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2024

Small Ship Cruising & Exotic Land Journeys

New! Namibia African Safari / Greece & Israel Mediterranean Cruise

ALL PRICES IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS

We're a company, and a family, of passionate travelers. For 98 years, our values and purpose remain unchanged: always do the right thing. Embrace change by continually innovating. Treat our guests like extended family members. And change lives by broadening knowledge and fulfilling dreams.

With journeys by land, river and sea across 7 continents, in over 100 destinations and 70+ countries, we keep raising the bar to find new ways to connect you more deeply with the places you explore.

So read on, and find your inspiration for your next journey.

Travel beyond ordinary™





Named to
Travel + Leisure's
"World's Best" list for
25 consecutive years

Travelers are the World's Storytellers

In the 14th-century, traveler and explorer Ibn Battuta had a thirst for knowledge; his travelogues recounted the places he went, the people he met, and the different cultures encountered along the way. He wrote: "Traveling – it leaves you speechless, then it turns you into a storyteller."

We share with our guests a passion for travel – and when traveling the world, the connection with the people you meet and the places you explore truly creates the storyteller in all of us. We welcome you to our 2024 portfolio of small ship cruises and exotic journeys across seven continents.

Our unique access and longstanding partnerships in destinations the world over provide you with exclusive experiences that connect you to the heart of the places you explore. You'll travel with our Tauck Directors and local guides who take every moment of your vacation personally and are with you every step of the way.

Experience moments that are truly unforgettable on our African safaris, adventures in Australia, New Zealand and Asia, journeys in Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Latin America and on three US journeys with departures in the early months of 2024. And our all-inclusive cultural and expeditionary small ship cruises, inspired by their destinations, go to places where the bigger ships don't go. The connections you make are unique and personal.

As you make your travel plans for next year, know that we continue to put the same level of care into preparations for your arrival as we have for the past 98 years. We look forward to having you join us in 2024 – and being part of your story.



Dan

Daniel W. Mahar, CEO

SMALL SHIP CRUISING

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New for 2024

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Travel Confidently

“Our fabulous trip to Australia and New Zealand surpassed all of our wildest expectations, and then some. Our Tauck Director was informative, efficient and very calming, guiding us with ease. This trip was nothing short of amazing – private planes, private cruises, private tours – there was not a day that we did not feel pampered in great style.”

Paula and David Rosenblum
TAUCK GUESTS



Your Peace Of Mind

Keeping our guests safe and secure has always been of paramount importance at Tauck. You'll travel with a comprehensive, built-in support system that starts with the care and local knowledge of our Tauck Directors and extends to our network of partners around the world – and with peace of mind knowing you are never alone when traveling with Tauck.

What To Expect When Traveling

Our Global Response Team continually monitors river conditions, such as high and low water levels, as well as any global situations that may impact our guests. Over the past two decades, they have successfully led us through a variety of challenges from weather events to work stoppages, the recent pandemic, and more. So in the rare event adverse circumstances necessitate a re-choreographed itinerary with alternate transportation, sightseeing excursions or hotel accommodations – at no additional cost to you – your flexibility and spirit of adventure will be most appreciated and can turn temporary disappointment into fond memories that last long after you return home.

Protecting Your Travel Investment

Your vacation is important, and we are committed to delivering the trip of your dreams. Should we need to significantly alter our travel plans, you will be given choices – and in the event of a cancellation by Tauck, you will be refunded the cost of your journey.

Deposit Protection Plan: We recommend that all guests independently purchase comprehensive Travel Insurance for the full purchase price of the tour as well as air and / or land program arrangement costs plus medical coverage. Tauck provides a “Deposit Protection Plan” at a cost of AUD \$89 per person per trip; this Tauck “Deposit Protection Plan” only covers a Tauck trip and it does not replace Travel Insurance, which we recommend at the time of booking.

Please visit tauck.com.au/travelconfidently for up-to-date information about destination requirements, safety protocols, our vaccination policy, and more.

Enjoy an exclusive dinner on the royal yacht, *Britannia*

We're rolling out the red carpet for Tauck guests only during an exclusive VIP dinner aboard the Royal Yacht *Britannia* on *Legendary Scottish Isles, Edinburgh & Glasgow*. Bagpipers welcome you through doors reserved for the Royal Family as you venture beyond the velvet ropes for an insider tour and an elegant four-course dinner created by *Britannia's* executive chef and meticulously prepared in the original Royal Galley. (p. 36)



Experience the Okavango Delta by mokoro canoe and helicopter

One of Africa's most extraordinary places, the Okavango Delta is a watery wildlife paradise that flows with the seasons. Hover over the living landscapes by helicopter, where the incredible diversity of animal sightings becomes clear from above. Hear the beat of daily life up close on a canoe safari, dodging hippos, spying reed frogs, eyeing elephants, antelopes and giraffes stopping for a drink and watching eagles overhead. (p. 108)



Visit King Tut's tomb in the Valley of the Kings, after hours

The site of royal burials since around 2100 BC, the Valley of the Kings reigns immortal on the west bank of Luxor, paying silent homage to the 63 magnificent royal tombs that rest here. Among them is the tomb of the boy king, Tutankhamun, discovered relatively intact and treasure filled, in 1922. Up to 1,000 people pass through it on its busiest days, but Tauck visits the hallowed chambers privately, after hours, with an insightful, expert Egyptian guide. (p. 134)





Kwessi Dunes in NamibRand Nature Preserve (p. 92)

Uniquely Tauck

Unique and exclusive access makes your journey unlike any other. It's not just about the places you visit – it's how you experience them that makes all the difference with Tauck.

At Tauck, we go beyond the ordinary to show you the extraordinary. We include accommodations in amazing settings and exclusive experiences, uniquely orchestrated, to connect you to the heart and soul of the places you explore. You'll enjoy special access to private places not open to the general public and be welcomed inside must-see sites without crowds. We'll take you behind the scenes in unforgettable venues for insights not available anywhere else. And we'll introduce you to local experts proud to share their time-honored traditions, insights and homelands with you.



Guna people of the San Blas Islands, Panama

Closer Connections

Meet locals who share their daily lives and cultural insights with you. Learn the secrets of nature from wildlife experts. Explore with historians and scholars who tell stories of the past that define the present. Engage with residents skilled in crafts and professions unique to the destination. Personal connections like these enrich your travels like only Tauck can.

Meet the indigenous Guna and Embéra people in Panama

Turn back time when you venture to remote villages in Panama untouched by modern-day luxuries during your Panama Canal cruise. Visit the Guna Indians in a village in the San Blas Islands, where the beauty of the region is exquisitely embroidered in their brilliantly colored handmade *molas*, reverse appliquéd fabrics with images of fish, birds and jungle animals on them. Ride a Zodiac ashore for an excursion in the pristine Darien province for an opportunity to meet the indigenous Embéra people. Learn about their traditional dances, jungle lifestyle and the unique Tagua vegetable and Cocobolo wood carvings they so skillfully craft. The memories you'll make will be as touching as the warm welcomes that await. (See page 64.)

Experience the natural heritage of the Shetland Islands, your way

Gifted to Scotland in lieu of a dowry for a Danish princess, the Shetland Islands are designated as a UNESCO geopark for their storytelling landscapes and exceptional natural heritage. Meet ponies endeared the world over. Watch dogs put their paces in sheep dog trials. Travel through 5,000 years of archaeological history from the Ice Age to the 1600s. Or explore a wonderland of wildlife and wildflowers at Mousa Broch. (See page 36.)

Explore a private reserve in the Namib desert with a Bushman

Find life in the private NamibRand Nature Reserve in Namibia, where its desert environs belie the flora and fauna you will see here. Walk with a Bushman who shares stories and secrets about survival in the barren landscapes for man, beast and insect. Learn about the seasonal migratory routes of predators and prey that are protected in the reserve; and spot myriad wildlife along the way. (See page 92.)

Discover life in ancient Petra and dine with a Jordanian family

Explore the ancient rose-colored sandstone city of Petra, dating back to 300 BC. View palaces, temples, tombs, storehouses and stables carved into immortality; ride a camel like the locals do and break bread with a family who lives here today during dinner at their private residence for Tauck guests only. (See page 146.)



Tauck Director Tom Bougers in Africa

Guided by the Best

Personal, thoughtful service is the hallmark of our Tauck Directors and local guides – together, they provide a deeper, truly authentic travel experience.

Passionate about exploring the world, our Tauck Directors hail from 41 countries, speak 52 languages collectively, and are renowned as the world's best travel companions. Together with our handpicked local experts and guides, including chefs, musicians, professors, artists and more, they share personal insights and perspectives that enrich your journey like nothing else can, making it easy to feel at home wherever we go. Meet a few of our Tauck Directors here:



Wendy Rodriguez

With 20 years of experience guiding tours in Costa Rica, Panama, and Ecuador, 13 of them with Tauck, Wendy is well-versed in Latin America life. Whether she's snorkeling with seals in the Galápagos, toasting sunsets at Machu Picchu with perfectly mixed pisco sours or spicing up her culinary skills with Costa Rican finesse – she loves cooking – you'll find her sharing her passion for in-depth discovery wherever she goes.



Murray Rose

A Tauck Director since 1999 with a bachelor's degree in history, Oregon native Murray Rose speaks Spanish and Portuguese and is at home exploring Brazil, Argentina and Chile. He takes special delight in seeing guests connect with the locals and the experiences they have, sharing his love of photography and music to make their memories richer still. His travel tip: pack as lightly as you can for easier travel from place to place.



Tamara Rytter

An adventurer at heart, Tamara hails from Vancouver and has been guiding tours in some of the world's most exotic locations since 2008. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and spent 10 years teaching in Japan and Thailand. When she's not climbing mountains or diving oceans, she's introducing guests, with great pride, to the diverse cultures, magical spaces and natural wonders this world has to offer.





Kotor, Montenegro

Small Ship Cruising

Smaller ships, bigger experiences

With a fleet of ships handpicked for the destinations we explore and averaging less than 200 guests onboard, our small ships are big on personalized service, special touches and comfort. Intimate spaces invite conversation or quiet contemplation as you like. Inside your stateroom or out on deck, ocean views beckon with adventures yet to come. We dock in places where you can get lost in the moment and not in a crowd. At Tauck, small is big and the best way to make your Tauck cruise more than you expect.

Your choice of shore excursions

Our commitment to guest satisfaction continues with your choice of included small group shore excursions in each destination, along with exclusive Tauck experiences that are locally authentic and culturally rich. Share spontaneous moments, up-close discoveries, personal connections and unforgettable treasures with the freedom to enjoy them, for memories that are uniquely yours and remarkably carefree.

Everything is included!

If it means a better travel experience for you, we include it in the cost. Exclusive cultural experiences. Guided shore excursions. Superb accommodations, land and sea. All gratuities. Entertainment, admissions, tastings, on-tour transportation, transfers at arrival and departure, and more. Up-front, peace of mind pricing with no hidden costs, ever.

New for 2024!



Mykonos

Mediterranean Odyssey: Greece, Cyprus & Israel

Walk in the footsteps of the ancient world, from Greek mythology to Biblical landscapes

13 DAYS FROM AUD \$17,380 | BEGINS ATHENS OR JERUSALEM

1. Arrive Athens

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Hotel Grande Bretagne. A transfer is included from Athens International Airport to historic Hotel Grande Bretagne, located in the heart of Athens. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner this evening. **Meals D**

2. Athens / ■ Embark your Wind Star ship

In Athens, excursion choices include a guided tour of the Acropolis, high above the city, with its complex of temple ruins including the iconic Parthenon; peruse the staggering wealth of archaeological treasures at the Acropolis Museum, accompanied by a local guide. Visit picturesque Plaka, a

tree-lined neighborhood of narrow streets, and sidewalk cafes, for time at leisure. Or, begin the day with a panoramic drive viewing iconic city sights such as the Academy (founded by Plato), the National Gardens and Panathenaic stadium – site of the first modern Olympic games; visit the Acropolis Museum and Plaka. Drive the short distance to the port of Piraeus and board *Star Legend*; this evening, sail for the Cycladic islands. **Meals BD**

3. ■ Magical island of Mykonos

Arrive at Mykonos, Island of Winds, known for resorts, glorious beaches, fishing boats, and (naturally) windmills. Everyone begins the day with a walking tour of the town

Uniquely Tauck

- Spend three nights in the heart of Jerusalem at one of the world's outstanding hotels, David Citadel, and one night at the glamorous Hotel Grande Bretagne in Athens
- Attend a private evening of Greek food and entertainment at a special venue on the island of Rhodes, exclusively for Tauck guests only
- Following a day exploring the island of Mykonos, attend an exclusive olive oil tasting experience back onboard the ship; meet a master olive oil sommelier who gives a presentation that includes how to recognize the characteristics of a good quality extra virgin olive oil
- During a visit to the Israeli city of Nazareth you'll have an opportunity to meet a local artisan who tell you about her efforts to preserve traditional arts and handicrafts



View Jerusalem's iconic sites, such as the Dome of the Rock, when you spend three nights at a top hotel in the city.

of Mykonos, then your choice of shore excursion. Ferry to Delos, birthplace of Apollo; the most sacred island in Ancient Greece, it is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site teeming with ruins from prehistoric times to Antiquity. Or, on an island drive, visit a farm for a taste of traditional daily life as well as homemade bread and *tzatziki*. Following time to explore Mykonos on your own, join us later this afternoon for a special experience – an olive oil tasting and presentation aboard ship with a master sommelier. **Meals BLD**

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 8 Cruise Days aboard *Star Legend*

Athens to Jerusalem

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Athens <i>Hotel Grande Bretagne</i>
■ 2	Athens / Embark
■ 3	Mykonos
■ 4	Crete
■ 5	Rhodes
■ 6	Day at Sea
■ 7	Cyprus
■ 8	Ashdod / Tel Aviv
■ 9	Haifa / Nazareth
10	Disembark Haifa / Jerusalem <i>David Citadel</i>
11	Bethlehem
12	Jerusalem
13	Depart Jerusalem

Jerusalem to Athens

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Tel Aviv / Jerusalem <i>David Citadel</i>
2	Bethlehem
3	Jerusalem
■ 4	Haifa / Embark
■ 5	Haifa / Nazareth
■ 6	Ashdod / Tel Aviv
■ 7	Cyprus
■ 8	Day at Sea / Rhodes
■ 9	Rhodes
■ 10	Crete
■ 11	Mykonos
12	Disembark / Athens <i>Hotel Grande Bretagne</i>
13	Depart Athens





You'll spend five days exploring some of Israel's most significant sites including the Western Wall in Jerusalem on a walking tour of the Old City; and on a visit to Bethlehem, sightseeing includes a visit to the Grotto of the Nativity where Jesus of Nazareth was born.

4. ■ The hub of the ancient world – Crete

Crete was the island hub of the Ancient World, and Heraklion, its capital city, is steeped in 5,000 years of history and unrivaled collections of Greek artifacts. Explore centuries of architectural influences, from ancient Minoan to Arabic and Byzantine, on a guided walking tour, Or visit the Palace of Knossos, a Minoan masterpiece, and the fabulous Archaeological Museum, one of the top museums in Greece. At a family winery, the owners give you a tour and talk about winemaking over a lunch of local specialties. **Meals BLD**

5. ■ A special day & evening in Rhodes

Rhodes was a maritime power and a center of fabulous wealth and culture before an earthquake in 226 BC shook the city-state to its core. It fell into ruin until the Crusades, when the Knights of St. John captured Rhodes and restored its glory. The walled medieval city they built is a place out of time, an astonishing warren of stone streets, arches, and alleys, with beguiling architecture and beauty around every corner. Its centerpiece is the massive Palace of the Grand Master, a treasure-house of artifacts and mosaics. Take a guided walking tour of Old Town – or explore the ruined city of Kamiros. Tonight, we invite you to join us for an evening in a fabulous venue on Rhodes, with Greek food and entertainment – exclusive to Tauck guests **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Enjoy a day at sea

Spend the day as you please aboard *Star Legend* as you sail the Eastern Mediterranean to Cyprus. You can take

advantage of amenities such as an elevated pool, fitness area and spa – or simply enjoy the sea views. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Cyprus, island of wine & antiquities

Cyprus has been making wine from its rare indigenous grapes for at least 6,000 years; get a taste of its legendary viniculture at Gerolemo Winery, as well as a guided visit in Old Port town of Limassol. Choices include exploring the antiquities at Kourion, or a visit to Omodos – a traditional village renowned for its wine production and orchards. **Meals BLD**



Sightseeing excursion choices include a visit to Omodos on the island of Cyprus, renowned for its viniculture and orchards.

8. ■ Explore the coastal Tel Aviv & Jaffa

Dock in Ashdod, Israel, and travel to Tel Aviv. Experience the vibrant city life along Rothschild Boulevard and its parade of modernist, Bauhaus architecture; sightseeing choices include a visit to the Museum of Jewish Peoples or Saron Market. Next, tour the colorful, cobbled streets and alleys of Jaffa, the old port city. After lunch, return to the ship. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ Haifa / Akko or Galilee / Nazareth

Dock in Haifa, where choices include a drive to seaside Akko to explore its prison and tunnels, visit the Jezza Pasha Mosque, and Nazareth. Or, travel to Galilee to visit sites where Jesus lived and preached, including Tabgha, and the Mount of Beatitudes. Both sightseeing excursions include a visit to Nazareth where you'll meet Ghada, a woman who is working to preserve traditional crafts of skilled local artisans, and visit the Church of the Annunciation. **Meals BLD**

10. Travel from Haifa to Jerusalem

Bid farewell to *Star Legend* in Haifa. En route to Jerusalem, visit the stunning Bahai Gardens on Mount Carmel, before a visit to a kibbutz for a look at communal life; the kibbutz communities are unique to Israel. Have lunch at a local winery before arriving in Jerusalem, for three nights at the fabulous David Citadel **Meals BLD**

11. Explore the town of Bethlehem

A guided walking tour through Arab and Christian quarters includes the Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Visit the Israel Museum for a look at the Dead Sea Scrolls, then travel on to Bethlehem for a tour of iconic sites with local guides, returning to Jerusalem. **Meals BLD**

12. Experience Jerusalem

You'll begin the day with an early morning visit to the Temple Mount and the Dome of the Rock; enjoy a walking tour of the Jewish Quarter, a visit to the Western Wall, and a stop at the Machane Yehuda Market, with free time to explore as you please. Then it's your choice of a visit to the Yad Vashem Museum or a walking tour of an Ultra-Orthodox neighborhood and market. Join us at the hotel this evening for a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BD**

13. Journey Home

Tour ends: Jerusalem. Fly home anytime A transfer is included from David Citadel to Israel's Ben Gurion Airport. Allow at least three hours for check-in. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Eastbound - Athens to Jerusalem

Apr 7 Oct 20

Westbound - Jerusalem to Athens

Apr 13 Oct 26

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

Star Porthole Suite (SP)	Double	\$ 17,380	Single	\$27,805	Triple	N/A
Ocean View Suite (S1)	Double	\$ 17,670	Single	\$28,265	Triple	N/A
Star Ocean View Suite (SS1)	Double	\$ 17,810	Single	\$28,495	Triple	\$ 16,330
Balcony Suite (BS)	Double	\$ 19,550	Single	\$31,285	Triple	N/A
Star Balcony Suite (SBS)	Double	\$ 19,840	Single	\$31,750	Triple	N/A
Balcony Suite (BS1)	Double	\$ 19,990	Single	\$31,970	Triple	N/A
Star Balcony Suite (SBS1)	Double	\$ 20,130	Single	\$32,215	Triple	N/A
Deluxe Suite (DS)	Double	\$ 21,140	Single	\$33,830	Triple	N/A
Owner's Suite (OW)	Double	\$ 24,330	Single	\$38,935	Triple	N/A

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

Land / Cruise Price includes 30 meals (12 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 10 dinners) on land and at sea, airport transfers as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage as well as Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at AUD \$8,816. Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits. Premium spirits & wines are available at extra cost.

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE	Athens, Greece
Night 2-9	ABOARD STAR LEGEND	Mediterranean Sea
Night 10-12*	DAVID CITADEL	Jerusalem, Israel

*Tour of Oct 26 will stay at Orient Jerusalem.

International Airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approx. every 40 guests. Travel East or West: go to tauck.com.au for west itinerary or ask at booking. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure. Certain exceptions may apply (advised at booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3 details; see Star Legend ship page for deck plans and specifications.**



Treasures of the Aegean

A spellbinding odyssey of ancient Greek treasures and modern-day island pleasures

10 DAYS FROM AUD \$14,480 | BEGINS ATHENS

1. Arrive Athens

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Hotel Grande Bretagne. A transfer is included from Athens International Airport to Hotel Grande Bretagne. Located in the center of Athens, across from the Greek Parliament buildings, your historic hotel has been a favorite of royalty, heads of state and celebrities for more than 140 years. Please join us for a welcome reception and dinner tonight. **Meals D**

2. The height of history at the Acropolis

You can see it from your hotel and in the quiet early morning, before the crowds, you'll visit the Acropolis of Athens, the rock on which four of the greatest masterpieces of classical

Greek art and architecture sit: the Parthenon, the Propylaea, the Erechtheum, and the Temple of Athena Nike. Perhaps the best-known ruins in the world, the remains of Athens' central citadel reign over the city in ancient splendor. Today also includes a visit to the Acropolis Museum, a towering modern work of concrete and glass with a direct view of the Parthenon. Spend the rest of the day as you wish in Athens, perhaps on the Grand Promenade, a pedestrian paradise built for the 2004 Olympics, not far from your hotel. **Meals B**

3. Archaeological museum / ■ Embark ship

Begin your day with a guided tour through the National Archaeological Museum of Athens; considered one of the

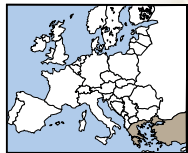
Uniquely Tauck

- Spend two nights at the Hotel Grande Bretagne in Athens, with in-depth sightseeing of the Greek capital including guided visits to the Acropolis and the National Archaeological Museum
- Dine under a canopy of stars during dinner at the Library of Celsus in ancient Ephesus, built in the 10th century BC, where live music by the Aegean Chamber Orchestra romances the soul in one of the world's best preserved classical Greek cities
- Check off one of the most popular bucket-list destinations on many a traveler's lists as you cast anchor at sun-kissed Santorini, said to be the sight of the lost city of Atlantis, where iconic blue domes atop white washed buildings cling to the cliffs as they overlook the storied Aegean Sea



Spend a day exploring the small Greek island of Patmos, renowned for its spiritual significance and picturesque beauty.

top ten museums in the world, its collection of Greek artifacts is unrivaled. Then travel to the port of Piraeus, where you'll embark your Windstar ship, in time for lunch. Later, enjoy a cocktail hour, an evening briefing and dinner onboard at your leisure as you sail for Mykonos. **Meals BLD**



Maximum Elevation: 500 ft.



VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 Cruise Days aboard *Wind Star* or *Wind Spirit*

Athens to Athens

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Athens <i>Hotel Grande Bretagne</i>
2	Athens
■ 3	Athens / Embark
■ 4	Mykonos
■ 5	Kusadasi / Ephesus
■ 6	Patmos
■ 7	Santorini
■ 8	Aegean Sea / Monemvasia
■ 9	Nafplion / Mycenae
10	Disembark Piraeus Depart Athens



At Mycenae on the Peloponnese Peninsula, explore the important archaeological sites of Agamemnon's tomb; and in ancient Ephesus, attend an exclusive evening at the Library of Celsus, where you'll dine under the stars with music by the Aegean Chamber Orchestra.

4. ■ Explore Mykonos & Delos

Arrive on Mykonos – the “island of the winds,” located in the Cyclades group – for your choice of how you would like to explore. Embark on a guided tour of the island, including a visit to the 16th-century church in the village of Ano Mera, or take a boat ride to the archaeological site of the island of Delos (in mythology, the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis), where you'll find remnants of its reign as the holiest of all Greek sanctuaries. Ancient laws forbade anyone to be born on this island or to die here; even today, no one is allowed to stay the night! Return to the ship for lunch, then you have an opportunity to spend a free afternoon on Mykonos, enjoying the winding lanes of the town as you wish. Chart a course for Turkey this evening. **Meals BLD**

5. ■ Kusadasi & ancient Ephesus

Cast anchor in Kusadasi, and join us for an excursion to Ephesus, which is one of the world's best-preserved classical cities revealing important vestiges of an ancient Roman civilization. In its heyday, marble lined the streets, fountains flowed, and an eternal flame burned upon a sacred altar. Take a walking tour of the ancient city, viewing the Odeon, the Temple of Hadrian, Trajan's Fountain, the Arcadian Way and the Library of Celsus. Have lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the ship for early evening cocktails – then return to the Library of Celsus for a special al fresco dinner under the stars with music by the Aegean Chamber Orchestra. Chart a course to Patmos later tonight. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Choices on the island of Patmos

Today you'll discover the many charms of the picturesque island of Patmos, an important Christian pilgrimage site for its role in the writing of the Book of “Revelations” in the Christian Bible by St. John the Theologian. You'll have three choices of activities today. The first is a photography excursion through the historic heart of Chora, Patmos' capital city; with your guide, make your way through the old village's maze of winding cobblestoned streets, learning to capture stunning images of ancient whitewashed buildings, rugged cliffs, and blue Aegean seascapes. Alternatively, enjoy a day of relaxation by the Aegean Sea on Agriolivadi Beach. A third choice includes a tour of the Monastery of St. John the Theologian plus a visit to the Grotto of St. John – also known as the Cave of the Apocalypse – where tradition has it that John of Patmos wrote the “Book of Revelations.” Following lunch, you'll have time to explore the port of Skala. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Cruise to Santorini

Rise early to observe the arrival into Santorini, one of the Cyclades islands formed from an ancient volcanic caldera – and thought by some to be the lost city of Atlantis; you won't want to miss the sight of a new day breaking over the island's multicolored cliffs and the blue sea. Travel ashore by motor launch for a tour that takes you to Athinios Port and then up to Fira, the capital city. Take in the spectacular views of the blue-domed buildings and barrel-roofed cave houses terraced into the cliffs that seem to tumble down to

the water. You'll have the opportunity to see these treasures by gondola or by foot as you make your way back down to the port. Your ship offers tender service to and from the port this afternoon, giving you the opportunity to explore this enchanting town as you please. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ Cruising the Aegean / Monemvasia

After a leisurely morning of cruising, your ship arrives at the town of Monemvasia, set on a rock-like island off the east coast of the Peloponnese Peninsula separated from the mainland by an earthquake around 375 AD. Nicknamed "the Gibraltar of the East," Monemvasia had been ruled by the Byzantines, Venetians and Ottomans before becoming part of an independent Greece in the 19th century. See traces of its many occupiers over the centuries during a guided walking tour through its cobbled pathways. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ Nafplion and Mycenae

Nafplion on the Peloponnese Peninsula, considered one of the most beautiful and romantic towns in Greece, is the starting point for your choice of explorations today. One excursion includes visits to three important sites around the Bay of Argolis; in Mycenae, see the architectural remnants of the tomb of Agamemnon, who led the Greeks during the Trojan War, and the fortified citadel first settled in 3,000 BC; Palamidis Castle, set high above the town of Nafplion; and, after lunch, a guided walking tour of Nafplion, followed by free time. Or, choose a different excursion that takes in Agamemnon's tomb at Mycenae, and then visits the 4th-century amphitheatre of Epidaurus, which is still used for performances today; its remarkable acoustics allow the voice of a speaker on stage to reach some 15,000 spectators; enjoy free time in Nafplion. Join us for a farewell reception followed by dinner onboard ship. **Meals BLD**

10. Journey Home

Tour ends: 9:00 AM at Athens International Airport.

Disembark your Windstar ship for an included transfer from your ship to Athens International Airport. Flights should be booked after 11:45 AM. Allow 3 hours for check-in. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

May 2, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 **Jun** 6, 7, 13, 20, 27

Jul 4, 11, 18, 25 **Aug** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Sep 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 **Oct** 3, 4, 11

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2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

May - June 19, August 29 - October 10

Category B	Double \$ 15,060	Single \$19,900	Triple N/A
Category BX Deluxe	Double \$ 15,780	Single \$20,620	Triple \$16,325
Category A	Double \$ 16,070	Single \$20,910	Triple N/A
Category AX Deluxe	Double \$ 16,510	Single \$21,350	Triple N/A

June 20, August 22, October 11

Category B	Double \$ 14,770	Single \$19,610	Triple N/A
Category BX Deluxe	Double \$ 15,490	Single \$20,330	Triple \$16,035
Category A	Double \$ 15,780	Single \$20,620	Triple N/A
Category AX Deluxe	Double \$ 16,220	Single \$21,060	Triple N/A

June 27 - August 21

Category B	Double \$ 14,480	Single \$19,320	Triple N/A
Category BX Deluxe	Double \$ 15,200	Single \$20,040	Triple \$15,745
Category A	Double \$ 15,490	Single \$20,330	Triple N/A
Category AX Deluxe	Double \$ 15,930	Single \$20,770	Triple N/A

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

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2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE	Athens
Night 3-9	ABOARD WIND STAR OR WIND SPIRIT	Aegean Sea

International Airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 guests. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Note: Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details; see Wind Star / Wind Spirit ship page for deck plans and specifications.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2



Rovinj, Croatia

Venice & the Dalmatian Coast

The gems of the Adriatic with visits to renowned UNESCO World Heritage Sites

10 DAYS FROM AUD \$14,190 | BEGINS VENICE

1. Arrive Venice

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, JW Marriott Venice Resort & Spa or Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice. A transfer from Marco Polo Airport or Santa Lucia Train Station to Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice or JW Marriott Venice Resort & Spa is included upon arrival. Join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals D**

2. Explore the Canal City

You'll get a taste of how opulent life was for the ruling elite of medieval Venice at the richly decorated Gothic-styled Doge's Palace, the official residence of the Venetian Republic's rulers through the Renaissance and beyond. Spend the

morning exploring landmark Venetian sights, including Piazza San Marco (St. Mark's Square) and its centerpiece, St. Mark's Basilica. The remainder of the day is free. **Meals B**

3. Venetian Islands / ■ Embark ship

Cruise to the nearby islands in the Venetian Lagoon this morning. On a visit to Murano, famous for glass production since medieval times, you'll see artisans craft their signature glass in the traditional way at a glassblowing studio, followed by free time. Cruise to Burano, known for its lace and the colorfully painted homes lining its canals, with free time to explore on your own. Return to Venice early afternoon and embark your ship for your 7-night cruise. **Meals BD**

Uniquely Tauck

- Remarkable Venice is revealed with visits to the Gothic-styled Doge's Palace, Piazza San Marco and its centerpiece, the Basilica San Marco
- Discover the islands of the Venetian Lagoon with a glass-blowing demonstration on Murano and time exploring Burano, famed for its colorful houses
- Explore the Dalmatian Coast's rich history firsthand with visits to UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Venice, Kotor, Dubrovnik, Hvar, Trogir and Split
- Enjoy a wide variety of excursion choices during your cruise, from hiking and sea kayaking adventures to wine tastings to national park visits
- The town of Rovinj dates back to medieval times; sightseeing choices include a walking tour, visit to a hilltop village and truffle tasting, bicycling, or a visit to the Roman amphitheatre in Pula



Our Lady of the Rocks island in Montenegro is set in one of Europe's most picturesque settings – the Bay of Kotor.

4. ■ The Croatian island of Korcula

After a morning at sea, explore the island of Korcula, where explorer Marco Polo is said to have been born, on a choice of guided excursions. Experience an architecturally rich

guided walking tour of Old Town, viewing its 14th-century fortifications and the small stone house that is thought to be Marco Polo's birthplace. Or, journey to a Croatian village for a visit to a wine-making estate to sample local wines and food. Gather for a private Moreška sword dance presentation (Korcula's proudest tradition) before returning to the ship for the captain's welcome reception and dinner. **Meals BLD**

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 Cruise Days aboard *L'Austral*

Venice to Venice

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Venice <i>JW Marriott Venice Resort & Spa or Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice</i>
2	Venice
■ 3	Venetian Islands / Embark Venice
■ 4	Korcula
■ 5	Sibenik / Split
■ 6	Dubrovnik
■ 7	Kotor
■ 8	Hvar
■ 9	Rovinj
10	Disembark / Depart Venice





You'll discover that Italy and Croatia, bordering the lovely Adriatic Sea, share similar bragging rights when it comes to rich historic legacies, natural beauty and cultural traditions – from art and architecture in canal-laced Venice to Croatia's unique Moreška Sword dance.

5. ■ Sibenik and Split

Disembark ship in Sibenik, Croatia, for a choice of three morning excursions. Drive inland to the picturesque village of Primošten Burni, where you'll get a taste of daily life; you also have a choice of a visit to the medieval UNESCO World Heritage town of Trogir to view its stunning 13th-century cathedral with free time to explore on your own; and for a third choice, a drive along the Adriatic Sea to Krka National Park, where a guided walk through the forest leads to cascading waterfalls that are picture perfect in every way. Everyone travels to fascinating Split this afternoon where you'll also have a choice of sightseeing excursions. Journey back in time on a historic walking tour that explores Split's historic roots and Imperial Roman past – included is a visit to the cellars of Diocletian's Palace as well as the Temple of Jupiter, and a visit to the Cathedral of St. Dujce. Alternatively,

join us for a walking tour of Split that includes a visit to Meštrović Gallery, an art museum which is dedicated to the work of famous local sculptor Ivan Meštrović. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Dubrovnik, "Pearl of the Adriatic"

Begin your day with an arrival in Dubrovnik and an exclusive lecture by a Croatia expert before heading ashore on your choice of shore excursions. Take a guided walking tour of Dubrovnik's well-preserved walled medieval center, followed by free time to explore on your own. Alternatively, journey into the countryside to visit two typical Croatian villages, with flour making and silk thread demonstrations, then return to Dubrovnik for a guided walking tour. Or, if wine tasting whets your appetite, join us for free time in the seaside resort town of Cavtat, which is followed by a visit to a winery in Pridvorje village and a guided walk back in Dubrovnik. For those seeking a more active adventure there's a bicycle* excursion in the Konavle Valley, or a kayaking* excursion. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish. **Meals BLD**

Venice traditions

During your two-night stay in Venice you'll have an opportunity to explore traditions centuries old when you visit two islands in the Venetian Lagoon: Murano, to witness the fine art of glass blowing, and Burano, where lacemakers pass down their craft secrets through the generations.



7. ■ Choices in Kotor, Montenegro

Discover the sights in and around Kotor, Montenegro, on a choice of excursions. Take a scenic tour that includes a village visit and a private boat trip to visit Our Lady of the Rocks Church, set atop a tiny man-made island in the Bay of Kotor; or journey to the limestone landscapes of Lovćen National Park for a hike* and picnic lunch. Everyone spends the afternoon as they please exploring the charming, winding streets of medieval Kotor, returning to the ship for an evening sail to Hvar. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ Hvar – 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Tender ashore to Hvar Island, the world's only island with six UNESCO World Heritage Sites, for a choice of excursion. Join our local guide for a walking tour of Hvar town, followed by a drive to Stari Grad to visit the Dominican Monastery, do some wine tasting in a local village, and walk up to Hvar Fortress. For more active choices, take a robust cross-island hike* along rustic trails through local villages for a taste of tavern fare and a swim in the Adriatic. Or, set off on a sea kayaking* excursion that leads to swimming in hidden coves. Spend a leisurely afternoon in Hvar as you please. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ Rovinj on the Istrian Peninsula

Arrive this morning in romantic Rovinj, a late medieval Croatian city with a strong Venetian influence, particularly in its architecture and everyday life; it has a long fishing tradition and is highly popular with artists, particularly painters. Choices today include a walking tour of Rovinj; a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Motovun with truffle tasting; bicycling* along the Parenzana Trail; or a visit to the Roman amphitheatre in ancient Pula. Spend a free afternoon in Rovinj before setting sail for Venice. **Meals BLD**

10. Journey Home

Tour ends: Venice. Disembark ship this morning. A transfer is included from the ship to Marco Polo Airport or Santa Lucia Train Station. Please book flights from Venice no earlier than 12:00 noon; allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**



They say there is a timeless story around every corner in the walled city of Dubrovnik – truly a window to world history.

2024 DATES

Jun 4, 11 Sep 3, 10, 17

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

■ Superior Stateroom – Deck 3	Double \$ 14,190	Single \$21,000	Triple \$ 11,635
■ Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3	Double \$ 14,730	Single \$21,805	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4	Double \$ 15,280	Single \$22,605	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5	Double \$ 15,640	Single \$23,145	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6	Double \$ 15,930	Single \$26,280	Triple N/A
■ Deluxe Suite – Decks 6	Double \$ 18,100	Single N/A	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 22,160	Single N/A	Triple \$ 18,170
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 22,880	Single N/A	Triple \$ 18,770
■ Owner's Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 27,230	Single N/A	Triple N/A

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

Land / Cruise Price includes 23 meals (9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 8 dinners) on land and at sea, all Tauck private shore excursions, airport transfers as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage, cruise fare, port charges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at AUD \$4,065. Aboard ship, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are included throughout the day.

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	JW MARRIOTT VENICE RESORT & SPA OR HILTON MOLINO STUCKY, VENICE	Venice
Night 3-9	ABOARD L'AUSTRAL	Cruising

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 guests. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Note: For all activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details; see L'Austral ship page for deck plans and specifications.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



Bonifacio, Corsica

Treasures of the Mediterranean Isles

Experience “la dolce vita” on the Mediterranean’s most popular islands

12 DAYS FROM AUD \$15,930 | BEGINS MARSEILLE OR MALTA

1. Arrive Marseille

Tour begins: 6:00 PM. A transfer is included from Marseille's international airport to InterContinental Marseille – Hotel Dieu, near the historic Le Panier, or Sofitel Marseille Vieux Port, overlooking the old harbor. Join us tonight for a welcome reception followed by dinner at your hotel. **Meals D**

2. Mediterranean Marseille

Settled by Greeks in 600 BC, Marseille has well over 2,000 years of history as a crossroads of cultural influences tucked in the colorful tangle of narrow streets and eclectic architecture of its Old Port, which you'll explore today on a walking tour. Yachts and small fishing boats have replaced

the big ships, but the area retains much of its character as an old commercial port. Discover the heart of old Marseille in the heart of Le Panier, a district dense with cobbled lanes, immigrant enclaves, cafes, faded baroque palaces, and vest-pocket plazas. Visits include Quai du Port, the wide waterfront promenade; La Vieille Charité, a former almshouse, now a cultural center and museum; the spectacular Cathédrale Sainte-Marie-Majeure, with Byzantine domes, bell towers, and arcades; and Fort Saint-Jean, built by Louis XIV, a massive harbor-side fortress. At the Museum of Civilizations of Europe and the Mediterranean (MUCEM), state-of-the-art exhibits explore centuries of cultural exchange among Europe, Africa, and Mediterranean islands through history, art, anthropology, and archaeology. Spend the rest of the day and evening as you please. **Meals B**

Uniquely Tauck

- Discover the charms of Corsica on a choice of sightseeing excursion – in medieval Bonifacio, steeped in history and colorful houses, ride aboard a mini train to Old Town for a guided walking tour; or, tour by the little Bonifacio train to the pier where a private cruise brings you under the island's limestone cliffs and inside the caves
- On Malta, visit inside the richly-decorated Co-Cathedral of St. John; meet a Knight of Malta during a visit to Casa Rocca Piccola; and enjoy a private reception and dinner at historic La Sacra Infermeria, founded by the Order of the Knights of St. John in 1547
- When you sail northbound, enjoy a Tauck Exclusive private farewell reception and dinner at remarkable Palais du Pharo, built by Emperor Napoleon III



A choice of excursions in and around Siracusa, Sicily, includes opportunities to explore the noted archaeological treasures.

3. ■ Nice & Aix-En-Provence / Embark ship

Arrive in charming Aix-en-Provence, set against the backdrop of Montagne Sainte-Victoire; a walking tour of landmarks includes the main plaza with a medieval bell tower and astronomical clock; the Cathedral of the Holy Savior; and the outdoor food market in Place Richelme. From here it's a short drive to Nice, where your ship awaits. **Meals BD**

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 Cruise Days aboard *Le Bougainville*

Marseille to Malta

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Marseille <i>InterContinental Marseille Hotel Dieu or Sofitel Marseille Vieux Port</i>
2	Marseille
■ 3	Aix-en-Provence / Embark Nice
■ 4	Elba
■ 5	Corsica
■ 6	Sardinia
■ 7	Palermo
■ 8	Taormina
■ 9	Siracusa
10	Disembark Valletta <i>Marriott Malta Hotel & Spa or The Phoenicia Malta</i>
11	Valletta
12	Depart Valletta

Malta to Marseille

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Valletta <i>Marriott Malta Hotel & Spa or The Phoenicia Malta</i>
2	Valletta
■ 3	Embark Valletta
■ 4	Siracusa
■ 5	Taormina
■ 6	Palermo
■ 7	Sardinia
■ 8	Corsica
■ 9	Elba
10	Disembark Nice / Aix-en-Provence / Marseille <i>InterContinental Marseille Hotel Dieu or Sofitel Marseille Vieux Port</i>
11	Marseille
12	Depart Marseille





Two nights spent at a premiere hotel in Marseille provides a wonderful opportunity to experience the history, art and cultural treasures of Southern France – while Mediterranean island exploration includes Sardinia, known for its archaeological and antiquities legacies.

4. ■ Elba, an island paradise

Dock in Elba for a choice of sightseeing. Tour the town of Portoferraio including Palazzina dei Mulini, Napoleon Bonaparte's clifftop winter mansion, and a wine tasting with views of the harbor. Alternatively, drive to Marciana Marina and ride a cableway lift to the top of Monte Capanne, then explore the old seaside village with a delightful main square, artisanal workshops, stores and cafes. You also have an opportunity to tour Villa San Martino, Napoleon's summer residence, and visit La Chiusa Winery for a memorable taste of local wine. The afternoon is at leisure prior to an early evening departure to cruise to Corsica. **Meals BLD**



The magnificent Co-Cathedral of St. John is truly stunning, boasting magnificent ceiling frescoes and artwork.

5. ■ Corsica & the city of cliffs

Anchor in lovely Bonifacio for a choice of shore excursions. In Old Town Bonifacio, take a walking tour of the citadel's medieval defenses and the cliffside Garden of Ruins. Alternatively, ride the mini-train up to the Old Town for a walking tour followed by a boat ride around the island's limestone cliffs and sea caves, weather permitting. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Sardinia, from Bronze Age to present day

Sightseeing choices in Cagliari include a locally guided walking tour of its medieval heart, a visit to the National Archaeological Museum, a tour to taste local wine and the famous Pecorino sardo, and a visit to Monte Urpinu (Fox Mountain). Alternatively, travel to Nora to explore its ancient ruins. Enjoy some time in fascinating Cagliari, capital city of Sardinia, to explore before sailing towards Corsica. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Palermo & Palazzo Mazzarino

Three choices today: explore Palermo on a walking tour along the Corso Vittorio Emanuele past the Cathedral to the Piazza Pretoria; enjoy a drink and canapes under its dazzling chandeliers. Or, join us for an exclusive visit to private Palazzo Mazzarino, home to an aristocratic family, plus a visit to the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Alternatively, tour the Botanical Gardens and visit a historic private villa where you meet the owners and enjoy an aperitif in the garden. Attend an onboard lecture on "Addiopizzo" this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ Mount Etna & Taormina

Take a scenic drive to medieval Taormina for tours of the Palazzo Corvaja and the 3rd-century BC Teatro Antico, plus a tour and tasting lunch at a Mt. Etna winery. Alternatively, drive to Mt. Etna and the Sapienza Refuge – ride by cable car and all-terrain vehicle up to the crater of the volcano. Or, tour Schiavi Castle (villa in *The Godfather*), and board a traditional wooden boat to nearby Isola Bella and its blue grotto. Tonight, a volcanologist offers insights into the volcanic geology of the Mediterranean isles. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ Treasured sights in Siracusa

A choice of shore excursions today includes exploration of historic Siracusa, a UNESCO World Heritage city, with a locally guided visit to the Neapolis Archaeological Park and a guided walking tour through Ortygia Island. You can also drive to the Baroque city of Noto for a guided walking tour, or explore Ortygia on a bicycle excursion. **Meals BLD**

10. Disembark and explore Malta

Disembark your ship in Valletta for a day of sightseeing that includes a visit to St. John's Co-Cathedral; a walking tour of the ancient city of Mdina; and a visit to Casa Rocca Piccola, the elegant private home of a local noble family (who still reside there), where you'll have the unique opportunity to meet a Knight of Malta. **Meals BL**

11. Megalith Hagar Qim / Special Farewell

Visit the temple complex of Hagar Qim in Mnajdra; tour the sprawling complex of chambers, altars, cisterns, carvings and statuary. Join us this evening at La Sacra Infermeria – once a hospital run by the Knights of St. John – for a farewell reception followed by dinner; the stunning medieval complex overlooks the harbor, renowned for its hospitality. **Meals BD**

12. Journey Home

Tour ends: Valletta. Transfers are included from Malta Marriott Hotel & Spa or The Phoenicia Malta to Malta's Luqa Int'l Airport; allow three hours for check-in. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Northbound - Malta to Marseille
Jun 1

Southbound - Marseille to Malta
May 25 Jun 8

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

■ Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3	Double \$ 15,930	Single \$23,500	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4	Double \$ 16,940	Single \$25,070	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5	Double \$ 17,380	Single \$25,715	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6	Double \$ 17,670	Single \$26,145	Triple N/A
■ Deluxe Suite – Decks 3, 4, 5, 6	Double \$ 20,280	Single N/A	Triple \$ 16,220
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 24,620	Single N/A	Triple \$ 19,695
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 25,350	Single N/A	Triple \$ 20,270
■ Privilege Suite – Decks 5, 6	Double \$ 26,070	Single N/A	Triple \$ 20,850
■ Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 28,250	Single N/A	Triple N/A
■ Owner's Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 33,320	Single N/A	Triple N/A

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2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	INTERCONTINENTAL MARSEILLE – Marseille HOTEL DIEU / SOFITEL MARSEILLE VIEUX PORT	
Night 3-9	ABOARD LE BOUGAINVILLE	Mediterranean
Night 10,11	MALTA MARRIOTT HOTEL & SPA / THE PHOENICIA MALTA	Malta

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



Treasures of Spain and Portugal

Iberian discoveries, maritime monuments & culinary traditions, then and now

13 DAYS FROM AUD \$13,900 | BEGINS BARCELONA OR LISBON

1. Arrive Barcelona

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Majestic Hotel & Spa Barcelona.

A transfer is included from Barcelona Airport or Barcelona Franca or Sants Train Station to Majestic Hotel & Spa Barcelona, located on the exclusive Passeig de Gràcia. Join us for a welcome dinner tonight at the hotel. **Meals D**

2. Discover the best of Barcelona

Begin your 13-day journey of Spain and Portugal with visits to Gaudí's whimsical Parc Güell, a UNESCO World Heritage Site of colorful buildings embellished with glass and ceramic mosaics, sculpted animals and creative furnishings, all set in a 50-acre garden city, and Gaudí's unconventional, unfinished la Sagrada Família, begun by the architect in 1882. After lunch, enjoy free time to do as you wish. **Meals BD**

3. ■ A choice in Barcelona & embark ship

Your day starts with a private visit to the Palau de la Música Catalana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, that truly is a palace of music. The only concert hall in Europe lit by natural light, it is a Modernista celebration of tile work, sculpture and stained glass. Later, you'll have choice of sightseeing excursions. Visit the medieval quarter of Barri Gòtic, the historic heart of the city, and Gaudí's unfinished la Sagrada Família, begun by the architect in 1882. Alternatively, explore the architectural style of Passeig de Gràcia on walking tour that also includes a visit inside Gaudí's Casa Milà (La Pedrera). Drive to the site of the 1992 Olympic Games on Montjuïc, today towering over the harbor; the views of the city and Mediterranean Sea from here are memorable. Embark your Windstar ship this afternoon and set sail for the pretty island of Mallorca. **Meals BLD**

Uniquely Tauck

- At a traditional manor house in Málaga, whet your appetite for a tapas and sherry tasting; take a tour of the stables and bullring; and enjoy a private dressage presentation with the high-stepping Andalusian horses that are trained here
- Be our guests for a special flamenco dance performance at Seville's Museo del Baile Flamenco, chronicling the history and romantic culture of the dance with interactive exhibits and film vignettes
- Experience a private visit to Palau de la Música Catalana, an architectural jewel of Catalan Art Nouveau, boasting magnificent arches, stained glass windows, and a domed skylight that illuminates the auditorium with natural light during the day
- Dine like royalty during an exclusive farewell dinner at an 18th-century Baroque-styled guild house recognized as a National Cultural Heritage Site



A performance at Seville's Museo del Baile Flamenco showcases the sizzle and passion of this Spanish dance.

4. ■ Palma de Mallorca

Enjoy a guided walking tour of the city of Palma. Visit Gothic-style Bellver Castle as well as the Gothic Cathedral, La Seu, built of golden limestone and standing in a dramatic location near the waterfront; its interior was remodeled by Antoni Gaudí and it's considered to be one of the most breathtaking buildings in all of Spain. This afternoon you

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 8 Cruise Days aboard *Wind Surf*

Barcelona to Lisbon

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Barcelona <i>Majestic Hotel & Spa</i>
2	Barcelona
■ 3	Embark Barcelona
■ 4	Palma de Mallorca
■ 5	Cartagena
■ 6	Almeria / Granada
■ 7	Málaga
■ 8	Gibraltar
■ 9	Cádiz / Seville
■ 10	Day at Sea
11	Disembark Lisbon / Sintra <i>InterContinental Lisbon</i>
12	Lisbon
13	Depart Lisbon

Lisbon to Barcelona

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Lisbon <i>InterContinental Lisbon</i>
2	Lisbon
■ 3	Sintra, Cascais / Embark Lisbon
■ 4	Day at Sea
■ 5	Cádiz / Seville
■ 6	Gibraltar
■ 7	Málaga
■ 8	Almeria / Granada
■ 9	Cartagena
■ 10	Palma de Mallorca
11	Disembark Barcelona <i>Majestic Hotel & Spa</i>
12	Barcelona
13	Depart Barcelona





Experience a warm welcome in Málaga, inviting with a private horse show and a taste of tapas at an Andalucían manor, and visit Mosteiro dos Jerónimos in Lisbon, whose vaulted ceilings and decorative elements pay homage to Portuguese Manueline architecture.

have an opportunity to explore more of Palma as you please before a late afternoon sail away. Enjoy the Captain's welcome reception before dinner onboard. **Meals BLD**

5. ■ A morning under sail & Cartagena

Experience the onboard pleasures of your Windstar yacht today as you spend the morning at sea en route to Cartagena. A lecture by your Tauck Director shares insights about the region you explore on this cruise. Arrive in Cartagena around midday, and walk to the city's Roman Forum for a private visit of the 1st-century thermal baths, atrium and a temple dedicated to Isis and Serapys; then enjoy a wine tasting inside the Forum and a demonstration of the art of ham slicing. Your ship sets off again early this evening bound for Almería. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Moorish Granada

From Almería, drive to Granada, created to reflect the Moors' vision of paradise on Earth, for a walking tour followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Guitarist Andrés Segovia described Granada, nestled in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, as a "place of dreams." Return to your ship late afternoon and enjoy dinner at leisure onboard. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Taste of Málaga

The land of dancing Andalucían horses and sherry welcomes you ashore in Málaga and invites you inside a typical manor for a tapas tasting and a private horse show at an Andalucían

manor. Later, enjoy a panoramic tour of Málaga highlighted by visions of 14th-century Gibralfaro Castle; Plaza Merced; the birthplace of Pablo Picasso, and the ruins of the vast 8th-century Alcazaba (Moorish castle). If you like, join us for an optional visit to the Picasso Museum. Enjoy time at leisure to explore Málaga as you wish before returning to your ship; after dinner, set sail for Gibraltar. **Meals BLD**



Spend the day in Palma de Mallorca and visit the breathtaking Gothic Cathedral, La Seu, with its Gaudí-designed interior.

8. ■ A day in Gibraltar

Just 2¼ square miles, Gibraltar is a “British-ruled” British Overseas Territory with a recorded history that dates from 711 AD. The massive limestone Rock of Gibraltar rises out of the sea to a height of 1,398 feet and is often referred to as the gateway to the Mediterranean. Visit the storied sights of this legendary place, including St. Michael's Cave, and see the Rock's resident monkeys and streets steeped in British traditions. After lunch onboard, set sail for Cádiz. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ Cultural discoveries in Seville

Arrive in Cádiz and drive to Seville. Guided sightseeing views the Palacio de San Telmo; the 13th-century Moorish Torre del Oro and the bullring; and the tobacco factory of *Carmen* fame, before a visit to the Plaza de España and the pavilions of the 1929 World's Fair on the grounds of María Luisa Park. After a tapas lunch, enjoy a special dance performance at the Museo del Baile Flamenco. A choice of afternoon excursions includes a guided walk through Barrio Santa Cruz, Seville's old Jewish Quarter, to 15th-century Seville Cathedral where you'll see Christopher Columbus' tomb, or a visit to the royal palace complex, Real Alcázar. **Meals BLD**

10. ■ Pleasures of a day at sea

Enjoy a full day of cruising, enjoying an array of shipboard amenities, an onboard lecture and relaxing ocean vistas as you wish. Spending time in the swimming pool, hot tubs or deck chairs on the Main Deck are great ways to while away the day as your ship charts a course for Portugal. **Meals BLD**

11. Disembark Lisbon; Sintra & Cascais

Disembark ship in Lisbon this morning for a drive to nearby Sintra for a tour of medieval Sintra National Palace. Continue to the seaside town of Cascais for a guided stroll and time on your own, then return to Lisbon. After settling into your hilltop hotel, spend the remainder of the day exploring as you wish. **Meals B**

12. Lisbon landmarks

A guided tour of the city this morning showcases the downtown Baixa area, Trade Square and Edward VII Park, with visits to Mosteiro dos Jerónimos, the Maritime Navy Museum and the Monument to the Discoveries. Spend the remainder of the afternoon at your leisure. Join us tonight for an exclusive private farewell evening at the 18th-century Palácio Nacional de Queluz, including a reception in the gardens, weather permitting, and dinner inside the opulently decorated palace, truly a night to remember! **Meals BD**

13. Journey home

Tour ends: Lisbon. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included to Lisbon Airport or Santa Apolonia Train Station from InterContinental Lisbon. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Westbound - Barcelona to Lisbon

Jul 26 Oct 30

Eastbound - Lisbon to Barcelona

Apr 11 Aug 3

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

Category B	Double \$ 13,900	Single \$17,815	Triple N/A
Category BX Deluxe	Double \$ 14,190	Single \$18,105	Triple N/A
Category A	Double \$ 14,330	Single \$18,245	Triple N/A
Category AX Deluxe	Double \$ 14,620	Single \$18,535	Triple N/A
Suites	Double \$ 18,100	Single N/A	Triple \$ 18,300

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

Land / Cruise Price includes 31 meals (12 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 11 dinners) on land and at sea, airport transfers as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage, plus Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Tauck's private shore excursions and inclusions valued at AUD \$7,430. Aboard ship alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available throughout the day, including house wines & spirits. Premium spirits and wines are available at extra cost.

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	MAJESTIC HOTEL & SPA	Barcelona
Night 3-10	ABOARD WIND SURF	Mediterranean Sea
Night 11,12	INTERCONTINENTAL LISBON	Lisbon

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 guests. Travel East or West: go to tauck.com.au for eastbound itinerary or ask at booking. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details; see Wind Surf ship page for deck plans and specifications.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3



Legendary Scottish Isles, Edinburgh and Glasgow

Explore Scotland's natural and cultural treasures, from the Lowlands to the Highlands and Islands

11 DAYS FROM AUD \$14,480 | BEGINS GLASGOW OR EDINBURGH

1. Arrive Glasgow

Tour begins: 6:00 PM at Kimpton Blythswood Square Hotel, Glasgow or voco Grand Hotel Glasgow. A transfer is included from Glasgow International Airport to Kimpton Blythswood Square Hotel, Glasgow, or voco Grand Hotel Glasgow, each centrally located near must-see sights. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

2. ■ Glasgow and embark ship

A tour of city sights includes George's Square, Buchanan Street, and Princes Square. This afternoon, visit Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, one of the city's most popular attractions, featuring a wide-ranging collection of art and

artifacts of cultural history, ancient history, natural history, and more. Drive to Greenock or Fairlie and embark your small ship; sail for the Isle of Mull in the Inner Hebrides. **Meals BD**

3. ■ The Isle of Mull

Sail to the Isle of Mull, a popular destination for naturalists and photographers in search of Britain's more elusive birds and wildlife. Anchor in Tobermory on a morning arrival for a choice of excursions. Take a guided nature hike in Aros Park*; alternatively, you can drive along the scenic coastline to medieval Duart Castle, still owned by its clan members, or visit Lip na Cloiche Gardens. This evening, join us for the Captain's welcome reception and dinner as you sail to the Isle of Skye. **Meals BLD**

Uniquely Tauck

- Attend an exclusive evening in Edinburgh – a reception and dinner aboard The Royal Yacht Britannia, where you'll be able to tour at leisure prior to an evening that will be long remembered
- Select the sightseeing excursions that interest you most in island ports steeped with antiquities, castles, museums, nature reserves, distilleries and more, with active choices such as hiking and nature walks in select destinations
- Experience the Orkney Islands your way, as you choose a popular seaside walk, exploring history along the Scapa Flow, tasting tours at a brewery and a whisky distillery or going prehistoric at sites filled with Neolithic monuments



The skyline of Edinburgh is defined by some of the world's most iconic sights, from the castle to the clock to Calton Hill.

4. Discover the Isle of Skye

On the Isle of Skye, it's your choice of shore excursions. Discover the local wildlife on a cruise safari, keeping a look out for sea eagles; tour 13th-century Eilean Donan Castle, arguably the most photographed castle in Scotland; journey across the island to medieval Dunvegan Castle, overlooking Loch Dunvegan and the sea, with a visit to the thatched cottages at the Skye Museum of Island Life; or visit a local

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 Cruise Days aboard
Le Bellot / Le Dumont d'Urville

Glasgow to Edinburgh

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Glasgow <i>Kimpton Blythswood Square Hotel, Glasgow or voco Grand Hotel Glasgow</i>
■ 2	Sightsee Glasgow / Embark Ship
■ 3	Isle of Mull
■ 4	Isle of Skye
■ 5	Isle of Lewis
■ 6	Orkney Islands
■ 7	Shetland Islands
■ 8	Day at sea
9	Disembark Edinburgh <i>Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel or InterContinental Edinburgh The George</i>
10	Sightsee Edinburgh
11	Depart Edinburgh

Edinburgh to Glasgow

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Edinburgh <i>Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel or InterContinental Edinburgh The George</i>
2	Sightsee Edinburgh
■ 3	Edinburgh / Embark Ship
■ 4	Day at sea
■ 5	Shetland Islands
■ 6	Orkney Islands
■ 7	Isle of Lewis
■ 8	Isle of Skye
■ 9	Isle of Mull
10	Disembark Ship / Sightsee Glasgow <i>Kimpton Blythswood Square Hotel, Glasgow or voco Grand Hotel Glasgow</i>
11	Depart Glasgow



Maximum Elevation: 430 ft.



In addition to antiquities that date back centuries, Scotland is a treasure trove for music, literature and art, as you'll discover on a visit to Glasgow's Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum – and the secrets of the ages at the Standing Stones of Callanish on the Isle of Lewis.

croft to meet the owners and learn about living and crofting on Skye. Enjoy free time in Portree as you wish, or return to the ship. Attend an onboard presentation by a professional photographer this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

5. ■ Lochs, brochs and standing stones

The Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides offers a dreamlike landscape of winding rolling hills, moors, and rugged shores. Dock in Stornoway for your choice: set off for a sea safari* to view the island's marine life and some of the most magnificent coastline in Scotland; take a walk to Lews Castle, departing along the seafront before crossing the bridge to follow the pathway along the coastline; visit the Museum for the Hebrides and explore the castle; or embark on a panoramic drive that shows you the highlights of the island, including the Standing Stones of Callanish. You'll have an opportunity to spend some time at leisure in Stornoway before enjoying a private tasting of Scotch whisky. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Life in the Orkney Islands

Arrive in Kirkwall on Orkney's Mainland. Tour historic Kirkwall, then drive to Scapa Flow, where 52 German battleships sank in 1919. Or, depart Kirkwall for the Brough of Deerness and Mull Head – a popular UK walking destination. Alternatively, savor a taste of Orkney life with a local guide, plus visits to Orkney Brewery and the Highland Park Whisky Distillery. Or, explore the Neolithic monuments at the Ring of Brodgar, Skara Brae and other sights. The afternoon is free to explore Kirkwall. Join us for a lecture by a local historian and storyteller aboard ship before dinner. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Treasures of the Shetland Islands

Arrive in Lerwick for a choice of 5 ways to explore. Depart Lerwick, and head west to the picturesque harbor village of Hamnavoe, continuing through the Tingwall Valley before arriving at the "Keolka" croft – a beautiful Shetland croft nestled within the rugged heather hills, with stunning views across the water. Here you'll watch a local crofter execute precision herding maneuvers – without a single word – and meet some Shetland sheep and ponies. Visit the island of Mousa Broch* and its 2,000-year-old stone tower – 43 feet high, it is one of the best preserved in the world; explore its beehive-like chambers and climb the internal staircase to the top for panoramic views; explore Jarlshof, one of Europe's biggest and most complex archaeological sites; travel to the islands' western villages to learn about daily life in a fishing



An idyllic week sailing the islands and coastal waters of Scotland includes a special evening aboard The Royal Yacht Britannia.

community and a Shetland pony farm; or, join us for a tour of Lewick & environs. Back aboard ship, attend a lecture on the "Shetland Bus," a World War II operation that smuggled people in and out of occupied Norway – or alternatively, a lecture on life in the remote Shetland Islands. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ Enjoy a day at sea

Your ship charts a course for Edinburgh today, affording you the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing day at sea. Onboard amenities include a spa and fitness center, outdoor pool, a library, lounges and a theatre that boasts cutting edge audio and lighting technology. Enjoy shipboard amenities and activities throughout the day – or perhaps some time for a little relaxation. **Meals BLD**

9. Edinburgh Castle & cobbled streets

Disembark ship in Edinburgh, where your two-night stay begins with a tour of city sights. Under the watch of its lofty cliff-top castle, Edinburgh invites you into its captivating maze of crooked medieval streets, cozy passages, avenues, shops, pubs, townhouses, and monumental palaces. Visit Edinburgh Castle with a local guide before a walking tour of the Royal Mile, a cobbled street lined with shops, pubs, museums, and intriguing alleyways. Spend the rest of the day discovering Scotland's historic capital city as you wish. **Meals B**

10. Edinburgh sights

Visit the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the King's residence when he is in Scotland. A tour of the city includes medieval Old Town, stately New Town, the Royal Botanic Garden, and Princes Street; see Robert Louis Stevenson's birthplace. Join us tonight for a Tauck exclusive farewell reception and dinner aboard The Royal Yacht Britannia. **Meals BD**

11. Journey Home

Tour ends: Edinburgh, Scotland. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel or the InterContinental Edinburgh The George to Edinburgh Airport or Edinburgh's Waverley train station. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Eastbound - Glasgow to Edinburgh
May 16 Jun 13 Sep 3

Westbound - Edinburgh to Glasgow
May 22 Aug 26

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2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

■ Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3	Double \$ 14,480	Single \$21,430	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4	Double \$ 15,490	Single \$22,930	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5	Double \$ 15,930	Single \$23,570	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6	Double \$ 16,220	Single \$24,005	Triple N/A
■ Deluxe Suite – Decks 3, 4, 5, 6	Double \$ 18,390	Single N/A	Triple \$ 14,715
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 22,450	Single N/A	Triple \$ 17,960
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 23,170	Single N/A	Triple \$ 18,540
■ Privilege Suite – Decks 5, 6	Double \$ 23,900	Single N/A	Triple \$ 19,125
■ Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 5, 6	Double \$ 26,070	Single N/A	Triple N/A
■ Owner's Suite – Deck 5, 6	Double \$ 27,520	Single N/A	Triple N/A

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

25 meals (10 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 9 dinners) on land and at sea, airport transfers as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage as well as Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, port charges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at AUD \$4,835. Aboard ship, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages are included throughout the day.

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	KIMPTON BLYTHSWOOD SQUARE HOTEL, GLASGOW OR VOCO GRAND CENTRAL GLASGOW	Glasgow
Night 2-8	ABOARD LE BELLOT / LE DUMONT D'URVILLE	Cruising
Night 9,10	KIMPTON CHARLOTTE SQUARE HOTEL OR INTERCONTINENTAL EDINBURGH THE GEORGE	Edinburgh

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



Godafoss Waterfall

Iceland

Discover a remote land of volcanoes and glaciers, puffins and whales, and heroic legends

8 DAYS FROM AUD \$13,750 | BEGINS REYKJAVIK

1. Arrive Reykjavik / ■ Embark Ship

Tour begins: 12:00 PM, Reykjavik. A transfer is included upon arrival at Reykjavik's Keflavik International Airport to Hilton Reykjavik Nordica or Grand Hotel Reykjavik. Join us for a welcome lunch, followed by an orientation tour of landmark sights. See Old Town and enjoy a guided visit to the Perlan museum. This afternoon, embark ship in Hafnarfjörður; dine at your leisure onboard tonight. **Meals LD**

2. ■ Fishing Villages and Grundarfjörður

Enjoy a leisurely morning cruise before docking in Grundarfjörður for a choice of shore excursions. Take a scenic drive along the rugged coast of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, passing through fishing villages bustling with daily life and

stopping for walks in Djúpalónssandur, Arnarstapi and Búdir. Or, experience a "Lava and Viking Adventure" that takes you to sites immortalized in Icelandic sagas and includes a walk up the 240-foot slope of Mt. Helgafell, rewarding with great views, weather permitting. Your third choice is a boating expedition to learn about marine wildlife and local birds, with a taste of shell fish fresh from the sea. Join us for the captain's welcome dinner onboard as you cruise to the Arctic Circle. **Meals BLD**

3. ■ Explore Grímsey on the Arctic Circle

Sail to Grímsey, Iceland's Arctic Circle gem, where it is said birds outnumber the people who live here about 10,000 to one. Remote and weather beaten, this tiny island measures just 2½ miles by 1¼ miles – and guards the Arctic Circle with

Uniquely Tauck

- Tour Iceland's "Golden Circle" – including Thingvellir National Park, home to the world's first democratic parliament; the majestic Gullfoss waterfall; and the stunning geysers and hot springs of Geysir
- Enjoy a taste of island life on an exclusive private visit to Vigur Island, where you'll meet members of the only family that's called it home since the 1880s, on the farm they've worked for generations
- You'll have an opportunity to walk across the Arctic Circle line on a visit to remote, windswept Grímsey Island; see arctic terns, puffins and other seabirds residing here in the thousands, far outnumbering the scattered human population
- There's also an opportunity to take an optional excursion to the famed Blue Lagoon spa, offering a chance to soak in this aqua-blue pool of mineral-rich geothermal seawater, whose temperature ranges between 98 – 102 degrees



Geysers shoot their plumes skyward, announcing their presence throughout Iceland's geothermal landscapes.

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 8 Cruise Days aboard *Le Bellot*

Day	Destination
■ 1	Arrive Reykjavik Embark Hafnarfjörður
■ 2	Grundarfjörður
■ 3	Grímsey Island
■ 4	Akureyri
■ 5	Ísafjörður
■ 6	Heimaey – Westman Islands
■ 7	Reykjavik – Hafnarfjörður
■ 8	Disembark Hafnarfjörður Depart Reykjavik

huge colonies of seabirds and a scant population of hardy islanders said to consistently number about 100 residents. Step ashore for a walking tour with a naturalist guide to see the Arctic terns and whimsical puffins that live here, and walk across the Arctic Circle line, cameras at the ready to record this once-in-a-lifetime experience. **Meals BLD**

4. ■ Discover Akureyri

Cruise the Eyjafjörður fjord to Akureyri, the second-largest city in Iceland. Set amidst magnificent mountains, Akureyri is known as the "capital of North Iceland" and noted for its lively cultural life. First settled by Norse Vikings in the 9th century, the city was home to a Norwegian-British fighter squadron during World War II and today boasts the northernmost 18-hole golf course in the world. Your choices of activities here include mineral bathing at the Myvatn Nature Baths in the geologically intriguing area around Lake Myvatn; visiting the historic fishing village of Siglufjörður and learning about its ties to Iceland's 19th-century herring economy, with journeys "back in time" at the Folk Music Center and the Herring Era Museum; or leisurely exploration of Akureyri and environs, including a visit to Godafoss, the "waterfall of the gods," to learn about the saga recounting the arrival of Christianity in





Experience an opportunity to walk across the Arctic Circle when your ship anchors at tiny Grimsey Island, camera in hand; towering near the fishing town of Grundarfjörður, Kirkjufell has been recognized as one of the world's top 10 most beautiful mountains.

Iceland and the banishment of the pagan gods in 1000 AD. Enjoy time at leisure to explore Akureyri as you wish. Set sail for Ísafjörður late this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

5. ■ Ísafjörður, Sudavik or Vigur island

Dock at the fishing town of Ísafjörður, boasting some of the oldest houses in Iceland, dating from the 18th century. A choice of shore excursions includes a drive through Ísafjörður for a look at the local culture, including stops at the quaint church of the village of Bolungarvík, a restored Ósvör fisherman's hut showcasing what life was like here for fishermen before the 20th century, and the Maritime Museum. Or, choose hiking and a visit to the Arctic Fox Center in Sudavik, focusing on the biology and natural history of Iceland's only native mammal. Alternatively, board a ferry for the short trip to Vigur Island, inhabited only by three generations of the same family whose home it has been since 1884 and seabirds. See Iceland's only windmill and enjoy Icelandic cakes served by the family in the restored Viktoria House, built in 1862, before sailing on to the Westman Islands. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Heimaey, Westman Islands

Visit the Westman Islands today, coming ashore on Heimaey for a day of exploration that includes a visit to Sprangan cliff, where young islanders are taught the sport of rope-swinging and cliff-side egg-collecting, and a stop at Stórhöfði, home to the island's largest colony of puffins and a spot for breathtaking views of the island and the massive glaciers of the mainland (weather permitting). The volcanic eruption of Mt. Eldfell in 1973 spewed lava over Heimaey – which is the

only populated island located in the Westmans – destroying the small town and changing the island's landscape forever by creating the world's youngest mountain and the new "Pompeii of the North," which you will see today. Back aboard ship, enjoy a farewell reception and the captain's farewell dinner as the ship sails for Hafnarfjörður. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Iceland's "Golden Circle" & Blue Lagoon

Tour the "Golden Circle" – the country's "Big Three" landmark sights. Visit Thingvellir National Park – named a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is Iceland's most important historic landmark, where the Vikings established the world's first democratic parliament, the Althing, in 930 AD. View magnificent Gullfoss waterfall, cascading 96 feet in two roaring falls, arched with rainbows. After lunch at a local restaurant, continue on to the spouting hot springs of Geysir,

Special Departures with Tim Martin

June 29 and July 6
departures only.

Travel with wildlife filmmaker Tim Martin, enjoying expert insights about the wildlife and natural wonders found in Iceland on these departures, specially priced. Ask at booking for details.





Whimsical and wild, Iceland's Atlantic puffins are fondly known as the clowns of the sea and are always a delight to see!

where geysers erupt with clockwork precision. Return to the ship for time at leisure or join us on an optional excursion to the Blue Lagoon for an opportunity to take a dip in the healing waters of this geothermal spa. Enjoy a final dinner aboard ship this evening. **Meals BLD**

8. Journey Home

Tour ends: 8:00 AM at Reykjavik's Keflavik International Airport. Disembark this morning in Hafnarfjörður; a transfer is included from the ship to Reykjavik's Keflavik International Airport or Tauck's post-stay hotels. Allow three hours for your flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**








2024 DATES














Jun 22, 29 Jul 6, 13, 20, 27 Aug 3

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 PRICE PER PERSON

June 22 - 28; July 13 - August

	Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3	Double \$ 13,750	Single \$19,255	Triple N/A
	Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4	Double \$ 14,770	Single \$20,675	Triple N/A
	Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5	Double \$ 15,200	Single \$21,280	Triple N/A
	Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6	Double \$ 15,490	Single \$21,690	Triple N/A
	Deluxe Suite – Decks 3, 4, 5, 6	Double \$ 18,100	Single N/A	Triple \$ 13,005
	Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 22,450	Single N/A	Triple \$ 15,910
	Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 23,170	Single N/A	Triple \$ 16,390

	Privilege Suite – Decks 5, 6	Double \$ 23,900	Single N/A	Triple \$ 16,870
	Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 26,070	Single N/A	Triple N/A
	Owner's Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 31,140	Single N/A	Triple N/A
June 29 - July 12				
	Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3	Double \$ 14,040	Single \$19,660	Triple N/A
	Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4	Double \$ 15,060	Single \$21,080	Triple N/A
	Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5	Double \$ 15,490	Single \$21,685	Triple N/A
	Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6	Double \$ 15,780	Single \$22,095	Triple N/A
	Deluxe Suite – Decks 3, 4, 5, 6	Double \$ 18,390	Single N/A	Triple \$ 13,200
	Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 22,740	Single N/A	Triple \$ 16,105
	Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 23,460	Single N/A	Triple \$ 16,585
	Privilege Suite – Decks 5, 6	Double \$ 24,190	Single N/A	Triple \$ 17,065
	Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 26,360	Single N/A	Triple N/A
	Owner's Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 31,430	Single N/A	Triple N/A

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

Land / Cruise Price includes 21 meals (7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners) on land and at sea, all Tauck private shore excursions, airport transfers as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage, cruise fare, port charges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions are valued at AUD \$4,480 Aboard ship, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are included throughout the day.

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1-7 **ABOARD LE BELLOT** Cruising

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 guests. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Day rooms will be reserved upon arrival at Hilton Reykjavik Nordica or Grand Hotel Reykjavik for all guests' flight arrivals into Reykjavik on day 1 of the trip only. Note: For all activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details; see Le Bellot ship page for deck plans and specifications.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



Norwegian Fjords & Coastal Treasures

Experience a glacier-carved land, rich with culture and history, and shaped by nature

10 DAYS FROM AUD \$14,480 | BEGINS BERGEN OR OSLO

1. Welcome to Bergen

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Hotel Norge by Scandic or Clarion Collection Hotel Havnekontoret. A transfer is included upon arrival from Bergen Airport to Hotel Norge or Clarion Collection Hotel Havnekontoret, located in the historic wharf district, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Please join us for a welcome reception and dinner this evening. **Meals D**

2. Bryggen & Grieg / ■ Embark ship

Discover Bergen, one of Northern Europe's oldest port cities, and join our local guide for a walking tour of the historic Bryggen harbor district. After free time to explore as you please, visit a traditional stave church before heading to Troidhaugen, the home of Edvard Grieg, Norway's greatest composer. Enjoy a guided tour, a brief reception and a

private piano concert featuring Grieg's music. Embark your ship in Bergen in time for dinner onboard, and set off on your 7-night cruise this evening. **Meals BD**

3. ■ Lake Loen & Kjenndalen Glacier

Spend a relaxing morning at sea, viewing magnificent scenic landscapes along the way. After lunch onboard the ship, disembark in Olden for a quick trip to the summit of Mt. Hoven aboard a gondola, prior to a choice of activities. Choices include an excursion into Loen Valley for a boat ride and a walk for views of the blue and white Kjenndalsbreen, an arm of Jostedal glacier, the largest glacier in Europe. Or drive to Briksdalsbre, where a ride on a "Troll Car" and a short hike to the foot of Briksdal Glacier lead to stunning vistas of one of Norway's most inspiring natural wonders. Sail on to Hellesylt on the Geirangerfjord this evening. **Meals BLD**

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- Let the music of Edvard Grieg serenade you back to the 19th century during a private concert at his lakeside villa outside Bergen, where you'll attend a reception and take a tour
- Experience the natural magnificence of fjord country as you prefer with activity choices in Geirangerfjord: a gondola ride up to the Sunnmøre "Alps," a cruise to Geiranger for a drive to the Dalsnibba lookout, or kayaking that ends in the town of Geiranger
- Take in a glacier one of two ways: a private cruise on Lake Loen and a walk to view Kjenndalsbreen Glacier or a troll car ride and take a short hike to the foot of Briksdal Glacier for stunning views



Experience fjord country, your way, on a choice of activities that celebrate the natural beauty of Geirangerfjord.

4. ■ Geiranger Fjord & the mountains

Disembark in Hellesylt for a choice of activities. On one, head off for a full day of exploration with a local expert around this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Ride a gondola up to the Sunnmøre "Alps" and drive through the mountains surrounding Geiranger Fjord, and through Fjord og Fjell. Have lunch at a local fjord-side restaurant en route. Or stay aboard ship this morning and explore the charming hamlet of Geiranger on your own, perhaps visiting the Norwegian Fjord Center. After lunch, join us for a trip up Dalsnibba, climbing one mile from sea level to the sky, or embark on a guided kayaking excursion to Geiranger village. **Meals BLD**



VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 Cruise Days aboard *Le Champlain*

Bergen to Oslo

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Bergen <i>Hotel Norge</i> <i>by Scandic</i> or <i>Clarion Collection</i> <i>Havnekontoret</i>
■ 2	Bergen / Embark Bergen
■ 3	Olden / Mt. Hoven
■ 4	Hellesylt
■ 5	Ålesund
■ 6	Sandnes / Stavanger
■ 7	Arendal
■ 8	Göteborg
■ 9	Disembark Oslo <i>Grand Hotel Oslo</i> or <i>Hotel Bristol Oslo</i>
10	Depart Oslo

Oslo to Bergen

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Oslo <i>Grand Hotel Oslo</i> or <i>Hotel Bristol Oslo</i>
■ 2	Oslo / Embark Oslo
■ 3	Göteborg
■ 4	Arendali
■ 5	Sandnes / Stavanger
■ 6	Ålesund
■ 7	Hellesylt
■ 8	Olden / Mt. Hoven
■ 9	Disembark Bergen <i>Hotel Norge</i> <i>by Scandic</i> or <i>Clarion Collection</i> <i>Havnekontoret</i>
10	Depart Bergen



View the colorful wooden houses of the picturesque seaport town of Arendal, dating back to the 17th century, as you cast anchor for a day of exploration; view its historic sights on a walking tour and spend time discovering the town as you wish.

5. ■ Choices in Ålesund

Disembark in the fishing harbor of Ålesund for your choice of excursions. Drive around Ålesund and its neighboring islands through its network of tunnels on a panoramic sightseeing excursion, join our local expert for a walking tour of the city's Art Nouveau architecture or enjoy a guided bicycle tour through town. A leisurely afternoon of cruising precedes dinner onboard ship tonight. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Stavanger old & new

Explore the port city of Stavanger on a choice of sightseeing. You may choose a city tour that includes a visit to massive Swords in Rock and the Iron Age Farm at Ullandhaug, an archaeological site that chronicles how the prehistoric people of the Iron Age lived; see long buildings of rock and sod, where animals were housed at one end and their owners at the other. Then it's on to the Norwegian Petroleum Museum, a Stavanger Port landmark, to learn about the oil and gas industry. Or, you can choose a Stavanger walking tour that includes the city's harborfront and Gamle Stavanger (Old Stavanger), a settlement of small white wooden houses from the 1800s set on narrow streets paved by ballast blocks, used long ago as ballast on the ships that sailed in and out of port. After lunch, sail through Lysefjord en route to Arendal; keep your eyes peeled for Preikestolen, a mammoth flat-topped cliff overlooking the water. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Seaside delights in Arendal

Enjoy some time at sea this morning taking advantage of the amenities onboard your ship and hearing a talk by our lecturer. Early afternoon, the ship arrives in Arendal, a popular seaport town on Norway's southern coast.

Established in the mid-1500s, Arendal's historic center contains an area called Tyholmen, containing a number of wooden houses dating back to the 17th century; the inner harbor area, Pollen; and 19th-century Trinity Church. Discover the town on a guided walking tour and during some free time to explore on your own. Sail across the Skaggerak Strait for Göteborg, Sweden. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ Sweden for a day

Dock in Göteborg this morning for a day of exploration, your way. A choice of guided tours explore city sights including Kungsporsavenyn, the city's elegant main avenue inspired by the Champs-Élysées, and Langgatorna, a charming network of narrow canals, before visiting the Volvo Museum or the Botanical Garden, one of the largest in Europe. Return to the ship midday, and set sail for Oslo. **Meals BLD**



Home to Viking legends, maritime heroes and sculpted sights, Oslo welcomes with a rich cultural heritage that's yours to enjoy.

9. Disembark ship in Oslo

Disembark in Oslo this morning and set off to discover some of Norway's greatest heroes – from Arctic exploration to the arts. A city tour includes the Fram Museum, chronicling the story of Norwegian polar exploration. The museum showcases some of the most famous wooden polar vessels in the world, including the wooden polar ship *Fram*, used on three historic expeditions, including Roald Amundsen's voyage to Antarctica. Go onboard and take a look around the ship's cabins, lounges, cargo hold and engine room. A guided walk around Frogner Park introduces the work of sculptor, Gustav Vigeland in more than 200 granite and bronze human figures. Lunch is at a local restaurant and the afternoon is free. This evening, join us for a farewell dinner at your hotel. **Meals BLD**

10. Journey Home

Tour ends: Oslo. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included today to Oslo Airport from the Grand Hotel Oslo or Hotel Bristol Oslo. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**











2024 DATES

Eastbound - Bergen to Oslo **Westbound** - Oslo to Bergen
Jun 21 **Jul 5** **Jun 28** **Jul 12**

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

June - July 11

	Deluxe Cabin – Deck 3	Double \$ 14,770	Single \$21,840	Triple N/A
	Prestige Cabin – Deck 4	Double \$ 15,780	Single \$23,355	Triple N/A
	Prestige Cabin – Deck 5	Double \$ 16,220	Single \$24,000	Triple N/A
	Prestige Cabin – Deck 6	Double \$ 16,510	Single \$24,430	Triple N/A
	Deluxe Suite – Decks 3, 4, 5, 6	Double \$ 19,120	Single N/A	Triple \$ 15,295
	Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 23,460	Single N/A	Triple \$ 18,770
	Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 24,190	Single N/A	Triple \$ 19,345
	Privilege Suite – Decks 5, 6	Double \$ 24,910	Single N/A	Triple \$ 19,935
	Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 27,090	Single N/A	Triple N/A
	Owner's Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 32,160	Single N/A	Triple N/A

July 12

	Deluxe Cabin – Deck 3	Double \$ 14,480	Single \$21,415	Triple N/A
	Prestige Cabin – Deck 4	Double \$ 15,490	Single \$22,930	Triple N/A
	Prestige Cabin – Deck 5	Double \$ 15,930	Single \$23,575	Triple N/A
	Prestige Cabin – Deck 6	Double \$ 16,220	Single \$24,005	Triple N/A
	Deluxe Suite – Decks 3, 4, 5, 6	Double \$ 18,830	Single N/A	Triple \$ 15,060
	Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 23,170	Single N/A	Triple \$ 18,535
	Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 23,900	Single N/A	Triple \$ 19,110
	Privilege Suite – Decks 5, 6	Double \$ 24,620	Single N/A	Triple \$ 19,700
	Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 26,800	Single N/A	Triple N/A
	Owner's Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 31,870	Single N/A	Triple N/A

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

Land / Cruise Price includes everything described in General Information as well as private Tauck shore excursions, cruise fare, 25 meals (9 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 9 Dinners), port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, entertainment, gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff, airport transfers upon arrival and departure. Tauck's private shore excursions and inclusions valued at AUD \$5,912. Aboard ship, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages are included throughout the day.

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	HOTEL NORGE / CLARION COLLECTION HOTEL HAVNEKONTORET	Bergen
Night 2-8	ABOARD LE CHAMPLAIN	Cruising
Night 9	GRAND HOTEL OSLO / HOTEL BRISTOL OSLO	Oslo

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 Tauck guests. Travel East or West: go to tauck.com.au for westbound itinerary or ask at booking. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details; see *Le Champlain* ship page for deck plans and specifications.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



Antarctica

A bucket-list cruise to the 7th continent, breathtaking with castles of ice and Antarctic wildlife

13 DAYS FROM AUD \$20,280 | BEGINS BUENOS AIRES

1. Arrive Buenos Aires

Tour begins: 2:00 PM, Hilton Buenos Aires. A transfer is included upon arrival from Buenos Aires Ezeiza International Airport to the Hilton Buenos Aires, exceptionally located in the riverside Puerto Madero district. Enjoy a sightseeing tour that includes Avenida 9 de Julio; the elegant Palermo neighborhood, the city's largest, with its beautiful parks and gardens; and a visit to world-famous La Recoleta Cemetery, the final resting place of Evita Perón (order of sightseeing may vary). Join us tonight for a welcome reception and dinner, followed by a traditional tango performance. **Meals D**

2. City sightseeing

Explore Buenos Aires today, including Plaza de Mayo, home to the neoclassical Catedral Metropolitana; the waterfront district

of Puerto Madero on the Río de la Plata riverbank; the barrios (neighborhoods) of San Telmo, thought to be the birthplace of the tango, and colorful La Boca, reflecting the culture of its Italian settlers. Spend the remainder of the day at your leisure. **Meals BL**

3. Fly to Ushuaia / ■ Embark ship

Rise early this morning for a flight to the alpine town of Ushuaia, gateway to Antarctica. Isolated from the Argentine mainland by water and mountains, Ushuaia (on the Tierra del Fuego Archipelago) is surrounded by a panorama of natural beauty, from lakes and bays to snow-capped peaks, forests and glaciers. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant; time permitting, explore the sights and steep streets as you please. Late this afternoon, embark your ship for your 10-night Antarctic cruise and join us for an onboard briefing from the captain and crew before dinner. **Meals BLD**

Uniquely Tauck

- Don your new Antarctic parka for Zodiac landings ashore with expert naturalists who share insights and personal observations about life on the glacier-clad seventh continent
- Explore the landmark sights of Buenos Aires, including Avenida 9 de Julio and famed La Recoleta Cemetery, and enjoy a passionate tango performance by professional dancers
- Cruise aboard *Le Boréal* or *L'Austral*, purpose-built for the destination and equipped with an ice-strengthened hull and the conveniences and amenities of an elegant small cruise ship
- View marine animals and seabirds that welcome you to their world, from comical penguins and seals of different species to majestic whales of all sizes



Enjoy naturalist-guided shore excursions throughout the Antarctic Archipelago, viewing penguins, seals and more.

approach the Antarctic Convergence, which is a continually moving zone that circles Antarctica – where cold Antarctic waters from the south meet warmer currents from the north. The Drake Passage is unpredictable with regards to weather, but the rewards upon arrival are endless. **Meals BLD**

4 - 5. ■ Crossing the Drake Passage

From the southern tip of South America to the Antarctic's South Shetland Islands, the Drake Passage has been navigated throughout the centuries by explorers and whalers in search of the mythical land once known as Terra Australis Incognita. As you sail these same waters, our team of onboard naturalists begins their presentations on Antarctica's wildlife, history and geography. Anticipation mounts as you

6 - 10. ■ Antarctic exploration

Your first sighting of the Antarctic Archipelago, where ice, sea, land, and sky effortlessly blend together into a single portrait of spectacular beauty, will be a lifelong memory.

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 10 Cruise Days aboard *Le Boréal / L'Austral*

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Buenos Aires <i>Hilton Buenos Aires</i>
2	Buenos Aires
■ 3	Fly to Ushuaia / Embark
■ 4,5	Drake Passage Crossing
■ 6-10	Antarctic Archipelago
■ 11,12	Drake Passage Crossing
13	Disembark Ushuaia / Fly to Buenos Aires Depart Buenos Aires





From the culturally rich sights of Buenos Aires to sightings of myriad wildlife thriving in a glacial wonderland on the world's seventh continent, your bucket-list voyage astounds with history, nature and beauty that is uniquely inspiring and impossible to forget.

While cruising, the Antarctic weather determines your daily schedule so that each departure's itinerary will differ slightly from the others, but all typically include a visit to one site in the morning and a second site in the afternoon. Landings ashore are preceded by a naturalist's briefing, providing insights into the discoveries you will make at each site. The landings themselves are guided by our naturalists and lecturers. You'll explore the world of the fascinating (and highly entertaining) penguin, walking among them on the beaches while observing their rookeries and trails and treks into the sea for food. You'll have an opportunity to spot numerous seals on ice floes and along the shore and soon learn to identify the many different species of birds at sea and on land. Southern elephant seals, so named for their massive size and the trunk-like nose of the male, prefer to hang out in beach parties; look for them on rocky island shores. Conditions permitting, your captain will navigate the ship around the Lemaire Channel; here be on the lookout for humpback whales, always a breathtaking sight. There is a continual dramatic parade of icebergs and unique ice formations in the waters, deep blue, light blue, green, clear,

and snow white. The formations materialize in an amazing variety of shapes and sizes, visible throughout the evening under a night sky and illuminated by a sun that appears never to completely set. Evenings are a mix of lectures, chats with the expedition team, and documentary films or perhaps just relaxing in the ship's lounge or library. **Meals BLD**

11. ■ Drake Passage crossing

Your return trip through the Drake Passage affords quiet time for you to be able to enjoy an opportunity to reflect on the many experiences that you have shared with your fellow cruisers. During your passage, onboard lectures continue to enrich your Antarctica experience. **Meals BLD**

12. ■ Final day aboard ship

Cruise to Ushuaia through the Drake Passage, enjoying a final day aboard ship. This evening is a perfect time to toast your once-in-a-lifetime voyage. **Meals BLD**

13. Fly to Buenos Aires / Journey Home

Disembark ship this morning and fly from Ushuaia Airport to Buenos Aires for your flight home. **Tour ends: 5:30 PM at Buenos Aires Ezeiza International Airport.** Allow a minimum of three hours for your flight check-in. **Meals B**

Cruise with filmmaker Peter Bassett

January 15 and 25 departures

Two of our 2024 departures will be joined by multi-award winning producer and wildlife filmmaker Peter Bassett, with a 20-year track record in world class natural history productions.



2024 DATES

Jan 5, 15, 25, 27 Feb 6

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

January 5, January 27

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Superior Cabin – Deck 3

Double	\$ 20,000	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 21,000
Triple	\$ 14,455	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 15,455
Single	\$ 26,185	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 27,185

Deluxe Cabin – Deck 3

Double	\$ 21,300	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 22,300
Single	\$ 27,490	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 28,490

Prestige Cabin – Deck 4

Double	\$ 22,540	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 23,540
Single	\$ 29,945	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 30,945

Prestige Cabin – Deck 5

Double	\$ 23,190	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 24,190
Single	\$ 30,590	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 31,590

Prestige Cabin – Deck 6

Double	\$ 23,910	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 24,910
Single	\$ 31,315	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 32,315

Deluxe Suite – Deck 6

Double	\$33,770	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 34,770
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Prestige Suite – Deck 5

Double	\$ 35,940	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 36,940
Triple	\$ 25,925	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 26,925

Prestige Suite – Deck 6

Double	\$ 37,390	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 38,390
Triple	\$ 26,890	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 27,890

Privilege Suite – Deck 6

Double	\$ 54,710	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 55,710
Triple	\$ 38,435	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 39,435

January 15, January 25

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Superior Cabin – Deck 3

Double	\$ 20,290	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 21,290
Triple	\$ 14,650	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 15,650
Single	\$ 26,475	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 27,475

Deluxe Cabin – Deck 3

Double	\$ 21,590	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 22,590
Single	\$ 27,780	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 28,780

Prestige Cabin – Deck 4

Double	\$ 22,830	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 23,830
Single	\$ 30,235	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 31,235

Prestige Cabin – Deck 5

Double	\$ 23,480	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 24,480
Single	\$ 30,880	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 31,880

Prestige Cabin – Deck 6

Double	\$ 24,200	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 25,200
Single	\$ 31,605	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 32,605

Deluxe Suite – Deck 6

Double	\$ 34,060	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 35,060
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Prestige Suite – Deck 5

Double	\$ 36,230	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 37,230
Triple	\$ 26,120	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 27,120

Prestige Suite – Deck 6

Double	\$ 37,680	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 38,680
Triple	\$ 27,085	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 28,085

Privilege Suite – Deck 6

Double	\$ 55,000	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 56,000
Triple	\$ 38,630	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 39,630

February 6

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Superior Cabin – Deck 3

Double	\$ 19,280	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 20,280
Triple	\$ 13,970	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 14,970
Single	\$ 25,460	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 26,460

Deluxe Cabin – Deck 3

Double	\$ 20,580	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 21,580
Single	\$ 26,765	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 27,765

Prestige Cabin – Deck 4

Double	\$ 21,820	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 22,820
Single	\$ 29,220	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 30,220

Prestige Cabin – Deck 5

Double	\$ 22,470	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 23,470
Single	\$ 29,865	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 30,865

Prestige Cabin – Deck 6

Double	\$ 23,190	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 24,190
Single	\$ 30,590	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 31,590

Deluxe Suite – Deck 6

Double	\$ 33,050	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 34,050
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Prestige Suite – Deck 5

Double	\$ 35,220	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 36,220
Triple	\$ 25,440	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 26,440

Prestige Suite – Deck 6

Double	\$ 36,670	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 37,670
Triple	\$ 26,405	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 27,405

Privilege Suite – Deck 6

Double	\$ 53,990	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 54,990
Triple	\$ 37,950	+	\$1,000	=	\$ 38,950

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

34 meals (12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 11 dinners), all Tauck private shore excursions, airport transfers as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portorage as well as cruise fare, port charges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Aboard ship, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are included throughout the day. A water-repellent, hooded parka is provided aboard ship by Tauck, yours to keep; boots will be provided for your use for the duration of the Antarctic cruise. On-tour air included (2 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2 **HILTON BUENOS AIRES** Buenos Aires

Night 3-12 **ABOARD LE BORÉAL / L'AUSTRAL** Cruising

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 guests. Note: For all activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details; see Le Boréal / L'Austral ship page for deck plans and specifications.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2



Alaska's Inside Passage

Explore wildlife-rich fjords, Tlingit cultural heritage, Anchorage, Juneau, Vancouver and more

10 DAYS FROM AUD \$11,580 | BEGINS ANCHORAGE

1. Arrive Anchorage

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Hotel Captain Cook. A transfer is included from Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport to Hotel Captain Cook. We invite you to join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

2. Kenai Fjords National Park / ■ Embark

Sightseeing from Anchorage this morning includes an opportunity to visit Kenai Fjords National Park and its glacial wonderland. Later this afternoon you'll arrive in Seward where you'll embark *Silver Muse* for the start of your seven-night cruise. **Meals BLD**

3. ■ Hubbard Glacier cruising

Spend the day cruising to the spectacular site known as Hubbard Glacier – the largest glacier in North America. Set in Wrangall-St. Elias National Park, the massive glacier is dramatic, mesmerizing and historic. **Meals BLD**

4. ■ Juneau and a choice of sightseeing

The city of Juneau is the capital of Alaska, surrounded by an extraordinary backdrop of valleys cut from glaciers and snow-capped mountains, and blanketed with lush forests. You'll have a choice of sightseeing today that enables you to explore by land or sea. **Meals BLD**

Uniquely Tauck

- A naturalist will be onboard throughout your cruise; all-included shore excursions feature choices to personalize your cruise and explore Alaska your way, including opportunities to view Alaska's wildlife by land and sea
- Shore excursion choices from Haines include an opportunity to visit the lovely Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve and to learn about Tlingit culture at a heritage center in the village of Klukwan; other excursions include kayaking and a "safari" cruise
- On a special sea otter and wildlife cruise from Sitka, look for sea otters, whales, sea lions, porpoises, harbor seals, brown bears, blacktail deer, bald eagles and a variety of marine birds from the boat's expansive topside observation deck
- Spend one night at a premier hotel in the heart of Vancouver with city sightseeing – and one night in Anchorage that provides an opportunity for scenic guided sightseeing that introduces you to Kenai Fjords National Park



Unique discoveries lie around every bend of our Alaska cruise, from unexpected wildlife encounters to dramatic landscapes.

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 Cruise Days aboard *Silver Muse*

Anchorage to Vancouver

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Anchorage <i>Hotel Captain Cook</i>
■ 2	Embark Seward
■ 3	Hubbard Glacier
■ 4	Juneau
■ 5	Haines
■ 6	Sitka
■ 7	Wrangell
■ 8	Day at Sea
9	Disembark Vancouver <i>Fairmont Waterfront</i>
10	Depart Vancouver



Featured Excursions

With all shore excursions included, you'll have an opportunity to explore the best of Alaska including:



Iditarod Dogs' Summer Camp* (Day 4)

Travel back in time to relive the spirit of the gold rush with an Iditarod Dog Musher and his team of Alaskan huskies at the Sled Dog Summer Camp where you are greeted by Iditarod Musher and their teams of Alaskan huskies who provide an in-depth look at what it's like to "mush."



Klukwan Culture and a float trip* (Day 5)

Experience the best of both worlds by beginning with a visit to the Tlingit village of Klukwan where you'll discover rich cultural traditional from crafts to storytelling – and ending with a float trip through the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, a habitat for bald eagles and other birds.



Capilano Suspension Bridge (Day 9)

Vancouver sightseeing includes an opportunity to traverse the popular Capilano Suspension Bridge – first constructed over 130 years ago. Your experience crossing the bridge provides you with an amazing introduction to the serenity of the Pacific Northwest rainforest. And adventure!

5. ■ Adventure in and around Haines

Arrive this morning in the Alaskan wilderness town of Haines, where you'll have a choice of four shore excursions including: a visit to the Tlingit village of Klukwan & a float trip* through the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve; sightseeing in and around Haines; a voyager canoe safari* at Glacier Point; and wilderness sea kayaking* on Chilkoot Lake. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Cultural & natural treasures of Sitka

Upon arrival in Sitka, you'll have an opportunity to meet the locals, four-footed, finned and feathered, on a unique sea otter and wildlife cruise with an onboard naturalist who explains the workings of the remarkable ecosystem, and provides an opportunity to view wildlife up close in their natural habitats. This afternoon, spend time exploring Sitka as you please; the cultural heritage of the town is diverse and unique, and there's lots to explore. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Exploring Wrangell

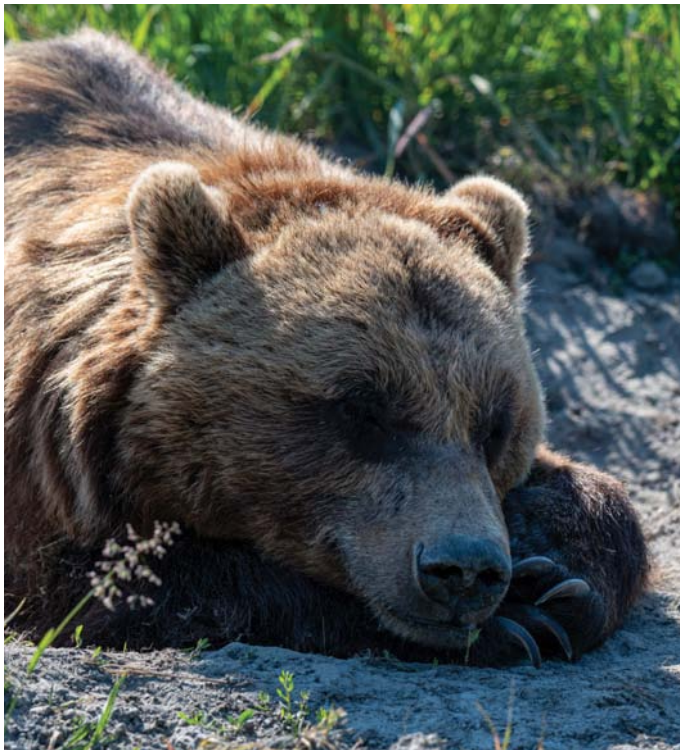
Arrive this morning in Wrangell, a smaller town that originated as a Tlingit village. Your choices today include an opportunity to learn more about Wrangell from a cultural perspective on a town tour and visit to famed Petroglyph Beach; boat exploration* of the beautiful Sitkine River, amidst wildlife-rich, rainforest-enclosed channels; and an opportunity to hike* in the footsteps of naturalist John Muir up the Mount Dewey trail. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ British Columbia coastal cruising

Spend a full day at sea aboard *Silver Muse* cruising the coastal landscapes of British Columbia en route to Vancouver, watching for whales, dolphins, and sea lions in



The view from the deck while cruising Hubbard Glacier, the largest glacier in North America, will be memorable.



Shore excursion choices most days provide natural history insights into Alaska's amazing wildlife.

the water and enjoying the many amenities aboard the ship. Among the many possibilities, your Tauck Director shares insights and commentary at a presentation. **Meals BLD**

9. See the sights of Vancouver

Disembark in Vancouver, your final port, for a day of sightseeing that includes Stanley Park, a 1,000 acre urban rainforest almost entirely surrounded by the waters of Vancouver Harbour and English Bay; historic Gastown; the Capilano Suspension Bridge in North Vancouver; and the Kitsilano Neighbourhood. Join us tonight for a farewell reception and dinner at your acclaimed hotel. **Meals BD**

10. Journey Home

Tour ends: Vancouver. A transfer from the Fairmont Waterfront to Vancouver International Airport and Vancouver Pacific Train Station is included. Allow at least 3 hours for check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Jun 5, 19 Aug 7

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

June 5 – 18

Vista Suite	Double \$ 11,580	Single \$15,860	Triple N/A
Classic Veranda Suite	Double \$ 13,170	Single \$18,220	Triple N/A
Superior Veranda Suite	Double \$ 13,610	Single \$18,900	Triple \$ 11,975
Deluxe Veranda Suite	Double \$ 14,040	Single \$19,560	Triple N/A
Silver Suite	Double \$ 18,680	Single \$31,610	Triple \$ 16,440

June 19 – August 7

Vista Suite	Double \$ 11,870	Single \$16,150	Triple N/A
Classic Veranda Suite	Double \$ 13,460	Single \$18,510	Triple N/A
Superior Veranda Suite	Double \$ 13,900	Single \$19,190	Triple \$ 12,230
Deluxe Veranda Suite	Double \$ 14,330	Single \$19,850	Triple N/A
Silver Suite	Double \$ 18,970	Single \$31,900	Triple \$ 16,695

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

Land / Cruise Price includes 25 meals (9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 9 dinners) on land and at sea, all Tauck private shore excursions, airport transfers as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portorage as well as cruise fare, port charges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Tauck's private shore excursions and inclusions valued at AUD \$3,970 Aboard ship non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages are included throughout the day.

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK	Anchorage
Night 2-8	ABOARD SILVER MUSE	Cruising
Night 9	FAIRMONT WATERFRONT	Vancouver

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 guests. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Note: For all activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details; see Silver Muse ship page for deck plans and specifications.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



Cruising the Great Lakes: Toronto to Chicago

American innovation and scenic treasures on a cruise through time

12 DAYS FROM AUD \$14,480 | BEGINS TORONTO OR CHICAGO

1. Arrive Toronto

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Fairmont Royal York or Four Seasons Hotel Toronto. A transfer is included from Lester B. Pearson International Airport or Toronto's Union Station to your choice of two premium hotels in the heart of downtown, Fairmont Royal York or Four Seasons Hotel Toronto. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner at Casa Loma. **Meals D**

2. Toronto & Niagara Falls

Drive to Niagara Falls to experience the awesome power of the falls up close by boat (rain poncho provided – you will get wet!). A guided tour, tasting, and lunch await you at a

local winery in the Niagara region. Return to your hotel in Toronto, where the evening is yours. **Meals BL**

3. Discover Toronto & ■ Embark your ship

A choice of sightseeing excursions in Toronto today includes a visit to the Royal Ontario Museum, showcasing a collection of 6 million historic artifacts, from dinosaur fossils to African art, Egyptian treasures, South Asian culture, meteorites, giant totem poles, and Canadian history. Or visit the Ontario Art Gallery, housing 90,000 works of art from the first century to present day. Embark *Le Bellot* this afternoon and set sail on Lake Ontario, bound for Cleveland. **Meals BD**

Uniquely Tauck

- Spend seven nights aboard one of Ponant's Explorer ships cruising to towns along Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, Lake Huron and Lake Michigan with a day traversing the locks of the Welland Canal
- Experience life along Lake Michigan on a choice of excursions that include a jeep ride along the giant sand dunes in Saugatuck shores or a visit to the 19th-century Dutch-inspired town of Holland
- View the distinctive architectural styles of the Chicago skyline on an informative river cruise in Chicago, hearing the stories behind iconic works by Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Sullivan and others
- Feel the power of Niagara Falls up close aboard a private boat cruise that takes you through clouds of mist created by the thundering waters as you enjoy 360 degree views of the falls



Go back in time to 1898 when cars were banned on Mackinac Island and explore the island on a horse-drawn carriage ride.

4. ■ Sailing on the Welland Canal

Navigate the Welland Canal today, linking Lake Ontario to Lake Erie, for a day spent at sea. The 27-mile canal is a marvel of engineering that allows ships to bypass the Niagara River and Niagara Falls. An onboard lecture on the canal and its history will be provided by an expert on the locks as you make your way to Lake Erie and on to Cleveland. **Meals BLD**



VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 Cruise Days aboard *Le Bellot*

Toronto to Chicago

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Toronto <i>Fairmont Royal York or Four Seasons Hotel Toronto</i>
2	Toronto / Niagara Falls
■ 3	Toronto / Embark Ship
■ 4	Welland Canal / Lake Erie
■ 5	Cleveland
■ 6	Detroit / Dearborn
■ 7	Cruising Lake Huron
■ 8	Mackinac Island
■ 9	Muskegon / Holland
10	Disembark Milwaukee / Chicago <i>Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park or Four Seasons Hotel Chicago</i>
11	Chicago
12	Depart Chicago

Chicago to Toronto

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Chicago <i>Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park or Four Seasons Hotel Chicago</i>
2	Chicago
■ 3	Chicago / Embark ship Milwaukee
■ 4	Muskegon / Holland
■ 5	Mackinac Island
■ 6	Cruising Lake Huron
■ 7	Detroit / Dearborn
■ 8	Cleveland
■ 9	Lake Erie / Welland Canal
10	Disembark Toronto / Niagara Falls <i>Fairmont Royal York or Four Seasons Hotel Toronto</i>
11	Toronto
12	Depart Toronto



Experience the majesty of Niagara Falls on a boat ride that takes you close to the thundering waters; and enjoy the exhibits inside the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland on an early opening visit for Tauck guests only.

5. ■ A day in Cleveland

Spend a day in Cleveland, Ohio, beginning with an early opening visit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. After lunch, enjoy a tour of the city with a stop at Westside Market and a local craft brewery. Set sail for Detroit after dinner. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Detroit sights & The Henry Ford

Arrive in Detroit for a choice of activities. Take a guided tour of the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation and Greenfield Village – a.k.a. The Henry Ford – in Dearborn (subject to closures). Alternatively, choose a guided tour of Detroit’s famous landmarks, including the Motown Museum. Sail across Lake Huron, bound for Mackinac Island. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ A day on Lake Huron

Spend the day sailing Lake Huron up the scenic east coast of Michigan toward the Mackinac Straits. Relax aboard ship and enjoy onboard amenities as you cruise. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ Timeless Mackinac Island

Explore car-free Mackinac Island on a carriage ride or a bicycle tour around the island. Visit 19th-century Fort Mackinac and have lunch at the iconic Grand Hotel. Enjoy dinner onboard tonight en route to Muskegon. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ Dunes & Dutch treats in Michigan

Dock in Muskegon for a choice of activities. Travel to Saugatuck for a jeep ride* along the giant sand dunes that line the shores of Lake Michigan. Or explore Holland, settled

by Dutch immigrants in the 19th century. Chart a course for Milwaukee this evening. **Meals BLD**

10. Disembark ship & drive to Chicago

Drive to Chicago for an architectural sightseeing cruise along the river, with a docent from the Chicago Architecture Center, followed by a deep-dish pizza lunch. Check in to your choice of hotels: Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park, or Four Seasons Hotel Chicago. **Meals BL**

11. Art Institute or Millennium Park

A choice of sightseeing tours include a guided visit to the Chicago Art Institute or a guided walking tour of Millennium Park. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner with musical entertainment at the Fairmont Millennium Park. **Meals BD**



Ride aboard a vintage Model T during visits to Greenfield Village and The Henry Ford on a choice of excursions in Detroit.

12. Journey Home

Tour ends: Chicago. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park or Four Seasons Hotel Chicago to O'Hare Airport, Midway Airport or Chicago Union Station. Allow 3 hours for check-in. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Westbound - Toronto to Chicago **Eastbound** - Chicago to Toronto
Aug 23 Sep 6 Oct 4 **Aug 30 Sep 13**

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 PRICE PER PERSON

August - September

■ Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3	Double \$ 14,480	Single \$21,430	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4	Double \$ 15,500	Single \$22,930	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5	Double \$ 15,930	Single \$23,575	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6	Double \$ 16,220	Single \$24,005	Triple N/A
■ Deluxe Suite – Decks 3, 4, 5, 6	Double \$ 18,830	Single N/A	Triple \$ 15,060
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 23,180	Single N/A	Triple \$ 18,535
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 23,900	Single N/A	Triple \$ 19,110
■ Privilege Suite – Decks 5, 6	Double \$ 24,630	Single N/A	Triple \$ 19,695
■ Grand Deluxe Suite – Decks 6	Double \$ 26,800	Single N/A	Triple N/A
■ Owner's Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 31,870	Single N/A	Triple N/A

October

■ Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3	Double \$ 14,910	Single \$22,070	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4	Double \$ 15,930	Single \$23,570	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5	Double \$ 16,360	Single \$24,215	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6	Double \$ 16,650	Single \$24,645	Triple N/A
■ Deluxe Suite – Decks 3, 4, 5, 6	Double \$ 19,260	Single N/A	Triple \$ 15,410
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 23,610	Single N/A	Triple \$ 18,885

■ Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 24,330	Single N/A	Triple \$ 19,460
■ Privilege Suite – Decks 5, 6	Double \$ 25,060	Single N/A	Triple \$ 20,045
■ Grand Deluxe Suite – Decks 6	Double \$ 27,230	Single N/A	Triple N/A
■ Owner's Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 32,300	Single N/A	Triple N/A

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

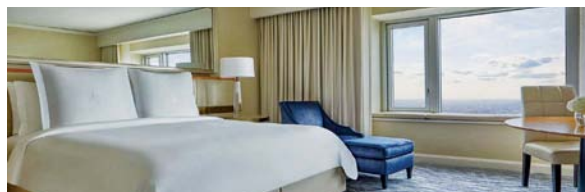
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2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK OR FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, TORONTO	Toronto
Night 3-9	ABOARD LE BELLOT	
Night 10,11	FAIRMONT CHICAGO, MILLENNIUM PARK OR FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CHICAGO	Chicago

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



Four Seasons Hotels, Chicago and Toronto

Hotel accommodations are at Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park and Fairmont Royal York (Toronto); if you wish, accommodations at Four Seasons hotels in Chicago and Toronto are also available (additional cost per person below, subject to availability). Please ask for details at time of booking; go to tauck.com.au for hotel descriptions.

Double: AUD \$1,152 Single: AUD \$2,304 Triple: AUD \$768



Shores of Eastern Canada and New England

Discover maritime traditions and coastal charms along storied waterways that shaped history

13 DAYS FROM AUD \$14,480 | BEGINS QUEBEC OR NEW YORK CITY

1. Arrive Quebec City

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac.

A transfer is included from Quebec City Jean Lesage International Airport or Quebec City train station to Fairmont Le Château Frontenac, a regal landmark hotel overlooking the St. Lawrence River and Vieux Quebec. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

2. Charms of Quebec / ■ Embark Ship

Discover the cultural riches of historic Quebec City today. Learn about the European settlers who founded the city on a sightseeing drive that sees La Citadelle, the Parc des Champs de Bataille and the Grande-Allée before venturing outside the charming city. Drive to Île d'Orléans, an island within Quebec Province's Capital, rich in agriculture and

history as one of the first regions settled by the French, to visit a Sugar Shack where maple sugar is made. Your guided exploration continues after lunch, with a visit to impressive Montmorency Falls prior to returning to Quebec City. Embark your Silversea ship this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

3. ■ Saguenay River and its scenic fjord

Spend the morning cruising the scenic Saguenay River, passing through Canada's Saguenay Fjord National Park, the only inhabited fjord in North America. Dock in Saguenay for a choice of included excursions: a scenic drive through the tiny hamlet of La Baie and visits to local attractions; a drive into Saguenay National Park for a guided nature walk with a local guide; or a sea kayaking* excursion in Saguenay Fjord, enjoyable for boaters of all abilities. **Meals BLD**

Uniquely Tauck

- Indulge in a true Prince Edward Island tradition when you experience a lobster bake Ceilidh in a private garden setting with local music; you'll also explore the literary inspiration for the classic novel *Anne of Green Gables*
- Explore the "Cradle of Liberty" in Boston, your way, on a choice of sightseeing: go on a guided walk along the historic Freedom Trail with a local expert; alternatively, take a docent-led tour of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum; or explore Cape Ann and Boston's North Shore, home to fishing villages and seaside charm.
- In Newport, drive along illustrious Ocean Drive where mansions line the waterfront, choosing to stop for a tour of The Breakers, built by Cornelius Vanderbilt, or a visit to Green Animals Topiary Garden, home to geometric greenery



On Nova Scotia, you'll have an opportunity to visit lovely Peggy's Cove and learn about the island's fishing traditions.

4. ■ Nature rules on a day at sea

Cruise the Gulf of St. Lawrence today as your ship charts a course for Prince Edward Island. Relax onboard amidst scenic vistas of the Gulf. The Gulf is a semi-enclosed sea and the world's largest estuary, acting as an outlet for the Great Lakes via the St. Lawrence River to the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy the day as you please. **Meals BLD**

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

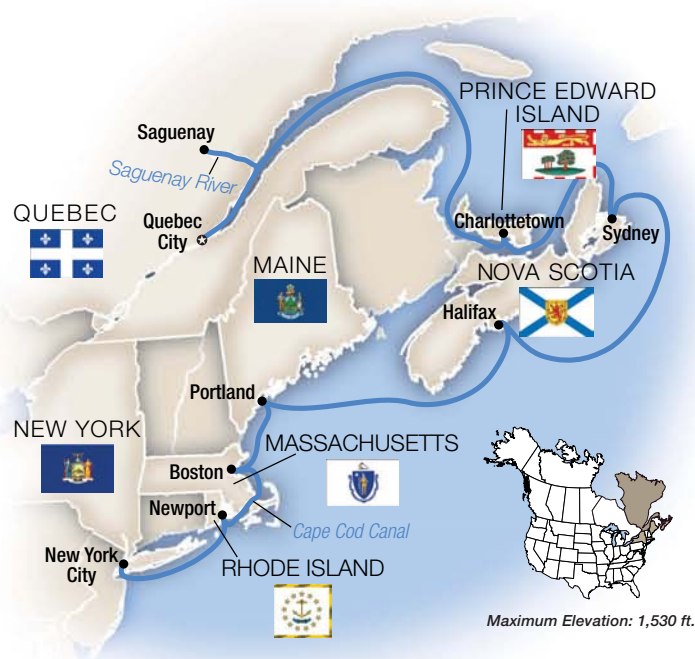
■ 10 Cruise Days aboard *Silver Shadow*

Quebec City to New York City

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Quebec City <i>Fairmont Le Château Frontenac</i>
■ 2	Embark Quebec
■ 3	Saguenay, QC
■ 4	Day at Sea
■ 5	Charlottetown, PEI
■ 6	Sydney, NS
■ 7	Halifax, NS
■ 8	Day at Sea
■ 9	Portland, ME
■ 10	Boston, MA
■ 11	Newport, RI
12	Disembark New York City <i>New York Marriott Marquis</i>
13	Depart New York City

New York City to Quebec City

Day	Destination
1	Arrive New York City <i>New York Marriott Marquis</i>
■ 2	Embark New York City
■ 3	Newport, RI
■ 4	Boston, MA
■ 5	Portland, ME
■ 6	Day at Sea
■ 7	Halifax, NS
■ 8	Sydney, NS
■ 9	Charlottetown, PEI
■ 10	Day at Sea
■ 11	Saguenay, QC
12	Disembark Quebec City <i>Fairmont Le Château Frontenac</i>
13	Depart Quebec City





Guided sightseeing introduces you to Lower Manhattan, South Street Seaport, the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, Central Park, and St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City; some days have excursion choices, such as kayaking on the Saguenay fjord.

5. ■ Storybook sights in Charlottetown

Disembark in Charlottetown on Prince Edward Island. Lunch is a special treat when you experience *Ceilidh*, dining on a traditional lobster bake with local musical entertainment. This afternoon, drive to Prince Edward Island National Park to view its sand dunes, and salt marshes, then see the literary landscapes that charmed readers in *Anne of Green Gables*; visit the house and grounds, then return to the ship. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ A day in Cape Breton

Dock this morning in Sydney, Nova Scotia, on the beautiful island of Cape Breton – you'll have three different choices as to how you choose to explore. Travel to Bras d'Or Lake and the village of Baddeck for a visit to the fascinating Alexander Graham Bell Museum; take a locally guided walk through Sydney's historic Old Town, where you'll learn what life was like in the 18th century; or travel several hours to the amazing Louisbourg Fortress – one of Canada's largest and most expensive historic reconstructions – for a tour with a local expert. Sail for Halifax this evening. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Charming Nova Scotia

Arrive in Halifax, Nova Scotia. You may wish to join us for a visit to pretty Peggy's Cove and the fishing village of Lunenburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Alternatively, history is the draw on an excursion that includes a sightseeing drive and short walks to landmark sites in Halifax, before time to explore as you wish. Your ship sails for the Maine coast this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ Cruise the North Atlantic Ocean

Enjoy a full day of leisure aboard your Silversea yacht, indulging in scenic ocean views and a host of onboard amenities that make your day at sea enjoyable. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ Portland, Maine

Spend a day in Portland, Maine, on your choice of morning sightseeing excursions (to be advised). The historic Old Port area along the waterfront, lined with 19th-century buildings



Cruising the Atlantic seaboard brings you to diverse landscapes, such as quintessential lighthouses and rocky shores.

and cobblestone streets gives the city its charm and emphasizes its nautical significance. The afternoon is free to explore before reboarding the ship this evening. **Meals BLD**

10. ■ Sights of Boston

This morning in Boston, it's your choice. Explore the Freedom Trail on a locally guided 2½ mile walking tour filled with historic sites. Choose a full day excursion to Cape Ann and Boston's North Shore, viewing fishing villages such as Gloucester, Rockport and Manchester-by-the-Sea – or take a docent-led visit to the home of Isabella Stewart Gardner, now a museum housing the family's art collection. Set sail for Newport, Rhode Island this evening. **Meals BLD**

11. ■ The Gilded Age in Newport

Your ship arrives in Newport this morning. Sightseeing excursions include a drive along its gilded coast, viewing the oceanfront mansions that line the shore, before stopping to see how the heads of industry summered in the late 1800s on a tour of The Breakers. Or, travel along the 10 Mile Drive including an opportunity to see garden sculptures. The afternoon is free to explore as you wish. **Meals BLD**

12. Disembark in New York City

Disembark ship this morning for a city sightseeing tour of New York City, taking in the iconic landmark sights of Lower Manhattan, South Street Seaport, the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, Central Park and St. Patrick's Cathedral on a drive through the city. Spend the night at the New York Marriott Marquis on Times Square in the theatre district, the heart of the city's vibrant cultural center. Join us this evening for an exclusive farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD**

13. Journey Home

Tour ends: New York City. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from New York Marriott Marquis to La Guardia Airport, John F. Kennedy Int'l Airport, Newark Liberty Int'l Airport and New York's Grand Central and Pennsylvania train stations. Allow two hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Southbound - Quebec City to New York City
Sep 7, 27 Oct 17

Northbound - New York City to Quebec City
Aug 28 Sep 17 Oct 7

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2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

August – September

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Silver Suite	Double	\$ 30,580	Single	\$42,665	Triple	\$ 21,445

October

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Superior Veranda Suite	Double	\$ 17,680	Single	\$24,785	Triple	\$ 12,585
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2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	FAIRMONT LE CHÂTEAU FRONTENAC	Quebec City
Night 2-11	ABOARD SILVER SHADOW	Cruising
Night 12	NEW YORK MARRIOTT MARQUIS	New York City

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3



The Panama Canal & Costa Rica

A full daylight transit of the Panama Canal with visits to local villages & nature preserves

12 DAYS FROM AUD \$12,740 | BEGINS SAN JOSÉ

1. Arrive San José

Tour begins: San José. Welcome to Costa Rica! A transfer is included from Juan Santamaria International Airport to the Costa Rica Marriott Hotel San José or InterContinental Costa Rica at Multiplaza Mall. Join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. **Meals D**

2. San José gold & artisans in Sarchi

San José city sightseeing today includes visits to the Baroque-style, 19th-century National Theatre, and the Gold Museum. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit Sarchi, an artisans' hamlet outside of San José where workshops display the traditional painted *carretas* (ox carts) and other

handmade products bearing the colorful starburst designs that have become a symbol of Costa Rica. The rest of the day is free to explore as you wish. **Meals BL**

3. ■ Waterfalls, wildlife & embark ship

Visit the Doka Coffee Plantation, located on the fertile slopes of Alajuela's Poás Volcano. Learn how the beans are produced and roasted and how different microclimates affect the taste. Have lunch at La Paz Waterfall Gardens, a private rainforest eco-park and wildlife refuge; this protected reserve is home to 100+ species of wildlife, including toucans, butterflies, spider monkeys, two-toed sloths and red-eyed leaf frogs. Embark your ship late this afternoon in Puntarenas for the start of your cruise. **Meals BLD**

Uniquely Tauck

- Enjoy a full daylight transit of the Panama Canal with expert insights from a local canal guide as you experience one of the most acclaimed engineering marvels of the 20th century
- Visit with the Guna people of the San Blas Islands whose traditional lifestyles remain virtually untouched by modern-day technologies, seeing handmade fabrics with stunning embroidery
- Explore Manuel Antonio National Park with a naturalist guide, before a choice of excursions that include a scenic drive, a float trip on the Savegre River or horseback riding in a mountain forest
- Spend two nights in San José where your discoveries include a museum of gold and the secrets of brewing renowned Costa Rican coffee

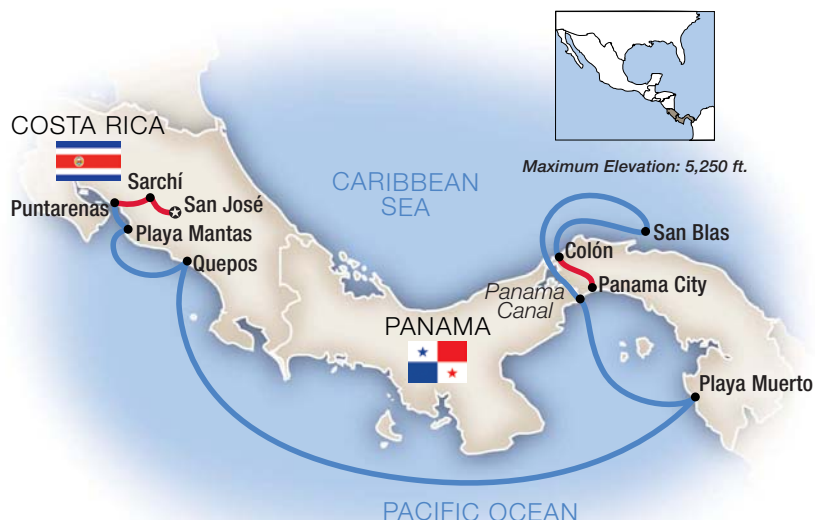


Meet the Guna people of the San Blas Islands to learn about village life and their colorfully embroidered molas.

the top of the rainforest amidst scenic views. Your guide will point out birds, monkeys, butterflies and other mammals that you may encounter. Or, visit the Pura Vida Gardens on a guided tour. Look for butterflies, macaws, parrots, toucans, kingfishers, birds of prey, and waterfowl. **Meals BLD**

4. ■ Your choice at Playa Mantas

Your ship arrives at Playa Mantas for a choice of shore excursions, including a walking tour in Carara National Park with a local naturalist guide and a mangrove boat tour just outside the national park. Another choice offers a more active, faster-paced walk in the park, followed by the river mangrove cruise. A third choice visits the Tropical Forest Sky Walk near the boundary of Carara Biological Reserve, where you'll hike across suspended cable bridges skimming



VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 8 Cruise Days aboard *Le Dumont d'Urville*

San José to Panama City

Day	Destination
1	Arrive San José <i>InterContinental Costa Rica at Multiplaza Mall or Costa Rica Marriott Hotel San José</i>
2	San José / Sarchí
■ 3	San José, La Paz Waterfall Gardens / Embark Puntarenas
■ 4	Playa Mantas
■ 5	Quepos
■ 6	Day at Sea
■ 7	Playa del Muerto / The Darién
■ 8	Transit of the Panama Canal
■ 9	San Blas Islands
10	Disembark Colón / Gamboa Rainforest Resort / Panama City <i>Hilton Panama or JW Marriott Panama</i>
11	Panama City, Casco Viejo
12	Depart Panama City



Visit an Emberá village in the remote Darien province for a day of cultural connections and traditions you'll long remember.

5. ■ Adventures at Quepos

Call on the city of Quepos this morning for a walking tour in Manuel Antonio National Park accompanied by a naturalist guide. A choice of excursions follows and includes a scenic drive through Quepos and a stop at Espadilla Beach; an exciting river float trip* on the Savegre River (with lunch); or a horseback ride through a mountain forest. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ A day at sea on the Pacific

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea today, bound for the remote Darien region of Panama. Onboard lectures and wildlife sightings make for an enjoyable cruise. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ The Emberá people of the Darien

Explore the remote Darien region today, landing ashore by Zodiac. Visit an indigenous community of the Emberá people,

whose lifestyle remains largely unaffected by modern times. Meet the locals, watch them perform traditional dances, and see their wood or vegetable ivory carvings. Return to the ship and enjoy a naturalist lecture this afternoon. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ Transiting the Panama Canal

This morning, your ship begins to position for her daytime transit of the Panama Canal. A canal pilot will come aboard to help guide our ship under the Bridge of the Americas, through Miraflores and Pedro Miguel locks, into the narrow Gaillard Cut and into Gatún Lake, before finally clearing the Gatún Locks on the Atlantic side of the isthmus. Enjoy commentary during our transit. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ The Guna people of the San Blas Islands

Arrive in the archipelago of San Blas today to visit a Guna village; view the elaborately embroidered, colorful molas they make here. Spend a leisurely afternoon swimming and snorkeling before returning by Zodiac to your ship. Join us for the Captain's farewell dinner tonight. **Meals BLD**

10. Gamboa Rainforest

Disembark ship in Colón this morning. Visit the Agua Clara locks, before driving to the Gamboa Rainforest Resort for an aerial tram ride with a naturalist, or a boat cruise along waterways leading to hidden islands. After lunch, continue across the isthmus to your Panama City hotel, where the remainder of the day is free to enjoy as you wish. **Meals BL**

11. Exploring Panama City

Sightseeing today begins with a walking tour of colonial inspired Casco Viejo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tour



Experience a Full Daylight Transit of the Panama Canal

When the Panama Canal first opened in 1914, some enthusiasts called it one of the "seven wonders of the world"; it was truly one of the world's most incredible engineering endeavors. Over a century later, you'll join the special ranks of travelers to traverse the entire length of the canal, in daylight; crossing aboard a small ship like *Le Dumont d'Urville* makes the experience an even more memorable one. Taking approximately eight to ten hours, your vessel passes through three locks (the Miraflores, Pedro Miguel and Gatún) as it's raised up and over the isthmus' land surface for a total of 85 ft. before passing between the Atlantic and the Pacific!

Cruise with filmmaker Tim Martin

January 15 departure only.

Travel with noted wildlife filmmaker Tim Martin, who shares expert insights about the wildlife and natural wonders of Costa Rica and Panama, on a special 1-departure-only cruise.



the former Canal Zone, driving through Ancon Hill, and visit the Biomuseo, the Panama City biodiversity museum designed by renowned architect Frank Gehry. Join us this evening for a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD**

12. Journey home

Tour ends: Panama City. A transfer from the Hilton Panama or JW Marriott Panama to Tocumen International Airport is included. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Eastbound - San José to Panama City

Jan 15 Feb 1, 15

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

February

■ Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3	Double \$ 12,740	Single \$17,835	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4	Double \$ 13,750	Single \$19,255	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5	Double \$ 14,190	Single \$19,865	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6	Double \$ 14,480	Single \$20,270	Triple N/A
■ Deluxe Suite – Decks 3, 4, 5, 6	Double \$ 16,650	Single N/A	Triple \$ 13,315
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 20,710	Single N/A	Triple \$ 16,020
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 21,430	Single N/A	Triple \$ 16,500
■ Privilege Suite – Decks 5, 6	Double \$ 22,160	Single N/A	Triple \$ 16,990

■ Grand Deluxe Suite – Decks 6	Double \$ 24,330	Single N/A	Triple N/A
■ Owner's Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 25,780	Single N/A	Triple N/A

January

■ Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3	Double \$ 13,030	Single \$18,240	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4	Double \$ 14,040	Single \$19,660	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5	Double \$ 14,480	Single \$20,270	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6	Double \$ 14,770	Single \$20,675	Triple N/A
■ Deluxe Suite – Decks 3, 4, 5, 6	Double \$ 16,940	Single N/A	Triple \$ 13,510
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 21,000	Single N/A	Triple \$ 16,215
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 21,720	Single N/A	Triple \$ 16,695
■ Privilege Suite – Decks 5, 6	Double \$ 22,450	Single N/A	Triple \$ 17,185
■ Grand Deluxe Suite – Decks 6	Double \$ 24,620	Single N/A	Triple N/A
■ Owner's Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 26,070	Single N/A	Triple N/A

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

30 meals (11 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches & 9 Dinners), on land and at sea, all Tauck private shore excursions, airport transfers as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage as well as cruise fare, port charges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at AUD \$4,561. Aboard ship, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are included throughout the day.

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	INTERCONTINENTAL COSTA RICA AT MULTIPLAZA MALL OR COSTA RICA MARRIOTT HOTEL SAN JOSÉ	San José
Night 3-9	ABOARD LE DUMONT D'URVILLE	Cruising
Night 10,11	HILTON PANAMA OR JW MARRIOTT PANAMA	Panama City

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details; see *Le Dumont d'Urville* ship page for deck plans and specifications.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2



Peru & the Galápagos Islands

Mystical kingdoms, man-made in Peru and wildlife-rich in the remote Galápagos Islands

15 DAYS FROM AUD \$19,700 | BEGINS LIMA

1. Arrive Lima

Tour begins: Miraflores Park, A Belmond Hotel. A transfer is included from Lima's Jorge Chávez International Airport to Miraflores Park, A Belmond Hotel, overlooking the Pacific. Settle into your hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening before your guided exploration of Lima begins in the morning.

2. Eclectic culture in Lima

City sightseeing today explores bohemian Barranco and the Pedro de Osma Museum. Located inside philanthropist Pedro de Osma Gildemeister's former home, the museum showcases his private collection of Spanish Colonial Art.

Enjoy lunch at a private residence fashioned after Lima's presidential palace and visit a historic colonial home for an opportunity to see how the locals lived in days past. Tonight, join us for a welcome dinner at Museo Larco, amidst a collection of gold and silver works. **Meals BLD**

3. Enter the Sacred Valley of the Incas

Fly to Cusco this morning for a drive to Urubamba in the heart of the Sacred Valley. Enjoy a traditional lunch of regional fare and a performance of folk dancing and horsemanship at a hidden family-owned hacienda. See Peruvian Pasos show off their smooth and elegant gait as

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- It's all aboard for a scenic train journey that takes you for a ride high up into the clouds; the ancient Incan citadel at Machu Picchu awaits discovery just steps from your mountain lodge
- Immerse in the cultural traditions of the people of Cusco, Peru, where a choice of guided excursions includes local market discoveries, a drive along an Andean road to visit historic churches or a chance to explore high-altitude villages to learn about rural life, from art to textiles and cooking
- Drive to a llama and alpaca farm to discover different kinds of camelids and learn about the art of Peruvian weaving using their wool
- Board an expedition ship for a voyage back in time to islands untouched by modern-day life, going ashore on lava landscapes to see endemic wildlife, from birds to reptiles and marine animals, remarkably tame and unforgettably engaging



View wildlife endemic to the Galápagos Islands, enjoying up-close encounters with sea lions unfazed by your presence.

they respond to their equestrian partners with precision and perfect timing. Arrive at your hotel this afternoon, built to resemble a Peruvian village, and join us for a private cultural performance before dinner this evening. **Meals BLD**

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 6 Cruise Days aboard *Isabela II*

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Lima <i>Miraflores Park, A Belmond Hotel</i>
2	Lima / Pedro de Osma Museum / Museo Larco
3	Fly to Cusco / Sacred Valley of the Incas / Peruvian Horse Ranch - <i>Rio Sagrado, A Belmond Hotel</i>
4	Machu Picchu - <i>Sanctuary Lodge, A Belmond Hotel</i>
5	Machu Picchu / Cusco - <i>Monasterio, A Belmond Hotel</i>
6	Highlands or Cusco
7	Fly to Guayaquil - <i>Oro Verde Guayaquil</i>
■ 8	Fly to Baltra / Embark <i>Isabela II</i>
■ 9	San Cristobal Island
■ 10	Española Island
■ 11	Floreana Island
■ 12	Isabela & Fernandina Islands
■ 13	Santa Cruz & North Seymour Islands
14	Disembark Baltra / Fly to Guayaquil <i>Oro Verde Guayaquil</i>
15	Depart Guayaquil





Ride pangas ashore to different islands in the Galápagos, viewing a variety of wildlife both on the land and in the waters below; in the Sacred Valley, see equestrians put Peruvian Pasos through their paces in a moving demonstration of grace and tradition.

4. Ollantaytambo and Machu Picchu

Explore the archaeological site of Ollantaytambo and the ruins of a 15th-century Incan fortress, before boarding a train to Aguas Calientes, gateway to the nearby Incan ruins of Machu Picchu. Drive to your Machu Picchu lodge and explore the “lost citadel” with a local guide. The cloud-covered ruins are almost 8,000 feet above sea level and are isolated from the nearest village*. Dine at leisure at your mountaintop hotel tonight. **Meals BLD**

5. A farm, weavers & an Incan Fortress

Visit Machu Picchu early this morning if you wish, before taking the train down to Ollantaytambo. Visit a local camelid farm to learn about llamas, alpacas and more, see local weavers turn their wool into clothing and blankets, and stop at Sacsayhuamán en route to your Cusco hotel. **Meals BD**

6. Your choice in Cusco

Sightseeing choices today include a tour of South Cusco, a visit to San Pedro Market, and a drive along the Andean Baroque Route to visit historic churches. Or, visit the Andean villages of Chinchero and Misminay and the Maras Salt Fields in the highlands. The rest of the day is free. **Meals B**

7. Fly to Guayaquil

Fly to Guayaquil today for an overnight stay in preparation for tomorrow’s flight to the Galápagos Islands and the beginning of your expeditionary cruise. **Meals BD**

8. ■ Cruising begins in the Galápagos

Fly to Baltra to board *Isabela II* for the start of your Galápagos cruise*. Ride a *panga* to a beach on Santa Cruz Island for your first shore excursion, where you may see myriad sea birds, from stilts to flamingos. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ San Cristóbal Island

Visit Punta Pitt for a walk that rewards with spectacular views and colonies of boobies, frigatebirds and bachelor sea lions. After a shipboard lunch, explore San Cristóbal this afternoon, where abundant bird species are found. **Meals BLD**

10. ■ Española Island

Cruise ashore by panga for wildlife discoveries on Española Island. Observe sea lions sunning on the island’s white coral beach on a morning walk at Gardner Bay and hike on lava terrain at Punta Suarez where unique sea bird colonies include waved albatross, boobies, and swallow-tail gulls. See the famous blow hole and colorful, super-sized marine iguanas before returning to your ship for dinner. **Meals BLD**

11. ■ Gems of Floreana Island

Discover flocks of coral-colored stilt-legged flamingos near a brackish lagoon on Floreana Island this morning. Go boating or snorkeling at Champion Islet and take a naturalist-led walk to see the historic postal barrel at Post Office Bay, used by visitors for over 200 years. **Meals BLD**

12. ■ Explore Isabela and Fernandina

Join your guide for a walk on a rugged trail lined by unique lava formations, pioneer lava cactus and scalesia trees as you meet the locals of Isabela Island, including Galápagos penguins, flightless cormorants, brown pelicans, sea lions and more. Board pangas bound for Fernandina to explore a pristine place not frequented by visitors; at Punta Mangle, penguins, rays and sea turtles thrive. **Meals BLD**

13. ■ Santa Cruz and North Seymour

Your last day in the Galápagos unfolds with a panga ride and snorkeling at Eden Islet, located in a volcanic setting off the coast of Santa Cruz, where blue-footed boobies are often observed. This afternoon, in-depth exploration of North Seymour Island includes a walk along the coast and interior of the island, ambling between nesting frigatebirds, land iguanas and sea lion colonies, as well as an opportunity for a panga ride and snorkeling where fur seals can often be seen. Back aboard ship, join us for a farewell cocktail, toasting the memories you made on this cruise. **Meals BLD**

14. Fly to Guayaquil

Your Galápagos ends; disembark ship in Baltra this morning and fly to Guayaquil on the mainland. Join us this evening for a farewell reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals BD**

15. Journey Home

Tour ends: Guayaquil. A transfer is included from Oro Verde Guayaquil to Guayaquil International Airport. Allow three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Mar 29 Apr 12, 26 May 10 Jun 21
Sep 13, 27 Oct 11

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2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

March – June

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

■ Category C (Limited) – Cabin Deck, double bed (120 sq. ft.)					
Double	\$ 18,840	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 20,280
Single	\$ 27,830	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 29,270

■ Category B – Cabin Deck, twin or double bed (142 sq. ft.)					
Double	\$ 19,130	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 20,570
Single	\$ 28,410	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 29,850

■ Category A (Master Suite) – Main Deck, double bed (166 sq. ft.)					
Double	\$ 19,420	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 20,860
Single	\$ 28,990	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 30,430

September – October

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

■ Category C (Limited) – Cabin Deck, double bed (120 sq. ft.)					
Double	\$ 18,260	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 19,700
Single	\$ 27,420	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 28,860

■ Category B – Cabin Deck, twin or double bed (142 sq. ft.)					
Double	\$ 18,550	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 19,990
Single	\$ 28,000	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 29,440

■ Category A (Master Suite) – Main Deck, double bed (166 sq. ft.)					
Double	\$ 18,840	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 20,280
Single	\$ 28,580	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 30,020

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

35 meals (14 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 12 Dinners), private Tauck shore excursions with naturalists; Galápagos National Park entrance fee; cruise fare; port charges; airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted; applicable fuel surcharges; daily cocktail hour, all-day soft drinks, wine with dinner on Isabela II; departure tax; all gratuities to Tauck Director, naturalists and ship staff. On-tour air included (5 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	MIRAFLORES PARK, A BELMOND HOTEL	Lima, Peru
Night 3*	RIO SAGRADO, A BELMOND HOTEL	Sacred Valley, Peru
Night 4	SANCTUARY LODGE, A BELMOND HOTEL	Machu Picchu, Peru
Night 5,6	MONASTERIO, A BELMOND HOTEL	Cusco, Peru
Night 7	ORO VERDE GUAYAQUIL	Guayaquil, Ecuador
Night 8–13	ABOARD ISABELA II	Galápagos, Ecuador
Night 14	ORO VERDE GUAYAQUIL	Guayaquil, Ecuador

*Tour of Mar 29 will stay at Belmond Río Sagrado in Urubamba on night 4.

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Triples are not available aboard ship. This is an active journey requiring a fair amount of walking, often on uneven terrain; several days touring at elevations up to 12,200 ft. in hot and humid weather can be strenuous and challenging. Daily shore excursions include wet and dry landings. Our Galápagos itinerary is subject to change due to wildlife encounters, atmospheric conditions and Galápagos National Park directives. For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details; see Isabela II ship page for deck plans and specifications.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2



Blue-footed boobies

Hidden Galápagos & Peru

Explore ancient kingdoms forgotten in time from Incan empires to wildlife wonderlands

16 DAYS FROM AUD \$24,330 | BEGINS LIMA

1. Arrive Lima

Tour begins: Country Club Lima Hotel. A transfer is included from Jorge Chavez International Airport to Country Club Lima Hotel, a legendary, elegant hotel in the heart of the city's lovely embassy district.

2. Explore colonial Lima

Explore Lima's bohemian Barranco district and visit the Pedro de Osma Museum showcasing Spanish Colonial art in the former home of a philanthropist. After lunch at a restored Art Deco mansion, visit one of several colonial period homes in the city's historic center. Later, join us for a private welcome reception and dinner at the Larco Herrera Museum, housed in an 18th-century palace. **Meals BLD**

3. The Sacred Valley & Peruvian Pasos

Fly to Cusco and drive through the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Enjoy lunch and a performance of folk dancing and horsemanship featuring Peruvian Paso horses, before arriving at your hotel. Dinner this evening is preceded by a private performance of Andean music and dance. **Meals BLD**

4. By rail & land to mysterious Machu Picchu

Set out for Machu Picchu this morning, stopping to explore the archaeological site of Ollantaytambo, and its ruins of an Incan fortress. Then board a scenic train ride to Aguas Calientes, the closest access point to the mountaintop "lost citadel." Join a local expert for a tour before discovering the amazing Incan site at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

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- Have cocktails and dinner in the privately owned Museo Larco, housed in an 18th-century mansion that today is a showcase of over 5,000 years of Peruvian pre-Columbian history chronicled in priceless art and artifacts
- Discover cultural treasures that span the centuries as you explore Lima with expert guides who lead you through the bohemian Barranco District, an art museum, and a historic colonial casa
- Experience a taste of daily life in Cusco, with a paso performance, a choice of local village visits or an excursion to a market and Cusco's South Valley
- Cruise to different Galápagos Islands with naturalists who share insights about the unique wildlife you may see, from marine iguanas to fur seals, blue-and red-footed boobies, Sally Lightfoot Crabs, the Galápagos Penguin, Darwin's Finches and more



Spend the night at a lodge near Machu Picchu, enjoying the height of discovery as you explore this ancient Incan city.

5. Machu Picchu, Sacsayhuaman & Cusco

Take one last walk to Machu Picchu, if you wish, early this morning before returning to Ollantaytambo by train. En route to your hotel in Cusco, explore the mountaintop Incan fortress at Sacsayhuaman, visit a camelid breeding center and see a demonstration of traditional Peruvian weaving methods by local artisans. **Meals BD**

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 Cruise Days aboard *Silver Origin*

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Lima <i>Country Club Lima Hotel</i>
2	Colonial casas and museums in Lima
3	Cusco / Urubamba - <i>Tambo del Inka, A Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, Valle Sagrado</i>
4	Aguas Calientes / Machu Picchu - <i>Belmond Sanctuary Lodge</i>
5	Machu Picchu / Cusco - <i>Belmond Hotel Monasterio</i>
6	Choice of sightseeing in Cusco
7	Fly to Guayaquil - <i>Hotel Del Parque</i>
■ 8	San Cristóbal Island - <i>Silver Origin</i>
■ 9	Genovesa (Tower) Island
■ 10	North Seymour Island / Santiago (James) Island
■ 11	Fernandina Island / Isabela Island
■ 12	Santa Cruz Highlands/ Isla Santa Fe
■ 13	Bahia Gardner / Española Island
■ 14	San Cristóbal Island / Cerro Brujo
15	Disembark Baltra / Fly to Guayaquil <i>Hotel Del Parque</i>
16	Depart Guayaquil





Discover local Peruvian traditions in the Sacred Valley, where smooth-gaited Pasos perform with their partners in timely precision and explore life in the Galápagos, enjoying panga excursions that bring you up-close to wildlife on shore and in its tropical waters.

6. Cusco or highlands adventures

Today you'll have a choice of excursions – one to the highlands outside Cusco, visiting several villages and the Maras Salt Fields; or a tour of southern Cusco and the valley south of the city. The highlands adventure includes a visit to Chinchero, an authentic Andean village, and an excursion to the terraced salt fields of Maras. You'll continue on to a rural community for an agricultural experience, a cooking lesson and a textile demonstration. Should you choose the Cusco tour, you'll visit a typical mercado, and a drive through the South Valley to visit three ancient churches along the "Andean Baroque Route." Spend the rest of the afternoon and evening as you please. **Meals B**

7. A day in Guayaquil, Ecuador

An early morning flight to Lima is followed by a flight to Guayaquil, Ecuador, for an overnight stay before you fly on to the Galápagos Islands for your cruise. **Meals BD**

8. ■ Fly to the Galápagos

Fly to San Cristóbal Island where you will embark your expeditionary-style yacht, *Silver Origin*. Enjoy a briefing on the visits we have lined up for tomorrow and join us for the Captain's welcome reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ A day on Genovesa Island

Take a *panga** to Genovesa (Tower Island), a horseshoe-shaped volcanic island whose submerged crater is actually Darwin Bay. Genovesa is also known as "Bird Island" for its extraordinary avian population; the bay

is home to the world's largest red-footed booby nesting colonies. Climb Prince Philip's Steps and observe frigatebirds with their fiery red sacs, and the nesting grounds of Nazca "Masked" boobies. This afternoon, go kayaking, enjoy the beach, or snorkel in the caldera. Back onboard ship, enjoy a cocktail hour prior to dinner. **Meals BLD**

10. ■ North Seymour & Santiago Island

Visit North Seymour Island this morning, home to thousands of iguanas, blue-footed boobies, swallow-tailed gulls, common noddies, and frigatebirds. This afternoon, head to Santiago Island for a wet landing at Sullivan Bay for a coastal walk or a snorkeling adventure. **Meals BLD**

11. ■ Discover Fernandina & Isabela Islands

Board a *panga* for a wet landing on the lava landscapes of Fernandina Island and take a one-mile walk to a hidden cove surrounded by mangroves. Choose a deep water snorkeling adventure to search for marine iguanas and green sea turtles or cruise along the coast to look for brown pelicans, Galápagos penguins and flightless cormorants. Explore Isabela Island this afternoon, rich with coastal lagoons and birds, on a *panga* cruise or a guided hike. **Meals BLD**

12. ■ Santa Cruz Highlands & Isla Santa Fe

Disembark ship in Puerto Ayora, the largest town in the Galápagos, for a visit to the highlands where giant tortoises thrive. Meet naturalists who share insights on the island and its coffee as you look for Galápagos tortoises as you walk. Cruise to Isla Santa Fe this afternoon, home to the Santa Fe

Land Iguana, existing nowhere else in the world. A choice of excursions include exploring by *panga*, hiking, kayaking and deep water snorkeling, each offering opportunities to find wildlife endemic to this island. **Meals BLD**

13. ■ Española Island

Go ashore on a wet landing at Gardner Bay on Española, known for its extensive nesting grounds for Waved Albatrosses and sea turtles, and a sea lion colony. At Punta Suarez, view seabirds, from Galápagos Hawks and cactus finches to Hood Mockingbirds. This evening, join us for a farewell cocktail reception followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

14. ■ Cerro Brujo, San Cristóbal

Explore San Cristóbal today, choosing from a leisurely morning on Cerro Brujo, a white sand beach picture perfect for sunbathing, swimming and snorkeling or embark on a challenging hike with our expedition team on black rugged lava fields and a beach where sea lions surf the waves and blue-footed boobies dive for food. **Meals BLD**

15. Return to Guayaquil

Disembark ship this morning at San Cristóbal for a return flight to Guayaquil and an overnight stay at the Hotel del Parque. Spend the rest of the day as you please; join us this evening for a farewell dinner at the hotel. **Meals BD**

16. Journey Home

Tour ends: Guayaquil. A transfer is included from the Hotel del Parque in Guayaquil to Guayaquil International Airport; please allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Mar 9 Apr 6, 20 May 18 Jun 1 Sep 7, 21 Oct 5, 19

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

March - June

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

■ Classic Veranda Suite – Deck 5					
Double	\$ 23,180	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 24,620
Single	\$ 30,760	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 32,200
■ Superior Veranda Suite – Deck 6					
Double	\$ 25,070	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 26,510
Single	\$ 33,290	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 34,730

■ Deluxe Veranda Suite – Deck 6					
Double	\$ 25,940	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 27,380
Single	\$ 35,445	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 36,885
■ Silver Suite – Deck 5					
Double	\$ 39,770	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 41,210
Single	\$ 58,055	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 59,495

September - October

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

■ Classic Veranda Suite – Deck 5					
Double	\$ 22,890	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 24,330
Single	\$ 30,470	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 31,910
■ Superior Veranda Suite – Deck 6					
Double	\$ 24,780	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 26,220
Single	\$ 33,000	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 34,440
■ Deluxe Veranda Suite – Deck 6					
Double	\$ 25,650	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 27,090
Single	\$ 35,155	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 36,595
■ Silver Suite – Deck 5					
Double	\$ 39,480	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 40,920
Single	\$ 57,765	+	\$ 1,440	=	\$ 59,205

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

38 meals (15 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches & 13 Dinners), aboard ship select wines, premium spirits, and soft drinks available throughout the day, all gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff, airport transfers, private Tauck shore excursions with naturalists, select meals ashore, service charges, taxes, portage, Galápagos National Park entrance fee, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges. Internet included at 1 hour per day for Explorer Suite and included all day for higher category suites. On-tour air included (5 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	COUNTRY CLUB LIMA HOTEL	Lima, Peru
Night 3	TAMBO DEL INKA, A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT & SPA, VALLE SAGRADO	Urubamba, Peru
Night 4	BELMOND SANCTUARY LODGE	Machu Picchu, Peru
Night 5,6	BELMOND HOTEL MONASTERIO	Cusco, Peru
Night 7,15	HOTEL DEL PARQUE	Guayaquil, Ecuador
Night 8-14	ABOARD SILVER ORIGIN	Galápagos Cruising

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Note: Triples are not available aboard ship. For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required. This is an active journey requiring a fair amount of walking, often on uneven terrain; several days touring at elevations up to 12,200 ft. in hot and humid weather can be strenuous and challenging. Daily shore excursions will include wet and dry landings on diverse Galápagos islands. Wet landings will be made by *panga* (Zodiac-style rafts) on sandy or rocky beaches and may require wading ashore in shallow water. We may not visit each of the islands in the order outlined, but we typically visit two different sites per day. Our Galápagos itinerary is subject to change due to wildlife encounters, atmospheric conditions and Galápagos National Park directives. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details; see Silver Origin ship page for deck plans and specifications.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2



Viewing a Galápagos fur seal

Cruising the Galápagos Islands

Cruise to equatorial islands time forgot for wildlife encounters you won't soon forget

9 DAYS FROM AUD \$12,880 | BEGINS GUAYAQUIL

1. Arrive Guayaquil

Tour begins: Wyndham Guayaquil. A transfer is included from Guayaquil's José Joaquín de Olmedo International Airport to Wyndham Guayaquil. Most flights arrive late day.

2. Fly to Baltra / ■ Embark *Isabela II*

Fly to Baltra on Santa Cruz Island to embark ship. A briefing by the captain and crew informs you about your cruise.* Take a *panga* (Zodiac-style raft) for a wet landing on a white sand beach this afternoon where green sea turtles often nest and birds are prolific. **Meals BLD**

3. ■ San Cristóbal Island

Disembark your expedition ship along the shores of San Cristobal Island; it is one of the oldest islands in the archipelago. Visit Punta Pitt on the eastern tip of the island and look for the island's abundant wildlife, including different species of boobies, two frigatebird species and a colony of bachelor sea lions on a guided walk with a naturalist. You'll also enjoy some free time for swimming, kayaking* and snorkeling (conditions permitting). Drive to the island's southern shore to explore the forest at Cerro Colorado where the San Cristóbal mockingbird and endemic San Cristóbal Lava Lizard can often be seen. Enjoy dinner aboard ship at your leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

Uniquely Tauck

- Discover wildlife found nowhere else in the world as you cruise to remote tropical islands near the Equator, volcano-made and habitat rich, with onboard naturalists who share expert insights at sea and on guided hikes ashore
- Learn about indigenous species like the endangered giant Galápagos tortoise that can reach 4 feet in length and 475 pounds in weight during a lifespan of more than 100 years during your cruise through the islands of the Galápagos archipelago
- Explore the coastline of the archipelago's youngest ecosystem and visit magical Punta Mangle on Fernandina Island, a pristine world of tiny bays, tall mangroves and tranquil coves where diminutive endemic Galápagos penguins thrive



Discover a close-up look at islands time forgot by kayak, panga, snorkeling excursions and hikes on lava landscapes.

visit Punta Suarez for a trail walk across lava terrain. Sights include unique sea birds, marine iguanas, colorful and large, and the island's famous blow hole. **Meals BLD**

4. ■ Discovering Española Island

Get set for a wet landing as you ride a *panga* to Gardner Bay on Española Island for a guided walk on a white coral beach. Observe among sea lions, mockingbirds and finches or simply enjoy the beach with an opportunity to go snorkeling, kayaking or riding on a glass-bottom boat. This afternoon

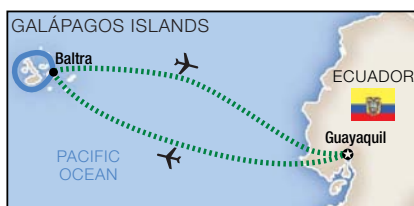
5. ■ Flamingos & an island post office

The southernmost island in the Galápagos Archipelago, Floreana's curiously tinged olivine beach at Punta Cormorant

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 6 Cruise Days aboard *Isabela II*

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Guayaquil <i>Wyndham Guayaquil Hotel</i>
■ 2	Fly to Baltra Island / Embark <i>Isabela II</i>
■ 3	San Cristóbal Island
■ 4	Española Island
■ 5	Floreana Island
■ 6	Isabela Island and Fernandina Island
■ 7	Santa Cruz Island and North Seymour
8	Disembark Baltra / Guayaquil <i>Wyndham Guayaquil Hotel</i>
9	Depart Guayaquil



Maximum Elevation: 1,968 ft.



Only in the Galápagos

Learn about species found nowhere else on Earth from Tauck's naturalist guides. Undisturbed by human visitors, many of these locals are friendly, inquisitive and remarkably tame. Welcome to their world.

Hunted almost to extinction, the Giant Galápagos Tortoise is one of the most ancient and rarest of reptiles. They can live more than a century, enjoying a diet of cacti, grasses, lichens, and berries.



Stilt-legged flamingos live in the salt-water lagoons of lava fields. They can only eat with their head upside down and rest standing on one leg. They have good hearing, but little sense of smell and define elegance.



Beyond cute, Galápagos fur seals pup fortunately have no constant predators. Protected from poachers by law since 1959, they spend most of the day on the rocky shores, sunning and "smiling" for visitors.



Their brilliant blue feet are giveaways as you look for the boobies. The males put on an ostentatious courtship show with their feet in hopes of attracting an interested lady friend!



Sally Lightfoot Crabs are entertaining and just about everywhere in the rocks above the sea spray, feeding on algae or plant matter. Quick and agile, they are hard to catch but are easily photographed!



welcomes you for an easy walk to a flamingo-filled lagoon. Cross over to the other side of the island on a hike that takes you to a white sand beach where turtles come out at night to nest. Here you can choose to snorkel, explore by *panga* or look for underwater life on a glass-bottom boat. After lunch aboard ship, visit Post Office Bay to see the historic barrel that served as an island post office for over two centuries. You will have time to snorkel off the beach, if you wish, before returning to your expedition ship. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Isabela & Fernandina Islands

In the 1950s, geological activity on Isabela Island caused a mass of land to lift up some 15 ft., leaving the coastline pushed further out to sea and the underwater marine life stranded ashore. After a wet landing at Punta Moreno, join us for a walk along the rugged trails of the island, a perfect opportunity to view the unique lava formations, lava cacti, scalesia trees and of course, the abundance of wildlife that calls this place home; such as the Galápagos penguins, sea lions, herons, marine iguanas, brown pelicans and Sally Lightfoot crabs. After lunch aboard the ship, board a *panga* for an adventure along the coastline of Punta Mangle on Fernandina Island, the archipelago's youngest ecosystem. Filled with tiny bays, tall mangroves and tranquil coves, stay on the lookout for the Galápagos penguins and green-eyed flightless cormorants or the sea turtles and rays gliding beneath the ocean surface. **Meals BLD**



Ready for their close up, the wildlife you encounter on shore excursions seem to enjoy posing for pictures too.



Birdlife in the Galápagos is abundant, where more than 45 endemic species include the curious Galápagos flycatcher.

7. ■ Eden Islet & North Seymour Island

This morning, board a *panga* for a wet landing on Eden Islet. Located off the coast of Santa Cruz Island, this small island (less than 2,000 square feet) is the perfect place to observe blue-footed boobies, reef sharks and frigatebirds. Explore North Seymour Island this afternoon for one of the archipelago's hidden gems. Disembark for a walk along the interior of the island, passing by nesting frigatebirds and witness the males display their vibrant, balloon-like red gular sacs to attract the lady birds. Or, cruise along the coast by *panga*, where you can be on the lookout for fur seals and other wildlife. Join us this evening for farewell cocktails aboard ship as you cruise to Baltra. **Meals BLD**

8. Disembark Baltra / Fly to Guayaquil

Disembark *Isabela II* in Baltra for your return flight to Guayaquil and a late afternoon arrival at the Wyndham Guayaquil. Join us tonight for our farewell cocktail party followed by dinner at the hotel. **Meals BD**

9. Journey Home

Tour ends: Guayaquil. Fly home anytime. A transfer from Wyndham Guayaquil to José Joaquín de Olmedo International Airport is included. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Jan 11, 25 Feb 8 Mar 7 Jul 11 Nov 28

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

January – February

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Category C (Limited) – Cabin Deck, double bed (120 sq. ft.)					
Double	\$ 13,180	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 13,900
Single	\$ 20,050	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 20,770

Category B – Cabin Deck, twin or double bed (142 sq. ft.)					
Double	\$ 13,330	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 14,050
Single	\$ 20,350	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 21,070

Category A (Master Suite) – Main Deck, double bed (166 sq. ft.)					
Double	\$ 13,620	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 14,340
Single	\$ 20,930	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 21,650

March – November

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Category C (Limited) – Cabin Deck, double bed (120 sq. ft.)					
Double	\$ 12,160	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 12,880
Single	\$ 19,035	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 19,755

Category B – Cabin Deck, twin or double bed (142 sq. ft.)					
Double	\$ 12,310	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 13,030
Single	\$ 19,335	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 20,055

Category A (Master Suite) – Main Deck, double bed (166 sq. ft.)					
Double	\$ 12,600	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 13,320
Single	\$ 19,915	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 20,635

2024 LAND / AUD CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

18 meals (7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 6 Dinners), Galápagos National Park entrance fee, cruise fare, port charges, applicable fuel surcharges, private Tauck shore excursions with naturalists, daily cocktail hour, all-day soft drinks, wine with dinner on *Isabela II*, airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted, all gratuities to Tauck Director, naturalists and ship staff. On-tour air included (2 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,8	WYNDHAM GUAYAQUIL	Guayaquil, Ecuador
Night 2-7	ABOARD ISABELA II	Galápagos Cruising

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Triples are not available aboard ship. This is an active journey requiring a fair amount of walking, often on uneven terrain; touring in hot and humid weather can be strenuous and challenging. Daily shore excursions will include wet and dry landings on diverse Galápagos islands. Itinerary is subject to change due to wildlife encounters, atmospheric conditions and Galápagos National Park directives. For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details; see *Isabela II* ship page for deck plans and specifications.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2



Galápagos: Wildlife Wonderland

Up-close family discoveries of wildlife wonders found nowhere else in the world

8 DAYS FROM AUD \$10,250 | BEGINS QUITO

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 4 Cruise Days aboard *Santa Cruz II*

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Quito Swissôtel Quito
2	Quito
■ 3	Fly to Baltra / Embark <i>Santa Cruz II</i> / Santa Cruz Island
■ 4	Santiago (James) Island
■ 5	Rábida Island / Bartolomé Island
■ 6	Genovesa (Tower) Island
7	Disembark Santa Cruz Island / Baltra / Guayaquil
8	Depart Guayaquil



Uniquely Tauck

- Spend four nights aboard *Santa Cruz II* as she sails to different tropical islands in the Galápagos for daily shore excursions with naturalists and spot wildlife as you hike, swim, snorkel, kayak and more
- In Quito, put one foot in the Southern Hemisphere and one in the Northern Hemisphere when you visit the Equator during a day of sightseeing that includes a visit to the Inti Ñan Museum and an Ecuadorian lunch near a volcanic crater
- See animals unique to the Galápagos Islands, from penguins that live near the Equator to iguanas that swim and eat dinner underwater to fur seals and sea lions who playfully welcome you to their world and the biggest turtles you'll ever see

You may come face-to-face...

with a sea lion, snorkel with penguins, watch marine iguanas dive for their dinner, see birds with bright red and blue feet, and look for giant tortoises lumbering in the bushes. When you and your family cruise to the Galápagos Islands aboard an expedition ship designed for unforgettable discoveries, you'll meet wildlife found nowhere else in the world. Your adventure begins in colonial Quito, an Equatorial city steeped in history and heights! Then fly to your ship, *Santa Cruz II*, for a 4-night cruise to islands forgotten in time for up-close exploration with naturalists who accompany you ashore. You'll ride *pangas* to island beaches and kayak around cliffs marine-life rich, walk on lava landscapes where iguanas hang out, linger near lagoons filled with sea birds and flamingos, and peer at underwater kingdoms below the water through glass-bottomed boats or snorkel masks. Hiking adventures up hilly trails reward with great views and more wildlife sightings and a visit to the Charles Darwin Research Center offers a welcome opportunity to find giant tortoises found only here. Hear about pirates, mariners and scientists who came before, and see the post office barrel in an island bay that's been in existence for 200+ years. Wherever you go, our team of onboard naturalists will enrich your days and nights with fun, facts and fond memories you'll share long after your Galápagos adventure ends.

2024 DATES

Mar 23 Apr 6 Jun 1, 11, 15, 25, 29 Jul 9, 23, 27 Aug 6

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability, complete itinerary and prices.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

March – July 8

From \$10,820 per person Triple

July 9 – August

From \$10,250 per person Triple

Visit tauck.com.au for complete pricing by cabin category

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

18 meals (7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 6 Dinners), aboard ship daily cocktail hour and all day soft drinks, wine and beer with dinner, gratuities to Tauck Director, local guides, ship staff, drivers, service charges, most taxes and portage. **Recommended age:** 8+; minimum age for children is 6. Children under 18 must be booked in a room with at least one adult. Aboard ship, triple cabins are two beds and a pull-out couch limited to two adults (age 18 or older) sharing a room with one child under age 18. Interconnecting cabins (subject to availability) can be booked onboard ship. Quads accommodated in two double rooms. In hotels, triples are usually a two-bedded room plus one rollaway bed. On-tour air included (2 flights). **AUD \$720 Child Savings: Children 12 and under**

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	SWISSÔTEL QUITO	Quito
Night 3-6	ABOARD SANTA CRUZ II	Galápagos Islands
Night 7	WYNDHAM GUAYAQUIL	Guayaquil

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Children under 18 must be booked in a room with at least one adult. We may not visit each of the islands in the order outlined, but typically visit two different sites per day. Our Galápagos itinerary is subject to change due to wildlife encounters, atmospheric conditions and Galápagos National Park directives. Note: Jun 11, 25; Jul 9, 23; and Aug 6 departures follow a Western Islands itinerary that visits different islands than this itinerary; ask at booking. Certain exceptions may apply (advised at booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details; visit tauck.com.au for *Santa Cruz II* ship page for deck plans and specifications.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2



The unique wildlife your family encounters throughout the Galápagos islands will inspire wonder.



Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, Abu Dhabi

Portrait of Arabia: The Emirates, Qatar & Oman

Explore modern Arabian worlds that evoke a glorious past

12 DAYS FROM AUD \$16,510 | BEGINS MUSCAT OR DUBAI

1. Arrive Muscat

Tour begins: 5:00 PM, Muscat. Transfers are included from Muscat International Airport to the palatial Shangri-La Al Husn Resort and Spa or Jumeirah Muscat Bay. Join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

2. Muscat, a mosque and an opera house

The Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque is one of the few in the world that allow non-Muslim visitors, grand in art and scale. Depart next to explore the indoor maze of streets, alleys and bazaars at the Muttrah Souk; get a view of Al Alam Palace in the historic Old Town, and then visit the Royal Opera House, elegantly designed. Your evening is free. **Meals BL**

3. A day of choice in Oman / ■ Embark ship

Two sightseeing choices today. First, travel along the Jebel Akhdar Trail, famed for its fruit orchards laid out terrace style along the slopes of mountains. Visit the villages of Saiq & Al Ain; they overlook a spectacular landscape of dramatic peaks, gorges, and wadis. You'll then continue up the Al Hajar Mountain ranges to Jebel Akhdar (2000 mts above sea level) by 4 x 4, the green jewel of these mountains – it is a truly unique spot on the Arabian Peninsula. Lunch will be on a date farm, followed by a visit to Nizwa Fort & Souk. Alternatively, spend the day in the town of Nizwa; visit the market and the Nizwa Fort, and meet local artisans with entertainment and an exclusive lunch at the fort. Board your Ponant ship late afternoon. **Meals BLD**

Uniquely Tauck

- Choices include a visit to the world's largest falcon veterinary hospital to learn about the magnificent birds and their importance to Arab culture with an opportunity to observe their care
- Go inside Qasr Al Watan, the new presidential palace in Abu Dhabi, stunning in scale and artistry, lavish with domes, Mughal arches, and steeped in decorative art; it is a cultural landmark
- Take a private cruise aboard a traditional wooden dhow boat on the desert fjords of Musandam, where dolphins frolic in the aquamarine waters
- Experience Dubai's rich traditions on a private Heritage Desert Safari aboard vintage 1950s Land Rovers, and dine at a desert Bedouin camp



You'll be amazed by architectural sights in Dubai such as the Burj Khalifa, rising 2,717 feet above the skyline.

4. ■ Coastal delights & Fujairah Fort

Spend a leisurely morning aboard ship as you sail to Fujairah on the east coast of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Disembark after lunch for a drive to Khor Fakkan, where the mountains kiss the sea, and visit the little town of Masafi, inviting with colorful wares. View the oldest and smallest mosque in the UAE before seeing the iconic Fujairah Fort and visiting the museum. Dine aboard ship tonight. **Meals BLD**



5. ■ Oman Mountains or a dhow cruise

Today you'll have a choice of shore excursion. In the 17th century, the Portuguese built a castle on the Musandam Peninsula to control the Strait of Hormuz; but the Omanis soon

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 Cruise Days aboard *Le Bougainville*

Muscat to Dubai

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Muscat <i>Shangri-La Al Husn Resort or Jumeirah Muscat Bay</i>
2	Muscat
■ 3	Oman / Embark
■ 4	Fujairah
■ 5	Khasab, Oman
■ 6	At Sea
■ 7	Doha
■ 8	Abu Dhabi
■ 9	Dubai
10	Disembark Dubai <i>Address Dubai Mall or Palace Downtown</i>
11	Dubai
12	Depart Dubai

Dubai to Muscat

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Dubai <i>Address Dubai Mall or Palace Downtown</i>
2	Dubai
■ 3	Embark Dubai
■ 4	Dubai
■ 5	Abu Dhabi
■ 6	Doha
■ 7	At Sea
■ 8	Khasab, Oman
■ 9	Fujairah
10	Disembark Muscat
11	Muscat <i>Shangri-La Al Husn Resort or Jumeirah Muscat Bay</i>
12	Depart Muscat



Visit the new presidential palace in Abu Dhabi, Qasr Al Watan, a cultural landmark housing the headquarters of the president of the UAE and the Crown Prince; in Qatar, one of your sightseeing choices includes a visit to Al Shaqab, the amazing equestrian center.

took the castle and used it to defend themselves from the Portuguese. First choice – take a private cruise by dhow on the captivating desert fjords of Musandam, often called the Norway of Arabia, where inland sea lanes wind among barren cliffs and mountains; the area is popular for swimming, snorkeling, and the dolphins that frequent there. Alternatively, explore the barren interior and mountains of Musandam, an area speckled with fossils dating back millions of years. Your journey begins with a stop at the Bedouin village of Sayh. Situated at 3,600 ft. above sea level, you'll have an opportunity to admire the beauty of Musandam's inland valley before making your way to the summit of the Jebel Harim, the highest peak in Musandam, for an incredible view of the entire peninsula. Stop at Khawr Najd, a natural creek overlooking the Indian Ocean and the only fjord accessible by vehicle in Musandam, before returning to Khasab for a visit to Khasab Fort, with its impressive towers and strongholds. Return to the ship late afternoon. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Spend the day at sea

Spend a leisurely day at sea as you chart a course for Doha. With a fleet of amenities, onboard facilities and a choice of dining venues aboard your Explorer ship, there are numerous ways to spend your leisure time as you wish. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Horses, art & avant-garde architecture

Arrive in Doha, a metropolis bristling with skyscrapers, and an exciting day ahead. Choices include a visit to Al Shaqab, an equestrian center dedicated to the breeding and training of Arabian horses. Alternatively, visit the Qatr National Museum and the fascinating Museum of Islamic Art, a masterpiece by renowned architect I.M. Pei, where you'll view exhibits of

Islamic art. Both of these choices include a panoramic drive through the Doha Corniche along Doha Bay. A third choice is a 4 x 4 desert safari to explore the sandy dunes of south Qatar. Everyone has an opportunity to have lunch at the city's oldest souk before returning to the ship. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ Falcons in Abu Dhabi

Arrive in Abu Dhabi this morning for a choice of three ways to explore. Visit the world's largest veterinary hospital for falcons; love for the magnificent birds runs deep in Arab culture, since the days when trained falcons were essential for hunting and survival; more than sporting birds, they are symbols of pride and cultural identity. Learn about them up close, and maybe take a turn at feeding them. Alternatively, visit to Qasr Al Watan, the new presidential palace, stunning in scale and artistry, a white complex in classic Mughal style so light and airy it seems to float on a sea of polished marble; the palace is not only the headquarters of the President of the UAE and the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, but a cultural landmark. Or, you can visit Louvre Abu Dhabi, a museum that explores cultural connections through the world's great art beyond individual civilizations, times, or places. Return to the ship for lunch, then visit the Sheik Zayed Mosque, reflecting the diversity of the Islamic world in its Persian, Moorish, and Mughal influences. Set sail for Dubai this evening. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ Visit the Al Fahidi Fort

Visit the Al Fahidi historic district for a walking tour of its centuries-old houses, streets, and winding alleys, preserved as a tribute to Dubai's old way of life; at the heart of the neighborhood, a visit to the Sheik Mohammed Bin Rashid

Cultural Center offers more insights into Emirati traditions, religion, art and more. You'll also have an opportunity to visit the traditional bazaars, including the aromatic spice market and the dazzling Gold Souk, with over 350 dealers of gold, silver, platinum, diamonds, and designer jewelry. The remainder of your day is free. **Meals BLD**

10. Disembark Dubai and a desert safari

Dubai is an architect's dreamworld. A lecture on architecture and urban development in Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Expo 2020 sets the stage for a tour of must-see sights this morning, with an architectural focus. Have lunch at the Dubai Marina; this afternoon, following some free time in Dubai, join us for a special Tauck experience – a desert heritage safari in vintage Land Rovers. At a Bedouin camp you'll ride a camel, learn how to make Arabian coffee and bread, and attend a dinner that features traditional music and performances. Return to Dubai later this evening. **Meals BLD**

11. Burj Khalifa & a farewell evening

This morning is free to spend as you please in Dubai. Midday, join us for a visit to the Sky Observation Deck at the Burj Khalifa, Dubai's signature skyscraper, 2,717 feet high; an express elevator rockets you to the deck for breathtaking 360-degree views of the city. Your afternoon is free, then we invite you to join us this evening at your hotel for a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BD**

12. Journey Home

Tour ends: Dubai. Fly home anytime. Transfers are included from the Palace Downtown or Address Dubai Mall to Dubai Int'l Airport. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**



In Khasab, Oman, you'll have a choice of taking a cruise by traditional Omani dhow toward Musandam's longest fjord.

2024 DATES

Westbound - Muscat to Dubai
Jan 17

Eastbound - Dubai to Muscat
Jan 10

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

■ Deluxe Stateroom – Deck 3	Double \$ 16,510	Single \$24,430	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 4	Double \$ 17,520	Single \$25,930	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 5	Double \$ 17,960	Single \$26,575	Triple N/A
■ Prestige Stateroom – Deck 6	Double \$ 18,250	Single \$27,005	Triple N/A
■ Deluxe Suite – Decks 3, 4, 5, 6	Double \$ 20,860	Single N/A	Triple \$ 17,100
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 25,200	Single N/A	Triple \$ 20,670
■ Prestige Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 25,930	Single N/A	Triple \$ 21,255
■ Privilege Suite – Decks 5, 6	Double \$ 26,650	Single N/A	Triple \$ 21,860
■ Grand Deluxe Suite – Deck 6	Double \$ 28,830	Single N/A	Triple N/A
■ Owner's Suite – Deck 5	Double \$ 33,900	Single N/A	Triple N/A

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

Land / Cruise Price includes 30 meals (11 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners) on land and at sea, all Tauck private shore excursions, airport transfers as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes and portage, cruise fare, port charges, entertainment and gratuities to Tauck Director and ship staff. Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions are valued at AUD \$7,503. Aboard ship, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are included throughout the day.

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	SHANGRI-LA AL HUSN RESORT & SPA JUMEIRAH MUSCAT BAY	Muscat, Oman
Night 3-9	ABOARD LE BOUGAINVILLE	Cruising
Night 10,11	THE PALACE DOWNTOWN DUBAI ADDRESS DUBAI MALL	Dubai, UAE

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Call Tauck for special rates on int'l air for travel originating in the US and Canada (subject to availability). Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 guests. Travel West or East go to tauck.com.au for eastbound itinerary or ask at booking. Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure. Note: For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Go to General Information for additional information, including Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2 details; see Le Bougainville ship page for deck plans.**



Miyajima-Itsukushima Shrine

Cruising the Land of the Rising Sun

Temples and traditions by land and sea from Japan to Busan, South Korea

14 DAYS FROM AUD \$22,300 | BEGINS OSAKA

1. Arrive Osaka

Tour begins: The St. Regis Osaka, The Ritz-Carlton Osaka or the Conrad Osaka. A transfer is included from Osaka's Kansai Int'l Airport or Itami Airport to The St. Regis Osaka, The Ritz-Carlton Osaka or the Conrad Osaka. Enjoy an exclusive welcome evening including a reception, a Geiko / Geisha lecture and performance, and dinner. **Meals D**

2. Temples and traditions of Kyoto

Travel to Kyoto, a city of 2,000 temples and shrines. Visit the Golden Pavilion, meticulously preserved since the 1400s, and the Sanjusangen-do temple. After lunch, attend a traditional Taiko drumming performance and enjoy free time (sightseeing on days 2 and 3 may alternate). **Meals BLD**

3. Exploring historic Nara

Drive to Nara to tour Todai-ji, the Great Eastern Temple; deer roam the grounds freely, and are regarded as messengers of the gods in the Shinto religion. After lunch, visit Kasuga Grand Shrine, known for its many bronze lanterns. **Meals BL**

4. ■ Osaka & embark in Maizuru

Explore Osaka by motor coach, walking tour and on a visit to a local market. This afternoon, drive to the port of Maizuru, where your ship awaits. **Meals BLD**

5. ■ Art, bicycling & beer in Uno Ko

Anchor off Tamano (Uno Ko) and travel to the old merchant town of Kurashiki for a walking tour of its historic quarter,

Uniquely Tauck

- An eight-night cruise through the fascinating Japanese archipelago aboard *Le Soléal* takes you from the port of Maizuru to Osaka and includes a stop in Busan, South Korea; it is bookended by three nights in Osaka and two nights in Tokyo – daily shore excursions provide a wide-ranging look at Japan’s icons of religious, historic, and royal life
- Board a ferry bound for the volcanic landscapes of Sakurajima, known as “Cherry Blossom Island.” A choice of excursions includes a visit to revered Sengan-en Garden and a stately home in Kagoshima, or a poignant visit to the Chiran Peace Museum, built in memory of WWII Kamikaze pilots
- Learn about traditional Japanese cultural entertainment, including a lecture on the life of a Geiko / Geisha, a dramatic sumo wrestling demonstration, and a fascinating Taiko drumming performance as athletic as it is rhythmic



Sail to the picturesque port of Busan, South Korea, where a guided sightseeing excursion introduces landmark sites.

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 8 Cruise Days aboard *Le Soléal*

Osaka to Tokyo

Day	Destination
1	Osaka <i>St. Regis Osaka, The Ritz-Carlton Osaka, or the Conrad Osaka</i>
2	Osaka / Kyoto
3	Osaka / Nara
■ 4	Osaka / Embark Osaka
■ 5	Uno Ko
■ 6	Hiroshima / Miyajima
■ 7	Uwajima
■ 8	Kagoshima
■ 9	Nagasaki
■ 10	1/2 Day at Sea – Busan, South Korea
■ 11	Sakaiminato
12	Disembark Maizuru <i>The Mandarin Oriental, Shangri-La Hotel Tokyo, or The Palace Hotel Tokyo</i>
13	Tokyo
14	Depart Tokyo

Osaka to Tokyo

Day	Destination
1	Osaka <i>St. Regis Osaka, The Ritz-Carlton, Osaka, or the Conrad Osaka</i>
2	Osaka / Kyoto
3	Osaka / Nara
■ 4	Osaka / Embark Maizuru
■ 5	Sakaiminato
■ 6	1/2 Day at Sea – Busan, South Korea
■ 7	Nagasaki
■ 8	Kagoshima
■ 9	Uwajima
■ 10	Hiroshima / Miyajima
■ 11	Uno Ko
12	Disembark Osaka <i>The Mandarin Oriental, Shangri-La Hotel Tokyo, or The Palace Hotel Tokyo</i>
13	Tokyo
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where warehouses, shops, and mills remain virtually unchanged by time. Enjoy a choice of three activities this afternoon. Ferry to the unique island of Naoshima, exclusively devoted to the work of architect Tadao Ando; enjoy a bicycle ride* through Uno Ko; or a visit to Kirin Beer Okayama and sample local beers. Back onboard ship, enjoy the captain’s welcome dinner tonight. **Meals BLD**



Maximum Elevation: 1,093 ft.

Ancient cultural traditions

Experience life in Japan like the locals as you learn about age-old traditions and entertainment close-up and firsthand during included cultural discoveries for Tauck guests only.

Try your hand at the centuries-old tradition of Taiko drumming, a high-energy performance art that combines music, dance, martial arts, athletics, and culture – referred to as the heartbeat of Japan.



One of Japan's oldest art forms, calligraphy dates to the 6th century when it was introduced from China. Once taught to nobility only, today it is an essential part of education for Japan's young people. Try it!



Japanese tea ceremonies are deeply rooted in Zen philosophy and honor the principles of harmony, respect, purity and tranquility. Every step is precisely defined and precedes the ultimate treat: tasting the tea!



The national sport of Japan, sumo wrestling originated to entertain Shinto deities. Sumo wrestlers are sports giants, weighing two to three times the size of an average adult. Watch them perform in the ring!



The word geisha (geiko in Kyoto dialect) means art person. Along with the arts – singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument and more – conversation is an indispensable talent for a geiko who excels at entertaining guests like you.



6. ■ Hiroshima & Miyajima

Sightseeing in Hiroshima today includes the Hiroshima Peace Memorial, sites associated with the WWII atomic bomb blast of August 1945. Board a ferry to the iconic Miyajima-Itsukushima Shrine and return to the ship by tender from Miyajima. Chart a course for Uwajima this evening, **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Choices in Uwajima

Enjoy a choice of three excursions in Uwajima. Visit a pearl farm and tour the 16th-century Dairakuji temple, ("Flying Squirrel Temple") on a tour led by a Buddhist monk. Or, visit Nanrakuen Garden on a guided walk, followed by a calligraphy demonstration and a tea ceremony. A third choice visits a series of danbata (terraced fields) that form a "staircase" on a steep mountain slope, and a beautiful waterfall in Yakushidani Canyon outside Uwajima. Return to your ship for lunch, and sail on to Kagoshima. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ A volcano, gardens & more in Kagoshima

Board a ferry for a ride across the bay to see Sakurajima ("Cherry Blossom Island"). Learn about Sakurajima's volcanic history and wade in a volcanic hot spring. Excursion choices today include a visit to Sengan-en Garden, a traditional Japanese garden and stately home in Kagoshima or a visit to Chiran Peace Museum for Kamikaze Pilots, on the site of a former airstrip used by Kamikaze pilots during World War II. Return to the ship late afternoon. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ A day in Nagasaki

Arrive in Nagasaki for another day of historic sights: the Nagasaki Peace Park, filled with notable monuments and memorials; and the Atomic Bomb Museum. After lunch, choose a visit to the Glover Gardens and the Dejima Museum, or the Nagasaki Ropeway up Mount Inasa. Set sail this evening for South Korea. **Meals BLD**

10. ■ Sail to Busan in South Korea

Cruise to Busan, South Korea, this morning. City sightseeing includes the United Nations Memorial Cemetery, honoring troops from many nations who fell during the Korean War; and a tour of the renowned Jagalchi Fish Market, a traditional seafood market on Busan's waterfront. Return to the ship and set sail for Sakaiminato. **Meals BLD**

11. ■ Sakaiminato and Matsue's Black Castle

Arrive in Western Japan's fishing industry center, Sakaiminato, for a visit to the Adachi Museum. Following



The Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur



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Travel authentically and enjoy a taste of local life wherever we travel. Meet the Maasai in their tribal villages, silversmiths in Argentina, a Maltese Knight and graceful geishas in Japan. Enjoy insider perspectives, cultural traditions and private experiences that enrich your trip like nothing else can.

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Fewer guests on sightseeing excursions means less time spent traveling and more time experiencing the treasures of ancient and modern lands, without long lines or crowds. Enjoy more freedom and flexibility to discover the sights, up close and personally, in the most uniquely memorable ways.

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Enjoy stays in some of the world's best hotels and resorts, inviting with impeccable service and ambiance. Indulge in award-winning hospitality and awe-inspiring settings that not only reflect an authentic sense of place, but welcome you with all the comforts and amenities you expect with Tauck.

New for 2024!



Namibia: Epic Safari

Starlit skies, desert dunes, game reserves and wildlife safaris, unforgettable in every way

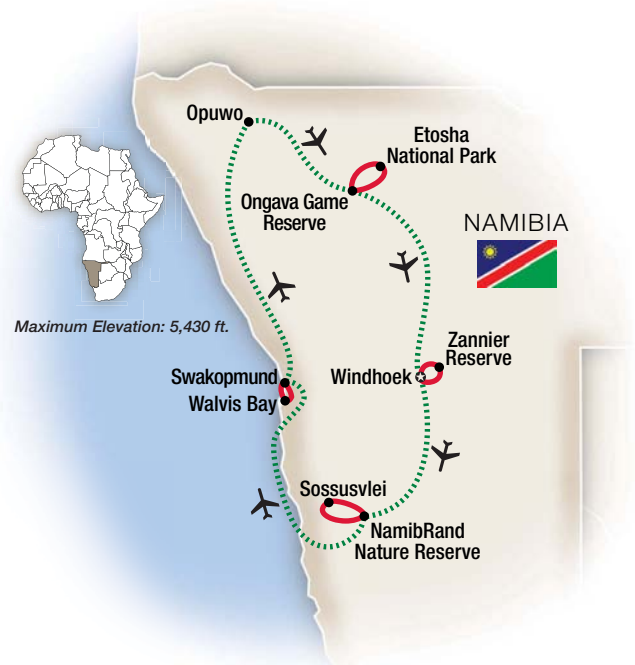
11 DAYS FROM AUD \$17,380 | ALL SMALL GROUPS LIMITED TO 20 GUESTS

1. Arrive Windhoek, Namibia

Tour begins: 5:00 PM, The Weinberg Windhoek. Transfers are included from Windhoek Airport to The Weinberg Windhoek, nestled on the grounds of the Am Weinberg Estate, just outside of the city. Enjoy a welcome reception dinner tonight at your intimate hotel. **Meals D**

2. Life in the Namib Desert

Pack your Tauck-provided duffel bag for a flight to the NamibRand Nature Reserve, established to help protect and conserve the unique ecology and wildlife of the southwest Namib Desert. Spend two nights deep inside this private reserve at your luxury lodge where thatched-roof chalets feature unique star-gazing rooms that open to the sky. After



Uniquely Tauck

- Join a Bushman guide for a walk into the Namib Desert for insights about the insects and wildlife that thrive here and star gaze in the NamidRand Nature Reserve, one of the least light-polluted and naturally darkest places on Earth
- Explore the red-tinted dunes of Sossusvlei your way, choosing to climb Big Daddy, towering skyward at 1,066 feet tall, riding on the dunes aboard a two-person ATV vehicle, or embarking on a scenic jeep safari to explore the sights
- Flightsee over the desert and dunes of Sossusvlei and the pristine coast of Namibia aboard a flight to Swakopmund, where seaside discoveries await on a kayaking excursion or catamaran cruise
- Go behind-the-scenes at the Naankuse Wildlife Sanctuary where a hands-on visit promises personal encounters with baby baboons happy to interact with you



Experience a full day game drive in Etosha National Park where you may see oryx and more pausing at a water hole for a drink.

lunch at the lodge, join a Bushman guide for a walk into the Namib Desert, hearing stories about desert life, both for the people who live here and the hardy insects and wildlife that survive in the desert plains; its resilient wildlife include oryx, bat-eared foxes, Burchell's zebras, and loads of lizards. Enjoy one of Africa's amazing sunsets before dinner at the lodge. Be sure to gaze up at the spectacular night sky; the reserve is Africa's first designated International Dark Sky Reserve and has been recognized as one of the least light-polluted and naturally darkest places on Earth. **Meals BLD**

3. The dunes of Sossusvlei

Visit the spectacular red-tinted dunes of Sossusvlei this morning; the dunes are among the highest in the world, reaching a height of almost 1,300 feet. View them as you explore the region with an expert guide, stopping for an opportunity to climb 1,066-foot Big Daddy and a walk through the salt-and-clay pan known as Deadvlei, inhabited by fascinating fossilized trees. This afternoon, join us for an ATV excursion on the dunes you'll not soon forget; as an alternative, safari jeep rides will be available for exploring the dunes. Return to your lodge by sundown. **Meals BLD**

4. Fly to coastal Swakopmund

After breakfast, enjoy a flightseeing excursion over the massive dunes of the Namib Desert and Sossusvlei, void of human intervention with the exception of its long-abandoned diamond mines. Continue soaring over the coastline, viewing an endless expanse of pristine beaches favored by the locals – seals and flamingoes! Touch down at Swakopmund for lunch and an afternoon at leisure at your hotel, steps from artisan shops and a craft market. Enjoy dinner tonight at your beachfront hotel. **Meals BLD**

5. Walvis Bay by kayak or scenic cruise

Drive down to the coast this morning for a choice of excursions; you can kayak amidst playful seals or take a scenic catamaran cruise in Walvis Bay. Rich with marine life, the bay is home to thousands of Cape Fur seals, bottlenose dolphins, flamingoes and pelicans, many of which you may spot today out at sea. Enjoy a seafood barbecue on the beach and spend time at leisure this afternoon. **Meals BL**



Spend three nights at a lodge in the Ongava Private Game Reserve, where wildlife includes rhinos; enjoy a memorable ride on a two-person ATV as you explore the NamibRand Reserve, the largest nature reserve in Africa, and explore the dunes in Sossusvlei by safari vehicle.

6. Visit the Himba & Flight to Ongava

Board a charter for a flight to Opuwo, home to the indigenous Himba people living according to the traditions of their ancestors; Himba women are known for their use of red *otjiize*, a blend of red ochre and butterfat they use to beautify their bodies and hair. Enjoy an opportunity to interact with the women and children during a memorable visit to a tribal village; the men traditionally spend their days herding cattle. An afternoon flight brings you to Ongava Private Game Reserve on the border of Etosha National Park for a three-night stay in thatched en-suite chalets at a luxury lodge perched on a hilltop in the heart of the reserve. Your lodge features an amazing watering hole and a concrete blind – a partially underground, windowed enclosure that is close to the watering hole – enabling up-close wildlife viewing day and night. Enjoy a sunset game drive in the reserve before dinner tonight at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

7. Ongava Private Game Reserve

Wake up early for a morning game drive in the reserve, looking for black-faced impala, lions, white and black rhinos, plains game and more with your expert safari guide, and stop at the Ongava Research Center to learn about the ongoing studies on the flora, fauna and environmental changes of the region. After lunch, embark on an afternoon game drive and then look for rhino on a guided walking safari. Join us for a traditional sundowner in the bush, before dinner tonight at your lodge. The sunsets are magnificent. **Meals BLD**

8. Game drive in Etosha National Park

Etosha National Park is a haven for wildlife, boasting the continent's largest concentration of black rhino and other large mammals in abundance, including elephant, giraffe, lion, leopard, cheetah, wildebeest, kudu, oryx, eland and hartebeest. Spend a full day in the park, viewing the animals

Wildlife safaris in Etosha and Ongava

While much of Namibia is set amidst vast desert landscapes it's also home to one of Africa's largest national parks, Etosha National Park. Etosha boasts a variety of animals, including a healthy population of black rhinoceros. Your accommodations in Ongava Reserve border the park, giving you the opportunity to view the wildlife in both places during your stay. Enjoy full day game drives and a guided walking safari in the reserve that looks for resident rhinos. And see wildlife up-close at the watering hole at Ongava Lodge from a hidden blind that promises a front-row view.



on a game drive in special safari vehicles and enjoy a picnic lunch. Return to your lodge mid-afternoon for time at leisure. Dine as you wish at the lodge tonight. **Meals BLD**

9. Wildlife Watching & Zannier Reserve

Enjoy a final game drive this morning on the grounds of the wildlife-rich Ongava Reserve and have lunch at your lodge, before heading to the airstrip for a flight to Windhoek. Upon arrival, drive out of the city to your luxury safari lodge in the Zannier Reserve, a 22,000 acre wildlife sanctuary set in a diverse natural habitat of near-desert savanna. Hundreds of rescued animals live in the wild here, including lions, elephants, leopards, cheetahs and rhinos. Stay two nights in thatched huts inspired by traditional Owambo architecture and nestled in the heart of the reserve. The Omaanda Lodge, whose name means rhino, overlooks the savanna all the way to the distant mountains, promising endless views. **Meals BLD**

10. Naankuse Wildlife Sanctuary

Your safari adventure continues today with a unique opportunity to meet and interact with baby baboons on a private behind-the-scenes visit to the Naankuse Wildlife Sanctuary, bordering the reserve. The sanctuary provides a home to a wide variety of animals and birds, including meerkats, mongooses and rock hyraxes, along with monkeys, lions, leopards, cheetahs, African wild dogs, and more. A musical performance by local schoolchildren and a presentation on the on-going conservation efforts underway at the sanctuary follow, making for a most interesting morning. Enjoy lunch and return to your lodge on the reserve for an afternoon at leisure. Join us tonight on the deck of your lodge as we toast a sunset spectacular to behold at a memorable sundowner, followed by a farewell dinner. **Meals BLD**



Take a scenic boat cruise or kayak among the seals in Walvis Bay, home to Cape Fur seals, dolphins, pelicans and more.

11. Journey Home

Tour ends: Windhoek East, Namibia. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Omaanda Lodge to Windhoek Airport, a 30-minute drive; allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Apr 23 **May 7, 21, 28** **Jun 25** **Jul 9, 16, 30**
Aug 27 **Sep 24** **Oct 1**

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

April

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double \$ 14,480 + \$ 2,900 = **\$ 17,380**

Single \$ 16,393 + \$ 2,900 = **\$ 19,293**

May - June

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double \$ 15,930 + \$ 2,900 = **\$ 18,830**

Single \$ 17,888 + \$ 2,900 = **\$ 20,788**

July - October

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double \$ 17,380 + \$ 2,900 = **\$ 20,280**

Single \$ 19,932 + \$ 2,900 = **\$ 22,832**

All departures are Small Group Departures limited to 18 Tauck guests.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

28 meals (10 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 9 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portorage. On-tour air included (5 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	THE WEINBERG WINDHOEK	Windhoek
Night 2, 3	KWESSI DUNES	NamibRand Nature Reserve
Night 4, 5	THE STRAND HOTEL	Swakopmund
Night 6-9	ONGAVA LODGE ETOSHA	Ongava Game Reserve
Night 9, 10	OMAANDA LODGE	Windhoek East

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 4



Kenya & Tanzania: A Classic Safari

Explore Ngorongoro Crater, the Serengeti, Amboseli National Park & the Maasai Mara

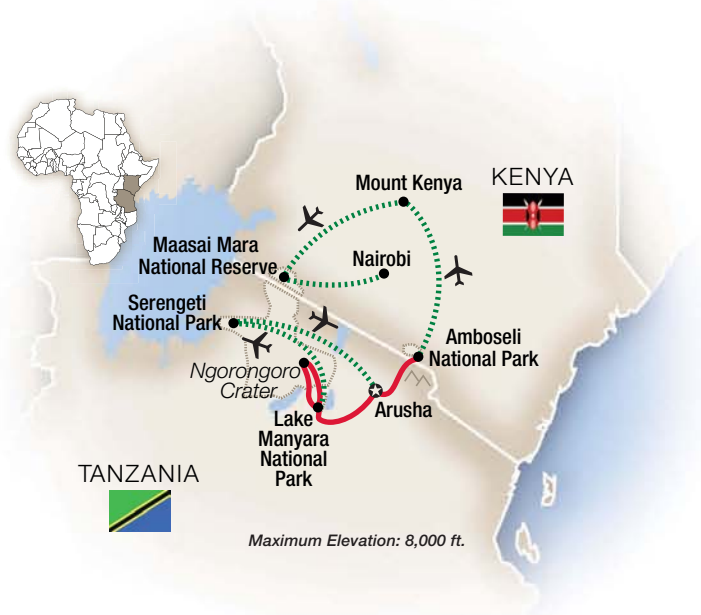
13 DAYS FROM AUD \$17,090

1. Arrive Arusha

Tour begins: Gran Meliá Arusha. Transfers are included from Kilimanjaro International Airport to Gran Meliá Arusha for an overnight stay. Meet your fellow travelers in the morning.

2. Ancient Ngorongoro Crater

Set out for a five-night safari to Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti plains. Stop for lunch overlooking Lake Manyara, abundant with giraffes, baboons, elephants and great birds of prey. Continue to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, home to some 30,000 large mammals, for two nights; it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in part because of its global importance for biodiversity. We invite you to join us for a welcome dinner at the lodge tonight. **Meals BLD**



Uniquely Tauck

- Soar over the Maasai Mara National Reserve in a hot air balloon as dawn breaks over the bush and wildlife awakens, touching down for a champagne breakfast that is unlike any other
- Picnic in ancient Ngorongoro Crater, a haven for wildlife including the Big Five – elephant, leopard, lion, buffalo and rhino – and named one of the “Seven Natural Wonders of the World”
- A private lecture by an elephant researcher in Amboseli National Park rewards with an insider take on the lives and behaviors of the elephant families that thrive here and the conservation efforts underway on their behalf
- Visit organizations established to promote the rehabilitation of orphaned, injured or abused wildlife including the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, and the Mount Kenya Wildlife Center and enjoy a game drive that views rhinos and more in the wild



Meet the Maasai and learn about cultural traditions during a visit to a Maasai village in the African bush.

3. Picnic in Africa’s “Garden of Eden”

Explore the “lost world” of Ngorongoro Crater aboard your four-wheel-drive vehicle and enjoy a picnic lunch. Keep an eye out for Africa’s Big Five: buffalo, elephant, leopard, the lion and the endangered black rhinoceros, as well as herds of zebras, wildebeests and gazelles. Pack your Tauck duffle bag for three nights in Serengeti National Park. **Meals BLD**

4. Fly to Serengeti National Park

Fly to the Serengeti this morning, arriving in time for lunch at the Four Seasons Safari Lodge. An afternoon game drive in the park excites with up-close sightings of the many animals who make their home here from the safety and comfort of your open-top safari vehicle. Enjoy a barbecue dinner, along with a Maasai cultural performance. **Meals BLD**

5. Endless plains in Serengeti National Park

Morning and afternoon game drives take you into the golden Serengeti savanna today, one of the oldest ecosystems on Earth able to sustain an abundance of flora and fauna. You may spot numerous prides of lions, zebras, hyenas, leopards,

cheetahs, elephants, black rhinoceros, hippos, buffaloes, jackals, gazelles and primates during your drives. Have dinner at the lodge tonight. **Meals BLD**

6. Savor the Serengeti

Spend the entire day in Serengeti National Park embarking on morning and afternoon game drives, balanced with time at leisure to enjoy the amenities and serenity of your safari lodge, ideally located for wildlife viewing at your pleasure. Elephant families are drawn to the watering hole near the lodge’s swimming pool. Dine at leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

7. Amboseli National Park

Fly to Arusha early this morning where majestic Mount Kilimanjaro towers over surrounding landscapes at more



The story of the “Big Five”

The term “big five” was originally used by big-game hunters to identify Africa’s five most difficult large game animals to hunt while on foot – but today, those same famous species are the most sought-after to view on game drives like those you’ll enjoy on Tauck’s African safaris. They include the African elephant, the world’s largest land mammal, found throughout Kenya’s Maasai Mara National Reserve and Amboseli National Park, and Tanzania’s Serengeti National Park; the black rhinoceros, often seen in Tanzania’s Ngorongoro Crater and the Maasai Mara; the deceptively dangerous Cape (or African) buffalo, which roams South Africa’s Sabi Sands Game Reserve and the Serengeti; the leopard, frequently hanging out in trees throughout eastern and Southern Africa; and, of course, the lion, holding court in many of the above parks and reserves, as well as in Tarangire National Park in Tanzania. Tauck’s safaris provide ample opportunities for viewing the animals up close in their natural habitats.



than 15,000 feet up. Continue to Kenya today for a two-night stay in Amboseli National Park, whose savanna grasslands spread across the Kenya – Tanzania border. Enjoy lunch at your lodge and settle into your Maasai-inspired room, set in a secluded grove of acacia trees with a private balcony overlooking the plains and Kilimanjaro; nearby swamps host free-ranging elephants. Amboseli’s elephant families and ongoing efforts to protect them are the subject of a private lecture and reception before dinner. **Meals BLD**

8. Meet the Maasai & your first game drive

Visit a nearby Maasai village this morning for a glimpse of daily life in the African bush; meet the chief and go inside a private home as you learn about their traditions. Head out on your first game drive for opportunities to see elephants,

hippos, buffaloes, antelopes, jackals and warthogs. After lunch and an afternoon game drive, return to the lodge for an evening spent as you please. **Meals BLD**

9. Mount Kenya & an animal orphanage

A morning flight from Amboseli National Park is followed by a game drive through the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, boasting East Africa’s largest resident black rhino population and others of the Big Five, en route to the Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club – where the Equator literally runs right through the center of the hotel. The hotel was founded in 1959 by the late film star William Holden and is known for attracting a celebrity clientele. Enjoy lunch at the lodge, then join in a special Equatorial ceremony before dinner. **Meals BLD**

10. Weavers & a wildlife orphanage

Visit the town of Nanyuki this morning, known for its colorful rugs, hangings and shawls; on a private visit with local weavers, see them shearing, spinning, dyeing and weaving sheep's wool by hand. Return to your lodge for lunch and time at leisure before a private visit to The Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy animal orphanage and education center. The orphanage provides care for orphaned, injured, neglected, abused or frightened wild animals with the goal to release them back into the wild, as well as "preservation of the environment and the wildlife within." Dine under the stars tonight at a private barbecue at the hotel. **Meals BLD**

11. Fly to the Maasai Mara

Pack your Tauck duffle bag for a two-night stay at the Fairmont Mara Safari Club, surrounded on three sides by the Mara River and on the edge of the Seventh "New" Wonder of the World. Fly from Nanyuki to the Maasai Mara, touching down to a welcome by a Maasai warrior. After a free afternoon, enjoy an eye-opening early evening game drive on the Mara plains. Return to the Safari Club for a briefing on tomorrow's balloon ride, followed by dinner. **Meals BLD**

12. Hot air balloon & a bush breakfast

Rise early for an exciting hot air balloon* flight high above the treetops' height, to observe the spectacle of Africa's "circle of life" from the air. As dawn breaks, you'll enjoy panoramic views of the wildlife that roam the vast Maasai Mara reserve, one of the world's richest wildlife reserves and home to zebras, cheetahs, wildebeests, gazelles and the Big Five. Descend for a champagne breakfast served in the bush followed by a game drive en route to the lodge and a free afternoon. A final game drive this evening precedes a farewell reception and boma dinner at the lodge. **Meals BLD**

13. Journey Home

Tour ends: Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Fly to Nairobi for a midday arrival. We have reserved a day room for you at the Nairobi Serena Hotel; depart the hotel for the airport after dinner. Please allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals BLD**

2024 DATES

Jan 13, 27 Feb 10 Apr 6 May 18, 25 Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Jul 6, 13, 20, 27, 31 Aug 5, 10, 14, 19, 24 Sep 2, 7, 14, 21, 28
Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 Dec 14 / = Sold Out!

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

Jan - Feb, Jun, Oct 1 - 15

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$18,210	+	\$1,630	=	\$ 19,840
Single	\$19,958	+	\$1,630	=	\$ 21,588
Triple	\$18,242	+	\$1,630	=	\$ 19,872

Apr - May, Oct 16 - 31

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$15,460	+	\$ 1,630	=	\$ 17,090
Single	\$ 16,944	+	\$ 1,630	=	\$ 18,574
Triple	\$ 15,553	+	\$ 1,630	=	\$ 17,183

Jul - Sep, Dec

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 18,650	+	\$ 1,630	=	\$ 20,280
Single	\$ 20,353	+	\$ 1,630	=	\$ 21,983
Triple	\$ 18,487	+	\$ 1,630	=	\$ 20,117

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

36 meals (12 Breakfasts, 12 Lunches & 12 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes and portage. The price of your journey includes the hot air balloon experience over the Maasai Mara on Day 12 – AUD \$565 value. On-tour air included (5 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	GRAN MELIÁ ARUSHA	Arusha, Tanzania
Night 2,3	NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE	Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania
Night 4-6*	FOUR SEASONS SAFARI LODGE SERENGETI	Serengeti National Park, Tanzania
Night 7,8	AMBOSELI SERENA SAFARI LODGE	Amboseli National Park, Tanzania
Night 9,10	FAIRMONT MOUNT KENYA SAFARI CLUB	Nanyuki, Kenya
Night 11,12	FAIRMONT MARA SAFARI CLUB	Maasai Mara National, Reserve, Kenya

*Tours of June 1 and August 14 will stay at Meliá Serengeti Lodge.

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 4



South Africa: An Elegant Adventure

Cultural treasures and wildlife wonders from Cape Town to Victoria Falls

12 DAYS FROM AUD \$15,930 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

1. Arrive Cape Town

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Cape Grace. A transfer is included from Cape Town International Airport to the Cape Grace, where all guest rooms have harbor views; upgraded accommodations with Table Mountain views are available at an additional cost (see page 103). Join us for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner this evening. **Meals D**

2. Explore Cape Town & the Winelands

Enjoy a private lecture on apartheid before exploring Cape Town on an orientation sightseeing tour in and around the city. Sightseeing includes views of City Hall, Parliament and St. George's Cathedral (where Desmond Tutu was inaugurated as archbishop). Following a journey by rotating



Uniquely Tauck

- Drink in some of the Cape Winelands noted wines from Sauvignon Blanc and Pinotage to Cabernet Sauvignon which will be featured in a private pairing dinner
- Experience a private sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River as you hear tales about the life and legacy of African missionary and explorer Dr. David Livingstone from a local historian
- Explore Kruger National Park on private game drives with expert trackers during your two night stay inside the park, where wildlife viewing may include leopards, elephants, rhinos and more
- Enjoy a private lecture on apartheid by a former guard at Robben Island who became friends with the late South African President Nelson Mandela during his incarceration there



In Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls is one of the world's great natural wonders – discover the stories on a two-night stay.

cable car, you'll find yourself atop famous Table Mountain. Enjoy magnificent 360-degree views of the city and bay during the ride up and on a walk at the top. After lunch, enjoy a walking tour of Kirstenbosch Gardens, highlighting the unique plant life of southern Africa, and stop at the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (MOCAA). Enjoy free time as you please in Cape Town before driving to the suburb of Constantia in the Cape Winelands for a private wine-pairing dinner. **Meals BLD**

3. On and around the Cape Peninsula

Travel to Cape Point and take a funicular up to the historic lighthouse. The views overlooking the Cape of Good Hope are outstanding. Travel to Simon's Town for lunch and a unique opportunity to meet African penguins in a boulder-laced coastal park. Standing 18 inches high and the only penguin species that breeds in Africa, they are listed among the world's endangered species. Return to your hotel late afternoon where the rest of the day is free. **Meals BL**

4. Fly to Kruger National Park

Fly to Kruger National Park, where your safari experience begins at Lion Sands – Kruger National Park. Set in the

South African lowveldt, it is one of the best game-viewing areas of the park; your classic safari accommodations are in a private riverside setting inside the park. This area is home to many endangered and rare animals, as you'll discover on a late afternoon game drive, before dinner, with an expert safari guide. **Meals BLD**

5. Lion Sands – Kruger National Park

Your safari lodge is located inside Kruger National Park, where wildlife viewing is rich. The park boasts one of the highest recorded densities of predators – especially of leopards – in Africa. Spot the animals that live here on morning and afternoon game drives with expert trackers. Tonight, feast on African cuisine at your lodge. **Meals BLD**

6. Exclusive game drives in Sabi Sabi

A final game drive and an optional guided walk through the bush mark the end of your stay in Kruger National Park. Next, move on to Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge, situated within the Sabie



At the Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge...

The magic begins the moment you drive into the Sabi Sabi Private Reserve bordering Kruger National Park. Your contemporary accommodations are designed to capture the moment as it happens, with panoramic views of the bushveld; endless wildlife sightings at the watering hole feet from the lounge, atrium and bar area; with an ever-vigilant guide on private game drives; during afternoon tea served with tradition; and at sundowners indulgent under a crimson sky.



Leopards in Kruger National Park

One of the Big Five game animals you may have an opportunity to see during your game drives in Kruger National Park, the leopard is one of the least social, most graceful and one of the most beautiful of the African big cats. Shy solitary animals, leopards are elusive, preferring to rest in the low branches of trees by day and hunt at night. While they have been spotted throughout Kruger National Park, any place along a river, where there are large trees with bushy branches is a good place to see a leopard who just may be looking down at you too!

Sands Game Reserve. Designed with viewing decks that overlook a watering hole and plain, the lodge is located in habitats that are home to Africa's "Big Five," as well as wild dogs, cheetahs and over 300 species of birds. After lunch at the lodge and time at leisure, embark on an afternoon game drive that takes you deep into the African bushveldt. Dine at your leisure at the lodge. **Meals BLD**

7. Safari life in Sabi Sabi, dawn to dusk

Morning and afternoon game drives aboard four-wheel-drive, open-top Land Rovers today provide the possibility of up-close sightings of African game. Expert trackers and experienced rangers help you to spot the animals who migrate through the reserve, including antelopes, kudu, impalas and giraffes. You'll have opportunities to spend some time as you please at your lodge today, which is reminiscent of safaris in days gone by. **Meals BLD**

8. Fly to Johannesburg

After a morning at leisure, fly to Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city and commercial hub, for a two-night stay. "Jo'burg" is the world's biggest city not situated on a river, lake or coastline. Among the most modern and prosperous cities in South Africa, it has derived much of its wealth from the major gold- and diamond-mining industries based here. Learn about diamonds and Africa's gemstones at a special presentation early this evening. Your boutique hotel, an oasis in the city, is where you'll dine tonight. **Meals BD**

9. Sightsee in historic Johannesburg

Cultural discoveries enrich your educational sightseeing tour of Johannesburg this morning. Visit the Apartheid Museum, the pre-eminent museum in the world dealing with 20th-century South Africa, at the heart of which is the apartheid story, illustrating its rise and fall. See the home of South Africa's first black President, the late Nelson Mandela, as well as the Constitutional Court building. Return to your hotel; the rest of the day is free. **Meals BL**

10. Victoria Falls & an explorer's tale

Fly to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe for two nights spent amidst the colonial grandeur of the historic, five-star Victoria Falls Hotel – which has stood overlooking the famous falls for over a century – with an included high tea either today or tomorrow. Stroll along the hotel's private pathways for stunning views of breathtaking Victoria Falls; plunging over a gorge into the Zambezi River, it is neither the world's highest nor widest waterfall, but is still classified as the largest on Earth, comprising the largest sheet of falling water in the

world. Late this afternoon a local historian shares the story of African explorer and missionary David Livingstone while you enjoy refreshments aboard a private sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River. Dine in your choice of hotel restaurants tonight as you wish. **Meals BD**

11. Elephant sanctuary in Victoria Falls

First up this morning is a privately guided walk around Victoria Falls, stopping to view its thundering waters from various vantage points including the Devil's Cataract, Rain Forest, Main Falls and Danger Point. You'll gain some amazing insights about African elephants from a naturalist during a visit to an elephant sanctuary where you'll learn about them as they feed, play, and socialize. Majestic, wise and very intelligent, they have earned their nickname "gentle giants." Meet more locals during a visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust clinic dedicated to the protection and conservation of indigenous animals that live in the region surrounding Victoria Falls and learn firsthand about the work the doctors and scientists undertake here. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner at your hotel tonight. **Meals BLD**

12. Journey Home

Tour ends: O.R. Tambo International Airport. Enjoy time at leisure in Victoria Falls before your return flight to Johannesburg this afternoon. Flights home should be scheduled to depart Johannesburg after 6:30 PM. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**



Upgrade to Table Mountain Views at Cape Grace in Cape Town

You have an opportunity to purchase upgraded accommodations to Table Mountain views at Cape Grace in Cape Town at an additional cost per person; please note, limited availability. Go to tauck.com.au for room descriptions – please ask for details at booking.

Double: AUD \$510 Single: AUD \$950 Triple: N/A

2024 DATES

Jan 19 Feb 2, 16 Mar 15 Apr 12 May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 Jun 7, 14, 21 Jul 12, 19, 31 Aug 2, 14, 16, 23, 30
 Sep 11, 13, 25, 27 Oct 2, 9, 11, 16, 23, 25

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

January – March, September – December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double \$ 16,650 + \$ 1,450 = **\$ 18,100**

Single \$ 20,817 + \$ 1,450 = **\$ 22,267**

April – August 6

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double \$ 14,480 + \$ 1,450 = **\$ 15,930**

Single \$ 18,612 + \$ 1,450 = **\$ 20,062**

August 7 – 31

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double \$ 15,780 + \$ 1,450 = **\$ 17,230**

Single \$ 19,909 + \$ 1,450 = **\$ 21,359**

Dates in **blue** indicate Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, priced from AUD \$17,380 per person double; specific dates apply.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

28 meals (11 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 9 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portorage. On-tour air included (3 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1-3	CAPE GRACE	Cape Town
Night 4,5	LION SANDS – KRUGER NATIONAL PARK	Lion Sands - Kruger NP Concession
Night 6,7*	SABI SABI BUSH LODGE	Sabi Sabi Private Reserve
Night 8,9	FAIRLAWNS BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA	Johannesburg
Night 10,11	THE VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

*Tour of May 3, Aug 30 will stay nights 4 – 7 at Lion Sands – Kruger National Park.

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Accommodation Upgrade – Limited Availability: Upgrading your accommodations on Nights 1 – 3 to a premier room is available at additional cost per person; see details. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 4



Tanzania: Serengeti to Zanzibar

Private game drives and premier lodges in legendary national parks

10 DAYS FROM AUD \$12,450 | ALL SMALL GROUPS LIMITED TO 24 GUESTS

1. Arrive Arusha

Tour begins: Arusha Serena Hotel, Resort & Spa. A transfer from Kilimanjaro International Airport to Arusha Serena Hotel, Resort & Spa is included. Your hotel sits at the foot of sacred Mount Meru on the shores of Lake Duluti. Sleep to the sounds of the wilderness tonight.

2. To Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Pay a visit to a traditional Maasai village this morning. Learn about daily life in the African bush during talks with the tribal chief and local villagers. Stop at a village school to meet the students and their teachers, join tribe members for a medicine walk, and enjoy a typical bush lunch. Travel to your

safari lodge in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, arriving late afternoon; built on the dormant volcano's rim, you'll have an excellent view of the "lost world" below during dinner in the Main Restaurant this evening. **Meals BLD**

3. Ngorongoro Crater

Explore Ngorongoro Crater on a game drive this morning, followed by a picnic lunch in the crater. Long regarded as Africa's "Garden of Eden," the landscapes you'll see today include grasslands, forests and a saltwater lake, inspiring a continual migration of animals. From the comfort of your four-wheel-drive vehicle, you may spot the "Big Five" – buffalo, elephant, leopard, the black-maned lion and the rare black rhinoceros. Return to your safari lodge, where

Uniquely Tauck

- Experience private game drives in special safari vehicles within Serengeti National Park, led by expert trackers and guides knowledgeable about the behaviors and habitats of African wildlife
- Get a new perspective of the Serengeti as you soar over the landscapes at dawn aboard a hot air balloon, witnessing an array of animals on the savanna below, followed by a bush breakfast
- Enjoy a private picnic lunch inside Ngorongoro Crater, a massive caldera containing one of the oldest ecosystems on Earth – believed by many to have been Africa's original "Garden of Eden"
- Spend two nights in Zanzibar at an oceanfront hotel, exploring the sights on a Stone Town cultural walking tour, a private dhow cruise on the Indian Ocean with swimming and snorkeling, and a spice tour



A two-night stay on the island of Zanzibar provides an in-depth look at life and cultural traditions in the Spice Islands.



the remainder of the day is free for you to spend at your leisure; you'll have an opportunity to observe Ngorongoro's wildlife-rich caldera below, from the comfort of your private terrace. Pack up your Tauck-supplied duffle bag tonight for your upcoming four-night stay in the Serengeti. **Meals BLD**

4. Oldupai Gorge / Serengeti National Park

Drive to Oldupai Gorge this morning where archaeologists Louis and Mary Leakey discovered fossilized remains of some of the earliest humans ever recorded – 1.8 million years old. Visit the museum and enjoy a private lecture by a resident expert about the site, before setting off over the unpaved roads that take you across the plains and grasslands of the always-fascinating Serengeti National Park. You'll have many opportunities for wildlife viewing en route to your safari lodge in the Central Serengeti; its authentic décor was inspired by Maasai tribal dwellings. Dinner is at your leisure; later in the evening, you'll have an opportunity to learn about some of the local cultural traditions during a performance at the lodge. **Meals BLD**



Included hot air balloon over the Serengeti

Nothing is as exhilarating as a hot air balloon flight at dawn; you soar over Serengeti National Park, viewing a new day unfolding in the savanna below. The experience from above is most memorable, unique and different from your safaris by land.



Kirawira Tented Camp

Thought to be set in one of the best locations in all of Tanzania, the lovely views of the Serengeti's limitless savanna present a passing parade of African wildlife. Accommodations are in luxurious individual tents built on raised wooden decks, reminiscent of the Victorian era.



The spice of life in Stone Town, Zanzibar

Walk through the old market in Stone Town amidst fragrances of cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, ginger, vanilla, black pepper and more, cultural and economic mainstays in the "Spice Islands" for centuries; the spices are traded in destinations the world over.

5. Hot air balloon flight over the Serengeti

A hot air balloon flight* at dawn soars over the Serengeti savanna giving you the unique opportunity to observe the morning rituals of the reserve's wildlife as they wake up to a new day; experience unforgettable panoramic views and photo opportunities, then a champagne breakfast in the bush helps bring you back down to Earth! Look for hyenas, leopards, cheetahs, jackals, gazelles, zebras, elephants, hippos and more as you drive back to your lodge for lunch in the Serengeti; it's also one of the best places on the African continent to find prides of lions. Following lunch and time at leisure at the lodge, head off for an afternoon game drive. A sundowner, dinner and entertainment at the lodge end a wonderful day in Africa. **Meals BLD**

6. Kirawira elegant tented safari camp

Travel to the Western Serengeti for a two-night stay at Kirawira Serena Camp – sitting on a hilltop overlooking the vast plains of the Serengeti, it is styled after the hunting camps of the Edwardian era. Arrive in time for lunch and an afternoon game drive with an experienced guide who points out wildlife sightings along the way. Dinner tonight is at your leisure in the camp's dining tent. **Meals BLD**

7. Western Serengeti safari game drives

On your final day in the Serengeti, you'll have the opportunity to embark on both morning and afternoon game drives. In between, there's some time to enjoy the amenities of Kirawira Serena Camp, including a swimming pool. Wildlife sightings today may enable you to spot lions, leopards, elephants, wildebeest and more; an afternoon drive returns to the tented safari camp late afternoon. Dinner this evening is at your leisure. **Meals BLD**



You'll have an opportunity on daily safari game drives to witness, first-hand, the daily life of Africa's Big Five – such as leopards.



Game drives throughout Tanzania's varied landscapes will be unique, and your open safari vehicle gives you a front row view.

8. Zanzibar – a cultural melting pot

Enjoy a final game drive this morning before flying to the archipelago of Zanzibar in the Indian Ocean, a land of spices, exotic wildlife, and white sand beaches; stay two nights at a seaside hotel in the heart of historic Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the main port of Zanzibar City. Have lunch, then set off with a local guide on a walking tour; learn about the unique mix of cultures, a blend of African, Arab, Indian, Persian, and European influences. The evening is free to explore as you wish. **Meals BL**

9. A dhow on the Indian Ocean

Dhows – handcrafted sailboats – have sailed the archipelago waters for millennia, trading and fishing from one island port to the next. Set out to sea aboard a dhow this morning on a private cruise as the captain and crew help you spot dolphins often frolicking in the ocean. Cast anchor off a beach and have lunch in a paradise of white sands and turquoise sea; enjoy time for swimming and snorkeling in the crystal-clear waters, and view the beautiful coral reefs. Return to the Park Hyatt Zanzibar and spend the afternoon exploring Stone Town. Its labyrinthine cobblestone lanes are lined with faded mansions of Arabic, Indian, and European design, graced with elaborately carved doors and balconies. Join us for a farewell dinner at the hotel. **Meals BLD**

10. Journey Home

Tour ends: Zanzibar. Fly home anytime. Visit a spice farm for a guided tour this morning, or enjoy time at leisure. Allow 3 hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Jan 22 Feb 5 May 20 Jun 3, 17 Jul 1, 15, 29
Aug 12, 26 Sep 9, 23 Oct 7 Dec 23

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

January – February; June 10 – December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (1 flight) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 12,940	+	\$1,250	=	\$ 14,190
Single	\$ 14,502	+	\$1,250	=	\$ 15,752
Triple	\$ 12,543	+	\$1,250	=	\$ 13,793

May – June 9

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (1 flight) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 11,300	+	\$1,150	=	\$ 12,450
Single	\$ 12,906	+	\$1,150	=	\$ 14,056
Triple	\$ 10,895	+	\$1,150	=	\$ 12,045

All departures are Small Group Departures limited to 24 Tauck guests.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

24 meals (9 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portorage. The price of your journey includes the hot air balloon experience over the Serengeti on Day 5... AUD \$690 value. On-tour air included (1 flight).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	ARUSHA SERENA HOTEL, RESORT & SPA	Arusha
Night 2,3	NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE	Ngorongoro Crater
Night 4,5	SERENGETI SERENA SAFARI LODGE	Serengeti National Park
Night 6,7	KIRAWIRA SERENA CAMP (ELEGANT TENTED SAFARI CAMP)	Serengeti National Park
Night 8,9	PARK HYATT ZANZIBAR	Stone Town, Zanzibar

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 4



Botswana, South Africa & Zambia

Welcome to a celebration of nature on a life-changing safari to remember

12 DAYS FROM AUD \$20,280 | ALL SMALL GROUPS AVERAGING 20 GUESTS

1. Arrive Livingstone

Tour begins: 5:00 PM, The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara. Transfers are included from Livingstone Airport to The Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara, Zambia, named for 19th-century missionary and explorer, Dr. David Livingstone. Settle in at the Royal Livingstone Hotel, a colonial-style luxury hotel on the Zambezi River in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park; the hotel's lounges and shaded verandahs evoke the elegance of a bygone era. Tonight, we invite you to join us for a welcome dinner by the river, under the stars. **Meals D**

2. Rhino walking safari & Victoria Falls

A guided walking safari* through a rhino sanctuary offers you a chance to see these fabulous animals, endangered

wildlife, in their natural habitat. Enjoy a lunch cruise on the Zambezi River, one of the longest rivers in Africa. Then follow the sound of roaring water on a walking tour to Mosi-oa-Tunya, "The Smoke That Thunders," which explorer David Livingstone named Victoria Falls. You'll learn about the historic bridges, flora and fauna as you walk along a series of trails. The site where the mile-wide Zambezi River plunges powerfully into a chasm more than 350 feet deep, sending billowing clouds of spray skyward like inverted rain, is sure to leave you speechless. **Meals BLD**

3. Across the Zambezi to Botswana

Travel across the Zambezi River to Botswana this morning for a motorboat safari on the Chobe River. After lunch, hop

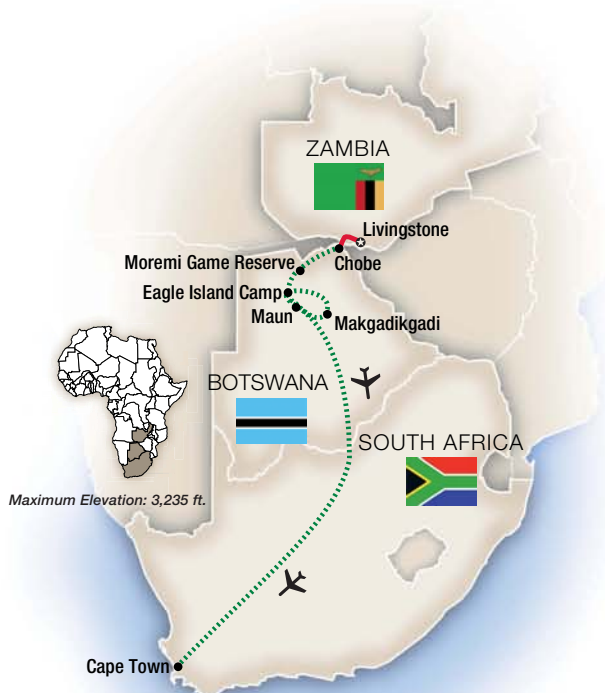
Uniquely Tauck

- Explore the diverse wilderness landscapes of Botswana on game drives in 6-passenger, open-top safari vehicles with window seats for everyone
- A walking safari with Zu/'hoasi San Bushmen in Botswana offers a close-up look at their legendary survival skills, daily life and culture
- On the edge of the Kalahari Desert, embark on a 4x4 vehicle adventure on the Makgadikgadi Pans and visit with the region's delightful Meerkats as they go about their daily business out on the pans
- Watch the sun set in Makgadikgadi Pans National Park for a life-changing experience you'll never forget; the silence is golden, and the panoramic sky is nothing short of inspirational



Glean unique insights on a walking safari with Zu/'hoasi San Bushmen on the salt plains at the edge of the Kalahari Desert.

a flight to the Moremi Game Reserve on the Okavango River and settle into your lodge on the Khwai River. During seasonal flooding, the delta might swell to three times its size, becoming an oasis in an arid country and attracting wildlife – and predators, including lions and leopards. You'll have a unique chance to view the reserve's abundant wildlife after dark on a night safari. **Meals BLD**



4. Game drives in Moremi Game Reserve

Embark on a game drive in an open-top safari vehicle in Moremi Game Reserve with local guides who demonstrate their remarkable skills in tracking animals. Return to camp for lunch and to spend time as you please before another game drive this afternoon; perhaps a little inspiration and restoration at the spa, or wildlife spotting from the comfort of your own private deck. We invite you to join us for a special evening – dine in a boma on the lodge grounds, under the stars, with a few surprises. **Meals BLD**

5. Heart of the Okavango Delta

Begin the day with a morning game drive and an optional walking safari. Today you'll fly from Khwai further into the Okavango Delta to Belmond Eagle Island Camp. Situated on remote Xaxaba Island among a web of waterways and lush vegetation, it overlooks a lagoon that attracts a breathtaking variety of wildlife. This afternoon take a motorboat safari



You'll have one of life's more memorable experiences on the Makgadikgadi Pans – an opportunity to “meet the Meerkats” in their colony; inquisitive, you'll observe their interactions with each other – and you! The One&Only Cape Town is a perfect ending to an amazing journey.

along the intricate, winding waterways of the Okavango Delta in search of elephants, hippos and water birds. Return to the lodge late afternoon; with incredible views across the Okavango Delta, the dining experience at Belmond Eagle Island Camp tonight will be long remembered, **Meals BLD**

splash as you are poled along, and attune your ears to the sounds of nature around you. Spot long reed frogs, spiders, dragonflies, and wildlife that range from antelope to giraffes along with a variety of birds. Should water levels prohibit boat rides, enjoy a game drive on land in safari vehicles with a visit to a local village. **Meals BLD**

6. Okavango Delta by canoe & helicopter

First up this morning – a game drive exploring the Okavango Delta by mokoro canoe – and helicopter. The parallel views you'll experience by helicopter are truly stunning; hovering over the delta, you'll be treated to amazing wildlife sightings, water and land contrasts and a visual kaleidoscope of nature. After lunch, a mokoro canoe safari aboard a traditional dugout canoe takes you gliding over shallow, clear waters to areas otherwise inaccessible. Listen to the gentle, rhythmic

7. Makgadikgadi Pans & San Bushmen

This morning, fly to Makgadikgadi Pans, the salt plains at the edge of the Kalahari Desert, and arrive at Camp Kalahari. A parched wasteland most of the year, seasonally there's water and grass in the plains, drawing wildlife. On a walking safari with Zu/'hoasi San Bushmen, you'll learn how they use their legendary hunting and survival skills. A traditional sundowner and dinner end a most remarkable day. **Meals BLD**



An Adventurous, Active Safari Experience

If you're looking for an African safari experience that is something different, more on the active / adventurous side, this is it. Adventure? You'll go on game drives via open-top safari vehicle, motorboat, 4-wheel-drive all-terrain vehicle (ATV), mokoro canoe (a traditional dugout canoe) – and by helicopter, where the view of the waterways and wetlands that you've explored by land is incomparable. Active? How about guided walks to connect, in depth – with the Zu/'hoasi San Bushmen to learn about their unique skills, a walking tour through the historic streets of Cape Town, a trail walk along the Zambezi River to the wonder known as Victoria Falls – and that's just the beginning...

8. Meet the Meerkats & a salt pan adventure

Get acquainted with a family of fascinating Meerkats as they dig for termites, frolic and stand at attention, always alert for predators; they have no fear of humans. On a fantastic late afternoon trip to Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, a 4-wheel-drive all-terrain vehicle (ATV)* takes you out onto the salt pans in the middle of the dry Botswana savannah for dinner. Watching the sun set in this remote region of the Kalahari Desert is an amazing experience – the spectacle of the panoramic sky is nothing short of inspirational. **Meals BLD**

9. Arrive Cape Town, South Africa

Depart Camp Kalahari and fly to Maun, then on to Cape Town, South Africa, where you'll spend the next three nights at the One&Only Cape Town. Your aptly-named hotel is one of a kind, an urban oasis designed around a series of artificial islands, offering contemporary glamour with an African accent and stunning views of Table Mountain and the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront; the evening is free. **Meals B**

10. A day spent in Cape Town

Cape Town's real fascination is in its contrasts – modern towers beside ornate colonial architecture, and the mix of cultures (Dutch, French, English, African, Afrikaans, Malaysian, Indian and more). Visit the Cape Malay quarter (also known as Bo-Kaap), a neighborhood of cobbled streets, spice shops, and brightly painted houses. Visit the District Six Museum, chronicling the effects of apartheid and forced removals in Cape Town's District Six. The afternoon is free for you to explore as you please; return to your hotel, or perhaps explore the maritime heritage of the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, a promenade of shops, tall ships and historical buildings along the working harbor. Join us this evening at a private home for a traditional braai (barbecue) under a stunning Cape Town sunset. **Meals BD**

11. Seals, sharks & the Cape of Good Hope

Drive to Cape Point and the Cape Point Nature Reserve, home to antelope, zebra, ostriches, baboons, and breathtaking seascapes this morning, then ride the funicular to Cape Point overlook for views of the Cape of Good Hope and enjoy lunch overlooking False Bay. Continue to Simon's Town where you will set sail for Seal Island, a rock off the coast that is home to upwards of 40,000 fur seals and a magnet for other residents of the sea – including the Great White Shark – that coexist off the Cape of Good Hope. Return to the hotel and join us for a farewell reception and dinner at your hotel's signature restaurant tonight. **Meals BLD**

12. Journey Home

Tour ends: Cape Town. Fly home anytime. Transfers to Cape Town International Airport from One&Only Cape Town are included. Allow at least 3 hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Apr 20 **May** 4, 18 **Jun** 1, 15, 29 **Jul** 6, 13, 20, 27
Aug 10, 17, 24, 31 **Sep** 7, 14, 21, 28

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

April

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 17,530	+	\$ 2,750	=	\$ 20,280
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Single	\$ 21,248	+	\$ 2,750	=	\$ 23,998
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Triple	\$ 17,566	+	\$ 2,750	=	\$ 20,316
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May – September

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 20,280	+	\$ 2,750	=	\$ 23,030
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Single	\$ 24,469	+	\$ 2,750	=	\$ 27,219
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Triple	\$ 20,291	+	\$ 2,750	=	\$ 23,041
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All departures are Small Group Departures averaging 20 Tauck guests.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

29 meals (11 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 10 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portage. On-tour air included (4 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	THE ROYAL LIVINGSTONE HOTEL BY ANANTARA	Livingstone, Zambia
Night 3,4	BELMOND KHWAI RIVER LODGE	Moremi Game Reserve, Botswana
Night 5,6	BELMOND EAGLE ISLAND LODGE	Okavango Delta, Botswana
Night 7,8	CAMP KALAHARI	Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, Botswana
Night 9-11	ONE&ONLY CAPE TOWN	Cape Town, South Africa

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change.

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 4



Wildlife Odyssey: South Africa, Botswana & Zimbabwe

Safari adventures on game drives, motorboats and bush walks – with a helicopter tour of Cape Point

12 DAYS FROM AUD \$20,280 | ALL SMALL GROUPS LIMITED TO 18 GUESTS

1. Arrive Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Tour begins: 5:00 PM, Elephant Camp. An airport transfer is included upon arrival at Zimbabwe International Airport to Elephant Camp, a charming tented camp located on an escarpment in the middle of the bush. Join us for a welcome dinner tonight at the lodge. **Meals D**

2. Natural wonders of Victoria Falls

Join our local guide for a walking tour of Victoria Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore trails that offer different perspectives of the largest waterfalls in the world. After lunch at a local restaurant, head to an elephant



Uniquely Tauck

- Visit a wildlife clinic in Victoria Falls renowned for promoting environmental conservation and caring for African wildlife; meet the naturalists and doctors who care for the animals you'll see here
- Private game drives and motorboat safaris in Botswana's Chobe National Park ensure an up-close look at the locals, from elephants to hippos, impala, antelopes and buffalo to the countless birds that flock near the floodplains
- Take the phrase "a walk in the park" to another level when you join our safari guides on a "walking safari" in a private reserve within South Africa's Kruger National Park and its remarkable wildlife
- Soar over Cape Town landscapes by helicopter, flying down the coast to see Table Mountain, the Twelve Apostles, Chapman's Peak and the bays and towns of the Cape Peninsula



Visit an elephant sanctuary during your stay in Victoria Falls, enjoying a private encounter with elephants wild in the bush.

sanctuary for a private visit with a family of elephants out in the bush, patiently waiting to make your acquaintance. Visit the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust Clinic this afternoon, where a medical care facility and orphanage are dedicated to the health and welfare of Africa's wildlife. Tour the facility, meet the naturalists and doctors who work here to protect and rehabilitate animals injured by traps, snares and poachers, and learn more about the wildlife they have rescued. Dinner at your lodge is at your leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

3. Chobe National Park in Botswana

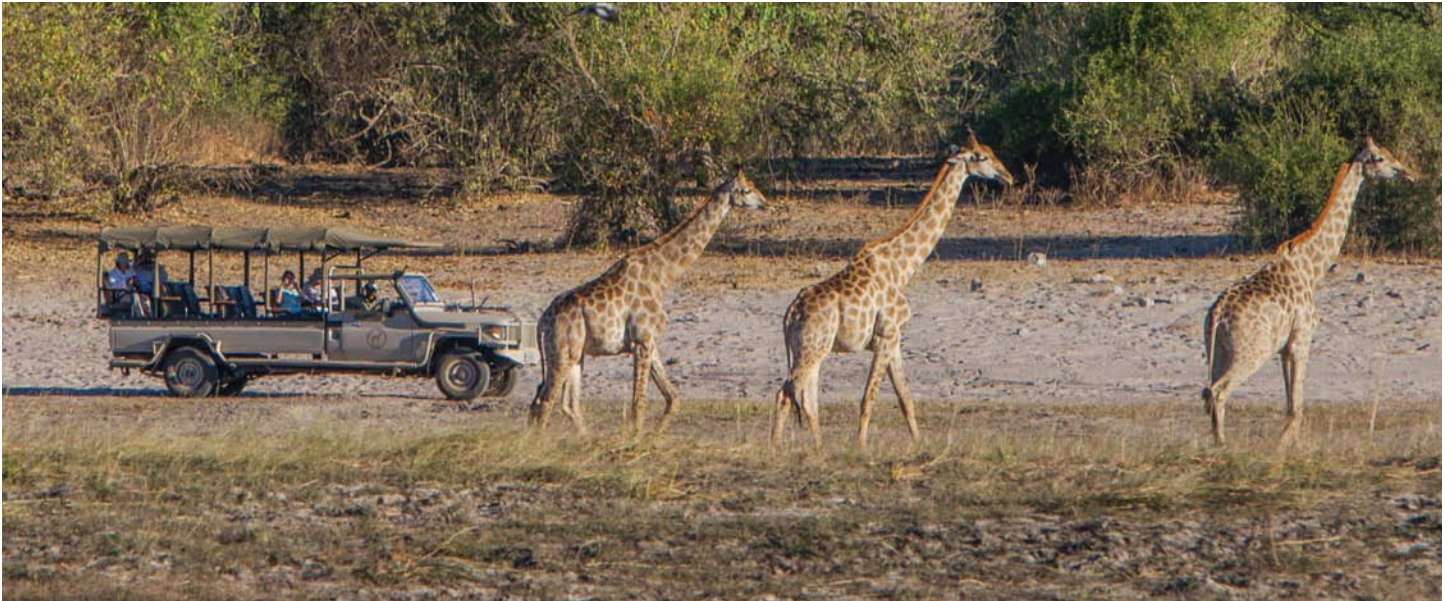
Cross into Botswana this morning en route to your riverside lodge in world-renowned Chobe National Park. Enjoy lunch at the lodge upon your arrival and join us for a sunset cruise on the Chobe River. Your expert guides will introduce you to the locals, furred, feathered and fleet-footed as you make your way into the bush. Botswana's first national park, Chobe attracts large herds of elephants and Cape Buffalo that frequent the river; lions, antelopes and hippos linger near lagoons; and numerous bird species and zebras favor the floodplains. Enjoy dinner at leisure at the lodge this evening and sleep to the sounds of the bush. **Meals BLD**

4. A game drive & a private motorboat safari

Rise early for a game drive that spies wildlife starting their day in the bush as dawn breaks over the park. Your expert guides follow tracks and interpret signs that lead to animal sightings. See the ever-present impala, puku antelopes and majestic giraffes snacking on treetops more than 16 feet high, and look for lions, wild dogs and leopards on the hunt. Return to your lodge for lunch, then join us on a private motorboat safari aboard a skimmer boat along the Chobe River. Watch for an array of birds, elephants, hippos and herd animals stopping by for a drink while prehistoric-looking crocodiles lie in wait in the water or on the shore. Dine indoors or out at your lodge tonight. **Meals BLD**

5. A look at local life

Visit a preschool in a small village not far from the park this morning. Learn about the lives and deep-rooted cultural traditions of the people who make their homes here. Depending on the season, ride aboard a safari vehicle or a



A three-night stay at a wilderness lodge in Chobe National Park includes private games drives with expert trackers, a sunset cruise and motorboat safari on the Chobe River and a visit to a preschool for opportunities to learn about the locals who make their homes here.

skimmer boat in search of up-close wildlife sightings that never get old. Enjoy panoramic views of the river from the elevated boardwalks at your lodge during your free time, a great spot to watch an ever-changing wildlife parade. Enjoy music and local dancers with dinner tonight. **Meals BLD**

6. Kruger National Park

Drive back to Zimbabwe to board a flight to Nelspruit, South Africa. Take a charter flight from Nelspruit to Ngala airstrip and continue to your safari lodge in Kruger National Park, Africa's largest game reserve. Stay in a thatched roof cottage with a private verandah for animal sightings of all shapes and sizes. Enjoy dinner in a boma at your lodge, with local music and dancers. **Meals BD**

7. Game Drives in Kruger National Park

Rise early and set off in search of Africa's Big Five – lions, leopards, buffalo, elephants and rhinos – along with wild dogs, hippos, cheetahs and herd animals with your expert guides. Morning and afternoon game drives offer ample opportunities to see predators and prey in their natural habitat. After dinner, embark on an evening game drive as nocturnal animals – pangolins, armadillos, bush babies and honey badgers among them – start to stir. **Meals BLD**

8. Embark on a walking safari

Rise early for a game drive followed by a nature walk unlike any you may have experienced before. Join your



Kruger National Park & Ngala Private Reserve

Encompassing nearly 5 million-acres, Kruger National Park is home to iconic safari animals from the Big Five – buffalo, elephants, leopards, lions and rhinos – giraffes, cheetah, spotted hyenas and zebra, as well as Nile crocodiles, hippos, African wild dogs and over 500 species of birds, including some of the rarest in Africa like the ground hornbill and lappet-faced vulture. Sharing an unfenced border with Kruger, South Africa's largest wildlife sanctuary, Ngala was the first private game reserve to be incorporated in the park and promises intimate viewings of the spectacular diversity of wildlife that moves through the wilderness here.

safari guides on a walking safari that offers an opportunity to learn about the bush and its fascinating fauna and flora from the ground up. Follow in the tracks of Africa's wildlife as your expert guide shares tracking tips with you. Walking safaris are only permitted on private lands and not in Africa's national parks. Enjoy an afternoon game drive and join us for a private dinner tonight out in the bush. **Meals BLD**

9. Fly to Cape Town

Take a final game drive this morning before flying to cosmopolitan Cape Town for a three-night stay. Your historic hotel, painted pink for peace in 1918, is nestled on a lush garden estate at the foot of Table Mountain. **Meals BD**

10. Explore Cape Town your way

A choice of sightseeing excursions today includes a tour of the Cape Winelands with tastings at two local wineries, along with a wine pairing luncheon and time to explore Franschhoek. Or, join us for an artisan and culinary tour of Cape Town, stopping to meet a jewelry designer who makes pieces from prison fences from Robben Island; taking a cooking lesson in making traditional Cape Malay appetizers before lunch; and visiting an art gallery featuring the works of South African artists. The rest of the day is free. **Meals BL**

11. Helicopter highs over Cape Town

Experience a bird's-eye view of Cape Town as you soar over the city aboard a helicopter that follows the coast to see Table Mountain, the Twelve Apostles, Chapman's Peak and the bays and towns that line the shores of the Cape Peninsula. Spend the afternoon as you like. Tonight, join us for an African-inspired farewell dinner. **Meals BD**



FEATURED HOTEL

&Beyond Ngala Safari Lodge

Built around nature, your lodge accommodations in Kruger National Park are spread out in the wilderness to evoke a sense of serenity and seclusion as you stay in colonial-style thatched roof cottages where elephant families often wander, unhurried, nearby.

12. Journey Home

Tour ends: Cape Town. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included to Cape Town Airport from Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel. You should allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Apr 18 **May 2, 16** **Jun 13, 27** **Jul 11, 25**
Aug 8, 22 **Sep 5, 19** **Oct 3, 17, 24** **Dec 19**

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

April - June 26

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 18,790	+	\$ 1,490	=	\$ 20,280
Single	\$ 22,006	+	\$ 1,490	=	\$ 23,496

June 27 - December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 19,940	+	\$ 1,490	=	\$ 21,430
Single	\$ 24,222	+	\$ 1,490	=	\$ 25,712

All departures are Small Group Departures limited to 18 Tauck guests.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

28 meals (11 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 10 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portorage. On-tour air included (3 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2*	ELEPHANT CAMP	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
Night 3-5	CHOBE GAME LODGE	Chobe National Park, Botswana
Night 6-8	&BEYOND NGALA SAFARI LODGE	Kruger National Park, South Africa
Night 9-11	BELMOND MOUNT NELSON HOTEL	Cape Town, South Africa

*Tours of May 2, 16; Sep 19; and Oct 3 will stay at the Old Drift Lodge.

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 4



Maasai Mara

Great Migration: Tanzania & Kenya

A front row seat to one of the world's greatest wildlife spectacles

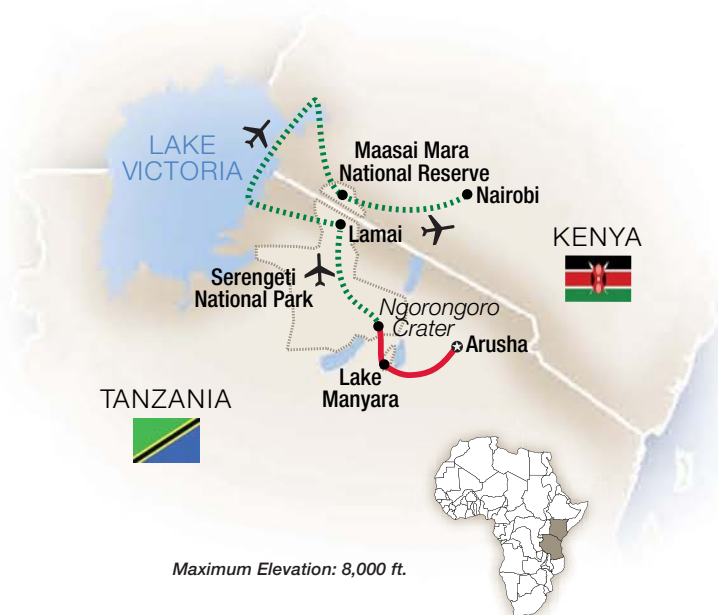
10 DAYS FROM AUD \$21,430 | ALL SMALL GROUPS LIMITED TO 18 GUESTS

1. Arrive Arusha

Tour begins: Rivertrees Country Inn. Transfers are included from Kilimanjaro International Airport to Rivertrees Country Inn, nestled on the grounds of an old coffee farm in the foothills of majestic Mount Meru, for an overnight stay. Meet your fellow travelers in the morning.

2. Isoitok Camp & Ngorongoro Crater

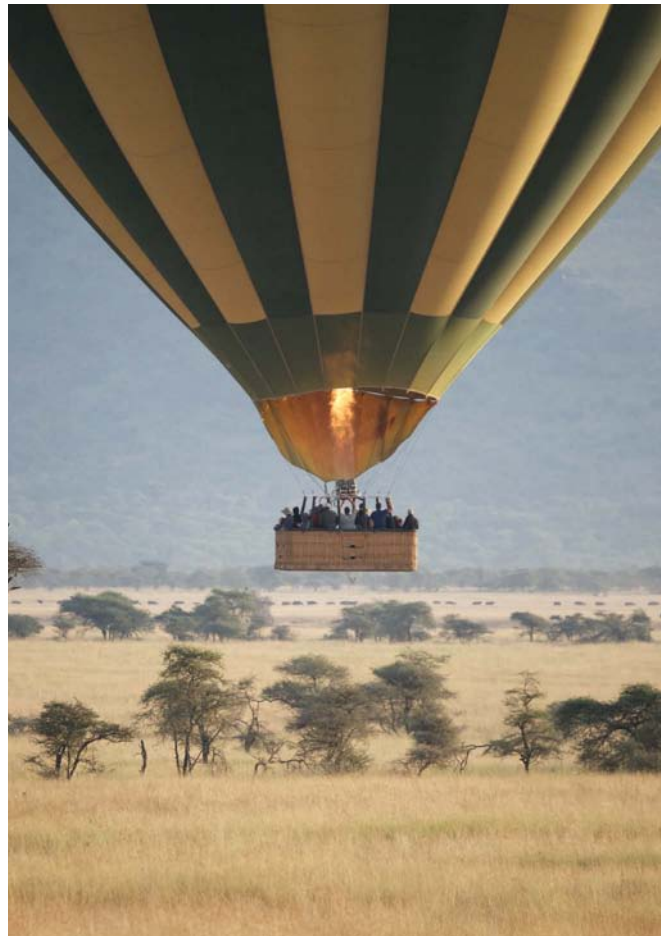
Set out this morning for a two-night stay near Ngorongoro Crater; nearly three million years old, this ancient caldera was once a gigantic volcano and today is a haven for African wildlife. Drive into the Tanzanian wilderness, stopping at Isoitok Camp for a visit to a real Maasai boma and a village school; enjoy a medicine walk, and a bush lunch. Continue



Maximum Elevation: 8,000 ft.

Uniquely Tauck

- Follow the annual “great migration” through Serengeti National Park with overnight stays perfectly positioned in the pathway of wildebeest, zebras, elands and gazelles as they migrate to grassier plains – often followed by predators like lions, hyenas and leopards
- Explore Ngorongoro Crater – one of the oldest ecosystems on Earth, believed by many to be Africa’s “Garden of Eden” – on a picnic and game drive to view local and migrating wildlife; some 1.7 million wildebeest, 260,000 zebra, and 470,000 gazelles pass through the reserve’s plains during the migration with more joining the spectacle
- A hot air balloon flight over the African plains is always an exciting proposition – but never more so than when the migration is in full force, as you watch herds of wildebeest, gazelles and zebras thundering across the savanna of Maasai Mara National Reserve during the early morning hours



Soar over the Maasai Mara Reserve aboard a hot air balloon as dawn breaks in the bush to view migrating herds from on high.

on to your lodge, set above a valley with stunning views, for a two-night stay. The surrounding Ngorongoro Conservation Area is home to some 30,000 large mammals, and is ideal for observing the migratory wildlife. Join us for a welcome dinner at the lodge tonight. **Meals BLD**

3. Garden of Eden in Ngorongoro Crater

Experience the Africa of days gone by when you go on a game drive in the “lost world” of Ngorongoro Crater, often referred to as Africa’s “Garden of Eden.” Travel aboard a four-wheel-drive vehicle for an opportunity to spot Africa’s renowned Big Five: buffalo, elephant, leopard, the lion and the endangered, rare black rhinoceros, as well as herds of zebras, wildebeest and gazelles roaming across life-giving landscapes of grasslands, swamps and forests. Return to your lodge for free time and dinner at leisure. **Meals BLD**

4. Fly to the Serengeti

In Maasai, the word Serengeti means “the place where the land moves on forever.” See why when you fly to Serengeti National Park this morning where over a million wildebeest

and some 200,000 zebras make a trek from the southern Serengeti to the Maasai Mara and back again every year. In spite of the dangers they face from crocodiles, lions or weather conditions, they are driven by a deeply held instinct to constantly search for food and water. Their annual trek takes them through a variety of parks, reserves and protected areas with different habitats. Check into your camp for a memorable three-night stay in the heart of the park; it is strategically positioned for sightings of the migration, giving you a front-row seat to this amazing spectacle. After lunch, join an expert tracker for an afternoon game drive into the Serengeti wilderness; look for wildebeest, zebras and Thomson’s gazelles. Return to the camp for dinner. **Meals BLD**

5. Daily life in the Serengeti

As dawn breaks over the Serengeti savanna, the morning rituals of the park’s wildlife herald a new day. Look for lions, hyenas, leopards, cheetahs, jackals, gazelles, zebras, elephants, hippos and more on a morning game drive. Spend the rest of the day at leisure in your wilderness camp,



Experience morning and afternoon games drives with expert safari guides during stays at luxurious lodges ideally located in the African wilderness, with leisure time to enjoy the setting, the service, and traditional cuisine freshly prepared and locally sourced.

immersing in the kind of quintessential African experience that thrilled early explorers like David Livingstone and inspired the writer Ernest Hemingway. **Meals BLD**

6. Game drives in the Serengeti

Morning and afternoon game drives keep you on the move with the animals that pass through the Serengeti in their relentless search for food and water. On days when the migration is in full force, you will more than likely spend the entire day out on safari instead of returning to camp for lunch. Experiencing this amazing wildlife phenomenon as herds of wildebeest, gazelles and zebras thunder by, with the possibility of big cats and hyenas tailing closely behind, is a memorable safari experience – and when you witness these unscripted moments, you'll not soon forget them. **Meals BLD**

7. Fly to Maasai Mara in Kenya

An early morning flight out of the Serengeti whisks you to the shores of Lake Victoria, then on to Kenya where you'll land in the Maasai Mara National Reserve for a three-night stay. En route to your tented camp accommodations, you'll have an opportunity to stop for a bush lunch in the Maasai Mara Reserve. Continue on to your tented camp at &Beyond Kichwa Tembo, which looks out at the Sabaringo River and across the vast plains of the Maasai Mara, one of the world's richest wildlife reserves. Head out into the reserve for an afternoon game drive that offers the opportunity to view an array of animals, including zebras, cheetahs, wildebeest, gazelles and the "Big Five," up close and in their natural habitat; the Maasai Mara is one of the world's premier destinations for safaris. Enjoy dinner at the camp, then retire to your tented accommodations. **Meals BLD**



Wildebeest, born to move

One of the largest members of the antelope family, wildebeest (gnus) make their homes in the plains and open woodlands of Africa. Herd animals active both day and night, they are constantly on the move in search of grass and water. In the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem, they make a migratory circle each year of hundreds of miles. A march of millions, their migration is relentless, taking them across land, rivers and lakes in huge groups of young and old that are incredible to watch and truly impossible to forget.

8. Balloon flight over the Maasai Mara

Wake up early for an extraordinary morning that begins with a hot air balloon flight* at dawn, taking you soaring above the treetops for panoramic views of the herds of migrating wildlife roaming the Maasai Mara Reserve. As you sail above the vast landscapes below, you'll thrill to the sight of massive herds of giraffes, elephants, gazelles, hippos and other grazers moving toward the water to drink and bathe. Perhaps you'll spot a cheetah or lioness on the hunt for a meal in the lush grasslands, or hyenas feasting on the remains of a kill; the possibilities are endless! Touch down for breakfast and champagne in the bush before a game drive en route back to your tented camp. Enjoy free time, before an afternoon game drive and dinner. **Meals BLD**

9. Final game drives in the Maasai Mara

You'll have an opportunity today for two game drives in the magnificent Maasai Mara. Early this morning, before breakfast, join us for a game drive that explores the early morning search for food by the wildlife of the Reserve; there is usually a lot of activity in these early morning hours. Enjoy a final day at &Beyond Kichwa Tembo, then a final late afternoon game drive in search of the Big Five. Tonight, we invite you for farewell cocktails and dinner. **Meals BLD**

10. Fly to Nairobi / Journey Home

Depart your tented camp after breakfast for a flight to Nairobi; we've reserved day rooms before your flight home at Fairmont, The Norfolk in Nairobi. Built in 1904, the hotel appeared in the movie, *Out of Africa*, and sits on a garden-graced four-acre plot in the middle of the city. Enjoy



Kenya is renowned as a birder's paradise with more than 1,000 species of birds, including the colorful lilac-breasted roller.

dinner at the hotel prior to your included transfer from Fairmont, The Norfolk to Nairobi International Airport. You should allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals BLD**

2024 DATES

Jun 23, 30 Jul 4, 11, 14, 21 Aug 1, 11, 22 Sep 1, 15, 26
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2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 19,550	+	\$ 1,880	=	\$ 21,430
Single	\$ 23,618	+	\$ 1,880	=	\$ 25,498
Triple	\$ 19,391	+	\$ 1,880	=	\$ 21,271

All departures are Small Group Departures limited to 18 Tauck guests.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

27 meals (9 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 9 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portorage. On-tour air included (3 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	RIVERTREES COUNTRY INN	Makumira, Tanzania
Night 2, 3	KITELA LODGE	Karatu, Tanzania
Night 4-6*	LEGENDARY SERENGETI SONGA CAMP	Serengeti National Park, Tanzania
Night 7-9	&BEYOND KICHWA TEMBO TENTED CAMP	Maasai Mara, Kenya

*Tours of Jul 4 and Sep 26 will stay at Intimate Places Ltd.

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 4



Volcanoes National Park

Mountain Gorilla Safari: Kenya, Tanzania & Rwanda

Game drives in wildlife-rich reserves lead to a gorilla trek you'll never forget

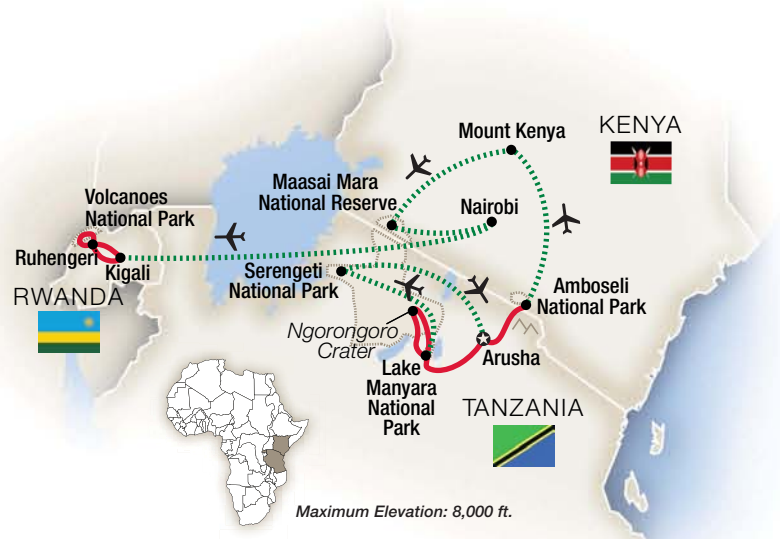
16 DAYS FROM AUD \$34,040 | ALL SMALL GROUPS AVERAGING 22 GUESTS

1. Welcome to Arusha

Tour begins: Gran Meliá Arusha. A transfer is included from Kilimanjaro International Airport to the Gran Meliá Arusha Hotel in Arusha, located at the foot of Mount Meru. Meet your fellow travelers in the morning.

2. Lake Manyara National Park

Take your first game drive in search of hippos in Lake Manyara. Continue to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, populated by an estimated 30,000 large mammals. Your lodge for the next two nights is on the Ngorongoro Crater



Uniquely Tauck

- Accompanied by an expert guide and your own porter, embark on a once-in-a-lifetime private Gorilla Trek in Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park to interact with endangered Mountain Gorillas in their natural habitat
- Intimate safari groups limited to 24 Tauck guests; game drives in 6-passenger, open-top vehicles with panoramic views, led by expert guides
- Multiple-night stays in the legendary Serengeti National Park, Maasai Mara Game Reserve, and Amboseli National Park, with daily game drives
- Take a hot air balloon flight over the wilderness for a front-row view of wildlife starting a new day and touch down for a champagne breakfast
- Enjoy opportunities to learn about on-going anti-poaching and conservationist efforts in Africa, from a talk by an elephant researcher in Amboseli to a visit to the Ellen Degeneres Campus at the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund in Rwanda



Spend two nights amidst the forested grounds of a one-of-a-kind boutique hotel at the foot of the Virunga Volcano Range.

rim overlooking the caldera below. Join us for a welcome dinner tonight at your lodge. **Meals BLD**

3. The “Garden of Eden” – Ngorongoro

Thought by some to be Africa's original “Garden of Eden,” Ngorongoro Crater is one of the largest calderas in the world and contains a variety of ecosystems and an astounding concentration of birds and animals. Take a game drive into the crater and enjoy a picnic lunch with opportunities to see herds of zebras, wildebeests, and gazelles. **Meals BLD**

4. Fly to Serengeti National Park

Take a morning flight to the heart of Serengeti National Park, arriving in time for lunch at the Four Seasons Safari Lodge, your home for a three-night stay. Following an afternoon game drive in Serengeti National Park, join us this evening for a special barbecue dinner in your lodge's Boma Grill, with a traditional Maasai dance performance. **Meals BLD**

5. Wildlife of the Serengeti

Look for wildlife in the heart of the vast savanna of the Serengeti today on morning and afternoon game drives. Sightings might include lions, zebras, hyenas, leopards, cheetahs, elephants, hippos, buffaloes, jackals, gazelles, and giraffes. Have dinner tonight at your safari lodge. **Meals BLD**

6. Game viewing and lodge amenities

Morning and afternoon game drives are balanced with time at leisure today for you to experience the amenities of your luxury safari lodge as you wish, including wildlife viewing from the comfort of your private balcony. **Meals BLD**

7. Kenya's Amboseli National Park

Fly to Arusha, Tanzania en route to Kenya. Dominating the skyline, majestic Mt. Kilimanjaro peaks over surrounding landscapes from more than 15,000 feet up. After landing in

Meet endangered gorillas on their terms in Rwanda



Learn about gorilla families up close

The magic begins the moment you follow your personal porter into the wilderness of Volcanoes National Park where endangered mountain gorillas thrive in a lush forest high up in Rwanda's Virunga Mountains. Peaceful, gentle, social, and mainly vegetarian, the family groups you'll meet are headed up by a dominant silverback male with a few younger males, females and their young. Much like our children, the little ones tumble, climb, run and play, with their natural curiosity leading the way.



Visit them in their natural jungle habitat

There are about a thousand mountain gorillas remaining on Earth, and about half live in the forests of the Virunga Mountains at elevations between 8,000 and 13,000 feet. With longer hair to keep them warm, mountain gorillas spend much of their time eating, with a diet that consists of a variety of plants, along with a few insects and worms.

Arusha, enjoy an early lunch at the Cultural Heritage Center before continuing overland into Kenya and your safari lodge in Amboseli National Park. Enjoy a private lecture on the elephants of Amboseli and anti-poaching efforts in Kenya prior to dinner at the lodge this evening. **Meals BLD**

8. Amboseli game drives & a Maasai village

Start your day with a visit to a Maasai village and meet the chief who shares insights about tribal life, with a chance to go inside a private home. Morning and afternoon game drives into Amboseli National Park may spot elephants, hippos, antelopes, jackals and warthogs. **Meals BLD**

9. Ol Pejeta & Mount Kenya Safari Club

A morning flight brings you to Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club, founded by William Holden. En route, enjoy an eye-opening game drive through the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, home to the largest resident black rhino population in East Africa. Continue to your hotel for an Equatorial Ceremony and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. **Meals BLD**

10. Spinners, weavers & wildlife

Experience a private visit to Nanyuki weaving village this morning to see local artisans spin wool for their handcrafted rugs, shawls, sweaters and throws. After lunch, enjoy a private visit to the animal orphanage providing care for sick, injured or orphaned animals until they can be released back into the wild. Dine under the stars tonight. **Meals BLD**

11. Maasai Mara & an evening game drive

Pack your Tauck-provided duffle bag and fly to the Maasai Mara Game Reserve in Kenya, where you'll be welcomed by Maasai warriors. Settle into the Safari Club and embark on a late afternoon game drive in the reserve in search of lions, antelopes, elephants, zebras and more. **Meals BLD**

12. Ballooning over the Maasai Mara

Rise before dawn for a hot air balloon flight* over the Maasai Mara's awakening plains, followed by champagne breakfast in the bush! Morning and evening game drives offer more opportunities for up-close wildlife viewing. **Meals BLD**

13. Fly to Kigali, Rwanda

Fly to Rwanda, home to Volcanoes National Park and the forested habitat of endangered mountain gorillas. A late afternoon arrival is followed by dinner at leisure. **Meals BLD**

14. Dian Fossey's gorilla legacy

Drive to your lodge in Ruhengeri at the base of Volcanoes National Park, where eight ancient volcanoes watch over the wildlife that thrives here. After lunch, visit the Ellen DeGeneres campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund to glean insights and observations about gorilla behavior in preparation for tomorrow's trek, as well as hear the story of Dian Fossey's unforgettable quest to save the mountain gorilla. Enjoy dinner at the lodge tonight. **Meals BLD**

15. Gorilla Trek in Volcanoes National Park

Rise early for your once-in-a-lifetime gorilla encounter. Drive to the headquarters of Volcanoes National Park where a briefing by your expert mountain guides answers any questions you may have about your gorilla trek. Climb aboard a safari vehicle as you make your way to the trailhead where your gorilla trek begins. You will be assigned a porter who will help carry your provisions and cameras and lead you to the gorilla family you are here to meet. Once the gorillas are located, you will have the rare opportunity to watch them interact with each other, and you if they choose! When your hour-long visit is up, head back to the lodge for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. A local expert presents an informative lecture this afternoon about the endangered mountain gorillas you were privileged to see. Join us tonight for a farewell reception and dinner at the lodge. **Meals BLD**

16. Journey Home

Tour ends: Kigali. Visit the Genocide Memorial Museum, documenting the tragic atrocities of 1984 and the human resilience and rebuilding that followed, en route to Kigali



Private game drives with expert tracking guides at the wheel promise wildlife encounters you'll long remember.

Serena Hotel where Tauck has reserved day rooms until your flight home this evening. Airport transfers are included from Kigali Serena Hotel to Kigali International Airport. Allow three hours for flight check in. **Meals BL**

2024 DATES

Jun 19 Jul 10, 31 Aug 21 Sep 11 / = Sold Out!

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (6 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double \$ 31,140 + \$ 2,900 = **\$ 34,040**

Single \$ 36,517 + \$ 2,900 = **\$ 39,417**

Triple \$ 32,388 + \$ 2,900 = **\$ 35,288**

All departures are Small Group Departures averaging 22 Tauck guests.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

44 meals (15 Breakfasts, 15 Lunches & 14 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portage. The price of your journey includes the hot air balloon experience over the Serengeti on Day 5... a value of AUD \$690. On-tour air included (6 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	GRAN MELIÁ ARUSHA	Arusha, Tanzania
Night 2,3	NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE	Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania
Night 4-6	FOUR SEASONS SAFARI LODGE SERENGETI	Serengeti Nat'l Park, Tanzania
Night 7,8	AMBOSELI SERENA SAFARI LODGE	Amboseli Nat'l Park, Kenya
Night 9,10	FAIRMONT MOUNT KENYA SAFARI CLUB	Nanyuki, Kenya
Night 11,12	FAIRMONT MARA SAFARI CLUB	Maasai Mara Nat'l Reserve, Kenya
Night 13	KIGALI SERENA HOTEL	Kigali, Rwanda
Night 14,15	ONE&ONLY GORILLA'S NEST	Virunga, Rwanda,

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Activity Level 4 / Pace Level 4



Mountain Gorilla Safari: Tanzania, Zanzibar & Rwanda

Once-in-a-lifetime wildlife encounters in Africa's most famous national parks

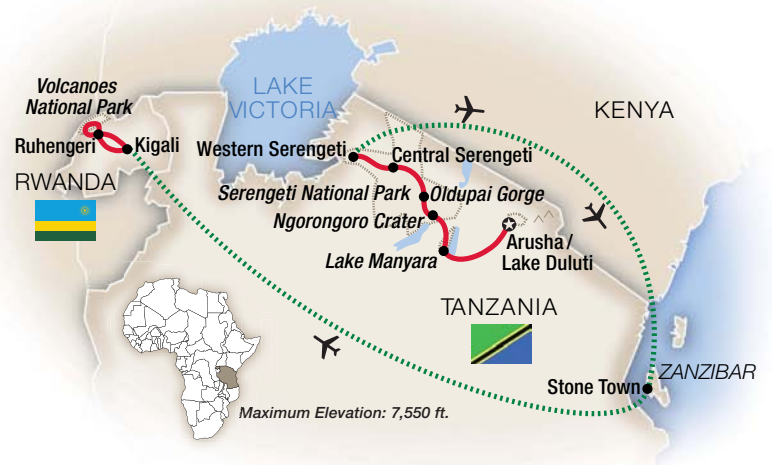
13 DAYS FROM AUD \$28,250 | ALL SMALL GROUPS LIMITED TO 24 GUESTS

1. Touchdown in Tanzania

Tour begins: Arusha Serena Hotel. A transfer from Kilimanjaro International Airport to Arusha Serena Hotel, is included; your hotel overlooks Lake Duluti.

2. On to Ngorongoro

Depart your hotel in Arusha for a visit to Isoitok, a Maasai boma (village), where a medicine walk, a visit to a school and lunch offer a glimpse of Maasai cultural traditions. Continue on to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, home to prehistoric Ngorongoro Crater, a wildlife mecca; your lodge is built on the dormant volcano's rim, with stunning views



Uniquely Tauck

- Private Gorilla Trek in Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park to interact with endangered Mountain Gorillas
- Intimate safari groups limited to just 24 Tauck guests; game drives in 6-passenger, open-top vehicles with window seats for everyone, led by expert guides
- Four nights in the legendary Serengeti National Park, a visit to Oldupai Gorge where the remains of the earliest known human were found, a hot air balloon ride at dawn, and daily game drives in wildlife-rich national parks
- In Zanzibar, two nights at a beachfront hotel with ocean view rooms in Stone Town include a walking spice tour with a coconut harvester, a cruise aboard a traditional dhow with swimming and snorkeling, and free time for exploration
- Visit the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund Museum and Kigali Genocide Memorials in Kigali, while spending two nights in the foothills of the Virunga Volcano Range



From a family of cheetahs to the Big Five and more, the wildlife you'll see on private game drives is varied and unforgettable.

of the "lost world" below. Join us for a welcome reception followed by dinner at the lodge this evening. **Meals BLD**

3. A picnic in Ngorongoro Crater

Spend today exploring Ngorongoro Crater, long regarded as Africa's "Garden of Eden." Within the crater lie grasslands, forests and a freshwater lake, inspiring a continual migration of animals. Riding in your four-wheel-drive safari vehicle, you'll have a chance to spot Africa's celebrated "Big Five" – buffalo, elephant, leopard, the black-maned lion and the rare black rhinoceros. Enjoy a picnic in the heart of the crater, sure to be a highlight of your African safari. Enjoy dinner this evening at the lodge where, you'll be able to observe Ngorongoro's wildlife-rich caldera below from the comfort of your private terrace. **Meals BLD**

4. Oldupai Gorge & the Serengeti

Set off this morning to explore Oldupai Gorge, where archaeologists Louis and Mary Leakey discovered the fossilized remains of some of the earliest known human

species, an estimated 1.8 million years old; learn more about the site's significance on a docent-led tour. Enjoy a game drive across the plains and grasslands of the Serengeti en route to your safari lodge in the heart of the park. Have dinner at your leisure and enjoy local cultural entertainment in the lounge this evening. **Meals BLD**

5. Ballooning over the Serengeti

Wake up early this morning for an exciting hot air balloon flight* as dawn breaks over the vast Serengeti grasslands; from aloft, observe wildlife stirring in the first light of day, an African safari thrill. Touch down for a champagne breakfast in the bush. A morning game drive on the Serengeti plains may yield sightings of wildebeest, zebras, giraffes, hyenas, leopards, cheetahs, elephants, rhinoceros, hippos, buffalo, jackals, and gazelles, so be sure to bring your camera with you today. This is also one of the best places on the African Continent to see prides of lions as they rule their kingdom. Return to the lodge for lunch, then enjoy an afternoon at leisure, followed by a traditional sundowner this evening before dinner at the lodge. **Meals BLD**



Experience tribal traditions during a visit to a Maasai village in Tanzania, learning about their daily lives in the African bush; and view hippos pooled in watering holes where they submerge and surface with surprising antics and expressive faces.

6. On to the western Serengeti

Spot more wildlife as you drive to the Serengeti's remote Western Corridor, known for huge masses of game animals thundering across the terrain. Arrive at your tented camp in the remote Grumeti River region for an afternoon game drive that may include sightings of wildebeest, lion, buffalo, cheetah, warthogs, giraffes and zebra. Have dinner at your tented camp this evening. **Meals BLD**

7. Wildlife wonders on the Serengeti plains

Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives today with an expert safari guide who shares insights on the wildlife you may see today, including the "Big Five" – the lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and buffalo. **Meals BLD**

8. To Zanzibar & a Stone Town spice walk

Rise early for a final game drive this morning, before flying to the archipelago of Zanzibar in the Indian Ocean. Upon arrival, have lunch and join our local guide on a walking tour of historic Stone Town. Your evening is free to explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site as you wish. **Meals BL**

9. An Indian Ocean safari

Sail out to sea aboard a traditional dhow for an "Indian Ocean safari" off the coast of Zanzibar this morning, as you spot dolphins frolicking in the ocean blue; cast anchor on a sandy beach for swimming and snorkeling near beautiful coral reefs. Dinner at your hotel offers an array of fresh seafood for your last evening in Zanzibar. **Meals BLD**



Visit the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund Museum

Located in Volcanoes National Park, the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund is the world's largest and longest-running organization dedicated entirely to gorilla conservation. Feared by Dian Fossey to be extinct by the year 2000, mountain gorillas represent a rare conservation success story, with the population in the region growing from a low of 250 in the 1980s to more than 600 today. A visit to the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund offers you an opportunity to learn about the work they do, from the study of individual gorillas to training the next generation of African conservationists and addressing the needs of the local people who share the gorillas' forest home through on-going education programs.

10. Fly to Kigali, Rwanda

Join a local guide for a morning “spice” tour to learn about the plants and bushes that yield the aromatic flavors and tastes we enjoy in different foods. Then fly to Kigali airport in Rwanda, home to Volcanoes National Park and the forested habitat of endangered mountain gorillas. Dinner is served at your hotel upon arrival. **Meals BLD**

11. Volcanoes National Park

Drive through the rolling hills of coffee and tea plantations to your luxurious lodge. After lunch, visit the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund Museum to learn insights about gorilla behavior in preparation for tomorrow's trek, and hear the fascinating story of Dian Fossey's quest to save the mountain gorilla. Dine tonight at the lodge at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

12. Gorilla Trek in Volcanoes National Park

Rise early for a briefing and climb aboard a safari vehicle as you drive to the trailhead where your gorilla trek begins. You will be assigned a porter who will help carry your provisions and lead you to the gorilla family you are here to meet. Once the gorillas are located, you will have the rare opportunity to watch them interact with each other, and you if they choose! A local expert presents an informative lecture about the endangered mountain gorillas you saw today. Join us tonight for a farewell reception and dinner at the lodge. **Meals BLD**

13. Journey Home

Tour ends: Kigali. Depart your hotel after breakfast for your journey back to Kigali, stopping en route to visit the



FEATURED HOTEL

One&Only Gorilla's Nest

A luxurious eco-lodge with secluded free-standing lodges and suites overlooking sprawling rose gardens, eucalyptus trees and volcanic surroundings, the One&Only Gorilla's Nest is the closest resort to Volcanoes National Park and its endangered gorillas. Your two night stay inspires memories of a lifetime.

Genocide Memorial Museum. Continue to the Kigali Serena Hotel where Tauck has reserved day rooms for you until your flight home this evening. Airport transfers are included from Kigali Serena Hotel to Kigali International Airport. Allow three hours for check in at the airport. **Meals BL**

2024 DATES

Jul 25 Aug 8, 29 Sep 19

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 26,800	+	\$ 1,450	=	\$ 28,250
Single	\$ 32,222	+	\$ 1,450	=	\$ 33,672
Triple	\$ 27,776	+	\$ 1,450	=	\$ 29,226

All departures are Small Group Departures limited to 24 Tauck guests.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

34 meals (12 Breakfasts, 12 Lunches & 10 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portage. The price of your journey includes the hot air balloon experience over the Serengeti on Day 5... AUD \$690 value. On-tour air included (2 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	ARUSHA SERENA HOTEL, RESORT & SPA	Arusha, Tanzania
Night 2,3	NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE	Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania
Night 4,5	SERENGETI SERENA SAFARI LODGE	Serengeti National Park, Tanzania
Night 6,7	KIRAWIRA TENTED CAMP	Serengeti National Park, Tanzania
Night 8,9	PARK HYATT ZANZIBAR	Stone Town, Zanzibar
Night 10	KIGALI SERENA HOTEL	Kigali, Rwanda
Night 11,12	ONE&ONLY GORILLA'S NEST	Virunga, Rwanda

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 4 / Pace Level 4



Tanzania: A Grand Family Safari

Wildlife spotting in Arusha, Tarangire and Serengeti national parks and Ngorongoro Crater

10 DAYS FROM AUD \$13,320 | BRIDGES FAMILY JOURNEYS

SAFARI AT A GLANCE

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Arusha <i>Gran Meliá Arusha</i>
2	Arusha National Park
3	Tarangire National Park <i>Tarangire Safari Lodge</i>
4	Wildlife viewing and two game drives
5	A Maasai boma & on to Ngorongoro <i>Tloma Lodge</i>
6	Game viewing inside an age-old crater
7	Serengeti National Park <i>Meliá Serengeti Lodge</i>
8	Hot air ballooning over the Serengeti
9	Farewell to the Serengeti
10	Journey home / Depart Arusha



Maximum Elevation: 7,550 ft.

Uniquely Tauck

- Go on private game drives in open-top 4x4 vehicles, limited to 6 guests per vehicle, in Arusha, Tarangire and Serengeti national parks during multi-night stays in noted safari lodges
- Soar over the Serengeti in a hot air balloon at dawn to see wildlife begin their day, landing for a champagne and juice breakfast in the bush
- Learn about local life on visits to a school to meet the children, and to a Maasai village where you'll discover cultural traditions and skills
- Enjoy a picnic lunch in prehistoric Ngorongoro Crater, often called Africa's "Garden of Eden" where the "Big Five" can often be seen

See the Big Five on game drives...

in Africa's wildlife-rich national parks, where everyone has a window seat for viewing the animals up close in their natural habitat. That's what you'll do as soon as you touch down in Arusha for a family safari that's incredible in every way. Stay two nights at **Gran Meliá Arusha**, waking up for a game drive and a picnic in Arusha National Park and learning how to make an African drum (yours to keep!) at a welcome dinner that makes you feel like you live there. Set off on a game drive en route to Tarangire National Park where you will spend the next two days spotting lions, Cape Buffalo, elephants, zebras, giraffes and more as you stay in a tented camp at **Tarangire Safari Lodge**. Meet a tribal chief in a local Maasai village, to try your hand at their traditions, and stop at a primary school to talk with the children who live in the bush on a drive to **Tloma Lodge**. In Ngorongoro, your family picnics in a prehistoric crater and goes on a game drive to look for lions, Black Rhinos and elephants along the way. **Meliá Serengeti Lodge**, ideally located in the heart of Serengeti National Park, is inviting with an outdoor swimming pool where the animals walk on by. It is your final destination on this family safari, and it promises to wow you in every way. From eye-opening daily game drives with expert trackers – to a hot air balloon ride and bush breakfast at dawn as the wildlife of the Serengeti start a new day – to making Maasai crafts and taking a nature walk with a Maasai guide – your family experiences an unforgettable spectacle of the circle of life for memories that last lifetimes.

2024 DATES

Jun 2, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 Jul 3, 7, 12, 14, 19, 26, 28
 Aug 2, 7 Dec 20, 22 / = Sold Out!

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

June – August

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 13,030	+	\$ 580	=	\$ 13,610
Single	\$ 14,366	+	\$ 580	=	\$ 14,946
Triple	\$ 12,740	+	\$ 580	=	\$ 13,320

December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 13,610	+	\$ 580	=	\$ 14,190
Single	\$ 14,976	+	\$ 580	=	\$ 15,556
Triple	\$ 13,320	+	\$ 580	=	\$ 13,900

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

27 meals (9 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 9 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, gratuities to Tauck Director, local guides, and drivers, service charges, taxes, admission fees and portage. **Recommended age:** 8+; the minimum age for children on this trip is 5 – children must be at least 7 or older to participate in the hot air balloon ride on day 8, AUD \$690 value. Children under 18 must be booked in a room with at least one adult. Triples are usually a two-bedded room plus a rollaway cot, when available. Quad accommodations are not available. On-tour air included (2 flights). **AUD \$720 Child Savings: Children 12 and under**

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	GRAN MELIÁ ARUSHA	Arusha
Night 3,4	TARANGIRE SAFARI LODGE	Tarangire National Park
Night 5,6	TLOMA LODGE	Ngorongoro – Karatu
Night 7-9	MELIÁ SERENGETI LODGE	Serengeti National Park

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). All departures are limited to 30 guests. For activities marked with an asterisk (*) in day-by-day descriptions, a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply. Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 4



Magic of Morocco

The romantic gateway to North Africa, steeped in Moorish, French and Berber influences

10 DAYS FROM AUD \$10,130 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

1. Arrive Rabat

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, La Tour Hassan Palace. A transfer is included from Rabat-Salé Airport or Casablanca's Mohammed V International Airport to La Tour Hassan Palace, located close to Hassan Tower. Join us tonight for a welcome reception and dinner with music at the hotel. **Meals D**

2. Rabat, Morocco's capital & on to Fes

Morocco's seaside capital city is an intriguing blend of medieval Arabic and modern European influences, wide palm-lined boulevards, enclaves of elegant French colonial architecture, and Moorish-style palaces, mosques, and ramparts that echo the city's golden age as an Almohad stronghold. Sightseeing in Rabat includes a walk through



Uniquely Tauck

- Travel into the desert landscapes outside of Marrakech for an evening of Berber hospitality at a tented camp under the sky; exclusive to Tauck guests, discover local cuisine, traditions, and music, with an opportunity to take a camel ride
- Have lunch at Rick's Café in Casablanca, a restaurant and piano bar modeled on Humphrey Bogart's "gin joint" in the classic 1942 film
- Join a university professor for lunch in Fes where she shares her views and insights on the role of women in Moroccan society
- Enjoy a taste of daily life in Morocco during a culinary walking tour in Fes, a cooking class in Marrakech, souk visits, a wine-pairing lunch in Rabat and lunch at a private home in Meknes
- Visit a charitable donkey clinic in Fes staffed by volunteer veterinarians from around the world who treat hard-working pack animals for free



The ancient walled town of Essaouira, traditional character and culture intact, is yours to discover on a guided walking tour.

the clifftop 10th-century fortress Kasbah of the Oudayas, a constant presence in the city's history and charming with whitewashed houses and brightly colored doors. Stop at the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, a masterpiece of Alaouite-style architecture with stunning ornamental carvings and chandeliers. View the massive Hassan Tower, the city's most imposing landmark; built in the 12th century and rising 140 feet high, the minaret is the centerpiece of a great mosque that was never finished, begun at the height of the Almohad Dynasty. Drive through the grounds of Dar al-Makhzen, the Royal Palace and residence of the king of Morocco, built in 1864, with its sumptuous Islamic ornaments and exquisite formal gardens. Leave Rabat and head for Fes, enjoying a wine-pairing lunch at a winery on the way. Have dinner at leisure at your hotel tonight. **Meals BLD**

3. The souks & bazaars of ancient Fes

The sprawling city of Fes is over 1,200 years old, and its well-preserved old town is a vast maze of winding streets and alleys, crowded aromatic bazaars, and eclectic architecture; no cars are allowed so transport here is in the ancient, traditional style, on foot. A choice of sightseeing

today features a culinary walking tour to sample the local cuisine including dates, honey, spices and other specialties, or an insider's look at the craftsmanship of the artisans who make intricate carvings, rugs, leatherwork, and metalwork on a walking tour of the medina. A university professor joins you for lunch to share her insights and perspective on the role of women in Moroccan society. Then get an eye-opening tour of the city's tanneries; preparing leather is still done by hand in the same way as in medieval times, including dipping it in deep, multicolored pools of dye. Dinner this evening is served at an elegant *riad*, where the cuisine respects traditional Fassi fare. **Meals BLD**

4. Roman ruins at Volubilis

Visit the Roman ruins of Volubilis, set among the rolling hills and fertile farmland between Fes and Meknes. Volubilis was a remote military outpost of the Roman Empire that fell to local tribes in 285 AD and was never retaken; it is one of the richest archaeological sites in North Africa, a well-preserved



Experience a private guided tour of Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca, the largest mosque in Morocco; and take in the sights, sounds and smells of the colorful souks in Marrakech, where a variety of local products include textiles, carpets, spices, and Moroccan handicrafts.

example of a Roman colonial town which still retains its triumphal arch and remnants of its mansions, temples, forum, and glorious mosaics. Have lunch at a private home for a taste of daily life. Return to Fes for a visit to the Mellah, the historic Jewish quarter with stops at the cemetery and a synagogue. Spend the evening as you wish. **Meals BL**

5. Donkeys, Meknes and Casablanca

Donkeys and mules are used to carry goods up and down the narrow lanes of the souks and are an important part of the culture in Fes. Visit a charitable veterinary clinic founded by an American tourist in 1927 and staffed by volunteer veterinarians from around the world to care for

these hard-working animals before driving to the walled city of Meknes. Enjoy a walking tour through the main square and the medina and visit the lavish stables and granary of Dar el-Ma, the former palace of Sultan Moulay Ismail. Large enough to house 12,000 horses, the Sultan's stables were designed to water and feed them with an aqueduct and granary. Have lunch at a private home, then continue on to your seaside hotel in Casablanca. **Meals BLD**

6. Casablanca and lunch at Rick's Café

Drive to the majestic Hassan II Mosque, set on a promontory on the Atlantic with a towering minaret, 689 feet high, for a private guided tour. Built in 1993, it is the largest mosque in



Dinner in the Marrakech Desert

Experience a taste of Moroccan life, Berber style, when you ride aboard a 4 x 4 vehicle to a desert village for tea with the tribal chief, followed by dinner in a tented camp. A feast of culinary and cultural traditions awaits, including camel riding, shisha pipes, and henna tattoos. Berbers love music and it forms an important part of every celebration, including this one. Performed with flutes and drums, the rhythmic beat is often accompanied by dancers, which promises a very magical evening for you.

the country, designed to accommodate 25,000 worshippers inside and another 80,000 on the grounds (touring this site, women and men must dress appropriately with shoulders and knees covered and shoes off). Stop at the Musée Abderrahman Slaoui to view its collection of Moroccan art, before having lunch at Rick's Café, a re-creation of Humphrey Bogart's lair in *Casablanca*, complete with piano bar. Continue to Marrakech for a four-night stay. **Meals BLD**

7. Magical Marrakech

Drive to 19th-century Bahia Palace for a visit and time to explore, pausing en route to see the famous Berber watermen dressed in red with colorful hats. After lunch, visit the Secret Garden, dating back to the 16th century and showcasing exotic plants from around the world, followed by a walking tour through Jemaa el-Fna Square in the heart of the city. UNESCO recognized the square for its "Intangible Cultural Heritage as a true open-air theater that always amazes visitors." See snake charmers, fortune tellers, henna artists, medicine men, street performers, musicians, dancers and vendors of all kinds perform their magic before returning to your hotel for time at leisure. **Meals BL**

8. An idyll in the desert

This morning, visit the Gardens Majorelle at the former home of French-born artist Jacques Majorelle and later owned by Yves Saint Laurent, and view the designer's stunning collections in the Musée Yves Saint Laurent Marrakech. Then join us for a special afternoon and evening in the desert outside of the city. Ride aboard a 4x4 vehicle to a small desert village for tea with the village chief and continue on to our desert camp. Dinner is served Berber-style under a tent with musical entertainment. Experience local customs as you wish by riding a camel and smoking *shisha* – using a hubbly-bubbly pipe (hookah) to smoke flavored tobacco – and, if you wish, have your hands or feet decorated with traditional designs by a talented henna artist. **Meals BD**

9. Choices in Marrakech & Essaouira

A choice of activities today includes learning to make typical Moroccan dishes at a cooking school; joining a local photographer for an informative pictorial walk in the ancient walled seaside port of Essaouira; or enjoying a morning of pampering at your hotel's hammam (steam bath), where you'll experience a rejuvenating, skin-smoothing bath treatment that's rooted in Moroccan culture. Spend the afternoon at your leisure and join us this evening for a luxurious farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD**

10. Journey Home

Tour ends: Marrakech. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the Four Seasons Marrakech to the Marrakech Menara Airport (15 min. drive) or Casablanca's Mohammed V Int'l Airport (2.5 hr. drive). Allow 3 hours for check-in. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Jan 21, 28 Feb 11, 18, 25 Mar 10, 14, 21, 24, 28 Apr 4, 7, 11
Oct 17, 20, 24, 31 Nov 7, 17, 24 Dec 1, 19 / = Sold Out!

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

January - November 16

Double	\$11,140	Single	\$14,055	Triple	\$10,488
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November 17 - December 18

Double	\$10,130	Single	\$12,452	Triple	\$ 9,674
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December 19 - 31

Double	\$12,590	Single	\$16,494	Triple	\$11,616
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Dates in **blue** indicate Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from AUD \$12,450 per person double. Special Solo Traveler Savings dates in **red** indicate special departures where you save AUD \$510 on the single room price.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

23 meals (9 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portorage.

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	LA TOUR HASSAN PALACE	Rabat
Night 2-4*	HOTEL SAHRAI	Fes
Night 5	FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CASABLANCA	Casablanca
Night 6-9	FOUR SEASONS RESORT MARRAKECH	Marrakech

*Small Group departures of Jan 28; Feb 11, 25; Mar 14, 21, 28; Apr 4, 11; Oct 17, 24, 31; Nov 7, 17 and Dec 1 will stay at Palais Faraj Suites.

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3



Jordan & Egypt: Petra to the Pyramids

Exploring ancient lands, from the Dead Sea to Cairo with a Nile River cruise

13 DAYS FROM AUD \$16,940

1. Arrive Amman, Jordan

Tour begins: 5:30 PM, Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea. A transfer is included from Amman airport to the Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea, a luxurious beachfront resort nestled on the shores of the ancient salt lake at the lowest point on Earth. Join us for a welcome dinner tonight. **Meals D**

2. Roman antiquities in Jerash

Set off on an excursion to Jerash, site of one of the best-preserved ancient Roman cities in the Middle East; your local guide shares expert insights about the sites you will see. See Hadrian's Arch, built in 129 AD, the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, the South Theatre, and the meticulously restored North Theatre. Drive through Amman en route back to your resort hotel. A Jordanian woman gives a lecture on the younger generation's cultural changes. **Meals BLD**

3. Mt. Nebo, Madaba & Petra

Thousands of years of biblical history reveal themselves today on a visit to Mt. Nebo. Continue to Madaba for a visit to St. George Greek Orthodox Church where the remains of the oldest known map of the Holy Land, painstakingly assembled from more than a million pieces of colored stone, cover the church floor. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and drive to the ancient Nabataean city of Petra. **Meals BLD**

4. A camel ride in Petra

Petra – a hidden desert canyon that opens up to a magnificent red rose city dating back to 1st century BC, where ancient master builders carved palaces, temples and tombs into the stone cliffs. Stand in awe before the 130 ft. Al-Khazneh (The Treasury); discover Royal Tombs, and marvel at the ancient amphitheatre sculpted in sandstone.

Uniquely Tauck

- At a private tented dinner in the desert outside Petra (weather permitting), enjoy the flavors of a fruit-infused water pipe, music, and dancing by a troupe of Bedouin sword dancers
- An after-hours private visit to the Valley of the Kings, including the tomb of King Tutankhamun, illustrates the life and burial rituals of the pharaoh who captured the world's imagination
- On daily excursions, explore ancient sites during a three-night Nile River cruise from Aswan to Luxor; discover the temples of Kom Ombo and Edfu, Luxor, and the valleys of Kings and Queens
- Follow in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia aboard a 4x4 vehicle in Wadi Rum, called the Valley of the Moon for lunar-like landscapes
- Three nights in Cairo include a tour to the Pyramids of Giza and a camel ride



Your Nile cruise brings you to Luxor for a visit to some of Egypt's most famed temples, including Luxor Temple.

Have lunch at a local restaurant, before an optional camel ride through the canyon. We invite you to join us tonight for a private tented dinner in the desert (weather permitting), to learn about Bedouin cultural traditions. **Meals BLD**

5. Desert adventures in Wadi Rum

Take a morning excursion to the otherworldly landscapes of Wadi Rum, known as the Valley of the Moon for the lunar-like dunes and towering sandstone cliffs found here. Exploring the area by 4x4 vehicle* makes your visit unforgettable. Fly to Aswan this afternoon and dine at leisure. **Meals BLD**

6. Fly to Abu Simbel

A morning flight brings you to the Nubian village of Abu Simbel for a locally guided visit to its massive temples cut into a solid rock cliff and created during the reign of Ramses II in the 1200s BC. Sculptures of the pharaoh and his wife





Petra is one of the world's most famous archaeological sites; your locally guided visit provides historic and cultural insights.

Queen Nefertari welcome you. Fly back to Aswan for a stop at the Aswan High Dam, which is built across the River Nile, and have dinner in the hotel. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Temple visits and a felucca cruise

A full day of Egyptian exploration includes a visit to the ruins of Saint Simeon Monastery, once housing some 300 monks when it was completed in the 10th century. Embark your Oberoi ship for the start of your Nile cruise; this afternoon,

take a boat ride to Agilkia Island to see the sacred Temple of Isis at Philae, one of the last of the ancient temples constructed in the “classic” Egyptian style. End your day with a felucca cruise as the sun sets on the Nile. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ Temples of Kom Ombo & Edfu

Cruise to Kom Ombo, where its unusual twin temples are a walk away from your ship. Visit the Temple of Horus at Edfu, considered to be one of the most beautiful and best-preserved temples in Egypt. It took 180 years for the temple to be built and during your guided visit you'll discover why. Return to your ship for the evening. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ Luxor & the Valleys of Kings & Queens

Buried under the sand for more than 1,000 years, Luxor's Temple of Karnak is the largest complex of its time ever built. Explore the site with an expert guide who shares insights about its history and construction; a locally guided visit to Luxor Temple, connected to Karnak by an avenue of sphinxes, follows. This afternoon, visit the Valley of the Queens and the tomb of Nefertari; continue to the Valley of the Kings for an after-hours private visit that includes entry to King Tutankhamun's tomb. **Meals BLD**

10. Old Egyptian Museum & pyramids

Fly to Cairo. Join our local guide for a visit to the Old Egyptian Museum, housing many of the treasures found

Jordan & Egypt: Petra to the Pyramids, Small Groups



Crafted for guests who want to travel in a smaller group, our thirteen-day journey that explores the awe-inspiring antiquities of Egypt and Jordan includes a **four-night cruise along the Nile** aboard *Oberoi Philae* and a one-night stay in Aswan, visiting pyramids, temples and tombs that speak volumes about the lives of Egyptian kings and queens, traveling by felucca, camel and small boat to places immortal and intriguing.

Priced from AUD \$19,410, including on-tour air, departing:

**January 8, 16; February 2, 5, 15; March 4, 14; April 11, 26, 29
May 9; September 9, 19; October 7, 17; November 4 / = Sold Out!**

All departures are Small Group Departures averaging 24 guests; complete details can be found at tauck.com.au

in the Valley of the Kings, the principal burial place of the major royal figures of the Egyptian New Kingdom. Visit the pyramids at Saqqara, site of the burial ground for the ancient Egyptian capital of Memphis, where you'll see the world-famous Step Pyramid of Djoser. **Meals BLD**

11. Pyramids of Giza

Drive to Giza this morning for a guided tour of its storied pyramids, including the Great Pyramid of Giza, the last of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World. During your visit you will have an opportunity to ride a camel*. See the Great Sphinx, mysteriously reclining atop its Giza plateau for more than 3,000 years. After lunch, visit the pyramids at Saqqara, site of the necropolis (burial ground) for the ancient Egyptian capital of Memphis. The pyramid you will see here is the Step Pyramid, a magnificent reminder of the early architecture of the pharaohs of the Old Kingdom. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **Meals BL**

12. Treasures of Old Cairo

Located on the banks of the River Nile, a guided tour of the historic district of Old Coptic Cairo includes Roman ruins, ancient Coptic churches and your choice of the Al Rifa'i Mosque or the Sultan Hassan Mosque a short drive away. Enjoy free time to explore as you please before joining us for a farewell reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals BLD**

13. Journey Home

Tour ends: Cairo. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the Marriott Mena House to Cairo Airport. Allow three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Jan 14, 21, 28 Feb 4, 11 Mar 10, 17 Apr 7, 14, 21 May 12
Aug 25 Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct 6, 13, 20 Nov 10

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2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

May – September 14

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Category A – Luxury Stateroom Deck B					
Double	\$ 15,660	+	\$ 1,280	=	\$ 16,940
Single	\$ 20,975	+	\$ 1,280	=	\$ 22,255
Category B – Luxury Stateroom Deck C					
Double	\$ 16,210	+	\$ 1,280	=	\$ 17,490
Single	\$ 22,050	+	\$ 1,280	=	\$ 23,330

Category C – Luxury Stateroom Deck D					
Double	\$ 16,680	+	\$ 1,280	=	\$ 17,960
Single	N/A				
Category D – Luxury Suite Deck D					
Double	\$ 19,000	+	\$ 1,280	=	\$ 20,280
Single	N/A				

January – April; September 15 – December

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Category A – Luxury Stateroom Deck B					
Double	\$ 17,110	+	\$ 1,280	=	\$ 18,390
Single	\$ 22,415	+	\$ 1,280	=	\$ 23,695
Category B – Luxury Stateroom Deck C					
Double	\$ 17,660	+	\$ 1,280	=	\$ 18,940
Single	\$ 23,490	+	\$ 1,280	=	\$ 24,770
Category C – Luxury Stateroom Deck D					
Double	\$ 18,130	+	\$ 1,280	=	\$ 19,410
Single	N/A				
Category D – Luxury Suite Deck D					
Double	\$ 20,450	+	\$ 1,280	=	\$ 21,730
Single	N/A				

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

34 meals (12 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches & 11 Dinners), airport transfers upon arrival and departure, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes and portorage. On-tour air included (4 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	KEMPINSKI HOTEL ISHTAR DEAD SEA	Amman, Jordan
Night 3,4	MÖVENPICK RESORT PETRA	Petra, Jordan
Night 5,6	SOFITEL LEGEND OLD CATARACT	Aswan, Egypt
Night 7-9	ABOARD OBEROI CRUISER	Nile River
Night 10-12	MARRIOTT MENA HOUSE	Cairo, Egypt

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. See deck plans for Oberoi Zahra and Oberoi Philae on page 141. See page 136 for *Jordan & Egypt: Petra to the Pyramids, Small Groups*, featuring small group departures averaging 24 guests; complete details at tauck.com.au. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3



Egypt: Jewels of the Nile

Antiquities and treasures from Giza to Abu Simbel, including a four-night cruise on the River Nile

10 DAYS FROM AUD \$12,880 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

1. Arrive Cairo

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Marriott Mena House. A transfer is included from Cairo International Airport to the Marriott Mena House. We invite you to join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

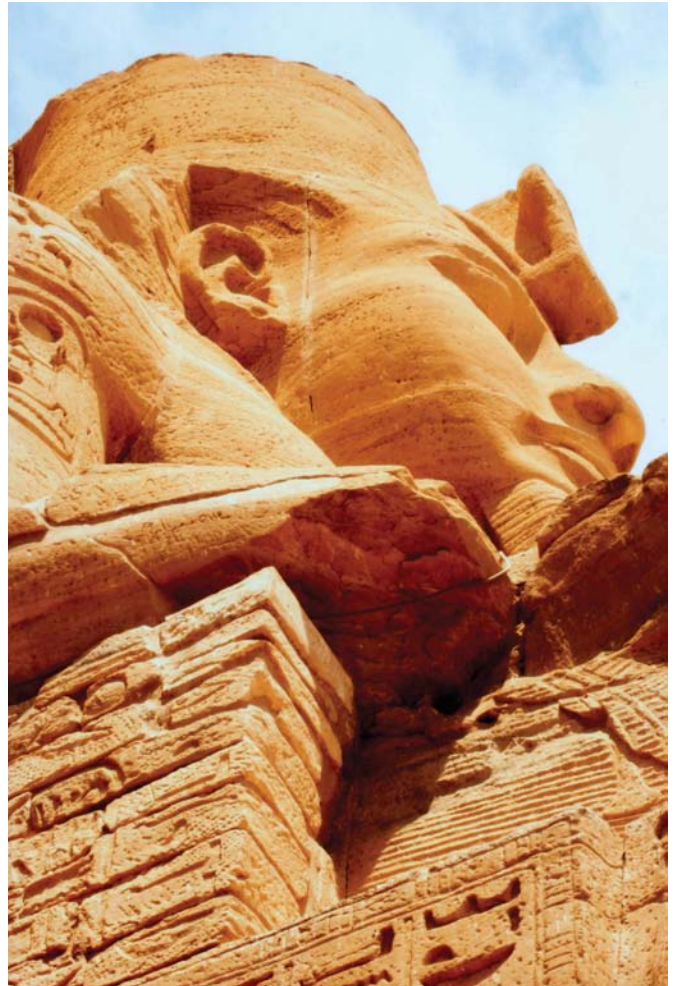
2. Pyramids of Giza

Drive to nearby Giza this morning for a guided tour of its storied pyramids, including the Great Pyramid of Giza, the last of the ancient Seven Wonders of the World. Here, take a camel ride* if you choose, before viewing the Great Sphinx. After lunch, you'll visit the Saqqara Pyramids, including the Step Pyramid of Djoser (built 4,700 years ago), and a tomb of a nobleman that is from one of the very first two dynasties. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore and spend in Cairo as you please. **Meals BL**



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- An after-hours private visit to the Valley of the Kings with entry to King Tutankhamun's Tomb gives you a privileged glimpse into the treasures buried with the young pharaoh
- Spend four nights aboard *Oberoi Philae* or *Oberoi Zahra* in a luxury stateroom or suite along the River Nile from Luxor to Aswan, with daily excursions to the Valleys of the Queens and Kings, the Temple of Karnak, and Kom Ombo
- A charter flight takes you to Abu Simbel for a morning tour of the temples built by Ramses II to demonstrate the power of Egypt in Nubia, where the pharaoh and his queen stand guard
- On a tour of the pyramids of Giza, go for a camel ride in the pyramid complex, home of the secretive Great Sphinx



Carved into the rocky landscapes in the 1200s BC, the temples of Abu Simbel loom large during your guided visit.

3. ■ Fly to Luxor and embark ship

Fly to Luxor this morning by private charter where your Nile cruiser awaits. This afternoon, join us for an excursion to the Valley of the Queens with a visit to the tomb of Nefertari, where the hieroglyphics amaze. Continue to the Valley of the Kings for an after-hours private visit that includes entry to King Tutankhamun's tomb, renowned for the wealth of valuable antiquities it contained when it was discovered unopened in 1922. Return to your ship at leisure. **Meals BLD**

4. ■ Timeless temples & cruise to Esna

Luxor's Temple of Karnak is the largest complex of its time ever built. Explore the site with an expert guide who shares insights about its history and construction, including the 134-columned Great Hypostyle Hall. A locally guided visit to Luxor Temple, connected to Karnak by an avenue of sphinxes, follows. Return to your Nile cruiser for lunch and a leisurely afternoon cruise to Esna. **Meals BLD**

5. ■ Temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo

Disembark at Edfu this morning for a visit to the Temple of Edfu, one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt. Return to your ship and cruise to Kom Ombo, where unusual twin

temples with carvings of early medical instruments are a short walk from your ship. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ Island temples & a felucca sailing

A full day of Egyptian exploration includes a visit to the ruins of Saint Simeon Monastery, and a boat ride to Agilkia Island to see the sacred Temple of Isis at Philae, one of the last of the ancient temples constructed in the "classic" Egyptian style. Enjoy a sunset felucca ride before returning to your Nile cruiser for dinner at leisure. Chart a course towards Aswan this evening. **Meals BLD**

7. Disembark ship & fly to Abu Simbel

A morning flight brings you to Abu Simbel for a locally guided visit to its massive temples cut into a solid rock cliff in the 1200s BC. Fly back to Aswan for an overnight stay in the Nubian Desert; your hotel is on the banks of the River Nile.

You'll have an opportunity to dine à la carte at the hotel this evening, from a choice of restaurants. **Meals BLD**

8. Old Egyptian Museum in Cairo

Fly back to Cairo this morning, touching down late morning. Following lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy a guided visit to the Old Egyptian Museum, housing the world's largest collection of Pharaonic antiquities. Check into your riverside hotel, The St. Regis Cairo, with outstanding views of the Nile and Old Cairo; the rest of the day is at leisure. **Meals BL**

9. Treasures of Old Cairo

On the right bank of the River Nile, explore the sites of historic Old Coptic Cairo, dating back to 6 BC. A guided tour includes Roman ruins, ancient Coptic churches, and mosques; a visit to The Hanging Church and St. Sergius Church; and a visit to the Al Rifa'i Mosque or the Sultan Hassan Mosque. You'll have some free time this afternoon before this evening's farewell dinner. **Meals BLD**

10. Journey Home

Tour ends: Cairo. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The St. Regis Cairo to Cairo International Airport. Allow three hours for check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Jan 14, ~~21, 25~~ Feb 4, 11, 18, ~~22~~ Mar 3, 10, 17, 21
Apr 7, 14, 18, 21 May 12, 16 Aug 25, 29 Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 26, 29
Oct 6, 13, 20, 24 Nov 3, 10, 24 / = Sold Out!

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2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

May – September 14

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Category A – Luxury Stateroom Deck B				
Double	\$ 11,580	+	\$1,300	= \$ 12,880
Single	\$ 16,445	+	\$1,300	= \$ 17,745
Category B – Luxury Stateroom Deck C				
Double	\$ 12,310	+	\$1,300	= \$ 13,610
Single	\$ 17,895	+	\$1,300	= \$ 19,195
Category C – Luxury Stateroom Deck D				
Double	\$ 12,890	+	\$1,300	= \$ 14,190
Single	N/A			
Category D – Luxury Suite Deck D				
Double	\$ 15,790	+	\$1,300	= \$ 17,090
Single	N/A			

January – April, September 15 – November

LAND/CRUISE PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Category A – Luxury Stateroom Deck B				
Double	\$ 13,610	+	\$1,300	= \$ 14,910
Single	\$ 18,745	+	\$1,300	= \$ 19,775
Category B – Luxury Stateroom Deck C				
Double	\$ 14,340	+	\$1,300	= \$ 15,640
Single	\$ 19,925	+	\$1,300	= \$ 21,225
Category C – Luxury Stateroom Deck D				
Double	\$ 14,920	+	\$1,300	= \$ 16,220
Single	N/A			
Category D – Luxury Suite Deck D				
Double	\$ 17,820	+	\$1,300	= \$ 19,120
Single	N/A			

Dates in **blue** indicate Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests from AUD \$14,330 per person double. Small group departures sail aboard *Oberoi Philae*; specific dates apply.

2024 LAND / CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS

24 meals (9 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport transfers upon arrival and departure, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes and portorage. On-tour air included (4 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	MARRIOTT MENA HOUSE	Cairo
Night 3-6	ABOARD OBEROI CRUISER	Nile River
Night 7	SOFITEL LEGEND OLD CATARACT	Aswan
Night 8,9	THE ST. REGIS CAIRO	Cairo

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Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2



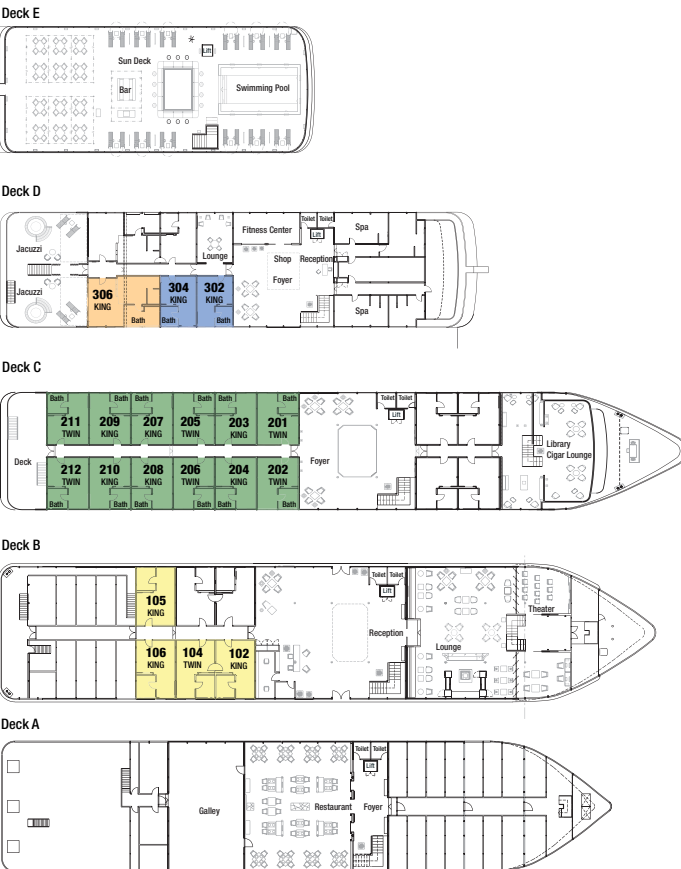
Enjoy an opportunity to view the Great Pyramids in Cairo atop a waiting camel, providing transport for locals and visitors alike.



Oberoi Zahra

Sail the River Nile aboard the *Oberoi Zahra*, masterfully designed with luxury and comfort for your unforgettable four-night cruise through 5,000 years of history. The *Oberoi Zahra* (pictured above) has 27 spacious staterooms and suites, each with an outside facing window, a luxurious private bathroom and complimentary Internet; please see deck plans below.

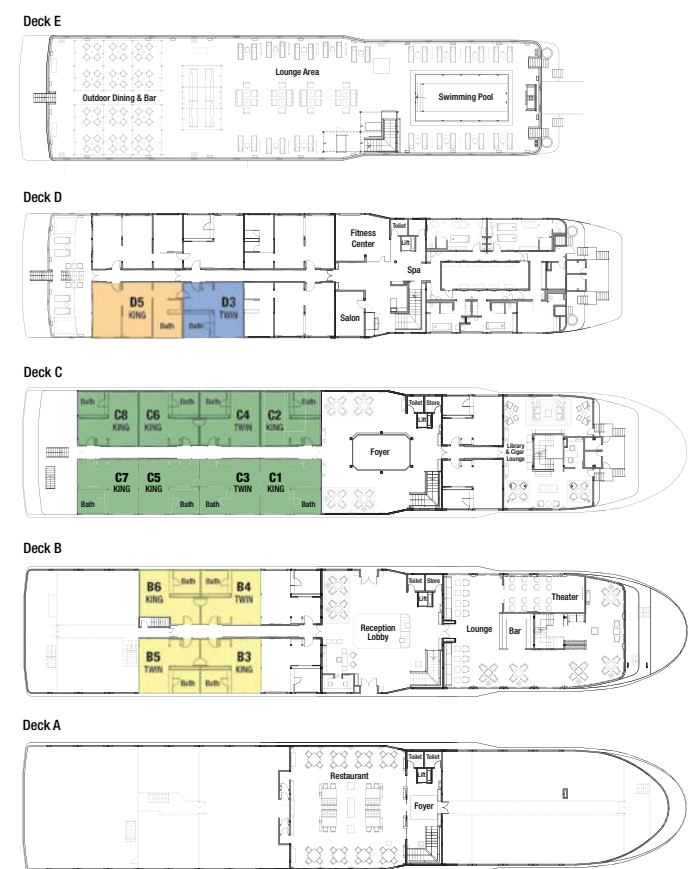
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■ Category C - Deck D, Luxury Cabin	■ Category D - Deck D, Luxury Suite



Oberoi Philae

Small group departures cruise aboard *Oberoi Philae* offering spacious accommodations in 22 staterooms and suites, each featuring outside windows and a private bathroom and complimentary Internet. See deck plans below. Public spaces on both ships are similar with dining in a choice of venues, a fitness center, a spa, a swimming pool, a movie theater and dance floor.

■ Category A - Deck B, Luxury Cabin	■ Category B - Deck C, Luxury Cabin
■ Category C - Deck D, Luxury Cabin	■ Category D - Deck D, Luxury Suite





Israel and Jordan

Discover the rich diversity of cultures, faiths, and ethnicities in this land that shaped history

14 DAYS FROM AUD \$12,450 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

1. Arrive Tel Aviv

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, InterContinental David Tel Aviv. A transfer is included from Ben Gurion Airport to InterContinental David Tel Aviv, noted for sweeping views of the Mediterranean Sea. Please join us this evening for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner at the hotel. **Meals D**

2. Ancient Jaffa and Tel Aviv

On your first full day in Israel, sightseeing in Tel Aviv reveals some of the striking contrasts that define the country. A Hebrew lesson provides you with handy words to know before you set off for a walking tour through the narrow,

cobblestone streets of 4,000-year-old Jaffa, believed to be the oldest port city in the world. This enclave is home to a diverse population of Jews, Muslims, and Christians, its winding stone streets and alleys housing galleries, antique shops, and restaurants. After lunch at a local café, a city tour offers a striking contrast to the mud and stone look of Jaffa and reveals why Tel Aviv earned a UNESCO World Heritage designation. The “White City” by the sea is famous for its wealth of Bauhaus architecture – plain white modernist houses that reflect simplicity and practicality – brought here by European immigrants in the 1930s. The rest of the day is free for you to explore this hip young city on your own. Your hotel is within easy walking distance of the beach, restaurants and a nightlife second to none. **Meals BL**

Uniquely Tauck

- A guided walking tour at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Baha'i Gardens – the Hanging Gardens of Baha'i – leads you to the gold-domed Shrine of the Báb on the tenth terrace down the slope of Mount Carmel
- Have lunch at one of the most popular restaurants in Akko, Uri Buri, run by Chef Uri Jeremias; the city of Akko is a World Heritage Site on the Mediterranean – and Uri Buri is renowned the world over for its fresh, seasonal seafood
- Join in a traditional feast with music at a Bedouin tented camp in Little Petra; enjoy the delights of desert hospitality as you sample the fruit-infused tobacco from a hubbly-bubbly and authentic cuisine. A local troupe of performers entertains with the centuries-old Dabke sword dance – and you're invited to join them



A private walking tour inside Baha'i shrine, situated on the lovely terraced slopes of Mount Carmel, is memorable.

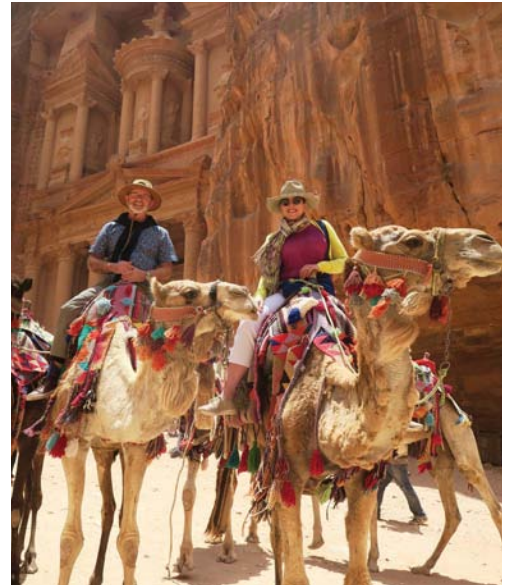


3. Ancient Caesarea and Haifa

Travel to Caesarea, named for the Roman emperor Caesar Augustus, for a walking tour of its ruins. Head to Mount Carmel and a private walking tour inside Baha'i Shrine and Gardens on the slope of Mount Carmel, featuring terraces and gardens that lead to the golden-domed tomb of the Báb, messenger of the Baha'i Faith, which teaches that no religion has a monopoly on the truth. Back at the hotel, the remainder of the day and evening is free; dinner is at your hotel, high atop Mount Carmel. **Meals BLD**

4. Along the Sea of Galilee

Visit the Yigal Alon Museum and learn about the Galilee Boat, a 2,000-year-old fishing vessel. Board a working replica of the boat and sail the Sea of Galilee on a guided tour to see how fishermen in Jesus' time lived and worked. Stop in the Sea of Galilee region for lunch; this rural area



Discover ancient history in Israel and Jordan in different ways, on varied experiences – you'll board a replica of a 2,000 year-old boat for a trip on the Sea of Galilee; and after exploring the 2,000 year-old city Petra, you'll have an opportunity to ride a camel.

contains many kibbutzim – farming communities which teach self-reliance, collective action, and civic responsibility. Tour the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. **Meals BL**

5. Akko, a local lunch, and on to Jerusalem

Today you'll explore the old citadel of the walled seaport city of Akko, with a warren of streets and alleys, arches, towers, tunnels and underground chambers; and experience the tranquility of the 18th-century El-Jazzar Mosque. See its graceful minarets and mosaics, built over the ruins of a Crusader church. Enjoy lunch at one of the city's most sought-after restaurants, Uri Buri, run by Chef Uri Jeremias; casual with understated elegance, his seafood restaurant is famous all over the world. Arrive at your award-winning hotel in Jerusalem, one of the newest and most luxurious in Israel, set in the heart of the city. **Meals BL**

6. Jerusalem – city of cultural diversity

For three of the world's great religions, Judaism, Islam and Christianity, Jerusalem is a city of great significance. A guided walking tour includes a visit to the Western Wall, last remnant of Solomon's Temple. The wide plaza before the wall is an open-air place of reflection where Jews gather daily to pray and offer supplications to God, sometimes written on paper and stuffed into cracks between the massive stones. Take a walk along the Cardo; visit the Jewish Quarter; and descend into the ingeniously engineered Sephardic Synagogues, built below street level. Following lunch at a café, visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, where a guide

walks you through the images, survivors' accounts, and artifacts that put human faces on the Holocaust. Dine at your hotel this evening. **Meals BLD**

7. Explore the Old City & a special evening

Return to the Old City for a visit to the Dome of the Rock, an Islamic shrine built on the Temple Mount. Its golden dome shelters the rock from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended to Heaven; for Jews, it covers the holiest spot on Earth, the Foundation Stone of Solomon's inner temple, which contained the Ark of the Covenant. Retrace the steps Jesus took on the Via Dolorosa en route to the Crucifixion; the winding path ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, enclosing the place where Jesus was crucified and buried. An ancient tasting menu, centuries old, highlights a special dining experience at The Eucalyptus, one of Jerusalem's popular restaurants. After dinner head to the Tower of David for a spectacular sound and light show. **Meals BLD**

8. Visit Bethlehem; view the Dead Sea Scrolls

Join us for a locally guided walking tour of Bethlehem. Here you'll visit the 4th-century Church of the Nativity, one of the oldest churches in the world. Walk from Manger Square to the Milk Grotto, carved out of soft white rock, where the Holy Family took refuge before their flight into Egypt. Return to Jerusalem for a visit to the Israel Museum where you'll view the Dead Sea Scrolls, the earliest known manuscripts of the Hebrew Bible, discovered in the 1940s. Return to the hotel late afternoon; remainder of the day is free. **Meals B**

9. Masada, then arrive Jordan & the Dead Sea

This morning, depart for Masada, a UNESCO World Heritage Site overlooking the Dead Sea. A Jewish revolt against the Romans ended on this windswept plateau in 73 AD; view its restored ancient buildings, rebels' houses, and synagogue. Today, it is the place where Israeli soldiers swear their oath of allegiance. Cross into Jordan for a mid-afternoon arrival at Mövenpick Resort & Spa on the Dead Sea. **Meals BLD**

10. Day along the Dead Sea or Jerash

Spend the day at your Dead Sea resort, or join us for a trip to the ancient city of Jerash to step back in time 2,000 years. Explore well-preserved remains of Roman architecture including Hadrian's Arch, temples, baths, colonnaded streets and more in this fascinating archaeological site. A Jordanian woman gives a talk on the economic, social, and political complexities her generation lives with today. **Meals BLD**

11. To Mount Nebo and Petra

Depart the Dead Sea for the ancient "lost city" of Petra; on the way, stop at Mount Nebo, where Moses looked out upon the "Promised Land." You'll also visit the Memorial Church of Moses to see its ancient mosaics, located inside the excavated Old Baptistery. Biblical history is everywhere en route, most notably in Madaba; visit St. George's Greek Orthodox Church to view a map from the 6th century detailing major biblical sites. Enjoy a lunch of Jordanian specialties, then arrive in Petra late afternoon. **Meals BLD**

12. Pink City of Petra & Bedouin evening

This morning, explore 2,000-year-old Petra, carved out of rose-colored sandstone cliffs; it was only in 1812 that the temples, tombs and the Treasury, hidden in the mountains for thousands of years, were discovered. Visit the elaborately sculpted Treasury, and after lunch in the old city, return to your hotel by camel and horse cart. Spend the afternoon at leisure, then join us for a Bedouin-style feast near Petra. A dance troupe of Jordanian men, dressed in Bedouin garments, performs the Dabke sword dance. **Meals BLD**

13. Amazing King's Highway to Amman

A drive along the winding 5,000-year-old King's Highway to Amman, one of the world's oldest continuously used roads, is fascinating; you'll have an opportunity to take a brief city tour prior to arriving at the hotel. Guests who have early evening flights will be taken directly to Queen Alia International Airport; those departing late night or early the next morning will spend the night at Four Seasons Amman. **Meals BLD**

14. Journey Home

Tour ends: Amman. Transfer is included from Four Seasons Amman to Queen Alia International Airport. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Feb 6, 13, 22, 27, 29 Mar 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28 Apr 2, 4, 7
May 2, 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 23, 26 Sep 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24
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2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

January – February

Double	\$12,450	Single	15,383	Triple	\$11,865
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March – October

Double	\$14,040	Single	\$17,219	Triple	\$13,397
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November

Double	\$13,030	Single	\$16,121	Triple	\$12,388
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2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

33 meals (13 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches & 9 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes and portorage.

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	INTERCONTINENTAL DAVID TEL AVIV	Tel Aviv, Israel
Night 3,4	DAN CARMEL HAIFA	Haifa, Israel
Night 5-8	WALDORF ASTORIA JERUSALEM	Jerusalem, Israel
Night 9,10	MÖVENPICK RESORT & SPA DEAD SEA	Dead Sea, Jordan
Night 11,12	MÖVENPICK RESORT PETRA	Petra, Jordan
Night 13	FOUR SEASONS AMMAN	Amman, Jordan

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2



Jerusalem, The Red Sea & Petra

An interlacing tapestry of cultural and natural history throughout the millennia

11 DAYS FROM AUD \$10,130 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

1. Arrive Jerusalem

Tour begins: 5:00 PM, Orient Jerusalem. A transfer is included from Israel's Ben Gurion Airport, often referred to as Tel Aviv Airport, to Orient Jerusalem. Located in the heart of the city, the hotel is just 1 km from the Old City and 2 km from the Western Wall, as well as close to a vast array of local attractions. Join us this evening for a dinner at a local Jerusalem restaurant. **Meals D**

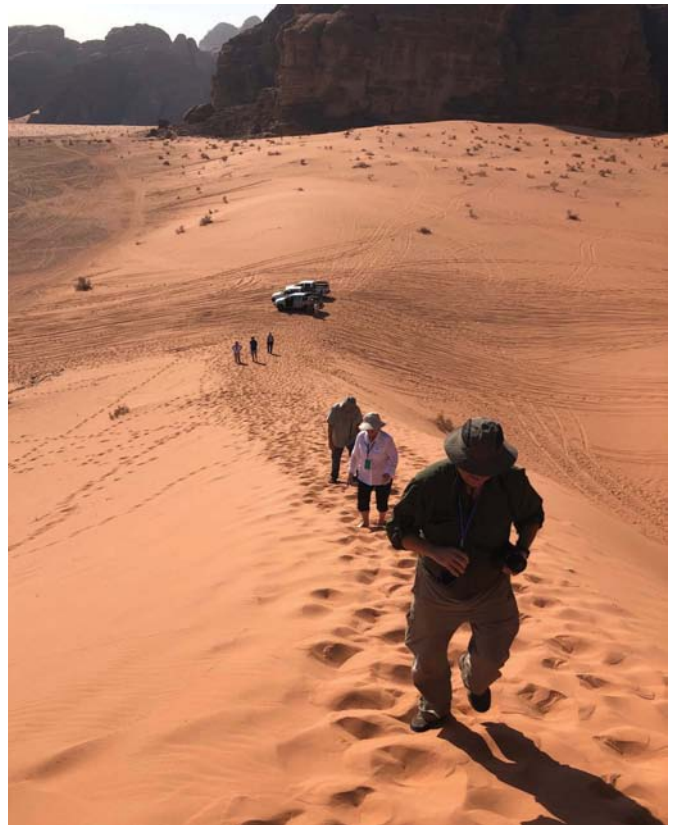
2. Old City sights and the Jewish Quarter

Few cities in the world evoke the sense of spirituality and history that Jerusalem's Old City does, where people of all faiths have come to worship for thousands of years. Layered with ancient relics and treasured shrines, it is home to

places that inspire quiet awe as you view in person revered sites like the Dome of the Rock, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and more (see day 3). Today begins with a visit to the medieval Tower of David, the historical entrance to the Old City and the symbol for Jerusalem for generations; the Western "Wailing" Wall, built by King Herod in 20 BC and considered the most religious site in the world for the Jewish people; and the Roman cardo, the main street of the Old City over 1,500 years ago and now a vibrant marketplace. Walking through the Jewish Quarter reveals a look at life in a neighborhood two thousand years old, where alleyways lead to historic sites, synagogues, shops and more. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit Yad Vashem, Israel's moving memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. The remainder of the day is free to spend as you please in Jerusalem, with dinner at your leisure at the hotel this evening. **Meals BLD**

Uniquely Tauck

- With an expert local guide, experience an authentic taste of old and new at an iconic market in the heart of Jerusalem, dating back to the days of the Ottomans and today renowned as a symbol of daily life in one of the oldest cities in the world
- Head into the lunar-like landscapes of Wadi Rum on an exciting 4x4 excursion that culminates in a tented Bedouin feast with music, sword dancing and a camel ride, made more memorable by stargazing under the desert's stunning night sky
- Set out from Aqaba aboard a private boat for a sundowner cruise on the Red Sea, of Biblical and historic significance – and where coral reefs are renowned for diving adventures
- Visit Masada, an amazing UNESCO World Heritage Site built in 1 AD overlooking the Dead Sea; you'll spend two nights at a 5-star resort by the shores of the Red Sea



A 4 x 4 vehicle transports you to the desert landscapes of Wadi Rum for an extraordinary evening of dinner & Bedouin culture.



3. The Temple Mount and Via Dolorosa

Sightseeing continues with a walking tour back in time that begins with a visit to the Temple Mount, where the iconic dome reigns as its crown jewel. Listen to expert insights about its significance for each religion as you explore the sights with a local guide. Continue along the Via Dolorosa route, then visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, believed to have been built over the biblical site where Jesus was nailed to the cross, died and rose from the dead. A visit to the lively Mahane Yehuda Market includes a sampling at Jerusalem's largest outdoor market and foodie haven. This afternoon, tour the Israel Museum, home to some 5,000 years of cultural treasures, including the Dead Sea Scrolls, among the world's oldest biblical manuscripts. Enjoy the remainder of the day as you wish. **Meals BL**

4. Bethlehem or Tel Aviv and Jaffa

A choice of excursions today includes a walking tour of Bethlehem or a visit to the 4,000-year-old seaport town of Jaffa and modern-day Tel Aviv. No longer a little town, Bethlehem is a thriving city that evokes the story of Jesus in Manger Square, from the Basilica of the Nativity to the cave-like Grotto below where Mary is said to have given



You'll learn about Israel's vast historic legacy, encompassing thousands of years at many sites including Masada – a fortress set on a plateau that was a true engineering feat in 30 BC; today it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, also renowned for its panoramic views.

birth to the baby Jesus. Visit its must-see sights with a local guide and enjoy lunch before returning to Jerusalem. Alternatively, travel to seaside Jaffa for a guided walking tour and lunch, followed by a visit to Tel Aviv, teeming with architectural wonders and modern-day delights. Return to Jerusalem where your evening is free. **Meals BL**

5. Masada and the Dead Sea

Journey into the countryside today en route to the ancient hilltop fortress of Masada. Originally built by King Herod



You'll broaden your knowledge of the ancient world on a guided visit to Petra – and if you wish, experience it via camel.

as a palace complex in the last century BC, the rugged desert fortress of Masada was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its role as a symbol of the ancient kingdom of Israel, but you may remember it for the stunning panoramic views of the Dead Sea you will see during today's visit. Get a closer look when you check into your resort this afternoon, nestled on the shores of the great salt lake. Dine at leisure tonight in the hotel. **Meals BLD**

6. Aqaba and the Red Sea

Cross the border into Jordan this morning and arrive at your beachfront hotel in the port of Aqaba, Jordan's only coastal city. This afternoon, join us aboard a private boat for a cocktail cruise on the marine life-rich Red Sea, inspiring with views of the city and sea. As you gaze across this historic body of water, the story of Moses and the parting of the seas may come to mind, reminding you of the biblical significance of so many of the sights you'll see in this part of the world. Dinner is at leisure tonight in the hotel. **Meals BLD**

7. A desert adventure to Wadi Rum

Spend the morning at leisure at your seaside hotel, set along a lovely white sandy beach. This afternoon pack your spirit for adventure as you ride aboard a 4x4 vehicle bound for the "Valley of the Moon" at Wadi Rum, a movie set location for *Lawrence of Arabia*, *The Martian* and more. Enjoy an evening steeped in tradition and local culture – camel rides, a special dinner with entertainment in Bedouin tents and stargazing with an expert. **Meals BD**

8. Well-preserved Petra

Drive to the town of Wadi Musa for a visit to Petra. Dating back to 300 BC, this “Rose City” served as the capital of the Nabataean Kingdom, whose master builders carved palaces, temples, tombs, storerooms and stables from the soft stone cliffs you’ll see on a guided visit today. Enter the ancient city through a narrow rock-sided pathway that opens to one of its most famous sites, The Treasury; you’ll also have an opportunity to see architectural treasures and ride a camel (if you wish). Return to the hotel mid-afternoon – the remainder of the day is free to spend as you please. **Meals BLD**

9. Mount Nebo, Madaba and Amman

Depart for Amman today, stopping en route at Madaba and Mount Nebo. Madaba is a Bronze-age market town best known for the Byzantine-era mosaic map on the floor of St. George’s Church, said to represent the oldest map of Palestine in existence. Continue to Mount Nebo where, according to the Bible, Moses was granted a glimpse of the Promised Land before his death. On a clear day you will enjoy the same views that Moses did from atop the summit. Your destination is Amman, the modern capital of Jordan. Spend the rest of the day as you wish. **Meals BL**

10. Sightseeing in Jerash or Amman

You have two choices for sightseeing this morning. Drive north to Jerash, buried under rock and rubble for centuries; a tour with a local guide includes views of Hadrian’s Arch, the hippodrome which hosted chariot races, and the Temple of Zeus. Alternatively, explore Amman including a walking tour of Amman’s Old City and Amman Citadel. Join us this evening for a private farewell dinner. **Meals BLD**



FEATURED HOTEL

Kempinski Hotel Aqaba Red Sea

Your beachfront resort is nestled along the white sands of the Red Sea, combining warm Jordanian hospitality with luxury resort standards. Enjoy well-appointed guest rooms with stunning views, a choice of dining venues, a spa, fitness center and multi-level pool, along with easy access to amazing historical sites.

11. Journey Home

Tour ends: Amman. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the The Ritz-Carlton, Amman to Queen Alia International Airport. You should allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Feb 17, 24 **Mar 9, 16, 23** **Apr 6** **May 4, 11**
Sep 7, 14 **Oct 26** **Nov 2, 9**

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

February

Double \$10,130 Single \$12,312 Triple \$ 9,983

March, September, November

Double \$11,140 Single \$13,475 Triple \$10,996

April – May; October

Double \$11,580 Single \$14,154 Triple \$11,412

Dates in **blue** indicate Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from AUD \$11,580 per person double. Special Solo Traveler Savings dates in **red** indicate special departures where you save AUD \$430 on the single room price.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

25 meals (10 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, taxes & portorage.

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1-4	ORIENT JERUSALEM	Jerusalem, Israel
Night 5	ISROTEL DEAD SEA RESORT & SPA	Ein Bokek, Israel
Night 6,7	KEMPINSKI HOTEL AQABA RED SEA	Aqaba, Jordan
Night 8	PETRA MARRIOTT HOTEL	Wadi Musa, Jordan
Night 9,10	THE RITZ-CARLTON, AMMAN	Amman, Jordan

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2



Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Grand Australia & New Zealand

A comprehensive connection with the lands down under via charter flights for easy exploration

20 DAYS FROM AUD \$21,720 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

1. Arrive Melbourne

Tour begins: 5:00 PM, The Langham, Melbourne. A transfer is included from Melbourne Airport to The Langham, Melbourne; you'll enjoy a river-view room. Join us for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner at the hotel. **Meals D**

2. Discover Melbourne's charms

Melbourne's hidden secrets are revealed on a guided walking tour this morning, from its famous coffee to its cosmopolitan charms. Discover monumental sites on a drive through the city's modern business district and other local attractions. The rest of your day is free. **Meals B**



Uniquely Tauck

- Experience the Great Barrier Reef on a choice of excursions that include a catamaran cruise, a scuba diving and snorkeling adventure, or a pampering spa treatment at the lodge
- Private charter flights make the most of your travel time from city to city in Australia and from one natural wonder to the next in New Zealand
- Savor a taste of Blenheim during tea at a sheep farm with the farmer and a wine pairing lunch that showcases locally produced Sauvignon Blanc
- Enjoy an exclusive tour and 3-course “Dinner with the Warbirds” at the acclaimed Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre in Blenheim, featuring World War I and II aircraft owned by Sir Peter Jackson



Visit the Auckland Museum, showcasing a historic collection of Maori artifacts, and view a Maori cultural presentation.

3. Fly to Uluru & the Outback

Fly to the desert Outback via private charter this morning, arriving at Uluru (Ayers Rock) in the country’s “Red Centre.” The light of the setting sun bathes the mystical sandstone monolith with a palette of ever-changing colors; enjoy the experience with canapés and champagne tonight. **Meals BL**

4. Uluru to a skyrail & more in Queensland

Aboriginal traditions define life in the Outback, especially at Uluru (Ayers Rock); learn about the “dreamtime” legends associated with this massive monolith on a guided tour this morning. Fly via private charter to Cairns in Queensland, gateway to the amazing Great Barrier Reef. Board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, taking you over and through the rainforest canopy; disembark in the mountain village of Kuranda. Continue on to Silky Oaks Lodge, your luxury eco lodge adjacent to Daintree National Park. **Meals BD**

5. Choices at the Great Barrier Reef

Activity choices at the world-famous Great Barrier Reef, an incredible UNESCO World Heritage Site, include a catamaran cruise to the Agincourt Reef; an adventure boat trip for scuba divers and snorkelers; or a relaxing spa treatment at the lodge. Dine at leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

6. Optional balloon flight / day at leisure

Early risers may choose to soar over Queensland’s vast, fertile Atherton Tablelands on an optional hot air balloon flight* at dawn (at an additional cost of AUD \$565 per person). Spend the rest of the day and evening at leisure, joining us for an Aussie-themed dinner tonight. **Meals BLD**

7. Crocodiles & on to Sydney

Learn all about crocodiles at Hartley’s Crocodile Adventures, where a tour and private feeding presentation precede an exclusive boat cruise on the lagoon. Fly via private charter to Sydney for a three-night stay; your hotel is centrally located with rooms overlooking Sydney Harbour. **Meals BLD**

8. Inside the Opera House & a harbour cruise

Begin a day of memorable exploration in Sydney with a special visit to the city’s iconic white-sailed Sydney Opera House on a guided insider tour, followed by a private cruise with lunch on beautiful Sydney Harbour. Enjoy an afternoon sightseeing tour of city sights, and experience a dine-around tonight in a choice of popular restaurants. **Meals BD**



Explore the landmark sights of Sydney on guided excursions that include an insider visit at the white-sailed Sydney Opera House, a private cruise of Sydney Harbour and a guided walking tour in the city's popular and historic neighborhood known as "The Rocks."

9. Rags to riches in "The Rock"

Join an expert local guide for a private "Rags to Riches" walking tour of Sydney's popular neighborhood known as "The Rocks," focusing on a different chapter of the area's history, from the arrival of Britain's First Fleet in 1788 to present day. Spend the rest of the day exploring as you wish, discovering the sights that interest you most. **Meals B**

10. Fly to Wellington

This morning, fly across the Tasman Sea to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city, changing your clock ahead two hours as you change countries. Arrive at your hotel, adjacent to the



Experience the natural bounty of New Zealand's Marlborough Sounds on a private wine and green-lipped mussel cruise.

city's waterfront, late afternoon for a two-night stay; dinner tonight is at your leisure at the hotel. **Meals BD**

11. Wellington wonders

Sightseeing discoveries in Wellington begin with a cable car excursion up to the city's Botanic Garden. Ride a cable car back to town for a visit to Te Papa Tongarewa, New Zealand's national museum. Your guide introduces you to five floors of exhibits focusing on the country's natural wonders, art, history, and Pacific and Maori cultures. **Meals B**

12. Blenheim & Marlborough sounds

Tauck's charter flight brings you to Blenheim for a two-night stay. Touch down for a private wine and green-lipped mussel cruise on Marlborough Sounds, before checking into your hotel where dinner is at leisure. **Meals BLD**

13. Blenheim's bounty & a warbird dinner

Visit a working farm for sheepdog and sheep-shearing demos, and tea with the farmer, followed by a wine-pairing lunch at a heritage winery. Enjoy an exclusive "warbird" dinner at the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre. **Meals BLD**

14. Fly to Te Anau

Fly to Manapouri and continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland National Park and Milford Sound, surrounded by

World Heritage-status mountains. Have lunch at your hotel followed by a filmed journey through the awe-inspiring wilderness landscapes of Fiordland at the Fiordland Cinema this afternoon. Dine as you wish this evening. **Meals BL**

15. Cruise Milford Sound

Enjoy a private cruise of Milford Sound today, hearing expert insights from your onboard naturalist and enjoying lunch amidst the dramatic scenery that surrounds you. The rest of the day is free, with dinner at leisure at your hotel. **Meals BLD**

16. A toast to Queenstown

En route to Queenstown, stop for lunch at a winery known for its Pinot Noir wines and stunning scenery. Tonight, discover the sights and culinary scene as you wish. **Meals BL**

17. A jet boat & a helicopter ride

Enjoy a thrilling jet boat excursion* through the rapids and narrow gorges of Skippers Canyon on the Shotover River, followed by a helicopter ride*; head back via Skyline gondola. Spend the rest of the day as you wish. **Meals B**

18. Auckland's Maori culture

Tauck's private charter flies you to Auckland. Touch down for lunch and a visit to the Auckland Museum, housing the world's largest collection of Maori and Polynesian artifacts. Enjoy dinner at your hotel at leisure. **Meals BLD**

19. Waiheke Island wine & Auckland

Ferry to nearby Waiheke Island, a mecca of farmland, forest and beaches, for sightseeing, lunch and a wine tasting at Mudbrick Vineyard; return to Auckland by ferry. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner this evening. **Meals BLD**

20. Journey Home

Tour ends: Auckland. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour to Auckland Airport. Allow three hours for check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Jan 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 Feb 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29
Mar 7, 11, 14, 21, 25 Apr 1, 4, 15 Sep 16, 19, 26, 30
Oct 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31 Nov 4, 18 Dec 9 / = Sold Out!

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

April

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (6 charter flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double \$ 15,920 + \$ 5,800 = **\$ 21,720**

Single \$ 19,725 + \$ 5,800 = **\$ 25,525**

Triple \$ 15,214 + \$ 5,800 = **\$ 21,014**

January – March; September – November

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (6 charter flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double \$ 17,810 + \$ 5,800 = **\$ 23,610**

Single \$ 21,859 + \$ 5,800 = **\$ 27,659**

Triple \$ 17,038 + \$ 5,800 = **\$ 22,838**

December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (6 charter flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double \$ 18,820 + \$ 5,800 = **\$ 24,620**

Single \$ 23,312 + \$ 5,800 = **\$ 29,112**

Triple \$ 17,942 + \$ 5,800 = **\$ 23,742**

Dates in blue indicate Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, priced from AUD \$28,540 per person double.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

42 meals (19 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches & 12 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes & portorage. On-tour air included (6 charter flights). Flight from Sydney to Wellington is not included. See note in bold below

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	THE LANGHAM, MELBOURNE	Melbourne, Aus.
Night 3	SAILS IN THE DESERT	Ayers Rock, Aus.
Night 4-6*	SILKY OAKS LODGE	Mossman, Aus.
Night 7-9	INTERCONTINENTAL SYDNEY	Sydney, Aus.
Night 10,11	INTERCONTINENTAL WELLINGTON	Wellington, NZ
Night 12,13	CHATEAU MARLBOROUGH	Blenheim, NZ
Night 14,15	DISTINCTION TE ANAU HOTEL & VILLAS	Te Anau, NZ
Night 16,17	SOFITEL QUEENSTOWN HOTEL AND SPA	Queenstown, NZ
Night 18,19	SOFITEL AUCKLAND VIADUCT HARBOUR	Auckland, NZ

*Tours of Jan 15, Mar 25, Apr 1, Sep 16, 30 and Oct 7, 14 and 21 will stay at Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort in Port Douglas

Airfare to and from the arrival and departure destinations is additional. **Total price will not include the Sydney – Wellington trans-Tasman flight on Day 10, Qantas Flight #161, must be purchased separately.** For activities with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Hot Air Balloon on Day 6 is at an additional cost of AUD \$565 per person; ask at booking. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3



Mt. Cook

New Zealand: A North & South Island Adventure

Explore the islands' attractions your way, on a trip designed for the adventurous

14 DAYS FROM AUD \$17,380 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

1. Arrive Christchurch

Tour begins: 4:30 PM. A transfer is included from Christchurch Airport to Crowne Plaza Christchurch, located in the heart of the city. Please join us this evening for our exclusive welcome reception and dinner in the historic Riccarton House – a grand, restored 19th-century homestead, decorated and furnished in appropriate Victorian/Edwardian style. **Meals D**

2. Quake City and Churchill sightseeing

Begin the day with a visit to Quake City, a museum that documents the disastrous earthquakes that struck



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- Christchurch greets you at a memorable welcome reception and dinner in the magnificent setting of Riccarton House, a grand Victorian/Edwardian homestead in the heart of town
- Sit back and relax as you take in the sights and sounds of Christchurch and the surrounding areas of Central Christchurch in a slightly different way – on the back of a Harley Davidson.
- Enjoy a period-costumed Gangsters and Flappers party in Napier, a city known for its well-preserved Art Deco architecture; the gala event features dinner, “Prohibition cocktails,” dancing, and a live swing band
- Visit the Auckland War Memorial Museum, a monument to New Zealand’s natural history and military history, where you’ll see an exclusive Maori dance performance



“Punting” on the Avon River in Christchurch is iconic, harkening back to days gone by – informative and relaxing.

Christchurch and the surrounding Canterbury region in September 2010 and February 2011; exhibits tell of heroism, the science behind earthquakes, and recovery projects still going on. Then go punting on the River Avon; a punter in an Edwardian outfit will pole your flat-bottomed boat along the idyllic river. Following lunch, it’s your choice of how you’d like to spend your afternoon. Street art tells a story of what Christchurch is, what it was, and what it could be; take a tour with an art historian and discover why the city has emerged as the “street art capital of the world.” Alternatively, explore Hagley Park and the riverside on a bicycle* tour (manual or electric, as you prefer). Spend the rest of the day and evening as you please. **Meals BL**

3. Aoraki / Mt. Cook National Park

Drive to Aoraki / Mt. Cook National Park, a land of peaks and glaciers in the heart of South Island, a mountain-climbers’ mecca; Sir Edmund Hillary practiced his climbing skills on Mt. Cook before tackling Everest. After lunch, board a MAC boat* for a close-up look at Tasman Glacier. The 16 mile-long glacier is continually melting and calving, creating an ever-expanding lake with icebergs; cruise the awe-inspiring lake with its eerie iceberg-islands to the towering walls of the glacier. Dine at your hotel inside the park; tonight, you’ll have a chance to go stargazing with an expert who will guide you through the constellations. The park is one of the few

places in the world officially recognized as an International Dark-Sky Reserve, free of ground lights; night skies here are rare and spectacular. **Meals BLD**

4. From glaciers to Queenstown

Explore the Tasman Valley and the mountains and glaciers of the South Island from the air on an Ultimate Alpine Experience that combines flights in both a ski plane* and a helicopter*. Fly up to the valley, over glacial lakes and the breathtaking Southern Alps; get a view of the astonishing Hochstetter Icefall and Mt. Cook, and land on Tasman Glacier before returning to Mt. Cook Airport; alternatively, view the landscapes on a 4WD adventure with a guide who shares expert insights. After lunch, travel to Queenstown. **Meals BLD**

5. Nature trails and jet boats

Drive to Glenorchy for an exhilarating jet boat ride* through Mt. Aspiring National Park along the Dart River; along the park’s rivers and trails, local guides will introduce you to the area’s history and Maori legends. The beech forest along the Greenstone trail feels like a forest in Tolkien’s Middle-Earth; in fact, it was used as a location in Sir Peter Jackson’s *Lord of the Rings* movies. Fly by helicopter* back to Queenstown where the rest of the day is yours. **Meals B**



You'll discover that New Zealand is a paradise for nature lovers. On your 4-night stay in Queenstown, you'll have several opportunities to experience the breathtaking beauty of the Southern Alps – including a cruise on Tasman Glacier for an amazing up-close look.

6. Adventure choices in Queenstown

Queenstown excursion choices include a *Lord of the Rings* adventure safari via 4WD vehicle* to locations used in the movies, where you'll follow a historic mining road along the Arrow River and try your hand at panning for gold; zip lining* through the treetops of a beech forest; or a round of golf. Spend the afternoon as you please, and then enjoy dinner in Queenstown this evening. **Meals BD**

7. Gardens & Marlborough wine tasting

Fly to Blenheim in the Marlborough region by private charter, then head to a working sheep farm where a garden tour with lunch (which is accompanied by popular New Zealand wines) is followed by sheepdog and sheep-shearing demonstrations. After checking into Chateau Marlborough



Adventure awaits on a jet boat ride along the Dart River through the pristine landscapes of Mount Aspiring National Park.

in Blenheim, this evening you'll dine locally at a popular Marlborough restaurant. **Meals BLD**

8. Marlborough Sounds cruise

Cruise the enchanting Marlborough Sounds, a vast network of sunken valleys, islands, and fjord-like vistas at the tip of South Island, on a private wine and green-lipped mussel cruise that includes lunch. Following some free time at your hotel, head to the Wine Station to sample from a selection of 80 of the region's premium local wines. Return to your hotel in Blenheim for dinner at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

9. Warbirds & art deco treasures in Napier

Begin the day with a visit to the acclaimed Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, a state-of-the-art museum featuring an astonishing array of vintage aircraft from the world wars. After lunch, fly via private charter from Blenheim to Napier in Hawke's Bay. Napier was destroyed by an earthquake in 1931 and rebuilt in the Art Deco style that was popular at the time; today the city is famous for its well-preserved 1930s architecture, and is known as the Art Deco Capital of New Zealand. Enjoy lunch at Mangapapa Estate before checking into your historic hotel, the Art Deco Masonic Hotel. Dine at leisure at your hotel this evening. **Meals BLD**

10. Art Deco treasures & a gala retro evening

Today you'll discover Napier, from historic events to its architectural heritage. A short documentary briefs you on the earthquake and its aftermath; then you'll have a choice. Go on an "Art Deco" walking tour, or explore via a chauffeured vintage car tour with local guides. This afternoon, you'll

choose a period costume to wear for our evening event, a Gangsters and Flappers Party with “Prohibition cocktails,” dinner and a swing band. **Meals BD**

11. Adventures in Hawkes Bay

Travel to Hawke’s Bay, home to the world’s largest (and most accessible) Gannet colony. At Cape Kidnappers Gannet Colony, you’ll have an opportunity to climb aboard a 4x4 safari vehicle and travel along New Zealand’s pristine coastline, where you will safari in style and comfort over picturesque Cape Kidnappers Station; traverse riverbeds, rolling pastures, steep gullies and breathtaking views of Hawke’s Bay, finally finishing in New Zealand’s largest privately-owned nature reserve. Enjoy lunch and a tasting at Clearview Winery before returning to the hotel. **Meals BL**

12. Napier to Auckland

Your final private charter flight takes you to the international city of Auckland, the largest in New Zealand. Visit the Auckland War Memorial Museum, one of the country’s most treasured institutions. You’ll have an opportunity to learn about the cultural traditions of the Maori on a guided tour of the Maori exhibit, including a private performance. Dine at your leisure at the hotel this evening. **Meals BLD**

13. A choice of Auckland sights

You have a choice of excursions this morning. A city tour includes iconic sites, bays, residential suburbs, and the Domain, the city’s oldest park. Another is a coastal drive to the artisan enclave of Matakana, where you’ll visit an oyster farm and have lunch at Brick Bay Winery and walk the Sculpture Trail. A third invites you to check out historic,



FEATURED HOTEL

Park Hyatt Auckland

A new luxury waterfront hotel in Auckland’s famous Wynyard Quarter, the ultra-modern Park Hyatt is designed around a dramatic central atrium, with an emphasis on spacious rooms, warmth, and views. Amenities include three restaurants, a spa and a 25-meter indoor infinity pool overlooking Karanga Plaza.

Hamilton Gardens, showcasing the cultural meaning and context of gardens over the past 4,000 years. Or, you can explore Waitomo Caves, where thousands of glow worms light up the dark, like a glorious constellation of stars. Depending on your excursion choice you’ll have some free time in Auckland – then we invite you to join us for a farewell reception and dinner tonight. **Meals BD**

14. Journey Home

Tour ends: Auckland. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Park Hyatt Auckland to Auckland Airport. Allow three hours for your flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Jan 11, 18, 25 Feb 1, 11, 15, 22, 25, 29 Mar 7, 10, 14
Sep 19, 26 Oct 3, 10, 17, 24

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 charter flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 13,760	+	\$ 3,620	=	\$ 17,380
Single	\$ 16,368	+	\$ 3,620	=	\$ 19,988
Triple	\$ 13,077	+	\$ 3,620	=	\$ 16,697

Dates in **blue** indicate Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, priced from AUD \$20,280 per person double including on-tour air.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

31 meals (13 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 10 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides and drivers, admission fees, taxes and portorage. On-tour air included (3 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	CROWNE PLAZA CHRISTCHURCH	Christchurch
Night 3	THE HERMITAGE HOTEL	Mt. Cook
Night 4-6	QT QUEENSTOWN HOTEL	Queenstown
Night 7,8	CHATEAU MARLBOROUGH	Blenheim
Night 9-11	ART DECO MASONIC HOTEL	Napier
Night 12,13	PARK HYATT AUCKLAND	Auckland

Airfare to the arrival and departure cities is additional. For activities marked with an asterisk (*) in day-by-day descriptions, participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3



Essence of Japan

Traditions and treasures in Tokyo, Kyoto, Hakone and the Japanese Alps

13 DAYS FROM AUD \$17,380 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

1. Arrive Tokyo

Tour begins: 5:30 PM, Shangri-La Tokyo. A transfer is included from Tokyo's Narita and Haneda airports to the Shangri-La Tokyo, in the heart of Tokyo's Ginza district. Join us for a private sumo wrestling demonstration this evening and a welcome dinner. **Meals D**

2. City sights & traditional arts

Begin the day at Asakusa Kannon Temple, built as a tribute to the goddess of mercy. Meander along adjacent Nakamise Street, where the locals have shopped for centuries. Have lunch at Nobu followed by a hands-on class in a traditional art of drumming called *taiko*. Your evening is free. **Meals BL**



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- Discover Tokyo traditions with a Kagura music and dance presentation about Shinto gods, taiko drumming, and a sumo wrestling demonstration
- In Kyoto, get an insider's view of daily life during a visit to a private home for a tea ceremony and Origami paper folding demonstration as well as exploration of the Geisha district with a local expert on the world of the Geisha
- Enjoy an exclusive private Samurai show at a temple to round out your day of Samurai experiences in Kanazawa, including a visit to the Nomura Samurai Family Residence, the home of a family that held important posts for generations
- Enjoy a hands-on sushi and miso making demonstration, a flower arranging class and a “homey” dinner during your stay in Hakone



A three-night stay in Tokyo rewards with age-old traditions, temples and memorable sights, past and present.

3. Cultural traditions in Tokyo

This morning, visit the Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the spirits of the Emperor Meiji and his wife Empress Shokenn. Take a guided walking tour and watch a Kagura dance performance with origins that date to the 8th century. Stroll the narrow streets lined with shops brimming with local food specialties in the outer market area of Tsukiji Market. Enjoy a *teppanyaki* lunch of food cooked on an iron griddle, followed by a guided walking tour of the luxury shopping district of Ginza and time at leisure. **Meals BL**

4. Exploring traditions in Hakone

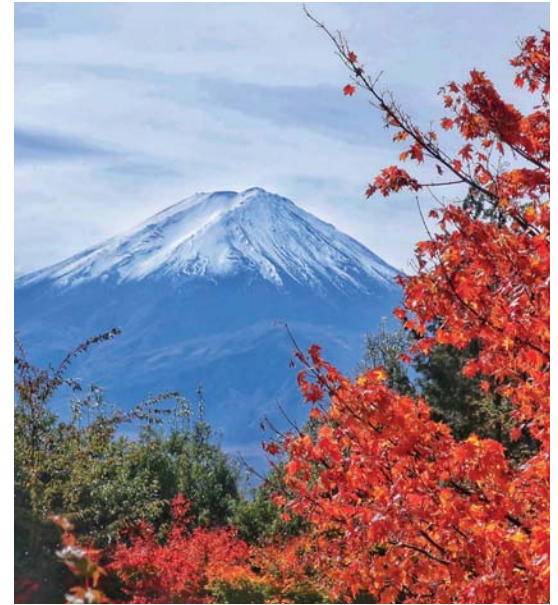
This morning board the Bullet Train (*shinkansen*) for a short ride south to Odawara and continue on to the scenic hot springs resort town of Hakone. Enjoy a cruise by private boat on Lake Ashi – “lake of reeds” – in the crater of the volcano Mt. Hakone; weather permitting, see views of Mt. Fuji, Japan’s highest mountain. After lunch, visit the Hakone Open Air Museum with an outdoor sculpture park, home to works by artists including Rodin and Miro. This afternoon, a sushi and miso making demonstration teaches you how to make these Japanese culinary specialties. Tonight, relax over a special “homey” dinner at your hotel. **Meals BLD**

5. Kimonos, mountains & art

Drive through forested mountains today, taking in their scenic beauty before stopping at the Itchiku Kubota Art Museum to see its prized collection of kimonos, with lunch at a local restaurant. Later, learn about Japanese flower arranging – ikebana – with a teacher who gives a class and demonstration. Dinner is at leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

6. A train ride and Inuyama Castle

Board a train bound for Nagoya and drive to Inuyama for lunch. Continue to Inuyama and visit hilltop Inuyama Castle, one of Japan’s oldest castles. Built in 1537 and towering over the Kiso River, this ancient fortress is famous for its castle watchtower. A short drive through the countryside brings you to Gero Onsen and your traditional onsen hotel. Enjoy dinner Japanese style, shoes off, *yukatas* and slippers on, with musical entertainment in a private room, where authentic Japanese traditions prevail. **Meals BLD**



Visit Kenroku-en Garden in Kanazawa, renowned as one of the most beautiful gardens in Japan and enjoy views of Mount Fuji, Japan's highest mountain, weather permitting, during a two-night stay in the countryside town of Hakone.

7. Sake brewery in Takayama

Head off for the mountain town of Takayama, stopping en route for a lesson in *sake* (Japanese rice wine) making and tasting at a local brewery. Have lunch at a restaurant famous for its Hida beef and continue on to Kanazawa, just inland from the Sea of Japan, for a two-night stay; the city is well known for its well-preserved Edo-era districts, art museums and handicrafts. Dinner is at leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

8. Samurai and gardens in Kanazawa

A full day's sightseeing begins in the historic Samurai District with a visit to the restored Nomura Samurai Family Residence showcasing the lifestyle of the Samurai during feudal times.

Next, take a guided stroll through Kenroku-en Garden, one of the most beautiful gardens in Japan. Have lunch at a signature brasserie restaurant of acclaimed French chef Paul Bocuse, then join us on a cultural walk along the covered streets lined with shops in the Omicho Market. Enjoy a Tauck Exclusive private Samurai show at a temple tonight. **Meals BL**

9. A train ride to Hiroshima

Depart Kanazawa by train for Hiroshima. After lunch at your hotel, ride a ferry to Miyajima Island, dubbed the Island of the Gods, highlighted by an iconic *torii* gate that marks the division between the sacred and the mundane. This small island welcomes with forests and ancient temples. Ferry back to Hiroshima for dinner at a local restaurant. **Meals BLD**



Explore geisha culture with an expert

An insider leads you through the geisha districts of Kyoto, sharing stories along the way. Kyoto is the birthplace of Japan's geisha culture, and the historic Gion neighborhood is its heart. To become a *geiko*, the preferred term for geisha, women must spend years in training as a *maiko*, perfecting their arts. Explore the back streets of Kyoto's geisha districts with the leading foreign geisha culture expert, Peter MacIntosh, who is married to an ex-geisha, studies Japanese arts and is a lecturer on Geisha Studies at Kansai University. You'll also attend a special *maiko* geisha presentation by a local expert before our farewell dinner in Kyoto.

10. Monuments of Hiroshima

Visit Hiroshima today, witnessing sites immortalized with history. See the Hiroshima Peace Memorial, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and visit the Hiroshima museum in Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, a bomb site, and modern Orizuru Tower. After lunch at a local restaurant, ride aboard the Bullet Train bound for Kyoto. Enjoy a three-night stay at a luxury hotel in the city's historic Higashiyama district, set alongside an 800-year-old pond and garden once owned by a wealthy samurai family. Dine at the hotel tonight. **Meals BLD**

11. Kyoto, a temple and a castle

Kyoto exudes tranquility in ancient temples, palaces and shrines that date back 1,100 years and along streets lined with gardens, wooden houses and artisan shops. Visit the golden-topped Kinkaku-ji Temple, set in a garden on the edge of a lake. Continue to the moated Nijo Castle, a 17th-century shogun's residence, and discover the secret of its "nightingale" floors on a guided tour, shoes off. After lunch, join our geisha expert for a tour of the back streets of a geisha district, sharing personal insights on the "flower and willow" world of the geishas, past and present. **Meals BL**

12. Traditional arts in Kyoto

Begin your day with a prayer at the Kiyomizu-dera (Pure Water Temple) established in 778. Drink the water in long-handled cups for longevity, success or love. During a visit to a private home in Kyoto, take your shoes off for a Japanese tea ceremony, followed by a lesson in the paper art of Origami. Join us for our special farewell reception and dinner featuring a performance by a maiko. **Meals BD**



Learn the age-old art of origami when you visit a private home in Kyoto for a tea ceremony and a hands-on lesson.

13. Journey Home

Tour ends: Kyoto. Fly home anytime. An airport transfer is included from Four Seasons Hotel Kyoto to Kansai International Airport or Itami Airport. Allow a minimum of three hours for check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Mar 14, 18, 21, 23, 25, 28 Apr 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25
May 2, 4, 9, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 27, 30 Jun 3 Aug 26, 29
Sep 12, 16, 19, 26, 30 Oct 3, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 26, 31 Nov 11
/ = Sold Out!

Go to [tauck.com](https://www.tauck.com) for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

March 1 - 17, August, November

Double	\$17,380	Single	\$22,119	Triple	\$16,312
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March 23 - June, September - October 31

Double	\$21,140	Single	\$26,084	Triple	\$20,093
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2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

30 meals (12 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches & 8 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portorage.

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1-3	SHANGRI-LA TOKYO	Tokyo
Night 4,5	HYATT REGENCY HAKONE RESORT & SPA	Hakone
Night 6	GERO ONSEN YUNOSHIMAKAN	Gero Onsen
Night 7,8	HOTEL NIKKO KANAZAWA	Kanazawa
Night 9	HILTON HIROSHIMA	Hiroshima
Night 10-12	FOUR SEASONS HOTEL KYOTO	Kyoto

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2



A Portrait of India

A dazzling array of treasures and traditions on a comprehensive tour of India

18 DAYS FROM AUD \$13,610 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

1. Arrive New Delhi

Tour begins: 1:30 PM, The Leela Palace Hotel, New Delhi.

A transfer is included from Indira Gandhi International Airport to The Leela Palace Hotel, New Delhi, a landmark hotel ideally located in the heart of downtown. Most international flights arrive between 11:00 PM and 3:00 AM local time, 10.5 hours ahead of North America (EST). To ease jet lag, we recommend arriving in India a day early; ask at booking. An orientation drive this afternoon with a local guide gives you a preview of the city's landmark sights. Join us tonight for a private welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

2. Historic Delhi

Discover more iconic sites of Delhi today on a guided sightseeing excursion. Explore Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO



Uniquely Tauck

- Multiple-night stays at three hotels ranked among the “World’s Best” by the readers of *Travel + Leisure* – The Oberoi Udaivilas, The Oberoi Rajvilas and The Oberoi Amarvilas
- Join a renowned chef at her home in Kerala for an exclusive cooking demonstration and lunch, where she shares her traditions and insights
- Ride aboard a rice boat-turned-luxury houseboat for a luncheon cruise through canals lined with palms in the coastal villages of Kerala
- Take a boat to Elephanta Island, with a local guide to explore the Elephanta Caves, rock-cut cave temples dating to the 5th and 7th centuries AD – the setting of a pivotal scene in the iconic novel *A Passage to India* by E.M. Forster
- Dine like a Maharaja during a special dinner at Rambagh Palace in Jaipur, where India’s royal cultural traditions come to life in music and dance



Spend three nights in luxury at The Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur, consistently recognized among the “World’s Best” hotels.

World Heritage Site erected in 1570 of sandstone and marble and modeled after Islamic paradise gardens. Sightseeing continues after lunch with a visit to the ancient Qutb Minar Victory Tower, built in 1193 of red sandstone. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **Meals BL**

3. Fly to spiritual Varanasi

Take a morning flight to Varanasi, set along the banks of the River Ganges. With a guide, visit the ruins, temple and museum at Sarnath, the site of Buddha’s first sermon, and the National Museum. Witness the evening prayer spectacle along the Ganges tonight as hundreds of pilgrims line the steps to chant, pray and “put the river to sleep,” then board small oar-powered boats to row along the river. Dine at a choice of hotel restaurants tonight. **Meals BLD**

4. Ganges River cruise and on to Agra

Join us for a private sunrise cruise on the river, before flying to Agra for a two-night stay; your room at the Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra overlooks the Taj Mahal. Enjoy lunch upon your arrival. The rest of the day is free. **Meals BLD**

5. The Taj Mahal and Agra Fort

A guided morning visit to the Taj Mahal promises a close-up look at this richly decorated monument to love. Sightseeing continues at the 16th-century Red Fort of Agra, home to palaces and stunning marble mosques. Dine at a choice of two hotel restaurants tonight. **Meals BLD**

6. Travel to Jaipur for a taste of Maharajah life

Drive to Jaipur for a two-night stay at a luxury Oberoi hotel. This afternoon, join us for guided visits to the City Palace Museum and the Jantar Mantar Observatory. The day ends with a special Maharajah evening at a royal palace. **Meals BLD**

7. Cultural gems of Jaipur

Enjoy a guided visit to Amber Fort, a puppet show and lunch at the Raj Palace. The rest of the day is free. **Meals BLD**

8. Fly Udaipur and a boat ride

Fly to the fairy-tale city of Udaipur, founded in 1559 and known as the “City of Lakes” for a three-night stay. Stop to



From your visit to the ornate railroad station, historic Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, in Mumbai to your overnight stay in spiritual Varanasi where the storied Ganges River takes center stage, your explorations in India showcase daily life in ways you'll long remember.

see the unusual Nagda Temple before lunch and take a walk in a nearby village. Continue to your luxury hotel, welcoming with views of Lake Pichola; get a different perspective during a sunset cruise aboard a private boat. **Meals BLD**

9. Royal temples and palaces of Udaipur

Enjoy a tour of City Palace, before lunch and a cruise on Lake Pichola. After time at leisure at your resort, learn to dress in a sari and turban during a hands-on demonstration. Join us for a special dinner tonight at the residence of a family who served as ministers of the Maharajah. **Meals BLD**

10. Garden of the Maidens & a rickshaw ride

Visit the beautiful Saheliyon-ki-Bari gardens this morning, known as the Garden of the Maidens and resplendent with fountains, marble pavilions and a lotus pond, and ride a

rickshaw through Udaipur's colorful markets, bustling with daily life. The rest of the day is at leisure. **Meals BD**

11. Fly to Kochi in the South of India

Two flights take you to Kochi (Cochin) today, located in tropical Kerala at the southern tip of India. Enjoy the first of many regional culinary treats during dinner tonight. **Meals BD**

12. A history of flavorful cuisine in Kochi

A private lecture on the history of Kochi and Kerala precedes a cooking demonstration and lunch at the private home of chef Nimmy Paul, considered the Julia Child of South India! After lunch, drive to Fort Kochi and visit St. Francis Church, the original burial site of Vasco da Gama. Continue to the 16th-century Paradesi Synagogue and the Dutch Palace. Cruise back to your hotel, viewing local fishermen pulling in



Cruise aboard a rice boat in tropical Kerala

The best way to experience the essence of Kerala in the southern tip of India is by rice boat turned houseboat, navigating a network of tropical backwaters to get a real-life glimpse of daily life in "Venice of the East." Locally known as 'kettuvallam', traditional rice barges are made by tying planks of wood together with rope, and then coating them with black resin made from boiled cashew nut shells. Today, these boats have been converted into simple, furnished houseboats that travel along the brackish lagoons, lakes and canals that make up Kerala's backwater taking in wildlife sightings and greeting locals as they go.

the day's catch, and sailing out into the Arabian Sea to watch the blazing sunset. Enjoy dinner at your hotel. **Meals BLD**

13. Houseboats & classical dancers

Board a thatched-roof rice boat turned luxury houseboat for a luncheon cruise today en route to your resort. Dinner includes a Mohiniattam dance performance. **Meals BLD**

14. Resort pleasures on the lake

Join a local guide for a walk through the enchanting village of Kumarakom before free time to do as you please. Enjoy a private martial arts demonstration before dinner. **Meals BLD**

15. Fly to Mumbai

Take an afternoon flight to Mumbai. Dinner tonight is at a choice of restaurants in your Oberoi hotel. **Meals BLD**

16. Mumbai past and present

City sightseeing includes the Gates of India, a heritage walk, the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus and a chance to see the *dabbawalas* (tiffin providers) at work. After lunch at a rooftop restaurant, join us for an optional tour of Dharavi, neighborhoods made famous *Slumdog Millionaire*. **Meals BL**

17. Caves and temples of Elephanta Island

Cruise to Elephanta Island this morning for a tour of its ancient caves and rock-cut temples. After free time, join us for a farewell reception and dinner tonight. **Meals BD**

18. Journey Home

Tour ends: Mumbai (Bombay). Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Oberoi, Mumbai to Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport. Most international flights depart between 2:00 and 3:00 AM; allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

Special note: **On-tour flights in India**

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2024 DATES

Jan 3, 17, 24, 28 Feb 14, 28 Sep 25 Oct 2, 9, 16, 20 Dec 18

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2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

January - February 27, October - December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 14,050	+	\$ 1,300	=	\$ 15,350
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Single	\$ 17,356	+	\$ 1,300	=	\$ 18,656
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February 28 - September

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 12,310	+	\$ 1,300	=	\$ 13,610
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Single	\$ 15,314	+	\$ 1,300	=	\$ 16,614
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2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

45 meals (17 Breakfasts, 13 Lunches & 15 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portorage. On-tour air included (5 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	THE LEELA PALACE HOTEL, NEW DELHI	New Delhi
Night 3	TAJ GANGES, VARANASI	Varanasi
Night 4,5	THE OBEROI AMARVILAS, AGRA	Agra
Night 6,7	THE OBEROI RAJVILAS, JAIPUR	Jaipur
Night 8-10	THE OBEROI UDAIVILAS, UDAIPUR	Udaipur
Night 11,12	GRAND HYATT KOCHI BOLGATTY	Kochi
Night 13,14	KUMARAKOM LAKE RESORT	Kumarakom
Night 15-17	THE OBEROI, MUMBAI	Mumbai

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Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3



India's Golden Triangle, Udaipur & Mumbai

A wealth of cultural and historic splendors in India's most iconic cities

13 DAYS FROM AUD \$11,580 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

1. Arrive New Delhi

Tour begins: 2:00 PM, The Leela Palace New Delhi. A transfer is included from Indira Gandhi International Airport to The Leela Palace Hotel New Delhi, a landmark hotel ideally located in the heart of downtown. Most international flights arrive between 11:00 PM and 3:00 AM local time, 10.5 hours ahead of North America (EST). To ease jet lag, we recommend arriving in India a day early; ask at booking. An orientation drive this afternoon with a local guide gives you a preview of the city's landmark sights, including the Secretariat buildings, the Parliament House, the Presidential

Palace and the India Gate, and visits Gandhi Smriti, the home where Gandhi was staying when he was assassinated in 1948, today a museum. Join us tonight for a private welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

2. Past meets present in Old Delhi

Tour two UNESCO World Heritage Sites today as you explore the centuries-old history and culture of Old Delhi and environs. Visit Humayun's Tomb, constructed for the Mughal Emperor Humayun and other members of his family

Uniquely Tauck

- Watch the sun rise and set over the Taj Mahal from your hotel room in Agra, and discover it up close during a guided visit
- Dress in a sari or turban for a special dinner at the private residence of a family who have served as ministers in the Maharaja's court in Udaipur
- View the evening prayer spectacle in Varanasi as pilgrims and holy men line the ghats to "put the river to sleep" and row along the holy Ganges River in small oar-powered boats
- Be treated like royalty during an exclusive evening at the sumptuous Rambagh Palace, with a traditional Maharaja's welcome, dinner and dancing for Tauck guests only



Experience traditional rituals in spiritual Varanasi, viewing ceremonies that put the Ganges River to sleep.

in the 1570s, and set within beautiful gardens. After an orientation tour of Old Delhi followed by lunch, visit the five-story sandstone Qutb Minar Victory Tower, an imposing minaret built over eight centuries ago. Spend the rest of the afternoon and evening as you please. **Meals BL**

3. Varanasi's rituals on the Ganges

Fly to the ancient city of Varanasi, built on the banks of the sacred River Ganges. An afternoon sightseeing tour visits Sarnath, where Buddha gave his first sermon. Tonight, take a journey by boat along the River Ganges to witness ceremonies "putting the river to sleep." **Meals BLD**

4. A Ganges cruise & on to Agra

Awaken early for a cruise on the River Ganges to view the Varanasi sunrise ceremonies, then fly to Agra for a two-night stay. Enjoy views of the incomparable Taj Mahal from your award-winning luxury hotel, The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra, and dine at leisure here tonight. **Meals BLD**

5. The Taj Mahal & Agra Fort

If you wish, visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise or join us for a guided morning visit that reveals the love story behind the white marble wonder and UNESCO World Heritage Site. A guided tour of the massive red sandstone Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, follows. **Meals BLD**





Built as a monument to eternal love, the white-marbled Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is astounding to see. Experience it on a guided visit during a two-night stay in Agra and savor private views from your accommodations at The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra.

6. The royal treatment in Jaipur

Travel to Jaipur for a two-night stay. A sightseeing tour after lunch includes the City Palace Museum and the Jantar Mantar Observatory. Attend a special evening fit for Maharajah royalty tonight, celebrating India's cultural traditions, music, dance and cuisine. **Meals BLD**

7. Jaipur's palaces and pavilions

Today's sightseeing includes the many gems of Jaipur, from the massive gateways and pillared pavilions inside Amber Fort to a tour of Amber Palace. After a puppet show and a traditional thali-style lunch, enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Jaipur pursuing what interests you most. Dine at your hotel this evening. **Meals BLD**

8. Jaipur & on to Udaipur

Fly from Jaipur to Udaipur today and visit the Sasbahu temples in Nagda, built in the 10th-century; adorned with meticulous, richly detailed stone carvings, the Hindu pavilions preside in a tranquil setting beside a lotus pond. Continue on to The Leela Palace Hotel, where you'll spend the next three nights; dinner this evening is at your leisure. Your luxury 5-star hotel is nestled in a beautiful setting along the shores of Lake Pichola in Udaipur, boasting scenic views of the lake and the surrounding Aravalli Mountains. **Meals BLD**

9. Treasures of Udaipur & Lake Pichola cruise

Visit Jagdish Temple this morning. Built in 1651, it is renowned as the largest temple complex in Udaipur and is considered one of the most beautiful examples of Hindu Iconography. Three stories high and constructed with hand-carved stone, its distinctive steeple is 79 feet high. Continue on for a visit to the sumptuous City Palace complex, a labyrinth of richly decorated courtyards, frescoed galleries, and marble temples overlooking a lake. It was once



FEATURED HOTEL

The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra

Prepare to be awed during your two-night stay at the award-winning Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra, overlooking the Taj Mahal; personalized 5-star service, a luxury spa, and terraced lawns with fountains, reflecting pools and pavilions make you feel like royalty.

the elegant home of the Maharajah of Udaipur. Have lunch on a terrace with a view of the lakeside palace, then return to your hotel for time at leisure. Enjoy a demonstration in the art of donning a sari for women or turban for men, then join us tonight for a memorable Tauck Exclusive private dinner at the residence of the Bedia family, former ministers in the Maharaja's court. **Meals BLD**

10. Udaipur's markets & gardens

Today's sightseeing begins with an auto-rickshaw ride around the city's bustling spice and vegetable markets, for an insightful glimpse into everyday life in Udaipur. You will also visit the beautiful Saheliyon-ki-Bari gardens reflecting the architecture of a bygone era. Known as the Garden of the Maidens and resplendent with fountains, pools, sculptures, marble pavilions and a lotus pond amidst lush green lawns. The remainder of the day is free to explore more of this "City of Lakes" as you wish. Dinner is at leisure at your hotel tonight. **Meal BD**

11. Udaipur and on to Mumbai

Fly to Mumbai, the nation's financial hub. En route to your hotel, pass through Dharavi, one of the world's largest, most densely populated slums. Gain insights into Dharavi's complex, multi-ethnic life and history on a guided tour (or opt out, if you prefer). After lunch, enjoy an orientation tour of Mumbai before arriving at your luxury hotel on Nariman Point in South Mumbai, overlooking Back Bay and the Arabian Sea. Dinner is on your own tonight. **Meals BL**

12. The cultural treasures of Mumbai

A walking heritage tour of landmark sites includes the Gateway of India, and a visit to the grand railroad terminal Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (formerly called Victoria Terminus). Amid the colorful bustle of the city, you're bound to see hordes of *dabbawalas* (men in white uniforms on bicycles delivering hot mid-day meals in "tiffin" cans), a traditional sight here since the 19th century. Enjoy lunch at Souk, a restaurant at the elegant Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, then return to your hotel for free time as you please. Join us this evening for a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD**

13. Journey Home

Tour ends: Mumbai. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Oberoi, Mumbai to Mumbai International Airport. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Jan 7, 21 Feb 4, 25 Mar 3 Sep 29 Oct 13, 27 Nov 3 Dec 15

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2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

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Double	\$ 10,640	+	\$ 940	=	\$ 11,580
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2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

32 meals (12 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches & 10 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portage. On-tour air included (4 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

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Night 6,7	THE OBEROI RAJVILAS, JAIPUR	Jaipur
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Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3

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Northern India & Nepal

Icons of the East from Delhi and Mount Everest to Mumbai with wildlife safaris

18 DAYS FROM AUD \$18,830 | ALL SMALL GROUPS AVERAGING 20 GUESTS

1. Arrive New Delhi

Tour begins: The Imperial. A transfer is included from Indira Gandhi International Airport to The Imperial hotel. Most international flights arrive between 11:00 PM and 3:00 AM. To ease jet lag, consider traveling to India a day early; ask at booking. An orientation tour includes a drive through Vijay Chowk to see the Secretariat building, Parliament House, the Presidential Palace and the India Gate, and a visit to Gandhi Smriti, the house where Gandhi was assassinated. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner tonight. **Meals D**

2. Old & New Delhi, Past and Present

Explore Old and New Delhi today on a sightseeing excursion that includes the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Humayun's

Tomb, built in 1570 of sandstone and marble and modeled after an Islamic paradise garden. After lunch, visit the Qutb Minar Victory Tower, one of the tallest minarets in the world. The remainder of the day is free. **Meals BL**

3. Fly to Kathmandu

Board a plane bound for Kathmandu in Nepal. Touch down for a three-night stay at a family-run hotel. This afternoon, visit legendary Pashupatinath Temple, dating back to 400 BC and located on the bank of the sacred Bagmati River; a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is one of the holiest Hindu temples. It is famous for its superb architecture, its tiered golden roof and silver doors. Dine at a choice of hotel restaurants tonight as you wish. **Meals BD**

Uniquely Tauck

- Look for the elusive Bengal tiger, leopards, rhinoceros, wild boar, and other wildlife on daily safaris during two nights in Chitwan National Park and three nights in Bandhavgarh National Park
- Experience the enthralling landscapes of Mount Everest on a private charter flightseeing adventure over the Himalayas and, at a private talk, hear the stories of a female sherpa whose life has been dedicated to conquering the mountain
- Dress up in saris and turbans for a special “Maharajah” evening in sumptuous surroundings; you will be spirited back to the days of the Raj as you savor local cuisine, traditional dancing, and musical entertainment in Agra



Visit the colossal Boudhanath Stupa, surrounded by prayer wheels and images of Buddha, during your stay in Kathmandu.

4. Himalayas flightseeing and a sherpa

Rise early for a flightseeing* adventure that soars above the landscapes of Mount Everest. Touch down for a tour of Durbar Square, where ancient temples and pagodas cluster around the old royal palace, and visit Kasthamandap, said to be built from a single mythical tree. Tour the marketplace of Thamel by rickshaw and have

lunch in a local restaurant. Before enjoying a Nepalese dinner, meet a female Sherpa who has climbed Mount Everest; you'll have an opportunity to ask questions about her many expeditions. **Meals BLD**

5. Monks, meditating and a medieval town

Visit Kopan Monastery this morning for an opportunity to join monks starting their day in prayer and meditation. Then visit the colossal stupa of Boudhanath encircled by a hundreds of images of Buddha and prayer wheels. Visit medieval Patan with a local guide before time at leisure. **Meals BL**

6. Fly to Chitwan National Park

Fly to Chitwan National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site in the foothills of the Himalayas. Home to the greater one-horned Asiatic rhinoceros, the national park is also one of the last refuges of the Bengal tiger. Explore the park on a river safari* and enjoy a sundowner before dinner. **Meals BLD**



7. Explore the park by jeep

Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife in the jungle of Chitwan National Park on jeep safaris today. The rest of the day is free. Local dancers entertain you at dinner. **Meals BLD**

8. Bhaktapur and a mountain resort

Fly back to Kathmandu. With a local guide, explore medieval Bhaktapur, where you'll see opulent palaces, temples and squares in a maze of cobblestone streets free of traffic. Craftsmen, potters, woodcarvers and weavers produce their wares here as their ancestors have for centuries; you'll have an opportunity to view their handiwork at your leisure. Drive to your mountainside resort in Dhulikhel this afternoon for dinner and a two-night stay. **Meals BLD**

9. A day of relaxation and singing bowls

Enjoy a relaxing day at your resort or visit a nearby farm. Demonstrations in singing bowls and cooking give you a glimpse of daily life here. Dinner is at leisure. **Meals BLD**

10. Fly to Delhi and on to Agra

Fly to Delhi and continue to Agra, home to the white marble mausoleum, the Taj Mahal, built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan as a memorial to his late wife, Mumtaz Mahal. This masterpiece of Muslim art speaks to generation after generation. Your hotel has views of the Taj Mahal. **Meals B**

11. The Taj Mahal and Agra Fort

Explore the Taj Mahal up close on a morning visit. Then, it's off to the 16th-century red sandstone Agra Fort, a huge complex of palaces and mosques. This evening's "Maharajah" dinner requires special preparations; ladies will be shown



Explore Durbar Square, lined with ancient pagodas and home to an old royal palace and mythical Kasthamandap Temple.

how to wear a traditional sari (with a touch of henna painting) and gentlemen will don turbans. **Meals BLD**

12. The Temples of Khajuraho

Travel to Khajuraho for an overnight stay. Visit the town's ancient temples built between the 9th and 10th centuries and designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for striking a perfect balance of architecture and sculpture. Enjoy dinner at leisure in your temple-view hotel tonight. **Meals BLD**

13. Bandhavgarh National Park

Drive to Bandhavgarh National Park today, a wildlife-rich reserve where leopards, deer, jungle cats, wild dogs, and very elusive, masterfully camouflaged tigers live; you'll go on



Meet Maya Sherpa in Kathmandu

The first Nepalese woman to have climbed Mount Everest three times, Maya Sherpa has always been an adventurer at heart. After studying business and working as a trekking guide, she led her first expedition to Mount Everest in 2006. Since then she has reached the summit of some of the world's most difficult mountains and is an inspiration to women the world over. Fearless and ever humble, she says "Despite the challenges and hindrances along the way, nothing is more awesome than knowing I have stepped on the top of the world." Chat with her on Day 4, schedule permitting. If Maya isn't available, you'll meet another sherpa who has climbed Mt. Everest.

a jungle safari in an open-topped jeep for a chance to spy resident wildlife. Dine at the lodge tonight. **Meals BLD**

14. Jungle safaris morning & afternoon

At daybreak, drive with expert trackers into Bandhavgarh Forest on the lookout for tigers, leopards, sloth bears, wild boar, jackals and birds. A lodge naturalist gives a talk about ongoing tiger conservation efforts in India, before a jungle safari in Bandhavgarh National Park. Enjoy a special dinner tonight with entertainment by local dancers. **Meals BLD**

15. Safari drives and village life

Enjoy a picnic breakfast on this morning's jungle safari. After lunch, you have a choice of another jungle safari this afternoon, or a visit to a local village. Dine as you wish at the hotel tonight. **Meals BLD**

16. Flight to Mumbai

An early morning journey brings you to the airport for your flight to Mumbai (Bombay). Take an orientation tour of landmark sights – and colorful dhobi ghats – en route to your waterfront hotel, where dinner is at leisure. **Meals BD**

17. Colonial Mumbai

A heritage walking tour today includes the Gateway of India and the ornately decorated railway station, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus. Enjoy free time after lunch and join us for a farewell reception this evening. **Meals BL**



Special note: Traveling in Northern India & Nepal

In order to access Bandhavgarh National Park, we will be traveling on two-lane roads which may be very bumpy and uneven. Driving in India is unlike driving at home, and you may be unaccustomed to – or even surprised by – the local rules of the road. This journey is designed for guests who have a spirit of adventure and are comfortable traveling in vehicles for longer periods of time; the trip will not be suitable for anyone who has back problems.

18. Journey Home

Tour ends: Mumbai (Bombay). Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Oberoi, Mumbai to Chhatrapati Shivaji Int'l Airport. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Jan 13, 20 Feb 3, 10 Mar 2, 9 Oct 5, 12, 26 Nov 2, 16
Dec 21 / = Sold Out!

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

January - March, October - November

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (6 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 17,960	+	\$ 870	=	\$ 18,830
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Single	\$ 22,648	+	\$ 870	=	\$ 23,518
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December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (6 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 19,120	+	\$ 870	=	\$ 19,990
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Single	\$ 23,823	+	\$ 870	=	\$ 24,693
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All departures are Small Group Departures averaging 20 Tauck guests.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

43 meals (17 Breakfasts, 13 Lunches & 13 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portorage. On-tour air included (6 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	THE IMPERIAL	Delhi, India
Night 3-5	DWARIKA'S HOTEL	Kathmandu, Nepal
Night 6,7	MEGHAULI SERAI, A TAJ SAFARI	Chitwan Nat'l Park, Nepal
Night 8,9	DWARIKA'S RESORT DHULIKHEL	Dhulikhel, Nepal
Night 10,11	THE OBEROI AMARVILAS, AGRA	Agra, India
Night 12	THE LALIT TEMPLE VIEW KHAJURAHO	Khajuraho, India
Night 13-15	MAHUA KOTHI, A TAJ SAFARI	Bandhavgarh Nat'l Park, India
Night 16,17	THE OBEROI, MUMBAI	Mumbai (Bombay), India

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 4 / Pace Level 4



Angkor Thom

Vietnam, Cambodia & Thailand

The best of Southeast Asia from golden Buddhas and ancient cities to local daily life

16 DAYS FROM AUD \$13,750 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

1. Arrive Hanoi

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi.

A transfer is included from Noi Bai International Airport to Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi, close to the historic Old Quarter of Vietnam's capital city. This evening, attend our welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. **Meals D**

2. Hanoi: French heritage, Asian tradition

Explore Hanoi on a buggy ride that takes you past old and new. Sightseeing begins in Ba Dinh Square. Lined with architecture that speaks to the contrasts of the city's past, the square houses Ho Chi Minh's Soviet-style mausoleum, his simple teak home on stilts, and the French colonial palace once home to the governor general of Indochina. Nearby,



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- Peel back layers of history in Old Hanoi on a buggy ride that takes you from Ba Dinh Square, where remnants of French and Soviet colonialism speak volumes, to the medieval Buddhist One Pillar Pagoda and Hoa Lo Prison, dubbed the “Hanoi Hilton” by American POWs
- Wind your way by *cyclo* through Hué, the political, cultural, and religious capital of Vietnam under the Nguyen dynasty, for insight into the feudal Forbidden Purple City and the Inner City
- In the rural villages of Chiang Mai, meet the people of the local tribes, including the Padong whose women famously wear brass rings around their necks, and the Palong, each with their own language, beliefs and cultural traditions



49 feet high and 141 feet long, the golden Reclining Buddha is a vision of serenity within the temple confines of Wat Pho.

visit the One Pillar Pagoda and Hoa Lo Prison (called the “Hanoi Hilton” by American POWs). Late afternoon, join us for a traditional water puppet show. **Meals BL**

3. Hué, Vietnam’s ancient capital

Take a short flight to Hué, where you will visit the tomb of Tu Duc en route to your riverfront hotel. Hop aboard a *cyclo* for an open-air tour of Hué’s Imperial Citadel. The remains of this 19th-century city include an outer court of gardens, an inner court where the emperor once met with dignitaries, a Forbidden Purple City, and a palace – for use only by the royal family and trusted senior advisors. **Meals BLD**

4. Imperial sights / Da Nang’s Beach

Visit Thien Mu Pagoda, followed by a boat cruise along the Perfume River. Depart Hué, driving through the emerald landscapes of Hai Van Mountain to the seaside town of Da Nang for a two-night stay at your waterfront resort. Dine at a choice of hotel restaurants. **Meals BLD**

5. History and charm in Hoi An

Meeting the locals is one of the best ways to connect with a destination and promises a close-up look at daily life in Vietnam, from a stop at a kindergarten school in Da Nang

to a *cyclo* tour of picturesque Hoi An and an insider visit in a typical house. Memorable highlights include Hoi An’s 18th-century Japanese bridge topped with a pagoda, the Phung Hung House, over 200 years old, and a riverside street market bustling with local life. **Meals BD**

6. Cu Chi Tunnels and Saigon heritage

Fly to Ho Chi Minh City, known as Saigon until after the end of the Vietnam War, and head to the Cu Chi Tunnels. This immense underground network, dug by hand beginning in the 1940s during the fight for independence from the French, was expanded during the Vietnam War to include bomb shelters and medical and storage facilities. A guided walk explores the tunnels, which grew to house entire underground villages. Have dinner at your hotel. **Meals BLD**

7. Ho Chi Minh City

Explore Ho Chi Minh City today on a tour of city sights. Visit bustling Ben Thanh Market and the former presidential palace of South Vietnam, renamed “Reunification Hall.” View



Explore the colorful sights of Hue during an overnight stay that includes a cyclo tour and a private cruise on the Perfume River; discover centuries-old traditions and bustling markets throughout your journey, learning about daily life from expert local guides.

the Central Post Office designed by Paris' Gustave Eiffel of Eiffel Tower fame; and Notre Dame Cathedral, before lunch and time at leisure. This evening, an illuminating vespa tour shows you the city sights after dark. **Meals BL**

8. Siem Reap's archaeological treasures

Fly to Siem Reap, Cambodia, today for a two-night stay near the remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site of Angkor. This afternoon, enjoy a cruise on Tonle Sap Lake to see its unique floating villages, before setting in at your hotel and having dinner as you wish. **Meals BD**

9. Sculpted temples of Angkor

Visit Ta Prohm temple before continuing to Angkor Thom to see the Terrace of the Elephants, and the Bayon Temple, both well preserved and richly decorated. After lunch, visit the best-preserved temple, Angkor Wat; surrounded by a moat dug by thousands of workers, its towers are nestled in an alignment precisely oriented along the Earth's north-south axis. Dinner is at leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

10. North to Chiang Mai & up to Doi Suthep

Morning flights bring you to Chiang Mai, Thailand's "Rose of the North." Venture into Doi Suthep-Pui National Park, a wildlife reserve set in a mountain forest. Continue to your resort, nestled in terraced rice fields with mountain views. Dine at a choice of resort restaurants tonight. **Meals BD**



Spend three nights at the Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai, set amidst terraced rice fields and soul-stirring scenic views.

11. Learn about Thailand's elephants

Drive through the countryside to visit an elephant sanctuary*, where you'll have an opportunity to interact with these gentle giants in a natural environment, feeding them fruit treats and taking a walk with them to the river for a bath. After a picnic lunch, return to your resort where the remainder of the day at leisure. **Meals BLD**

12. Colorful, culturally rich hill tribes

Become acquainted with the region's hill tribes in communities outside of Chiang Mai. Each tribe has its own language, beliefs, and customs; meet members of the Palong and Padong tribes. Dinner is at leisure. **Meals BD**

13. Bangkok at leisure

Fly to Bangkok and check into your hotel, which is located in the heart of the city. Enjoy time at leisure this afternoon for exploring as you like; the day ends with dinner in your choice of hotel restaurants. **Meals BLD**

14. A grand palace & a Reclining Buddha

Take a boat to the Maharaj Pier for a walking tour to Wat Pho temple, home of the golden Reclining Buddha, more than 141 feet long and 49 feet high. Visit the Grand Palace, and go inside Wat Phra Kaew to see the small Buddha carved from a single piece of jade. Savor a flavorful Thai lunch and return to your hotel. **Meals BL**

15. Exploring Bangkok's klongs

Get a close-up look at daily life along the Chao Phraya River on a cruise of Bangkok's klongs and a tuk tuk ride. Visit Wat Arun, known as the Temple of Dawn, and the Jim Thompson House museum, housing a magnificent collection of Asian art. Join us this evening for a farewell dinner. **Meals BD**

16. Journey Home

Tour ends: Bangkok. A transfer is included from Rosewood Bangkok to Bangkok International Airport; allow a minimum of three hours for your flight check-in. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Jan 3, 5, 8, 12, 15, 17, 19, 24, 26, 29 Feb 1, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 18
Mar 1, 4 Sep 20, 30 Oct 7, 18, 25 Nov 4 Dec 13
/ = Sold Out!

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2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

January - February, September 30 - November

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 13,760	+	\$ 1,880	=	\$ 15,640
Single	\$ 17,295	+	\$ 1,880	=	\$ 19,175
Triple	\$ 13,503	+	\$ 1,880	=	\$ 15,383

March - September 29

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 11,870	+	\$ 1,880	=	\$ 13,750
Single	\$ 15,263	+	\$ 1,880	=	\$ 17,143
Triple	\$ 11,616	+	\$ 1,880	=	\$ 13,496

December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (5 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 16,080	+	\$ 1,880	=	\$ 17,960
Single	\$ 21,161	+	\$ 1,880	=	\$ 23,041
Triple	\$ 15,418	+	\$ 1,880	=	\$ 17,298

Dates in **blue** indicate Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from AUD \$15,350 per person double. Special Solo Traveler Savings dates in **red** indicate special departures where you save AUD \$580 on the single room price.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

36 meals (15 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 12 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portorage. On-tour air included (5 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	SOFITEL LEGEND METROPOLE HANOI	Hanoi, Vietnam
Night 3	AZERAI LA RESIDENCE, HUE	Hu�, Vietnam
Night 4,5	FURAMA RESORT DA NANG	Da Nang, Vietnam
Night 6,7	PARK HYATT SAIGON	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Night 8,9	RAFFLES GRAND HOTEL D'ANGKOR	Siem Reap, Cambodia
Night 10-12	FOUR SEASONS RESORT CHIANG MAI	Chiang Mai, Thailand
Night 13-15	ROSEWOOD BANGKOK	Bangkok, Thailand

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3

Special note: On-tour flights in Southeast Asia

To make the most of your time in Southeast Asia, we include five on-tour flights to fly from place to place on this itinerary. Please be advised that while we book these flights in advance, changing conditions in these destinations may impact the timing and planned schedules. We ask for your flexibility and patience in these events.



Borobudur Temple

Kingdoms & Dragons: Singapore to Bali

Enchanted islands, timeless temples, jeweled palaces and cultural traditions centuries old

14 DAYS FROM AUD \$16,510 | ALL SMALL GROUPS AVERAGING 20 GUESTS

1. Arrive Singapore

Tour begins: 5:00 PM, Raffles Singapore. A transfer is included from Singapore's Changi International Airport to the historic Raffles Singapore, a landmark of colonial elegance and the good life since it opened in 1887; the hotel boasts an iconic reputation as one of the city's most luxurious retreats. Join us for a private welcome reception and dinner in this legendary setting tonight with a taste of the hotel's famous signature cocktail, the Singapore Sling. **Meals D**

2. Singapore sights

Always a surprise to first time visitors, Singapore blends tradition with technology, evoking images of a space-age Jetson-style setting with a nod to its storied past. Explore



Uniquely Tauck

- Discover Singapore, past and present, during a 3-night stay at its most historic hotel, a city architecture tour, an artist-hosted lunch at a private house and a futuristic Gardens by the Bay visit
- Explore 10th-century Prambanan Temple up close, touring the complex aboard a private train by day and in the evening attending a ballet show performed by some 200 dancers and musicians
- Enjoy a taste of life on Bali, visiting the Monkey Forest in Ubud, learning about village traditions, and choosing a cooking class, an art museum visit or a hike in the rice fields with a local guide
- Spend two nights at a beachfront resort on Flores, a boat ride away from Rinca Island in Komodo National Park where its famous dragons reign over landscapes you'll explore with a local guide



Attend an open-air ballet show performed by some 200 dancers and musicians at 10th-century Prambanan Temple.

the sights, past and present, on a walking tour of the colonial district followed by a traditional bumboat ride through history on a cruise along the Singapore River. Discover the distinctive architecture of the city on a sightseeing drive with an informative guide, stopping at a private house for lunch with your local host, an author, playwright and environmentalist with a passion for the arts. Learn what it's like to live in this modern-day metropolis, before returning to your hotel for time at leisure. **Meals BL**

3. Futuristic Gardens by the Bay

Start the day with a lecture by a local expert before embarking on a visit to Gardens by the Bay, themed gardens "where wonder blooms" in a 250-acre fantasy land of space age biodomes, high-tech Supertrees and whimsical sculptures. Your guided tour includes time to wander amidst flowers that thrive in dry Mediterranean climates around the world in the Garden Dome and through rainforest vegetation in its tropical Cloud Forest complete with a waterfall. Spend the rest of the day at leisure, exploring the gardens on your own or returning to your hotel in the heart of the city. Easy to navigate, Singapore is a compact city and its restaurants tempt with culinary creations difficult to resist. **Meals B**

4. Fly to the island of Java in Indonesia

A morning flight brings you to another world when you land in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Step off the plane into a cultural hub of puppetry, arts, sandstone temples and jeweled palaces that speak volumes about the soul city of Indonesia and have lunch. Drive through the countryside to Magelang in central Java, where your hotel offers views of the world's largest Buddhist temple. Dinner tonight features traditional entertainment and Indonesian specialties. **Meals BLD**

5. Sunrise at Borobudur Temple

Join us at dawn as we visit 9th-century Borobudur Temple, a colossal Buddhist temple, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site for treasures untold. Its sculpted bas-relief panels depict the teachings of the Buddha and are allegedly designed to guide "the faithful" on a journey of spiritual enlightenment. After breakfast, explore Candirejo village by horse cart or on foot, as you choose. Spend the afternoon at leisure, before joining us for a lecture on the historic kingdoms of Java. Dinner is at leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**



Cruise to Rinca Island in Komodo National Park for an opportunity to view rare Komodo Dragons on a walking safari and enjoy the futuristic sights of Singapore's Gardens by the Bay where super trees provide a whimsical backdrop for the blooms on display here.

6. Yogyakarta & Prambanan Temples

Ride a bicycle-powered *becak* to the royal sultan palace complex in the *kraton*, effectively a walled city with shops, cottage industries and mosques, where the sultan and his family live today. After lunch, tour the Prambanan Temple complex, built in the 10th century and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Have dinner at a local restaurant. Enjoy VIP seating at a ballet performance that comes to life with more than 200 dancers and musicians gathering on an open-air stage with the Prambanan Temples as a backdrop. **Meals BLD**

7. Fly to Bali, an island paradise

Fly early this morning to a Balinese island paradise steeped in flowered blessings and spectacular natural beauty. Touch

down for a drive to Ubud, stopping for lunch and a visit to the Ubud Monkey Forest in the village of Padangtegal. Arrive at your tranquil resort late this afternoon where dinner tonight is included at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

8. Village life & landscapes in Ubud

Experience a taste of daily life on a walking tour of the Subak Guliang Village. Your guide shares anecdotes about the local customs and culture during your visit. Have lunch in the village overlooking the rice fields before visiting the serene village temple with an offering. The rest of the day is free to enjoy as you like. If you wish, join a local guide for an optional hike through the rice fields, showcasing agricultural traditions that date back 2,000 years. **Meals BL**



Bali highs

Evoking images of paradise on Earth, the island of Bali takes sheer delight to a whole new level as you will experience during your time here at two island resorts. Rich in culture and natural beauty, terraced rice fields speak volumes about agricultural artistry 2,000 years old, flower-petaled blessings perfume the air, soaring temples teach serenity, traditional music and dance stir the soul, beaches are beyond blissful and a monkey forest brings heartfelt smiles to visitors' faces.

9. Discover a taste of Ubud, your way!

Accompany a local on a visit to the village market this morning, before your choice of activities. Take a cooking class or go to the ARMA art museum, where the curator will give your group a tour and you will meet the owner and founder of this museum devoted to Balinese art. Everyone gathers to enjoy a Balinese lunch at the cooking school before spending the rest of the day at leisure. **Meals BL**

10. Fly to Flores Island

Spend the morning at leisure before lunch at a local restaurant. An afternoon flight brings you to the island of Flores for a two-night stay. Join us tonight for a sundowner and barbecue dinner on the beach where you will be introduced to traditional music and dance. **Meals BLD**

11. Boat ride to the land of the dragons

Cruise to Rinca Island in Komodo National Park*, and join a local guide for a walk to see rare Komodo dragons before a boat ride to a tropical island surrounded by coral reefs, private to Tauck, for lunch and free time for swimming and snorkeling. An optional motorboat ride to Manta Point offers an opportunity to see manta rays, weather permitting. Dine at a choice of hotel restaurants tonight. **Meals BLD**

12. Fly back to an oceanfront resort in Bali

After a leisurely morning, fly back to Bali for a two-night stay in Jimbaran Bay. Check into your resort and enjoy a sundowner cocktail and a traditional Balinese Kecak dance performance before dinner as you choose. **Meals B**

13. Clifftop Uluwatu Temple

Temples play an important role in life on Bali. This morning's visit to clifftop Uluwatu Temple helps you understand why. Watch out for the Macaque monkeys who live here – and may be interested in acquiring your belongings – as you gaze out at the views of the sea from this temple set on a rock 230 feet above the water. Stop at GWK Park to see the Garuda Wisnu (Vishnu) statue – one of the tallest statues in the world – before time at leisure. Join us by the pool at your resort for our farewell dinner. **Meals BD**

14. Journey Home

Tour ends: Denpasar. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included to I Gusti Ngurah Rai Int'l airport from the Four Seasons Resort Bali. Allow three hours for check-in. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

May 11, 18, 25 **Jun** 1, 8, 15, 22 **Jul** 6 **Aug** 3, 17, 31
Sep 7, 28 **Oct** 5, 12

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

May – June 14, September 28 – October

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double \$ 15,510 + \$ 1,000 = **\$ 16,510**

Single \$ 20,726 + \$ 1,000 = **\$ 21,726**

Triple \$ 14,498 + \$ 1,000 = **\$ 15,498**

June 15 – September 27

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (4 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double \$ 16,380 + \$ 1,000 = **\$ 17,380**

Single \$ 21,939 + \$ 1,000 = **\$ 22,939**

Triple \$ 15,267 + \$ 1,000 = **\$ 16,267**

All departures are Small Group Departures averaging 20 guests.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

30 meals (13 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 8 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portage. On-tour air included (4 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1-3	RAFFLES SINGAPORE	Singapore
Night 4,5	AMANJIWO	Borobudur, Indonesia
Night 6	THE PHOENIX HOTEL YOGYAKARTA – MALLERY	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Night 7-9	FOUR SEASONS SAYAN	Ubud, Bali
Night 10,11	PLATARAN KOMODO RESORT & SPA	Labuan Bajo, Indonesia
Night 12,13	FOUR SEASONS RESORT BALI	Jimbaran Bay, Bali

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. To enjoy this tour's itinerary, you should be in good health and able to walk reasonable distances, often over unpaved and uneven surfaces. This itinerary cannot accommodate oxygen tanks, wheelchairs, or motorized scooters. Consult the personalized documents that will be sent to you after booking for packing instructions. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3



Essence of South America

A three-country celebration of the iconic treasures of Brazil, Argentina and Chile

12 DAYS FROM AUD \$14,480 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

1. Arrive Rio De Janeiro

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Belmond Copacabana Palace. A transfer is included from Rio de Janeiro International Airport to Belmond Copacabana Palace, an Art Deco landmark overlooking Copacabana Beach. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner with traditional entertainment. **Meals D**

2. A boat cruise & Sugarloaf Mountain

Start your day with a private boat cruise on Guanabara Bay for breathtaking views of the city's beautiful beaches, historic forts, and outlying islands. Then enjoy panoramic vistas of the city from atop the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain, after a two-stage cable car ride that takes you up a quarter of a mile. The mountain is named for its resemblance to a loaf



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- Feel the power of the Brazilian side of thundering Iguazu Falls on guided walks and a helicopter flight or a jet boat adventure during a two-night stay inside the national park
- Travel by train up Corcovado Hill in Rio to see the Christ the Redeemer statue before the day's crowds arrive and descend for an exclusive dance performance in Samba City
- Discover a taste of life in the Argentine countryside with a special visit to a silversmith and lunch at an *estancia* where gauchos and a horse whisperer demonstrate their skills
- Immerse in the beauty of Chile's winelands during a two-night stay that includes your choice of a guided horseback ride or trek through the vineyards, a cooking class or a wine and chocolate pairing, plus wine tasting at a world-class winery



Stay two nights in the heart of Chile's lush wine country at an architecturally acclaimed hotel that boasts its own winery.

of sugar and the views from here are especially sweet! Descend down the mountain for a traditional *churrascaria* barbecue lunch before spending the rest of the day exploring the city as you wish. **Meals BL**

3. Summit of Corcovado & Samba City

Start your day early as you explore iconic sights in Rio this morning ahead of the day's crowds. Journey by train up Corcovado Hill to see the famous Christ the Redeemer statue, standing high above Rio and the sea, and the panoramas below. Weather permitting, the views of the city and the sea will take your breath away. Descend for a locally guided visit to Samba City with a colorful behind-the-scenes look at Carnival and a passionate samba dance show. You'll have lunch at a local restaurant before spending some time in the city exploring as you please. Join us for dinner at a local restaurant tonight. **Meals BLD**

4. Fly to Iguazu Falls

A morning flight takes you to Iguazu for a two-night stay. Taller than Niagara Falls and twice as wide, Iguazu Falls was named a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site and one of the "New Seven Wonders of Nature." You'll have to visit two

countries to get a complete look at the falls – 275 cascades spread in a horseshoe shape across two miles of the Iguazu River, straddling the borders of Argentina and Brazil. Today experience the Brazilian side, walking on paved trails with a local guide to the catwalks along the falls for amazing views of the thundering water. Your hotel is ideally located inside the national park with nature's wonders as a welcome showpiece. Have dinner at your leisure tonight. **Meals BLD**

5. Discover the Falls your way

Immerse in the natural splendors of the park your way today on a choice of excursions. Board a helicopter for a flightseeing ride over the falls; drive into the jungle for a jet boat ride to the base of the falls and "shoot the rapids" on the way back to the dock; or take a behind-the-scenes backstage tour of the Bird Park, a recovery and conservation center for exotic birds, where you will meet and perhaps feed toucans, flamingos and more. After time at leisure to do as you like, work up an appetite for our private tasting

Stay at four iconic hotels



Vik Chile

Set in an emerald valley in view of the snow-capped Andes, Vik Chile blends world-class wines with architecturally stunning views to immerse you in Chilean wine country.



Alvear Palace Hotel

Boasting a gracious décor and premier amenities, Alvear Palace Hotel exudes Belle Époque splendor in Buenos Aires' fashionable Recoleta neighborhood.



Belmond Copacabana Palace

Art Deco-inspired Belmond Copacabana Palace overlooks Rio's world-famous Copacabana Beach, and is a favorite long-standing retreat for its celebrity clientele.



Belmond Hotel Das Cataratas

Located in Brazil's Iguazu National Park steps from the falls, the hacienda-style Hotel Das Cataratas welcomes with heated pools, a spa and park privileges for hotel guests only.

dinner tonight that immerses you in the culinary history of the different regions of Brazil. **Meals BLD**

6. Cross over into Argentina

Drive across the Tancredo Neves Bridge over the border into neighboring Argentina where you will experience the falls from a different perspective. Take a walk along the "Superior Circuit" to "Devil's Throat" on metal grated walkways and up steps for stunning views, before lunch and an afternoon flight to Buenos Aires. Settle in at the elegant Alvear Palace Hotel, a city landmark since 1932 and the "grande dame" of Buenos Aires hotels. **Meals BLD**

7. Buenos Aires allure

City sightseeing with a local guide today includes visits to Plaza de Mayo, Metropolitan Cathedral and Casa Rosada (government palace) where you'll see the balcony made famous by Eva ("Evita") Perón. Explore the colorful La Boca neighborhood and enjoy lunch in the San Telmo District, a mix of colonial-style homes, narrow lanes, artist lofts and hip bars. Tonight, a dinner show reveals the passion of the tango with performances by expert dancers. Argentine tango originated in the suburbs of Buenos Aires in the late 1800s and is a unique part of the city's culture. **Meals BLD**

8. Visit a silversmith & a horse ranch

Venture out to the countryside to the artist community of San Antonio de Areco for a very special visit with one of the most famous silversmiths in the country. Continue to a traditional *estancia* (ranch) for lunch and a fascinating gaucho demonstration with a horse whisperer. Your evening is free to enjoy Buenos Aires as you like. **Meals BL**

9. The Opera House

Enjoy a private guided tour of the opulent Teatro Colón Opera House this morning; originally opened in 1908, it is acoustically considered to be among the top concert venues in the world and it covers an entire city block. The remainder of the day is free for you to do as you please. **Meals B**

10. Fly to Santiago, Chile

A morning flight touches down in Santiago as we make our way out of the city, driving south on the Pan-American Highway to the Millahue Valley in the heart of Chile's famous winelands for a two-night stay. Your hotel is acclaimed for its unique architectural design and on-site winery. Enjoy dinner at your leisure tonight. **Meals BD**

11. A toast to Chilean wine country

Discover wine country, your way. Take a nature walk or horseback ride through the vineyards. Then choose to learn the art of creating an *empanada* in a cooking class in the hotel's organic garden or savor a wine and chocolate pairing before lunch. Enjoy an afternoon tasting tour at the award-winning Vik winery. Our farewell dinner delights with regional specialties and scenic views. **Meals BLD**

12. Journey Home

Tour ends: Santiago. Drive to Santiago this morning for a city tour and lunch at The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago, where day rooms have been reserved for you before your flight home. A transfer is included from The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago to Santiago Airport. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals BL**



View Iguazu Falls on guided walks from the Brazilian and Argentinian sides and by jet boat or a flightseeing excursion.

2024 DATES

Jan 6, **13**, 20, **27** Feb 3, **19**, **26** Mar 9 Sep 28, **30**
Oct 5, 12, **14**, **28** Nov **16** Dec 21

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

January - March, September 28 - November

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 14,330	+	\$ 1,450	=	\$ 15,780
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Single	\$ 18,009	+	\$ 1,450	=	\$ 19,459
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Triple	\$ 13,885	+	\$ 1,450	=	\$ 15,335
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September 1 - 27

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 13,030	+	\$ 1,450	=	\$ 14,480
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Single	\$ 16,646	+	\$ 1,450	=	\$ 18,096
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Triple	\$ 12,715	+	\$ 1,450	=	\$ 14,165
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December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 15,930	+	\$ 1,450	=	\$ 17,380
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Single	\$ 19,908	+	\$ 1,450	=	\$ 21,358
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Triple	\$ 15,109	+	\$ 1,450	=	\$ 16,559
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Dates in **blue** indicate Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from AUD \$15,930 per person double; specific dates apply – ask at booking. Special Solo Traveler Savings dates in **red** indicate special departures where you save AUD \$580 on the single room price.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

28 meals (11 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 8 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portorage. On-tour air included (3 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1-3	BELMOND COPACABANA PALACE	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
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Night 4,5	BELMOND HOTEL DAS CATARATAS	Iguaçu, Brazil
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Night 6-9	ALVEAR PALACE HOTEL	Buenos Aires, Argentina
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Night 10,11	VIK CHILE	Millahue, Chile
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International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3



Torres del Paine National Park

Patagonia

A paradise of gaucho culture, alpine settings and glaciers where Chile and Argentina meet

11 DAYS FROM AUD \$13,030

1. Arrive Santiago

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, The Singular Santiago. Welcome to Chile. A transfer is included upon arrival from Santiago International Airport to The Singular Santiago, a luxury hotel in the heart of the city. Settle in and join us for a welcome reception and dinner at your hotel. **Meals D**

2. Travel to Puerto Natales

This morning, fly south to Puerto Natales, the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park and located on the shores of the Última Esperanza (Last Hope) Sound. Named by a 16th-century Spanish explorer who became lost in a maze of channels and fjords while searching for the Strait of



Maximum Elevation: 1,706 ft.

Uniquely Tauck

- Sail by towering Upsala Glacier – some 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls – during a cruise on Lake Argentino, disembarking for a nature walk and lunch at the Spegazzini Refuge amidst unparalleled views of Glacier Bay
- Walk the length of massive Perito Moreno, perhaps seeing it calve an iceberg or hearing its eerie groans and rumbles, and have lunch overlooking this glacial wonder
- On a private visit to the workshop of the Draghi family, world-famous silversmiths of Argentina, see silverworks and saddlery that pay tribute to the local gaucho culture
- Feast on an open grill lunch at a private gaucho fiesta in the Argentine outback, followed by a demonstration of riding and horse-whispering skills by expert gauchos (cowboys) outback



Travel outside of Buenos Aires to the countryside fiesta where expert gauchos demonstrate their horse whispering skills.

Magellan, the area was settled in the early 20th century by European immigrants as a shipping port for the local wool and meat-packing industry. Continue on to The Singular Patagonia, formerly a waterfront factory built in 1915, and now an award-winning luxury resort at the end of the Última Esperanza Sound with floor-to-ceiling views of mountain ranges and the Señoret Channel. Dinner is at your leisure tonight at the hotel. **Meals BD**

3. Cruising Patagonia's fjords

Weather permitting, a cruise through Última Esperanza Sound introduces you to a mystical landscape of fjords, mountains, cliffs and caves, plunging waterfalls, and ice floes. Keep your eyes peeled for cormorants and nesting condors. Disembark at glacier-filled Bernardo O'Higgins National Park for an easy trek through the unspoiled wilderness to a viewpoint overlooking massive Serrano Glacier, and take in bluish white Balmaceda Glacier creeping over Monte Balmaceda. Stop for lunch at a local estancia, before returning to your hotel for a historical walking tour of the property. Join us in the hotel's award-winning restaurant for a special wine-pairing dinner featuring Chilean wines and regional cuisine that promises a memorable taste of local specialties. **Meals BLD**

4. Torres del Paine National Park

Journey north from Puerto Natales into the heart of one of South America's most spectacular nature preserves, a photographer's paradise of glacier-carved fjords, valleys, mountains, steppes, and sub-polar forests – all dominated by the grandeur of Torres del Paine, a unique trio of granite peaks with serrated edges that jut dramatically skyward, also known as Cleopatra's Needles. Against this rocky backdrop the park's lakes are remarkably vivid – in shades of emerald and turquoise – owing to the rock flour produced by the restless grinding of the mountains by glaciers. The palette of the lakes is offset by rolling plains covered with red wildflowers. Keep your eyes peeled for the foxes, pumas, guanacos, rheas, and large birds of prey who call this rugged landscape home. For a taste of local life and cuisine, enjoy lunch at a restaurant inside the park. Continue exploring the park before dinner at leisure at your hotel. **Meals BLD**



Rising 240 feet from the shores of Lake Argentina, Perito Moreno Glacier is the centerpiece of Los Glaciares National Park, where a lunch showcases its spectacular features; a visit to the studio of world-famous silversmiths evokes the cowboy culture of Argentina's outback.

5. Puerto Natales as you like it

Spend the day in this stunning setting just as you choose. At your resort, a variety of activities* are included, such as kayaking, bicycling, condor-watching, hiking, cave exploring, and horseback riding. Your hotel is an official national monument for its significance in the region's heritage, so in addition to great activities and amenities, you'll find a museum of local history and the restored machinery from its factory days. You can also investigate the city of Puerto Natales, learn about its mix of European and indigenous cultures, and discover its array of cafés and bars catering to international tastes. For the more adventurous, try a full-day trek in Torres del Paine National Park. Tonight, enjoy a private family-style dinner at The Grill in your hotel, feasting on entrées prepared with regional ingredients cooked on an open wood-burning grill. **Meals BLD**

6. El Calafate and Lago Argentino

Cross the border into Argentina today and arrive at El Calafate in time for lunch at a local restaurant. A small, picturesque village on the shores of Lake Argentino, El Calafate is named for a wild bush with yellow flowers and blue berries that flourishes here; El Calafate is also known as the "Village of the Glaciers," the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. Continue on to your accommodations at Hotel Xelena. Nestled beside the lake, Hotel Xelena offers tranquility in a unique natural environment. Visit a local museum, the Glaciarium, on a self-guided tour through

exhibits and movies dedicated to the science of glaciers and the geological history of the area. Enjoy dinner at your hotel tonight at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

7. Cruise to Upsala Glacier

It's all aboard at Punta Bandera for a cruise on Lake Argentino this morning. The vast lake is fed by runoff from dozens of glaciers. Sail by one of the largest, Upsala Glacier, a towering wall of ice (100 feet higher than Niagara Falls) that meets the water and stretches for miles through an alien landscape of granite peaks and icebergs in a startling palette of colors. Disembark for a scenic walk along a forested path to the Spegazzini Refuge, enjoying unparalleled views of Glacier Bay. Enjoy a lunch of local cuisine, and sail back to Punta Bandera for a relaxing evening at your hotel. **Meals BL**

8. Perito Moreno Glacier

Drive into Los Glaciares National Park to see one of the world's most breathtaking natural wonders, Perito Moreno Glacier. Fronting Lake Argentino for three miles, rising 240 feet from the water in dense clusters of jagged white skyscrapers, Perito Moreno is one of the few glaciers in the icefield that is advancing, its restless movement unseen but sometimes heard – its groaning, cracking, and rumbling is eerie! From high walkways on the shore opposite the glacier, you can appreciate its overwhelming scale and might even see an iceberg calve away from the ice wall, collapsing in an

explosion of thunder and water. Enjoy lunch in the presence of this mystical phenomenon, observing how the ice changes color from white to turquoise, sapphire, and indigo with the changing light. Return to your hotel for time at leisure; a dine-around dinner in town is included. Be sure to take in the glowing night sky, unimpeded by man-made lights in this corner of the world. **Meals BLD**

9. Fly to Buenos Aires

Fly from El Calafate to cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, arriving late afternoon. Enjoy an orientation tour of the “Paris of South America” en route to your art-inspired hotel. Ideally located in a traditional area of the city that was declared a historical site, it is just steps away from elegant Santa Fe Avenue and boutique-lined Florida Street. Dinner is at leisure at your hotel this evening. **Meals BD**

10. Silversmiths, gauchos and tango

Head outside the city through lush farmlands to the artist community at San Antonio de Areco. Meet members of the Draghi family, world-famous silversmiths; visit their shop and studio to view their exquisite silver and saddlery, evoking the cowboy culture and heritage of the region. Next up, naturally, is a private lunch and gaucho fiesta, where cowboys of the Argentine outback demonstrate their legendary equestrian skills – an impressive display of acrobatic riding, herding, ring-racing and horse dancing. Return to your hotel to freshen up, then join us for a farewell dinner and tango show out on the town; tango was born in the city’s streets in the late 1800s and remains very much alive today. **Meals BLD**



FEATURED HOTEL

The Singular Patagonia

Built in 1915 as an industrial plant and transformed into a unique rustic-luxe retreat, The Singular Patagonia rules its beautiful end-of-the earth setting with a pampering spa, top-rated restaurant and stunning views that defy comparison anywhere in the world.

11. Journey Home

Tour ends: Buenos Aires. Checkout time at your hotel is noon. Transfers are included from Alvear Art Hotel to Buenos Aires International Airport. Allow a minimum of three hours for your flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Jan 12, ~~19~~, 26 Feb ~~2~~, 16 Oct 11, 25 Nov 29 Dec 20
/ = Sold Out!

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

January - November

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 12,120	+	\$ 910	=	\$ 13,030
Single	\$ 13,971	+	\$ 910	=	\$ 14,881
Triple	\$ 12,354	+	\$ 910	=	\$ 13,264

December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 13,570	+	\$ 910	=	\$ 14,480
Single	\$ 15,853	+	\$ 910	=	\$ 16,763
Triple	\$ 13,805	+	\$ 910	=	\$ 14,715

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

26 meals (10 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 9 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portorage. On-tour air included (2 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	THE SINGULAR SANTIAGO	Santiago, Chile
Night 2-5	THE SINGULAR PATAGONIA	Puerto Natales, Chile
Night 6-8	HOTEL XELENA	El Calafate, Argentina
Night 9,10	ALVEAR ART HOTEL	Buenos Aires, Argentina

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. To enjoy this tour’s itinerary, you should be in good health and able to walk reasonable distances, often over unpaved and uneven surfaces. This itinerary cannot accommodate oxygen tanks, wheelchairs, or motorized scooters. Consult the personalized documents that will be sent to you after booking for packing instructions. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 4



Mystical Peru

Discover secrets of lost kingdoms and valley villages with your family

8 DAYS FROM AUD \$7,160 | BRIDGES FAMILY JOURNEYS

1. Arrive Lima

Tour begins: JW Marriott Hotel Lima. A transfer is included from Lima Airport to the JW Marriott Hotel Lima, located in Miraflores. Most international flights arrive late in the evening.

2. A taste of daily life

Journey through the history and culture of Peru, discovering a unique taste of life in Lima during a cooking class and museum visit. After lunch, fly to Cusco and drive to your hotel in the Urubamba Valley for a three-night stay. Enjoy a welcome dinner tonight. **Meals BLD**

3. Traditions of Urubamba, the Sacred Valley

Visit a local community participating in your choice of activities, from harvesting to spinning and dyeing wool. This afternoon, visit a pottery studio and paint your own ceramic tiles. Have dinner at a village restaurant tonight. **Meals BLD**

4. Rafting, horseback riding or a spa

A choice of included activities* today includes a guided horseback ride along a countryside trail, a river rafting adventure that's fun for all ages, or a one-hour treatment at the hotel's pampering spa. Everyone meets up for a barbecue lunch at a private ranch, followed by a show



Uniquely Tauck

- Experience daily life in a rural village in the Sacred Valley, trying your hand at harvesting, spinning and dyeing wool like local families do
- Learn about the four-footed residents of Peru, from smooth-gaited pasos to llamas and alpacas whose wool is used for clothing and weavings
- Ride the rails high up into the Andes for an overnight stay and guided visit to Machu Picchu, a lost Incan kingdom hidden from the world until it was accidentally rediscovered in 1911

starring the country's smooth-gaited Peruvian Pasos, considered to be part of Peru's cultural heritage. A local shaman joins you to bless your journey and share spiritual stories about the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu before dinner this evening. **Meals BLD**

5. A rail ride to a lost Incan city

Pack your Tauck-provided duffel bag for an overnight stay near a mysterious mountain city shrouded in clouds. Stop en route to the train station to visit a local school for games and conversation with the schoolchildren and teachers. Then it's all aboard your Vistadome train for a memorable rail ride to Aguas Calientes and a drive up to the "Lost City of the Incas," Machu Picchu. Spend the afternoon exploring this World Heritage Site with our expert guides, learning about the sites you will see, and have dinner at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

6. Daily life, bears, and Cusco

Spend the morning as you like at your hotel, taking a guided nature walk on the property, visiting the colorful market in Aguas Calientes, or learning about the endearing spectacled bears that live on the grounds of the hotel. After lunch, ride the rails back down to Ollantaytambo station. Continue to Cusco for a two-night stay. **Meals BLD**

7. Incas, chocolate, and alpacas

Built in the shape of a puma, Cusco abounds with both Incan relics and Spanish Colonial architecture. Explore Sacsayhuamán, a walled complex near the old city of Cusco, before a hands-on chocolate-making class at the ChocoMuseo. Meet the four-footed residents of the region

at a local farm, where you will get tips on telling the difference between an alpaca and a llama. Music is on the menu at our farewell reception; learn how to play Peruvian pan flutes – yours to take home. **Meals BD**

8. Journey home

Tour ends: Lima. Fly from Cusco to Lima, arriving midday; rooms have been reserved for you at the JW Marriott Hotel Lima, before your flight home. A transfer is included to Lima Airport from the JW Marriott Hotel Lima. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in. **Meals BL**

2024 DATES

Jun 16, 23 Jul 7, 14, 21

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (2 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 6,780	+	\$ 600	=	\$ 7,380
Triple	\$ 6,560	+	\$ 600	=	\$ 7,160
Single	\$ 8,398	+	\$ 600	=	\$ 8,998

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

19 meals (7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 6 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portage. **Recommended age: 8+**. Children under 18 must be booked in a room with at least one adult. Triples are usually a two-bedded room with a rollaway cot or a sofa bed. Quad accommodations are not available. On-tour air included (2 flights). **AUD \$290 Child Savings: Children 12 and under.**

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	JW MARRIOTT HOTEL LIMA	Lima
Night 2-4	ARANWA SACRED VALLEY HOTEL & WELLNESS	Urubamba
Night 5	INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL	Aguas Calientes
Night 6,7	JW MARRIOTT EL CONVENTO CUSCO	Cusco

International Airfare is additional; call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*) in day-by-day descriptions, participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Certain exceptions may apply. Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 4



Sarapiquí River rafting

Costa Rica: Jungles & Rainforests

Wildlife wonders and outdoor fun on an eco-adventure designed for all ages

8 DAYS FROM AUD \$6,040 | BRIDGES FAMILY JOURNEYS

1. Arrive San José

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, InterContinental Costa Rica.

A transfer is included from San José's Juan Santamaria International Airport to InterContinental Costa Rica. Join us tonight for welcome reception followed by dinner. **Meals D**

2. Toucans, chocolate & on to Tortuguero

Visit the Toucan Rescue Center to meet some of the toucans, sloths and monkeys the staff here cares for before learning about the art of making chocolate. Then it's off for a boat ride to your rustic rainforest lodge in Tortuguero. **Meals BLD**

3. Treasures of Tortuguero by boat

Explore Tortuguero on morning and afternoon boat rides, looking for all the different species of wildlife found in this national park. This afternoon take a boat ride to a local village for a coconut demonstration. Trips in July – August may view endangered sea turtles at night on a special excursion to the beach where their nesting grounds are found. **Meals BLD**

4. Fly to Arenal / pineapples & river rafting

Fly to Arenal this morning and visit a pineapple farm for a tour and tasting of freshly picked fruit, before an exciting Class II river-rafting excursion on the historic Sarapiquí River, spotting wildlife along the riverbank. After lunch, drive to your resort for dinner and an evening at leisure. **Meals BLD**



Uniquely Tauck

- Explore the wilderness with wildlife experts on a jungle river-rafting adventure and a canal boat cruise in Tortuguero National Park
- Enjoy a tasty pineapple plantation tour, a hands-on coconut demonstration, and an artisan chocolate making demo during a special lunch
- Stay two nights on the Gulf of Papagayo where a snorkeling trip reveals tropical fish, sea urchins, pufferfish, turtles, trumpetfish, dolphins and more

5. Zip lining at Arenal or a nature walk

Get a bird's-eye view of cone-shaped Arenal Volcano on a zip-line ride* through the rainforest canopy or a sky tram ride and a nature walk. After lunch, return to your resort hotel for an afternoon at leisure and dinner. **Meals BLD**

6. Across Costa Rica to coastal Guanacaste

Drive to your oceanfront resort in Guanacaste on the Pacific coast ideally located near Santa Rosa National Park. Resort fun is the on menu tonight as you wish. **Meals BLD**

7. Dolphin spotting, snorkeling & farewell

Enjoy a snorkeling cruise today that includes an opportunity to spot bottlenose dolphins, and possibly humpback whales that may be swimming by. The afternoon is free for family fun, followed by a beach party farewell dinner this evening with traditional marimba music, weather permitting. **Meals BLD**

8. Journey home

Tour ends: Guanacaste. Fly home anytime. A transfer from El Mangroove to Liberia International Airport is included. Allow three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Feb 18 **Mar 17, 31** **Apr 14** **Jun 9, 16, 23, 30** **Jul 7, 14, 21, 28**
Aug 4, 11 **Dec 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29**

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

February - April

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (1 flight) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 6,880	+	\$ 210	=	\$ 7,090
Triple	\$ 6,510	+	\$ 210	=	\$ 6,720
Quad	\$ 6,668	+	\$ 210	=	\$ 6,878
Single	\$ 8,228	+	\$ 210	=	\$ 8,438

June - August

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (1 flight) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 6,150	+	\$ 210	=	\$ 6,360
Triple	\$ 5,830	+	\$ 210	=	\$ 6,040
Quad	\$ 5,982	+	\$ 210	=	\$ 6,192
Single	\$ 7,369	+	\$ 210	=	\$ 7,579

December

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (1 flight) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 7,310	+	\$ 210	=	\$ 7,520
Triple	\$ 6,790	+	\$ 210	=	\$ 7,000
Quad	\$ 6,941	+	\$ 210	=	\$ 7,151
Single	\$ 9,107	+	\$ 210	=	\$ 9,317

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

20 meals (7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portage. **Recommended age: 8+**; Children must be 8 or older to experience the zip-line ride. On-tour air included (1 flight). **AUD \$290 Child Savings: Children 12 and under.**

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	INTERCONTINENTAL COSTA RICA AT MULTIPLAZA MALL	San José
Night 2,3	ANINGA LODGE	Tortuguero
Night 4,5	TABACÓN GRAND SPA THERMAL RESORT	La Fortuna
Night 6,7	EL MANGROOVE	Guanacaste

International Airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). Recommended age: 8+; children must be 8 or older to experience the zip-line ride. Children under 18 must be booked in a room with at least one adult. Triple and quad accommodations are two-bedded rooms. For activities marked with an asterisk (*) in day-by-day descriptions, participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Nighttime beach visit on day 3 for the possibility of seeing sea turtles is only offered on July - August departures. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3



Desert Oasis: Zion, Death Valley & Palm Springs

Mystical landscapes and desert cities unfold on this awe-inspiring 8-day journey

8 DAYS FROM AUD \$8,680 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

1. Arrive Las Vegas

Tour begins: 5:30 PM, Four Seasons Hotel. A transfer is included upon arrival from Harry Reid International Airport to The Four Seasons Hotel in the city's pulsing neon heart, on the boulevard known as the Strip. Your hotel is a serene, non-gaming retreat away from the action; join us for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. **Meals D**

2. The Valley of Fire

Drive this morning to Valley of Fire State Park in the Mojave Desert, a red landscape of bizarre rock formations, and

undulating striped hills of pink and orange. Stop for lunch en route to your iconic wilderness lodge inside Zion National Park, where the scenic wonders continue. **Meals BLD**

3. Zion National Park

Named by Mormon settlers, Zion is known for its dramatic, diverse geography: forests, deserts, canyons with soaring red sandstone cliffs, waterfalls, emerald pools, weeping rocks, hanging gardens, and monumental rock formations with names like Angels Landing and Court of the Patriarchs. California Condors and golden eagles sail over canyons that harbor bighorn sheep and mountain lions; forests along the

Uniquely Tauck

- Flightsee over western landscapes prior to a drive through the vast, mysterious desert vistas of Death Valley – a land of many extremes that is America's lowest, hottest and driest national park
- Enjoy the scenery in the Valley of Fire State Park, an outdoor gallery of wind-carved landscapes and rock formations, once inhabited by ancient tribes that left cryptic messages behind
- Two nights at a luxury resort on a desert oasis in the heart of Death Valley National Park provides one of the best stargazing spots in North America
- Visit the Center & Garden of Sunnylands, the sprawling Annenberg estate in Rancho Mirage once known as the “Camp David of the West”
- Enjoy an exclusive lecture by a naturalist expert on the history, ecology, and astonishing geological diversity of Zion National Park



Visit Joshua Tree National Park, named for its twisted Joshua trees, and straddling the Colorado and Mojave deserts.



winding Virgin River are home to mule deer, spotted owls, and peregrine falcons. Experience guided exploration at the pace of your choice on walking and driving excursions through the park, viewing a photogenic realm of orange rock, petrified dunes, arches, and stunning vistas. Enjoy a lecture on the park's ecology and history before dinner. **Meals BD**

4. Flightseeing and a drive to Death Valley

Board a small plane for a flightseeing trip over the west side of Grand Canyon National Park and Lake Mead, arriving at North Las Vegas Airport before driving to Death Valley, a stretch of desert east of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Named by luckless prospectors looking for a shortcut to the California Gold Rush, Death Valley is known as the lowest, driest, hottest place in North America, 282 feet below sea level. In an earlier era, it was the bottom of a vast lake which evaporated and left behind a moonscape that a million years of wind and elements have carved into strange rolling hills, unexpected rock formations, desert plains, sand dunes, and salt pans. Arrive at your resort deep inside Death Valley National Park, under the shade of palm trees that are highlights on a lush desert oasis. **Meals BLD**

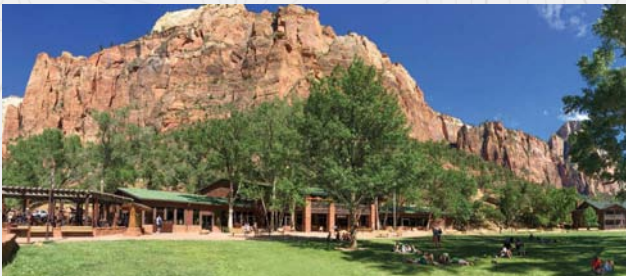
Premier Lodging, Ideal Locations

From sought-after lodging inside national parks to exclusive hotels in Las Vegas and Rancho Mirage, the accommodations are destinations in themselves.



The Inn at Death Valley
Death Valley National Park, California

Surrounded by palm trees on an oasis fed by underground springs, this resort is virtually a small town with a general store, restaurants, a golf course, a swimming pool, a western-style saloon, and more.



Zion Lodge
Zion National Park, Utah

The only lodge inside the park, Zion Lodge exudes warmth and comfort in a hiker's paradise, surrounded by dramatic sandstone cliffs, a short walk from the Court of the Patriarchs overlook.



The Four Seasons Hotel Las Vegas
Las Vegas, Nevada

A non-gaming retreat on the Las Vegas Strip, this Four Seasons hotel has guest rooms with floor to ceiling windows; an acclaimed spa; and guests have access to Mandalay Bay resort next door and its private beach.

5. Badwater Basin & Artists Palette

Death Valley teems with hidden life and is home to Bighorn sheep, coyotes, bobcats, and mountain lions that live discreetly in the hills, with others, like kit foxes and black-tailed jackrabbits, that are nocturnal. Board a special vehicle for a tour of landmark sites, including Zabriskie Point; Badwater Basin, covered in salt like a tundra blanketed with snow; and Artists Palette, a geologic patchwork tinted with many colors. Spend the afternoon at the inn or visit Mesquite Flat, where mesquite trees and creosote bushes are habitats for birds and small animals – and keep a lookout for roadrunners. Tonight, join us for star gazing; without city lights, the desert sky constellations dazzle the eye. **Meals BL**

6. Joshua Tree National Park

Depart for Palm Springs, stopping en route for lunch and time to explore Joshua Tree National Park. The Mojave and Colorado deserts meet in the park, merging to create a surreal landscape of creosote and cactus, weird rock formations, boulder hills, wandering canyons, and windswept desert plains that are home to giant yucca plants called Joshua Trees. An easy trail hike showcases rock-enclosed Hidden Valley, surrounded by unique rock formations and vegetation. Continue on to Rancho Mirage, arriving at your hotel in time for dinner. **Meals BLD**



View the salt pans in the desert landscapes of Death Valley, regarded as the hottest place in North America.



Spend two nights inside Zion National Park, welcoming with hanging gardens and soaring red- and white-sandstone cliffs.

7. Palm Springs & Sunnylands

Palm Springs in the mid-20th century was a hot destination for movie stars, presidents, and entertainers drawn to its golf resorts, nightclubs, and casinos. Today, it remains a favorite wintertime home for snowbirds and retirees who relish the warm weather. Depart your hotel on Frank Sinatra Drive for a visit to Sunnylands, the lavish former winter estate of philanthropists Walter and Leonore Annenberg, reigning over 200 acres. The mid-century modernist mansion with its own golf course was known as “Camp David of the West” for a number of presidents; visit the landscaped gardens and visitor center. Return to Palm Springs for a tour of the area’s mid-century Desert Modern homes, dating to the 1950s, followed by some free time to explore as you wish. This evening, join us for a farewell dinner at your hotel. **Meals BD**

8. Journey Home

Tour ends: Palm Springs. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Ritz-Carlton, Rancho Mirage to Palm Springs International Airport. Checkout time at your hotel is 12:00 noon. You should allow a minimum of two hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Jan 12, 19, 26 Feb 16, 23 Mar 8, 15, 22

Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

January 1 - 18

Double \$ 8,680 Single \$10,659 Triple \$ 8,093

January 19 – March

Double \$ 9,410 Single \$11,668 Triple \$ 8,719

Dates in **blue** indicate Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, priced from AUD \$9,840 per person double; specific dates apply.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

17 meals (7 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 6 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes and portorage.

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	FOUR SEASONS LAS VEGAS	Las Vegas, NV
Night 2,3	ZION LODGE	Zion Nat'l Park, UT
Night 4,5	INN AT DEATH VALLEY	Death Valley, CA
Night 6,7	THE RITZ-CARLTON, RANCHO MIRAGE	Rancho Mirage, CA

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Visit Sunnylands, called the “Camp David of the West” by many US presidents, reigning on a 200-acre estate near Palm Springs.



The Best of Hawaii

Explore the best of the islands' natural beauty and rich culture from premier waterfront resorts

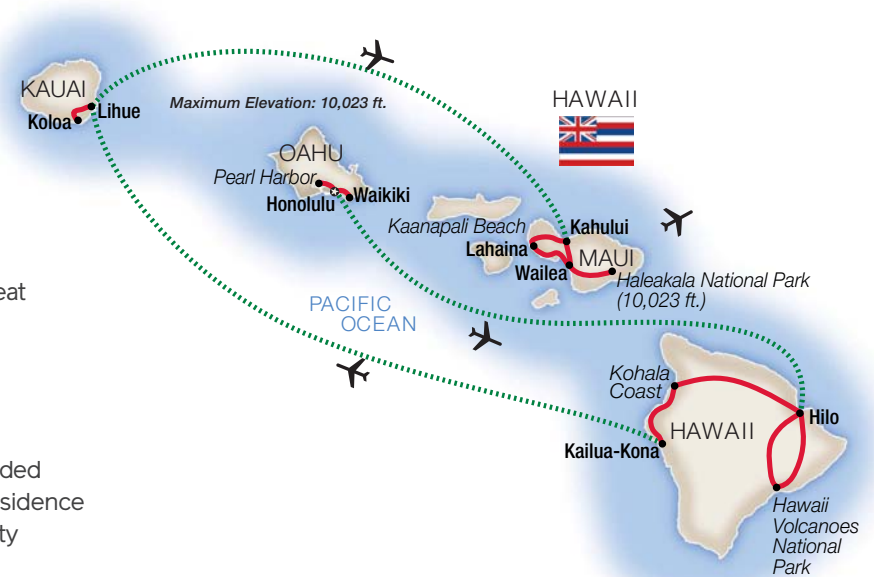
12 DAYS FROM AUD \$15,490 | SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES AVAILABLE

1. Arrive Honolulu

Tour begins: 4:30 PM, The Royal Hawaiian, A Luxury Collection Resort. A transfer is included from Honolulu International Airport to The Royal Hawaiian Resort, located oceanfront on Waikiki Beach. We invite you to join us for an exclusive evening – a private after-hours tour, reception and dinner at Queen Emma Summer Palace, the secluded mountain-home and summer retreat of Queen Emma of Hawaii and her family. **Meals D**

2. Iolani Palace and Oahu sightseeing

Begin the day with an exclusive pre-opening hours guided tour of magnificent Iolani Palace, the opulent official residence of Hawaii's former monarchy. Next up is an opportunity



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- A private welcome evening includes an after-hours tour, reception and dinner at Queen Emma Summer Palace on the island of Oahu, the secluded mountain-home and summer retreat of Queen Emma of Hawaii and her family
- Surf the waves off Waikiki Beach in a traditional outrigger canoe, a craft used by locals for centuries to get from one island to another – or join a local guide for a behind-the-scenes history tour of The Royal Hawaiian
- A flightseeing adventure is included when you soar over the beautiful island of Kauai by helicopter to discover “the garden island”
- Feast on the cultural traditions of Hawaii during a private luau on Maui, where culinary specialties, music and hula dancing speak volumes about Polynesian history and island customs



All of the islands that comprise Hawaii are steeped in legends, traditions, and music – and our private luau connects you.

to discover more of Oahu, including the historic part of Honolulu, when you circle the windward side for a tour of its southeastern beaches and bays. The remainder of the day is free for you to spend as you please in Waikiki. **Meals BD**

3. Pearl Harbor, Honolulu & choices in Waikiki

This morning, view the USS *Missouri* Battleship Memorial in Pearl Harbor, a poignant tribute to those who lost their lives December 7, 1941. Following additional Honolulu sightseeing, return to Waikiki Beach where this afternoon you have a choice: discover an ancient cultural tradition when you take a ride aboard an outrigger canoe*; or, accompanied by a local guide, tour The Royal Hawaiian to learn the amazing stories behind the hotel's 95-year history. **Meals B**

4. The Big Island & Hawaii Volcanoes

Fly to the Big Island of Hawaii, home to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The park protects ecosystems and habitats for native Hawaiian plants and animals, and is rich in cultural and historic sites. Conditions permitting, drive into the park, then across the middle of the island between two stunning older volcanoes to your oceanfront resort on the Kohala Coast. Dinner is at leisure at your resort this evening. **Meals BLD**

5. Big Island relaxing or a flightseeing trip

Spend the day doing whatever interests you most on the Big Island of Hawaii. You can set off on an optional two-hour helicopter excursion for a thrilling view of Kilauea Volcano and the Big Island's coastal rainforests; the flight is available at an additional cost per person (details page 201). If you wish, you'll have an opportunity this morning to learn more about Hawaii's botanical world with a guided walk around the resort's renowned gardens. Join us for a catamaran sail along the Kohala Coast as the sun sets on the Big Island. **Meals B**

6. Sightseeing & coffee on the Big Island

Begin your day with a visit to the Painted Church overlooking Kealahou Bay; built in 1899, this historic Roman Catholic church features extensive hand-painted scenes throughout its interior. To get the day started just right, head to a Kona coffee plantation and living history farm. Kona coffee is prized the world over; see how a typical coffee farming family of the early 20th century lived and worked, and learn the secrets of cultivating the bean, from the coffee tree to the freshly brewed coffee cup.

Oceanfront Resorts



The Royal Hawaiian, A Luxury Collection Resort

Built in 1927, the “Pink Palace of the Pacific” is a landmark of luxury with panoramic views of Diamond Head and Waikiki; the hotel has two pools and a private beach area.



Fairmont Orchid, Hawaii

Featuring a secluded sugar-white beach on the Kohala Coast, a spa with private outdoor venues and rooms with private lanais, the resort offers activities on sea and land.



Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa

Lush grounds, a beachfront setting and rooms with large private lanais welcome you to this garden resort, offering saltwater swimming lagoons and freshwater outdoor pools.



Fairmont Kea Lani

A luxury oceanfront resort on 22 acres in Wailea, Maui, the Fairmont Kea Lani offers authentic Hawaiian cultural experiences and warm and personal service.

Your oceanfront hotel welcomes with tropical gardens and waterside delights. Have dinner tonight at your choice of the resort's restaurants. **Meals BD**

7. Fly to Kauai and visit Allerton Garden

Fly to the Garden Isle of Kauai, the definition of a true island paradise where the landscape is lush with orchids, hibiscus and plumeria. Have lunch at a plantation, then visit Allerton Garden, a member of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, a non-profit institution that's dedicated to conservation and preservation, as well as the restoration of endangered habitats. The garden is stunning, and its history is rich, intertwined with the history of Hawaii. **Meals BL**

8. Kauai helicopter flightseeing

Start your day with an exhilarating 45-55 minute helicopter flightseeing adventure* (weather permitting) over Waimea Canyon, rainforests and mountains of the Garden Isle. The day is then yours to enjoy as you wish; you may want to swim, snorkel, sunbathe, check out the island's marine life – or simply enjoy all your resort has to offer. **Meals BD**

9. Exploring the Valley Isle – Maui

Fly to Maui for a three-night stay. Travel through Iao Valley to see the famed Iao Needle. A visit to the Maui Ocean Center introduces you to Hawaii's unique undersea ecosystem, millions of years old, populated by rare species existing nowhere else. Then it's off to the The Fairmont Kea Lani, your beachfront resort home for the next three nights, set on the Wailea Coast. **Meals BD**

10. Maui as you please

The entire day is free to explore as you please; if you wish, join us for an artist-led tour of the sculptures that grace the property. Your resort is steps from Polo Beach on the Wailea coast; its amenities include a fitness center and classes, boutiques, three swimming pools, two activity pools, various beach activities and nearby championship golf. **Meals BD**

11. Mount Haleakala and a luau

Drive up to the 10,023-foot-high rim of Mount Haleakala, the world's largest dormant volcano and a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Learn about island agriculture as you descend through Maui's upcountry farmland; return to your resort for a free afternoon. This evening, we invite you to join us for an authentic Hawaiian farewell evening and dinner at our private luau, where music and dance reflect island traditions that are centuries old. **Meals BD**



When you ascend to the rim of Haleakala National Park on Maui, you'll find the views extraordinary & the stories compelling.

12. Journey Home

Tour ends: Maui. Fly home anytime; a transfer from your accommodations at Fairmont Kea Lani to Kahului Airport is included. You should allow a minimum of two hours for your flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

Helicopter Flightseeing*

Helicopter flightseeing over Kauai is included; an optional flight on the Big Island of Hawaii is at an additional cost:

Included on Kauai – Rainforests & Mountains, Day 8

45–55 minute Helicopter Adventure that soars over stunning Waimea Canyon, lush rainforests, jagged mountains, sea cliffs, beaches and craters.



Hawaii – Volcanoes & Valleys AUD \$848 Per Person, Day 5

2-hour Helicopter Adventure views the lava vents of Kilauea and soars over the Kohala Mountains and the rainforests of the Hamakua Coast.



**Note: Participation is at your own risk; signed liability waiver is required.*

2024 DATES

Jan 9, 27, 31 Feb 7, 11, 18 Mar 4, 11, 22, 26 Apr 17, 28
 May 9 Jun 11 Jul 3, 14 Aug 5
 Sep 3, 7, 25, 29 Oct 6, 10, 28 Nov 1

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2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

August and November

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 14,770	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 15,490
Single	\$ 19,915	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 20,635
Triple	\$ 13,673	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 14,393

January – July; September – October

LAND PRICE + ON-TOUR AIR (3 flights) = TOTAL PER PERSON

Double	\$ 15,790	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 16,510
Single	\$ 21,086	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 21,806
Triple	\$ 14,639	+	\$ 720	=	\$ 15,359

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2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

21 meals (11 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 8 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portorage. On-tour air included (3 flights).

2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1-3	THE ROYAL HAWAIIAN, A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT (Ocean-View Rooms)	Waikiki, Oahu
Night 4-6*	FAIRMONT ORCHID, HAWAII (Ocean-View Rooms)	Kohala Coast, Big Island
Night 7,8	GRAND HYATT KAUAI RESORT & SPA (Ocean-View Rooms)	Koloa, Kauai
Night 9-11	FAIRMONT KEA LANI (Ocean-View Rooms)	Wailea, Maui

*Tour of Feb 11, Apr 17 and Aug 5 will stay at Westin Hapuna Beach Hotel.

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required. Optional Helicopter Flightseeing: add AUD \$848 per person for a 2-hour flight on the Big Island. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 1



Wonderland: Yellowstone in Winter

Explore, in-depth, a national park landscape transformed by ice, steam clouds, and snow

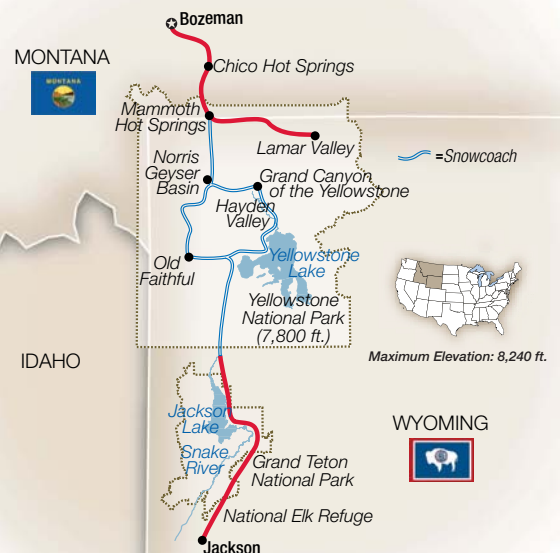
8 DAYS FROM AUD \$9,550 | KEN BURNS AMERICAN JOURNEYS | ALL SMALL GROUPS AVERAGING 20 GUESTS

1. Arrive Bozeman, on to Chico Hot Springs

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Chico Hot Springs Resort & Day Spa. A transfer is included from Bozeman Airport to the Chico Hot Springs Resort & Day Spa in Pray, Montana, in the foothills of the Absaroka Mountains, not far from Yellowstone's north entrance, for a one-night stay; your historic lodge was established in 1900. Join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals D**

2. Hot springs & Mammoth Hot Springs

Take a morning dip in one of the Chico Hot Springs Resort's open-air swimming pools, heated by underground hot springs. The waters have healing powers, if you believe the legends of gold miners and Native Americans – and even



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- KEN BURNS AMERICAN JOURNEYS – Exclusive filmed narratives by filmmakers Ken Burns & Dayton Duncan offer stories and insights into Yellowstone National Park
- Explore remote places in Yellowstone during two-night stays in wilderness lodges when the park is dressed in winter whites, traveling by snowcoach and snowshoe as you follow tracks of area wildlife, from wolves to elk and bison, that may have come before
- Aboard a horse-drawn sleigh, explore the National Elk Refuge outside of Jackson to view herds of elk in their natural environment; this is a unique wildlife experience that happens only in winter when thousands migrate to the refuge
- Attend a farewell reception and dinner at the National Museum of Wildlife Art, taking place in the Museum's galleries featuring paintings, drawings and sculpture inspiring appreciation of humanity's relationship with wildlife and nature through art and education



Geothermal features within Yellowstone National Park, such as geysers and hot springs, are diverse and define the landscape.

if you don't, an immersion here is a warm introduction to the geothermal wonders of this volcanic plateau. Following a viewing of a Ken Burns's film, you'll leave your resort en route to Mammoth Hot Springs and Yellowstone National Park. Take some time this afternoon to explore the hot springs and visit the Albright Visitor Center – historic in its own right as the structure was originally constructed in 1909. This evening, after settling in for a two night stay at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, enjoy a presentation by noted naturalist and wildlife photographer MacNeil Lyons who shares insights into some of the iconic species – including the bear, wolf and bison – that you might meet on your travels in Yellowstone's winter wonderland. Dinner this evening will be at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

3. A day of exploration in Lamar Valley

Head out this morning across Blacktail Plateau en route to Yellowstone's Lamar Valley on the northeast side of Yellowstone National Park – welcoming you to a park that is

empty of crowds, silent, and eerily peaceful and pristine in shades of white. The temperatures in winter can reach 40 below, yet the ground steams through hidden fissures and hot springs, wafting great clouds across the white landscape, where distant herds of bison and elk drift through it like apparitions in a fog; hot springs here are wildlife magnets. After exploring (and keeping a sharp eye open for wildlife) in Lamar Valley, work your way back by coach through the Blacktail Plateau to the Mammoth Springs Hotel. Dinner is at your leisure this evening at the hotel. **Meals BD**

4. Geysers, fumaroles & paint pots

This morning you'll board a snowcoach – designed especially to travel over the snow-covered roads you'll encounter in Yellowstone in winter – for a trek to some of the park's geothermal spectacles: boiling springs, fumaroles, mud volcanoes, and geysers, which miners and mountain men called “places where hell bubbled up,” and American Indians considered sacred. In the crisp cold air of winter, these thermal features are all the more present – and spectacular –



In the wintertime, Yellowstone and surrounding environs present unique opportunities – such as taking a horse-drawn sleigh into the heart of the National Elk Refuge, where the elk number in the thousands; and of course snowshoeing adventures, if you wish.

billowing steam, hissing water, and spume that encrust trees with frost and paint white masks on the faces of bison. You'll see Gibbon Falls, an 84-foot cascade frozen in a veil of ice; the Norris Geyser Basin; and you'll walk through the alien world that steams around Black Sand Geyser and Midway Geyser Basin. Around midday, arrive at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge – your home for the next two nights – to warm up and settle in. And of course, during your stay, you only have to walk outside to witness the eruption (on average every 94 minutes) with no crowds between you and the legendary "clockwork" Old Faithful Geyser... a sudden eruption of boiling water that hisses upward to 180 feet for one to five minutes, drifting a curtain of steam in the icy air! This afternoon, you'll have an opportunity to join a local guide for a snowshoeing trek through some of the less visited places in the Lower Geyser Basin near Old Faithful – an amazing

sight in winter. You'll also have free time today to explore as you please, perhaps visiting the new Old Faithful Visitor Center, ski, skate or just relax by the fire. **Meals BD**

5. A grand canyon & Hayden Valley

The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone is considered the soul of the park, deep in its interior, and you'll set out for it from your lodge today via snowcoach, over winter terrain. En route, visit West Thumb Geyser Basin at a corner of Yellowstone Lake, and the Mud Volcanoes, bubbling mud hills. Discover the sub-alpine Hayden Valley, a surreal winter landscape where trumpeter swans, bison, elk, and moose call home – a good place to spot fox and coyote, too. After stopping for a boxed lunch, nothing prepares you for the sight of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone itself –



MacNeil Lyons Photography Expert

Noted naturalist, author, and wildlife photographer MacNeil Lyons has spent some 20 years as an interpretive park ranger and education specialist in Yellowstone National Park. MacNeil will share his knowledge and inspire you with his passion for the precious Yellowstone ecosystem he has come to know and love during his two decades of experience in the park. MacNeil is a great storyteller, and during the private presentation he'll share insights into some of the wildlife he has studied and photographed over the years, such as the bear, wolf and bison.

carved by glaciers and the river itself, nearly a mile wide and plunging 1,200 feet with two torrential waterfalls, each with an arc of spume-made ice and crystalline forests up and down the steep banks. Return this evening to the Old Faithful Snow Lodge for dinner at your leisure. **Meals BLD**

6. The Tetons and the National Elk Refuge

The ice on Yellowstone Lake can freeze three feet thick, yet where the edges meet the warmth of boiling springs, there are patches of open water where otters frolic and catch fish – and coyotes try to steal them. Stand in its awesome solitude and you are part of the picture. In Yellowstone, tour by snowcoach via Kepler Falls and the West Thumb Geyser Basin to Flagg Ranch, once an army station when the military maintained the park. Leave your snow vehicle behind as you continue your travels to the quintessential Western town of Jackson, Wyoming. Following lunch at Flagg Ranch, a horse-drawn sleigh takes you into the heart of the National Elk Refuge. You learn that vast congregations of elk – 7,500 out of what was once a population of 25,000 – weather the harsh winter here en masse; learn how conservation efforts over the decades strive to keep the remaining herds alive. Return from the tundra to your hotel in Jackson, where the evening is spent as you please. **Meals BL**

7. Historic Jackson at your leisure

The day is entirely free to do as you please in Jackson, perhaps spending time sitting by the fire at your hotel; visit the town's unique galleries and boutiques; bundle up and go dog sledding or snowmobiling (both of which would require advanced bookings and additional fees, and could be arranged through the hotel concierge); or possibly go downhill skiing at nearby Grand Teton Resort or Snow King



Winter provides an extraordinary view of the hot springs within Yellowstone – water that is hydrothermally heated.

Mountain (also requiring advanced bookings and additional fees). Tonight's special farewell reception and dinner takes place at The National Museum of Wildlife Art, whose galleries house a stunning collection of paintings, drawings and sculpture celebrating Western wildlife as well as illuminating the natural world and humanity's place in it. **Meals BD**

8. Journey Home

Tour ends: Jackson. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Wort Hotel to Jackson Hole Airport. Checkout time is 11:00 AM. You should allow two hours for flight check-in at the Jackson Hole Airport. **Meals B**

2024 DATES

Jan 3, 7, 11, 15, 18, 23, 27, 31 Feb 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24

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2024 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

Double \$ 9,550 Single \$11,897 Triple \$ 8,865

All departures are Small Group Departures averaging 20 Tauck guests.

2024 PRICE INCLUSIONS

16 meals (7 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 6 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & portorage.

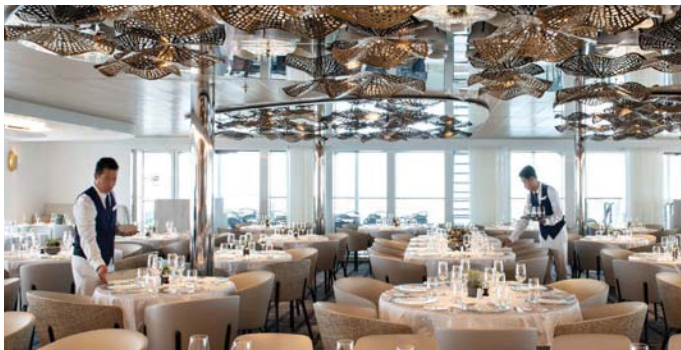
2024 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	CHICO HOT SPRINGS RESORT & DAY SPA	Pray, MT
Night 2,3	MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS HOTEL	Yellowstone National Park
Night 4,5	OLD FAITHFUL SNOW LODGE	Yellowstone National Park
Night 6,7*	THE WORT HOTEL	Jackson, WY

*Tour of Feb 16 will stay at The Cloudveil

International airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air (subject to availability). For activities marked with an asterisk (*) in day-by-day descriptions, participation is at your own risk and a signed liability waiver will be required. Some days include walking on uneven terrain, including a snowshoe trek on day 4; optional outdoor activities are available in the park. Some accommodations within the national parks are operated by concessionaries for the National Park Service. Service staff, housekeeping and food and beverage are often part-time / seasonal hires and may be relatively inexperienced; service and accommodations may not compare to Tauck's hotels in other locations. The accommodations selected are in the heart of the park and afford exceptional access and afford exceptional access to some of the most spectacular destinations on Earth. Certain exceptions may apply (will be advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Go to General Information for additional information, including Activity / Pace details.**

Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3



Dining is a pleasure within Le Nautilus, the panoramic restaurant



Prestige Stateroom, with private balcony

Ponant's Explorer ships – elegantly designed and environmentally friendly

The Ponant Explorers consist of six small-sized ships, *Le Lapérouse*, *Le Champlain*, *Le Bellot*, *Le Dumont-d'Urville*, *Le Jacques Cartier* and *Le Bougainville*, that bear the names of French explorers who went in search of previously unknown territories. With just 92 staterooms and suites, these ships combine respect for the environment, elegant design and cutting-edge technology for an unparalleled cruising experience. The only one of its kind in the world, the unique multi-sensory lounge, Blue Eye, is located in the hull, below the waterline,

to allow guests to enjoy underwater viewing at their leisure. 6 passenger decks include a main dining room featuring French cuisine on Deck 4; a casual restaurant, main lounge and 188-seat theater on Deck 3; a panoramic lounge forward on Deck 6; a pool, spa and fitness center. Staterooms (204 sq. ft. / 19.0 sq. m.) and suites (290 - 484 sq. ft. / 26.9 - 45.0 sq. m.) all have private balconies, individually controlled air conditioning, queen-size beds (or converted twin beds), flat-screen TV, safe and minibar. Go to tauck.com.au for ship-specific specifications.

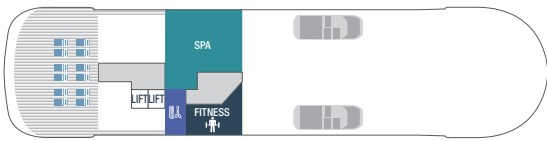


The Panoramic Lounge provides a Library & Internet space

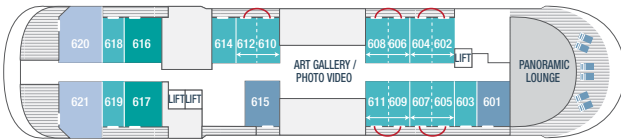


The Pool Deck, with panoramic views, pool, bar & lounge chairs

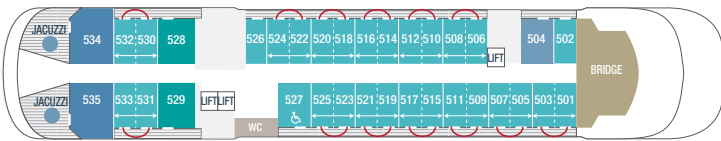
Deck 7



Deck 6 - Aboard Le Lapérouse and Le Champlain, the Owner's Suite with Jacuzzi is located in 621; 620 is a Grand Deluxe Suite



Deck 5 - Aboard Le Lapérouse and Le Champlain, 534 and 535 are Grand Deluxe Suites



Deck 4



Deck 3



Deck 2



Deck Plans

- **Deluxe Stateroom**
Deck 3
- **Prestige Stateroom**
Deck 4, 5, 6
- **Deluxe Suite**
Deck 3, 4, 5, 6
- **Prestige Suite**
Deck 5, 6
- **Privilege Suite**
Deck 5, 6
- **Grand Deluxe Suite**
Deck 6
- **Owner's Suite**
Deck 5

Ship Specifications

- Built:** 2018 - 2020
- Length:** 430 ft. / 131 m.
- Draft:** 15 ft. / 4.6 m.
- Beam:** 59 ft. / 18 m.
- Tonnage:** 9,900 gross tons
- Cruising Speed:** 12.5 knots
- Air Conditioned:** Yes
- Elevator:** Yes
- Number of Guests:** 184
- Number of Staterooms & Suites:** 92
- Crew Members:** 110
- Registry:** France
- Crew Nationality:** French / International
- Internet:** Service levels may vary



The main lounge hosts live musical entertainment



Warm welcomes await from an attentive, friendly crew

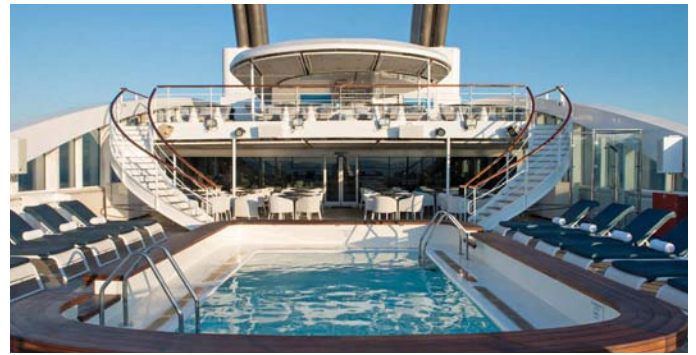
Le Boréal, L'Austral, Le Soléal & Le Lyrial

These four Ponant Sister Ships, with just 122 to 132 staterooms and suites, remain true to Ponant's philosophy of traveling on small capacity vessels with a unique atmosphere of intimacy and well-being. Decorated with furnishings in high quality materials with soft and soothing tones, they express a French way of life – understated sophistication combining chic and natural refinement. Onboard each ship, guests enjoy two restaurants; three lounges with bars, access to open decks, and evening entertainment; a theater, fitness and beauty corner, medical

center, observation areas, and elevators servicing decks 2 to 6. The ships' staterooms (193 - 226 sq. ft. / 17.9 - 21.0 sq. m.) and suites (290 - 592 sq. ft. / 26.9 - 55.0 sq. m.) boast ocean views; 95% have private balconies. Staterooms offer individually controlled air conditioning, twin beds that convert to a queen-size bed or a sofa bed, video on demand, flat-screen TV with satellite channels, safe, Bluetooth speakers and a minibar. Go to tauck.com.au for individual ship deck plans and specifications.

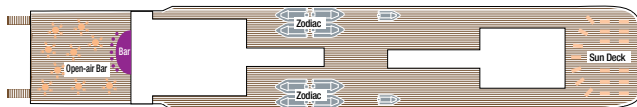


Prestige Staterooms boast ocean views and private balconies



Relax by the pool, or enjoy a drink in the lounge overlooking it

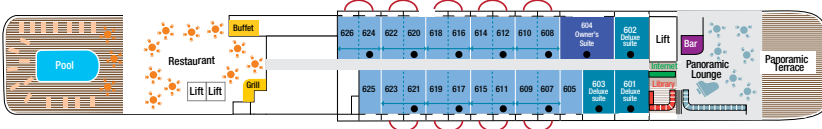
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Deck 4



Deck 3



Deck 2



Deck Plans

- **Superior Stateroom**
Deck 3
- **Deluxe Stateroom**
Deck 3
- **Prestige Stateroom**
Deck 4, 5, 6
- & ■ **Deluxe Suite**
Deck 6
- **Prestige Suite**
Deck 5, 6
(Two Prestige Staterooms combined)
- **Privilege Suite**
Deck 6 (Le Lyrial only)
- **Grand Privilege Suite**
Deck 6 (Le Lyrial only)
- **Grand Deluxe Suite**
Deck 6 (Le Lyrial only)
- & ■ **Owner's Suite**
Deck 6

Ship Specifications

Built: 2010, 2011, 2013 & 2015

Length: 466 ft. / 142 m.

Draft: 15 ft. / 4.5 m.

Beam: 59 ft. / 18 m.

Tonnage: 10,700 gross tons

Cruising Speed: 14 knots

Air Conditioned: Yes

Elevator: Yes

Number of Guests: 264

Crew Members: 145

Registry: France

Crew Nationality: French / International

Internet: Service levels may vary



You'll enjoy evenings in lovely Amphora, the main dining room.



Floor to ceiling panoramic windows define the Yacht Club.

Star Legend

Windstar yacht *Star Legend* debuted in 2021 following an extensive renovation; the all-suite ship features new public areas – including two new dining venues – a new spa, a terraced infinity pool, and fitness area. Bathrooms in every suite are redesigned, and a new category of Star suites has been added, highlighted by a new layout. In every suite you'll find queen beds with luxury linens, flat-screen TVs, Wi-Fi, L'Occitane bath amenities, hair dryers and more. Dining each evening features a choice of several restaurants including fine cuisine in lovely

Amphora; dining al fresco under the stars at Candles; and Cuadro 44, a small, intimate specialty restaurant. Breakfast is either indoors or outdoors at Veranda, and you'll have an opportunity for casual grill favorites and lighter fare at al fresco Star Grill during the day. Cruising days present opportunities for learning with a variety of activities – or relaxing – or visiting the Bridge. With only 312 guests, *Star Legend* brings you to smaller ports and harbors that larger ships can't access – perfect for cruising the island-rich waters of the Aegean Sea.

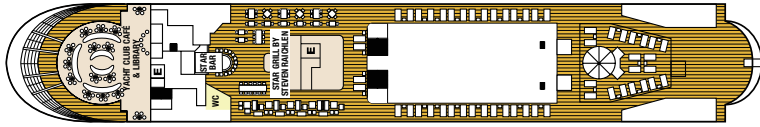


An open living area welcomes you in Star Category Suites.

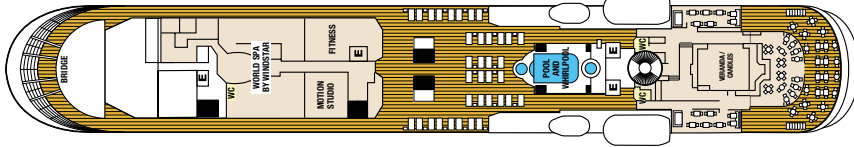


Relaxation... the redesigned terraced infinity pool and hot tub.

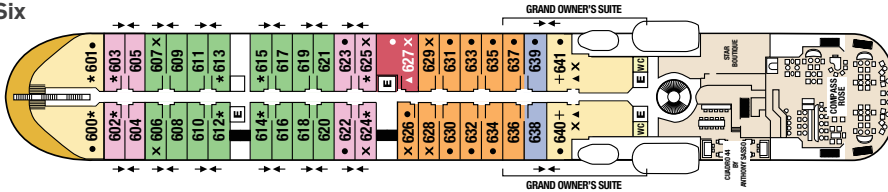
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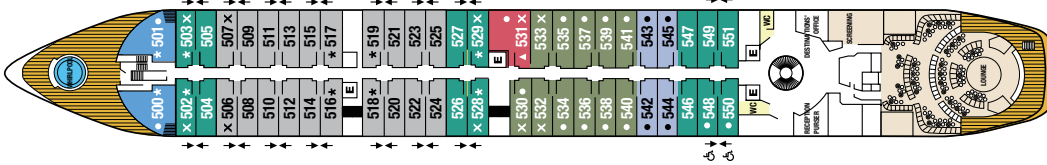
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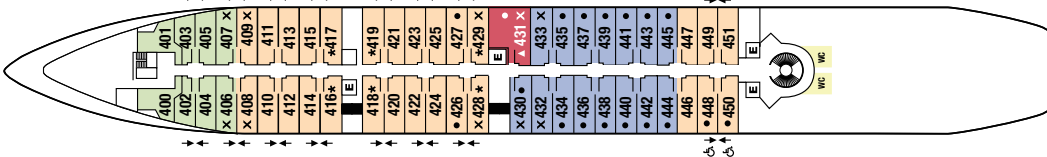
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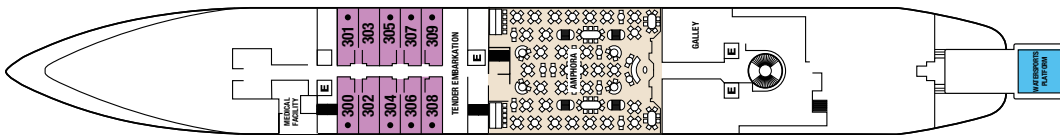
Deck Five



Deck Four



Deck Three



Access to board ship is via stairs only. Access to/from outside deck may require assistance with doors and thresholds.

Deck Plans

- Star Porthole Suite (SP)
- Ocean View Suite (S1)
- Star Ocean View Suite (SS1)
- Balcony Suite (BS)
- Star Balcony Suite (SBS)
- Balcony Suite (BS1)
- Star Balcony Suite (SBS1)
- Deluxe Suite (DS)
- Owner's Suite (OW)

- + Restricted View
 - ↔ Adjoining Suites
 - E Elevator
 - * Includes Bathtub
 - ▲ Separate Bathtub & Shower
 - One Queen Size Bed Only (No twin option)
 - x 3rd Berth Available
 - ♿ Modified Accessible Suites
Feature a full-size bed (No twin option)
- Suites 448, 450, 548 & 550 are modified accessible, shower only with a small lip into the bathroom with a portable ramp, standard interior and exterior doorways.

Ship Specifications

- Built:** 1988
- Renovated:** 2021
- Length:** 522 ft. / 159 m.
- Draft:** 17.7 ft. / 5.4 m.
- Beam:** 63 ft. / 19 m.
- Tonnage:** 12,995 gross registered tons
- Cruising Speed:** 15 knots
- Air Conditioned:** Yes
- Elevator:** Yes
- Number of Guests:** 312
- Crew Members:** 188-190
- Registry:** Bahamas
- Crew Nationality:** International
- Internet:** Service levels may vary



You'll enjoy fine dining at evening meals in Amphora



The Pool Bar serves refreshments al fresco

Wind Star & Wind Spirit

Wind Star and *Wind Spirit*, sister sailing vessels in the Windstar Cruises fleet, provide Tauck guests with an intimate luxury cruising experience that is as delightfully pampering as it is uniquely personal. Four-masted sailing ships with wide open teak decks, they are sleek and stylish with public spaces that invite private conversation and relaxation, and sumptuous staterooms that indulge with comfort. All staterooms – measuring 188 sq. ft. (18 sq. m.) – have ocean views, queen beds, flat-screen TV with DVD player, safe, minibar / refrigerator, international direct-dial phone, bathroom with premier toiletries, hair dryer,

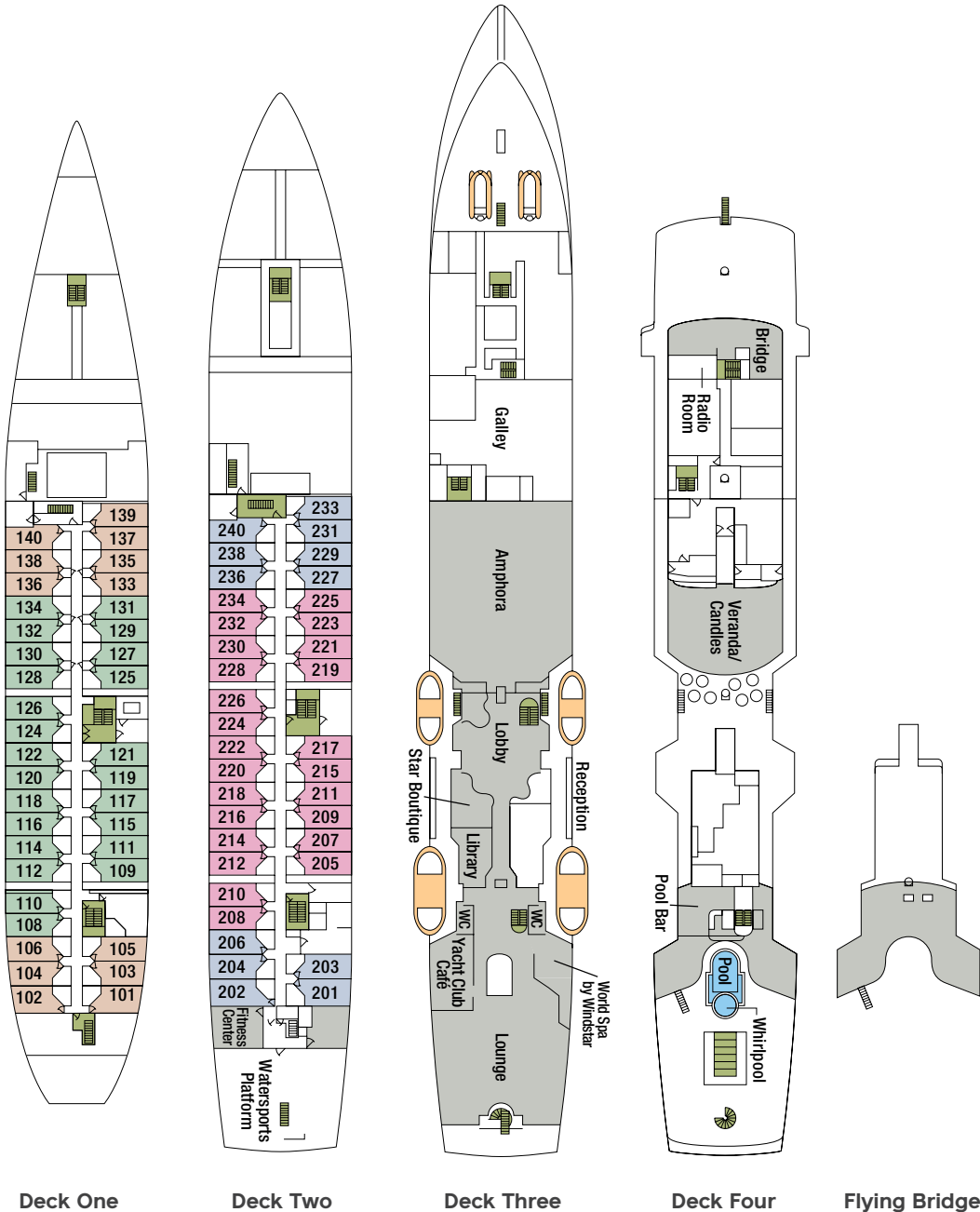
US 110 voltage, and waffle-weave robe and slippers. Guests have a choice of onboard dining venues including the gourmet Amphora restaurant for evening meals, and the casual Veranda for breakfast and lunch. Dinner by candlelight under the stars is available at night in Candles. Onboard amenities include the Yacht Club Café, the World Spa by Windstar, an entertainment lounge, a watersports platform, a library, an outdoor swimming pool and hot tub, as well as cozy nooks and corners perfect for hiding away with a good book or enjoying warm conversations with like-minded friends.



The Lounge – relaxing in daytime, entertainment hub in evenings



Staterooms are well-appointed, comfortable and welcoming



Deck Plans

- Category B
- Category BX Deluxe
- Category A
- Category AX Deluxe

Ship Specifications

- Built:** 1985 – Wind Star
1987 – Wind Spirit
- Renovated:** 2018 – Wind Star;
2017 – Wind Spirit
- Length:** 440 ft. / 134 m.
- Draft:** 14 ft. / 4 m.
- Beam:** 52 ft. / 16 m.
- Tonnage:** 5,703 gross tons
- Cruising Speed:** 10 knots
- Air Conditioned:** Yes
- Elevator:** No
- Number of Guests:** 148
- Crew Members:** 101
- Registry:** Bahamas
- Crew Nationality:** International
- Internet:** Service levels may vary



The lounge is a comfortable place to share conversation



The dining experience in Amphora is delightful

Wind Surf

On any given day, Windstar's five-masted, flagship sailing vessel, *Wind Surf*, draws admiring glances as she glides majestically into Iberian ports with her tall sails billowing. Engineered to cater to your sailing comfort, *Wind Surf* welcomes with meticulously redesigned public spaces and all-new finishes and furnishings in her 188-sq.-ft. (18-sq.-m.) staterooms and spacious suites ranging from 376 to 495 sq. ft. (35 to 46 sq. m.). Personalized amenities are a hallmark aboard this Windstar ship, where every detail indulges your utmost satisfaction. Onboard

accommodations include a queen-size bed with rich tufted headboards and luxurious Egyptian cotton linens, soft seascape colors, beautiful upholstery, waffle-weave robes and slippers, flat-screen TV with DVD player, fully-stocked minibar/refrigerator, safe, direct-dial phone, bathroom with granite countertop and shower, granite vanity, L'Occitane bath amenities and more, each designed to envelop you in an oasis of relaxation and wellbeing. Everything about *Wind Surf*, including bowls of fresh flowers and fruit, says welcome aboard.

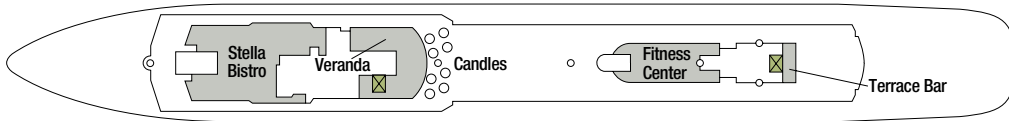


Relax poolside on the Main Deck amidst sails & landscapes

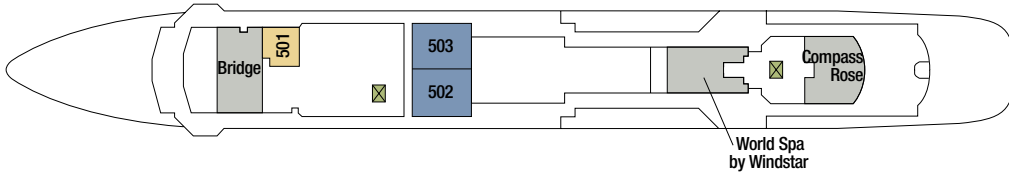


Staterooms are gracious, stylish and comfortable

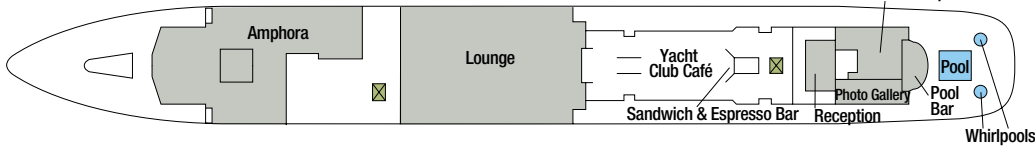
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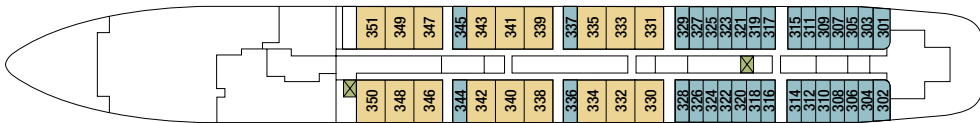
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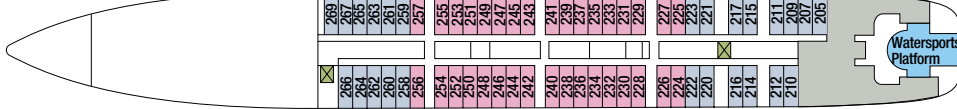
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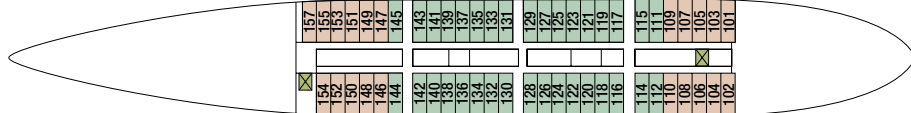
Deck Three



Deck Two



Deck One



Deck Plans

- Category B
- Category BX Deluxe
- Category A
- Category AX Deluxe
- Suites

Ship Specifications

- Built:** 1990
- Renovated:** 2019
- Length:** 535 ft. / 162 m.
(at waterline)
- Draft:** 16.5 ft. / 5 m.
- Beam:** 66 ft. / 20 m.
- Tonnage:** 14,745 gross registered tons
- Cruising Speed:** 10-12 knots
- Air Conditioned:** Yes
- Elevator:** Yes
- Number of Guests:** 342
- Crew Members:** 210
- Registry:** Bahamas
- Crew Nationality:** International
- Internet:** Service levels may vary



The Explorer Lounge provides a welcome respite



The Superior Veranda Suite offers gracious accommodations

Silver Origin

Silversea's first ever destination specific ship, *Silver Origin* is designed for exclusive small ship travel to the Galápagos. Featuring six decks, two dining venues, spacious suites with private balconies, floor-to-ceiling windows in the lounges, an outdoor bar, piano bar, a fitness center, and an interactive learning center, *Silver Origin* offers a uniquely elegant experience in the Galápagos Archipelago. Well-appointed ocean view suites welcome with Pratesi bed linens, a pillow menu, personal butler service, eco-friendly bath amenities,

bathrobes and slippers and a refrigerator and bar stocked with your preferences. Enjoy fine Ecuadorian dining and exemplary personalized service from the ship's staff and Expedition Team. An onboard marina stores wetsuits and other watersports equipment; complimentary beach towels, raincoats and binoculars are available for on shore explorations. State-of-the-art from bow to stern, the ship was mindfully designed to blend luxury and comfort with environmentally conscious features for the ultimate in experiential cruising.

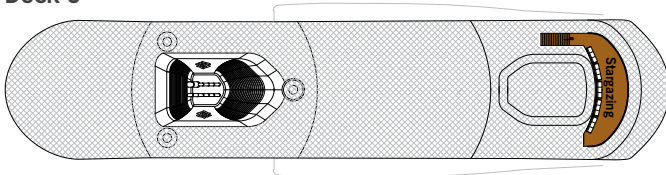


Healthy cuisine at The Grill features lava stone cooking

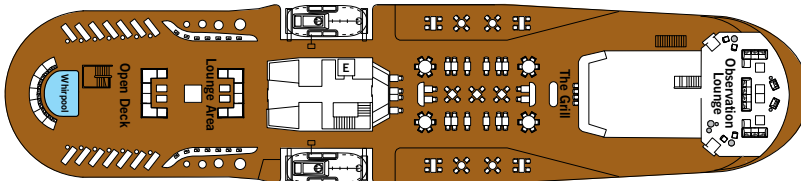


Ecuadorian cuisine is authentically prepared in The Restaurant

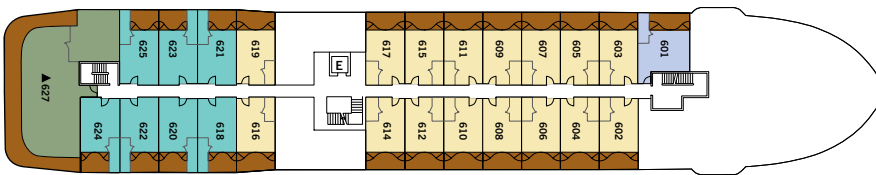
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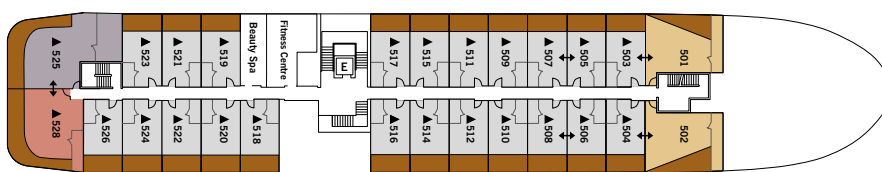
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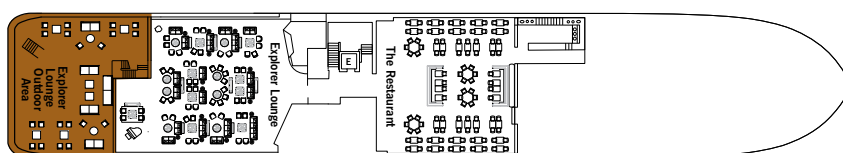
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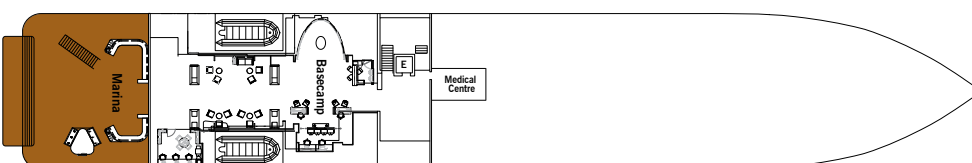
Deck 5



Deck 4



Deck 3



Deck Plans

- Classic Veranda Suite
Deck 5
- Superior Veranda Suite
Deck 6
- Deluxe Veranda Suite
Deck 6
- Silver Suite
Deck 5

Ship Specifications

- Built:** 2020
- Length:** 331.4 ft. / 101 m.
- Beam:** 52.5 ft. / 16 m.
- Tonnage:** 5,800 gross tons
- Cruising Speed:** 14 knots
- Air Conditioned:** Yes
- Elevator:** Yes
- Number of Guests:** 100
- Number of Suites:** 50
- Crew Members:** 90
- Registry:** Ecuador
- Crew Nationality:** Ecuadorian
- Internet:** Service levels may vary



Panoramic windows in the Vista Suites are windows on the world



The Arts Café is known for conversation – and design

Silver Shadow

Silver Shadow retains Silversea's essence, with spacious suites and only 392 guests; superior service is paired with a lively cosmopolitan atmosphere. Onboard amenities include fine wines and creative cuisine in a selection of restaurants including French gastronomy in La Dame, authentic Italian cuisine in La Terrazza, or endless ocean views from The Grill. Energize body and soul with complimentary Pilates and yoga in the expanded fitness center, and enjoy the chaise lounges in sun or shade, whirlpools and a pool. The Connoisseur's Corner

offers exceptional cognacs; the Show Lounge includes a broad spectrum of entertainment, from full-scale production shows and classical soloists, to cultural entertainment and feature films; and the Card Room hosts bridge games and more most days. Zagara Beauty Spa invites you to indulge in a luxurious spa treatment, including facials, body wraps, massages; the spa is the perfect place to unwind. For leisure, try your luck at the onboard casino; relax and unwind in the Observation Library, or perhaps the Panorama Lounge and The Bar.

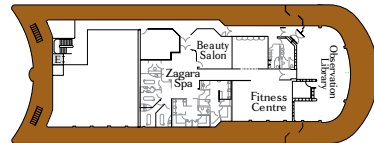


The views are always amazing from the Panorama Lounge

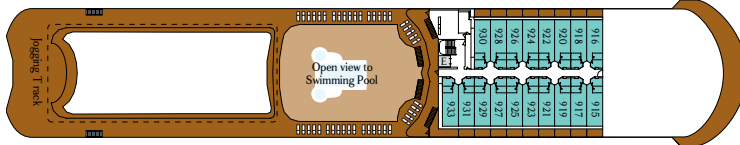


Relax and unwind when you spend time on the Pool Deck

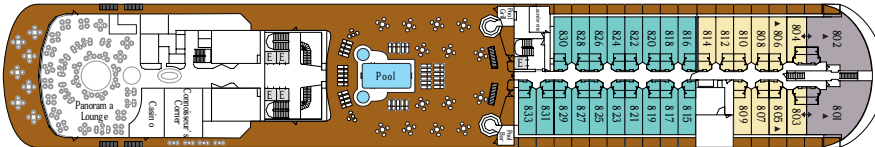
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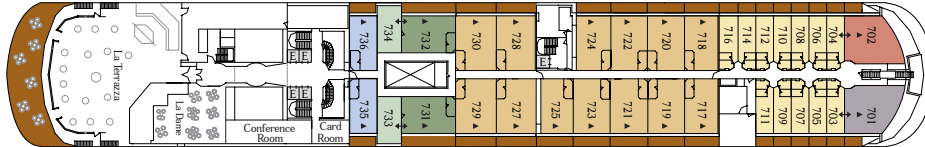
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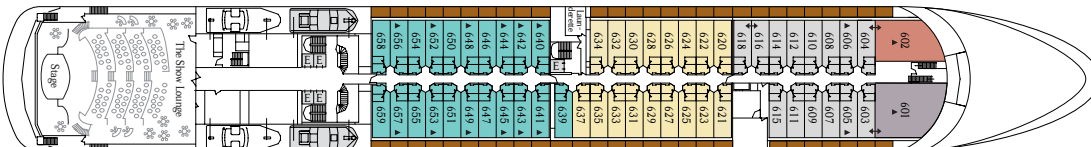
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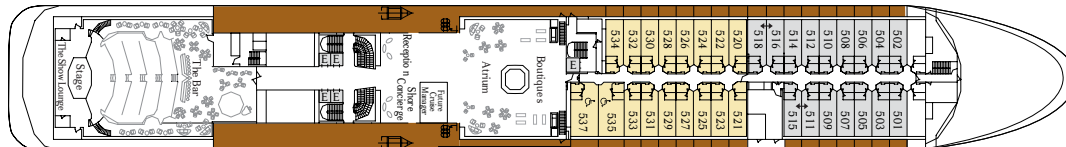
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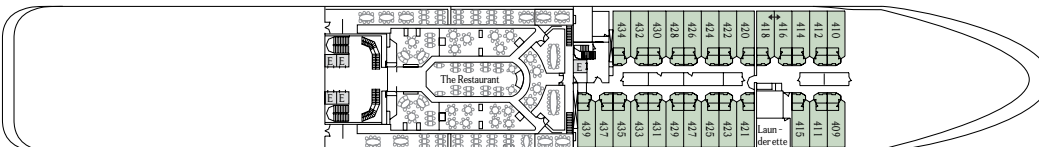
Deck 6



Deck 5



Deck 4



Deck Plans

- Vista Suite
- Classic Veranda Suite
- Superior Veranda Suite
- Deluxe Veranda Suite
- Silver Suite

Ship Specifications

- Built:** 2000
- Renovated:** 2019
- Length:** 610 ft. / 186 m.
- Draft:** 19 ft. 8 in. / 6 m.
- Beam:** 81.8 ft. / 24.8 m.
- Tonnage:** 28,258 tons
- Cruising Speed:** 18.5 knots
- Air Conditioned:** Yes
- Elevator:** Yes
- Number of Guests:** 392
- Crew Members:** 302
- Ship Registry:** Bahamas
- Crew Nationality:** International
- Internet:** Service levels may vary



Dolce Vita is the spot for cocktails, live music, & canapés

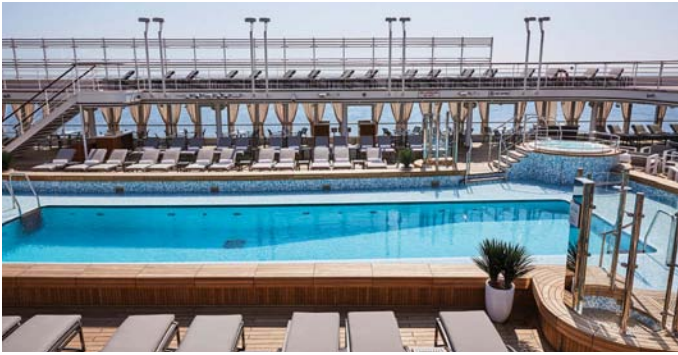


The Superior Veranda Suite boasts floor to ceiling glass doors

Silver Muse

Silversea's *Silver Muse* is without question an inspirational work of art. The best place between sea and sky, eight dining venues offering a wide choice of culinary possibilities, generous outdoor areas and up-to-the-minute technology puts her in a class of her own, satisfying the uncompromising requirements for comfort, service, and quality of the world's most discerning travelers. *Silver Muse* marked the beginning of a new era for Silversea – as one of the larger ships in the fleet, she pioneered the balance between small-ship intimacy and spacious all-suite

accommodation. Amenities include the Fitness Centre, bringing together soothing design with programs that are specifically created; the Casino, offering a selection of games; the Venetian Lounge, a place where the arts of theatre and music meet with full-scale productions and feature films; and the Arts Café, showcasing painting and sculptures from a broad range of talent; quiet corners to relax – or to enjoy the outdoors. On the Pool Deck, you can take a dip in the pool, relax in one of the whirlpools or simply soak up the view from one of the sunbeds.

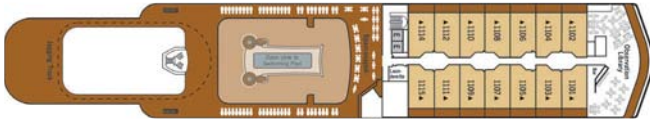


The pool is spacious, and long, with a Jacuzzi area

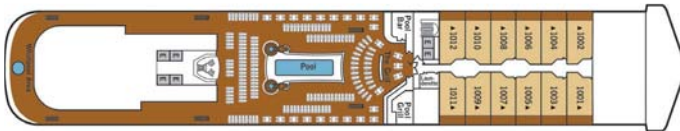


The Venetian Lounge is the ship's entertainment venue

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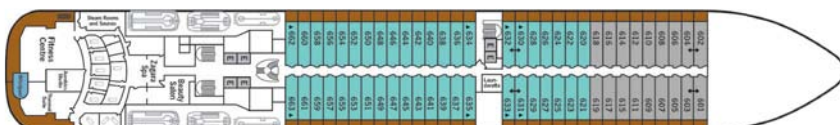
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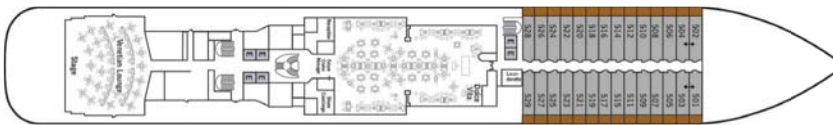
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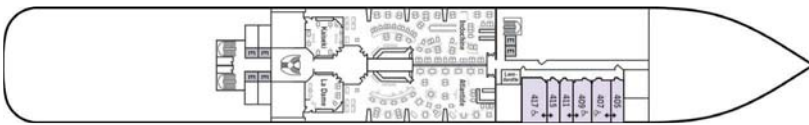
Deck 6



Deck 5



Deck 4



Deck Plans

- Vista Suite
- Classic Veranda Suite
- Superior Veranda Suite
- Deluxe Veranda Suite
- Silver Suite

Ship Specifications

- Built:** 2017
- Length:** 698 ft. / 212.8 m.
- Beam:** 86 ft. / 26.21 m.
- Tonnage:** 40,700 tons
- Cruising Speed:** 19.8 knots
- Air Conditioned:** Yes
- Elevator:** Yes
- Number of Guests:** 596
- Number of Suites:** 298
- Crew Members:** 411
- Registry:** Bahamas
- Crew Nationality:** International
- Internet:** Service levels may vary



Do some wildlife spotting from the deck

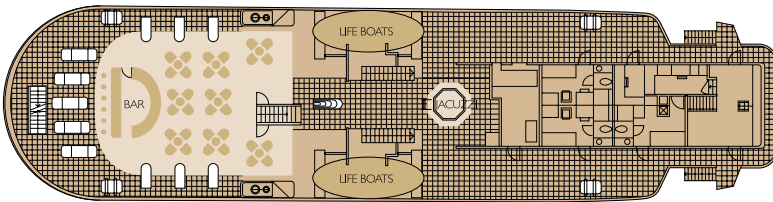


Category A (Master Suite)

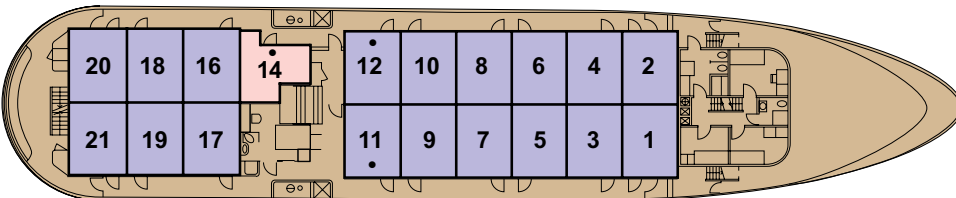
Isabela II

A classic expeditionary ship designed for Galápagos cruising, *Isabela II* accommodates just 40 Tauck guests onboard an expeditionary voyage. Her three decks include a bar / lounge with outdoor seating, an observation deck, a Jacuzzi and solarium. All outside staterooms featuring en-suite bathrooms with showers, individual air conditioning, a music system and much more provide for relaxed and comfortable cruising.

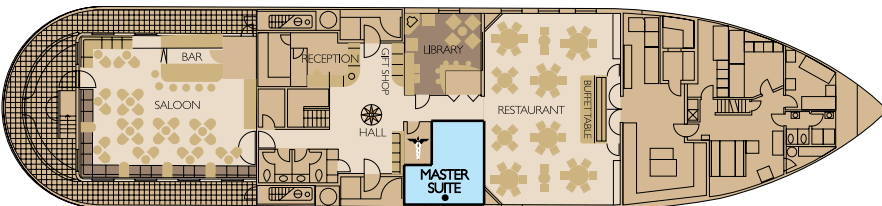
Sun Deck



Cabin Deck



Main Deck



• = One Double Bed

Deck Plans

- **Category C**
Cabin Deck
- **Category B**
Cabin Deck
- **Category A (Master Suite)**
Main Deck

Ship Specifications

- Built:** 1979
- Refurbished:** 2018
- Length:** 166 ft. / 50.6 m.
- Draft:** 12 ft. / 3.6 m.
- Beam:** 38 ft. / 11.5 m.
- Tonnage:** 1,025 tons
- Cruising Speed:** 10 knots
- Air Conditioned:** Yes
- Elevator:** No
- Number of Guests:** 40
- Crew Members:** 24
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The Expedition Lounge & Science Corner

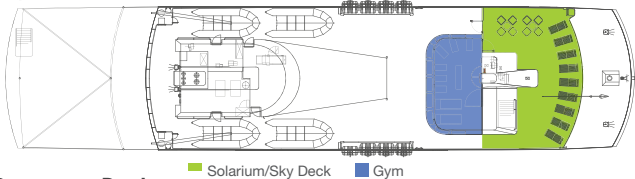


Explorer Double Cabins enjoy a view

MS Santa Cruz II

Boasting five decks with modern interiors all recently redecorated from bow to stern, *MS Santa Cruz II* has 50 staterooms for 90 guests, many of which can be interconnected for ideal flexibility for families and solo travelers. All staterooms have air conditioning, a picture window, hair dryer, iPod / MP3 docking station and more. Indoor and outdoor social areas offer ample privacy and space to relax.

Sky Deck



Panorama Deck



Expedition Deck



Horizon Deck



Ocean Deck



Deck Plans

- **Explorer Double Cabin**
Horizon, Expedition & Panorama Decks
- **Explorer Triple Cabin**
Horizon Deck
- **Darwin Suite**
Panorama Deck

All beds can be converted from twins to double

Ship Specifications

- Built:** 2002
- Refurbished:** 2021
- Decks:** 5
- Length:** 235 ft. / 71.8 m.
- Beam:** 44 ft. / 13.4 m.
- Tonnage:** 2,664 gross tons
- Cruising Speed:** 10.5 knots
- Air Conditioned:** Yes
- Elevator:** No
- Number of Guests:** 90
- Crew Members:** 50
- Registry:** Ecuador
- Crew Nationality:** Ecuadorian
- Internet:** Service levels may vary

General Information – Small Ship Cruising

Expectations Versus Reality

As a family of travellers, we've learned that every journey starts with a preconceived image of what to expect. Inevitably, this image changes as we experience the real thing. If the actual experience exceeds our expectations, we feel joy. If it falls short, we feel disappointment. For example, hotel accommodations vary significantly around the world in terms of room size, location and service levels. And no matter how hard we try to meet the highest standards, we will all have a favourite and least favourite experience on any trip.

Behind every tour or cruise, there are literally hundreds of people we depend upon to help deliver on your expectations. Should one or two of them fall short, or there is an unexpected change to the itinerary, we hope you will not allow an isolated situation to upset your vacation.

So much of the joy of travel is to experience the unexpected. We hope you share that philosophy.

–The Tauck Family

This brochure is designed to provide you with an honest description of what to expect on your cruise. The Introduction Pages and the General Information (on these pages) are very important for you to understand. This information, in addition to other documents we will provide you when you book with us, including our *Travel Terms and Conditions* and *Journey Confirmation*, form the basis of our agreement with you. These documents include important legal obligations and should be read with care.

Inclusive Prices

2024 prices are per person are in AUD. Prices include: all accommodations (see below); airport transfers and transportation as detailed in cruise itinerary; basic Internet where available in hotel rooms and aboard ships (service levels are not guaranteed); entertainment and special dinners as arranged by Tauck; shore excursions and sightseeing; standard luggage handling (see next column); services of Tauck Directors, ship crew, and local guides. Meals are included as specified. Onboard ship, select alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available as noted on individual cruises.

All appropriate gratuities for hotel, ship staff and local guides are included.

Tauck Director and Tauck Cruise Director gratuities are included on all small ship cruises.

Hotel & Ship Accommodations: Tauck's per person cruise price is based on double occupancy. Hotel rooms with two beds are usually reserved for doubles. The cruise price for rooms / cabins occupied by one person is higher than those when two or more people share the cost of a room. Triples usually have two beds plus a rollaway cot (not recommended for comfort). Aboard our ships, triples may not be available or may include a sofa or upper berth.

Luggage Handling & Restrictions: Normal luggage handling is included in the cruise cost. Due to space restrictions on our ships, we ask that you please limit your checked luggage to one suitcase per person weighing no more than 23 kg. Allowances and restrictions for checked and carry-on luggage vary across airlines, so we urge you to verify your airline's current number of items, size and weight limits to avoid overage fees, which can be expensive. Tauck cannot be held liable for additional fees or inconveniences imposed by your airline.

Not Included in Price

The cruise price does not include your airfare and related taxes and fees to the cruise departure point and from the cruise ending point. As a service, Tauck will make hotel reservations before or after your trip on a space available basis upon request. These hotel charges will be added to your cruise cost. Personal expenses such as phone calls, room service, laundry, airline excess luggage charges (as noted above) and other optional incidental extras are not included.

Luggage Responsibility

Although every effort is made to handle guests' luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible for loss or damaged luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft, or fair wear and tear through hotel, airline and ground transportation handling. It is important to have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities.

Itinerary Changes & Price Flexibility: Tauck will make every effort to operate all cruises as published. Tauck reserves the right to alter or curtail the itinerary, or substitute sightseeing, ports, hotels, and / or conveyances as deemed necessary. Any savings realized by these changes will be refunded to guests. Any added expense will be covered by Tauck. Although not expected, prices in this brochure may be modified due to errors or unexpected factors not anticipated at the time of printing.

Passports & Visas: Guests are required to carry a passport valid for at least 6 months after your return flight date. Visas remain the responsibility of the travel advisor and / or guest. Please contact the appropriate consulates for the most up to date information regarding visas. Please check with a travel medicine specialist or local health department for specific recommendations and / or requirements for immunisations. All matters relating to compliance with the laws and regulations of all immigration authorities are solely the guest's responsibility.

Transportation Security: Travellers must provide their passport number, date of birth and gender as they appear on their passport or government-issued ID to Tauck at time of booking for all cruises. Tauck must provide this information to the cruise operator before departure or you may be denied boarding.

Health and Safety: Please consult your physician for pre-departure health advice. Tauck regrets that it cannot provide special assistance for walking, wheelchairs, motorised scooters, dining or other personal needs. Guests needing such assistance must be accompanied by an able companion who will assist them. We regret that some itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs or motorised scooters.

Tauck reserves the right to terminate the cruise of any person who has a health condition that creates a hazard to other guests, is abusive of others or whose behaviour is disruptive. Tauck will make no refund and will accept no liability for persons who must leave the trip.

Vaccinations: Please check with a travel medical specialist or local health department for specific recommendations and / or requirements for immunizations. For Tauck's current Covid policy, please visit tauck.com.au/health. Please note that because there is no way to eliminate all possible risks while traveling with Tauck, we cannot assume liability in the unlikely event you contract Covid.

Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure for shore excursion selections when applicable (included in the price but subject to availability). Shore excursion selections can be made directly on My Account at tauck.com.au.

Photography and Video on Tour: Occasionally, Tauck will use photographs and / or video taken on tour by fellow guests, your Tauck Director or professional photographers for use in print, Internet and other promotional purposes. If you prefer that your image not be used in any marketing activities, please notify your Tauck Director at the start of your tour.

How to Make a Reservation

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Payment Due Dates and Amount: To hold space up to time of "Final Payment," a non-refundable and non-transferable deposit for each cruise booked must be received by the "Deposit Due Date" or your space is automatically released. The deposit amount is:

- \$1,700 per person** – Most small ship cruises
- \$2,100 per person** – Japan & Antarctica cruises

Deposit Protection Plan: Tauck provides a "Deposit Protection Plan" at a cost of AUD \$89 per person per cruise. The cost is non-refundable and non-transferable and must be paid at the time of booking with your deposit. It only applies when you cancel your tour or cruise prior to final payment date. The deposit held in credit will exclude fees imposed by third parties related to air, rail travel, hotels, transfer or applicable cruise cabins. When booking airfares through Tauck (including when taking advantage of a special offer that includes air travel), standard airline cancellation fees will apply. In some cases, airfares will be non-refundable. In the event of cancellation, these fees will be deducted from the deposit paid, and therefore the credit being held. We will only credit the remainder of deposit to a future tour or cruise booking if you book within 24 months of cancellation of the original Tauck tour or cruise. This offer expires after the 24 months. We will only credit the remainder of the deposit to a future tour or cruise booking Balance Due and it can't be used as a credit for the initial deposit of a future tour or cruise booking. The Tauck "Deposit Protection Plan" only covers a Tauck tour or cruise and it does not replace Travel Insurance, which we recommend at the time of booking.

Final Payment is due to Tauck 120 days before departure for cruises and rail journeys. If your deposit was made by credit card, final payment will be automatic unless you opted out at time of booking. Bookings without full payment at this time may be subject to cancellation without notice. Failure to make payment will be considered a cancellation by the guest and all applicable cancellation fees will apply.

Personal Travel Documents: Upon receipt of final payment, your travel documents will be sent electronically; they will include electronic airline ticket numbers (when applicable), joining instructions, hotel lists, a reading list, clothing suggestions, cruise itinerary, and other pertinent information.

Extreme Circumstances: In the event of an act of God, war (declared or undeclared), terrorism, accident, natural disaster, outbreak of disease, pandemic, quar-

antine, decisions by governments, or other similar event or circumstance beyond Tauck's control, Tauck reserves the right to issue a credit to you in lieu of a money-back refund, applicable to a future Tauck journey.

Travel Insurance and Travel Guidelines

We recommend that all guests independently purchase comprehensive Travel Insurance for the full purchase price of the tour as well as air and / or land program arrangement costs plus medical coverage.

Some countries have instituted measures like COVID-19 testing requirements, health insurance coverage minimums, or other specific restrictions on travel. These guidelines are in addition to, and may go beyond, Tauck's requirements. Please check your trip's destination(s) for any specific requirements that may be enforced.

If You Have to Cancel

Regardless of reason, cancellations of confirmed bookings result in costly penalties and fees from hotel, ship operators and other travel providers. Therefore, the fees listed below will apply.

Tauck Small Ship Cruises

- **120 days or more before departure:**
Loss of deposit, per person
- **119–60 days before departure:**
50% of tour cost
- **59–1 day before departure:**
100% of tour cost

Please Note: Airfares that are included on Tauck tours (On-Tour Air) may be subject to different cancellation fees not outlined above.

*For services included in your booking that are not provided by Tauck, additional cancellation fees may be incurred.

*Travel Professionals may impose their own cancellation fees.

Time of cancellation is when notice is received in Tauck's Wilton, CT office.

In the event of an unforeseen circumstance beyond our control, Tauck reserves the right to amend the cancellation terms outlined herein.

Tour Interruption Fees: If you have to interrupt your tour en route, you may be entitled to a refund for the unused land portion if it exceeds 24 hours; certain restrictions apply. Such refunds are based upon the number of overnights missed less a fee of AUD \$50 per person per day for unused transportation and

other fixed expenses.

Partial Room Cancellation: A person who cancels or leaves a tour while a roommate remains constitutes a cancellation of one type of accommodation and rebooking of another type of accommodation. The price charged to the remaining person is the new, higher price for the new accommodation.

Privacy Policy

Information collected in the booking process will be treated in accordance with Tauck's Privacy Policy. This policy can be found at: tauck.com.au

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Before You Book

Before booking your cruise, please be advised that many contain active experiences and may include touring in areas where modern amenities, like air conditioning, are not available. To access touring locations, you may need to walk considerable distances and stand on uneven terrain like cobblestones. Travellers must be in good health; consult your physician for pre-departure advice.

Activity & Pace Levels

Higher numbers mean more active journeys.

Activity

- 1: Walking/standing for up to one hour at a time, stairs and level ground
- 2: Walking/standing for one to two miles at a time, uneven steps & cobblestones
- 3: Active hiking, biking & walking for two to three miles, up hills & uneven terrain
- 4: Active walking, hiking, biking & sea kayaking with distances of 3+ miles for up to 3 hours at a time

Pace

- 1: Generally easy – with time to rest and relax
- 2: Moderate – with some early morning starts
- 3: Often robust – long days, active sightseeing, early starts, evening activities, significant travel times
- 4: Consistently robust – very full and active days, extended travel times, and may include use of different modes of local transport

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General Information – Exotics Land Tours

Expectations Versus Reality

As a family of travellers, we've learned that every journey starts with a preconceived image of what to expect. Inevitably, this image changes as we experience the real thing. If the actual experience exceeds our expectations, we feel joy. If it falls short, we feel disappointment. For example, hotel accommodations vary significantly around the world in terms of room size, location and service levels. And no matter how hard we try to meet the highest standards, we will all have a favourite and least favourite experience on any trip.

Behind every tour or cruise, there are literally hundreds of people we depend upon to help deliver on your expectations. Should one or two of them fall short, or there is an unexpected change to the itinerary, we hope you will not allow an isolated situation to upset your vacation.

So much of the joy of travel is to experience the unexpected. We hope you share that philosophy.

–The Tauck Family

This brochure is designed to provide you with an honest description of what to expect on your journey. The Introduction Pages and the General Information (on these pages) are very important for you to understand. This information, in addition to other documents we will provide you when you book with us, including our *Travel Terms and Conditions* and *Financial Summary*, form the basis of our agreement with you. These documents include important legal obligations and should be read with care.

Inclusive Prices

2024 prices are per person in AUD. Prices include: all accommodations (see below); airport transfers and land transportation as detailed in tour itinerary; basic internet where available in hotel rooms (service levels not guaranteed); entertainment and special dinners as arranged by Tauck; sightseeing; standard luggage handling (see below); services of Tauck Directors and local guides. Meals are included as specified. All appropriate gratuities for luggage handling, bellmen, doormen, dining room servers and local guides are included. On-tour airfare is included in the tour cost when flights are part of the trip, as indicated on the tour itinerary.

Tauck Director & driver gratuities are included on all cruises and Tauck Bridges family trips.

Hotel & Ship Accommodations: Tauck's per person price is based on double occupancy. Hotel rooms with two beds are usually reserved for doubles. The price for rooms /cabins occupied by one person is higher than those when two or more people share the cost of a room. Triples usually have two beds plus a rollaway cot (not recommended for comfort).

Luggage Handling & Restrictions: Normal luggage handling is included in the tour cost. Due to space restrictions on on-tour-transportation, we ask that you please limit your checked luggage to one suitcase per person weighing no more than 23 kg. Allowances and restrictions for checked and carry-on luggage vary across airlines, so we urge you to verify your airline's current number of items, size and weight limits to avoid overage fees, which can be expensive. Tauck cannot be held liable for additional fees or inconveniences imposed by your airline.

Not Included in Price

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Luggage Responsibility

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Vaccinations: Please check with a travel medical specialist or local health department for specific recommendations and / or requirements for immunizations. For Tauck's current Covid policy, please visit tauck.com.au/health. Please note that because there is no way to eliminate all possible risks while traveling with Tauck, we cannot assume liability in the unlikely event you contract Covid.

Transportation Security: The Transportation Security Administration requires all passengers to provide their name, date of birth and gender when making all airline reservations. Travellers must provide their passport number and date of birth as they appear on their passport or government-issued ID to Tauck at time of booking for all cruises. Tauck must provide this information to the cruise operator before departure or you may be denied boarding.

Health and Safety: Please consult your physician for pre-departure health advice. Tauck regrets that it cannot provide special assistance for walking, wheelchairs, motorised scooters, dining or other personal needs. Guests needing such assistance must be accompanied by an able companion who will assist them. We regret that some itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs or motorised scooters.

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\$450 per person – Costa Rica: *Jungles & Rainforests; Wonderland: Yellowstone in Winter; Desert Oasis: Zion, Death Valley & Palm Springs; The Best of Hawaii*

\$750 per person – Most Africa, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, Israel and Jordan Land Tours

\$875 per person – Most South America Land Tours

\$1,250 per person – Most India Tours

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Land Tours

60 days or more before departure

Loss of Deposit, per person.

59-8 days before departure

25% total cost of tour

7-1 day before departure

50% of total cost of tour

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