUREYRI

Continue on to the beautiful Lake Mývatn and explore a wide spectrum of geological formations and the concentrated geothermal activity produces

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

mud pools and spectacular-coloured deposits. Continue to the charming fishing village of Husavik for free time to explore this whale watching capital of Iceland. Perhaps embark on an optional whale watching experience (available during whale season) or explore The Whale Walk in the Husavik whale museum. This evening is at your leisure in Akureyri to relax or explore. Perhaps stroll along the harbour and admire the imposing architecture of the Akureyrarkirkja, set against a sweeping mountainscape, and visit the Old Town for a glimpse into the town's early development. (B)

Hotel Kea, Akureyri.

DAY 6 | FROM THE CAPITAL OF THE NORTH TO BORGARNES

Enjoy an orientation of Akureyri, the capital of northern Iceland, first established as a trading centre in 1602. Travel past mountains, waterfalls, and green coastal regions. Later, continue on to the southwest coast of Borgarnes. This evening consider joining the optional experience to one of the oldest houses in Borgarnes and enjoy dinner at The Settlement Centre restaurant which is home to an exhibition telling the story of The Settlement Era in Iceland. Enjoy authentic cuisine as you engage in the country's cultural heritage and gain insights into the events that have shaped the lives of the locals. (B)

Icelandair Hotel Hamar, Borgarnes.

DAY 7 | EXPLORING SNÆFELLSJÖKULL NATIONAL PARK

Travel along the Snæfellsnes Peninsula to Snæfellsjökull National Park, known as the Jewel of West Iceland and home to the country's

most famous volcano. See the magnificent Snæfellsjökull glacier surrounded by unspoiled natural beauty. En route, admire the impressive landscapes of Búðir, offering a mixture of sandy hills, black lava fields and a yellow beach. Next, take a stroll along the sea cliffs of Arnastapi with its unique column rock formations and take in the beautiful scenery. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | THINGVELLIR AND ON TO REYKJAVÍK

Journey south to Thingvellir. This remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site lies on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Explore Reykjavik with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Perlan Museum with the Wonders of Iceland one of a kind exhibition to experience Iceland's natural beauty. Alternatively, experience the magic of Iceland on an exhilarating flight-ride at FlyOver to see incredible scenery from sweeping glaciers to stunning fjords. This afternoon you may decide to visit the mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon on our optional experience. Round off your journey through one of the world's most naturally beautiful places with a delicious Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

Fosshotel, Reykjavik.

DAY 9 | FAREWELL REYKJAVÍK

Your Icelandic adventure comes to an end, with a transfer to Reykjavik's Keflavik Airport. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Reception in Reykjavik | Dinner in Höfn | Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant in Reykjavik.

Insightful Experiences

Fridheimar: Explore a local farm and sample their sweet-tasting, homegrown tomatoes. Meet the family to learn about Icelandic horticulture and growing the tastiest tomatoes, all the while respecting the surrounding nature.

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DAY 2 | Visit Iceland's newest geothermal heat and electric power station, the second largest of its kind in the world. Hear about how this plant has helped Iceland achieve 70% of the country's energy consumption through renewable energy sources.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Geysir | Vatnajökull National Park | Snæfellsjökull National Park | See Gullfoss waterfall | Skalholt's historic church | Vatnajökull Glacier in Skaftafell | Lake Jökulsárlón | lakeside Egilsstaðir | craters, boiling mud pots and geothermal hot springs at Lake Mývatn | Akureyri | the black lava fields and yellow beach of Búðir | Arnarstapi | Parliamentary Plains in Thingvellir | Reykjavik | Bathe in the geothermal pools at Vox Baths

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited



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SCENIC ICELAND & THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Gasp in awe at the hot springs in Geysir, the waterfalls of Skógafoss and the majesty of the Hekla volcano.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: W864

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Jan - Mar + Sep - Dec

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/sceniciceland](https://www.insightvacations.com/sceniciceland)

DAY 1 | THE VIKING CITY OF REYKJAVÍK

Welcome to Iceland. At Reykjavík's Keflavík Airport, you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel. Join your Travel Director and travelling companions at 18:15 for your Welcome Reception and enjoy the opportunity to get to know each other, over a pleasant evening of wine and canapés. Afterwards, search for the most spectacular show on Earth—the northern lights. See the breathtaking night sky filled with the aurora borealis and its vast spectrum of colour. Please note the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and therefore sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Fosshotel Reykjavík.

DAY 2 | SOUTH SHORE ADVENTURE TO VÍK

Take a journey through the stunning landscape of Iceland's south coast and through the land of Njál's Saga—a region of breathtaking scenery and legendary stories. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, heading east to visit Iceland's newest geothermal and electric power station at Hellisheiðavirkjun. Your journey continues, as you witness the majesty of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss. Stand awestruck by the beauty of these thundering waterfalls, before venturing on to view more spectacular phenomena. See the magnificent Hekla and Eyjafjallajökull volcanoes. Arrive in the welcoming community of Vík. Later, perhaps enjoy another chance to go in search of the mystical northern lights? (B) (D) Hótel Kría, Vík.

DAY 3 | THE GOLDEN CIRCLE TO FLÚÐIR

Embark on a day of discovery around Iceland's Golden Circle, taking in some of the famous landmarks this magical country has to offer. Experience the exploding hot springs at Geysir before continuing on to the mighty Gullfoss waterfalls, the Icelandic equivalent of Niagara Falls. In Friðheimar, learn about Icelandic greenhouse horticulture when you visit a family-run vegetable farm, specialising in tomatoes. Explore their greenhouses and sample the sweet, unique flavour of their lovingly grown crop. Continue on to your hotel in Flúðir for another chance to catch nature's theatre unfolding in the night sky. (B) (D) Flúðir Icelandair Hotel.

DAY 4 | THINGVELLIR, BORGARNES AND HÚSAFELL

First visit today will be Thingvellir National Park, this remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site lies on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge line, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. The first meeting of the Icelandic parliament was held here in A.D. 930. Journey along the trail of Viking warrior and poet Egill Skallagrímsson and stop at Reykholt for an orientation with your Travel Director. In Borgarnes, learn about Iceland's history with a fascinating visit to the Icelandic Settlement Centre. Enjoy views of the Hraunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls as you drive through glorious landscapes. Your travels continue to Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring before a stop at a local

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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family run Sturlu Reykir horse breeding farm. The farm has a natural hot spring, and the hot water is used to bake rye bread underground. Enjoy a taste of this freshly baked rye bread, a family recipe for over 100years. (B) (D)
Hotel Húsafell.

and Höfði House. In 1986, US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev met here for the famous Reykjavík Summit. Later, visit the colourful harbour and the Hallgrímskirkja, a modern church and landmark that can be seen from almost anywhere in the city. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)
Fosshotel, Reykjavík.

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With only a few light hours during winter, we make sure to fill this time visiting the waterfalls, glaciers, tectonic plates and one of the oldest parliament locations in the world.
 – TARRYN, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 5 | REYKJAVÍK SIGHTSEEING

Journey back to the Icelandic capital and see Old Reykjavík, the 19th century parliament building

DAY 6 | CHOICE IN REYKJAVÍK

Explore Reykjavik with Insight Choice. Choose to experience the magic of Iceland on an exhilarating flight-ride at FlyOver to see incredible scenery from sweeping glaciers to stunning fjords. Alternatively, visit the Perlan Museum with the Wonders of Iceland, one of a kind exhibition to experience Iceland’s natural beauty. This afternoon you may decide to visit the mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon on our optional experience. Surrounded by lava fields and snow-capped mountains, the lagoon is a wonder of nature and offers a unique experience for both body and soul. With your newfound friends, toast to the culmination of your fascinating journey of discovery during a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

DAY 7 | FAREWELL REYKJAVÍK

Your Icelandic adventure comes to an end, with a transfer to Reykjavík’s Keflavík Airport. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Reception in Reykjavik | Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant in Reykjavik.

Insightful Experiences

Explore a local farm and sample their sweet-tasting, homegrown tomatoes. Meet the family to learn about Icelandic horticulture and growing the tastiest tomatoes. Meet the lovable horses of Iceland - the original Viking horses. Learn why they have two more gaits than most other breeds of horses, and how their double-layered coat enables them to withstand Iceland’s tough winters.

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DAY 2 | Visit Iceland’s newest geothermal heat and electric power station, the second largest of its kind in the world. Hear about how this plant has helped Iceland achieve 70% of the country’s energy consumption through renewable energy sources.

Top Rated Highlights

Seek out the northern lights in the skies above | Visit the Lava Centre in Hvolsvöllur | Geysir | Icelandic Settlement Centre in Borgarnes | City tour of Reykjavík, with a Local Expert | See Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls | Hekla and Eyjafjallajökull volcanoes | Gullfoss waterfall | Hraunfossar waterfall | Reykholt | Parliamentary Plains in Thingvellir.



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WARSAW & THE BALTIC STATES

Uncover insights of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia & Estonia. Explore Vilnius' Old Town and browse Riga's Central Market.

8 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 10 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: E979

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Mar - Sep

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/warsaw](https://www.insightvacations.com/warsaw)

DAY 1 | ARRIVE WARSAW

On arrival at Warsaw airport, your transfers depart for your hotel at 10:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner at an authentic local restaurant full of Polish charm that serves delicious traditional meals, accompanied by wine. Your hotel is centrally located and a convenient base to explore the city throughout your two-night stay. (D) The Westin, Warsaw.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING THE PROUD POLISH CAPITAL OF WARSAW

A Local Expert will show you how well the Polish capital was restored after almost complete obliteration during World War II. This incredible restoration can be credited to the amazing detail of Canaletto's paintings! Pass the tiered Palace of Culture and stroll through Łazienki Park to the Chopin Memorial. Take a moment to reflect at the Monument to Ghetto Heroes, built in 1948 to commemorate the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943. Then walk to the Market Square in the Old Town. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the University Botanic Gardens with a biologist. The garden's main function is the protection of biological diversity and the conservation of endangered Polish wild species. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Don't miss the chance to visit Wilanow Palace, the residence of Polish King Sobieski, known as Victor of Vienna, or perhaps attend an exclusive private recital of Chopin music by a celebrated Polish pianist? (B)

DAY 3 | VILNIUS, VENERABLE CAPITAL OF LITHUANIA

Pass Augustów and Suwalki during your scenic journey through Masuria, a region rich in lakes and vast forests. Cross into Lithuania and continue to the capital city of Vilnius. See the Baroque Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, the neoclassical cathedral and the charming Old Town. Your hotel for the next two nights is located in the heart of Vilnius. All major sights are within easy walking distance and you can enjoy views of the Old Town Square from the on-site restaurant. This evening, perhaps stroll through Lithuania's capital and explore the iconic neighbourhoods that display a wealth of architectural styles, from Gothic churches and Baroque chapels to Soviet-era residences and modern pavilions. (B) Radisson Collection Astorija Hotel, Vilnius.

DAY 4 | VILNIUS AND THE CASTLE OF TRAKAI

Walk along the streets of bohemian Užupis, a Vilnius neighbourhood that proclaimed itself a republic in 2002. Get up close to the Jesuit University and the Gates of Dawn. A member of the government introduces you to its quirky history and artistic flair. A highlight of your travels will be a visit to the fortified island castle of Trakai. Originally built in the 15th century and now restored to all its glory, this red-brick castle is located on an island in

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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Lake Galvė. Take in the idyllic lake setting as you cross the wooden footbridge to the Gothic castle. Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | THE VOTIVE HILL OF CROSSES AND THE ART NOUVEAU NIRVANA OF RIGA

Head north to visit the unusual Votive Hill of Crosses near Siauliai, the symbol of resistance against the Soviet occupation. Admire this impressive site as you stroll through pathways formed between over 100 000 crosses that have been placed at this renowned pilgrimage site. Tonight, our hotel is set in the most ideal location of the city, overlooking Riga's Vērmene Garden and just a five-minute walk from the UNESCO World heritage Site of the city's Old Town. (B) Radisson Blu Elizabete Hotel, Riga.

DAY 6 | RIGA SIGHTSEEING AND ONTO TALLINN

Explore Riga's Old Town with your Local Expert, including a visit to the Domkirk and seeing the city walls, the House of the Three Brothers and the castle of the Livonian Knights, the old aircraft hangars that now house the Riga Central Market, one of the largest in Eastern Europe. Enjoy the vibrant colours and flavours when sampling some of the local delicacies as you wander through the maze of stalls. Your travels continue along the shores of the Gulf of Riga and across the Estonian border to reach Tallinn. Hailed by travel

aficionados as the new Prague, Tallinn is a lively city, where history and modern culture merge. From its brightly coloured architecture to its quirky art scenes, Tallinn is made for the curious and creative. Relax tonight and tomorrow night at a luxury, five-star hotel conveniently located in the city centre in Tallinn's tallest building, boasting impressive views of the Old Town and the Baltic Sea. This evening, perhaps explore the facilities of the Tornimae complex and surroundings. (B) Swissotel, Tallinn.





DAY 7 | SURRENDER TO THE MAGIC OF TALLINN

Explore Tallinn with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walking tour with panoramic views leading to the Town Hall Square. Alternatively, stroll the fairytale Old Town and hear about Estonian artisans. Enjoy free time to browse Tallinn's shops, famous for fine amber and silver jewellery. Join your travelling companions at a local restaurant for your Celebration Dinner. Toast to your trip, as you savour a freshly prepared meal, rich with traditional flavours and accompanied with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | DEPART TALLINN

At the end of your journey through Warsaw and the Baltic states, departure transfers arrive at Tallinn airport at 05:00 and 10:00. (B)

KEY

-  Join/Leave Options
-  UNESCO Heritage Site
-  Central Hotels + Nights
-  Place Visited



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Warsaw | Dine-Around Evening in Vilnius | Estonian Celebration Dinner in Tallinn.

Insightful Experiences

Vilnius: Visit Užupis, a quirky neighbourhood of Vilnius, with a member of its government. Learn how a small community of artists created this self-proclaimed republic in order to revitalize post-communist Vilnius.

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DAY 2 | Visit the University Botanic Gardens with a biologist. The garden's main function is the protection of biological diversity and the conservation of endangered Polish wild species (pictured above).

Insight Choice

Tallinn: Choose a scenic walking tour of the city with your Local Expert, complete with panoramic views and a visit to Town Hall Square. Alternatively, take a stroll through the fairy-tale Old Town to discover Estonian artisans.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Vilnius | Votive Hill Crosses in Šiauliai | Trakai Castle | City tours of Warsaw, Vilnius, Riga and Tallinn, all with Local Experts.

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NORTHERN CAPITALS

*Admire Berlin's Brandenburg Gate,
Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens and
Helsinki's food market.*

14 DAYS | 8 COUNTRIES | 18 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



4.4

★★★★★

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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E947A

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BERLIN

On arrival at Berlin Brandenburg Airport, transfers depart at 10:30, 13:00 & 16:00.

At 18:30, join your Travel Director and travel companions for a Welcome Dinner with wine. (D) Hotel NH Collection Berlin Mitte am Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin.

DAY 2 | THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN

In the morning, sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the Unter den Linden, past the Humboldt University and Opera House. Stop a while on Museum Island before passing the Brandenburg Gate, a symbol of the reunification. See Norman Foster's glass dome which crowns the Reichstag building before embarking on a journey through the Tiergarten. Spend the afternoon exploring at your leisure or relaxing at your hotel. (B)

DAY 3 | ACROSS THE SEA TO COPENHAGEN

Depart Berlin and continue through northern Germany to Rostock for the sea crossing to Denmark. A peaceful journey through the Danish countryside brings you to the capital, Copenhagen. In the evening, delight in the enchanting atmosphere of the famous Tivoli Gardens. (B) Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Copenhagen.

DAY 4 | WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN

Visit Christiansborg Palace with a Local Expert. Journey past Copenhagen Cathedral and the university to see Rosenborg Castle, the Renaissance Stock Exchange and Amalienborg Palace, before admiring Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid. (B)

DAY 5 | TO STOCKHOLM, CITY OF ISLANDS

Enjoy a view of Kronborg Castle, reputedly the Elsinore home of Hamlet, during the short ferry crossing to Sweden. Your journey then continues along the shores of Lake Vättern and on to Stockholm. (B) Clarion Hotel, Amaranten.

DAY 6 | STOCKHOLM AND A BALTIC CRUISE

Visit City Hall with a Local Expert and cross the harbour to see the cathedral and Royal Palace. Board your cruise ship for the overnight voyage to Finland with a sea-view cabin. (B) (D) Serenade/Symphony—Tallink & Silja Line Ships.

DAY 7 | FASHIONABLE HELSINKI

Disembark your Baltic cruise and explore Helsinki, the trendsetting city of top fashion and design, alongside a Local Expert. Wander through the aromatic stalls of a traditional food market and sample local produce like liquorice or smoked reindeer. (B) Klaus K Hotel, Helsinki.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 8 | FINNISH COUNTRYSIDE

Venture into the lush Finnish countryside and join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Bosgård Organic Farm. Learn about their sustainable practices and try some authentic produce from the farm. Later, visit the picturesque town of Porvoo, one of the most photographed places in Finland. Spend the evening at leisure back in Helsinki. (B)

DAY 9 | SURRENDER TO THE MAGIC OF TALLINN

This morning cross the sea to Estonia. Choose between a stroll with your Local Expert through the cobbled streets of the Old Town, a scene straight out of a fairy-tale, and hear about Estonian arts and crafts. Or join your Local Expert to walk up Toompea Hill for panoramic views of the city and afterwards visit the market square with its old German weighing house, pharmacy and Town Hall. Enjoy free time this afternoon to browse Tallinn's shops, famous for fine amber and silver jewellery. (B)
Swissotel, Tallinn.

DAY 10 | ON TO RIGA

Today you make your way to the Latvian capital of Riga. Explore Riga's Old Town with your Local Expert, including a visit to the old aircraft hangars that now house the Riga Central Market, one of the largest in Eastern Europe. Enjoy the vibrant colours and flavours when sampling some of the local delicacies as you wander through the maze of stalls. (B)
Radisson Blu Elizabete Hotel, Riga.

DAY 11 | EXPLORE VILNIUS

Cross into Lithuania and visit the Hill of Crosses before arriving in the capital city of Vilnius. Walk along the streets of bohemian Užupis, a Vilnius neighbourhood that proclaimed itself a republic in 2002. A member of the government introduces you to its quirky history and artistic flair. Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)
Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva, Vilnius.

DAY 12 | REJUVENATED WARSAW

Pass lakeside Augustow during a scenic journey through Masuria, a region blessed with a plethora of lakes and forests. Your destination will be the Polish capital, faithfully rebuilt after the devastation of World War II. (B) (D)
The Westin, Warsaw.

DAY 13 | EXPLORING WARSAW

Join a Local Expert to see the Palace of Culture and stroll through Łazienki Park to the Chopin Memorial. Take a moment to reflect at the Monument to Ghetto Heroes, then walk to Market Square in the Old Town. Join your newfound friends for a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant and enjoy a fine selection of local dishes, with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 14 | DEPART WARSAW

Your transfers will arrive at Warsaw airport at 07:30 and 10:00. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Wander through the aromatic stalls of a traditional food market with your Local Expert and sample local produce, like licuorice or smoked reindeer | Welcome Dinner in Berlin | Dine Around in Vilnius | Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant in Warsaw.

Insightful Experiences

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DAY 8 | Venture into the lush Finnish countryside and visit Bosgård Organic Farm. Learn about their sustainable practices and try some authentic produce from the farm.

Top Rated Highlights

Cruise the Baltic Sea from Stockholm to Helsinki | Visit Tivoli Gardens and Christiansborg Palace in Copenhagen | Stockholm's City Hall | City tours of Berlin, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius and Warsaw, all with Local Experts.

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Greece has a rich history of windmills dating back to the 16th century which have become icons on the Cycladic islands, however today Germany has the most windmills in Europe.

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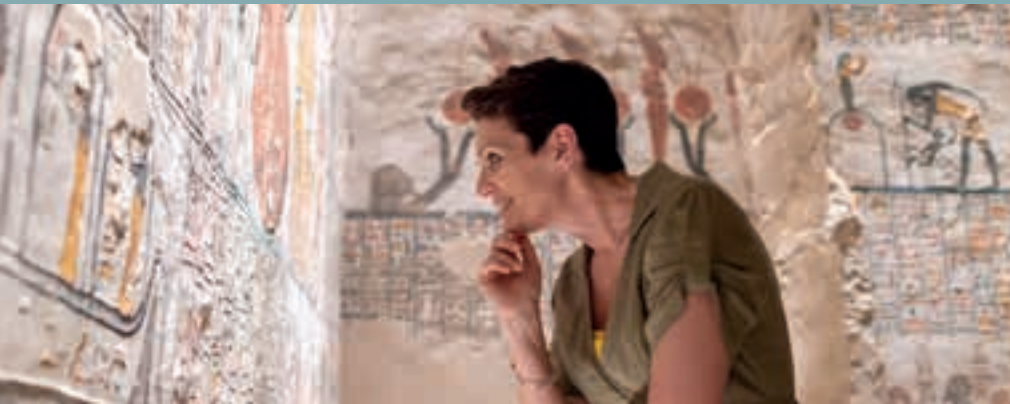


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WONDERS OF EGYPT

Pharaohs to pyramids & beyond: Walk through Karnak's avenue of sphinxes and board a felucca setting sail along the Nile.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 17 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: A945/WA945

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/wondersegypt](https://www.insightvacations.com/wondersegypt)

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN CAIRO

Welcome to the timeless land of the pharaohs. On arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

DAY 2 | FLY TO LUXOR, CRUISE THE NILE

In the morning, fly to Luxor and visit the huge temple complex of Karnak. Walk through the avenue of ram-headed sphinxes to stand among the columns of the Hypostyle Hall. Later, transfer to your cruise ship, your home for the next four nights. After lunch on board, take a walk through the Luxor Museum, witness ancient artefacts. Get to know your Travel Director, a professionally trained Egyptologist, as well as fellow guests over a welcome drink. After that, enjoy dinner on the ship before relaxing in the ship lounge or in the comfort of your room. (B) (L) (D)
MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar).

DAY 3 | VALLEY OF THE KINGS TO EDFU

This morning, travel by coach to the west bank of the Nile. See the Colossi of Memnon and visit both the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings, where many pharaohs were buried, including Hatshepsut, Amenhotep I and Tutankhamun. Experience the renowned local hospitality of Egyptians during a visit to the village of Geziret Bahirat. Connect with the community and share bread with the Bahirat family, while they regale guests with their fascinating stories of daily life. Visit the massive Luxor Temple complex, which archeologists began excavating in the 1860s and didn't complete until the 1960s. Return to your cruise ship and sail via the Esna Lock to Edfu, for your overnight stay. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 4 | KOM OMBO TO ASWAN

In the early morning sail to Kom Ombo to visit the only double temple of Egypt dedicated to two gods, the crocodile-headed Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus the Elder. In the evening, enjoy a fun-filled Egyptian dinner and galabeya party on board your ship. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 5 | ASWAN'S HIGH DAM AND NILE FELUCCA

In the morning, visit the Aswan High Dam and granite quarries, to see the enormous unfinished obelisk. Travel by motorboat to the Temple of Isis. Rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae, it was the last temple built in the classical Egyptian style. Later, on a traditional Nile Felucca, meet a sailor and learn about traditional sailing practices. As the sun starts to fade, enjoy high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel. The likes of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie stayed at this pretty venue, and Christie supposedly wrote "Death on the Nile" from the hotel itself. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 6 | ASWAN AND BACK TO CAIRO

This morning, disembark your cruise ship and enjoy time at leisure in Aswan. Why not join an Optional Experience and travel by air to the

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

magnificent Temples of Ramesses II at Abu Simbel? These temples overlook Lake Nasser and are made up of the Great Temple of Ramesses II and the Temple of Hathor. Otherwise, spend the morning as you wish. Perhaps soak up the African atmosphere in the Nubian bazaar or visit one of the many points of interest nearby, such as the Botanical Gardens, Elephantine Island and the Aga Khan Mausoleum. Later, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo for the night. (B)

Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

DAY 7 | THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM AND CITADEL

Begin your city sightseeing with your Egyptologist at the world-famous Egyptian Museum. Starring among its attractions is the amazing treasure recovered from Tutankhamun's tomb. Explore Cairo Citadel and see the Great Alabaster Mosque. Later, you will have free time to enjoy as you wish. In the evening, take your seats at the magical Sound and Light Show at the Great Pyramids which literally illuminates the history of Giza - an unforgettable introduction to the world of ancient Egypt. (B)

DAY 8 | THE GREAT PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Gain a deeper understanding of the last remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, during a visit to Giza with your Egyptologist. Meet the enigmatic Sphinx, crouching at the foot of the Chephrenis Causeway and venture inside one of the magnificent Pyramids. Nearby lies Memphis, capital of the Old Kingdom, where you can see the colossal statue of Ramesses II and the great Alabaster Sphinx.

Continue to Sakkara to view the Step Pyramid of Zoser, which dates back 2686 B.C., making it the oldest pyramid in the world. Meet the skilled artisans at a local weaving school, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Enjoy free time in the evening. (B)

DAY 9 | DEPART CAIRO

After breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport. (B)



“The insights into wildlife of our Local Expert, Araby, are nothing short of impressive. As you sail along the Nile in Aswan, he’ll give you an even deeper understanding of the natural environment of Egypt.”

– HAZEM, TRAVEL DIRECTOR



Superior Dining

Egyptian dinner and galabeya party on the Nile cruise | Follow in the footsteps of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie as you enjoy high tea at Aswan’s famous Old Cataract Hotel, while the sun begins to set.

Insightful Experiences

Luxor: Enjoy listening to stories of village life from local residents, when you visit a family home for a tasting of authentic Egyptian sun bread.

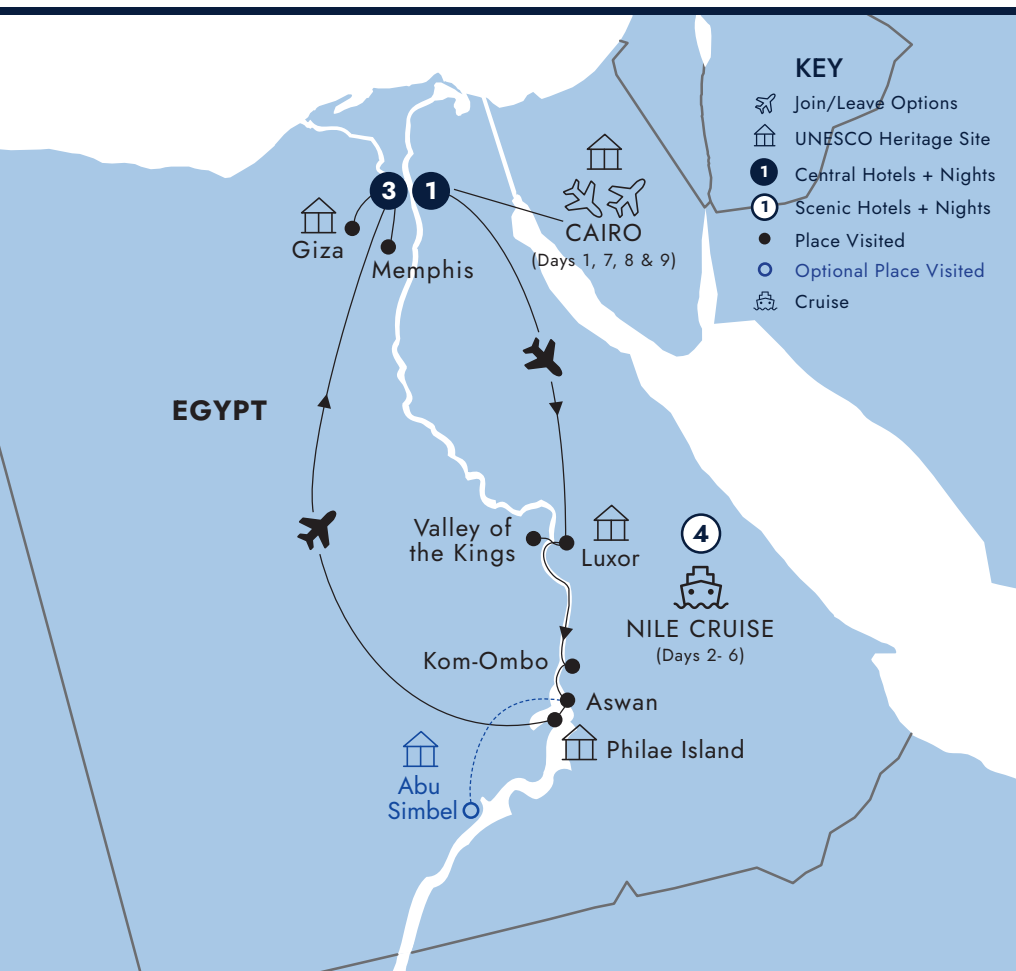
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DAY 8 | Be mesmerised by the intricate art of Egyptian carpet weaving as you meet the skilled artisans of a local weaving school that has been safeguarding the traditional weaving methods on wooden looms, using silk, cotton and natural dyes.

Top Rated Highlights

Cruise the Nile for four-nights from Luxor to Aswan | Travel with return flights from Cairo | Ride a Nile felucca | Visit the Karnak Temple Complex | Luxor Museum | Valley of the Kings and Temple Hatshepsut on the West Bank | Luxor Temple | Temple of Kom Ombo | High Dam and Granite Quarries of Aswan | Temple of Isis on the Island of Philae | Egyptian Museum | Pyramids of Giza | the Sphinx and Sakkara Step Pyramid of Zoser | Giza Sound and Light Show.



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SPLENDOURS OF EGYPT

Learn the insights behind the Pyramids, cruise the Nile and stop for high tea at the Old Cataract Hotel, where Winston Churchill once dined.

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 26 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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Trip code: B945/WB945

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN CAIRO

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Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

DAY 2 | FLY TO LUXOR, CRUISE THE NILE

In the morning, fly to Luxor and visit the huge temple complex of Karnak. Walk through the avenue of ram-headed sphinxes to stand among the columns of the Hypostyle Hall. Later, transfer to your cruise ship, your home for the next seven nights. After lunch on board, take a walk through the Luxor Museum, witness ancient artefacts. This evening, get to know your Travel Director, a professionally trained Egyptologist, as well as fellow guests over a Welcome Drink followed by dinner. The rest of the evening is at leisure. (B) (L) (D)

MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar).

DAY 3 | EXPLORING DENDERA AND ON TO EDFU

In the morning, visit the Temple of Hathor in Dendera. One of the best-preserved temples in Egypt, it contains a rare depiction of Cleopatra and her son Caesarian. At lunchtime return to your ship and enjoy a scenic journey via the Esna Lock to Edfu. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 4 | EDFU TO ASWAN

Start the day with breakfast, as you cruise along the Nile to Kom Ombo before continuing on to the city of Aswan. Famous for its archaeological sites, such as the Philae temple complex and the Temple of Isis, Aswan is an agreeable mix of ancient and contemporary Egypt. In the evening, enjoy a fun-filled Egyptian dinner and galabeya party. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 5 | ASWAN'S HIGH DAM & TEMPLE OF ISIS

Today's sightseeing includes a visit to Aswan's High Dam and granite quarries, to see the enormous unfinished obelisk. Travel by motorboat to the Temple of Isis, rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy the facilities on your cruise ship. Ask your Travel Director for recommendations on things to do onboard or perhaps ask for more insights into Egypt's fascinating history? (B) (L) (D)

DAY 6 | FELUCCAS AND HIGH TEA

Throughout your journey you'll have seen many feluccas sailing along the Nile. Now it's your time to explore one for yourself. On this traditional vessel, you'll meet a local sailor who will teach you about the ancient art of sailing. Later, meet the wonderful ladies of a local Women-owned co-operative on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. As the sun starts to fade, enjoy high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel, just like Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie once did before you. The hotel is rumoured to be where Christie wrote her bestselling novel, "Death on the Nile." (B) (L) (AT) (D)

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 7 | FREE TIME AND ON TO KOM OMBO

With the morning free, perhaps join an Optional Experience to Abu Simbel? These temples overlook Lake Nasser and are made up of the Great Temple of Ramesses II and the Temple of Hathor. Later, sail to Kom Ombo to visit the only double temple of Egypt, dedicated to two gods: the crocodile-headed Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus the Elder. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 8 | CRUISING THE NILE TO LUXOR

Your cruise continues along the bustling waters of the Nile. Enjoy the facilities on board and have your cameras at the ready for the sights, as you leisurely make your way to Luxor. In the evening, visit Luxor Temple, where you dock for the night. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 9 | EXPLORE LUXOR AND FLY TO CAIRO

Disembark from your cruise and travel by coach to the west bank of the Nile. See the Colossi of Memnon and visit both the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings, where many pharaohs were buried, including Hatshepsut, Amenhotep I and Tutankhamun.

Experience the renowned local hospitality of Egyptians, during a visit to the village of Geziret Bahirat. Connect with the community and share bread with the Bahirat family, while they regale guests with their fascinating stories of daily life.

Later, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo. (B)

Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

DAY 10 | CAIRO SIGHTSEEING

Ascend to the Citadel and visit the Alabaster Mosque, otherwise known as the Great Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha, regarded as the founder of modern Egypt. Continue to Tahrir Square and visit the Egyptian Museum with your Egyptologist. Later, see history come to life on the pyramids as you witness the magical Sound and Light Show. (B)

DAY 11 | CAIRO AND THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Head to Memphis, the famous capital of the ancient world. See the colossal statue of Ramses II and the Great Alabaster Sphinx. Continue to Sakkara to see the Step Pyramid of King Zoser, the oldest pyramid in the world, dating back to 2700 B.C. In the afternoon, it's on to Giza to explore the magnificent pyramids. Here you'll come face-to-face with the enigmatic Sphinx. Venture inside one of these ancient wonders to see the chambers where the pharaohs were sent to meet their gods in the afterlife. (B)

DAY 12 | DEPART CAIRO

After breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport. (B)



Superior Dining

Egyptian dinner and galabeya party on the Nile cruise | Follow in the footsteps of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie as you enjoy high tea at Aswan's famous Old Cataract Hotel, as the sun begins to set.

Insightful Experiences

Luxor: Enjoy listening to stories of village life from local residents, when you visit a family home for a tasting of authentic Egyptian sun bread.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



DAY 6 | Meet the women of a local women-owned co-operative whose mission is to support vulnerable women from the local villages to learn new skills and become financially independent.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel with return flights from Cairo | Ride a Nile felucca | Visit the Karnak Temple Complex | Dendera Temple | Valley of the Kings and Temple Hatshepsut on the West Bank | Luxor Temple | Temple of Kom Ombo | High Dam and Granite Quarries of Aswan | Temple of Isis on the Island of Philae | Egyptian Museum | Pyramids of Giza | See the Colossi of Memnon | Cairo Citadel | Great Alabaster Mosque | Giza's Sound and Light Show | Statue of Rameses II and the Alabaster Sphinx in Memphis | Sakkara's Step Pyramid of Zoser I.

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WONDERS OF TURKEY

Explore ancient Ephesus, see the the turquoise travertine pools of Pamukkale and experience whirling dervishes.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 18 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/wondersturkey](https://www.insightvacations.com/wondersturkey)

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ISTANBUL

Welcome to Istanbul. On arrival, a representative will pick you up from the airport and transfer you to your hotel. Join your Travel Director at 18:30 for a Dinner with wine at a local restaurant, where you'll get to know your fellow travellers. (D)
Grand Wyndham Levent, Istanbul.

DAY 2 | GALLIPOLI, ANZAC COVE AND TROY

Marvel at breathtaking coastal views as you make your way along the shores of the Sea of Marmara to historic Gallipoli. Located in the southern part of East Thrace, it was here that for nine months during the Great War, Anzac troops fought in an attempt to gain control of the Dardanelles Strait. Learn more about these events as you visit Anzac Cove and Lone Pine Cemetery. Later, join your group as you head from Eceabat across the sea to Çanakkale before arriving to the historic city of Troy, the focal point of the Trojan War and the backdrop to one of history's most famous love stories. A replica of the mighty Trojan horse, which helped the Greeks capture the city in 1200 B.C., can be seen beside the city's walls. (B)
DoubleTree by Hilton Canakkale, Canakkale.

DAY 3 | PERGAMON, IZMIR AND KUSADASI

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Copmadam, a women's co-op turning recycled materials into unique items, and addressing women's employment issues. Continue on to Pergamon, once a powerful ancient Greek city, you'll find the Asklepieion temple here. A famous shrine and healing centre, it was built in honour of Asklepios, the god of medicine. After some time exploring, continue your journey to the coastal resort of Kusadasi. (B) (D)
Charisma De Luxe Hotel, Kusadasi.

DAY 4 | ANCIENT EPHEBUS AND KUSADASI

Start your morning with a trip to the nearby town of Selçuk, home to the House of the Virgin Mary and the Temple of Artemis. Begin with an educational visit to the Archaeological Museum. Once here, delve into the area's history as you explore the museum's exhibits, many of which have been retrieved from the nearby Ephesus excavation site. Later, explore this famous site itself, before visiting the House of the Virgin Mary, situated above the Ephesus ruins. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | THE POOLS OF PAMUKKALE

This morning, head to a local organic farm and meet the agricultural director, who will take you on a walking tour of the eco-friendly lands. You'll have the satisfying task of picking fruits and vegetables from his fields. Delight in a mouth-watering Farm-to-Table lunch, prepared with fresh produce from the farm. Next, make your way to Pamukkale. Visit the ruins of the ancient Roman spa city of Hierapolis, founded in 190 B.C. You'll see the city's well-preserved theatre and its turquoise travertine pools. (B) (L) (D)
Doğa Thermal Health & Spa, Pamukkale.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | THE UNDERGROUND CITIES OF CAPPADOCIA

Today your journey takes you to Urgup, an historic town in the heart of Cappadocia. Visit the 13th-century Sultanhanı Caravanserai before exploring the underground city of Saratlı. You will recognise this famous area from the striking golden, volcanic landscapes that surround it. Get some rest here before your travels continue in the morning. (B) (D)

DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos, Cappadocia.

DAY 7 | THE WHIRLING DERVISHES AND CAPPADOCIA

Move on to Göreme, a town in the Cappadocia region of Turkey. Explore its rock-hewn churches decorated with ancient wall paintings before moving on to the Pasabag Valley. Later, visit the underground city of Özkonak, where you'll have time to explore its tunnels and caves with your Travel Director before joining a Cappadocian local who has lived in the city for decades and take a tour of their cave house. Dinner tonight will be accompanied by a performance of Whirling Dervishes. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | ANKARA

One for art lovers, this morning, you'll learn about the art of pottery making in Avanos. A town based in Cappadocia, Avanos is famous for its earthenware pottery. Continue your journey to Ankara, where you'll visit the Hittite Museum and Anıtkabir, the Mausoleum of Atatürk, Turkey's greatest modern leader and the first President of

the Republic of Turkey. Perhaps relax in the spa and wellness centre at your hotel this evening. (B) Ankara Hilton SA, Ankara.

DAY 9 | TO ISTANBUL

It's time to head to Istanbul. A glorious fusion of east and west, this popular city offers something for everyone, with history, culture, modernity, delicious cuisine and of course, the friendliest of faces. Board a cruise along the Bosphorus. As you make your way from Eminönü to the Black Sea, witness the area's beautiful Ottoman palaces and fortresses lining the waterfront. (B) Grand Hyatt, Istanbul.

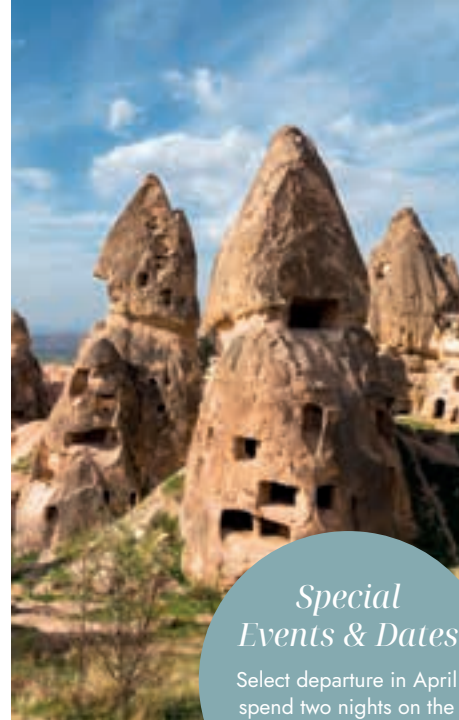
DAY 10 | ISTANBUL & THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Take in the sites of Istanbul. In the morning, visit the historic Blue Mosque and the Hippodrome, where Roman chariot races were held, before exploring Hagia Sophia. Built in A.D. 537, it is famous for its domed roof. Visit the Topkapi Palace, perched above the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn.

Enjoy the excitement of bargaining in the bustling Grand Bazaar. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

DAY 11 | FAREWELL ISTANBUL

It's time to say goodbye to your new friends, as your trip comes to an end. A transfer will take you to the airport for your onward flights. (B)



Special Events & Dates

Select departure in April spend two nights on the Gallipoli Peninsula and attend the ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Istanbul | Sema performance followed by dinner in Cappadocia | Celebration Dinner in Istanbul.

Insightful Experiences

Cappadocia: Join a Cappadocian local, who has lived in the city for decades and take a tour of their cave house to learn more about their unique way of life.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



DAY 3 | Visit the vibrant Copmadam workshop which produces one-of-a-kind items made from recycled packaging, creating employment opportunities for local women.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by ferry across the Dardanelles | Cruise along the Bosphorus | Visit Gallipoli Peninsula | Troy | Asklepion in Pergamon | Ephesus | Seljuk Caravanserai in Anatolia | Mausoleum of Atatürk in Ankara | Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul | City tours of Pergamon, Göreme and Istanbul, all with Local Experts | See Anzac Cove at Gallipoli | the reconstructed Trojan Horse | the city of Izmir | Cotton Castle and ruins of Hierapolis in Pamukkale | Potters at work in Avanos.



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TREASURES OF TURKEY

Descend into a local resident's cave house in Cappadocia, and in Göreme, explore rock-hewn churches decorated exquisitely.

15 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 24 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: 1949

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ISTANBUL

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Grand Wyndham Levent, Istanbul.

DAY 2 | BOSPHORUS CRUISE AND BURSA

Embark on a cruise along Bosphorus Strait. Travel towards the old city and see the beautiful Ottoman palaces and fortresses, on the waterfront. Later, leave Istanbul for Bursa. This evening, venture to a local restaurant for a tasty meal. (B) (D)
Mövenpick Bursa Hotel and Thermal Spa.

DAY 3 | CUMALIKIZIK AND GORDION

Begin your day of culture in Bursa with a visit to the Green Mosque, the Grand Mosque and the Mausoleum complex. Continue to the charming village of Cumalikizik. Later move on to Gordion, before making your way to Ankara. (B)
Ankara HiltonSA, Ankara.

DAY 4 | SOPHISTICATED ANKARA

Sightseeing includes a visit to the Hittite Museum and Anit Kabir, the Mausoleum of Atatürk. Later, head to Avanos in Cappadocia. Famed for its unique geological formation, Cappadocia is a scenic delight with golden hills and panoramic views. (B) (D)
DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos, Cappadocia

DAY 5 | THE UNDERGROUND CITIES OF CAPPADOCIA EXPERIENCE

Today, you'll travel to the striking town of Göreme. Explore its rock-hewn churches decorated with ancient wall paintings. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Uçhisar Kadıneli Restaurant and get a taste of Anatolia's regional flavours. This establishment provides employment for the women of the village and supports their financial freedom. Next, continue on to the Pasabag Valley and visit the underground city of Özkonak. You will be welcomed into the home by a local Cappadocian living in an authentic cave house. Explore this unique way of living, learning about local traditions and family life. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant, later you'll witness a performance of Whirling Dervishes. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 6 | KONYA

Learn more about traditional pottery making in Avanos before journeying along the famous Silk Road to visit a 13th century caravanserai. Later, travel to Turkey's most religious city, Konya. See the Karatay Medrese and Ince Minaret, and visit the Mevlana Museum. (B) (D)
Novotel Konya Hotel.

DAY 7 | THROUGH THE TAURUS MOUNTAINS

Take a scenic drive down the Taurus Mountains to Aspendos, an ancient city in Antalya province. (B) (D)
Akra Barut Antalya.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 8 | ANTALYA'S OLD TOWN

Visit Antalya's pretty Old Town. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy the leisure facilities at your hotel. (B)

DAY 9 | THE POOLS OF PAMUKKALE

Cross the Taurus Mountains to see the remains of the ancient city of Hierapolis. Next to the ruins, you can see the gleaming white travertine terraces of Pamukkale. (B) (D)

Doğa Thermal Health & Spa, Pamukkale.

DAY 10 | KUSADASI

Start your morning with a trip to the Temple of Aphrodite, dedicated to the goddess of love, beauty and fertility, in Geyre. Based in the ruins of the ancient city of Aphrodisias, it was the focal point of the city in its heyday. You'll see the towering, fourteen columns of the temple that have been re-erected. Arrive into the coastal resort of Kusadasi for an evening at leisure. (B) Charisma De Luxe Hotel, Kusadasi.

DAY 11 | IZMIR AND ANCIENT EPHEBUS

This morning you'll explore pretty Izmir, Turkey's third largest city. A vibrant destination on Turkey's Aegean coast, it was founded by the Greeks and has been an important port since ancient times. Before discovering one of the world's finest archaeological sites, Ephesus. Walk through the colonnaded Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and the huge Amphitheater, before visiting the House of the Virgin Mary, situated above the Ephesus ruins and the Ephesus Archaeological Museum. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | PERGAMON, TROY AND ÇANAKKALE.

Start your day in Pergamon, where you find the Asklepon. Next, head to Homer's city of Troy, the focal point of the Trojan war and the backdrop

to one of history's most famous love stories. A replica of the mighty Trojan Horse can be found beside the city's walls. After some time exploring, continue your journey to Çanakkale. (B)

DoubleTree by Hilton Canakkale, Canakkale.

DAY 13 | GALLIPOLI AND ANZAC COVE

Cross the Dardanelles Strait by ferry to the Gallipoli Peninsula. Located in the southern part of East Thrace, it was here that, for nine months during the Great War, Anzac troops fought, in an attempt to gain control of the Dardanelles Strait. Learn more about these events as you visit Anzac Cove and pay your respects at the Lone Pine Cemetery. Later, return to Istanbul. (B) Grand Wyndham Levent, Istanbul.

DAY 14 | ISTANBUL AND THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

In the morning, visit the historic Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia and see the Hippodrome where Roman chariot races were held. Visit the Topkapi Palace, perched above the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn, the primary inlet of the waterway. Enjoy the excitement of bargaining in the bustling Grand Bazaar. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for a Celebration Dinner. (B) (D)

DAY 15 | FAREWELL ISTANBUL

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Special Events & Dates

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Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant in Istanbul | Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant in Istanbul.

Insightful Experiences

Cappadocia: Join a Cappadocian local, who has lived in the city for decades and take a tour of their cave house to learn more about their unique way of life.

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DAY 5 | Enjoy the unique flavours of Anatolia at Uchisar Kadineli Restaurant, where every dish is homemade with love. This remarkable establishment provides employment for more than 65 women from the village.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by cruise along Bosphorus | Ride a ferry across the Dardanelles. Visit Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul | Grand Mosque, Green Mosque and Mausoleum in Bursa | Mausoleum of Atatürk in Ankara | Pasabag Valley in Göreme | Mevlana Tekke Museum in Konya | Seljuk Caravanserai in Anatolia | Roman Theatre in Aspendos | Archaeological Museum in Ephesus | Troy | Asklepon in Pergamon | Gallipoli Peninsula. City tours of Göreme, Konya, Pergamon and Istanbul, all with Local Experts.

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JORDAN EXPERIENCE

WITH DEAD SEA OPTION

Explore the ruins of the Temples of Artemis and Zeus, ascend Mount Nebo, and traverse a gorge to Petra's Treasury.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | DYNAMIC ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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DAY 1 | ARRIVE AMMAN

Your journey begins in Amman, the innovative white stone capital city of Jordan. The landscape of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has changed very little in 2,000 years. On arrival to Amman International airport, you are transferred to your hotel where you can choose to relax and settle in or explore at your leisure. Later, join your Travel Director for drinks and a Welcome Dinner and the chance to meet your fellow travel companions. (D) Amman Marriott Hotel.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING AMMAN AND JERASH

After breakfast depart for Iraq Al-Amir for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Visit a women's cooperative involving women and girls from nearby Wadi Al Seer villages. The association is supported by Insight Vacations through The TreadRight Foundation and provides training and work opportunities for women in the region. Then, the journey to Jerash reveals the most beautifully preserved example of a Greco-Roman city still in existence. Enter through Hadrian's Arch, to explore the grand ruins of the Temples of Artemis and Zeus, where you can listen to the Whispering Column. Overlook the vast Oval Plaza and Cardo Maximus, the key Roman road. Enjoy an al fresco lunch of natural produce and family recipes at Beit Khairat Souf, during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This women-owned café hosted in the home of the Bataresh family is combatting female unemployment and aims to build a strong community of women leaders who can become financially independent. Return to Amman where the rest of the day is at leisure. Why not ask your Travel Director for advice on local restaurant options this evening? (B) (L)

DAY 3 | MADABA, MOUNT NEBO, SHOBAK AND ON TO PETRA

Continue to Mount Nebo, one of the most revered holy sites of Jordan, where Moses is said to have stood and seen before him the Promised Land. At Madaba, visit the famous Greek Orthodox Church of St. George with its amazing 6th century mosaic map depicting the entire Holy Land, stretching from Jordan and Palestine in the north, to Egypt in the south. Follow the King's Highway to visit Shobak, an authentic 12th century crusader fortress, perched on the side of a rocky mountain. Admire the towers and Arabic calligraphy on the external walls before stepping inside to discover the original Crusader chapel, palace complex, and even a set of secret passages! Later, head south for one of the highlights of your journey: the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Petra, voted one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. (B) (D) Petra Marriott Hotel.

DAY 4 | EXPLORING THE LOST CITY OF PETRA

This day is devoted to the beautiful 'rose-red city, half as old as time'. You enter this lost city through a narrow gorge, the Siq, with walls that rise up to 200 meters. Emerge from the path to see the magnificent Treasury, carved out of solid rock and

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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standing over 40 meters high. Wind your way through the canyon to explore the ancient tombs and the Roman Amphitheater, which once seated 3,000 spectators.

Tonight, taste authentic Jordanian flavours as you experience a traditional desert dinner with locals in a stunning backdrop at the Ammarin Bedouin camp. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | WADI RUM WITH THE BEDOUIN

Head to Wadi Rum. Enjoy beautiful vistas as you make your way on a jeep safari deep, into the heart of Wadi Rum's majestic desert with a spectacular Mars-like landscape. Enjoy authentic Bedouin hospitality tonight as you dine with locals under the stars for your Zarb dinner. Wadi Rum is known as one of the world's best place for stargazing. After dinner join an astronomer for a private stargazing session, and sweeping views of the night sky on your magical Insight Experience. Stay in elegant simplicity in a desert camp for the night. (B) (D)

Sun City Camp, Wadi Rum.

DAY 6 | AMMAN

If you wish, start the day with sunrise yoga at the Bedouin camp taking in the beautiful and peaceful surroundings, before returning to the liveliness of Amman. Today, explore Amman with Insight Choice. Choose to join a guided sightseeing experience, highlighting the city's history, architecture and culture including visit the Citadel, and the grand Roman

Amphitheater. Alternatively, explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffiti walking tour. Later, check in at your hotel where the rest of your day is at leisure. Join in a lively dinner to celebrate the end of your Jordanian adventures as some of your fellow travellers will not continue to the Dead Sea. (B) (D)
Amman Marriott Hotel.

DAY 7 | ONWARDS TO THE DEAD SEA

Transfer to the Dead Sea for its warm, soothing and mineral-rich waters. Pamper yourself at your resort which offers a wide range of treatments to soothe the body and mind. The evening is at leisure, you may wish to relax and admire as the sun sets on the turquoise tides. Dinner is served in your hotel this evening. (B) (D)

Dead Sea Marriott Resort & Spa.

DAY 8 | DEAD SEA AT LEISURE

Enjoy the entire day at your leisure. Lying more than 400 meters below sea level, this is Earth's lowest point on dry land. Its famous hypersaline water makes floating easy. The surrounding desert offers many oases and historic sites to explore. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | DEPART AMMAN

After breakfast, you are transferred to Amman Airport for your onward flight. (B)



Superior Dining

Traditional Jordanian lunch in Jerash | Dine with local Bedouins at the Ammarin Camp in Petra | Traditional Jordanian barbecue dinner in Wadi Rum.

Insightful Experiences

Wadi Rum: Join an astronomer in one of the most magical places on earth for a private stargazing session, and sweeping views of the night sky.

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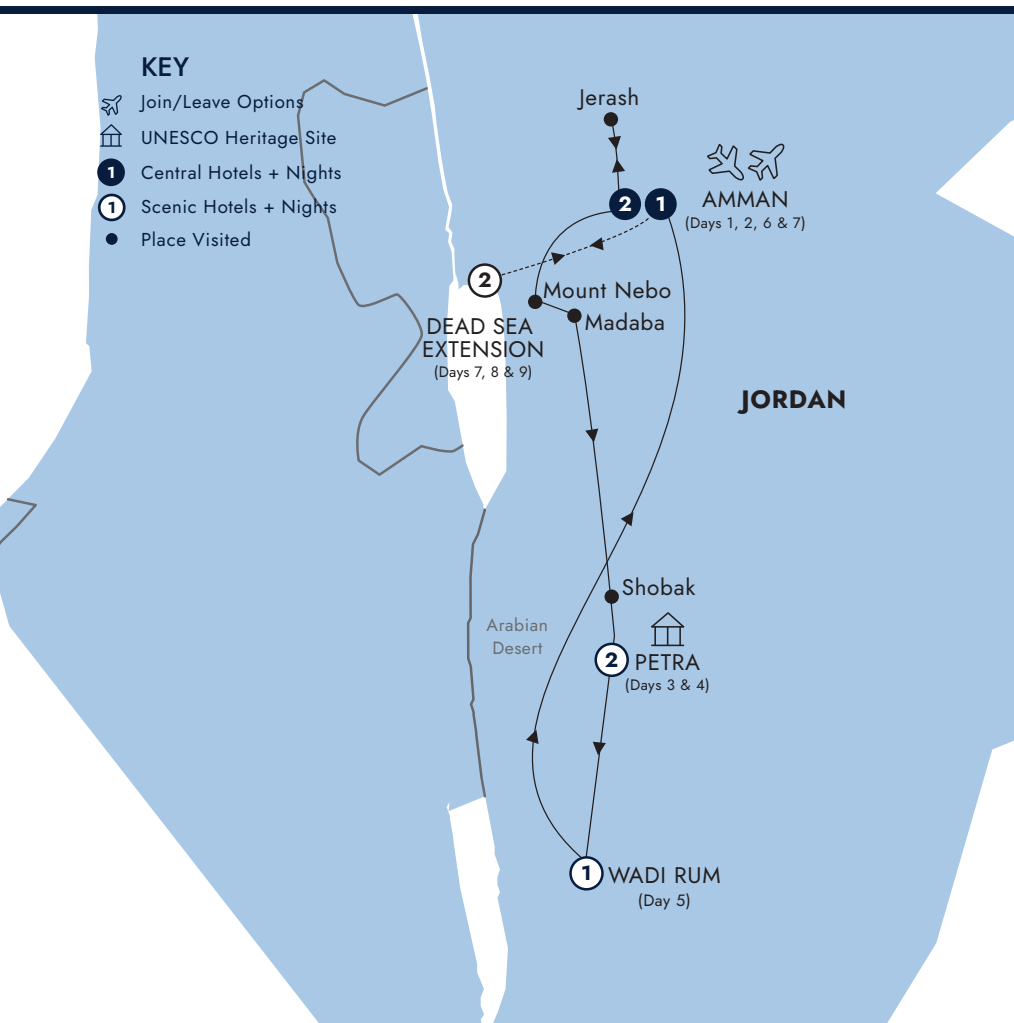


DAY 2 | Visit the Iraq-Al Amir Women's Cooperative supported by the TreadRight Foundation. Learn some skills behind these traditional handicraft activities from the ladies of the cooperative and admire their work, which helps boost their financial livelihoods.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by jeep safari in Wadi Rum | Visit Jerash Ruins | Crusader Fortress of Shobak | See the Ruins of Mount Nebo | Explore the Ancient City of Petra | Take a dip in the famously mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea | Visit the Citadel, the grand Roman Amphitheater and the Archaeological Museum in Amman | Explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffiti walking tour.

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LAND OF THE PROPHETS

Adventure into the ancient world seeing picturesque Petra, sail the Nile on a felucca, and explore the sites of Israel.

26 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 51 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO TEL AVIV

You will be met at Ben Gurion Airport and driven to your hotel in Tel Aviv. At 19:30 meet your travel companions for a Welcome Reception and a short introduction to your Israeli adventures. Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING VIBRANT TEL AVIV

See the Habimah National Theatre, Rabin Square and Carmel Market. Venture along the seashore to the ancient city of Jaffa to see the famous clock tower and meet an artist for a tour of their studio. (B)

DAYS 3-4 | GALILEE AND HULA VALLEY

In Nazareth, visit the Church of the Annunciation. The day concludes with a brief introduction to life on a Kibbutz. Break traditional challah bread with your travel companions over a cheerful Shabbat dinner. The following day, journey to the Hula Valley and join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Agmon Hahula reserve. With a ranger, visit the ecological garden. (B) (D) Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Tiberias.

DAY 5 | TO THE DEAD SEA

Explore Galilee with Insight Choice. Choose to cruise the serene waters of lake Kinneret for glorious views of the Golan Heights. Alternatively, find out more about the remains of a 1st century fishing boat that was found embedded at the bottom of the lake. Visit Capernaum, where Jesus is said to have entered the synagogue to teach. (B) (D) Herods Dead Sea, Ein Bokek.

DAY 6 | MASADA AND THE HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM

Take a cable car ride up to the fortress of Masada, where Jewish zealots held out for three years against King Herod's armies. In Jerusalem, visit the Room of the Last Supper and see the Wailing Wall. (B) Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem.

DAYS 7-8 | EXPLORING JERUSALEM

Visit Yad Vashem, a memorial for those who perished in the Holocaust. Continue to the Israel Museum and retrace the history of the city. Visit the Shrine of the Book, home to ancient Dead Sea scrolls. Enjoy a relaxed morning or perhaps visit Bethlehem? At night, toast your adventures over a hearty Highlight Dinner with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | FROM JERUSALEM TO AMMAN

Travel through the Judean Desert to the border of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Once at your Amman hotel, relax and settle in before meeting your Jordanian Travel Director for drinks and dinner. (B) (D) Amman Marriott Hotel.

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DAY 10 | EXPLORING AMMAN AND JERASH

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DAYS 11-12 | THE RED CITY OF PETRA

Visit Mount Nebo, Madaba and Shobak. Then head south to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Petra. Dine with locals at the Ammarin desert camp with a stunning backdrop. Petra Marriott Hotel. (B) (D)

DAY 13 | WADI RUM WITH THE BEDOUIN

Enjoy a jeep safari deep into the heart of Wadi Rum's majestic desert. Dine with locals under the stars, and stay in elegant simplicity in a desert camp for the night. Join an astronomer for a magical stargazing experience in the Jordanian desert. (B) (D)
Sun City Camp, Wadi Rum.

DAY 14 | AMMAN

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in a lively dinner to celebrate the end of your Jordanian adventures. (B) (D)
Amman Marriott Hotel.

DAY 15 | AMMAN TO CAIRO

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Cairo. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. (B)
Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

DAYS 16-22 | CRUISE THE NILE

Visit Luxor Temple and the Temple of Hathor in Dendera. Venture to Aswan's High Dam and granite quarries to see the enormous unfinished obelisk and explore the Temple of Isis. In Kom Ombo, visit the only temple in Egypt dedicated to two gods. Enjoy a high tea at the Old Cataract Hotel. (B) (L) (D)
MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar).

DAYS 23-25 | EXPLORE LUXOR AND FLY TO CAIRO

Visit a local family home and witness the making of authentic Egyptian bread. Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo. Spend the last three days of your adventures exploring the city, including a visit to the Egyptian Museum with your Egyptologist, and step inside a pyramid. (B)
Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

DAY 26 | DEPART CAIRO

After breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport. (B)



Superior Dining

Friday Shabbat Dinner in Tiberias | Dine with Bedouins in Petra | Traditional barbecue dinner in Wadi Rum | Egyptian dinner and galabeya party on the Nile cruise | Follow in the footsteps of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie as you enjoy high tea at Aswan's famous Old Cataract Hotel.

Insightful Experiences

Wadi Rum: Join an astronomer in one of the most magical places on earth for a private stargazing session, and sweeping views of the night sky | Meet an artist in Tel Aviv.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



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DAY 20 | Meet the women of a local women owned co-operative whose mission is to support vulnerable women from the local villages to learn new skills and become financially independent.

Insight Choice

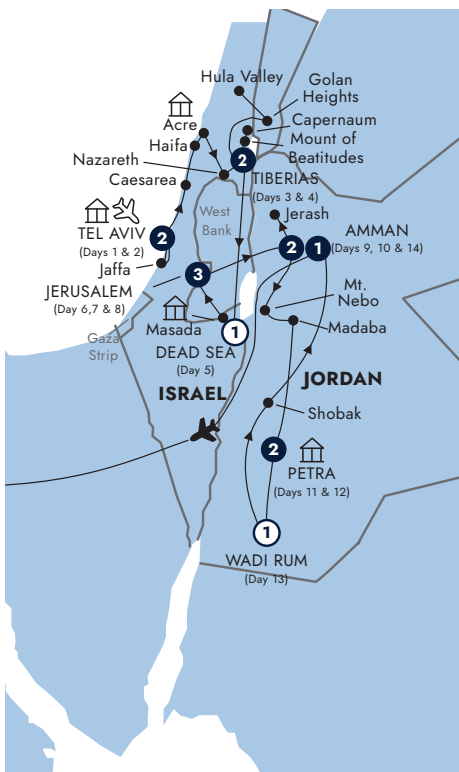
Choose between two experiences in Galilee.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel with return flights to Luxor | Ride a traditional Nile felucca | Swim in the Dead Sea | Join a Jeep safari in Wadi Rum.

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DAYS 1 - 14
Tel Aviv to Amman



DAYS 15 - 26
Cairo & Nile Cruise



GLORIES OF GREECE

*Experience ancient grandeur at the Acropolis.
Master local cuisine over a cooking demonstration
of moussaka and tzatziki.*

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | DYNAMIC ACTIVITY



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Trip code: I951B/W951

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ATHENS

Venture back to a time when great philosophers roamed the halls of the Agora and gods competed for mythical supremacy. Embark on an unforgettable exploration of ancient myths and legends in the vibrant capital of Athens, which you will have an opportunity to explore after your Insight host will meet you at the airport and take you to your hotel where you may prefer to settle in and relax. At 19:00, Join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner and a chance to get to know your fellow travel companions over a delightful evening of dinner and wine. (D)
Divani Palace Acropolis/New Hotel/Athens Marriott Hotel, Athens.

DAY 2 | ATHENS, CITY OF GODS

Today your mythical Grecian discovery encapsulates the intriguing history of ancient Greece. Begin with an exploration revealing the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Arch of Hadrian. Next, your Local Expert takes you to the Acropolis, one of the most important ancient sites in the Western world. Crowning the top is the Parthenon, visible from almost everywhere in the city. See the Temple of Athena Nike, also known as the Temple of the Wingless Victory, and the six stone-carved caryatids that make up the Porch of the Maidens on the Erechtheion. Continue to Thermopylae, famous as the mountain pass where King Leonidas led his Spartan army, along with fellow Greek soldiers, into battle against the Persians in 480 B.C. See the memorial dedicated to Leonidas and his courageous Spartans. Learn about this pivotal moment in the country's history as you gain insight into the immortal words inscribed on the memorial site. Then on to your hotel in Kalambaka for a delicious dinner from a fresh, seasonal menu. (B) (D)

Divani Meteora Hotel/Grand Meteora, Kalambaka.

DAY 3 | THE PINNACLES OF METEORA

With your Local Expert, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Meteora, meaning 'in the air.' The massive pinnacles of smooth rock are ancient, yet could also be the setting for a science fiction tale. Visit one of the monasteries, that adds to the strange and beautiful landscape and enjoy stunning views over the Peneios Valley. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Why not explore with a relaxed walk on the nature trails? Alternatively, you may wish to visit the Natural History Museum, with a rich collection of birds and mammals as well as a comprehensive mushroom museum, the first of its kind in Greece. (B)

DAY 4 | THE SACRED WAY AND ONTO OLYMPIA

Travel south, stopping at the foothills of Mount Parnassus. Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi with your Local Expert. Pass the Parian marble Treasury of the Athenians and Polygonal Wall, with its interlocking stones still perfectly intact after thousands of years. You'll approach the Temple of Apollo, where for 14 centuries the mysterious

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Oracle of Delphi breathed her enigmatic 'words,' rumoured to have successfully predicted events related to the Argonauts expedition and the Trojan War. Your travels continue to Olympia on Greece's Peloponnese peninsula. Dinner is served in your hotel and the evening is at leisure to admire the beautiful surroundings. (B) (D)

Amalia Hotel Olympia/Olympion Asty, Olympia.

DAY 5 | ANCIENT OLYMPIA

It's all in the name. Ancient Olympia is the site where the Ancient Olympic Games began in 776 B.C., in dedication to Zeus. See the ruined Temple of Zeus that was built to honour the ruler of the gods. Continue your exploration through time to the athletes gymnasium and the Ancient Stadium of Olympia with its characteristic arch. The start and finish points for the sprint track are still marked by stones and there is time to capture your own memory, with a photo at the starting line. In the evening, join local Chef Farije as she shares with you her passion for local ingredients and high quality products with an entertaining and immersive cooking demonstration, showcasing classic Greek cuisine. Experience authentic Greek regional flavours, as you savour dishes prepared for your Highlight Dinner. (B) (D)

DAY 6 | MYCENAE AND NAFPLIO

Today you leave the town of Olympia and begin your journey back to the Greek capital. Stop for a visit at the ruined city of Mycenae with a Local Expert. Walk through the Lion Gate,

visit the royal beehive-tombs and see the giant Cyclopean stones, used to build the city walls. Later, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet the artisans at a family-run pottery studio who has been safeguarding the techniques and secrets of Ancient-Greece pottery. View their beautiful works of art and learn about the skills needed to execute such delicate pieces. Our visit helps to support an artistic studio that preserves important skills and ancient traditions. Travel to the elegant town of Nafplio known for its beautiful architecture, colourful shops and vibrant cafes. Your journey continues, following the shores of the Saronic Gulf to pass the Corinth Canal, dividing the Peloponnese and mainland Greece, before arriving in Athens. In the evening enjoy a hearty Celebration Dinner in true Greek style, paired with fine wine and good company. (B) (D) Divani Palace Acropolis/New Hotel/Athens Marriott.

DAY 7 | DEPART ATHENS

This morning after breakfast, your Grecian odyssey comes to an end. Bid antío to the historic temples, legendary landscapes and delicious delights of Greece as you take a complimentary transfer to Athens Airport for your onward journey. (B)



Superior Dining

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Insightful Experiences

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Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Acropolis | Meteora monastery | The Sacred Way and Temple of Apollo in Delphi.

City tours of Athens, Meteora, Delphi and Mycenae, all with Local Experts | The Sacred Way and Temple of Apollo | Explore the Ancient Olympic Site of Olympia with the Temple of Zeus | See the Leonidas Monument in Thermopylae. See the Arch of Hadrian in Athens | Cross the amazing rock-cut channel dividing the Peloponnese from mainland Greece.

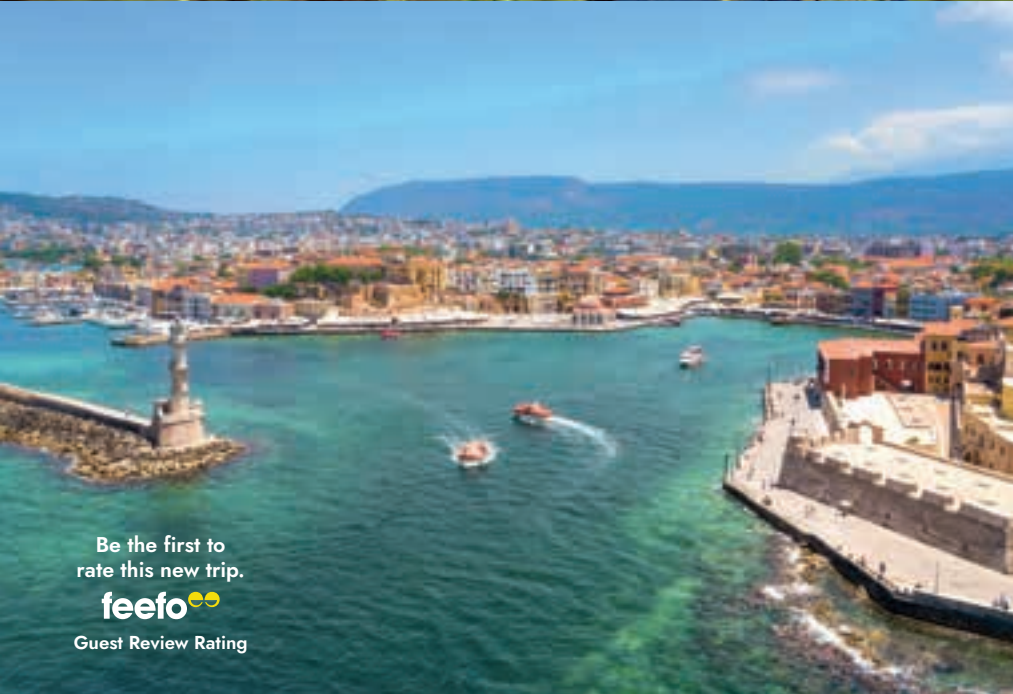
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GREECE UNDISCOVERED

*Explore the Acropolis, meet a local beekeeper
on his family-run honey farm and
encounter archeological finds in Crete.*

15 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 21 MEALS | DYNAMIC ACTIVITY



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DAYS 1 - 2 | ATHENS

With ancient civilisations dating back to 2700 BC, Greece has lured the most curious of travellers for centuries. Your Insight host meets you at the airport and transfers you to your hotel where you have time to settle in. Begin your time on Greece Undiscovered joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers over a delightful evening of Greek favourites and wine. (B) (D)

Divani Caravel Hotel Athens/Divani Acropolis, Athens.

DAY 3 | TRAVEL TO THESSALONIKI AND VISIT DION BELOW MOUNT OLYMPUS

Today depart from the Capital and travel north. Stop at Thermopylae and pay homage to Leonidas, the king of the Spartans at his mighty statue. Learn of the famous battle of Thermopylae between the Spartans and the Persians. Next stop is the archaeological park of Ancient Dion, located at the foot of Mount Olympus, the mythical home of the 12 Greek Gods. Visit the site with a local expert and hear the stories and myths of the fascinating site also called the city of Zeus. Arrive in the City of Thessaloniki - the 2nd largest city in Greece. After settling in, enjoy a sumptuous dinner in a local restaurant, with northern Greek cuisine and wine on the menu. (B) (D)

Electra Palace, Thessaloniki.

DAY 4 | THESSALONIKI - INSIGHT CHOICE DAY

Explore the city today with a local expert, walk the quaint narrow streets of the old town or "Ano Poli" and take in the stunning views of the city below. View the iconic landmark White Tower, the Rotunda Monument and visit the beautiful church of Saint Demetrius. Or, after a leisurely morning, set out to explore the city for a walking tour to discover Thessaloniki's markets while sampling local delicacies, such as sesame rings, fragrant cheeses, cured meats and the famous bougatsa - a creamy custard and filo pastry dessert. Later stroll along the harbour, and enjoy the sea breeze and views of the white tower. In the afternoon, choose an optional tour the Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki. (B)

DAY 5 | TRAVEL TO IOANNINA VIA VERGINA AND MOUNTAIN VILLAGE OF METSOVO

Visit the fascinating Unesco world Heritage site of Vergina historically known as Aigai. Together with your local expert, explore the excavations and see the tomb where Alexander the Great's father Philippos is believed to be buried. Visit the recently opened Polycentric Museum of Aigaia, exhibiting artefacts of the life, culture and history of the Kingdom of Macedonia. Later discover the traditional mountain town of Metsovo, famous for its cheese and quaint stone architecture. Enjoy time at leisure to stroll through the town and perhaps sample some of the local fare. Settle into your hotel this evening in the beautiful lakeside town of Ioannina. (B) (D)

Dulac Hotel, Ioannina.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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DAYS 6 - 8 | IOANNINA, GALAXIDI

Discover Ioannina: see the old town inside the historical castle walls, views of the beautiful lake Pomvotis. Hop on board a local boat for a trip to the island of Ioannina, stroll on the pedestrian streets, see the Filanthropinon Monastery. Choose to enjoy an optional experience. Next day, visit the exquisite Venetian town of Nafpaktos and arrive to Galaxidi where you will ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi with your Local Expert, pass the Parian marble Treasury of the Athenians and Polygonal Wall and approach the Temple of Apollo, where for 14 centuries the mysterious Oracle of Delphi breathed her enigmatic words. MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® with a Beekeeping experience. (B)

Ganymede Hotel/Nostos/Epavlis, Galaxidi.

DAY 9 | NAFPLIO

With the impressive Rio Andirio cable span bridge – one of the longest in Europe – guiding your journey, travel to the Peloponnese. The flavours of the wine making region of Nemea delight your palate over a winery tour and tasting with a light pairing lunch. Relaxed and ready for more sights and insights, arrive in Nafplio, the first capital of modern Greece. Your Travel Director reveals the sights of Nafplio on an orientation walk taking you past Neoclassical buildings with cascading bougainvillea, boutiques, restaurants and cafes, the first parliament of Modern Greece and the central square where locals and visitors gather. As the sun sets, the Venetian castle of Palamidi lights up the town. (B) (L)

Ippoliti Hotel/3 Sixty hotel, Nafplio.

DAY 10 | MYCENAE & EPIDAUROS

Classical Greek culture is revealed on your visit to the ruined city of Mycenae with a Local Expert. Gain insight into these ruins of the two of the

greatest cities of the Mycenaean civilisation which defined and shaped classical Greek culture. Continue your exploration of the ancient world visiting the Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus, one of the best-preserved amphitheatres in Greece. Today, the theatre is best known for its excellent acoustics due to the steps' "acoustic traps" and is still in use for theatrical performances. Before returning to Nafplion, stop at a local olive oil factory to learn about the olive oil making process while tasting extra virgin olive oil, a staple of the Mediterranean diet. (B)

DAY 11 | TAKE A FLIGHT TO HERAKLION (CRETE)

Travel back to Athens and catch a flight to Crete, where you will spend the next 4 nights. Arrive in Heraklion, enjoy an orientation walking tour. This evening try some of the local dishes, accompanied by the "fiery" drink raki! (B) (D) Megaron Hotel, Epidaurus.

DAYS 12 - 14 | CRETE

Visit the Palace of Knossos and the Archaeological museum of Heraklion with a Local Expert. Next day, enjoy a walking tour of Rethymno town. Walk along the quaint old Venetian port, with its icon lighthouse, see the Fortress, the mosques and minarets. The following day, delve into the history and archaeology of Venetian and Ottoman Chania with a Local Expert. During summertime, choose an afternoon optional cruise of the Cretan coast. On day 14, join fellow travellers for a farewell dinner in a traditional Cretan restaurant. (B) (D) Samaria Hotel Chania, Chania/Megaron Hotel, Heraklion.

DAY 15 | DEPARTURE

After breakfast be transferred to Chania airport for onward flight. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Taste the local flavours, whilst experiencing the famous Cretan hospitality | Welcome Dinner in Athens.

Insightful Experiences

Nemea: The wine making region of Nemea will delight your palate, learn the local wine making process and enjoy a tasting with a sommelier, accompanied by a light pairing lunch of local dishes.

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DAY 2 | Visit the first Turtle sanctuary created in the Mediterranean, and learn about the wonderful work done to help injured turtles and to protect the species.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus | Explore the Acropolis, Polycentric Museum of Agaia and Venetian town of Nafpaktos | Gain cultural insights at the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion | Travel to the Sacred Way and Temple of Apollo in Delphi | Visit the traditional mountain town of Metsovo | Explore the Minoan Palace of Knossos in Crete | See the Panathenaic Stadium, Hadrian's Arch, Temple of Zeus, Parliament building, the tomb of the unknown soldier and the trilogy of Athens | View the statue of Leonidas in Thermopylae | City tours of Athens, Ancient Dion, Vergina, Delphi, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Heraklion and Chania with a Local Expert.



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TREASURES OF GREECE & THE ISLANDS

*Soak in the Greek isles. See idyllic Santorini,
white-washed Mykonos and Athens' Arch
of Hadrian and the Acropolis.*

14 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 18 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Apr - Oct

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Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.

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Amalia Hotel/Olympion, Asty

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Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre, Athens.

DAY 7 | ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN TO SANTORINI

An early departure takes you to the port of Piraeus where your high-speed ferry awaits to whisk you over to the truly beautiful island of Santorini. On arrival, you are transferred to your hotel. (B)
Costa Grand Resort & Spa/De Sol Hotel & Spa, Santorini.

DAY 8 | THE SUNSETS OF SANTORINI

With two more sun-drenched days on one of the most romantic islands on earth, you won't ever want to leave. Relax in cliff top restaurants, laze on the sun-soaked beaches or observe history unearthed at the site of Akrotiri. In the evening, you'll witness the first of the golden sunsets for which the island is famous. (B)

DAY 9 | SANTORINI AS YOU WISH

Another day to relax and unwind on the black, red and white beaches, or why not take a caique (traditional Greek fishing boat) over to the volcanic islands for a swim in the hot springs? The island's delicious cuisine, whitewashed houses that gleam in the bright Aegean sun, narrow cobblestone streets and worldrenowned sunsets all combine to make Santorini a truly unique holiday experience. (B)

DAY 10 | SET SAIL FOR MYKONOS

Board the high-speed ferry bound for the island of Mykonos, playground of the rich and famous. You are met at the port and transferred to your hotel. (B)
Porto Mykonos/Dorion Hotel, Mykonos.

DAY 11 | MYKONOS MYSTIQUE

This day is the first of two glorious days at leisure. Explore the town with its winding maze of walkways, white-washed houses, magnificent windmills and uninhibited nightlife. Perhaps watch the sunset at Shirley Valentine Beach or take a short boat ride to Delos? (B)

DAY 12 | MYKONOS AT LEISURE

Another day to explore or relax as you wish. Perhaps swim the endless array of dazzling beaches that surround the island? Or maybe enjoy a cocktail on the waterfront at Little Venice? (B)

DAY 13 | RETURN TO ATHENS

In the morning, grab your final glimpse over the lustrous Aegean. You are transferred to the port for your return ferry to Athens. (B)
Divani Caravel Hotel/Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre.

DAY 14 | DEPART ATHENS

Bid farewell to Athens. Your journey ends with a transfer to the airport. (B)



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Top Rated Highlights

Travel by high-speed ferry from Athens to Mykonos and Santorini | Visit the Acropolis | Meteora monastery | The Sacred Way and temple of Apollo in Delphi | City tours of Athens, Meteora, Delphi and Mycenae, all with Local Experts | See the Leonidas Monument in Thermopylae | See the Arch of Hadrian in Athens | Cross the amazing rock-cut channel dividing the Peloponnese from mainland Greece | Explore the Ancient Olympic Site of Olympia with the Temple of Zeus.



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The Eiffel Tower was supposed to be a temporary installation, intended to stand for 20 years after being built for the 1889 World Fair.

Rome has more fountains than any other city on the planet, and the Pantheon in the city is the only ancient building in perfect condition existing today across the world.

The continent of Europe is home to more than 400 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, with Italy having the most sites on the list.

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ROAD TO ROME

Sample Swiss chocolate in Lucerne and watch master craftsmen demonstrate the ancient art of glassblowing in Venice.

12 DAYS | 7 COUNTRIES | 16 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Apr - Oct + Dec

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DAY 1 | LONDON TO PARIS BY EUROSTAR®

Meet your Travel Director at 07:30 and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar®. Alternatively, join in Paris. At 17:00 join your Travel Director for a fabulous Welcome Dinner at a local brasserie. (D)
Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

DAY 2 | PARIS, THE 'CITY OF LIGHT'

Explore Paris with an avid foodie. Visit small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. (B)

DAY 3 | BURGUNDY AND LUCERNE

Travel through the rural French countryside of Burgundy, famous for its vineyards and wine. Later, arrive in glorious lakeside Lucerne. A range of enticing options are available for your Dine-Around Evening. Choose from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants. (B) (D)
Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

DAY 4 | LUCERNE & MOUNT STANSERHORN

Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Upon return to Lucerne, see the Lion Monument, before strolling across the Chapel Bridge to the ornate Jesuit Church. (B)

DAY 5 | LUCERNE TO INNSBRUCK

Start the day with a journey to the heart of the Alps to visit the Principality of Liechtenstein. See its tiny capital, Vaduz. Continue through the Arlberg Tunnel to mountain-ringed Innsbruck. Your Travel Director will show you the impressive Imperial Palace and the Golden Roof. (B)
AC Hotel, Innsbruck.

DAY 6 | THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE

Leave Innsbruck to travel across the impressive Europa Bridge and through the Dolomites. Cross into Italy and stop at a local family winery in Veneto to discover the art of prosecco production. Savour a tasting of these luxurious sparkling wines and discover how to make the perfect Bellini. Continue to the romantic city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Long after the day-trippers have returned to their mainland hotels, enjoy the quiet atmosphere of the islands with dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)
Hotel Continental, Venice.

DAY 7 | THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'

See the immense Campanile and Doge's Palace on St. Mark's Square, connected to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. (B)

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DAY 8 | TUSCANY, PISA AND FLORENCE

Visit Il Poggio organic farm for a guided walk and learn about organic food and wine production. On the veranda, take in beautiful views of the rolling Tuscan hills, as you taste the farm's wines and freshly produced olive oil. Enjoy an authentic Italian meal prepared with locally sourced ingredients. Explore the nearby town of Pisa with a Local Expert and see the Leaning Tower. (B) (L) Hotel Adler Cavalieri, Florence.

DAY 9 | FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING

Walk with your Local Expert to the marble-clad cathedral and baptistery to see the Gates of Paradise. Visit Piazza della Signoria, and the area around Santa Croce Basilica. (B)

DAY 10 | CHIANTI COUNTRY TO ASSISI AND ONTO ROME

Journey through the vineyards of the Chianti region passing Lake Trasimeno, and continue up the foothills of the Apennine Mountains to reach delightful Assisi, a stone-built town spilling over the steep hillside. With a Local Expert, visit the tomb of St. Francis and see the beautiful frescoes by Giotto in the great basilica. Journey along the valley of the River Tiber towards the Eternal City of Rome. (B)

Kolbe Hotel, Rome.

DAY 11 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME

To avoid the crowds and maximise your time, Insight has arranged fast-track entry to the Vatican Museums. Your Local Expert will guide you through the halls of artwork and take you behind the scenes to view the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture normally closed to the public. Visit the Sistine Chapel to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling and continue to St. Peter's Basilica. Cross the River Tiber to see the Colosseum and overlook Circus Maximus. Enjoy an elegant four-course Celebration Dinner with local wine at a Roman restaurant, with a private performance of some of Italy's best-loved operas. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in the heart of Paris | Choice of Dine-Around options in Lucerne | Dinner at a local restaurant in Venice | Tuscan lunch at Il Poggio | Celebration Dinner with musicians in Rome.

Insightful Experiences

Vatican: Gain Fast Track access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

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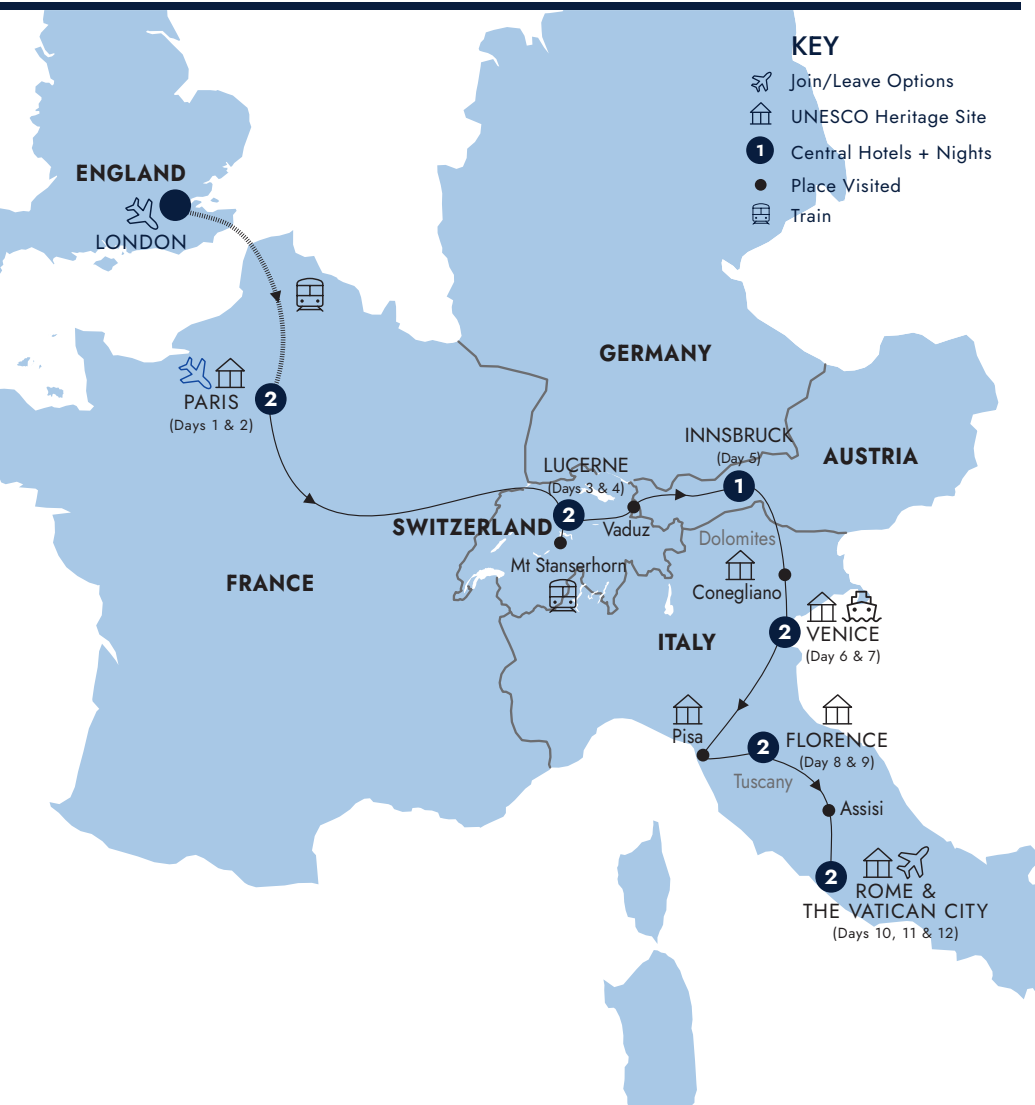


DAY 4 | Embark on a spectacular journey to the summit of Mount Stanserhorn. With a chance to meet a Swiss ranger to learn about the local wildlife and flora over a conservation talk.

DAY 7 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel on the high-speed Eurostar train | Private boat in Venice | City tours of Pisa and Florence, both with Local Experts.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF EUROPE

Cruise Amsterdam's canals, discover Samsø's wildlife, dine with Romans and enjoy fast track entry to the Vatican.

14 DAYS | 8 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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May - Dec

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DAY 1 | DEPART FROM LONDON BY EUROSTAR® AND ONTO AMSTERDAM

At 06:45, meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar® to Brussels where you will drive to Amsterdam. Alternatively, join your Travel Director in the evening for your Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam. Embark on a canal cruise to explore the heart of the city, before enjoying dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (D)
Bilderberg Garden Hotel, Amsterdam.

DAY 2 | THE RHINE VALLEY AND HEIDELBERG

Take a scenic drive through the Rhine Valley to see quaint villages, hilltop castles and hear the legend of the Lorelei Rock. Follow the Neckar River to Heidelberg and visit Heidelberg Castle with a Local Expert. (B)
Marriott Hotel, Heidelberg.

DAY 3 | MOUNTAIN-RINGED INNSBRUCK

Stop beneath the royal castles of Hohen Schwangau and King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein, rumoured to have inspired Walt Disney's iconic castle. In Innsbruck, tour the architectural jewels of the Old Town, seeing the Imperial Palace and the Golden Roof. (B)
AC Hotel, Innsbruck.

DAY 4 | ACROSS THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE

Cross into Italy and stop at a local family winery in Veneto to discover the art of prosecco production. Savour a tasting of these luxurious sparkling wines and discover how to make the perfect Bellini. Continue to the romantic city of Venice. (B) (D)
Hotel Indigo Venice - Sant'Elena.

DAY 5 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. Take a private cruise to St. Mark's Square and admire the richly decorated Basilica. (B)

DAY 6 | THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Pass through Tuscany and Umbria, to reach the Eternal City of Rome. You're invited into the home of a Roman local to experience Italian hospitality at its best, as you enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal with your host. (B) (D)
room007 Select, Rome.

DAY 7 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME

Join a Local Expert for a tour of the Vatican Museums and the frescoes of the Sistine Chapel. Your visit includes fast-track entry and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase. Then explore St. Peter's Basilica. Cross the River Tiber to see the Colosseum and Roman Forum and enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. (B)

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 8 | THE CHIANTI HILLS TO FLORENCE

On arrival in Florence, a Local Expert will accompany you to the Duomo. Continue to Piazza della Signoria. In your free time, perhaps visit the Accademia Gallery with an art historian and see Michelangelo's David? Savour an authentic meal at a local trattoria in the heart of Florence. (B) (D) **NH Firenze, Florence.**

DAY 9 | LAKE MAGGIORE

Journey to the beautiful Italian Lake District. For your Dine-Around Evening, enjoy your preferred dining experience from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants. (B) (D) **Hotel Simplon, Baveno.**

DAY 10 | THE ALPS AND ONTO LUCERNE

Cross the Swiss border before exploring Mount Stanserhorn on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. (B) **Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.**

DAY 11 | LAKESIDE LUCERNE

View the emotive Lion Monument, before strolling across the Chapel Bridge. (B)

DAY 12 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

Journey through the rural French country side of Alsace and Burgundy regions, famous for its vineyards and wines, to arrive in the vibrant City of Light. During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine, with its many romantic bridges. See the Place de la Concorde, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. (B) **Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.**

DAY 13 | THE FOOD AND FLAVOURS OF PARIS

Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. Enjoy a Celebration Dinner at the historic restaurant La Coupole. Delight in French cuisine and delicious wine. (B) (D)

DAY 14 | AU REVOIR PARIS

Transfers arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11:00. Alternatively, choose to continue to London via Gare du Nord, with the Return Eurostar® option. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam | Dine-at-Home in Rome | Restaurant Dinner in Venice | Choice of Dine-Around options in Baveno | Restaurant Dinner in Florence | Celebration Dinner in the heart of Paris | Taste prosecco in Conegliano.

Insightful Experiences

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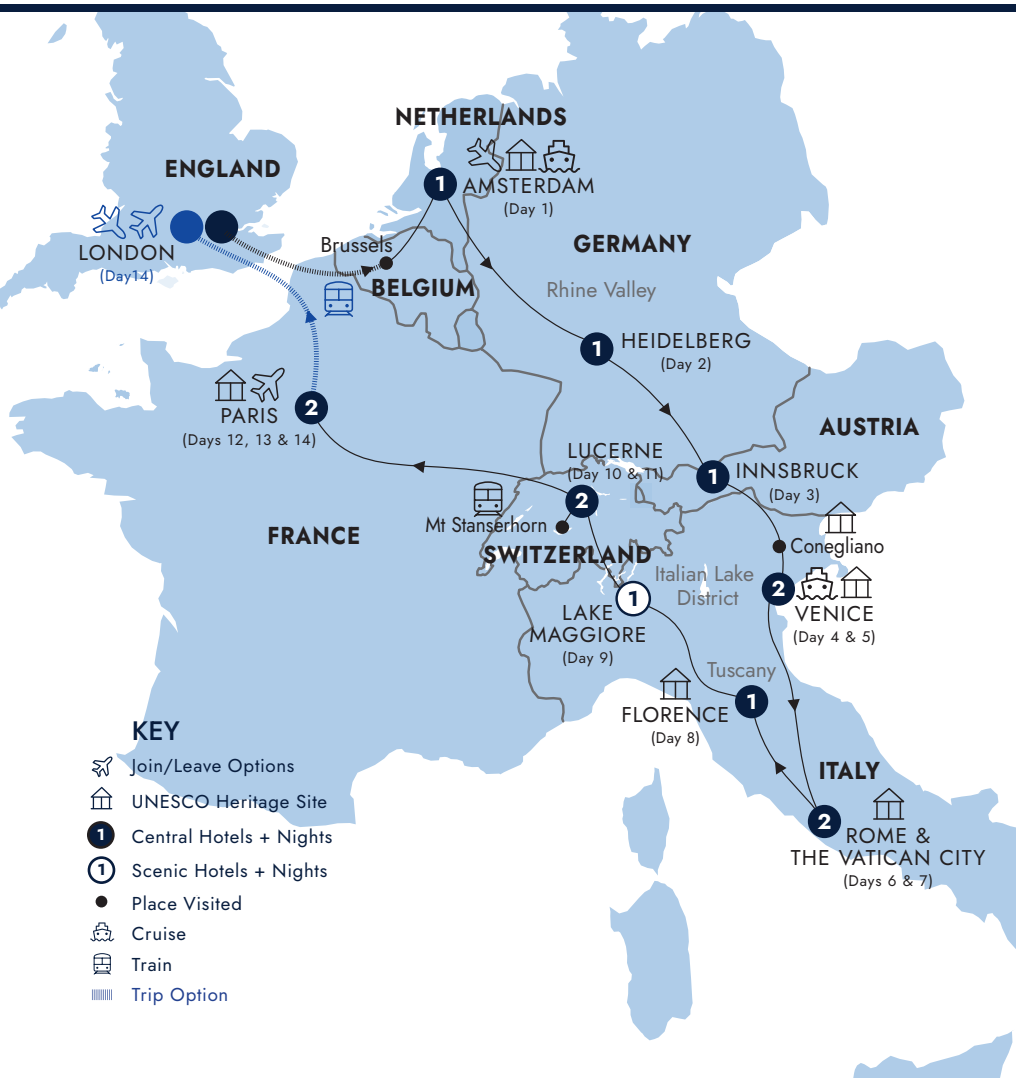
Insight Choice

Paris: Choose to explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Heidelberg Castle with a Local Expert | City tour of Florence with a Local Expert.

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DAY 1 | DEPART FROM LONDON BY EUROSTAR® AND ONTO AMSTERDAM

At 06:30, meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar®. Your comfortable rail journey takes you via the historic Channel Tunnel to Brussels where you will drive to Amsterdam. Alternatively, join your Travel Director in the evening for your Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam. Embark on a canal cruise to explore the heart of the city, before enjoying dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (B) (D)
Hilton, Amsterdam.

DAY 2 | LEGENDS ALONG THE RHINE

Continue on to Würzburg. With a Local Expert, visit the imposing Würzburg Residenz, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B) (D)
Maritim Hotel Würzburg.

DAY 3 | ROTHENBURG AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

In the morning, venture to Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber. Continue onto Prague. (B)
NH Collection, Prague City.

DAY 4 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert through the Jewish Quarter and taste Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry. (B)

DAY 5 | SALZBURG, CITY OF MOZART

Continue to Salzburg. A Local Expert shows you the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace, Residence Square and Mozart's birthplace. In the evening, experience authentic Farm-to-Table dining at a local organic farm and enjoy the flavours of homemade dishes. (B) (D)
ARCOTEL Castellani, Salzburg.

DAY 6 | THE TAUERN MOUNTAINS TO VENICE

Continue to Venice and to your hotel, located in one of the city's authentic Venetian districts. (B)
Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

DAY 7 | THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'

See the immense Campanile and Doge's Palace on St. Mark's Square, connected to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. (B)

DAY 8 | ONTO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Your journey continues to the Eternal City of Rome. (B) (D)
Hotel Mediterraneo, Rome.

DAY 9 | ROME WITH THE LOCALS

Your morning walking tour with a Local Expert will show you what Rome is all about. Toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain and see the Pantheon. (B)

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 10 | THE VATICAN AND FLORENCE

With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. Insight provides fast track entry to avoid the crowds and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, normally off-limits to the public. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling before visiting St. Peter's Basilica. Then continue to Florence, where a local expert will accompany you to the Duomo, before continuing to Piazza della Signoria. (B) Hotel Adler Cavalieri, Florence.

DAY 11 | THE CINQUE TERRE

With a Local Expert, visit the stunning coastline of the world-famous Cinque Terre. Approach one of the fishing villages by boat (weather permitting). Savour authentic Italian cuisine with a delicious a Sea-to-Table lunch. (B) (L) Grand Hotel Bristol Resort & Spa, Rapallo.

DAY 12 | ACROSS THE ALPS TO LUCERNE

Pass the Italian Lake District en route to scenic Lake Lucerne. (B) Astoria, Lucerne.

DAY 13 | LUCERNE'S LAKES AND MOUNTAINS

Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation

talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Enjoy a fine selection of restaurants to choose from for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D) Renaissance Lucerne Hotel.

DAY 14 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

Journey to the vibrant City of Light. During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine, with its many romantic bridges. See the Place de la Concorde, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. (B) Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

DAY 15 | THE FOOD AND FLAVOURS OF PARIS

Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. Indulge in refined French cuisine during your Celebration Dinner at the iconic restaurant, La Coupole. (B) (D) Le Méridien Etoile, Paris or similar.

DAY 16 | AU REVOIR PARIS

Transfers arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11:00. Alternatively, you may depart for London via Gare du Nord with the return Eurostar® option. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam | Farm-to-Table dining in Salzburg | Sea-to-Table lunch in Cinque Terre | Choice of Dine-Around options in Lucerne | Celebration Dinner in Paris.

Insightful Experiences

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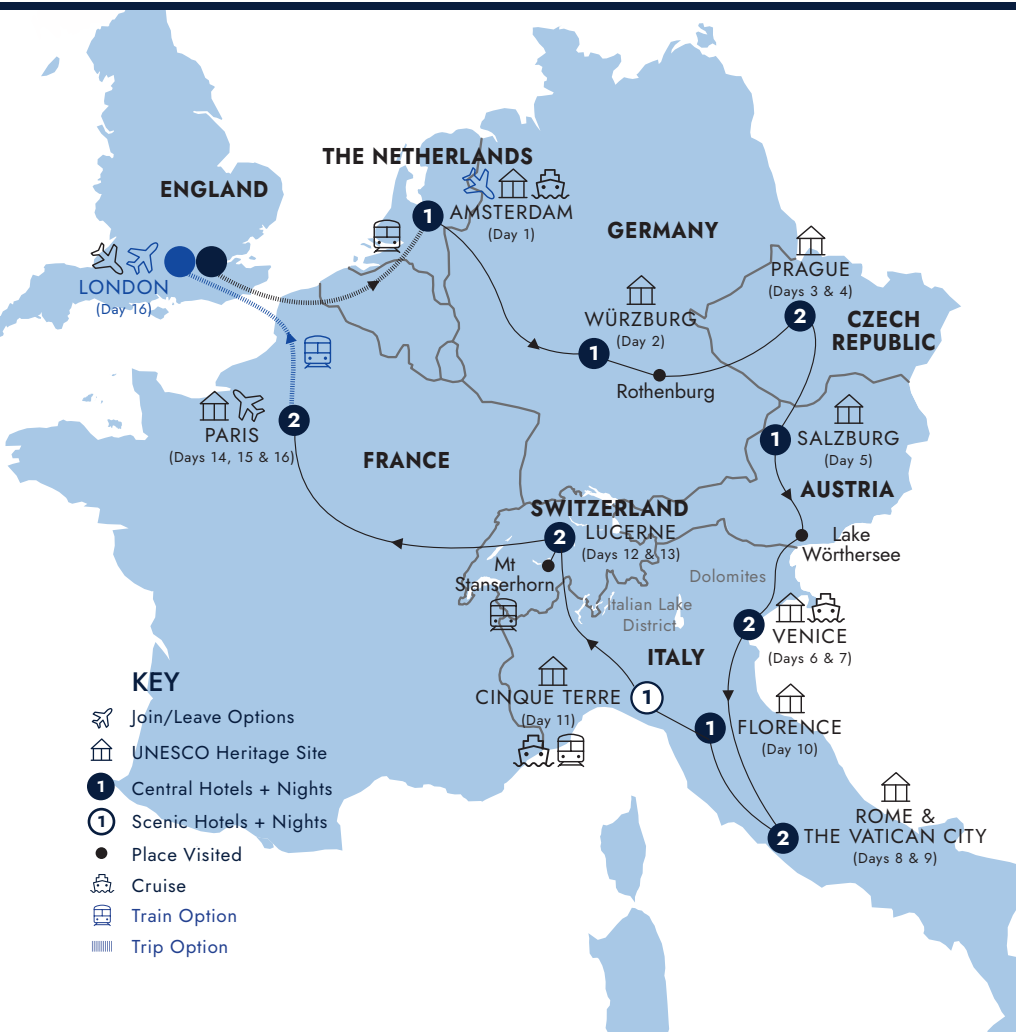
Insight Choice

Choose between two experiences in Prague.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by funicular railway and cable car on Mount Stanserhorn | Cruise the canals of Amsterdam | Private boat in Venice. Visit Würzburg Residence with a Local Expert | City tours of Prague, Salzburg, Rome, Florence and Cinque Terre, all with Local Experts | See Amsterdam | Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber | Prague | Salzburg | St. Mark's Square and Doge's Palace in Venice | Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Piazza Navona in Rome | Duomo and Piazza della Signoria in Florence | Lucerne | Paris.

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DAY 1 | LONDON TO PARIS BY EUROSTAR®

Meet your Travel Director at 07:30 and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar®. Alternatively, join in Paris and meet your Travel Director at 17:00 for a fabulous Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (D)
Le Meridien Etoile, Paris.

DAY 2 | PARIS, THE CITY OF LIGHT

Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district. Alternatively, join a Local Expert who is an avid foodie, to explore the local market (B)

DAY 3 | ONTO BORDEAUX

Take a scenic drive along the Loire Valley. Visit the majestic Chenonceau Castle. Continue to bustling Bordeaux. (B)
Novotel Bordeaux Centre, Bordeaux.

DAY 4 | BORDEAUX AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

Join a Local Expert for a guided tour of Bordeaux. Journey to San Sebastián, where you visit a variety of pintxos bars to mingle and dine with locals. (B) (D)
Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián.

DAYS 5-6 | MADRID

Pass Burgos on the way to Madrid. Join your Local Expert for a sightseeing tour of Madrid's Old Town as well as, along the elegant Paseo de la Castellana and past the fountain in the Plaza de Cibeles. Visit the Reina Sofia Museum with an art historian to see Picasso's Guernica. (B)
Hotel Riu Plaza España, Madrid.

DAYS 7-8 | BARCELONA, CITY OF GAUDI

Continue to the vibrant port of Barcelona. Join your Local Expert to view the Gothic Quarter. (B)
Hilton, Barcelona.

DAY 9 | AVIGNON, THE CITY OF POPES

Journey to Avignon. Learn about olive oil and enjoy a tasting, before indulging in a Farm-to-Table dinner. (B) (D)
Novotel Avignon Centre, Avignon.

DAY 10 | ON THE SHORES OF NICE

Journey along the French Riviera to Nice. (B)
Apollinaire Nice, Nice.

DAYS 11-12 | MONACO, PISA AND FLORENCE

Visit the cathedral in Monaco. Later, join your Local Expert to see the incredible Leaning Tower of Pisa. In Florence, walk with your Local Expert to the baptistery, Piazza della Signoria and around Santa Croce Basilica. (B)
NH Firenze, Florence.

DAYS 13-15 | THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Arrive at the Eternal City of Rome. On your first evening, enjoy a traditional meal at a local restaurant. The following day, enjoy Insight's special fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, normally off-limits to the public. In the

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Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Enjoy a final day at leisure to enjoy Rome at your own pace. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Pompeii? (B) (D)
Radisson Blu GHR, Rome.

DAYS 16-17 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Arrive at the glorious city of Venice by water taxi. Savour a cocktail at sunset before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant. On your second full day in Venice, admire the Doge's Palace on St. Mark's Square and the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. (B) (D)
Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

DAY 18 | VENICE TO ELEGANT LJUBLJANA

In Ljubljana, a Local Expert shows you the highlights of the city. (B)
Hotel Lev Ljubljana.

DAY 19-20 | VIENNA AND THE HASBURGS

Pass Maribor and Graz on the way to Vienna. Join your Local Expert for a walk through Innere Stadt. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose to visit a traditional Viennese café to enjoy local specialities. (B)
Hilton Vienna Park/Hilton Vienna Danube Waterfront.

DAY 21 | SALZBURG AND ONTO INNSBRUCK

In Salzburg, join a Local Expert for a visit to the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace. (B)
AC Hotel, Innsbruck.

DAYS 22-23 | LIECHTENSTEIN, LUCERNE AND MOUNT STANSERHORN

Journey to the Principality of Liechtenstein. Visit Lucerne's proud Lion Monument. Explore Mount Stanserhorn with Insight Choice. Choose to walk along beautiful scenic pathways. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and with the chance to hear a conversation talk by a Swiss Ranger a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger. Enjoy a fine selection of restaurants to choose from for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)
Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

DAY 24 | LEGENDS ALONG THE RHINE

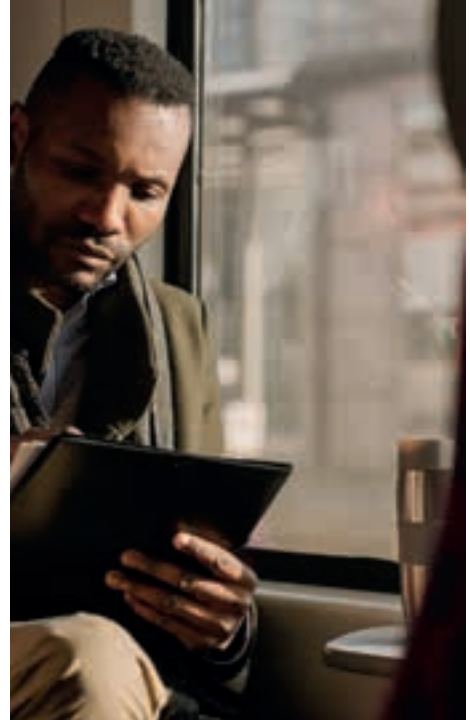
Relax with a scenic drive in the Rhine Valley. (B) (D)
Maritim Hotel, Königswinter.

DAY 25 | THE CANALS OF AMSTERDAM

Join a private visit of a Rhineland castle. In Amsterdam, embark on a canal cruise. Toast to your adventure during a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)
Grand Hotel Amrâth Amsterdam.

DAY 26 | DEPART AMSTERDAM OR RETURN LONDON OPTION

Transfers arrive at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport at 08:00 and 10:00 or you can return to London with the Eurostar® option. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in the heart of Paris | Dine with locals in San Sebastian | Farm-to-Table dining in Provence | Sip a cocktail before dinner in Venice | Choice of Dine-Around options in Lucerne | Celebration Dinner in Amsterdam | Taste olive oil in Provence.

Insightful Experiences

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DAY 25 | Embark on a spectacular journey to the summit of Mount Stanserhorn. With a chance to meet a Swiss ranger to learn about the local wildlife and flora over a conservation talk.

Insight Choice

Choose between two experiences in Vienna and on Mount. Stanserhorn.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel on the high-speed Eurostar train | Travel by private boat in Venice | Cruise the canals of Amsterdam | Visit Chenonceau Castle | Monaco Cathedral | City tours of Bordeaux, Madrid, Barcelona, Florence, Ljubljana, Vienna and Salzburg, all with Local Experts.

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DAY 1 | LONDON TO AMSTERDAM

At 07:00, meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar® train to Brussels, before driving to Amsterdam. Alternatively, join your Travel Director in the evening for your Welcome Dinner. Embark on a canal cruise, to explore the heart of the city, before enjoying dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (D) Grand Hotel Amrâth, Amsterdam.

DAY 2 | RHINE VALLEY TO WÜRZBURG

Relax with a scenic drive along the Rhine Valley to Würzburg. On arrival, visit the imposing Würzburg Residenz, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a Local Expert. Marvel at intricate decorations and lavish staterooms. (B) (D) Maritim Hotel, Würzburg.

DAYS 3-4 | ROTHENBURG AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

In the morning venture to Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, one of Germany's most beautiful towns; the most well-preserved on the Romantic Road. Continue onto Prague and explore the City of a Hundred Spires with Insight Choice. (B) Hotel Royal Prague.

DAY 5 | THROUGH BOHEMIA TO BUDAPEST

Start the day with a journey through the beautiful forested countryside of Bohemia. Journey to Hungary, following the River Danube to Budapest. In the evening, join a Local Expert to enjoy a scenic dinner cruise, whilst looking out over beautiful city views. Budapest boasts one of the most spectacular night time vistas, earning it the nickname 'Pearl of the Danube'. (B) (D) Hilton Garden Inn, Budapest.

DAY 6 | BUDAPEST, QUEEN OF THE DANUBE

This morning enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. The university was founded by the piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. The rest of the day is at your leisure to relax by the Danube or browse the boutiques of Vaci Street. (B)

DAY 7 | THE FLAVOURS OF BUDAPEST

Your orientation takes you along the grand Andrássy Avenue to Hero's Square. Stroll through the alleys of the Old Town of Buda and admire sweeping views from the Fisherman's Bastion with a Local Expert. Stand atop Gellért Hill before continuing your travels to the imperial capital of Vienna. (B) Hilton, Vienna Park.

DAY 8 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

In the morning, there is the option to join a private tour of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and formal gardens. Get your camera ready for a drive around the famous Ring Road. This grand boulevard, built along the lines of the old city walls, showcases many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera

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House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence and Parliament building. Later, join your Local Expert for a walk through Innere Stadt, the first district and historic core of Vienna. Sit down for traditional coffee and cake and mingle with locals at a cosy café. (B)

DAYS 9-10 | LAKE WÖRTHERSEE TO VENICE

Arrive by private boat to your hotel for the night. Enjoy dinner at the magical local restaurant, La Principessa. Then sip a twilight cocktail at the oldest café in the world, Café Florian. On your second full day in Venice, see the immense Campanile and Doge's Palace on St. Mark's Square, connected to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. (B) (D) Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

DAY 11 | VILLA MACHIAVELLI AND ROME

Meet your Local Host for a guided tour through the house of the Italian Renaissance diplomat and writer, Nicolo Machiavelli. Savour a light lunch and a tasting of wines made from the vineyards surrounding the estate. (B) (L) room 007 Select, Rome.

DAY 12 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME

With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. Insight provides fast-track entry to avoid the crowds and gives you behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, normally off-limits to the public. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling, before visiting St. Peter's Basilica. (B)

DAYS 13-14 | UMBRIA AND ONTO FLORENCE

Meet chef Lorenzo at his family farm in Umbria. Join an entertaining pasta demonstration and

delicious Highlight Lunch accompanied by Orvieto Classico wine. The following day, with your Local Expert, view the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistry. (B) (L) Hotel Adler Cavalieri, Florence.

DAY 15 | ACROSS THE ALPS TO LUCERNE

Upon arrival in Lucerne, see the town's proud Lion Monument, the covered Chapel Bridge and the baroque Jesuit Church. (B) Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

DAY 16 | LUCERNE AND MT. STANSERHORN

Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. At night, you are offered a fine selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)

DAYS 17-18 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

Journey through the Alsace and Burgundy regions to the vibrant City of Light. Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district or join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. Indulge in refined French cuisine during your Celebration Dinner at La Coupole. (B) (D) Le Meridien Etoile, Paris

DAY 19 | AU REVOIR PARIS

Transfers arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11:00. Alternatively, you may depart for London via Gare du Nord with the return Eurostar® option. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam | Scenic Dinner Cruise in Budapest | Dinner and cocktail in Venice | Light lunch and wine tasting at Machiavelli's villa | Choice of Dine-Around options in Lucerne | Celebration Dinner at La Coupole in Paris.

Insightful Experiences

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Insight Choice

Choose between two experiences in Prague and in Paris.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel on the high-speed Eurostar train | Cruise the canals of Amsterdam | Travel by private boat in Venice | Visit Würzburg Residenz with a Local Expert | Fisherman's Bastion with a Local Expert | City tours of Prague, Budapest, Vienna and Florence, all with Local Experts.

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO KATHMANDU

Welcome to Nepal! On arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport you will be greeted by a representative and transferred to your hotel. At 17:00 meet your Travel Director and venture out in Thamel on a rickshaw ride. Later, head to a local restaurant for a Welcome Reception, drinks and dinner. (D)

Hyatt Regency, Kathmandu.

DAY 2 | KATHMANDU THE CITY OF BEAUTY

Start with a morning visit to the city of Kathmandu and see the tranquil Swayambhunath temple. Later, stop in Patan, the third largest city in Nepal, for lunch. In the afternoon, explore the city's stunning architecture with a Local Expert. Highlights include the Golden Temple, Durbar Square and Mul Chowk. Enjoy the flavours of the region in the evening with an indulgent dinner. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 3 | KATHMANDU'S SPIRITUAL HISTORY

Delve into Kathmandu's spiritual history with a morning visit to the Pashupatinath Temple on the banks of the Bagmati River and take in the impressive Boudhanath Stupa. Next you'll head to the city of Bhadgaon, before visiting a local pottery workshop, where a local craftsman will provide a demonstration. In the evening, head to an inspirational talk by a woman who summited the Earth's highest mountain above sea level, Mount Everest. (B)

DAY 4 | ON TO VIBRANT DELHI

Head to the airport for your flight to Delhi, India. On arrival, you'll be taken to your modern hotel. Later, join your group and Travel Director for a trip to the Akshardham Temple. Also known as Swaminarayan Akshardham, this Hindu temple is a spiritual and cultural campus dedicated to devotion, learning and harmony. (B)

Hyatt Regency, Delhi.

DAY 5 | EXPLORING NEW AND OLD DELHI

This morning, head on an exciting sightseeing tour of Old Delhi and New Delhi. Enjoy a rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk bazaar in Old Delhi and drive past the Red Fort, the main residence of the Mughal dynasty until 1856. In the afternoon, visit a Sikh temple and its community kitchen, a place preparing and serving free vegetarian meals to those in need. Later, drive past the President Palace, India Gate and Parliament House, before ending the day with a tour of Humayun's Tomb. (B)

DAY 6 | THE PINK CITY

Move on to Jaipur, more affectionately known as the Pink City. Before lunch, enjoy a visit to the Heritage Transport Museum in Haryana, a fascinating showcase of the evolution of transport in India. Later, join your Travel Director for an evening visit to a flower and spice market. Dine at the esteemed Dera Amer. Situated in the wilderness close to Jaipur, this outdoor dining experience truly connects you to nature. With elephants roaming

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free on its land, the venue's primary purpose is to maintain an area of natural beauty. (B) (L) (D)
Hotel ITC Rajputana, Jaipur.

DAY 7 | DELVE INTO JAIPUR

Ascend by jeep to Amber Fort. Built in 1592 by Raja Man Singh, its royal halls mesmerise with their ivory, mirrors, glass and exquisite paintings. Experience India's spiritual majesty, with a special blessing ceremony. In the afternoon, take a city tour of Jaipur and see the Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds, and visit the City Palace Museum. Explore Jaipur with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the royal observatory and see Jantar Mantar, featuring the world's largest stone sun dial. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the city's old lanes and see artisans working with age-old techniques. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | JAIPUR TO AGRA

In the morning depart for Agra, home to the spectacular Taj Mahal. Along the way stop for lunch at the beautiful Laxmi Niwas Palace in Bharatpur. When you arrive in Agra, the evening is yours at leisure. Why not make the most of the amenities at your hotel, Jaypee Palace? (B) (L) Jaypee Palace Hotel, Agra.

DAY 9 | THE TAJ MAHAL

Wake early for a visit to the Taj Mahal in its best light, and continue on to Agra Fort. Explore Agra with Insight Choice. Choose to join a guided walk through Kachhpura to discover the life of local farmers. Enjoy tea and pakora on a rooftop with views of the Taj Mahal. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit

the 'Sheroes' Café. This local business supports female victims of acid attacks who refuse to give up and instead fight for a better life. Catch up with your fellow travellers over dinner at your hotel this evening. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | ON TO VARANASI

Take a flight to Varanasi, one of the holiest cities in Hinduism. In the evening, participate in an Aarti on the ghats, where you'll offer prayers to the River Ganges. This spiritual ceremony is performed daily to honour the River Goddess Ganga. (B)
Taj Ganges, Varanasi.

DAY 11 | THE HOLY CITY OF VARANASI

Wake early for a sunrise boat cruise on River Ganges, followed by a visit to an Akhara. Return to your hotel for breakfast before heading on a tour of Varanasi. See the Sarnath, a sacred deer park where Gautama Buddha first taught the Dharma and the Buddhist Sangha first came into existence through Kondanna's enlightenment. Later, enjoy a delicious Celebration Dinner at your hotel. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | LEAVE VARANASI FOR DELHI

End your trip with a relaxing early morning yoga session at your hotel, before breakfast. Transfer to the airport and head back to Delhi before your onward flights. Please do not schedule flights before 9pm. (B)



Special Events & Dates

In October, select departures will experience Diwali with a local family.

Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Kathmandu | Lunch at Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur | Celebration Dinner in Varanasi.

Insightful Experiences

Kathmandu: Hear an inspirational talk led by women who summited Mount Everest, the highest point above sea level on Earth. Varanasi: Join an expert in India's religious rituals to learn more about the colourful candlelit tradition of Aarti chanting music. Kathmandu: Visit a pottery workshop in Kathmandu | Join an Aarti chanting ceremony on the Ganges River.

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DAY 9 | Visit the 'Sheroes Café', a local business run by women survivors of acid attacks.

Insight Choice

Jaipur: Choose to visit the royal observatory. Alternatively, walk through the city's old lanes | Choose between two experiences in Agra.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Sacred Swayambhunath and Dubar Square in Kathmandu | Tomb of the Emperor Humayun in Delhi | Flower Market, Spice Market and Amber Fort in Jaipur | Taj Mahal and Agra Fort | Sarnath in Varanasi.

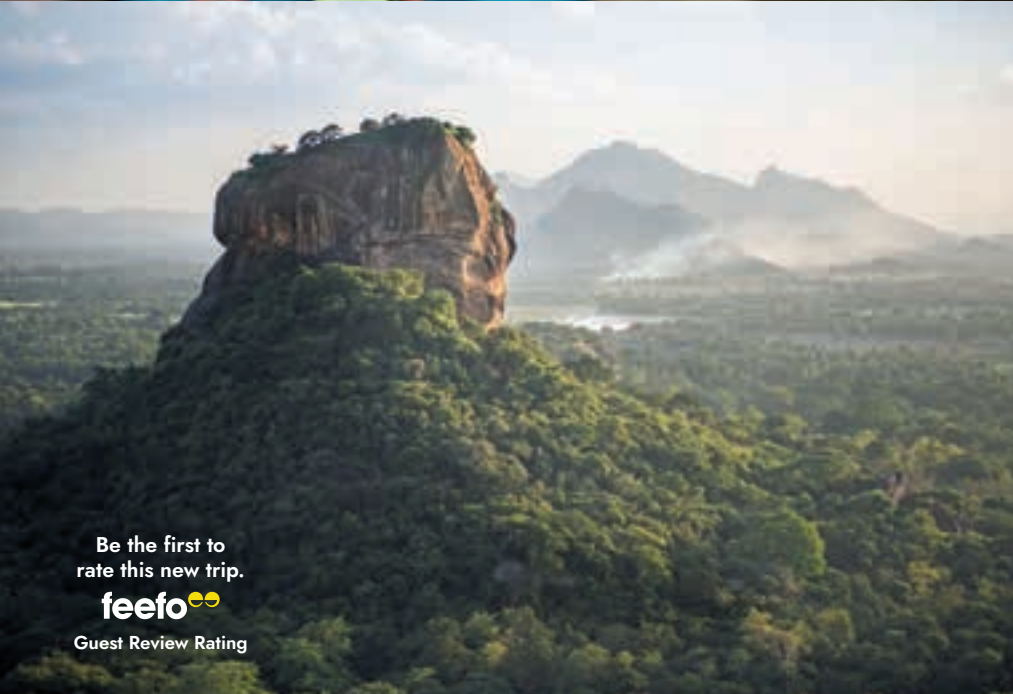
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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO SRI LANKA

Welcome to Sri Lanka. On arrival, you'll be picked up and transferred to your luxury hotel, the Taj Samudra, Colombo. A contemporary building situated on the seafront, it provides an idyllic ambience at sunset. Unwind and rejuvenate before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director at 19:00, for a Welcome Dinner with drinks. (D)
Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE COLOMBO

In the morning, head on a leisurely walking tour of Colombo with Mark Forbes, a photographer and wildlife enthusiast, and discover the city's hidden treasures. Journey through a myriad of buildings that date back from 17th century and were erected mostly during Dutch and British rule. Visit Pettah Market, where locals head to pick up fresh fruit and vegetables, garments and jewellery. This market place is older than the buildings around it and an area best explored with a local. Later, head out to explore old Colombo's oldest neighbourhoods by tuk-tuk. Cruise the city streets as the sun descends over the Indian Ocean and the city lights spring to life around a pulse of evening activity. (B)

DAY 3 | WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

After breakfast, begin your journey to Wilpattu National Park. On arrival, check into your luxury safari camp located on the border of the park, a quintessential glamping experience and a satisfying blend of comfort and nature. Enjoy relaxing in your spacious living room, with views of the lush, green jungle just steps away. In the evening, explore the park by jeep safari in search for Sri Lanka's big four—leopards, elephants, sloth bears and deer. (B) (L) (D)

Mahoora Safari Camp, Wilpattu National Park.

DAY 4 | JUNGLE SAFARI

Enjoy journeying through the jungle on your morning and afternoon safaris. Keep your eyes peeled for crocodiles, buffalos, mongooses and turtles. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 5 | WILPATTU TO SIGIRIYA

In the morning head south, making your way to Sigiriya. Visit Anuradhapura with Insight Choice. Choose to explore the temple complex, sprawling with a rich collection of archeological wonders. Alternatively, visit the small community of Puranagama, to experience traditional village life. Meet a practicing Buddhist and embark on a guided walking tour of the Ritigala jungle's enveloped paths. Hear the tales and secrets of the forest dwelling monks, a community that once inhabited the monastic reserve and today devote their lives to simple living in the forest. (B) (D)
Hotel Aliya Resort & Spa, Sigiriya.

DAY 6 | EXPLORING SIGIRIYA'S ANCIENT KINGDOM

Explore Sigiriya with Insight Choice. Choose to climb Sigiriya Rock. Alternatively, visit Sigiriya Water Gardens. Later, visit the historic city of

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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Polonnaruwa, the second most ancient of Sri Lanka's kingdoms. During a tuk-tuk ride, explore the ancient remains of temples and tombs. Explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site before heading back to your hotel. (B)

DAY 7 | COLOURFUL CAVES AND RAINFORESTS

Today you'll visit the colourful Dambulla Caves. Also known as the Golden Temple caves, this World Heritage Site is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. Stop at Tamarind Gardens for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This local farm has been working to supply community members with access to clean water, nutritional food, and supports the village towards a sustainable future. Later, arrive in Kandy. Once here you'll enjoy a cultural evening of drums and a dance performance. (B)

Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy.

DAY 8 | TEA COUNTRY HILLS

Visit the Sacred Tooth Relic. Located in the royal palace complex of the former Kingdom of Kandy, it is home to Sri Lanka's most important Buddhist relic, a tooth of Buddha. Later meet Rahju, a local artist, at his contemporary art gallery. Enjoy a private viewing of his magnificent paintings and discuss his unique perspectives on life over a cup of tea.

Continue to Nuwara Eliya, a green haven of tea plantations and tea gardens. In the evening, participate in a cooking demonstration. Learn to cook Sri Lankan and South Indian cuisine with a local chef, before indulging in the fruits of your hard work. (B) (D)

Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya.

DAY 9 | EXPLORING NUWARA ELIYA

Discover Horton Plains on a hike to World's End, where a stunning escarpment plunges 880 meters down to the jungle floor. Stand in awe and capture incredible views of the expansive plateau, before mist and cloud obscure the scene. In the afternoon, learn everything there is to know about Ceylon tea during a visit to a tea plantation and garden. Walk through the plantation during plucking time and spend time with a tea plucker to learn about their life, before enjoying a tasting session hosted by an expert. In the evening, toast to your travels with your new friends over a Celebration Dinner at your hotel. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | GOODBYE COLOMBO

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers, as your journey comes to an end. You'll be driven back to Colombo airport for your onward flight. A stop will be made in Colombo for those extending their stay. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Colombo |
Celebration Dinner in Nuwara Eliya |
Sample some of the freshest tea possible during a Tea Plantation visit in Nuwara Eliya.

Insightful Experiences

Kandy: Meet a practising Buddhist and embark on a guided walking tour through Ritigala Jungle and hear tales of the forest dwelling monks, a monastic community, who once inhabited the monastic reserve, devoting their lives to living simply in the forest.

Kandy: Visit Rahju's Contemporary Art Gallery, enjoy a private viewing of his magnificent paintings and discuss his unique perspectives on life over a cup of tea.

Colombo: Visit Colombo with a photographer and wildlife enthusiast.

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DAY 7 | Meet members of the Digana community during a tour of Tamarind Gardens, a project supporting the villagers with access to water, food, and creates a sustainable future for the families.

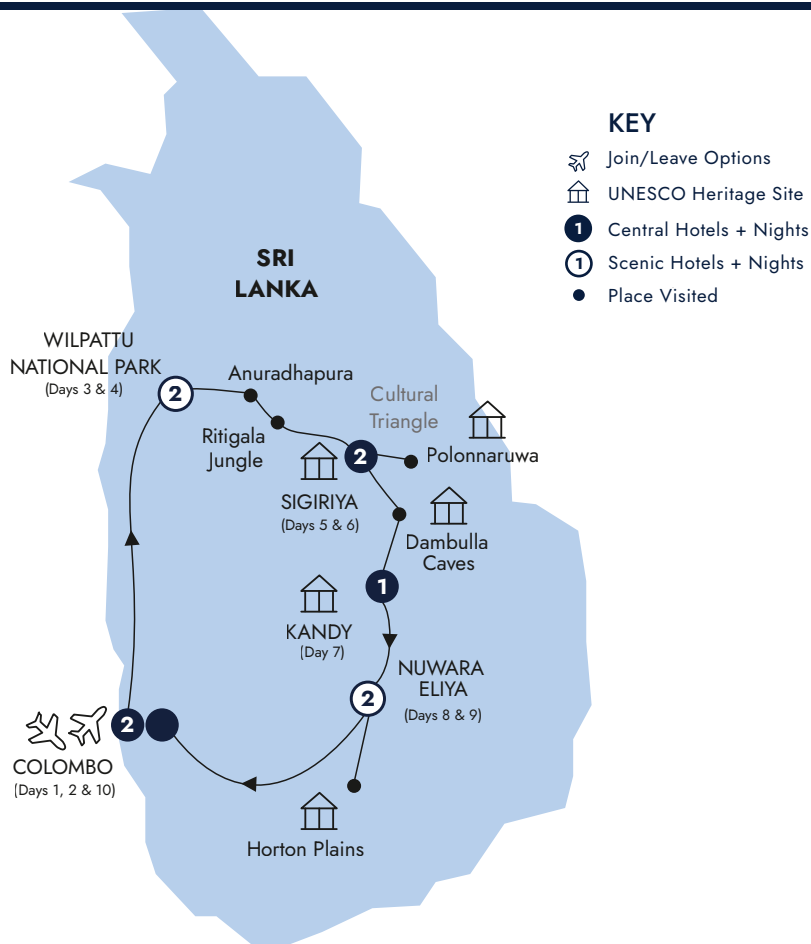
Insight Choice

Choose between two experiences in Anuradhapura.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel through Colombo streets in a tuk-tuk | Visit Wilpattu National Park | Colombo | Sigiriya Fortress Visit | Kandy Traditional Dance Performance | Dambulla Cave Temple | Polonnaruwa Archaeological Park | Sacred Tooth Relic Temple | Tea plantations and garden in Nuwara Eliya.

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Despite scenes of nature, Latin America is the most urbanized continent in the world with almost 80% of its citizens living in cities. In the lush nature and jungles of Machu Picchu you will find llamas, which are domesticated animals in the area. The llamas were very important to the ancient Incas, and they would have lived there as their domesticated animals back in their day too.



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DAY 1 | ARRIVE LIMA

Arrive in Lima for the first day of your Nazca excursion. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers at the hotel bar for a welcome drink. MGallery Manto, Lima

DAY 2 | COASTAL PARACAS

In the morning, head on a leisurely coastal drive to the beach town of Paracas. Fly over the mysterious Nazca Lines and see this UNESCO World Heritage Site from above. (B) (D)
Hotel Paracas, a Luxury Collection Resort

DAY 3 | BALLESTAS ISLANDS AND PERUVIAN WILDLIFE

Head on a scenic cruise to the Ballestas Islands, famous for its rock formations and marine life. Explore this beautiful area before heading to the nearby city of Ica for lunch and a pisco distillery for a tasting. After visiting a local museum, your evening is free. (B) (L)

DAY 4 | COASTAL PERU AND LIMA

The final day of your Nazca lines experience will introduce you to coastal living with a local fisherman, followed by lunch and a tour of a historic hacienda where you will learn about history of slavery in the cotton business, a dark chapter of Peruvian history. If you are joining the Peru with Machu Picchu journey today, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Unwind at your luxury abode, before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers in the evening for a Welcome Dinner with drinks. (B) (D)
MGallery Manto, Lima

DAY 5 | EXPLORE LIMA

Join a Local Expert this morning to explore the best of Lima, including the Cathedral of Lima, the Government Palace, the Archbishop's Palace and City Hall. Visit Casa Aliaga, an impressive mansion the Aliaga family calls home now for the 17th generation. One for those with an appreciation for art, head to Museo Larco, a private museum located in Lima's Pueblo Libre District. After lunch, meet a local guide who will take you around the museum's private collection for an in depth viewing. (B) (L)

DAY 6 | LIMA TO SACRED VALLEY

Arrive in Cusco this morning for another day of Peruvian exploration. Starting with a tour of the Sacred Valley whilst taking in impressive views on your scenic drive. Enjoy lunch at Altar Inca, surrounded by some of the most stunning sights of the region. Arrive at your hotel for a leisurely evening where you can rest and adjust to the altitude in total comfort. (B) (L)
Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel & Wellness

DAY 7 | EXPLORE SACRED VALLEY

Begin the day with a visit to the stunning Maras salt pans before heading to an Incan laboratory in Moray, located on an archeological site close to Cusco. Then join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit a local traditional Quechua

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weaver where you will learn first hand about ancient weaving techniques and the importance these textiles have in shaping both personal and regional identities. Make your way to Laguna Piuray where you'll enjoy your Highlight Lunch of Pachamanca, a traditional Peruvian feast. In the evening, transfer to Hacienda Huayocari, a gem of the Sacred Valley. Explore its grounds and sit down for a special Peruvian Dinner. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 8 | EXPLORE MACHU PICCHU

Board and prepare to be stunned for your 360° Inca Rail train ride that takes you through countless stunning sights of Peru. On the way, visit the Ollantaytambo ruins and stop at a local house in the village to meet the family living there for fantastic local insight into the region. In the afternoon, it is finally time to visit Machu Picchu, where you'll meet Local Experts for a guided visit in small groups. They will take you through the countless ruins and explain their historical and archaeological significance, as well as the importance of their location. End your day with a relaxing dinner and drinks at your hotel. (B) (D) **Inkaterra Forest, Machu Picchu**

DAY 9 | MACHU PICCHU AT LEISURE

Take in the beauty and history of Machu Picchu for a second time, spending your morning exploring at your own pace. The afternoon is yours at leisure to continue your explorations. Then in the evening head to a fantastic Highlight Dinner with your fellow travellers. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | ON TO CUSCO

After breakfast, return by train to Ollantaytambo, where you will transfer to the ancient city of Cusco. Once you arrive, head out on a walking tour

with a Local Expert. Visit its cathedral and the Korikanca temple, the most important temple in the Inca Empire. The evening is yours at leisure. (B)

JW Marriott El Convento, Cusco

DAY 11 | EXPLORING CUSCO

Start your day with a walking tour of Cusco, before heading to Sacsayhuaman. Afterwards, choose to join a local expert on a guided hike of the Inca ruins at Puca Pucara. Alternatively you can explore the artisan bohemian neighbourhood of San Blas and visit the prestigious art galleries. Enjoy lunch at Pachapapa. Visit San Blas Church and the surrounding streets, before making your way to San Pedro Market. Later, make your way to the city's planetarium for a private, after-hours tour, sample some local delicacies and hot wine as you gaze at the night sky. (B) (L)

DAY 12 | LEISURE TIME IN CUSCO

Today, explore Cusco at your own pace. Perhaps head out on an optional visit to the ChocoMuseo to learn about chocolate making. Another active option is a hike to the Rainbow Mountain. Or maybe relax and unwind at your hotel, set in a beautiful 16th century building. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for a memorable Celebration Dinner at Calle del Medio, where you will toast to your adventures. (B) (D)

DAY 13 | DEPART CUSCO

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers as your trip comes to an end. Take a private transfer to Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport. (B)



Superior Dining

Sacred Valley: Make your way to the small lagoon of Laguna Piuray where you'll enjoy your Highlight Lunch of Pachamanca, a traditional Peruvian feast.

Insightful Experiences

Machu Picchu: Enjoy your first guided visit to Machu Picchu with Local Experts where you'll explore the sophisticated 15th century Incan citadel set high in the Andes Mountains.

Cusco: Visit Cusco's planetarium to learn more on how the Incas interpreted the stars. After a reception with hot wine (or tea) and appetisers, local experts will explain and share stories about the influence the stars had on Andean culture. You'll then be led to a room specially accommodated to view the ancient night skies, weather permitting.

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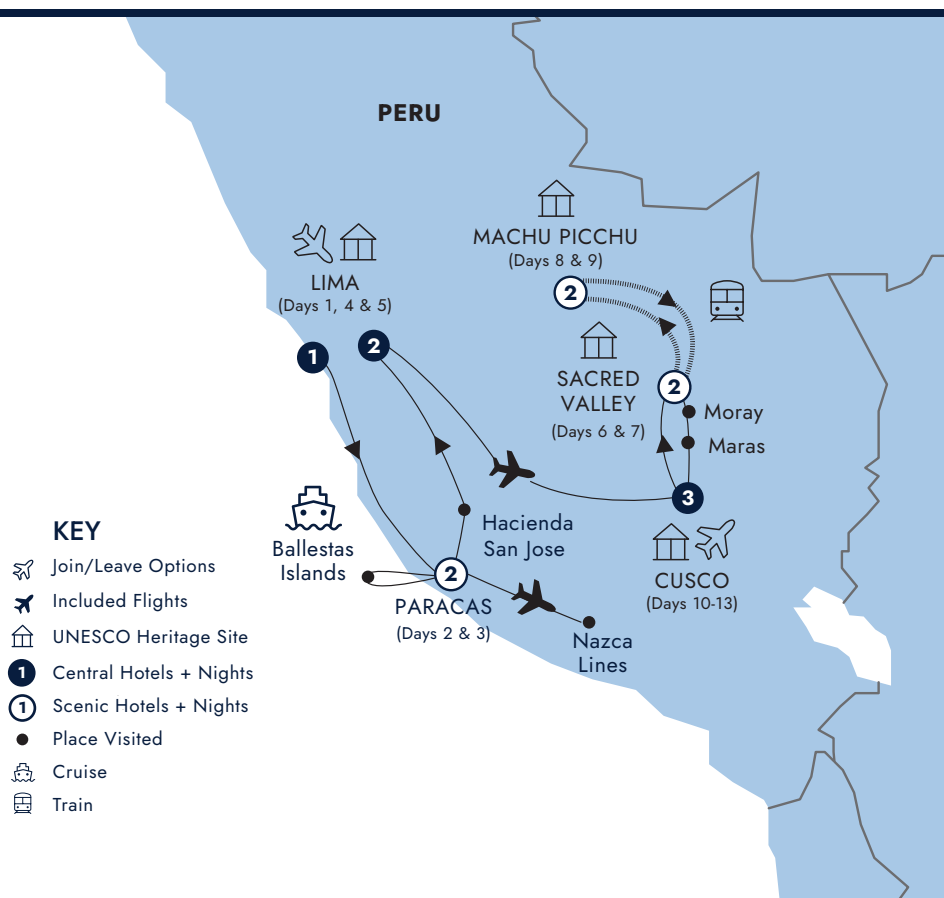


DAY 7 | Visit a local traditional Quechua weaver in the Sacred Valley for a private textile presentation.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Casa Aliaga and Museo Larco in Lima | Maras Salt Pans and Moray Ruins | Ollantaytambo Ruins | San Pedro Market in Cusco | City tours of Lima, Cusco and Sacsayhuaman, all with Local Experts | Machu Picchu: Scenic Inca Rail 360° train ride.

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DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN BUENOS AIRES

Nicknamed the “Paris of South America”, this glamorous destination really does live up to its European counterpart. Neoclassical, Art Nouveau and Art Deco buildings line its streets, attracting equally as sophisticated travellers. On arrival, you'll be transferred to your luxury hotel, the Alvear Icon. Located on the banks of the Río de la Plata in Puerto Madero. Relax and unwind before meeting your Travel Director and fellow guests for a three-course Welcome Dinner with wine. (D)
Alvear Icon Hotel, Buenos Aires

DAY 2 | EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES

Start your first full day in Buenos Aires with a city tour. Take in the capital's key sights including the Metropolitan Cathedral, Casa Rosada and Plaza de Mayo. Later, visit the historic Mercado San Telmo. Built in 1897, this indoor market is situated in the Tango District, in the heart of the San Telmo neighbourhood. Witness a private demonstration and performance by professional tango dancers at an authentic “conventillo” in La Boca, where you will be introduced to this passionate dance and upbeat music. In the evening, enjoy an authentic Asado Porteno (Argentinian barbecue) with a local chef. (B) (D)

DAY 3 | ON TO COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO

Travel by ferry across the Rio de la Plata, otherwise known as the River Plate. Visit Colonia del Sacramento. Now a UNESCO World heritage site, this colourful destination was originally founded by the Portuguese in the 1600s. Enjoy lunch with wine at a local olive farm, Viñedos y Olivares del Quintón, known for their characteristic terrain and thermal air, the perfect setting for vineyards and olive groves. Take a guided walking tour of the protected old city's 16th century buildings before arriving in Uruguay in the capital of Montevideo. (B) (L)
Hotel Costanero MGallery, Montevideo.

DAY 4 | VISIT JUANICÓ WINERY

Just north of Montevideo sits Juanicó winery, one of the leading wineries of the country. You'll be welcomed with a tour of the vineyards, state-of-the-art facilities, and the wine cellar built in 1840. After learning how past and present blend to create wines that receive gold medals and international recognition, sit down to a leisurely lunch. A sip of one of their Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Gewurztraminer, Riesling and Sauvignon Gris or flagship full-bodied red will leave you with a new appreciation for Uruguayan wines. (B) (L)

DAY 5 | RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES

Take a ferry back to Buenos Aires for an afternoon of Insight Choice. Take in the city from the water on a boat tour displaying the city's fascinating neighbourhoods. Or, tour the bustling San Telmo Market's many stalls of local goods from fragrant coffee and spices to rare antiques. With another evening in this vibrant city, seize the opportunity to watch a tango performance or ask your Travel Director where to enjoy a relaxing dinner of the region's famous steak. (B)
Alvear Icon Hotel, Buenos Aires

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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DAY 6 | BUENOS AIRES TO IGUASSU FALLS

With over 270 waterfalls, rare flora and fauna, and lush rainforest, your destination really is as impressive as the photos suggest. Meaning “big water” in the Guaraní language, the stunning falls land in both Argentina and Brazil. With two outdoor pools, a modern spa and a stylish interior, you’ll be able to relax and rejuvenate in a fitting manner. Have a night at leisure within the National Park as you take in your beautiful surroundings. (B)

Gran Melia, Iguassu Falls

DAY 7 | SIGHTSEEING AT IGUASSU FALLS

Take in breathtaking views of the jungle and falls, before heading out with a Local Expert to explore the Argentinian side of the park. This u-shaped waterfall contains 14 falls in total and is more than 262 feet (80 meters) high. Take an optional boat ride to Devil’s Throat, the largest and perhaps most famous water cascade in the park. Your Highlight Dinner will be served at The Argentine Experience where you’ll learn how to prepare your own wine based cocktail, and your own empanadas. Afterwards, savour an Argentinian picada and sample mate and Alfajores, Argentina’s famous national sweet. To enhance your dining experience, your dishes will be complemented by Argentinian wines. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | THE BRAZILIAN SIDE

Wake up and enjoy breakfast with a tropical view. Today you’ll take a guided visit to the Brazilian side of Iguassu Falls. While the walk around the Brazilian side is shorter, its no less impressive. Your Local Expert will show you panoramic views of San Martin Island, before you head to the airport for your flight to Rio. On arrival to the capital of samba, the rest of the

evening will be at leisure. Either relax at your hotel or head out and explore the area’s local nightlife. (B)

Fairmont Rio de Janeiro, Copacabana

DAY 9 | EXPLORE RIO DE JANEIRO

With spectacular rooms, you’ll start the day at the idyllic Fairmont hotel. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a local botanist for a special guided visit to Rio’s Botanical Garden, a preservation site for a rare collection of bromeliads and orchids, as well as old trees and exotic plants. Enjoy a Highlight Lunch with a caipirinha at Casa Camolese, a contemporary restaurant situated next to the garden. Conclude your day with a cable car ride up to Sugarloaf Mountain. (B) (L)

DAY 10 | LEISURE TIME IN RIO DE JANEIRO

In the morning, take a tour of Tijuca Forest National Park, where you’ll find Mount Corcovado, home to the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue. Spend the afternoon at leisure. Why not soak up the sun on Copacabana Beach or ask your Travel Director for the best spot to grab a Brazilian coffee? In the evening, commemorate your holiday as you join your new friends for a memorable Celebration Dinner at a traditional Brazilian churrascaria, offering views of the Sugarloaf Mountain. (B) (D)

DAY 11 | DEPART RIO DE JANEIRO

It’s time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers as your trip comes to an end. Take our organized transfer to Rio de Janeiro-Antonio Carlos Jobim International Airport. (B)



Superior Dining

Enjoy a traditional Brazilian “Churrascaria” Steakhouse | Asado Porteno Dinner Experience

Insightful Experiences

Buenos Aires: Witness a private demonstration and performance by professional tango dancers and musicians at an authentic “conventillo” in La Boca, where you will be introduced to this passionate dance and upbeat music. Colonia Del Sacramento: Learn all about wine & olive oil in Uruguay.

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DAY 9 | Join a local botanist for an exclusive guided visit to Rio’s Botanical Garden, a research and preservation site for a rare collection of bromeliads and orchids, as well as old trees and exotic plants (pictured above).

Top Rated Highlights

City tour of Buenos Aires with a Local Expert | Visit Colonia del Sacramento UNESCO Heritage Site | Iguassu Falls on the Argentinean & Brazilian Side | Sugarloaf Mountain by cable car | Corcovado Mountain inside the Tijuca National Park | Christ the Redeemer | Copacabana Beach



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The Golden Gate Bridge, when constructed in 1937, set the world record for the longest bridge span, the distance between supports and also the tallest towers. It was named one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World in 1994 by the American Society of Civil Engineers.



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DAY 1 | ANCHORAGE, THE CITY OF LIGHTS AND FLOWERS

Welcome to Alaska, an adventurous land of wildlife, mountains, national parks and glaciers. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner. (D)
Marriott Anchorage Downtown.

DAY 2 | ANCHORAGE SIGHTSEEING AND THE MATANUSKA VALLEY

Get acquainted with Anchorage on an immersive city tour. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Alaska Native Heritage Centre and discover how the culinary traditions passed on by generations of Alaska's first people, became a key component in the survival of the culture. Witness firsthand a private demonstration of Agutak ice cream making and how this culinary link to the past helps breathe new life into the indigenous culture of today. This afternoon, travel through the fertile Matanuska Valley and stop at a local farm to see how the long summer days and glacial silt create the perfect environment for growing vegetables and flowers. Head to the quaint community of Talkeetna, nestled at the base of Mount Denali, North America's tallest peak. The evening is yours at leisure. Feel free to ask your Travel Director for suggestions on the best spots to grab a bite. (B)
Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge.

DAY 3 | TALKEETNA SIGHTSEEING

This morning the choice is yours, enjoy an immersive jet boat tour up the Chulitna River and make a visit to a trapper's cabin. Learn about the fascinating lifestyle of hunting and trapping in Interior Alaska. Or opt for a scenic float trip on the Talkeetna River for amazing viewing of Mt Denali and possible wildlife sightings. The rest of the day is yours to explore, perhaps discovering more of Talkeetna or joining an optional experience such as a flightseeing tour of the Alaska Range, or a dryland dog sledding ride. Or combine the two - take a helicopter ride to an alpine camp where our experienced guide will accompany you as you mush along a snow-covered glacier. (B)

DAY 4 | JOURNEY ALONG THE ALASKAN RAILROAD

Enjoy a Relaxed Start this morning before boarding the world-famous Alaska Railroad train for a spectacular journey over swift-rushing streams, toward Denali National Park and Preserve. View the majestic surroundings from the comfort of your glass-domed rail car. North of Talkeetna the tracks veer away from the road system and into the backcountry Hurricane area; this region offers views of the snaking Indian River, the occasional remote cabin and the expansive sight of Hurricane Gulch from the top of a 296-foot bridge. Just south of Denali National Park, Broad Pass offers majestic views of the Alaska Range in all directions. Later, meet a local climber who will share stories about what it's like to a climb up one of the most daunting and tallest land-based mountains in the world, Denali. A trek that begins deep in the heart of the

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Alaskan Range and where conditions only get tougher further into the journey, forcing climbers to build snow walls for protection from the harsh elements. The climb which takes approximately 17-18 days round trip, takes incredible physical and mental fortitude. For tonight's dinner with wine, the choice is yours between a charming local brewery or the lodge's rustic restaurant during your Dine-Around evening. (B) (D) Grande Denali Lodge, Denali National Park.

DAY 5 | DENALI NATIONAL PARK, THE CROWN JEWEL OF THE ALASKAN WILDERNESS

Embark on an extensive Denali Natural History Tour during to learn about the Alaskan natives who once lived in the park and the first ascent of Denali. You'll have the whole afternoon free to participate in an array of optional activities. From a blissful stroll through one of the meadows, to a rewarding hike, this Park is for everyone. You will also find that to be true with the exciting optional experiences which include a rafting trip down the Nenana River, (waiver required) to a helicopter flightseeing tour - just don't forget your camera! End the day back at your lodge where you'll enjoy panoramic views of your surroundings under the star filled night. (B)

DAY 6 | GIRDWOOD AND MOUNT ALYESKA

Enjoy a scenic journey along the George Parks Highway. Stop in Big Lake, AK and visit four-time Iditarod winner Martin Buser at his own home.

Arriving at the kennel, you will be greeted by between thirty and sixty excited sled dogs. Spend time with Martin and learn about the many challenges faced on the 1,049-mile dogsled race. Take a virtual trip along the Iditarod trail alongside Martin's narration including countless stories from his thirty-five years of racing, as well as a great deal of Iditarod history. A true insider experience into the world of the Iditarod, that very few get to experience. Journey on the Seward Highway along Turnagain Arm with its dramatic views, before arriving in the town of Girdwood, home of the Alyeska Resort. In the evening, join your Travel Director for a wonderful Celebration Dinner, complete with wine and good cheer. (B) (L) (D) The Hotel Alyeska, Girdwood.

DAY 7 | PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND CRUISE AND DEPART ANCHORAGE

Take this morning to enjoy the surroundings and amenities at the beautiful Alyeska resort. Travel to Whittier to board the 26 Glacier Cruise for a 100-mile (160-kilometer) boat tour of Prince William Sound and into the College Fjord with the chance to see the glaciers up close. Visit with the Captain in the wheelhouse to learn how he expertly navigates the icy waterways and sit down to a sumptuous lunch against an incredible backdrop. For those saying farewell today, travel back to Anchorage where you will arrive at the Anchorage Airport at approximately 20:00. (B) (L)



Insightful Experiences

Matanuska Valley: As you travel through the fertile valley, stop at a local farm to learn about agriculture in Alaska.
Denali National Park: Join a specialist for a Denali Natural History Tour and learn about the Alaskan natives who once lived in the park and the first ascent of Denali, North America's highest peak.
Big Lake: Meet four-time Iditarod winner, Martin Buser and learn about the challenges of competing in the 1,049-mile (1,688 kilometer) while enjoying lunch at his home.
Denali National Park: Meet a local climber at a private presentation in Denali National Park and hear first-hand about their experience climbing the highest peak in North America.

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DAY 2 | Enjoy an exclusive Agutak (Inuit ice cream) making demonstration during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® visit to the renowned Alaska Native Heritage Centre.

Insight Choice

Talkeetna: Choose between jet boat tour on the Chulitna River or a scenic float on the Talkeetna River.

Top Rated Highlights

Anchorage city tour | Talkeetna | Scenic ride on Alaska Railroad | Denali National Park | Alyeska Resort stay | Scenic 26 Glacier Cruise.

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*Experience the authentic Wild West
adventuring in Yellowstone, Devils Tower
and floating down the Snake River.*

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: AAP

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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DAY 1 | ARRIVE SALT LAKE CITY

Welcome to Salt Lake City, the capital of Utah. Situated between Wasatch Range and the Great Salt Lake, this mountainous city is perfect for outdoorsy types, with a strong focus on skiing and fishing. At 18:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner with wine, where you will meet your fellow guests. (D) Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, Salt Lake City.

DAY 2 | JACKSON AND THE TETONS

Travel onward from Salt Lake City, heading north across the Oregon Trail to historic Jackson. Have your cameras ready for the famous elk antlers that adorn the central square, while eager shoppers may choose from a number of charming traditional boutiques to browse. (B) Elk Country Inn, Jackson Hole.

DAY 3 | YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

This morning, you'll have the opportunity to partake in an optional scenic float down the Snake River inside Grand Teton National Park. Afterward, take a scenic drive through Grand Teton National Park featuring eight towering peaks nearly 12,000 feet (3,658 meters) high. Later in the day we enter the breathtaking Yellowstone, known for its unique geothermal activity, spectacular landscapes and abundant wildlife you are sure to spot. (B) Yellowstone National Park Lodge.

DAY 4 | GEYSERS AND COLOURFUL MUDPOTS

Yellowstone National Park is home to over half of all the world's geysers. Boasting over 500 steaming geysers, today is your chance to walk among hot springs, watch erupting geysers, see bubbling mud pots, and keep your eyes peeled for colourful geothermal paint pots on an informative sightseeing tour with your Travel Director. See Old Faithful, Hayden Valley and behold the powerful Lower Yellowstone Falls. (B)

DAY 5 | THE RANCH AT UCROSS

Head to the Wild West town of Cody, and learn about America's great Western legends at the Buffalo Bill Centre of the West. With five museums on campus, you'll be sure to find one that piques your interest. Learn about Buffalo Bill and the Plain Indians, or venture into the Cody Firearms Museum and the Draper Natural History Museum. Or, for a more relaxed experience, you can stroll through the Whitney Western Art Museum. This evening, enjoy a ranch-style Highlight Dinner with wine at The Ranch at UCross offering the perfect, relaxing getaway for experiencing Wyoming's wildlife, recreation and environmental heritage. (B) (D) Ranch at UCross, Clearmont.

DAY 6 | DEVILS TOWER INTO THE BLACK HILLS

Explore with Insight Choice. Choose to head out on a scenic country horseback ride accompanied by a Ranch Hand. Alternatively, try your hand at fishing or simply relax and take in the beautiful scenery. Make your way to Devils Tower, an astounding geological feature that protrudes out

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of the surrounding Black Hills. Next, experience Spearfish Canyon. (B)
Spearfish Canyon Lodge, Spearfish Canyon.

DAY 7 | CUSTER AND THE WILD, WILD WEST

This morning, we head to Oglala Lakota Living History Museum for a unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Walk among recreated teepee villages while listening to stories of Lakota history and culture. Afterward, we set out to explore Badlands National Park, home to some of the most unique natural structures in the world. End the day surrounded by more picturesque landscape in Custer State Park. This evening, you'll have the choice to join a buffalo jeep safari tour followed by a chuckwagon style dinner. (B) State Game Lodge, Custer State Park.

DAY 8 | MOUNTAIN MONUMENTS OF THE BLACK HILLS

Join an Insight Experience at the Crazy Horse Memorial- the world's largest mountain carving created in honour of the Lakota warrior. Curated with a view to help protect and continue the living heritage of the Native Americans, this experience details how the memorial was carved from land sacred to the tribes. With exclusive access not available to the general public, guests ascend 563 feet (172 meters) and have the opportunity to face the monument up close. Then, gaze up at the rock carved faces of four previous US Presidents at Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Join your Travel Director and newfound friends for a Celebration Dinner with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | DEPART RAPID CITY OR DENVER

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers. Guests flying out of Rapid City may take our complimentary shuttle service to Rapid City Regional Airport. A transfer to Denver International Airport is available for guests flying out of Denver, where arrival is at approximately 16:30. For those continuing their adventure on the Rocky Mountaineer, you will enjoy a relaxing evening at

your Denver hotel before embarking on the rail journey of a lifetime the following morning. (B)

DAY 10 | DENVER TO GLENWOOD SPRINGS ON THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

Rise early this morning and make your way independently to Union Station where you will check in and board a coach for a quick transfer to the Rocky Mountaineer train. Hop on and get comfortable as you wave goodbye to Denver and cross the Continental Divide. Take in the spectacular views of rugged canyons and the Colorado River through panoramic windows. Enjoy the staff's commentary and comradery of your newfound friends while indulging in the menu and service. Perhaps you'll even choose to step out onto the vestibule to get a breath of fresh air and experience the many tunnels that have been carved into the mountains before arriving at the resort town of Glenwood Springs where you will disembark and enjoy an overnight stay. (B) (L) Assigned by Rocky Mountaineer.

DAY 11 | GLENWOOD SPRINGS TO MOAB

Return to the Rocky Mountaineer this morning and leave charming Glenwood Springs behind. Another day of awe-inspiring sights awaits as you make your way across the Colorado-Utah border. Stunning mountain views, red sandstone landscapes and even occasional wildlife such as pronghorn emerge as you approach Moab, the gateway to Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. Part ways this afternoon and transfer to your Moab hotel. The rest of the day is yours to do as you please. (B) (L)

DAY 12 | MOAB AND DEPART SALT LAKE CITY

Your adventure with Rocky Mountaineer ends as you transfer from Moab to Salt Lake City via motorcoach. You will arrive at Salt Lake City International Airport at approximately 15:00, please be aware when booking your return flights. (B)



Insightful Experiences

Black Hills: Visit Crazy Horse Memorial, which is dedicated to protecting and preserving the culture, tradition and living heritage of the North American Indians. A special Insight Experience awaits as you are taken up to stand face-to-face with this impressive sculpture.

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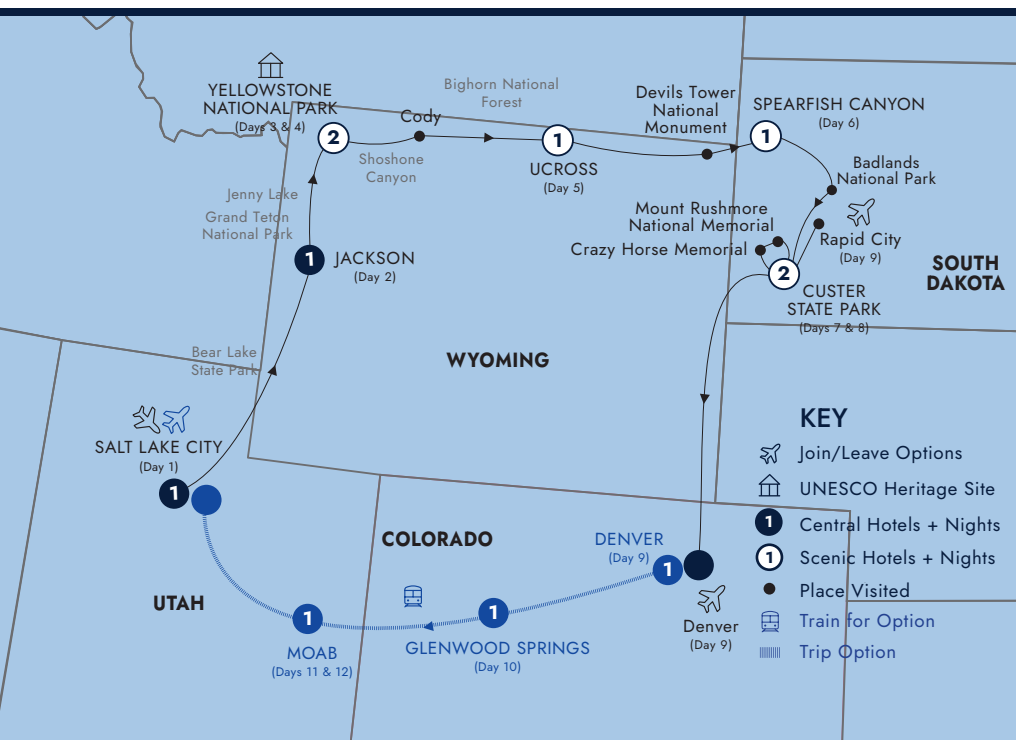
DAY 7 | Our guests get to walk on the trails through displays of living quarters from approximately the 1870's to the 1960's. Local native artists provide an insight of the culture and tradition through their crafts and storytelling. Your visit contributes to the sustainability and resiliency of the Lakota community for generations to come.

Insight Choice

Ucross: Live the American frontier dream and begin your day with a scenic country horseback ride.
Ucross: Take a leisurely fishing outing and enjoy the serene surroundings.

Top Rated Highlights

Grand Teton National Park | Yellowstone National Park | The Ranch at UCross | Spearfish Canyon | Custer State Park | Mount Rushmore | Badlands National Park | Oglala Lakota Living History Museum | Devils Tower National Monument | Buffalo Bill Centre of the West.



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BEST OF CALIFORNIA

Trace the handprints at the historic TCL Chinese Theatre, sightsee in San Diego and indulge over an olive oil farm tour and tasting.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: ACAL

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Mar - Oct

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see insightvacations.com/bestcalifornia

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO SAN DIEGO

Kick off your trip at your downtown hotel neighboring the historic Gaslamp Quarter and Little Italy, putting you right in the soul of the city. Perhaps take a walk along the bay before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner at your hotel. (D)
Kimpton Alma, San Diego.

DAY 2 | SAN DIEGO SIGHTSEEING

Discover America's finest city as you embark on a sightseeing tour with your Travel Director. Journey through the Gaslamp Quarter, the historic heart of San Diego and Balboa Park, one of North America's most iconic urban parks. Finally, stroll among the historic adobe ranch homes of the Old Town State Historical Park. (B)
InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown.

DAY 3 | LOS ANGELES SIGHTSEEING

An exciting day awaits as you set out to explore lively Los Angeles. Ride on the landmark Angel's Flight funicular for a taste of early 20th-century nostalgia. Continue to your journey through Downtown Los Angeles exploring Grand Central Market, the Bradbury Building, and US Bank Tower while learning about the history and architecture from the 18th-century to the present. Look for the hand and footprints of cinema's greatest celebrities at the historic TCL Chinese Theatre, Hollywood's most sought-after theatre for movie premieres. In the afternoon, explore Los Angeles with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the innovative Petersen Automotive Museum. Alternatively, head to the new Academy Museum of Motion Pictures and take a deep dive into the history of filmmaking. To top off your perfect day, you will dine at a local restaurant highlighting the flavours of Southern California. (B) (D)

DAY 4 | JOURNEY TO THE AMERICAN RIVIERA

Drive along one of the most scenic drives in America known as the Pacific Coast Highway. This stretch of freeway hugs the coast of California offering sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean. Take a stroll on the wooden Santa Monica Pier that juts 500 meters into the Pacific Ocean. See the iconic ferriswheel and amusement park situated on the pier and perhaps spot wildlife in the distance. Back on the coach, depart for Santa Barbara taking in the ocean views on your left and mountain views to your right. Explore Santa Barbara with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the 18th-century Old Mission, one of the original 21 California Missions founded by Spanish Franciscans. Alternatively, take a relaxing stroll through the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History and learn about California's diverse native plants. (B)
Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort.

DAY 5 | DISCOVER CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL COAST

This morning we visit "The Danish Capitol of America" in Solvang, California. In 1911, a new settlement was founded around the mission by a group of Danish-Americans who purchased 9,000

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acres (3,600 ha) of the surrounding Rancho San Carlos de Jonata, to establish a Danish community far from Midwestern winters. The community took on its distinctive Danish-themed architecture beginning in 1947 and has since become a prominent tourist destination. Later we drive from Santa Barbara to Pismo Beach. Enjoy stunning ocean views and lush farmlands as you head north into our final destination dotted with olive groves, vineyards, and orchards. Enjoy lunch on your own before you are treated to an olive oil farm tour and tasting experience. In the evening, discover why Pismo Beach is known as the Clam Capital of the world or relax and dine at your hotel. (B) **Vespera Resort, Pismo Beach.**

DAY 6 | GIANT SEQUOIAS

Journey to the majestic Yosemite National Park, an UNESCO World Heritage site. Stop at the Mariposa Grove, home to over 500 mature sequoias and admire these gigantic trees. The oldest tree in the Grove is the Grizzly Giant, which dates back around 3000 years and stands 209 feet (64 meters) tall. Once you've settled in to your hotel, enjoy a three-course dinner with wine in The Mountain Room at Yosemite Valley Lodge. Take in views of the nearly 2500 foot (762 meters) high waterfall while exploring diverse and sustainable menu offerings that include local, organic, and seasonal preparations. (B) (D) **Yosemite Valley Lodge.**

DAY 7 | EXPLORING YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Join a naturalist guide/climber and get familiar with the ins and outs of rock climbing. Take a step back and spend time watching experts in action. You can see climbers tackling some of the more than 60 routes up the granite monolith

that is El Capitan and you will learn how climbers help preserve the vertical environment on this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. After lunch, continue exploring Yosemite National Park with your Tour Director before settling into an evening on your own. (B)

DAY 8 | ON TO SAN FRANCISCO

Travel towards the West Coast, cross the Bay Bridge and arrive in buzzing San Francisco. Head to the Fisherman's Wharf, once home to the city's colourful fishing fleet and today a popular district full of restaurants, cafes and shops. This afternoon, join your Travel Director for a stroll across the legendary Golden Gate Bridge, a symbol of California, then continue on a short drive to the quaint town of Sausalito. Enjoy some leisure time before taking the ferry back to San Francisco, passing the infamous Alcatraz Island. (B) **Hyatt Regency Embarcadero, San Francisco.**

DAY 9 | SAN FRANCISCO SIGHTSEEING

This morning, venture across the road to the Ferry Building and shop among the stalls at one of America's most famous farmers markets. On your city sightseeing tour, journey past lively Union Square and the vast Golden Gate Park. In the afternoon, we visit the oldest and largest Chinatown in the US on our Insight Experience. Tours are led by Chinatown Alleyway Tours - a community based non-profit that is youth-run and youth-led. Tonight, toast to your travels at a local restaurant at your Celebration Dinner. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | FAREWELL CALIFORNIA

It is time to bid farewell to your fellow travellers and new friends as you depart at your own leisure with plenty of new memories. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in San Diego | Highlight Dinner at Sol Agave (Los Angeles) | Hotel Dining at Yosemite Lodge | Celebration Dinner at Palette Tea House.

Insightful Experiences

San Francisco: Join a youth-led walking tour of Chinatown's historic alleyways where you will learn of their origins and hear stories from those who call this place home.



DAY 7 | Join a naturalist guide/climber at El Capitan Meadow where you will become familiar with the basics of rock climbing, while learning how they help preserve the vertical, natural environment. Your visit contributes to the Yosemite Conservancy, a nonprofit organisation dedicated to the preservation of US National Parks.

Insight Choice

Los Angeles: Visit Petersen Automobile Museum of Academy Museum of Motion Pictures. Santa Barbara: Or, choose to visit Old Mission or the Natural History Museum.

Top Rated Highlights

Scenic Drive along Pacific Coast Highway | San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco TD-Led Sightseeing | Pasolivo Olive Oil Tasting Experience, Mariposa Grove, Yosemite National Park.

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Valley's Navajo Tribal Park*

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN PHOENIX AND TRAVEL TO SCOTTSDALE

Welcome to Arizona, famous for road trips, Monument Valley, and of course the Grand Canyon. At 18:00, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner at Zuzu. (D) Hotel Valley Ho, Scottsdale

DAY 2 | SEDONA AND THE WONDERS OF THE MIGHTY GRAND CANYON

Travel through world-renowned Red Country along the Red Rock Scenic Byway, one of only 20 designated All-American Roads nationwide. Meet your Local Expert, Canyon Tim at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon to learn about the origins of the five-million-year-old canyon. (B) Grand Canyon National Park Lodge

DAY 3 | MONUMENT VALLEY AND LAKE POWELL

Early risers will take advantage of the lodge location to witness one of Mother Nature's grandest shows on earth: a sunrise over the Grand Canyon. Travel along the South Rim Desert View Drive, skirting the southern rim of the canyon. MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience by supporting the Grand Canyon Conservancy and making a donation to support the development of the Desert Viewpoint Intertribal Cultural Heritage Site. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Monument Valley Tribal Park, where Navajo Local Experts guide you through the history, culture and heritage of the Navajo Nation. Enjoy a Navajo cookout amid the giant buttes and mesas of this unique landscape. Spend the rest of the day relaxing at your lakefront resort. (B) (L) (D) Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas

DAY 4 | LEISURELY LAKE POWELL

Spend your day at leisure or partake in one of our popular optional experiences such as a float trip down the Colorado River or an optional helicopter ride up to the top of Tower butte. In the evening, enjoy dinner with wine at the Red Heritage. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Travel through Bryce Canyon Country on a portion of the Scenic Highway 89, recognized by National Geographic as the No. 1 Driver's Drive in the world. Also enjoy a visit to Bryce Canyon National Park and see the natural amphitheatre and its famous hoodoos. (B) Zion National Park Lodge

DAY 6 | ZION NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a Relaxed Start this morning before joining a Local Expert for a canyon tour aboard a privately chartered open-air vehicle. Embark on a leisurely stroll along the Virgin River taking in breathtaking views of the pink-hued canyons. (B)

DAY 7 | SALT LAKE CITY

This morning you make your way out of Zion National Park and will travel to Salt Lake City, the capital of Utah. In the evening join for a dinner with wine at the hotel. (B) (D) Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, Salt Lake City

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DAY 8 | JACKSON AND THE TETONS

Head north across the Oregon Trail to historic Jackson, Wyoming. Here you'll be able to explore the storied town at your own leisure. (B) Elk Country Inn, Jackson Hole

DAY 9 | YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Today we head toward Grand Teton National Park. Then we head for the breathtaking Yellowstone, known for its unique geothermal activity, spectacular landscapes and abundant wildlife you are sure to spot. This historic National Park is truly a sight to behold. (B) Yellowstone National Park Lodge

DAY 10 | GEYSERS AND COLOURFUL PAINTPOTS

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DAY 11 | THE RANCH AT UCROSS

Head through Shoshone National Forest to the Wild West town of Cody, and learn about America's great Western legends at the Buffalo Bill Centre of the West. This evening, enjoy a ranch-style Highlight Dinner with wine. (B) (D) Ranch at UCross, Clearmont

DAY 12 | DEVILS TOWER INTO THE BLACK HILLS

Explore the Ranch at UCross with Insight Choice. Choose to head on a scenic country horseback ride accompanied by a Ranch Hand. Alternatively,

try your hand at fishing. Make your way to Devils Tower, an astounding geological feature in the Black Hills. Next, experience Spearfish Canyon popular with wildlife enthusiasts and famous for its elvish woodland. (B) Spearfish Canyon Lodge, Spearfish Canyon

DAY 13 | CUSTER AND THE WILD, WILD WEST

This morning, we head to Oglala Lakota Living History Museum for a unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Walk among recreated teepee villages while listening to stories of Lakota history and culture. Afterward, we set out to explore Badlands National Park, home to some of the most unique natural structures in the world. End the day surrounded by more picturesque landscape in Custer State Park. (B) State Game Lodge, Custer State Park

DAY 14 | MOUNTAIN MONUMENTS OF THE BLACK HILLS

Join an experience at the Crazy Horse Memorial- the world's largest mountain carving created in honour of the Lakota warrior. With exclusive access not available to the general public, guests ascend 563 feet (172 metres) and have the opportunity to face the monument up close. Then we explore Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Join your Travel Director and newfound friends for a Celebration Dinner with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 15 | DEPART RAPID CITY OR DENVER

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers. Guests flying out of Rapid City can take a complimentary transfer to Rapid City Regional Airport. A transfer to Denver International Airport is available for guests flying out of Denver, where arrival is at approximately 16:30. (B)



Insightful Experiences

Black Hills: Visit Crazy Horse Memorial | A special Insight Experience awaits as you are taken up to stand face-to-face with this impressive sculpture.

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DAY 3 | Trace the scenic South Rim of the Grand Canyon along Desert View Drive. See the historic Watchtower and track the Colorado River. This experience supports the Grand Canyon Conservancy and donates to the Desert Viewpoint Intertribal Cultural Heritage Site.

DAY 3 | Deepen your knowledge of and connection with the first nations of this land as we travel to Monument Valley by way of off-road vehicles to the cookout site. Enjoy an authentically delicious barbecue lunch with members of the Navajo Nation.

DAY 4 | Navajo owned and operated, Red Heritage is a Native American Performing Arts Theater showcasing awe inspiring local talent: powwow dancers, flute playing, and live drum music.

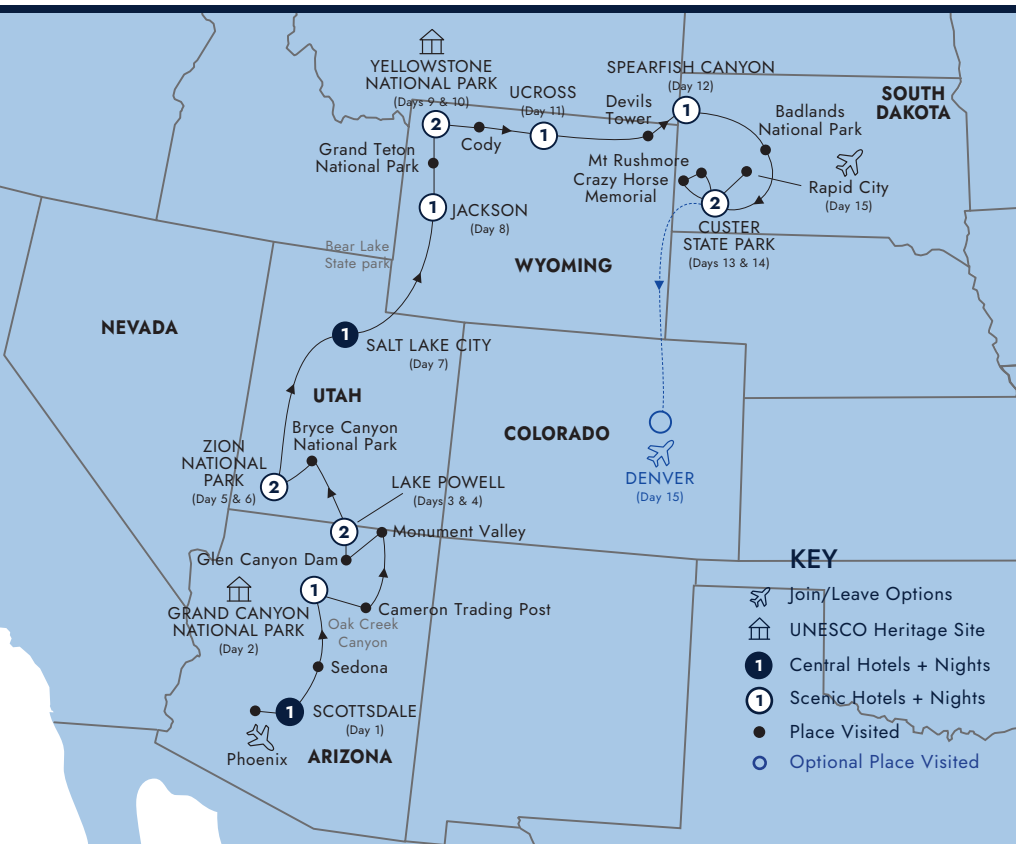
Insight Choice

UCross Ranch: Explore the ranch life and choose to head on a scenic country horseback ride accompanied by a Ranch Hand. Alternatively, try your hand at fishing.

Top Rated Highlights

Journey on a scenic drive through the Red Rock Scenic Byway | Marvel at the Grand Canyon and Monument Valley | Ride in open-air visibility through Zion National Park | Private on the Open-Air Tram | Explore Grand Teton National Park and Yellowstone National Park

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

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DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN NASHVILLE

Welcome to Nashville, the capital of Tennessee and the USA's glittering centre stage. Relax and unwind before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner with wine. (D)

The Banker's Alley Hotel, Nashville

DAY 2 | TAKE CENTRE STAGE IN NASHVILLE

Pass by the city's lively honky-tonks and performers on Broadway as you embark on an orientation tour of the city. Later, visit the original home of the Grand Ole Opry - the Ryman Auditorium. In the afternoon, pay a visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame. Tonight, attend a live broadcast of the Grand Ole Opry, the longest-running radio broadcast in US history. (B)

DAY 3 | CHOOSE YOUR NASHVILLE EXPLORATION

Around lunch time, we make a stop at the Nashville Farmers Market and Market House to explore its artisanal crafts and produce. Explore Nashville with Insight Choice. Choose to visit Nelson's Green Brier, a Tennessee distillery known for Original Tennessee Whiskey. Enjoy a guided tour, tasting, and discover the family's whiskey legacy, originating on a German ship to America. MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® with your visit to the National Museum of African American Music, the only museum dedicated to preserving and celebrating the many music genres created, influenced, and inspired by African Americans. This is for music lovers of all generations and inspires, educates, and transforms your appreciation of American music all while celebrating the central role African Americans play in creating the American soundtrack. (B)

DAY 4 | HEADING BACK HOME TO MEMPHIS

This morning you'll head to Memphis. Spend the morning on a sightseeing tour of the city, followed by a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the National Civil Rights Museum. While there, you'll be guided through centuries of Civil Rights Movement history and its impact on our culture today. End your day with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a private evening at the Stax Museum of American Soul Music. The museum is part of The Soulsville Foundation, which aims to prepare young adults for life success and inspire future artists. (B)

The Guest House at Graceland, Memphis.

DAY 5 | A DAY DEDICATED TO THE KING

Begin your day with a visit to iconic Graceland, the former home of Elvis Presley. Then, venture to the renowned Sun Studio, celebrated as the "birthplace of rock and roll," where legends like B.B. King, Johnny Cash, and Elvis recorded. Dinner this evening will be served at The Beauty Shop, a former parlour turned whimsical New American eatery where Elvis' ex-wife, Priscilla, was said to get her hair done. (B) (D)

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DAY 6 | MEMPHIS TO GREENWOOD

Travel through the Mississippi Delta down the Mississippi Blues Trail, a route that tells the stories of businessmen and women. Your Travel Director will give you background information on Greenwood's significance in the Civil Rights Movement, being a center for protests and voter registration struggles from 1962 to 1965. We then head for a hot-tamales cooking class, where we learn how it became a regional specialty. Later dine on a mouthwatering dinner at James Beard Award Finalist restaurant that features southern inspired dishes that include produce local of the area. (B) (D)

The Alluvian, Greenwood.

DAY 7 | MOVING ON TO NATCHEZ

Learn more about Southern history and hospitality as you head to Natchez. Tour the historic antebellum mansions, and discover the preservation efforts of later generations to tell the story of African-Americans through the decades, understanding that slavery and cotton allowed plantation owners to build these mansions. Later, test your mixologist skills as you concoct a traditional Southern cocktail, the Mint Julep. In the evening, enjoy time at your leisure. (B)

Natchez Grand Hotel, Natchez

DAY 8 | NATCHEZ TO LAFAYETTE

Move on to Lafayette for a taste of the Cajun and Creole culture. Led by a Native Cajun expert, join a Swamp Tour to explore the rich ecological systems of America's largest swamp and its wildlife. Next, is a unique Cajun music experience. A genre rooted in the ballads of the French-speaking Acadians, it is both eclectic and joyous. Learn more about this fast tempo music and its history from a local accordion maker and musician. (B)

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Lafayette.

DAY 9 | LAFAYETTE FOR FOODIES

After breakfast, start the day with a crawfish farm tour. You will be joined by a Local Expert who will help you catch your lunch the old-fashioned way, using hand nets. Learn how to prepare a traditional boil before sitting down to enjoy a plate of crawfish, or an equally delicious seasonal speciality. Later, visit the Acadian Cultural Center which tells the stories and culture of the Acadians. (B) (L)

DAY 10 | WELCOME TO THE BIG EASY

New Orleans is a lively and dynamic city, known for its vibrant culture and electric jazz festivals. On the way down south, take a spicy stop at the Tabasco® Factory for a self-guided tour and discover how the world-famous red hot pepper sauce is made. This afternoon, enjoy a regional meal highlighting the flavours of New Orleans. The rest of the day is yours at leisure. (B) (L)

New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans

DAY 11 | FESTIVITIES IN NEW ORLEANS

Get to know the city with a Local Expert as you discover each neighborhood's unique architecture and explore the vibrant art scene. In the afternoon, take your pick of optional activities to get to know the city's distinct culture. This evening enjoy an exclusive behind the scenes tour of Mardi Gras World, where festival floats are built each year. End your day by joining your fellow travellers at a Celebration Dinner at the Palace Cafe - a contemporary and upbeat Creole restaurant at the foot of the French Quarter. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | DEPART NEW ORLEANS

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers as your adventure comes to an end. Departure to the airport will be at leisure. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Nashville | Highlight Dinner in Memphis | Highlight Dinner and cooking demonstration in Greenwood | Highlight Lunch in Lafayette | Highlight Lunch and Celebration Dinner in New Orleans | Taste Tennessee whiskey at the Green Brier Distillery and sample a Cajun Seafood Boil.

Insightful Experiences

New Orleans: Enjoy an exclusive behind the scenes tour of Mardi Gras World, where the magic happens and the extravagant, vibrant floats are built each year. One of the Mardi Gras World certified artists will lead you through designing your very own Mardi Gras mask to create your masterpiece, premium felt backed mask with glitter, feathers and more to take back as an eclectic memento of your time in The Big Easy.
Lafayette: Learn about joyous and eclectic Cajun and Zydeco music, a genre that stems from the ballads of the French-speaking Acadians from a local accordion maker and musician.



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DAY 4 | Visit the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, and embark on a poignant and important tour through five centuries of the Civil Rights Movement.

Insight Choice

Nashville: Choose to visit the National Museum of African American Music. Alternatively, visit the historic Greenbrier Distillery.

Top Rated Highlights

Ride in a specially designed crawfish boat in Lafayette | Visit the Ryman Auditorium | Country Music Hall of Fame | Nashville Farmers' Market | Nelson's Green Brier Distillery | Graceland | Acadian Cultural Center | Tabasco® Factory | See Nashville | Memphis | Mississippi Delta | Natchez | Cajun Country | New Orleans.

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Stroll multi-cultural Toronto, explore the grand mansions of Montreal and experience the might and majesty of Niagara Falls.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | DYNAMIC ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - Oct

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DAY 1 | THRILLING TORONTO

Welcome to Toronto, a vibrant city on Lake Ontario, full of fine restaurants and bars, as well as an eclectic mix of cultures. After settling in, feel free to explore the town and discover what it has to offer. At 18:00, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner with wine. (D)
The Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto.

DAY 2 | TORONTO AND THE THUNDERING FALLS OF NIAGARA

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DAY 3 | KINGSTON AND OTTAWA

Journey to historic Kingston, otherwise known as the Limestone City. Here you'll view the city's storied buildings, churches and fortifications, many of which being constructed from limestone itself. Continue to the Capital city of Ottawa, which plays a pivotal role in promoting sustainable agriculture. At a local farm owned by Just Food, a nonprofit organisation dedicated to fostering sustainable food and farming practices, you'll not only enjoy a captivating cooking demonstration but also learn valuable culinary skills. Experience the essence of Canadian terroir with locally sourced maple sugar, haskaps, Labrador tea, and wildflowers, all while supporting the sustainable future of the region's food system. (B) (D)
Novotel Hotel, Ottawa.

DAY 4 | CANADA'S CAPITAL TO MONTREAL

Spend the morning exploring Ottawa on a tour of the city, taking in the impressive architecture of Parliament Hill. Head to ByWard Market, where you can explore vibrant stalls, taste local treats, and shop for unique souvenirs. Then, visit Mādahōki Farm and experience a lively traditional Pow Wow dance. Join this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and learn about diversity of Indigenous cultures across Canada and how they revive the traditional arts by creating partnerships with elders and artisans. Continue to Montreal in the French-speaking province of Quebec. (B)
Montreal Marriott Chateau Champlain.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 5 | MONTREAL, THE ROYAL MOUNTAIN

Today you'll join a Local Expert who will guide you around Old Montreal. The narrow cobblestone streets draw you in with their lively little plazas, shops and cafes. From the grand mansions of Mount Royal to the iconic old port, Old Montreal is a historic neighbourhood that is now a major hot spot with beautiful architecture, vibrant street art and plenty of opportunities for photo-ops, especially at the top of Mount Royal. Next, visit the Notre Dame Basilica and discover the history of the first neo-gothic church in Canada and marvel at its breathtaking architecture and exceptional stained glass windows. The rest of the day is free to enjoy as you please. (B)

Canadian culinary adventure as you indulge in the sweet delights of maple syrup, harvested and crafted right on-site. Savour traditional maple-infused dishes and experience the warmth of hospitality and the rustic charm of a genuine sugar shack. After lunch, continue onwards to Montmorency Falls Park where you will experience the natural wonder that towers 272 feet (84 m) tall over the Saint Lawrence River. Walk the full width of the falls on a suspension bridge between both sides of the park, or if you are feeling adventurous, you can take the panoramic staircase down along the cliffside. After taking plenty of pictures, you will continue to Quebec City. (B) (L)
Hilton, Quebec.

DAY 7 | QUINTESSENTIAL QUEBEC

Discover more of Quebec City's history and charm with a Local Expert. You'll see the Latin Quarter, Plains of Abraham, City Hall and Palace Royale, while learning about the city's long history as one of the oldest European settlements in North America. No visit to Old Quebec would be complete without seeing the grand hotel Château Frontenac, designated a National Historic Site of Canada and UNESCO World Heritage Site, being one of the first grand railway hotels completed in Canada. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. In the evening enjoy your Celebration Dinner in historic old Quebec. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | DEPART QUEBEC CITY

Bid "Au Revoir" to Quebec City and your fellow travellers as your tour comes to an end. Departure will be at your leisure. (B)

DAY 6 | MONTMORENCY FALLS PARK TO QUEBEC CITY

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Insightful Experiences

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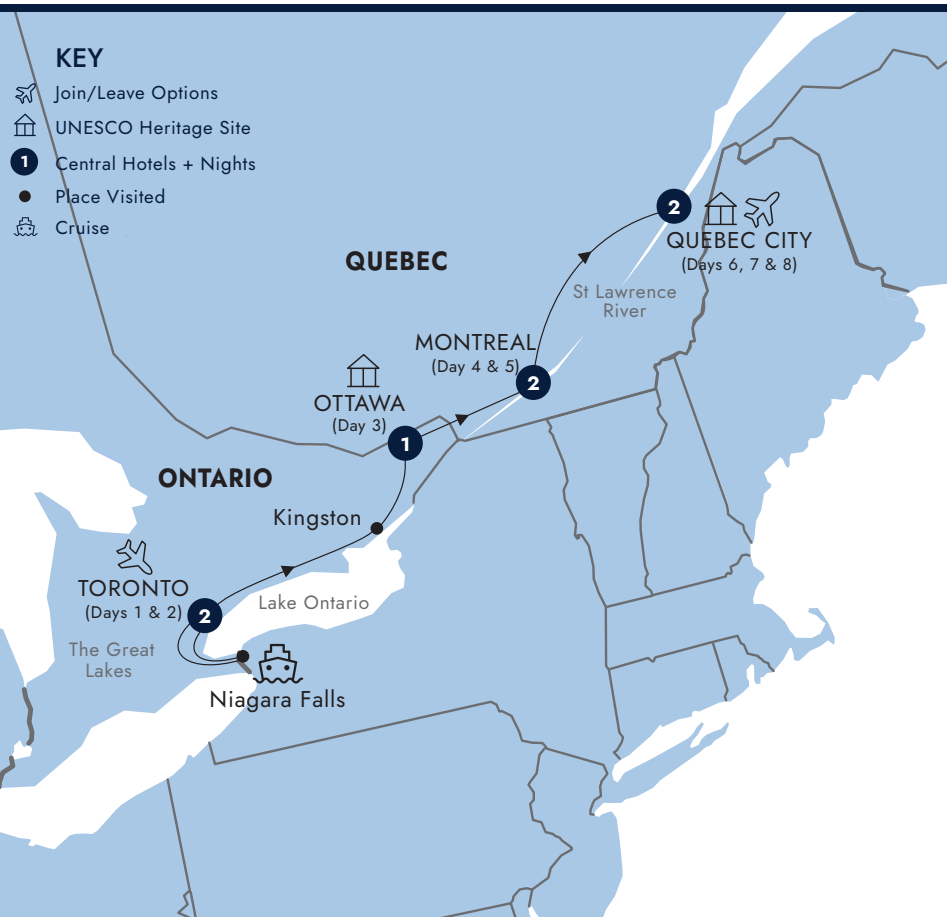


DAY 4 | Visit Mādhòki Farm and experience a lively traditional Pow Wow dance. Join this experience and learn about diversity of Indigenous cultures across Canada and how they revive the traditional arts by creating partnerships with elders and artisans.

Top Rated Highlights

Niagara Falls: Experience the awesome power, thundering water and amazing mist from a state of the art eco-catamaran, making it a perfect and memorable way to experience this natural wonder.
 Quebec City: Visit Montmorency Falls, a remarkable natural wonder of Quebec. For a unique adrenaline-filled view, walk the full width of the falls on a suspension bridge with roaring water below.

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CANADIAN ROCKIES & PACIFIC COAST

*Cruise across the serene, mirror-like waters
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14 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 20 MEALS | DYNAMIC ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - Sep

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VANCOUVER

On arrival, make your way to your hotel. At 18:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner. (D) Georgian Court Hotel, Vancouver.

DAY 2 | CRUISE THE GULF ISLANDS TO VICTORIA

Embark on a tour of Vancouver, exploring Gastown and the famous totem poles in Stanley Park followed by a visit to Capilano Suspension Bridge Park. This afternoon, board a ferry and sail through the beautiful Gulf Islands to Vancouver Island, an idyllic place known for its fishing and art communities. (B) Hotel Grand Pacific, Victoria.

DAY 3 | BUTCHART GARDENS

Start your day at Butchart Gardens, a National Historic Site of Canada. Enjoy a sightseeing tour, including Canada's oldest Chinatown, the bustling Inner Harbour and stately Legislative Buildings. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy at your leisure. While it can't be guaranteed in advance which of the abundant marine wildlife you'll see on your journey, chances are you'll spot magnificent bald eagles, porpoises or seals. At night, choose from a selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)

DAY 4 | VICTORIA TO SUN PEAKS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Cruise back to the mainland and continue your scenic journey through British Columbia. Travel along Coquihalla highway, climb to the summit of Coquihalla Pass and cross Thompson Plateau. Continue to Sun Peaks where you'll end the night with a dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D) Sun Peaks Grand Hotel & Conference Centre, Sun Peaks.

DAY 5 | THE ALPINE WONDERLAND OF JASPER NATIONAL PARK

Today, your journey takes you along the legendary Yellowhead Highway towards Jasper National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. En route, a stop will be made at the Mount Robson Visitor Center in Mount Robson Provincial Park. Arrive in the wonderland of Jasper National Park with its soothing mineral hot springs and majestic mountains. After a brief orientation tour through town, you'll have the option to explore on your own or book onto an optional Float Trip. (B) Forest Park Hotel, Jasper National Park

DAY 6 | EXPLORING JASPER AND THE COLUMBIA ICEFIELD

Enjoy an informative walk on the trails of Maligne Canyon before embarking on a narrated cruise across the serene waters of Maligne Lake. Arrive at the Columbia Icefield for your stay at the Glacier View Lodge, the first and only glacier-view resort in Canada, for an after-hours visit to the Glacier Skywalk followed by a gourmet dinner with wine. (B) (D) Glacier View Lodge, Jasper National Park.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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DAY 7 | ICEFIELDS, GLACIERS AND LAKES TO BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Following a hearty breakfast, your local Expert will escort you to a special before-hours glacier tour where you'll explore Athabasca Glacier in a massive Ice Explorer. Continue south to Lake Louise and admire Victoria Glacier. Continue to Banff, your home for the next two nights. This evening, dine in town and unwind in your stunning natural surroundings. (B) (D)

Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff National Park.

DAY 8 | THE UNSPOILED WILDERNESS OF BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Today you'll join your Travel Director on a Banff Orientation Tour covering Bow Falls, Surprise Corner and a few other local sights. The rest of the day is yours to spend exploring the rugged charms of the park. Choose from several optional experiences, including a once in a lifetime helicopter flight over the magnificent Canadian Rockies, or a ride onboard the Banff Gondola. (B)

DAY 9 | GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

From craggy plains to mountainous landscapes, after a stop in Calgary, cross the U.S. border into Montana to Many Glacier Hotel, a charming property situated in the heart of Glacier National Park. Settle in for the evening and look forward to tomorrow's day of exploration. (B)

Many Glacier Hotel, Glacier National Park.

DAY 10 | GOING-TO-THE-SUN AND GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Board a private Red Jammer bus to cruise the Going-To-The-Sun Road witnessing stunning views from Logan Pass and the marvels of the park's wild interior. Over an insightful Legends of

Glacier MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, join performing and recording artist Jack Gladstone who will illuminate the history of Glacier National Park through story and song. Known as "Montana's Troubadour," Gladstone is an enrolled citizen of the Blackfeet Nation in Western Montana. (B)
Lake McDonald Lodge, Glacier National Park.

DAY 11 | LAKE COEUR D'ALENE AND SPOKANE

Continue on to the beautiful shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene, and arrive in Spokane to stay at The Historic Davenport, Washington State's grandest hotel. (B)
The Historic Davenport, Autograph Collection, Spokane.

DAY 12 | WONDERFUL WINES EN ROUTE TO SEATTLE

Today, you'll head through the wide, endless horizons of the wine-producing area of Washington State. You'll enjoy a Highlight Lunch focusing on fresh, local and artisanal ingredients. Then it's on to Seattle. (B) (L)
The Charter Hotel, Seattle.

DAY 13 | THE SOARING SIGHTS OF SEATTLE

Enjoy an Insight Choice in Seattle. Choose to visit the iconic Space Needle. Alternatively, visit the Chihuly Garden and Glass exhibit. In the evening, enjoy a Celebration Dinner at Ivar's Salmon House on Seattle's waterfront. (B) (D)

DAY 14 | DEPART SEATTLE

It's time to say goodbye to Seattle as your trip comes to an end. Departure to the Seattle SeaTac International Airport will be at leisure. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Vancouver | Dine-Around Evening in Victoria | Dinner with wine in Sun Peaks | Dinner with wine at Glacier View Lodge | Dinner with wine in Banff | Lunch with wine in Quincy | Celebration Dinner at Ivar's in Seattle.

Insightful Experiences

Icefields Parkway: Venture out onto the amazing Glacier Skywalk where you will be treated to an after-hours visit onto the cliff-edged glass-floored walkway | Athabasca Glacier: Join your Local Expert on a special before-hours glacier tour to discover the frosty flow of the Athabasca before the crowds arrive.

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DAY 10 | Meet, Jack Gladstone to learn the history of the land, the wildlife, Indigenous peoples, the Lewis & Clark Expedition, the Plains Indian Wars and the famous Western Artist Charlie Russell.

Insight Choice

Seattle: Choose to tour the iconic Space Needle with views across the cityscape | Alternatively, visit the Chihuly Gardens and Glass Exhibit.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Capilano Suspension Bridge | Visit Butchart Gardens | Cruise the serene waters of Maligne Lake | Board a historic Red Jammer bus in Glacier National Park.

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NEW ENGLAND'S FALL FOLIAGE

Follow Boston's Freedom Trail, visit a maple syrup farm in Montpelier and admire the bronzing leaves of Vermont's trees.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 12 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: AENE

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Sep - Oct

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BOSTON

Affectionately known as Beantown, this revolutionary city is one of the oldest in the United States. After settling in, perhaps take a stroll to Downtown Crossing or historic Faneuil Hall. For those looking to shop, Quincy Market offers big brands and local products, set indoors and surrounding the columns of a regal 19th century building. At 18:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner with wine and an opportunity to mingle with fellow guests at your hotel. (D) Hyatt Regency, Boston.

DAY 2 | BEANTOWN TO SARATOGA SPRINGS

Today you'll discover some of Boston's most famous sights as you delve into the city's transformative past. You'll follow part of the red-brick Freedom Trail which brings the story of the American Revolution to life. Sights include Beacon Hill, Newbury Street, Faneuil Hall Marketplace and the Old South Meeting House. This afternoon, explore Stockbridge with an Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Norman Rockwell Museum, home to the largest and most significant collection of original Rockwell art. Alternatively, choose to take a guided tour of Chesterwood, the former summer home and studio of renowned 20th century sculptor Daniel Chester French, famous for his work on the Lincoln Memorial. Travel on through the rolling hills of the Berkshires and onto your upstate New York hotel, situated within the Saratoga Spa State Park. (B) (D) The Gideon Putnam, Saratoga Springs.

DAY 3 | THE LEGENDS OF THE FALL AND STOWE

Journey through the bronze fall foliage of Vermont. Visit the Vermont Country Store for a unique shopping experience - you'll step back into history with their nostalgic assortment of products. Explore the Rockefellers' renowned Billings Farm and Museum, a captivating working dairy and farm life museum, followed by a stop in the quintessential Vermont village of Woodstock with its picturesque, covered bridge. End your day in the northern Vermont town of Stowe, home to the breathtaking alpine setting that attracted the real Von Trapp family of "The Sound of Music" fame in the late 1940s. Enjoy Austrian-style lagers during your Highlight Dinner at Bierhall Restaurant. (B) (D) Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe.

DAY 4 | A TASTE OF VERMONT

Enjoy Vermont's beautiful scenery ablaze with fall's golden red colours. Visit Lake Champlain Chocolates for chocolate and local ice cream tasting. Like their chocolates, the ice cream is crafted with only the best local ingredients, including fresh cream, maple syrup and honey. Next, you'll travel to Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, where maple syrup is "tapped" from the trees. Taste a Vermont tradition, the unusually named 'sugar on snow', a combination of maple syrup and packed snow. This tasty treat is traditionally served with a doughnut and pickle. Return to the enchanting town of Stowe where the

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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rest of the day is yours. From wandering its quaint streets to hiking in the woods or relaxing back at your lodge, make the most of your last evening at this mountain resort. (B)

DAY 5 | NORTH CONWAY AND THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

Move on to Vermont's pretty capital, Montpelier. Journey to New Hampshire's White Mountains and enter striking Franconia Notch. Take a scenic ride on the Gondola SkyRide at Loon Mountain Resort. On a clear day, you'll have superb panoramic views of New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, New York and Canada. Later, journey through the dazzling crimson and orange hues of the famed Kancamagus Scenic Byway to North Conway. This spectacular section of Route 112 is unspoiled by industry and boasts 34.5 miles of untouched natural beauty. (B) (D)
North Conway Grand Hotel, North Conway.

DAY 6 | SIGHTSEEING IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

In the morning, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you enjoy an insightful talk by a naturalist expert on the North Woods' wildlife and ecology. Then, more spectacular fall foliage awaits as you journey through Crawford Notch, an arresting pass through the White Mountains. Stop for pictures at the Silver Cascade Waterfall

and Bretton Woods, which offers stunning views of Mount Washington, the tallest peak in the northeast at 6,288 feet (1,917 meters). Your Travel Director will guide you on a scenic hike to Diana's Baths, which features a series of small cascading waterfalls. Return to your hotel where you can enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

DAY 7 | THE RUGGED MAINE COAST

Cross from New Hampshire into Maine this morning as you travel along the jagged coastline. Then spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Celebration Dinner featuring Maine lobster with your fellow travellers. (B) (D)
Westin Portland Harborview, Portland.

DAY 8 | BACK TO BOSTON

Known for its sandy beaches, Kennebunkport is a year-round coastal destination that houses the rich and famous, even serving as the summer retreat of former President George H.W. Bush. Travel along Ocean Drive with more stunning views of the Maine coastline, before driving back to Boston. Guests departing Boston will arrive at Boston Logan International Airport at 12:30 pm. Those extending their stay will return to the Hyatt Regency Boston hotel. (B)



Superior Dining

Lively Welcome Dinner in Boston | Highlight Dinner at the Austrian-style Trapp Family Lodge and Von Trapp Brewery | Celebration Dinner with lobster in Portland.

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DAY 6 | Head to North Conway, where you'll learn about the local flora and fauna with a Local Specialist for an ecological look at fall in the North Woods.

Top Rated Highlights

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BEST OF EASTERN CANADA & USA

Stroll the urban and regal Queen's Park in downtown Toronto, and walk with a Local Expert along the Freedom Trail in Boston.

16 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 22 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Novotel Hotel Ottawa

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Montreal Marriott Chateau Champlain

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DAY 8 | QUEBEC TO BAR HARBOR

Bid "Au Revoir" to Quebec as you cross the U.S. border and travel toward Mount Desert Island on the Atlantic Coast. (B) (D) Harborside Hotel Spa & Marina, Bar Harbor.

DAY 9 | EXPLORE ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

Take in the natural beauty of Acadia National Park, with its dramatic rocky shoreline. You'll also have time to explore Bar Harbor. (B)

DAYS 10-11 | COASTAL NEW ENGLAND TO BOSTON

Follow the rocky Maine shoreline, and stop in picturesque Kennebunkport. Join your Travel Director as they guide you through parts of the Freedom Trail and share its historic significance. (B) Hyatt Regency, Boston

DAYS 12-13 | A BITE OF THE BIG APPLE

Follow the bright lights to New York City. Explore New York City with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the top of Summit One Vanderbilt for sweeping views of the city. Alternatively, Take a scenic bike tour of Central Park and explore its iconic sights. The following day, explore the 'City that Never Sleeps' with your Local Expert, before heading out on your own. (B) (D) New York Marriott Marquis.

DAY 14 | LIBERTY IN PHILADELPHIA AND D.C.

Travel to Pennsylvania's largest city, Philadelphia. Explore Independence National Historic Park and visit the Liberty Bell. Journey to Washington, D.C., the nation's capital. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Perhaps join an optional nighttime illumination tour to see the capital's sights in a new light. (B) Melrose Georgetown Hotel

DAY 15 | WASHINGTON, D.C. SIGHTSEEING AND LEISURE TIME

Immerse yourself on a sightseeing tour and view the White House, the striking Washington Monument, sprawling National Mall, the Lincoln Memorial and the World War II Memorial. Next, visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the newest member of the Smithsonian Institution and the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture. (B) (D)

DAY 16 | DEPART WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the morning, depart at leisure to Dulles International Airport or Reagan National Airport for your flight home. Alternatively, extend your stay at your own pleasure. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Toronto | Cooking Demonstration and three-course Highlight Dinner in Ottawa | Highlight Dinner with lobster in Bar Harbor | Celebration Dinner in Washington, D.C.

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 Washington D.C.: View the White House, striking Washington Monument, and sprawling National Mall. Reflect on the country's most turbulent days at the Lincoln Memorial and the somber World War II Memorial.

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HAWAII WITH OAHU, MAUI & THE BIG ISLAND

*Experience the magic of tropical islands over
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DAY 1 | ALOHA HAWAII

After your arrival at Honolulu Airport, the traditional lei greeting at your Travel Director's Welcome Desk kicks off your Hawaii holiday. Your hotel during your time on Oahu was the setting for Blue Hawaii, Elvis Presley's 1961 movie and it is the birthplace of the legendary cocktail of the same name. Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner. (D)

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort, Oahu.

DAY 2 | PEARL HARBOUR

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning followed by a visit to the Pearl Harbour National Memorial, commemorating the tragic day of December 7th 1941. Walk through the Visitor Centre and take a short boat ride to the USS Arizona Memorial, the final resting place of 1,102 sailors and marines. USS Arizona tickets are subject to NPS availability not known till day before visit. Spend time at the superb visitor centre and explore exhibits that recount the events that led the US to join World War II. As part of today's adventure you'll see the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. It honors all those who served in the US Armed Forces and lost their lives during WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Return to Waikiki and spend the rest of your day at leisure. (B)

DAY 3 | A TRIP AROUND OAHU

After a relaxed start this morning, set out to explore Oahu on an exciting island tour. Take in the epic views from Pali Lookout towards the Kaneohe Bay and the Windward Coast. The valley below was the scene of a bloody battle in 1795 when King Kamehameha I extended his rule over the island with an army of 10,000 men. Journey beneath the towering Ko'olau Cliffs and along the rugged coastline. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience with your Local Expert in a Hawaiian Legacy Forest and partake in the sacred planting ceremony of a native tree contributing to the healing of the local ecosystem. Delve into an al fresco, sustainably sourced picnic lunch while enjoying views of the Legacy Forest. Continue to North Shore where in the winter months waves can reach 30ft making it a favourite spot among big wave surfers worldwide. Visit Haleiwa, the social and artistic hub of the North Shore. Stroll among small boutiques and plantation-era buildings to soak up the laid-back ambiance. Finally, return to Waikiki after your eventful day and enjoy your evening at leisure. (B) (L)

DAY 4 | MAUI, THE VALLEY ISLE

Take a short flight to Kahului on Maui. This slice of Hawaiian island paradise offers magnificent nature and a wide variety of activities. Visit the awe-inspiring Iao Valley State Park and see the 1,200-foot landmark Iao Needle. This green-mantled rock outcropping overlooks sacred lands and was used as a burial site for Hawaii's chiefs for centuries. In the evening you are invited to choose your own dining experience from a selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. Your options

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

include a magical evening at the Wailele Luau for a taste of traditional Polynesian cuisine, dance and storytelling, or one of the resort's other acclaimed restaurants. (B) (D)
The Westin Maui Resort & Spa, Ka'anapali Beach, Maui.

DAY 5 | UPCOUNTRY MAUI

This morning, head to Upcountry Maui and discover a different face of the island. Visit one of the last working pineapple farms with a fun and knowledgeable Local Expert. Discover the deep impact these plantations had on the islands and sample some of the extra sweet Maui Gold variant. At its peak, Hawaii produced 75% of the world's pineapples and the tropical fruit became a symbol for the state. Next we indulge in a Farm-to-Table lunch at the Hali'imaile General Store. Originally a plantation shop in the early 20th century, the restaurant is known for its outstanding island cuisine. Return to your resort and spend the evening at your leisure. (B) (L)

DAY 6 | INSIGHT CHOICE IN MAUI

Explore Maui with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Haleakalā National Park offering an astonishing volcanic landscape. Hear the Hawaiian legends about the dormant volcano and see the unique Haleakalā Silversword plant. Alternatively, cruise to the scenic coastline of Lana'i island and snorkel a dazzling coral reef, home to abundant sea life. Tonight, get together with your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Highlight Dinner. (B) (D)

DAY 7 | TO THE BIG ISLAND

Take a short flight to Hawai'i, the largest island of the archipelago. Upon arrival, spend time in easy-going Kailua-Kona, once the home of Kamehameha I, Hawaii's great ruler. Travel from

the beach to the coffee growing area of Kona and join a Local Expert to learn about Kona coffee. Enjoy a tasting of this gourmet specialty that only grows on the slopes of two local active volcanoes. See native plants, fruits and the organic coffee fields on your tour around the plantation. Continue to your luxurious resort accommodation and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. (B) **Hilton Waikoloa Village, Island of Hawaii.**

DAY 8 | THE VOLCANOES OF HAWAII

Today, get ready for an unforgettable journey to the volcano. After a luscious lunch enter the UNESCO World Heritage listed Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Hear the legends of Pele, the goddess of volcanoes and fire and the creator of the Hawaiian Islands. Stop by the magical Rainbow Falls on your way back to your resort. (B) (L)

DAY 9 | A DAY TO RELAX

Enjoy a relaxed start and spend the day on island time, relaxing under the swaying palms. Lounge by the pool, enjoy a spa treatment, or snorkel in the local lagoon looking for the rare green sea turtles that call these waters home. Tonight, come together at an oceanfront restaurant for a Celebration Dinner and toast to your travels. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | FAREWELL HAWAII

Bid farewell to your fellow travellers and new friends and depart at leisure to the Kona airport filled with new memories and stories. (B)



Insightful Experiences

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DAY 3 | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® as you join an eco-tour with your Local Expert in a Hawaiian Legacy Forest and plant a native tree contributing to the healing of the local ecosystem.

Insight Choice

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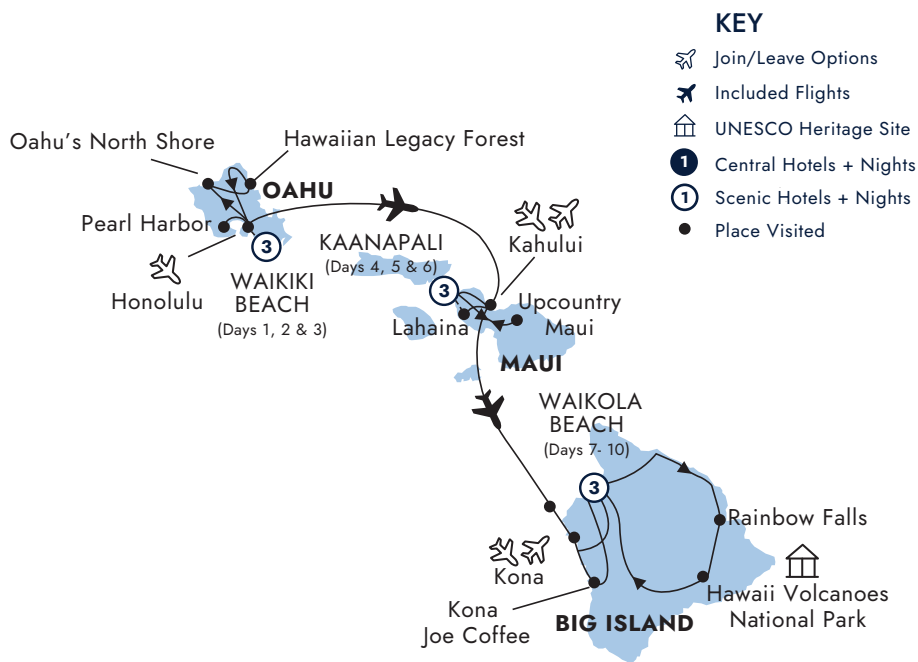
Top Rated Highlights

Visit Ioa Valley State Park, burial site of Hawaii's chiefs for centuries | Join a Local Expert to learn about the incredible Kona coffee. Enjoy a tasting of this gourmet specialty and see native plants, fruits and the organic coffee fields as your tour the plantation.

Honolulu: Visit Pearl Harbour and step aboard the USS Arizona Memorial and recount the events that led the US to join World War II.

Oahu: On your journey around Oahu take in epic views from Pali Lookout. Travel beneath the towering Ko'olau Mountains and along the rugged Windward Coast. Reach the North Shore and Haleiwa, the social and artistic hub of the North Shore.

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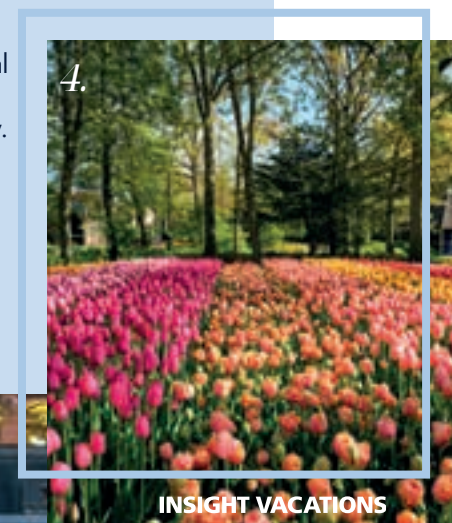
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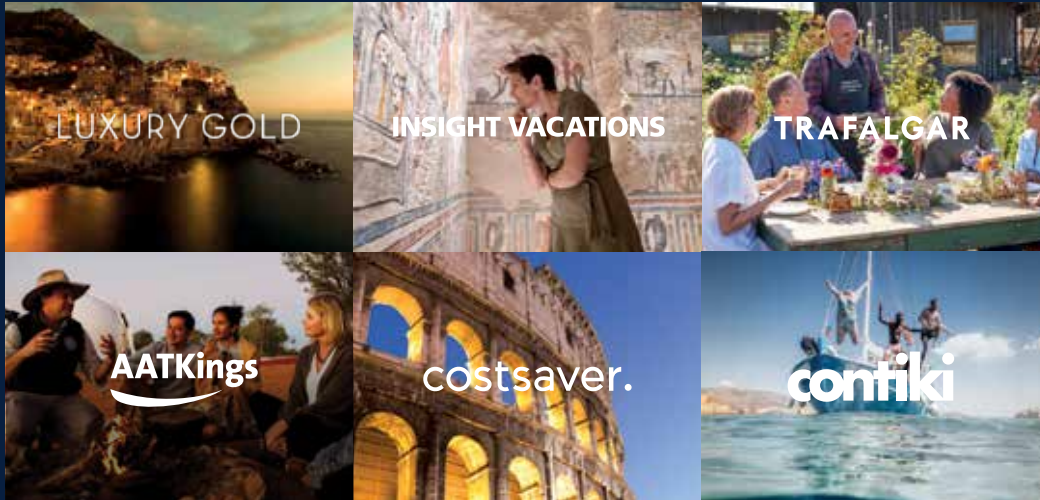
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