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2025 Land Journeys and Small Ship Cruises

# Travel beyond ordinary

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As we remarkably approach the centennial year of Tauck in 2025, I have thought a lot about why our family-owned and led business has endured over these many decades and today is thriving as we enter our second century. We are now a multi-generational business whose timeless family values serve as a guiding light. We also possess a spirit and desire to keep moving forward and find new ways to experience our precious world.

Central to our longevity is one very important element. People. When we think about our "One Global Family," it extends far beyond our Tauck family. It includes our employees, travel advisors and partners whose commitment to service, and passion for the destinations they love, enable us to fulfill travel dreams. We are humbled by our patrons whose trust and loyalty have driven our success since our first six guests set off on the dusty roads of New England on July 12, 1925.

I truly believe that all of us are bound together by a shared sense of purpose, by the belief that travel enhances our lives, and is a force of good in our world.

Arthur Tauck Sr is smiling down as he sees his original idea grow to now include fully inclusive, guided journeys across 70 countries and all seven continents. He would marvel that in addition to our in-depth land experiences we have an exquisite fleet of custom designed European riverboats and small ship ocean exploration vessels across our world. And the future is brighter than ever, the possibilities for new discoveries are endless.

In this brochure, we introduce our first tour of Colombia, "South America's Eternal Spring," our first family adventure to Japan, and a return to Cuba, an amazing destination that is a favorite for so many Tauck guests.

We look forward to you being part of Tauck's story in our second century!



Daniel W. Mahar, CEO

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#### **TAUCK 100**

# One Global Family

A century of gratitude begins with you, our dear guests, whose trust in Tauck across the decades has been our inspiration. Your curiosity and desire to experience our world motivates us to continue creating authentic and engaging discoveries of the world's most precious places.

We are truly grateful for the shared purpose and commitment of our global partners. Many hundreds of people come together to make each tour or cruise a reality for you, from drivers and local guides to staff on-board riverboats and cruise ships, hotel and restaurant staff and so many more.

Also greatly appreciated are our loyal travel advisors who help us realize your travel dreams. And of course, we have enormous gratitude for our team of employees across our world. Their remarkable passion, care and commitment inspires us all to keep moving forward. Together, we are one special global family.







Still family owned in our 100th year, the second, third and fourth generations of the Tauck family (top); our longstanding European river cruise partner, Scylla (middle); our employees, past and present (bottom); our patrons, whose trust and loyalty inspire us (right, guests on tour in Switzerland).





#### **TAUCK 100**

# **Driven by Innovation**

On the cusp of our next century, with 4th generation Tauck family involvement, our

#### Tour Broker License #1

Hearings are held in Washington, DC to regulate modes of transportation, and Arthur Sr. is granted Tour Broker License #1; a new "tour operator" industry becomes official

#### Opening Doors To The West

Tauck becomes one of the first land tour operators to expand West by air, not rail – and to secure accommodations at premier railroad-owned hotels within the national parks

#### **Global Expansion**

With the third generation running the business, Tauck becomes a global travel leader over the next decade, expanding to Europe, Australia, Asia, Latin America, Antarctica and Africa



1935



1962



1991

# 1925



#### The First Tauck Tour

Arthur Tauck Sr. creates and hosts the first fully inclusive guided tour by taking six passengers on a journey through New England in a Studebaker touring car... and a new industry is born



1958

#### **First Private Air Charter**

Arthur Jr. is convinced the future is air travel – and he takes on the entire airline industry opposing his application to charter flights to Nova Scotia. And wins... in a Supreme Court decision



1978

#### First Heli-Hiking

Introduced by Arthur Jr. and Hans Gmoser of Canadian Mountain Holidays, heli-hiking brings summertime guests by helicopter to walk atop Western Canada's mountains – previously enjoyed only in winter values and vision remain true. With a look to the past that inspires the future, key milestones in Tauck's journey include:

#### **Tauck Bridges**

Family travel becomes the first separate brand in the company's history and introduces a new industry category as the first guided travel brand specifically designed for multi-generational families



2003

#### **Only With Tauck**

Innovation leads the way in the 21st century, inspiring original and unique ways to explore – including our exclusive partnership with filmmaker Ken Burns and the launch of Ken Burns American Journeys

**20II** 

#### The Future

As the next 100 years begin for our family-owned company, with involvement from multiple generations, we embrace the pioneering spirit of the past and continue to create new ways to travel for new generations



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1993



#### **Small Ship Cruising**

A combination of signature land touring and small ships is born in the 1990s out of the Tauck family's shared passion for sailing; from 2018-2020, the launch of the 6-vessel "Explorer Class" enables land and sea expansion to global destinations



2006

#### **Tauck River Cruising**

Our first European river cruises launch, part of what is now a fleet of exquisite, intimate riverboats providing an all-inclusive destination immersion across Europe's rivers and waterways



2016

#### Small Is Big

From smaller ships on the seas and riverboats with fewer passengers – to the introduction of small group departures on land journeys – Tauck creates new destination experiences where going small is truly big TAUCK 100

# What's Nev for 2025

Thank you for inspiring us to continually raise the bar. In our centennial year, we are excited to add new destinations, new travel experiences, and new ways to explore in some of the most exciting places on Earth that speak to the explorer in all of us.

Private Game Drive On safari in South Africa, you'll experience the parks on private game drives with experienced trackers, see page 16







### New Smaller Groups

Based on increased demand over the years for small groups, we are pleased to introduce our most intimate small group departures yet – even Smaller Groups on select 2025 journeys averaging 15 guests. They are designed for travelers who want to experience each destination up close and personally, making closer connections in some of the most exciting places in the world.

## New 2025 Journeys

#### Colombia: South America's Eternal Spring (p. 104)

Discover a truly idyllic destination with biodiversity, a variety of stunning landscapes, art treasures, rich cultural legacies, culinary (and coffee) delights. Explore the vitality of Colombia today, and what makes it so compelling, on visits to Bogotá, Medellin and Cartagena – three cities intertwining the country's cultural and historic fabric, each with its own unique story to tell.

#### Cuba: A Cultural Odyssey (p. 108)

We're excited to announce our return to Cuba, having first introduced guests in the 1930s then again in the 2010s – this heritage tour connects you with people and Cuban culture from Havana to Viñales. Explore the past and meet Cuba's future during interactive cultural exchanges and educational experiences.

#### Journey Through Japan... A Family Adventure (p. 148)

Our new-for-2025 Tauck Bridges family journey will be epic – one that your family will remember for a lifetime, where traditions of the past meet modern cultural traditions of today, creating moments that are unforgettable. From Tokyo to Hakone, Hiroshima and Kyoto, your family's journey is expertly planned, all inclusive and fun for every age.

Keep an eye out in the coming months as we have a lot more "new" to introduce, including new small ship and river cruises along with new land journeys in North America and Europe.

#### Top to bottom:

Discoveries in Colombia will be long remembered, from natural wonders to the extraordinary colonial architecture of Old Town in Cartagena, **see page 104** 

In Cuba, visit Benito Camejo Tabacco Farm where Mr. Benito himself will share stories about this craft and processes of how tobacco farming works, **see page 108** 

Our new Tauck Bridges family adventure in Japan brings shared enrichment to every member of the family, see page  $148\,$ 

#### **TAUCK 100**

# Supporting a Thriving World

For over five decades, we have been committed to making a positive impact – environmentally, socially and economically – in the lives of the individuals and places we visit around the globe, and in the communities where we live and work.

Tauck has invested in more than 80 national parks, monuments and other places we visit to better protect our planet and preserve these special historical and cultural destinations for generations to come. Examples include: Mesa Verde, Grand Teton National Park Foundation, National Civil Rights Museum, Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, Jasper National Park, and Notre Dame Cathedral.

### Preservation & Volunteerism

Going hand-in-hand with destination grants is our commitment to encourage and actively participate in volunteerism. These efforts include Tauck's on-tour national park guest volunteer program that won a "Preserve America" presidential award, and Hammer Corps, our program in which Tauck employees helped restore and preserve iconic treasures such as Mormon Row in Grand Teton National Park. Additionally, hundreds of Tauck employees have participated in annual volunteer days in places like Valley Forge and Ellis Island.

Our itineraries are woven into the very fabric of places where we travel. We partner with many family-owned businesses and businesses of all kinds, from very small to large. We create jobs and improve the economic health and vitality of destinations. Traveling with a light "footprint" enabled by smaller groups and lower guest-to-guide ratios, we are mindful about how we travel to ensure we make a positive impact.





Here are some of the ways traveling with Tauck makes an impact through tours featured in this brochure:

### Save The Rain, Tanzania

Our Tauck Directors helped us identify a way to help village schools that guests visit in Tanzania. A partnership with Save the Rain has provided life-giving resources to local communities to the local community for clean, filtered water. We have provided funding to purchase and install rainwater-harvesting and filtration systems at two primary schools and in more than forty households.

# Redwoods Nightlights™

In Rotorua, New Zealand, guests have an opportunity to go on a nocturnal eco-tourism walk to experience Redwoods Nightlights, one of New Zealand's top design-led ecotourism experiences. A walk though the magical Redwood forest is illuminated by 30+ exquisite lanterns designed by renowned designer and sustainability champion David Trubridge. Floating 30 to 65 ft. above the forest floor, the award-winning walk spans 28 suspension bridges and 27 platforms, celebrating the environment and helping to support conservation efforts.

## Bringing Smiles In Peru

Since 2013, Tauck support has provided a Peruvian primary school, San Isidro Labrador de Huycho, with important items for students including a computer, an amplifier necessary for classes, and basic necessities such as clothing for the winter season. The grant also provided an opportunity for students to visit Machu Picchu, a rare opportunity for the indigenous Q'ero people, despite their proximity to the famed citadel. Families on *Mystical Peru* visit the school, meeting both students and teachers, creating memorable cultural exchanges.



In our centennial year we will be highlighting 100 ways Tauck's family stewardship and your travels with Tauck are making an impact on our thriving world; check back to discover more at **tauck.com.au/impact** 







# The Tauck Difference

When you travel with Tauck, virtually every expense is included. Enjoy seamlessly orchestrated sightseeing, on and off the beaten track, for experiences you can't get if traveling on your own. Your accommodations are carefully selected to put you in the best locations – from city-center luxury hotels to eco-accommodations celebrating biodiversity, safari lodges and resorts. Aboard our small ships, small is big; they're hand-picked for the destinations we explore, averaging less than 200 guests onboard. We've built our business on one principle – to provide our guests with the very best travel experience possible, with an uncompromising focus on service, quality and value.

### Connect with places & people

You'll make meaningful connections when you 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 unique to the destination. And get an authentic taste of regional specialties at local restaurants. Personal experiences like these enrich every Tauck trip – experience the world from a local perspective.

## Unique access, exclusive experiences

Enjoy exclusive Tauck experiences and unique access – such as evenings for Tauck guests only in private venues to meeting local families in their homes, private wine tastings, visits to must-see sites at the best time of day, and more. All included, it's the difference between a trip – and the trip of a lifetime.

## Guided by the best

Your journey is guided by our experienced Tauck Directors who are passionate and knowledgeable about travel, coming from 41 countries and speaking 52 languages, collectively. Together with our handpicked local experts and guides, they share personal insights that enrich your journey – and are truly the world's best travel companions.











#### Top to bottom:

Cultural connections you make on a visit to an Emberá village in the Darien, Panama, are memorable, **see page 112** 

The amazing natural surroundings at elegant Meliá Serengeti Lodge enhance a family safari in Tanzania, **see page 152** 

Our Tauck Directors in the Galápagos Islands provide unique insights to the amazing natural history, **see page 116** 



# Africa & Middle East



# Choose the Safari that's right for you

When it comes to your bucket list safari, trust Tauck to make it more than you imagined in the places you've dreamed about exploring. From a choice of destinations throughout Africa – to the wildlife you'll see during the season you travel – to the activities that are included to enrich your experience, our safaris are designed with your best interests in mind. The chart on the next page is an overview to help you find the safari to match your dream. You'll have opportunities to spot "The Big 5" – elephant, lion, leopard, rhinoceros and buffalo – in their natural environment in just about every destination, with local experts who lead the way.

### We take you at the best time to go

We plan our safaris at the best times to view wildlife, including seasons when crowds are fewer, landscapes are greener, and babies are being born. Whichever date you choose to go to Africa with us, you can be assured of a rewarding experience.

# Safari lodges, clubs & tented camps

The accommodations you'll enjoy on safari are located where the animals are. Our lodges are sanctuaries of comfort, with many on *Travel & Leisure's* "World's Best" list. The epitome of classic safari camp luxury, our tented camps are smaller and more intimate than a lodge – and our old-world safari clubs indulge with amenities and settings that take your breath away.

# Safaris at a Glance

TOUR	DAYS	MAX GUESTS	AUD PRICED	DEPARTURE MONTHS	POTENTIAL WILDLIFE SPOTTING	PERFECT FOR
Namibia: Epic Safari	11	18	FROM \$20,440	Apr - Oct	The Big 5*, Baboon, Flamingo, Cheetah, Cape fur seal	Adventure Seekers – for those who want to explore desert and coastal landscapes plus the wildlife reserves of Namibia, featuring game drives and opportunities for cultural discoveries. 9+ game drives   p. 32
South Africa: An Elegant Adventure	12	24 or 34	\$18,170	Jan – Oct	The Big 5*, Springbok, Penguin, African painted dog	First Timers in Africa – Tauck's most popular Africa journey, combining a shorter safari experience with city experiences; also great for guests who have already been to East Africa 7+ game drives   small group departures available   p. 36
Botswana, South Africa & Zambia	12	23	\$22,390	Apr – Sep	The Big 5*, Hippopotamus, Cheetah, Giraffe, Meerkats	Adventure Seekers – an active safari with unique experiences, from ATVs to boats, canoes & helicopters, and animals not seen in other locations 10+ game drives   p. 40
Wildlife Odyssey: South Africa, Botswana & Zimbabwe	12	18	\$22,690	Apr – Oct, Dec	The Big 5*, Giraffe, Zebra, Antelope	Adventure Seekers – exploring by game drives, motorboats, bush walks and a helicopter flight tour over Cape Town & Cape of Good Hope 10+ game drives   p. 46
Great Migration: Tanzania & Kenya	10	18	\$25,740	Jun – Oct	The Big 5*, Wildebeest, Zebra, Eland, Gazelle	Adventure Seekers – our only safari focused on the Great Migration, with stays in tented camps, flightseeing, and a front row seat at one of the greatest shows on Earth 10+ game drives   hot air balloon over the Serengeti   p. 28
Kenya & Tanzania: A Classic Safari	13	30	\$20,290	Jan – Feb, May – Oct, Dec	The Big 5*, Impalas Zebra, Baboon	First Timers in Africa – a classic safari combining animal viewing, cultural experiences, and premier accommodations 10+ game drives   hot air balloon in the Serengeti   p. 18
Mountain Gorilla Safari: Kenya, Tanzania & Rwanda	16	24	\$36,950	Jun – Jul, Sep - Oct	The Big 5*, Gorilla, Giraffe	Adventure Seekers – a classic safari combining animal viewing and tribal cultural experiences with a trek to view a wild mountain gorilla family 11+ game drives   p. 26
Tanzania: Serengeti to Zanzibar	10	24	\$13,640	Jan – Feb, May – Oct, Dec	The Big 5*, Primates, Waterbuck, Zebra	<b>First Timers in Africa</b> – the most affordable Tauck safari journey, combining animal viewing with exploration in seaside Zanzibar 9+ game drives   hot air balloon over the Serengeti   p. 22
Mountain Gorilla Safari: Tanzania, Zanzibar & Rwanda	13	24	\$30,290	Jun, Aug – Sep	The Big 5*, Gorilla, Chimpanzee	Adventure Seekers – a classic safari featuring animal viewing in Tanzania, combined with a gorilla trek in Rwanda and exploration in Zanzibar 10+ game drives   p. 26
Tanzania: A Grand Family Safari	10	30	\$14,240	Jun – Aug, Dec	The Big 5*, Primates, Waterbuck, Zebra	<b>Families</b> looking for a bucket list wildlife adventure for multiple generations 10+ game drives   hot air balloon in the Serengeti   p. 152

# Kenya & Tanzania: A Classic Safari

The perfect choice for your first – or next – safari, this journey includes everything you come to Africa for. Spot the "Big Five" on expertly guided game drives. Stay at luxury lodges in Kenya & Tanzania's greatest wildlife parks. Meet the Maasai & enjoy sunsets that leave lasting impressions.

**13 DAYS FROM \$20,290 AUD** Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 4 Serengeti National Park

### Uniquely Tauck

- Soar over Maasai Mara National Reserve in a hot air balloon at dawn, touching down for a champagne breakfast out in the bush
- Picnic in wildlife-rich Ngorongoro Crater, one of the "Seven Natural Wonders of the World"
- Learn about the elephants of Amboseli National Park, hearing expert insights about their lives and behaviors from an elephant researcher

#### Arrive Arusha

*Tour begins: Gran Meliá Arusha.* Transfers are included from Kilimanjaro International Airport to Gran Meliá Arusha, located between the Serengeti and Kilimanjaro National Parks for an overnight stay. As most flights arrive late at night, settle in and meet your fellow travelers in the morning.

#### DAY 2

#### Ancient Ngorongoro Crater

Set out for an unforgettable five-night safari as you make your way to prehistoric Ngorongoro Crater, often referred to as Africa's "Garden of Eden." En route, stop for lunch in Lake Manyara National Park, enjoying views of 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 a two-night stay; it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in part because of its global importance for biodiversity. Join us for a welcome dinner at the lodge tonight, nestled into the rim of the crater with views of the volcanic amphitheater below. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure at your lodge and pack your Tauck duffle bag tonight for three nights in Serengeti National Park. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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 tonight, along with a Maasai cultural performance. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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 leisure at the lodge tonight. **Meals BLD** 



Meeting the Maasai is one of the highlights of your safari, giving you the opportunity to learn about daily life.

Map Detail



#### Savor the Serengeti

Spend the entire day immersed in the wonders of Serengeti National Park. Embark on morning and afternoon game drives, balanced with time at leisure to enjoy the amenities and serenity of your safari lodge, ideally located high on a ridge above the park for wildlife viewing at your pleasure. A vanishing horizon pool on the property looks out over the endless plains of the Serengeti; elephant families are often drawn to the watering hole near the pool. The views continue from your thatched Rondavel-style accommodations, inviting with private decks, spacious bedrooms and en-suite bathrooms. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 7

#### Amboseli National Park

Fly to Arusha early this morning where majestic Mount Kilimanjaro towers over surrounding landscapes at more than 15,000 feet up. Enjoy lunch at the Cultural Heritage Center Arusha, showcasing a treasure trove of African art. Continue to Kenya 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 famous elephant families and ongoing efforts to protect them are the subject of a private lecture and reception before dinner. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 8

#### Meet the Maasai & go on a game drive

Visit a nearby Maasai village this morning for a glimpse of tribal 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 in Amboseli 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** 

#### DAY 9

#### Mount Kenya & an animal orphanage

A morning flight from Amboseli National Park is followed by a game drive through the OI Pejeta Conservancy, boasting East Africa's largest resident black rhino population and 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. After lunch, join in a special Equatorial ceremony at your lodge. Dinner is at leisure. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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 and 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** 

#### **DAY 11**

#### Fly to the Maasai Mara

Pack your Tauck duffle bag for a two-night stay at 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** 

#### **DAY 12**

#### Hot air balloon & a bush breakfast

Rise early for an included hot air balloon\* flight above the treetops, 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, wildebeest, 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 dinner in the open-air *boma*. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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 Nairobi Serena Hotel; depart the hotel for the airport after dinner. Allow three hours for flight check-in. **Meals BLD** 







From sightings of the "Big Five," like the formidable Cape Buffalo and tree-loving leopards, on private game drives to unforgettable dining experiences out in the bush, you'll enjoy an authentic taste of life on safari in the great national parks of Kenya and Tanzania.

#### **2025 DATES**

Jan 11, 25Feb 8May 3, 17, 24, 31Jun 7, 14, 21, 28Jul 5, 12, 19, 21, 26Aug 2, 4, 9, 13, 16, 23, 27, 30Sep 6, 13, 20, 27Oct 4, 11, 18, 25Dec 20

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

#### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

#### All prices include on-tour air (5 flights) valued at \$2,420

January - February, June					
Double \$22,690	Single	\$24,052	Triple	\$ 22,241	
April - May, October 1 Double \$20,290		\$ 21,164	Triple	\$ 19,867	
July - October 14, Dec Double \$23,640		\$25,368	Triple	\$ 22,912	

#### Sold Out /

#### 2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS

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

#### 2025 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

International Airfare is additional. 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 4

# Tanzania: Serengeti to Zanzibar

From the tropical coastline of Zanzibar to its wildlife-rich national parks and prehistoric sites that celebrate places where life began, Tauck's Tanzania tells stories of life in Africa up close and unforgettably.

**10 DAYS FROM \$13,640 AUD** All Small Groups averaging 24 guests Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 4

# Uniquely Tauck

- Experience private game drives inside Serengeti National Park, learning about African wildlife with expert trackers who enrich your safari
- Soar over the Serengeti 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 as you explore Africa's "Garden of Eden"
- Explore Stone Town in Zanzibar on a walking tour, a private dhow cruise and a spice tour



#### 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.

#### DAY 2

#### **Tarangire National Park**

Depart for Tarangire National Park this morning, home to one of the largest elephant populations in Africa, in addition to wildebeest, zebras, impalas, elands, buffaloes, giraffes, reedbuck, hartebeest, Thompson's gazelles and big cats like leopards, lions and cheetahs. Enjoy the first of many game drives en route to your hilltop safari lodge, nestled deep within the park. Your luxury tented accommodations are located amidst the treetops of Africa's iconic Baobab trees, enabling you to enjoy the serenity and wildlife of the park from the comfort of your private veranda overlooking the Tarangire River and the Silale Valley. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner tonight at the lodge. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 3

#### A Maasai village & Ngorongoro Crater

Enjoy an early morning game drive in Tarangire National Park as you make your way to prehistoric Ngorongoro Crater for a two-night stay. En route, stop at a traditional Maasai tribal village where you will see what life is like in a boma. Accompany a local guide for a medicine walk in the bush, learning about the natural cures from the vegetation you'll see, and visit a local primary school. After lunch in the bush, continue to your Ngorongoro safari lodge, built to blend into the rim of the crater. Well equipped with modern-day comforts, your accommodations feature private stone balconies that open up to the crater floor below. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 4

#### Wildlife encounters in 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 lodge for time at leisure, followed by dinner. Pack your Tauck-supplied duffle bag tonight in preparation for your upcoming three-night safari in Serengeti National Park. **Meals BLD** 



*Experience the height of discovery as you soar over the Serengeti in a hot air balloon at dawn, viewing wildlife from on high.* 

Map Detail



#### 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, learn about local cultural traditions during a performance at the lodge. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 6

#### 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 on morning and afternoon game drives back to your lodge; the Serengeti is also one of the best places on the African continent to find prides of lions. Spend the remainder of the evening at the lodge. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 7

#### Serenity in the Serengeti

An early morning game drive on your final day in Serengeti National Park promises eye-opening glimpses of life at the time of the day when the Serengeti bush is most active. Look for nocturnal animals, leopards, lions, jackals, zebras, elephants, wildebeests, and buffaloes, including most of the members of the African Big Five. The Serengeti's density of wildlife offers a spectacular safari experience no matter what time of the year you visit. Return to the lodge for breakfast and free time. Enjoy a special sundowner this evening, as vou witness the unforgettable crimson-colored glow of the setting sun painting the landscapes around you. An essential part of traditional safari life, the concept of having cocktails while watching the sun go down dates back to the time of the great safaris of the 1920s. Enjoy dinner at the lodge before turning in and sleeping to the sounds of the wilderness all around you. Meals BLD

#### The spice of life in Zanzibar

Join a walking tour of Stone Town with a local guide who shares insights about the multicultural treasures you will discover there. A visit to a spice farm entices with fragrances of cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, ginger, vanilla, black pepper and more, economic mainstays in the "Spice Islands" for centuries; Zanzibar's spices are traded in destinations the world over.

#### DAY 8

#### Zanzibar - a cultural melting pot

Fly to the archipelago of Zanzibar in the Indian Ocean this morning, a land of spices, exotic wildlife, and white sand beaches. Spend 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 of the city. Learn about the unique mix of cultures, a blend of African, Arab, Indian, Persian, and European influences that make Zanzibar a fascinating destination to experience. The evening is free to explore as you wish. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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** 







From culturally inspired discoveries in coastal Zanzibar to an overnight stay in a luxury lodge in Tarangire and wildlife-rich game drives in the Serengeti, you'll get a close-up look at life in Africa.

#### **2025 DATES**

Jan 20 Feb 3 May 19 Jun 2, 16, 30 Jul 14, 28 Aug 11, 25 Sep 8, 22 Oct 6 Dec 22

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

#### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

#### All prices include on-tour air (1 flight) valued at \$1,300

January – February; June 9 – December				
Double \$15,590	Single \$	\$ 17,291	Triple	\$ 15,135
<b>May – June 8</b> Double \$13,640	Single \$	\$ 14,912	Triple	\$ 13,253

All departures are Small Groups averaging 24 Tauck guests.

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

24 meals (9 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage. The price of your journey includes the hot air balloon experience over the Serengeti on Day 6. On-tour air included (1 flight).

#### **2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS**

Night 1	ARUSHA SERENA HOTEL, RESORT & SPA	Arusha
Night 2	TARANGIRE KURO TREETOPS LODGE	Tarangire National Park
Night 3,4	NGORONGORO SERENA SAFARI LODGE	Ngorongoro Crater
Night 5,6,7	SERENGETI SERENA SAFARI LODGE	Serengeti National Park
Night 8,9	PARK HYATT ZANZIBAR	Stone Town, Zanzibar

International Airfare is additional. 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 4

# Active Gorilla Trek Adventures in Rwanda

Combining your choice of a two-week safari in Tanzania or Kenya & Tanzania with a once-in-a-lifetime guided gorilla trek in the Virunga Mountains of Rwanda, these adventures are among the most amazing wildlife experiences in Africa, rewarding with up-close encounters that are nothing short of life-changing.

#### Meet Rwanda's Mountain Gorillas

Experience our safaris in Tanzania or Kenya & Tanzania, then fly to Kigali, Rwanda, where the gorilla trek of a lifetime awaits. Dian Fossey brought the world's attention to the endangered Mountain Gorillas of Rwanda; learn more about her efforts to save them, and the conservation initiatives underway today, during a visit to the Ellen Degeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund before meeting a gorilla family in their natural habitat in the Virunga Mountains.

Go where the gorillas are on a full-day adventure that includes an informative briefing and a drive to the trailhead where your trek begins. A porter will be on hand to carry your gear as you embark on an active hike into Volcanoes National Park with an expert guide to interact with gorillas as they go about their day. Your guide shares insights and instructions as you spot gorillas, from babies to silverbacks, resting, feeding, and moving about, ensuring your safety and comfort every step of the way. With luxury eco-accommodations in secluded free-standing suites at the One&Only Gorilla's Nest, your three-night stay in Rwanda enriches your Africa safari like nothing else can. Go to tauck.com.au for full itineraries.





# Mountain Gorilla Safari: Kenya, Tanzania & Rwanda

16 days from AUD \$36,950 (Includes 6 On-Tour Flights) Jun 1/ Jul 9, 30 Sep 24 Oct 1 Sold Out /

All departures are **Small Groups** averaging 24 Tauck guests. Activity Level 4 / Pace Level 4

### Journey at a glance

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive in Arusha / Gran Meliá Arusha
- 2 Ngorongoro Conservation Area Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge
- 3 Picnic in ancient Ngorongoro Crater
- 4 Fly to Serengeti National Park Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti
- 5 Game drives in the Serengeti
- 6 Game drives in the Serengeti
- 7 Kenya's Amboseli National Park Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge
- 8 A Maasai village & game drives in Amboseli
- 9 Ol Pejeta Conservancy Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club

- 10 Nanyuki & Mount Kenya Wildlife Conservancy
- 11 Fly to the Maasai Mara & evening game drive

Fairmont Mara Safari Club

- 12 Hot air balloon ride & a bush breakfast
- 13 Fly to Kigali, Rwanda *Kigali Serena Hotel*
- 14 Ellen Degeneres Campus of the Dian Fosse Gorilla Fund One&Only Gorilla's Nest
- 15 Gorilla trek in Volcanoes National Park
- 16 Journey home from Kigali

# Mountain Gorilla Safari: Tanzania, Zanzibar & Rwanda

#### 13 days from AUD \$30,290 (Includes 3 On-Tour Flights) Jun 18 Aug \$, 27 Sep 24 Sold Out /

All departures are **Small Groups** averaging 24 Tauck guests. Activity Level 4 / Pace Level 4

## Journey at a glance

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Arusha Arusha Serena Hotel, Resort & Spa
- 2 Tarangire National Park Tarangire Kuro Treetops Lodge
- 3 Maasai village & Ngorongoro Crater Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge
- 4 Game drive & picnic in the Crater
- 5 Olduvai Gorge & Serengeti National Park Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge
- 6 Hot air balloon over the Serengeti
- 7 Morning & afternoon game drives

- 8 Fly to Zanzibar & tour Stone Town Park Hyatt Zanzibar
- 9 An ocean safari on a private dhow boat
- 10 A spice tour & Fly to Kigali, Rwanda *Kigali Serena Hotel*
- 11 Ellen Degeneres Campus of the Dian Fosse Gorilla Fund One&Only Gorilla's Nest
- 12 Gorilla trek in Volcanoes National Park
- 13 Journey home from Kigali

Great Migration: Tanzania & Kenya

Impressive any time of the year, Tanzania's Serengeti National Park and Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve are at their most dramatic on this safari when the annual wildebeest migration arrives. Get a front row seat to one of the world's greatest wildlife spectacles.

**10 DAYS FROM \$25,740 AUD** All Smaller Groups averaging 15 guests Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 4 Wildebeest migration, Serengeti National Park

### Uniquely Tauck

- Experience annual "great migrations" with overnight stays in Serengeti National Park and Maasai Mara National Reserve
- Explore Ngorongoro Crater one of the oldest ecosystems on Earth, believed to be Africa's "Garden of Eden" – on a picnic and game drive
- Take a hot air balloon flight over the African plains to look for herds of wildebeest, gazelles, & zebras thundering across the savanna from above

#### 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.

#### DAY 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 – today, it is a haven for African wildlife. Drive into the Tanzanian wilderness, stopping at Isoitok Camp to visit a Maasai boma and a village school; take a walk to learn how the Maasai use local vegetation for cures, and have a bush lunch. Continue to your lodge, set above a valley with stunning views, for a two-night stay. The surrounding Ngorongoro Conservation Area is home to 30,000 large mammals and is ideal for observing the wildlife. Join us for a welcome dinner. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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" as one anecdote has it that when Biblical Noah left his Ark, all the animals onboard dispersed throughout this land. 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** 

#### DAY 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 200,000 zebras trek from the southern Serengeti to the Maasai Mara and back every year. In spite of the dangers they face from crocodiles, lions and weather conditions, these animals are driven by instinct to search for food and water. Their annual trek takes them through parks, reserves and protected areas with different habitats. Check into your camp for a memorable three-night stay in the heart of the park, strategically positioned for sightings of the migration – you'll have a front-row seat for 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** 



During your stay at Legendary Seregenti Songa Camp, located in the national park, enjoy up-close viewing of the wildlife.



#### 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, immersing in the kind of quintessential African experience that thrilled early explorers like David Livingstone and inspired writer Ernest Hemingway. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 6

#### Game drives in the Serengeti

Morning and afternoon game drives keep you on the move with the animals transiting 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** 

#### DAY 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 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. Continue on to your stay 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 considered one of the world's premier destinations for safaris. Have dinner at your luxury tented camp, then retire to your accommodations for the evening. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 8

#### Balloon flight over the Maasai Mara

Wake up early for an extraordinary morning that begins with a hot air balloon flight\* at dawn, high above the treetops, for panoramic views of the golden African savanna of Maasai Mara Reserve. As you soar above the vast landscapes below, enjoy the possibility of spotting massive herds of

#### Wildebeest, born to move

One of the largest members of the antelope family, wildebeest (gnus) make their homes in plains and open woodlands of Africa. As herd animals active day and night, they're constantly on the move in search of grass and water. In the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem, they make a migratory circle of hundreds of miles each year. This march of millions is relentless, taking them across land and water in massive groups of young and old.

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 in the lush grasslands, or hyenas; every day is different. Touch down for breakfast and champagne in the bush before a game drive en route back to your tented camp. Spend some time as you please before an afternoon game drive and dinner. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 9

#### Final game drives in the Maasai Mara

You'll have an opportunity today for two game drives in the magnificent Maasai Mara Reserve. Early this morning, before breakfast, join us for an opportunity to view the early search for food by wildlife – especially lions, cheetah and leopards, each of which prefer to hunt in the cool of dawn and dusk. Enjoy your final day at &Beyond Kichwa Tembo before a late afternoon game drive in search of the "Big Five". This evening, we invite you to join us for farewell cocktails and dinner at the lodge. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 10**

#### Fly to Nairobi / Journey Home

Depart your tented camp after breakfast for a flight to Nairobi; we've reserved day rooms at Fairmont, The Norfolk, before your flight home. Built in 1904, the hotel appeared in the movie *Out of Africa*; it sits on a garden-graced four-acre plot in the middle of the city and has played a pivotal role in Kenyan history. Enjoy 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. **Meals BLD** 







Experience African wilderness with expert safari guides; witness wildebeests cross rivers, get up-close to the "Big Five" on game drives, and soar over the Maasai Mara Reserve aboard an included hot air balloon flight for a birds-eye view.

#### **2025 DATES**

Jun 24 Jul 4, 14, 24 Aug 3, 13, 28 Sep 2, 12, 22, 27 Oct 2

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

#### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (3 flights) valued at \$1,970

Double \$ 25,740 Single \$ 29,476 Triple \$ 24,618

#### Sold Out /

All departures are Smaller Groups averaging 15 Tauck guests.

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

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

#### 2025 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

International Airfare is additional. 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 4

#### TAUCK VIDEO

#### Migration in the African wilderness

See what the migration really looks like by scanning the QR code with your phone to view on-tour footage at **tauck.com.au** 



# Namibia: Epic Safari

Prepare to be awed by wildlife in Etosha, giant red sand dunes, the world's oldest desert, starlit skies in one of the Earth's naturally darkest places and pristine beaches along the wild Atlantic Coast. Namibia awaits.

#### 11 DAYS FROM \$20,440 AUD

All Smaller Groups averaging 15 guests Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 4

## 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 with an opportunity to climb Big Daddy, towering skyward at 1,066 feet tall, and explore the Namib Desert on an ATV vehicle or a scenic jeep safari
- Meet baby baboons on a behind-the-scenes visit to the Naankuse Wildlife Sanctuary, home to a variety of animals and birds, followed by a musical performance by local schoolchildren



#### 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. Join us for welcome reception and dinner tonight at your intimate Windhoek hotel. **Meals D** 

#### DAY 2

#### Life in the Namib Desert

Fly to the NamibRand Nature Reserve this morning, 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 stargazing rooms that open to the sky. After 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

#### DAY 3

#### The dunes of Sossusvlei & Namib Desert

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, choosing to climb 1,066-foot Big Daddy or walk through the salt-and-clay pan known as Deadvlei, inhabited by fascinating fossilized trees. This afternoon, join us for an ATV excursion in the Namib Desert. As an alternative, safari jeep rides will be available for exploring the vast landscapes. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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** 



Enjoy an opportunity to interact with baby baboons on a private visit to an animal sanctuary that rehabilitates Namibian wildlife.





#### Explore NamibRand Desert your way

Head out into the dunes of NamibRand Desert with a local expert, exploring them on an ATV ride or jeep excursion as you choose.



#### Kayak among the seals at Walvis Bay

Fly to coastal Swakopmund for a choice of activities that include a kayaking adventure amidst playful seals or a catamaran cruise in Walvis Bay, where dolphins, flamingos and other marine life can be seen.



#### Enjoy a game drive in Etosha National Park

A private game drive in Etosha National Park and a walking safari in Ongava Reserve opportunities to view an abundance of wildlife, from black rhinos to elephants, giraffes, zebras, wildebeest and more.

#### DAY 5

#### Walvis Bay by kayak or scenic cruise

Drive down to the coast this morning for a choice of excursions that include kayaking amidst playful seals or taking 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** 

#### DAY 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 otijize, a blend of red ochre and butterfat, to beautify their bodies and hair. Meet the resident 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

#### DAY 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, 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** 

#### DAY 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 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** 



A two-night stay in the NamibRand Nature Reserve promises aweinspiring discoveries in one of the naturally darkest places on Earth.

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 10**

#### Naankuse Wildlife Sanctuary

Enjoy 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 for a sundowner, followed by a farewell dinner. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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 two hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B** 

#### **2025 DATES**

Apr 22, 29 May 13, 20 Jun 3, 17 Jul 1, 15, 22, 29 Aug 12, 19, 26 Sep 2, 9, 23 Oct 7

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

#### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

#### All prices include on-tour air (5 flights) valued at \$3,030

April Double \$20,440	Single	\$ 22,459	Triple	N/A
<b>May - June</b> Double \$21,950	Single	\$ 23,976	Triple	N/A
July - October Double \$23,470	Single	\$26,238	Triple	N/A

#### Sold Out /

All departures are Smaller Groups averaging 15 Tauck guests.

#### 2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS

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

#### 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	THE WEINBERG WINDHOEK	Windhoek
Night 2, 3	KWESSI DUNES	NamibRand Nature Reserve
Night 4, 5	THE STRAND HOTEL	Swakopmund
Night 6-8	ONGAVA LODGE ETOSHA	Ongava Game Reserve
Night 9, 10	OMAANDA LODGE	Windhoek East

International Airfare is additional. 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 4
# South Africa: An Elegant Adventure

Our most popular journey in Africa is ideal for guests who want to experience a true taste of daily life in both its cities and wildlife reserves. From Cape Town to Kruger, Jo'burg to Victoria Falls, prepare to be wined, dined and wowed wherever we go.

**12 DAYS FROM \$18,170 AUD** Small group departures available Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 4 . Sabi Sands Game Reserve

- Discover the sights of Cape Town, the winelands and Cape Hope during a three-night stay at a landmark hotel with views of Table Mountain
- Experience private game drives in Kruger National Park and Sabi Sabi Game Reserve during a 4-night safari to view the Big Five and more
- Interact with a family of wild elephants at a sanctuary in Zimbabwe as an expert naturalist shares insights about their behavior and habitat

# Arrive Cape Town

*Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Cape Grace.* A transfer is included from Cape Town International Airport to the illustrious Cape Grace, where all guest rooms have harbor views; upgraded accommodations with Table Mountain views are available at an additional cost (see page 39). Join us for a welcome cocktail reception and dinner this evening. **Meals D** 

### DAY 2

DAY 1

# Explore Cape Town & the Winelands

Learn about the history of apartheid during a private lecture this morning, before exploring Cape Town on an orientation sightseeing tour. View City Hall, Parliament and St. George's Cathedral (where Desmond Tutu was inaugurated as archbishop) and take a rotating cable car ride up Table Mountain for magnificent 360-degree views of the city and bay. After lunch, a guided walking tour of Kirstenbosch Gardens highlights the unique plant life of southern Africa, and stops at the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa. Enjoy free time in Cape Town before driving to the Cape Winelands for a private wine-pairing dinner. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 3

### 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** 

### DAY 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 lowveld, 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** 

### DAY 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** 



Experience the majesty of Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, twice the height of Niagara Falls, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Map Detail

Victoria Falls ZIMBABWE BOTSWANA Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve Lion Sands -Kruger Nat'l Park Concession

### 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, located within the private Sabi Sands Game Reserve. Designed with viewing decks that overlook a watering hole and plains, 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, embark on an afternoon game drive that takes you deep into the African bushveld. Dine at your leisure at the lodge this evening. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 7

### Safari life in Sabi Sabi, dawn to dusk

Morning and afternoon game drives aboard four-wheeldrive, open-top Land Cruisers today provide the possibility of up-close sightings of African game. Expert trackers and experienced rangers help you spot the animals that 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 luxury safari adventures in days gone by. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 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. Among the most modern and prosperous cities in South Africa, "Jo'burg" 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** 

### DAY 9

# Sightsee in historic Johannesburg

During today's guided tour, you'll experience the diversity of the region, from its thriving business environment of today to its historical importance as a residential township in the time of the apartheid. Visit the Apartheid Museum, acknowledged as the pre-eminent museum in the world dealing with 20th-century South Africa, at the heart of which is the apartheid story; the museum illustrates the rise and fall of apartheid. See South Africa's Constitutional Court, and have lunch, before spending the remainder of the day as you please. **Meals BL** 

### **DAY 10**

### Victoria Falls & a sundowner river cruise

Fly to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe for two nights at the historic, five-star Victoria Falls Hotel, overlooking the famous falls for

# Luxury lodges enrich your safari

Enjoy premier safari accommodations on your four-day safari, staying two nights in a luxury lodge at Lion Sands - Kruger National Park, and two nights at Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge in a private game reserve adjacent to the park. Wildlife, including the Big Five, roam freely in this wilderness environment, promising breathtaking sightings of the animals that pass by from private plunge pools and viewing decks.

over a century – with an included high tea either today or tomorrow. Stroll along private pathways for stunning views of the Falls as it plunges over a gorge into the Zambezi River. Late this afternoon follow in the footsteps of African explorer and missionary David Livingstone aboard a private sundowner cruise with refreshments on the storied Zambezi River. Dine in a choice of hotel restaurants tonight. **Meals BD** 

### DAY 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. Spanning the entire breadth of the Zambezi River at one of its widest points and one of the world's largest waterfalls, Victoria Falls is approximately twice as wide and twice as deep as Niagara Falls, with a sheet of falling water that is renowned as the greatest in the world. Enjoy expert insights about African elephants from a naturalist during a visit to a nearby elephant sanctuary, where you'll see them feed, play, and socialize. Majestic, wise and naturally 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 dedicated doctors and scientists undertake here. Today you'll also atttend a lecture about the life and legacy of Dr. David Livingstone. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner at your hotel tonight. Meals BLD

### **DAY 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 should be scheduled to depart Johannesburg after 6:30 PM. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B** 





Elephants make a huge impression as you have an opportunity to view them on game drives, during an up-close visit to a protected sanctuary and from the privacy of your luxury lodge accommodations in a private reserve where the Big Five thrives.



# 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 for room descriptions – please ask for details at booking.

Double: \$610 Single: \$1,060 Triple: N/A

### **2025 DATES**

Jan 17, 31Feb 7, 14, 28Mar 14, 28Apr 11, 25May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30Jun 6, 20Jul 4, 11, 25, 30Aug 6, 13, 15, 20, 27, 29Sep 5, 10, 17, 19, 24Oct 1, 3, 8, 17, 22

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

### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (4 flights) valued at \$1,520

January - March, September – December					
Double \$20,740	Single	\$25,526	Triple	N/A	
April - August 5					
Double \$18,170	Single	\$22,952	Triple	N/A	
August 6 – 31					
Double \$19,680	Single	\$24,464	Triple	N/A	

### Sold Out /

Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from \$19,680 per person double.

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

28 meals (11 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 9 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage. On-tour air included (4 flights).

### 2025 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 Sands Game Reserve
Night 8,9	FAIRLAWNS BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA	Johannesburg

Night 10,11 THE VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

International Airfare is additional. 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 our Guest Protection Product and Activity / Pace details.** 

# Botswana, South Africa & Zambia

Siya namkela nonke ("Welcome" in Xhosa) to an active safari unlike any other – an amazing opportunity to view one of the largest concentrations of wildlife – and unspoiled wilderness – on the planet.

**12 DAYS FROM \$22,390 AUD** All Small Groups averaging 20 guests Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 4

- 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, go on a 4x4 vehicle adventure on the Makgadikgadi Pans and visit with the playfull Meerkats
- Discover the Okavanga Delta by helicopter the view of the waterways and wetlands that you will also explore by land is incomparable



# DAY 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** 

# DAY 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** 

### DAY 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 a flight to the Northern Okavango Delta, a World Heritage Site, and settle into your lodge which is located in a private concession. During seasonal flooding, the delta might swell to up three times its size, becoming an oasis in an arid country and attracting unique wildlife – and predators, including lions and leopards. You'll have an amazing opportunity to view the reserve's abundant wildlife after dark on a night safari, complementing safaris by day. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 4

# Game drives in the Okavanga Delta

Embark on a game drive in an open-top safari vehicle with local guides who demonstrate their remarkable skills in tracking animals. Return to the camp for lunch and some time to spend as you please before another game drive this afternoon; perhaps some wildlife spotting from the comfort of your camp. 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** 



You'll find the cultural connections you make with Zu⁄ hoasi San Bushmen will be one of the most memorable experences on safari.



# Heart of the Okavango Delta

Begin the day with a morning game drive and an optional walking safari. Today you'll fly 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 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** 

### DAY 6

### Okavango Delta by canoe & helicopter

A game drive explores 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 over shallow, clear waters to areas otherwise inaccessible. Should water levels prohibit boat rides, enjoy a game drive on land with a visit to a local village. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 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** 

### DAY 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. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 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

# An Active, Adventurous Safari

Embark on a safari experience that's different, more on the active / adventurous side. You'll go on game drives via open-top safari vehicle, motorboat, 4-wheel-drive all-terrain vehicle (ATV), mokoro canoe (traditional dugout canoe) and by helicopter; a guided walk with Zu/'hoasi San Bushmen to learn about their unique skills, a trail walk along the Zambezi River to Victoria Falls – and more.

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** 

### **DAY 10**

### A day spent in Cape Town

Cape Town's real fascination is in its contrasts 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. Join us this evening at a private home for a traditional braai (barbecue). **Meals BD** 

### **DAY 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** 

### **DAY 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** 







Whether you're heading to the Makgadikgadi Pans on a 4-wheeldrive ATV – exploring the Okavango Delta by mokoro canoe, then by helicopter – an adventure of a lifetime awaits.

### **2025 DATES**

Apr 19 May 3, 17, 31 Jun 14, 28 Jul 12, 26 Aug 9, 21, 23 Sep 4, 6, 18, 20

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

# 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

#### All prices include on-tour air (5 flights) valued at \$3,180

April			
Double \$22,390	Single	\$26,656	Triple \$22,559
May – September			

#### Sold Out /

All departures are Small Groups averaging 20 Tauck guests.

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

29 meals (11 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 10 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage. On-tour air included (5 flights).

### 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	THE ROYAL LIVINGSTONE HOTEL BY ANANTARA	Livingstone, Zambia
Night 3,4	MORULA CAMP	Okavango Delta, 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. 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.

Wildlife Odyssey: South Africa Botswana & Zimbabwe

Safari adventures on game drives in private reserves, motorboat rides in Chobe National Park, & bush walks in Kruger National Park to spot the "Big Five." Soar above Cape Town on a helicopter tour, indulge in the South African vineyards & be in awe of thundering Victoria Falls.

12 DAYS FROM \$22,690 AUD All Smaller Groups averaging 15 guests Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 4 Kruger National Park

- 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

# 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** 

### DAY 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 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** 

### DAY 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** 

### DAY 4

### A game drive & a private motorboat safari

Rise early for a game drive that spies wildlife starting their day in the bush. 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** 



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



# 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 call this home. Depending on the season, ride aboard a safari vehicle or a 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** 

# DAY 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 under the stars at your lodge. **Meals BD** 

### DAY 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, aardvarks, bush babies and honey badgers among them – start to stir. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 8

### Embark on a walking safari

As the sun rises this morning, head out for a game drive followed by a nature walk unlike any you may have experienced before. Join a safari guide on a walking safari 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** 

# Wildlife of South Africa

Kruger National Park is home to more than just the "Big Five" - buffalo, elephants, leopards, lions, and rhinos - with giraffes, cheetahs, spotted hyenas, zebra, crocodiles, hippos, African wild dogs, and over 500 species of birds. These majestic animals share nearly 5 million-acres of unfenced borders, making it the largest wildlife sanctuary in South Africa.

# DAY 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** 

# **DAY 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** 

# DAY 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** 

### **DAY 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** 







Whether on bush walks or motorboat rides, seeing the "Big Five" is surreal with every encounter, especially when you see them upclose during your stay at &Beyond Ngala Safari Lodge which is located in the heart of Kruger National Park.

### **2025 DATES**

Apr 17 May 15, 29 Jun 12, 26 Jul 10, 24, 31 Aug 7, 14, 21, 28 Sep 4, 11, 18 Oct 2, 16, 23 Dec 18

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### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (3 flights) valued at \$1,550

April - June 25			
Double \$22,690	Single	\$25,542	Triple N/A
June 26 - December			

Double	\$24,240	Single	\$ 28,321	Triple	N/A
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#### Sold Out /

All departures are Smaller Groups averaging 15 Tauck guests.

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

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

### 2025 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

International Airfare is additional. 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.

# Magic of Morocco

A romantic and colorful getaway to North Africa, steeped in Moorish, French and Berber influences. Discover desert treasures of Morocco with ancient cities, leather tanneries and eclectic cuisines.

# 10 DAYS FROM \$12,090 AUD

Small group departures are available Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3

- Travel into desert landscapes outside of Marrakech for an evening of Berber hospitality at a tented camp under the sky; exclusive to Tauck guests
- 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
- 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 animals for free



# Marvel in Morocco

With a history that dates back 400,000 years, Morocco is an ancient wonder rich in traditions still used today. On this ten-day tour, visit the city of Fes to view the unchanged method of leather staining in the huge vats of dye known as leather tanneries, discover some of the richest archaeological sites in North Africa in Volubilis, explore the walled city of lavish Meknes, and visit the largest functioning mosque in Africa, Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca.

Explore French artist Jacques Majorelle's botanical gardens, owned by Yves Saint Laurent, before visiting the stunning Musée named in the designers honor. Learn to cook local cuisine or discover seaside towns with picturesque views – magic of Morocco is endless.

# Journey at a glance

#### Day Destination

- 1 Arrive in Rabat; welcome reception & dinner
- 2 Lunch at a winery, travel to Fes
- 3 Explore pedestrian-only old town Fes
- 4 Discover Roman ruins in Volubilis
- 5 Explore Meknes & drive to Casablanca
- 6 Visit the Hassan II Mosque & Marrakech
- 7 Marrakech for the day
- 8 Venture through the Agafay Desert via a 4x4 tour
- 9 Your choice of excursions in Marrakech and Essaouira
- 10 Journey home from Marrakech

#### Map Detail



### **2025 DATES**

Jan 19, 26 Feb 9, 16, 23 Mar 6, 9, 13, 20, 27, 30 Apr 3, 6, 10 Oct 16, 23, 26, 30 Nov 2, 6, 23 Dec 18

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

### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

January - November 15					
Double \$13,470	Single	\$16,856	Triple	\$12,694	
November 16 - Decer Double \$12,090	<b>nber 17</b> Single	\$14,715	Triple	\$11,595	
December 18 - 31 Double \$14,980	Single	\$19,362	Triple	\$13,878	

Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from \$14,840 per person double

Special Solo Traveler Savings dates indicate special departures where you save \$530 on the single room price.

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

23 meals (9 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage.

### 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	LA TOUR HASSAN PALACE	Rabat
Night 2-4	PALAIS FARAJ SUITES / HOTEL SAHRAI	Fes
Night 5	FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CASABLANCA	Casablanca
Night 6-9	FOUR SEASONS RESORT MARRAKECH	Marrakech

International Airfare is additional. 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 Guest Protection Product and Activity / Pace details.** 

Jordan & Egypt: Petra to the Pyramids

Discover ancient lands, from the Dead Sea to Cairo, on a cruise along the Nile River to explore biblical lands, the sandstone city of Petra, and Roman ruins surrounding Jordan. Indulge in modern luxuries with visits to pyramids, temples, and tombs that date back 5,000 years.

**13 DAYS FROM \$19,240 AUD** Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3 Nile River in Aswan, Egypt

- Enjoy a three-night cruise aboard *Oberoi Zahra*, a five-star cruiser that introduces you to Egypt's complex timeline, blending past and present
- Private after-hours visit to the Valley of the Kings to see the tomb of King Tutankhamun
- Follow in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia aboard a 4x4 vehicle in Wadi Rum, called the Valley of the Moon for its lunar-like landscapes

# 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** 

### DAY 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** 

### DAY 3

# Mt. Nebo, Madaba & Petra

Thousands of years of biblical history reveal themselves today on a visit to Mt. Nebo, the site where Moses was granted a view of the Promised Land. Continue to Madaba for a visit to St. George Greek Orthodox Church to see where the oldest known map of the Holy Land remains, 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 this evening for dinner and your stay. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 4

# "Rose City" of Petra

Discover a hidden desert canyon that opens up to the magnificent sandstone city of Petra, which dates 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. Lunch is at a local restaurant, followed by free time at your hotel. 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** 

### DAY 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** 



*Off the West Bank of the Nile, view the remains of The Great Sphinx of Giza, depicting the head of a woman and body of a lion.* 

Map Detail



# 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 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** 

### DAY 7

# Egyptian explorations & a felucca cruise

Enjoy a leisurely morning, then embark your riverboat – *Oberoi Zahra* – for the start of your cruise along the fascinating River Nile. 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** 

### **DAY 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** 

### **DAY 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** 

### **DAY 10**

# Old Egyptian Museum & pyramids

Disembark, and fly to Cairo. Join our local guide for a visit to the Old Egyptian Museum, housing many of the treasures found in the Valley of the Kings, the principal burial place of the major royal figures of the Egyptian New Kingdom. Drive back to your hotel and enjoy free time to rest or explore as you wish. Options for dinner this evening at your hotel include Mediterranean, Italian or Indian cuisines. **Meals BLD** 

# Petra, a 'Wonder of the World'

A precious symbol of Jordan history and famously called "a rose-red city half as old as time" by the English Anglican poet, John Burgon in 1845, the city of Petra has been inhabited from as early as 7,000 BC and remains a treasure trove of archeological wonders. It was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985 and voted one of the "New 7 Wonders of the World" in 2007.

# DAY 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. 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. Late afternoon, visit the new Grand Egyptian Museum – one of the world's largest, it houses some of Egypt's greatest ancient treasures. The rest of the day is at leisure. **Meals BL** 

### **DAY 12**

### Treasures of Old Cairo

Depart for Cairo after breakfast this morning, located on the banks of the River Nile. Take a guided tour of the historic district of Coptic Cairo, the heartland for Christianity in Egypt, "a haven of tranquility and peace that reveals layers of history." See the oldest Christian churches in Egypt, The Hanging Church, Ben Ezra Synagogue, and St. Sergius, then explore either the Al Rifa'i Mosque or the Sultan Hassan Mosque, a short drive away. Head to the historic center of Khan El Khalili for an orientation tour and lunch at a local restaurant, followed by free time to explore the local markets on your own. Join us for a farewell reception and dinner at your hotel this evening. **Meals BLD** 

### **DAY 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** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Highlights include the gems you'll discover en route to Al-Khazne (The Treasury, a rock-cut tomb); your three-night cruise on the Nile aboard Oberoi Zahra; and your 5-star luxury resort stay at Kempinski Hotel with views overlooking the Dead Sea.

# 2025 DATES & AUD PRICES

### DOUBLE PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (4 flights) valued at \$1,520

<b>Apr</b> 20 <b>May</b> 11 <b>Aug</b> 31 <b>Sep</b> 7	Jan 12, 19, 26 Feb 2, 9, 16 Mar 9, 16, 23, 30 Apr 6, 13 Sep 14 Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 Nov 2, 9, 16 Dec 5, 7, 14
\$ 19,240	\$ 20,740
\$ 19,810	\$ 21,310
\$ 20,300	\$ 21,800
\$ 22,730	\$ 24,230
	May 11 Aug 31 Sep 7 \$ 19,240 \$ 19,810 \$ 20,300

Please visit tauck.com.au for Single and Triple pricing. \*Indicates Luxor to Aswan southbound direction

### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

34 meals (12 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches & 11 Dinners), airport transfers upon arrival and departure, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes and porterage. On-tour air included (4 flights).

### 2025 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 ZAHRA	Nile River
Night 10-12	MARRIOTT MENA HOUSE	Cairo, Egypt

International Airfare 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. Tour of Dec 5 will sail Luxor to Aswan. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Activity / Pace details; visit tauck.com.au for Oberoi Zahra ship page for deck plans and specifications** 

# Jordan & Egypt: Petra to the Pyramids, Small Groups

A treasure trove of ancient ruins, architectural gems, biblical lands, and awe-inspiring Wonders of the World, with fewer crowds and a cruise along the Nile River from Aswan to Luxor.

**13 DAYS FROM \$22,260 AUD** All Small Groups averaging 24 guests Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3

- Four-night cruise along the Nile River with stops to sightsee the temples of Kom Ombo and Edfu, Luxor, and the valleys of Kings and Queens
- Learn from a local expert about the social complexities of life in the region
- Enjoy performances by a troupe of Bedouin sword dancers during a private tented dinner in Petra (weather permitting)



# Ancient riches of the Nile

Founded in 3,100 B.C.E., Egypt is the oldest country in the world, with countless biblical stories that stream through every city along the Nile River. Discover where Moses first saw the Promised Land atop Mount Nebo in Jordan, discover the power of the Dead Sea waters and enter through the sandstone walls to see Al Khazneh, known as The Treasury, in the city of Petra. Our 13-day journey, highlighted by a 4-night cruise aboard *Oberoi Philae* from Aswan to Luxor, unveils Egyptian, Greek, and Roman grand temples, dazzling tombs in the Valley of Kings & Queens, desert magic in Wadi Rum – with small group departures for more treasured experiences.

# Journey at a glance

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive in Amman
- 2 Discover Roman ruins in Jerash & Dead Sea
- 3 Mount Nebo, then off to Petra
- 4 Explore the "Lost City" of Petra
- 5 Wadi Rum via 4x4
- 6 Fly to Abu Simbel / Embark ship / Felucca Cruise
- 7 Boat ride to Philae Temple / Kom Ombo
- **8** Guided visit in Edfu
- 9 Explore the Valley of the Kings & Queens
- 10 Disembark ship & fly to Cairo
- 11 Visit the Great Pyramids of Giza & Great Egyptian Museum
- 12 Treasures of Old Cairo & a farewell dinner
- 13 Journey home from Cairo

Map Detail



### 2025 DATES & AUD PRICES

DOUBLE PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (4 flights) valued at \$1,520

Aboard <i>Oberoi Philae</i>	Apr 3 May 1, 19 Aug 28	Jan 9, 27 Feb 6, 24 Mar 6, 24 Sep 15, 25 Oct 13, 23 Nov 10 Dec 18
Category A – Luxury Stateroom Deck B	\$22,260	\$ 23,770
Category B – Luxury Stateroom Deck C	\$22,830	\$24,340
Category C – Luxury Stateroom Deck D	\$23,320	\$24,830
Category D – Luxury Suite Deck D	\$25,750	\$ 27,260

Please visit tauck.com.au for Single and Triple pricing.

### Sold Out /

All departures are Small Groups averaging 24 Tauck guests.

#### 2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS

33 meals (12 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches & 10 Dinners), airport transfers upon arrival and departure, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes and porterage. On-tour air included (4 flights).

### 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	KEMPINSKI HOTEL ISHTAR DEAD SEA	Amman, Jordan
Night 3,4	MÖVENPICK RESORT PETRA	Petra, Jordan
Night 5	SOFITEL LEGEND OLD CATARACT	Aswan, Egypt
Night 6-9	ABOARD OBEROI PHILAE	Nile River
Night 10-12	MARRIOTT MENA HOUSE	Cairo, Egypt

International Airfare is additional. 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; visit tauck.com.au for** *Oberoi Philae* **ship page for deck plans and specifications** 

# Egypt: Jewels of the Nile

Search ancient Egyptian treasures aboard a luxury riverboat with shore excursions to discover more precious remains. Visit The Great Pyramid of Giza, The Great Sphinx, Temples of Luxor, Edfu, & Kom Ombo, and more UNESCO World Heritage Sites along the "highway" that is the Nile River.

**10 DAYS FROM \$14,680 AUD** Small group departures are available Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3 Abu Simbel

- Private after-hours visit to the Valley of the Kings with entry to King Tutankhamun's tomb
- 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
- Fly to Abu Simbel on a private charter flight for a morning tour of the temples built by Ramses II

# 1. Arrive Cairo

*Tour begins: 5:30PM, 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** 

# DAY 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. View the Great Sphinx before lunch, then see 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. Visit the Grand Egyptian Museum, one of the largest archaeological museums in the world, then enjoy the remainder of the day in Cairo as you please. **Meals BL** 

### DAY 3

# Fly to Luxor & 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 to have dinner at your leisure this evening. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 4

### Timeless temples & a 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 ship for lunch and a leisurely afternoon cruise to the city of Esna, located on the west bank of the Nile. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 5

### Temples of Edfu & 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, and if you choose, take the short walk to view the unusual twin temples constructed during the Ptolemaic dynasty, 180-47 BC, with carvings of early medical instruments. **Meals BLD** 



The three Great Pyramids of Giza - Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure correspond to the kings for whom they were built, in 2456 BC.

Map Detail



# Welcome aboard your Nile River Oberoi cruise ships



Sail the River Nile aboard *Oberoi Zahra*, masterfully designed with luxury and comfort for an unforgettable four-night cruise through 5,000 years of history. With just 27 spacious staterooms and suites, each with an outside-facing window, a luxurious private bathroom, and complimentary Internet, cruising the Nile is memorable on this beautiful riverboat.



On our small group departures, you'll cruise aboard *Oberoi Philae*, offering spacious accommodations in 22 staterooms and suites, each featuring outside windows, a private bathroom, and complimentary Internet.

Both Oberoi cruise ships feature a bar lounge and restaurant, an on-board spa with exclusive treatments per ship, a fully equipped, 24-hour fitness center, a beauty salon for ladies and gentlemen, a temperature controlled outdoor swimming pool, a movie theater, and a dance floor – go to tauck.com for deck plans and ship specifications.

### DAY 6

# Island temples & a felucca sailing

A full day of Egyptian exploration includes 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** 

### DAY 7

# Disembark ship & fly to Abu Simbel

A morning flight brings you to Abu Simbel for a locally guided visit to its massive temples that were 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** 

# DAY 8

# Old Egyptian Museum in Cairo

Fly back to Cairo today, 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** 

### DAY 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** 

### **DAY 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** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Each day brings new discoveries, from The Valley of the Kings and the burial place of King Tutankhamun to the Great Hypostyle Hall in Luxor – while your two-night stay at Marriott Mena House in Cairo includes dining with spectacular views.

# 2025 DATES & AUD PRICES

### DOUBLE PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (4 flights) valued at \$1,360

Oberoi Zahra / Oberoi Philae	May 8, 11, 18 Aug 31	Jan 12, 16, 19, 26 Feb 2, 9, 18, 16, 23 Mar 9, 13, 16, 23, 30 Apr 6, 10, 13, 20 Sep 4, 7, 14 Oct 2, 5, 12, 19, 26, 30 Nov 2, 9, 16 Dec 14
Category A – Luxury Stateroom Deck B	\$14,680	\$16,950
Category B – Luxury Stateroom Deck C	\$15,440	\$ 17,710
Category C – Luxury Stateroom Deck D	\$16,050	\$18,320
Category D – Luxury Suite Deck D	\$19,080	\$21,350

Please visit tauck.com.au for Single and Triple pricing.

#### Sold Out /

Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, priced from \$16,190 per person double.

### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

24 meals (9 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport transfers upon arrival and departure, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes and porterage. On-tour air included (4 flights).

### 2025 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

International Airfare is additional. 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;** visit tauck.com.au for *Oberoi Zahra* and *Oberoi Philae* ship page for deck plans and specifications

# Israel and Jordan

Explore with us. Talk with the locals. And be transformed as you experience threads – civilizations, cultures, history, traditions, religions and the arts – intricately woven together to tell a timeless story.

# 14 DAYS FROM \$13,640 AUD

Small group departures available Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2

- 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 UNESCO World Heritage Site on the Mediterranean - and Uri Buri is renowned the world over for its fresh, seasonal seafood
- Spend two nights at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa; built in the style of a traditional village, is set on the northern shores of the Dead Sea. During your stay you'll attend a cooking demonstration



# Explore a world of old and new

Gain special insights from knowledgeable local guides and experts in their fields as our multidimensional Israel and Jordan tour takes you from bustling modern-day Tel Aviv to ancient sites such as 4,000-year-old Jaffa, King Herod's port city of Caesarea, mountaintop Masada and Jerusalem's Old City. Expand your understanding of the religions that have so much to do with Israel and Jordan, past and present; sail on the Sea of Galilee, relax at a resort along the Dead Sea, travel on Jordan's King's Highway from the fabled pink city of Petra to Amman and more.

# Journey at a glance

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Tel Aviv
- 2 Walking tours of Old Jaffa and Tel Aviv
- 3 Travel to Caesarea and Haifa (Baha'i Shrine & Gardens)
- 4 Visit to Nazareth; cruise on the Sea of Galilee
- 5 Travel to Akko; lunch at Uri Buri Restaurant; arrive Jerusalem
- 6 Walking tour & the Western Wall; Jewish Quarter & Yad Vashem
- 7 Old City and Dome of the Rock; dinner at Eucalyptus
- 8 Walking tour of Bethlehem; visit to Israel Museum
- 9 Masada; travel to Jordan and on to the Dead Sea
- 10 Day at the Dead Sea resort or visit to ancient Jerash
- 11 Mt. Nebo; lunch of Jordanian specialties and arrival in Petra
- 12 Explore Petra and enjoy a special Bedouin evening
- 13 King's Highway to Amman
- 14 Journey home (select flights depart late night on day 13)

Map Detail



### **2025 DATES**

 Feb 13, 25, 27
 Mar 11, 13, 27
 Apr 22, 24
 May 4

 Sep 2, 4, 9, 11
 Oct 16, 21, 23, 30
 Nov 4, 6

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

# 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

January – February				
Double \$13,640	Single	\$ 16,127	Triple	\$ 12,453
<b>March – October</b> Double \$15,590	Single	\$ 18,376	Triple	\$ 14,482
November Double \$14,380	Single	\$ 16,969	Triple	\$ 13,198

Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from \$15,590 per person double

Special Solo Traveler Savings dates indicate special departures where you save \$610 on the single room price

#### 2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS

33 meals (13 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches & 9 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes and porterage.

### 2025 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 HOTEL AMMAN	Amman, Jordan

International Airfare is additional. 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.** 

# Jerusalem, The Red Sea & Petra

Return home with new perspectives on this journey through Israel and Jordan; highlights include a 4-night stay in Jerusalem to immerse in sites of historic and religious importance – and two nights at a resort on the Dead Sea that provides access to ancient sites of biblical significance.

# 11 DAYS FROM \$10,590 AUD Small Group departures averaging 24 guests Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2

- Set out from Aqaba aboard a private boat for a sundowner cruise on the Red Sea, of Biblical and historic significance
- Spend two nights at a 5-star resort by the shores of the Red Sea known for its amazing coral reefs
- Head into the lunar-like landscapes of Wadi Rum on an exciting 4x4 excursion that culminates in a tented Bedouin feast made more memorable by stargazing under the desert's stunning night sky

# Israel and Jordan - the past informs the present

Discover an interlacing tapestry of cultural and natural history, from religious relics in Bethlehem or Jaffa's arched alleyways to the rich architectural heritage of Tel Aviv that blends ancient and modern. You'll explore a hilltop fortress in Masada, stay at Red Sea and Dead Sea resorts and take a Red Sea cruise. Treasured sights astound in Petra and authentic cultural connections are made during four nights in Jerusalem. Jerash is remarkably preserved, reflecting Roman rule here thousands of years ago – and Amman mixes both old and new, reflecting hospitality centuries old.

# Journey at a glance

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Jerusalem; welcome dinner at a local restaurant
- 2 Jerusalem's Old City & the Jewish Quarter; visit to Yad Vashem
- 3 Dome of the Rock, Machane Yehuda Market, Israel Museum
- 4 Bethlehem or Tel Aviv and Jaffa
- 5 Masada and a resort on the Dead Sea
- 6 Travel to Aqaba; sunset cocktail cruise on the Red Sea
- 7 Time at leisure on the Red Sea; special evening
- 8 Explore the "Rose City" of Petra
- 9 Bronze-age market town of Madaba; Mount Nebo; arrive Amman
- 10 Sightseeing in Jerash or Amman; farewell dinner
- 11 Journey home

Map Detail



### **2025 DATES**

Feb 15 Mar 15, 22 Apr 26 May 3, 10 Oct 18, 25 Nov 8

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

### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

February				
1				
9				
May; October				
3				
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Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from \$12,090 per person double

Special Solo Traveler Savings dates indicate special departures where you save \$450 on the single room price

#### 2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS

25 meals (10 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, taxes & porterage.

### 2025 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. 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.** 



# Australia, New Zealand & Asia

# Grand Australia & New Zealand

A comprehensive connection with the lands down under via private charter flights for easy exploration.

**20 DAYS FROM \$22,690 AUD** Small group departures available Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3

- Excursion choice at the Great Barrier Reef includes a catamaran cruise, a scuba diving and snorkeling adventure, or a spa treatment
- 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
- 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
- Learn about sheep farming over tea with a farmer at his farm in New Zealand, followed by a wine-pairing lunch at a winery



# 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** 

# DAY 2

# Discover Melbourne's charms

Begin the day with a guided walking tour, discovering its rich cultural history; the remainder of your day is free. **Meals B** 

# DAY 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** 

# DAY 4

# Uluru to a skyrail & more in Queensland

Aboriginal traditions define life in the Outback, especially at Uluru (Ayers Rock); learn about them on a guided tour this morning. Fly via private charter to Cairns in Queensland; board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, taking you over and through the rainforest canopy. Disembark in the mountain village of Kuranda and continue on to Silky Oaks Lodge, your luxury eco lodge. **Meals BD** 

### DAY 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** 

### DAY 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 \$590 per person). Spend the rest of the day and evening at leisure, joining us for an Aussie-themed dinner tonight. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 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** 



Australia's wildlife is iconic – and you'll learn about endearing koalas and kangaroos – two varieties of crocodiles – and more.

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# 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** 

### DAY 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** 

### **DAY 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 city's waterfront, late afternoon for a two-night stay; dinner tonight is at your leisure at the hotel. **Meals BD** 

### **DAY 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** 

### DAY 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** 

### **DAY 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** 

### DAY 14

### Fly to Te Anau

Fly to Manapouri and continue to Te Anau, the gateway to Fiordland National Park and Milford Sound. Have lunch at your hotel followed by a filmed journey through landscapes of Fiordland at the Fiordland Cinema this afternoon. Dine as you wish this evening. **Meals BL** 

### **DAY 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** 

### **DAY 16**

### A toast to Queenstown

En route to Queenstown, stop for lunch at a winery known for its Pinot Noir wines and stunning scenery. Arrive at your hotel mid-afternoon; remainder of the day is free. **Meals BL** 

### **DAY 17**

# A jet boat & a helicopter ride

Even if you're not all that adventurous, today's thrilling highspeed jet boat ride\* through the rapids and narrow gorges of Skippers Canyon on the Shotover River – followed by a helicopter ride\* – will be memorable highlights. Head back down the mountain via Skyline gondola to spend the rest of the day and evening as you wish in Queenstown. **Meals B** 

### **DAY 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** 

### DAY 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** 

### DAY 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** 







Unique experiences include learning about the Aboriginal Dreamtime at Uluru; an amazing 3-night stay in the rainforest at Silky Oaks Lodge; and an exclusive evening in New Zealand featuring a private dinner at Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre.

### **2025 DATES**

Jan 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 27Feb 3, 6, 10, 17, 20, 24Mar Ø, 10, 13, 31Apr 3Sep 15, 18Oct 2, 6, 9, 13, 20, 23, 27Nov 3Dec 15

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

### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (6 charter flights) valued at \$6,060 April

Double \$22,690	Single \$26	,959	Triple	\$ 21,776
January - March; Se	ptember – Nov	ember		
Double \$24,690	Single \$29	,037	Triple	\$ 23,719
December				
Double \$25,750	Sinale \$30.	.568	Triple	\$24.668

#### Sold Out /

Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from \$29,840 per person double

#### 2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS

42 meals (19 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches & 12 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, gratuities to local guides, service charges, taxes & porterage. On-tour air included (6 charter flights). Flight from Sydney to Wellington is not included – please see **bolded note** below.

### 2025 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

International Airfare is additional. Total price will not include the Sydney – Wellington trans-Tasman flight on Day 10, Qantas Flight #161, which must be purchased with your international air ticket. 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 \$590 per person; ask at booking for price. 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.

# New Zealand: A North & South Island Adventure

Nature paints a dramatic portrait of New Zealand's North and South Island – and for two weeks, you'll discover stunningly diverse landscapes, rich Maori cultural legacies, gardens, rugby, glowworms – and adventure, via helicopter, jet boat, 4WD, gondola, zip line and more.

**13 DAYS FROM \$19,690 AUD** All small groups averaging 24 guests Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3 Helicopter Tour, Queenstown

- In Rotorua, explore Redwoods Nightlights<sup>®</sup>, an award-winning eco-tourism walk through a forest illuminated by exquisite "floating" lanterns
- Sightseeing choices in Queenstown include a 4WD adventure safari, a scenic flight over Milford Sound or a scenic helicopter flight – and gin tour
- In Christchurch, attend a welcome reception and dinner in the magnificent setting of Riccarton House, a grand Victorian / Edwardian homestead

# 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** 

### DAY 2

# Quake City, punting and sightseeing choices

Begin with a visit to Quake City, a museum documenting earthquakes that struck the region in 2010 / 2011; exhibits reveal the science behind earthquakes and ongoing recovery projects. Then, go "punting" on the River Avon as a punter poles your flat-bottomed boat along the idyllic river. This afternoon, two choices: "street art" tells a story of what Christchurch is, what is was, and what it could be; take a tour with an art historian and discover why the city emerged as the "street art capital of the world." Alternatively, explore Hagley Park and the riverside on a bicycle\* tour (manual or electric). The rest of the day is as you please. **Meals BL** 

### DAY 3

# Fly from Christchurch to Queenstown

Set off by charter flight this morning to Queenstown, with an optional wine tasting and lunch prior to arriving at your acclaimed hotel on Lake Wakatipu, which is in an amazing setting ringed by glacier-carved alpine mountains. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 4

# Nature trails and jet boats

Head to Glenorchy at the north end of Lake Wakatipu for an exhilarating jet boat ride\* through Mt. Aspiring National Park along the Dart River, with local guides introducing you to the area's rich history and Maori legends. The park's strikingly diverse landscapes of alpine mountains, forests and valleys are laced with braided rivers and easy hiking trails; you'll have an opportunity to take a walk in the ancient beech tree forests. Return by helicopter\* to Queenstown where the rest of the day is yours. **Meals B** 

### DAY 5

# Adventure choices in Queenstown

You have a choice of three excursions from Queenstown today: Head out on a 4WD adventure safari that travels a historic gold mining road along the Arrow River, stopping for morning tea and an opportunity to try your hand at panning for gold. Alternatively, you can take a scenic flight over Milford Sound, with impressive aerial views of the Southern Alps, glaciers, and waterfalls – or embark on a "helicopter gin



*Visit the amazing Redwoods Nightlights*<sup>®</sup>, one of New Zealand's top ecotourism experiences – a magical learning experience.

Map Detail


tour" (the world's first) that transports you, via helicopter, to a mountaintop gin tasting that's followed by a land journey with additional stops for gin (and other spirits) tastings. Your evening is free to spend as you please. **Meals BLD** 

## DAY 6

# Sheep farm, wine tasting & a local dinner

Fly to Blenheim in the Marlborough region by private charter, then head to a working sheep farm for sheepdog and sheep-shearing demonstrations followed by lunch at Wither Hills winery, a perfect place to discover, taste and enjoy New Zealand's lovely wines. After checking into your hotel in Blenheim, enjoy dinner tonight at the acclaimed Harvest Restaurant, whose ethos is "authenticity" – from hospitality to utilizing local produce and sustainable practices. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 7

# 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. Return to your hotel in Blenheim mid-afternoon; dinner is at your leisure. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 8

# Warbirds & the Redwoods Nightlights

Start your day with a tour of the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, a museum presenting an astonishing array of vintage aircraft from the world wars, including many World War I planes from filmmaker Sir Peter Jackson's personal collection. Fly to Rotorua and have a memorable lunch at Stratosfare; you'll arrive at the restaurant after ascending Mt. Ngongotaha by the Skyline Gondola. Following dinner at your hotel, join us for the amazing Redwoods Nightlights experience, one of New Zealand's top tourism experiences, featuring 34 exquisite lanterns designed by world-renowned designer and sustainability champion David Trubridge. Floating above the forest floor, this award-winning, eco-tourism walk spans across 28 suspension bridges and 27 platforms, and takes about 40 minutes to complete. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 9

#### A nature adventure or hot springs experience

Today, discover New Zealand's geothermal wonderland. First up is a visit to Te Puia for excellent viewing of the area's geothermal attractions and an opportunity to learn about Maori culture and arts and crafts. National schools teaching the Maori crafts of woodcarving, weaving, and stone and bone carving are all represented at Te Puia, and there is also a conservation center helping to protect New Zealand's avian icon, the kiwi. Choices this afternoon include the Rotorua Canopy Tour – you'll journey deep into the ancient forest to complete six zip lines and two swing bridges. Alternatively, visit Wai Ariki Hot Springs – grounded in *te ao* Maori principles and Ngati Whakaue culture, traditional healing practices, and *manaakitanga*, follow a pathway of unforgettable spa experiences that move you from heat to cool, mud to water, air to steam to maximize therapeutic benefits. Dinner is as you please this evening. **Meals B** 

# **DAY 10**

# Hamilton Gardens and on to Auckland

Depart Rotorua this morning for Hamilton Gardens, where the emphasis is on different types of garden design. Traditional botanic gardens concentrate on plant collections, conservation, research and education, while Hamilton Gardens has the unique concept of showcasing the cultural meaning and context of gardens over the past 4,000 years. Throughout history, gardens have been a way of expressing important philosophical ideas of their time; this collection explores the history, context and meaning of gardens as each one tells a story – a guide shares insights. Enjoy a picnic lunch before continuing on to Auckland. **Meals BL** 

# DAY 11

# A day of choice in and around Auckland

Two choices today. Visit Waitomo Caves; heading south, at Spellbound you'll have a personalized tour to visit a scenic back-country farm and see caves. Marvel at thousands of glow worms as you glide gently downstream in an inflatable raft, and enjoy easy walks through stunning limestone caves and landscapes. Alternatively, travel along the Matakana Coast with stunning scenery, great locally produced food and wine, and an opportunity to "go local." Visit the Shuckle Ferry Oyster Farm for a boat ride, a lesson in local history, and a chance to learn, hands-on, the story of the life cycle of the oyster; you'll also take a stroll through the Sculpture Trail featuring over 60 works of art. Both excursions return to Auckland mid- to late-afternoon. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 12**

# Visit to the All Blacks & free time in Auckland

Today you'll learn about the significance of rugby in New Zealand with a visit to the All Blacks, the New Zealand national rugby union team. Your time at the All Blacks Experience will include a 45-minute guided tour where you learn what it takes to make, shape and be an All Black, including learning the story and feeling the passion behind the All Blacks *haka*. The rest of the day is free prior to joining us for this evening's farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD** 

# **DAY 13**

# 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 BD** 







Nothing quite says adventure like a jet boat experience within the pristine landscapes of Mt. Aspiring National Park; explore the geothermal wonders of Rotorua and the fjord-like waters off Marlborough Sounds, home to the famed green-lipped mussels.

#### **2025 DATES**

Jan 10, 13, 17, 24, 31 Feb 14, 21, 28 Mar 7, 14 Sep 19, 26 Oct 3, 10, 17, 24

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

#### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (3 charter flights) valued at \$3,790

January – October				
Double \$19,690	Single	\$22,897	Triple	\$20,268

Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from \$22,690 per person double

#### **2025 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 porterage. On-tour air included (3 flights).

#### 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	CROWNE PLAZA CHRISTCHURCH	Christchurch
Night 3-5	QT QUEENSTOWN HOTEL	Queenstown
Night 6,7	CHATEAU MARLBOROUGH	Blenheim
Night 8,9	PULLMAN ROTORUA	Rotorua
Night 10-12	PARK HYATT AUCKLAND	Auckland

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Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3

# Cruising the Land of the Rising Sun

An island nation rich in timeless traditions, revered sites and historic ports of call, Japan blends past and present with innovative technologies and pop culture icons that make it uniquely inspiring to explore.

14 DAYS FROM \$24,240 AUD Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3

- Bookending your 8-night cruise aboard Le Soléal, spend three nights in Osaka and two nights in Tokyo, staying at a choice of premier hotels ideally located in the heart of these fascinating cities
- Discover the cultural traditions of Japan during a taiko drumming class, a tea ceremony, a sumo wrestling demonstration and an expert lecture on the life of a geisha / geiko
- Board a ferry bound for Sakurajima, "Cherry Blossom Island" for a visit to the volcano and enjoy a choice a visit to Sengan-en Garden or a poignant visit to the Chiran Peace Museum back on the mainland



#### Arrive Osaka

Tour begins: The St. Regis Osaka, The Ritz-Carlton Osaka or Conrad Osaka. A transfer is included from Osaka's Kansai International Airport or Itami Airport to The St. Regis Osaka, The Ritz-Carlton Osaka or the Conrad Osaka. Enjoy an exclusive welcome reception and dinner in one of the city's oldest Shinto shrines, with a special geiko / geisha performance that introduces you to one of Japan's revered cultural traditions. Meals D

# DAY 2

# Temples & traditions in 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. Attend a traditional Taiko drumming performance and enjoy the opportunity for a hands-on lesson in this timeless art. (Sightseeing on days 2 and 3 may alternate). Meals BLD

#### DAY 3

## Historic Nara

Drive to Nara to tour Todai-ji, the Great Eastern Temple; wild sika deer roam the grounds 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

#### DAY 4

# Osaka & embark ship in Maizuru

Explore Osaka by motor coach, walking tour and on a visit to a local market. This afternoon, embark your small ship and have dinner aboard. Chart a course for the art islands of the Japanese archipelago tonight. Meals BLD

#### DAY 5

#### Art, bicycling or 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, 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, devoted to the work of architect Tadao Ando and local crafts; enjoy a bicycle ride\* through Tamano; or visit a brewery and sample local beers. Back onboard ship, enjoy the captain's welcome dinner tonight as the ship sails for Hiroshima. Meals BLD

#### DAY 6

# Hiroshima & Miyajima

Sightseeing in Hiroshima today includes a visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial, where sites associated with the WWII atomic bomb blast of August 1945 are memorialized. Enjoy a ferry ride to see the iconic Miyajima-Itsukushima

# Voyage at a glance

8 Cruise Days aboard Le Soléal

#### Osaka to Tokyo - Southbound

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Osaka
- 2 Osaka / Kvoto
- 3 Osaka / Nara
- Osaka / Embark Maizuru 4
- Sakaiminato 5
- 1/2 Day at Sea Busan, 6 South Korea
- 7 Nagasaki
- Kagoshima 8
- Uwajima 9
- **10** Hiroshima / Miyajima
- 11 Uno Ko (Tamano)
- 12 Disembark Osaka
- 13 Tokyo
- 14 Depart Tokyo

#### Osaka to Tokyo - Northbound

Dav Destination

- 1 Arrive Osaka
- Osaka / Kvoto
- Osaka / Nara
- Osaka / Embark Osaka 4
- Uno Ko (Tamano)
- Hiroshima / Miyajima **6**
- Uwajima 7
- Kaqoshima 8
- Nagasaki (Sasebo) **9**
- 1/2 Day at Sea Busan, **10** South Korea
- 11 Sakaiminato
- Disembark Maizuru 12
- Tokyo 13
- 14 Depart Tokyo



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Shrine and have lunch ashore in Hiroshima. Dine at leisure onboard your ship this evening. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 7

#### Choices in Uwajima

Enjoy a choice of three excursions in Uwajima. Visit a pearl farm in the countryside and tour a local open-air museum. Or, visit Nanrakuen Garden on a guided walk, followed by a calligraphy demonstration and a tea ceremony. A third choice explores a series of danbata (terraced fields) that form a "staircase" on a steep mountain slope on a hike\* a beautiful waterfall in Yakushidani Canyon outside Uwajima. Return to your ship for lunch, and sail on to Kagoshima. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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 walk up to the observation point for views of the surrounding scenery. 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, on the site of a former airstrip used by Kamikaze pilots during World War II. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 9**

#### A day in Nagasaki

Enjoy a day of exploration in Nagasaki today. Visit the Nagasaki Peace Park, filled with notable monuments and memorials; and the Atomic Bomb Museum. This afternoon, choose a visit to Glover Gardens and the Dejima Museum, or the Nagasaki Ropeway up Mount Inasa. Set sail this evening for South Korea. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 10**

#### Bustling Busan in South Korea

Sail to Busan, South Korea, today. Locally guided sightseeing includes a visit to 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, Korea's largest traditional seafood market. Return to the ship for lunch and an overnight voyage to the scenic fishing village of Sakaiminato. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 11**

#### Sakaiminato and Matsue's Black Castle

Arrive in Western Japan's fishing industry center, Sakaiminato, for a visit to the Adachi Museum of Art, home to meticulously maintained gardens that serve as living

# The picturesque port of Busan

A morning sail across the Sea of Japan to Busan, South Korea, welcomes with storied sites, beautiful beaches and lively markets where local specialties dazzle the eye – and appetite. A sightseeing tour of the city honors the troops that are memorialized in the United Nations Memorial Cemetery and seafood stars in Jagalchi Fish Market, reigning on the bustling waterfront with the diverse catches of the day.

canvases that change with the seasons. Its landscapes, ponds, and pathways are considered a work of art in themselves. Following lunch, travel to the "water city" of Matsue, where you can visit the 17th-century Black Castle, shoes off, one of only 12 original Japanese castles still in existence, or drive to Hanakairo Tottori Flower Park for a train tour of the park with free time to enjoy the colorful blooms and the stunning scenery. Tonight join us aboard ship for the captain's farewell dinner. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 12**

# A Bullet Train to Tokyo

Disembark ship for a scenic drive to Kyoto where you will board the *Shinkansen* bullet train for a rail trip to Japan's capital city, Tokyo. Settle into your hotel and join a local guide for an orientation tour of the luxury shopping district of Ginza, before enjoying an evening at leisure. **Meals BL** 

# DAY 13

## A shrine & Sumos in Tokyo

Visit the Meiji Shrine this morning, a historic Shinto shrine boasting incredible architecture and a scenic serene setting. Later, enjoy a guided tour of the Edo-Tokyo Museum, schedule permitting, or the National Museum, showcasing Japanese art of all genres and all periods. After lunch, enjoy free time to explore a you wish. Join us for our farewell reception and dinner this evening, highlighted by an unforgettable sumo wrestling demonstration. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 14**

#### Journey home

*Tour ends: Tokyo.* Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo, the Shangri-La Hotel, Tokyo or the Palace Hotel, Tokyo to Narita International Airport or Haneda Airport. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Experience an authentic taste of daily life as you sail to the colorful fishing port of Busan in South Korea, visit the garden-graced Adachi Museum of Art, and learn the finer points of Taiko drumming.

# 2025 DATES & AUD PRICES

DOUBLE PRICE PER PERSON

Ponant's Le Soléal	<b>Apr</b> 17, 25* <b>May</b> 3
Superior Stateroom Deck 3	\$ 24,240
Deluxe Stateroom Deck 3	\$ 25,210
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	\$ 26,350
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	\$ 26,950
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	\$ 27,560
Deluxe Suite Deck 6	\$ 32,410
Prestige Suite Deck 5	\$ 37,860
Prestige Suite Deck 6	\$ 40,140
Owner's Suite Deck 5	\$ 49,980

Please visit tauck.com.au for Single and Triple pricing. \*Indicates Osaka to Tokyo southbound direction

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

36 meals (13 Breakfasts, 12 Lunches & 11 Dinners), all Tauck private shore excursions, airport transfers as noted, service charges, applicable fuel surcharges, taxes, and porterage 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 exclusions are valued at \$10,214. Aboard ship, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages are included throughout the day.

## 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1-3	ST. REGIS OSAKA / RITZ-CARLTON, OSAKA / CONRAD OSAKA	Osaka
Night 4-11	ABOARD LE SOLÉAL	Cruising
Night 12,13	MANDARIN TOKYO / SHANGRI-LA, TOKYO / PALACE HOTEL TOKYO	Tokyo

International Airfare is additional. Departures will be hosted by one Tauck Director for approximately every 40 guests. Travel North or South: Go to tauck. ca for southbound itinerary or ask at booking. 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 our Activity / Pace details; visit tauck.com.au for *Le Soléal* deck plans and specifications.

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3

# Essence of Japan

From Tokyo's contemporary culture, to Kyoto's revered temples and traditions, Hiroshima's poignant memorials, Hakone's natural gems, sake, sushi and samurai in countryside towns, and bullet trains that speed you from place to place, discover the heartbeat of life in Japan.

13 DAYS FROM \$18,170 AUD Small group departures available Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3

# + Uniquely Tauck

Kyoto

• Discover Tokyo traditions with a Kagura music and dance presentation about Shinto gods and a hands-on taiko drumming experience

- In Kyoto, visit a private home for a tea ceremony and Origami paper folding demonstration and explore the world of the Geisha with a local expert
- Enjoy an exclusive private Samurai show at a temple in Kanazawa, including a visit to the Nomura Samurai Family Residence

# 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 this evening for a welcome dinner. **Meals D** 

#### DAY 2

# The traditional arts of Tokyo

This morning, visit the Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the spirits of the Emperor Meiji and his wife Empress Shokenn, and enjoy 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 Tsukiji Market. Have lunch at Nobu followed by a hands-on class in a traditional art of drumming called *taiko*. Your evening is free. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 3

# Tokyo National Museum & landmark sites

Begin the day with a guided visit to the Tokyo National Museum, followed by a *teppanyaki* lunch of food cooked on an iron griddle. Visit the Asakusa Kannon Temple, built as a tribute to the goddess of mercy, and meander along adjacent Nakamise Street, where the locals have shopped for centuries. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure, enjoying the city as you wish. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 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 ferry ride 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, enjoy an Ikebana flower arranging class, before a special dinner at your hotel. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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. A sushi-making demonstration whets your appetite for dinner tonight. **Meals BLD** 



Attend a traditional Samurai sword dance performance at a temple in Kanazawa, a fascinating cultural experience exclusive to Tauck guests.



# A train ride to Nagoya

Board a train bound for Nagoya. Upon arrival, a short drive through the countryside brings you to Gero Onsen and your traditional onsen hotel. Take the opportunity to soak in the hot springs (onsen) and have dinner Japanese style, shoes off, yukatas and slippers on, in a private room, where authentic Japanese traditions prevail. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 9

#### A train ride to Hiroshima

Depart Kanazawa by train bound for Hiroshima. Have lunch like a local, before taking a ferry ride to Miyajima Island, known as the "Island of the Gods," where an iconic torii gate marks the division between the sacred and the mundane. This small island welcomes with forests and ancient temples, picture perfect for lasting memories of your visit here. Ferry back to Hiroshima for dinner at your hotel. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 10**

#### Monuments of Hiroshima

Explore Hiroshima today, viewing 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

# Explore geisha culture

Explore the world of the geisha in Kyoto with a local guide who shares experts insights about this traditionally secretive society on a stroll through the back streets of the geisha district in Kyoto. A symbol of Japan, the art of the geisha not only embodies its heritage and culture, but its incomparable hospitality as well. Learn more during a special maiko geisha presentation during your farewell dinner.

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** 

#### **DAY 11**

# A temple, castle & the art of the geisha

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, learning personal insights on the "flower and willow" world of the geishas, past and present. **Meals BL** 

# DAY 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** 

# DAY 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** 







Learn about the rich cultural traditions of Japan when you explore the world of the geisha in Kyoto; during a two-night stay in Hakone that rewards with views of Mount Fuji; and at a tea ceremony in a private home where an origami lesson is part of the fun.

## **2025 DATES**

Mar 9, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, 31 Apr 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26 May 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 29, 31 Jun 2 Aug 25, 28 Sep 11, 18, 22, 25 Oct 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 Nov 10, 13, 17

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

## 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

March 1 - 12, August, November 13 - 30					
Double	\$ 18,170	Single	\$22,239	Triple	\$ 17,172
March <sup>·</sup>	13 - 15, Octobe	er 30 - N	lovember 12		
Double	\$ 19,680	Single	\$ 24,791	Triple	\$ 18,279
March <sup>·</sup>	16 - June, Sept	ember ·	- October 29		
Double	\$22,090	Single	\$ 26,614	Triple	\$20,936
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Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from \$21,190 per person double

Special Solo Traveler Savings dates indicate special departures where you save \$610 on the single room price

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

30 meals (12 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches & 8 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage.

# 2025 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	HYATT CENTRIC KANAZAWA	Kanazawa
Night 9	HILTON HIROSHIMA	Hiroshima
Night 10-12	FOUR SEASONS HOTEL KYOTO	Kyoto

International Airfare is additional. 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 3 / Pace Level 3

# India's Golden Triangle, Udaipur & Mumbai

Multi-night stays and sightseeing in Agra, Jaipur and Udaipur at hotels ranked among the "World's Best," including guided exploration of New Delhi, Varanasi and Mumbai, make this Golden Triangle trip priceless in every way.

**13 DAYS FROM \$12,990 AUD** Small group departures available Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3

- Watch the sun rise over the Taj Mahal from your hotel room in Agra, and discover it up close during a guided visit to this monument of love
- Enjoy a special dinner at the private residence of a family who served as ministers in the Maharajah's court in Udaipur
- View the evening prayer ritual 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



#### DAY 1 Arrive New Delhi

*Tour begins: 1:30 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. 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, with a visit to 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** 

## DAY 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 in the 1570s, and set within beautiful gardens. After an orientation tour of Old Delhi, visit the 18-story sandstone Qutb Minar Victory Tower, an imposing minaret built over eight centuries ago. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, before spending the rest of the afternoon and evening as you please. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 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 that "put the river to sleep." **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 4

# A Ganges sunrise 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. Savor views of the incomparable Taj Mahal from your award-winning luxury hotel, The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra, and dine at leisure here tonight. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 5

# The Taj Mahal & Agra Fort

Visit the Taj Mahal for a guided 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 before free time to explore as you wish. **Meals BLD** 



Discover the cultural traditions of Varanasi, where chants, prayers, habits and rituals are ingrained into the daily life here.



# 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** 

## DAY 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** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 9

#### Treasures of Udaipur & a special dinner

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 lconography. 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 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. Attend a demonstration in the art of donning a sari for women or turban for men, followed by a memorable Tauck Exclusive private dinner at the residence of the Bedia family, former ministers in the Maharajah's court. **Meals BLD** 

# **DAY 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. Visit

# The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra

A romantic celebration of fine Indian craftsmanship and Mughal architecture, the award-winning Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra is breathtaking inside and out. Fountains, terraced lawns, reflection pools, pavilions - and peacocks - grace the meticulously manicured grounds. Guest rooms, handsomely appointed with authentic décor, indulge with comfort and unforgettable views of the Taj Mahal day and night.

the beautiful Saheliyon-ki-Bari gardens reflecting the architecture of a bygone era. Known as the Garden of the Maidens, it is resplendent with fountains, pools, sculptures, marble pavilions and a lotus pond amidst lush green lawns. The rest of the day is free to explore the "City of Lakes" as you wish. Dinner is at leisure at your hotel tonight. **Meals BD** 

## **DAY 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** 

# DAY 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), a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Look around and see *dabbawalas* (men in white uniforms on bicycles delivering hot mid-day meals in "tiffin" cans), a traditional sight here since the 19th century, before lunch at Souk, a restaurant at the elegant Taj Mahal Palace Hotel. Return to your hotel for free time as you please and join us this evening for a farewell reception and dinner. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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. **Meals B** 







From views of the Taj Mahal at luxury accommodations in The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra – to a guided morning tour of the monument – to discoveries of the gems of Jaipur, including Amber Fort, every day spotlights treasured sites.

#### **2025 DATES**

Jan 5, 19 Feb 2, 9, 23 Mar 2 Oct 12, 26 Nov 30

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

## 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

#### All prices include on-tour air (4 flights) valued at \$980

January -	November
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Double \$12,990	Single \$16,098	Triple N/A
December		
Double \$13.640	Single \$ 17549	Triple N/A

#### Sold Out /

Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from \$14,540 per person double

Special Solo Traveler Savings dates indicate special departures where you save \$610 on the single room price

#### 2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS

32 meals (12 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches & 10 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage. On-tour air included (4 flights).

#### 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	THE LEELA PALACE 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 LEELA PALACE UDAIPUR	Udaipur
Night 11,12	THE OBEROI, MUMBAI	Mumbai

International Airfare is additional. 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 3 / Pace Level 3

#### Special note: On-tour flights in India

India is the world's seventh largest country with vast differences in geography, climate, culture, language and ethnicity. So that you can see many of its fascinating sights, we have scheduled four included on-tour flights to speed us from place to place. Please be advised that some routes require long travel days and multiple flights due to a lack of non-stop options, but the experiences that await in every destination make each journey worthwhile.

# Northern India & Nepal

This active adventure entices with national monuments, natural treasures and nights of luxury in a royal palace, a private home, award-winning Oberoi hotels, a Nepalese resort, a family-run hotel in Kathmandu and at safari lodges in jungle parks where Bengal tigers roam.

**18 DAYS FROM \$20,740 AUD** All Small Groups averaging 20 guests Activity Level 4 / Pace Level 4 New Delhi

- Look for the very 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 during a three-night stay in Kathmandu at a family-run hotel

# Arrive New Delhi

*Tour begins: 1:30 PM, The Imperial.* A transfer is included from Indira Gandhi International Airport to The Imperial. 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** 

# DAY 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** 

## DAY 3

# Fly to Kathmandu

Board a plane bound for Kathmandu in Nepal and 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** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 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** 



Visit the Boudhanath Stupa, one of the most significant Buddhist monuments in the world, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



# Fly to Chitwan National Park

Fly to Chitwan National Park, in the foothills of the Himalayas, where the greater one-horned Asiatic rhinoceros can be found. Explore the park on a river safari\* and enjoy a sundowner before dinner. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 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** 

#### DAY 8

## Bhaktapur and a mountain resort

Fly back to Kathmandu. With a local guide, explore medieval Bhaktapur, seeing opulent palaces, temples and squares, where artisans produce their wares. Drive to your mountainside resort in Dhulikhel this afternoon. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 10**

### Fly to Delhi and on to Agra

Fly to Delhi and continue to Agra, where your luxury hotel welcomes with stunning views of the Taj Mahal. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 11**

#### The Taj Mahal and Agra Fort

Explore the Taj Mahal up close before visiting 16th-century Agra Fort. This evening's "Maharajah" dinner requires special preparations; ladies will be shown how to wear a traditional sari and gentlemen will don turbans. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 12**

# The temples of Khajuraho

Travel to Khajuraho for an overnight stay and a visit to its ancient temples. Enjoy dinner at leisure tonight. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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 a jungle safari in an open-topped jeep for a chance to spy resident wildlife. Dine at the lodge tonight. **Meals BLD** 

# Flightseeing at Mount Everest

Summiting Mount Everest, the highest mountain on Earth at 29,035 feet from sea level, is a once-in-a-lifetime dream for adventurers who brave difficult conditions to climb it. That's not so for Tauck guests who soar past its storied landscapes aboard a private charter plane, taking in panoramic views of the legendary mountain and the Himalayan countryside around it in safety and comfort.

## **DAY 14**

# Jungle safaris morning and 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. Attend a special dinner tonight with entertainment by local dancers. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 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 at leisure at your lodge tonight. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 18**

#### Journey Home

Tour ends: Mumbai (Bombay). Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Oberoi, Mumbai to Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B** 





Experience the height of adventure aboard a charter plane that offers a bird's-eye view of legendary Mt. Everest and the landscapes of Kathmandu, and indulge in the art of hospitality at the family-run Dwarika's Hotel during a three-night stay.



Special note: **Traveling in Northern India & Nepal** In order to access Bandhavgarh National Park, we will be driving 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 the local rules of the road. This journey is designed for adventurous guests comfortable traveling in vehicles for longer periods of time; the trip is not suitable for anyone who has back problems.

## **2025 DATES**

Jan 11, 18 Feb 1, 8, 15 Mar 8 Oct 4, 18, 25 Nov 8, 15 Dec 20

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

#### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

#### All prices include on-tour air (6 flights) valued at \$910

January - March, October - November					
Double \$20,740	Single \$ 26,198	Triple N/A			
December Double \$22,690	Single \$28,821	Triple N/A			

#### Sold Out /

All departures are Small Groups averaging 20 Tauck guests

#### 2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS

45 meals (17 Breakfasts, 14 Lunches & 14 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage. On-tour air included (6 flights).

#### **2025 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 for travel originating in the US and Canada (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 Guest Protection Product and Activity / Pace details.** 

Activity Level 4 / Pace Level 4

# A Portrait of India

From spiritual Varanasi to modernday Mumbai, Delhi's historic legacies, Mughal palaces in Udaipur, gems in Jaipur, houseboats in Kerala, Agra's epic love story and luxury hotels that defy comparison, Tauck India awaits.

## 18 DAYS FROM \$15,140 AUD

Small group departures available Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3

- 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 on a lake en route to your resort in Kerala
- 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



# 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. To ease jet lag, we recommend arriving in India a day early; ask at booking. Enjoy an orientation drive of the city's landmark sites this afternoon and join us for a welcome dinner. **Meals D** 

#### DAY 2

# Historic Delhi

On a guided sightseeing excursion today, explore Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO 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 evening is at leisure. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 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. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 5

# The Taj Mahal and Agra Fort

A guided morning visit to the Taj Mahal promises a close-up look at this UNESCO World Heritage Site. 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** 

#### DAY 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** 



A three-night stay in Mumbai reveals city sights, past and present, on locally guided tours and on a cruise to Elephanta Island.



# Cultural gems

Visit Amber Fort and Amber Palace, before a puppet show and a traditional lunch at the Raj Palace. The rest of the day is free to enjoy as you wish. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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 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. **Meals BLD** 

## DAY 9

## Royal temples and palaces of Udaipur

Enjoy a tour of City Palace, before lunch and a cruise on Lake Pichola. Enjoy donning a sari and turban this afternoon, before a special dinner at the residence of a family who served as ministers of the Maharajah. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 10**

# Garden of the Maidens & a rickshaw ride

Visit Saheliyon-ki-Bari gardens this morning, 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** 

#### **DAY 11**

# Fly to Kochi in the South of India

Connecting flights take you to Kochi (Cochin) today, located in tropical Kerala at the southern tip of India. Enjoy regional culinary treats during dinner tonight. **Meals BD** 

#### **DAY 12**

# A history of flavorful cuisine in Kochi

A private lecture on the history of Kochi and Kerala precedes a cooking demo and lunch at the 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. Enjoy a sunset cruise in the harbor, before dinner at the hotel. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 13**

## Houseboats & classical dancers

Board a thatched-roof rice boat turned luxury houseboat for a luncheon cruise today en route to your resort. Spend the afternoon at leisure. A special dinner tonight includes a traditional Mohiniattam dance performance. **Meals BLD** 

# A houseboat cruise in Kerala

Truly one of the best ways to experience the essence of Kerala in the southern tip of India, join us on a cruise aboard a traditional rice-boat-turnedhouseboat navigating the palm tree-lined tropical backwaters of the "Venice of the East." First built in Southwestern India circa 3,000 BC to transport rice, spices and locals, today they enchant with views of beautiful rural landscapes inaccessible by land.

# DAY 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. See a private martial arts demonstration before dinner. **Meals BLD** 

## DAY 15

# Fly to Mumbai

Take an afternoon flight to Mumbai. Dinner tonight is at a choice of restaurants in your Oberoi hotel. **Meals BLD** 

## DAY 16

#### City sights, 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 featured in *Slumdog Millionaire*. **Meals BL** 

#### **DAY 17**

# Elephanta Island cruise

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** 

#### **DAY 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** 





Experience daily life, past and present, during your travels in India, learning about houseboat traditions in southern Kerala and taking in epic views of the white-marbled monument to love, the Taj Mahal, during a two-night stay at an awardwinning Oberoi hotel in Agra.

#### Special note: On-tour flights in India

India is the world's seventh largest country with vast differences in geography, climate, culture, language and ethnicity. So that you can see many of its fascinating sights, we have scheduled five included on-tour flights to speed us from place to place. Please be advised that some routes require long travel days and multiple flights due to a lack of non-stop options, but the experiences that await in every destination make each journey worthwhile.

#### **2025 DATES**

Jan 8, 15, 22, 26 Feb 16, 26 Oct 1, 8, 19, 26 Dec 17

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

#### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

#### All prices include on-tour air (5 flights) valued at \$1,360

January	/ - February 25	i, Octob	er 8 - Decembe	r	
Double	\$ 17,090	Single	\$ 21,533	Triple	N/A

#### February 26 - October 7

Double	\$ 15,140	Single	\$ 19,194	Triple	N/A

Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from \$18,940 per person double

Special Solo Traveler Savings dates indicate special departures where you save \$910 on the single room price

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

45 meals (17 Breakfasts, 13 Lunches & 15 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage. On-tour air included (5 flights).

#### 2025 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

International Airfare is additional. 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 3 / Pace Level 3

# Vietnam, Cambodia & Thailand

Travel to the golden countries of Southeast Asia, radiant with cultural traditions, dazzling ancient kingdoms and temples, and lush landscapes. Explore UNESCO World Heritage Sites, poignant reminders of the Vietnam war, and stay in the finest hotels and world-class resorts.

**16 DAYS FROM \$15,140 AUD** Small Group departures available Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 4 Chiang Mai Province, Thailand

- Private tour of the Jim Thompson House Museum, an American-born silk entrepreneur and legendary figure in Bangkok
- Visits to see Wat Pho (the Temple of the Reclining Buddha), Hué's Imperial Citadel, and the Cu Chi Tunnels of Vietnam
- Discover Southeast Asian life on a cruise along the Perfume River in Hué, through the longs of Bangkok, and on Siem Reap's Tonle Sap Lake

# Arrive Hanoi

*Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Sofitel Legend Metropole Hano.* 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

# DAY 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, 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** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 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** 



Journey to the historic UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hoi An in Vietnam to meet locals and discover life here.



# 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. Take a guided walk through this underground network, dug by hand in the 1940s during the fight for independence from the French, then expanded during the Vietnam War to be used as bomb shelters and storage facilities. Have dinner at your hotel. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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. View 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** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 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 nested in an alignment precisely oriented along the Earth's north-south axis. Dinner is at leisure tonight. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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

# **Rosewood Bangkok**

Inspired by the "wai", the famous Thai gesture of greeting, the Rosewood Bangkok hotel is a creative expression of Thai spirit designed for your comfort and luxury. With its contemporary and residential styling, each guest is welcomed and treated with personalized attention just as if they were entering their own manor home – a true tribute to the Rosewood brand's philosophy.

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** 

## DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 13**

# **Bangkok** explorations

Fly to Bangkok in time for lunch before a visit to the art-filled home and garden of Jim Thompson. Dine this evening in your choice of hotel restaurants. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 14**

# River cruise & Bangkok's klongs

Get a close-up look at daily life along the Chao Phraya River on a cruise of Bangkok's klongs. Visit Wat Arun, known as the Temple of Dawn, then enjoy free time to explore. Savor a flavorful Thai lunch and return to your hotel. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 15

# Bangkok Grand Palace & a Tuk-tuk ride

Visit Wat Pho this morning to tour the grounds and see the Grand Palace before a tuk-tuk ride through Bangkok, then return to see the golden Reclining Buddha. Join us this evening for a farewell dinner. **Meals BD** 

#### **DAY 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** 





Marvel in architectural masterpieces, from your luxurious stay at Rosewood Bangkok, a 30-story hotel in the heart of the city, to the majestic and intricate Meridians Gate in Hue, designed for the passage of both soldiers and elephants.

#### 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.

## **2025 DATES**

Jan Ø, 10, 13, 15, 20, 22, 24 Feb 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28 Mar 3, 5 Oct 3, 6, 10, 17, 20, 24 Nov 3, 28 Dec 12

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#### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

#### All prices include on-tour air (5 flights) valued at \$2,120

January - February, October - November				
Double \$ 17,390	Single	\$ 21,536	Triple \$16,967	
March - September				
Double \$ 15,140	Single	\$ 19,087	Triple \$ 14,715	
December				
Double \$19,680	Single	\$25,548	Triple \$18,823	

#### Sold Out /

Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from \$16,650 per person double

Special Solo Traveler Savings dates indicate special departures where you save \$610 on the single room price

#### 2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS

36 meals (15 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 12 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage. On-tour air included (5 flights).

#### 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi	Hanoi, Vietnam
Night 3	AZERAI LA RESIDENCE, HUE	Hué, 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

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Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 4

# Kingdoms & Dragons Singapore to Bali

Enchanted islands, timeless temples, jeweled palaces and cultural riches centuries old promise experiences found nowhere else as you explore the sites by bumboat, train, island cruise, horse cart, hikes, guided walks and more during private excursions and performances exclusive to Tauck.

14 DAYS FROM \$19,380 AUD All Small Groups averaging 24 guests Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 4 Borobudur Temple

- Discover Singapore during a 3-night stay at historic Raffles hotel, on a city tour, at an artisthosted lunch and on a visit to Gardens by the Bay
- Explore 10th-century Prambanan Temple aboard a private train and attend a ballet show performed by some 200 dancers and musicians
- In Bali, visit the Monkey Forest in Ubud, and enjoy a choice between a cooking class, an art museum visit, or a hike in the rice fields with a local guide

# Arrive Singapore

*Tour begins: 5: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** 

#### DAY 2

# Singapore sights

Singapore blends tradition with technology, evoking images of a space-age Jetson-style setting with a nod to its storied past. Explore the sights, past and present, on a guided walking tour of the colonial district followed by a traditional bumboat ride through history on a cruise along the Singapore River. Discover the city's distinctive architecture on a sightseeing drive with an informative guide before returning to your hotel for time at leisure. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 3

#### Futuristic Gardens by the Bay

Start the day with a conservation-inspired 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 super trees 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 your 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** 

#### DAY 4

# Fly to the island of Java in Indonesia

A morning flight brings you to Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Step off the plane and you will find yourself in a cultural hub of puppetry, arts, sandstone temples and jeweled palaces that speak volumes about Indonesia's "city of soul and traditions." Have lunch at a local restaurant, then travel through the countryside to Magelang, where your hotel offers views of the world's largest Buddhist temple. Dinner tonight features traditional entertainment. **Meals BLD** 



Fast forward to the future on a visit to Singapore's Gardens by the Bay, where space-age sights and super trees inspire imaginations.



# Sunrise at Borobudur Temple

Join us at dawn to visit the 9th-century Borobudur Temple, a colossal Buddhist temple, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. 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 as you please, before joining us for a lecture on the historic kingdoms of Java. Dinner is at leisure tonight. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 6

#### Yogyakarta & Prambanan Temples

Ride a bicycle-powered *becak* to the royal sultan palace complex in the Kraton of Yogyakarta, 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 before an epic open-air 200 person, ballet performance with VIP seating and the Prambanan Temple as a backdrop. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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 you'll dine as you please this evening. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 8

# Village life & landscapes in Ubud

Experience a taste of daily life on a walking tour of the Subak Guliang Village. Have lunch in the village before visiting the serene village temple with an offering. The rest of the day is free to explore as you like, or join a local guide for an optional hike through the rice fields. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 9

#### Discover a taste of Ubud

Begin the day with a visit to a local village market before your choice of sightseeing. Attend a cooking class and learn how to make authentic Balinese dishes – alternatively, a museum curator guides you through the ARMA, a renowned Balinese art museum, with an opportunity to meet the owner and founder. The rest of the day is free. **Meals BL** 

# Stay at two Four Seasons resorts

A tropical paradise stunning with flowered-petaled landscapes and cultural treasures thousands of years rich, experience life on Bali with unforgettable stays at two acclaimed Four Seasons resorts. Enjoy three nights in Ubud, highlighted by art, food, a monkey forest and rice fields – then savor the seaside scenery, temples and traditions of Jimbaran Bay on a fabulous two-night stay.

# DAY 10 Fly to Flores Island

Spend the morning at leisure before lunch at a local restaurant, then fly this afternoon to the island of Flores for a two-night stay. Join us for a sundowner, barbecue dinner on the beach with traditional music and dance. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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. Take a boat ride to a tropical island, private to Tauck, for lunch and free time for snorkeling. An optional motorboat ride to Manta Point offers an opportunity to see manta rays, weather permitting. Dine at a choice of hotel restaurants. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 12**

#### Fly to an oceanfront resort in Bali

Fly back to Bali for a two-night stay in Jimbaran Bay. Check into your luxury resort for free time before enjoying a sundowner cocktail and a traditional Balinese Kecak dance performance. Dinner is at leisure tonight. **Meals B** 

#### **DAY 13**

#### Clifftop Uluwatu Temple

This morning, visit clifftop Uluwatu Temple to learn about the important role it plays in Balinese history and culture. Watch for the Macaque monkeys that live here as you gaze out at the views of the sea from this temple set on a rock 230 ft. above the water. Stop at GWK Park to see the Garuda Wisnu (Vishnu) statue before time at leisure. Join us by the pool at your resort for our farewell dinner. **Meals BD** 

#### **DAY 14**

#### Journey Home

*Tour ends: Denpasar*. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included to I Gusti Ngurah Rai International airport from the Four Seasons Resort Bali. Allow three hours for check-in. **Meals B** 







Bali is enchanting, from the Four Seasons Resort Bali – a traditional Kecak dance performance that captivates with traditional Balinese music – or spying the rare Komodo dragons on a full day cruise that explores Indonesian islands.

#### **2025 DATES**

May 3, 10, 17, 24 Jun 7, 14, 21, 28 Jul 5, 19 Aug 16, 30 Sep 6, 27 Oct 4, 11, 18

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

#### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

#### All prices include on-tour air (4 flights) valued at \$1,060

May, September 27 - October					
Double \$19,380	Single	\$ 25,741	Triple	\$ 18,079	
<b>June - September 26</b> Double \$20,290 Single \$27,058 Triple \$18,856					

All Departures are Small Groups averaging 24 Tauck guests

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

30 meals (13 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches & 8 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage. On-tour air included (4 flights).

#### 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1-3	RAFFLES SINGAPORE	Singapore
Night 4,5	AMANJIWO	Borobudur, Indonesia
Night 6	THE PHOENIX HOTEL YOGYAKARTA – MGALLERY	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. 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 socoters. 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 our Activity / Pace details**.

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 4



# The Americas

# New for 2025

# Colombia: South America's Eternal Spring

Join us for our inaugural year of travels in Colombia – a truly idyllic destination. Discover what makes Colombia so compelling, on visits to three cities intertwining the country's cultural and historic fabric, each with its own unique story to tell.

**9 DAYS FROM \$12,860 AUD** All Small Groups averaging 24 guests Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3

- Two nights in Bogotá, high in the Andes, providing insights into the legacy of Simon Bolivar and fabulous art within two museums
- A three-night stay in Medellin explores its 10-year transformation, from culture to infrastructure developments and community projects
- Spend three nights in charming Cartagena, on the Caribbean coast, where the architecture is colonial, the arts flourish, and history reigns



# Welcome to Colombia

*Tour begins: Four Seasons Bogotá.* A transfer is included from El Dorado International Airport to the Four Seasons Bogotá. Located in the Zona Rosa section of Bogotá, you're only steps away from some of the city's best shopping, nightlife and cafés. Due to the late arrival of the flights, you'll meet your fellow travelers tomorrow morning.

#### DAY 2

## Bogotá, Colombia's capital city

Welcome to the land of the eternal spring! Known for its pleasant weather year round, your introduction to Colombia begins in Bogotá, Colombia's capital city and one of the largest cities in the world. Founded in 1538 by the Spanish Conquistadors, today Bogotá is a thriving metropolis, yet its colonial roots continue to be ever-present. Your explorations begin with a stop at Paloguemao Market, one of the largest farmer's markets in Colombia, for a guided tour highlighted by tastings of local produce. Next, visit the Gold Museum, displaying the world's largest collection of gold artifacts (including a large selection of pre-Columbian gold) followed by lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon you're in for a treat with a tour of the Botero Museum accompanied by a Botero expert. Dedicated to the work of famed artist, sculptor and political critic, Fernando Botero, much of the work displayed here was donated by Botero himself (including his personal, private art collection). Tonight, please join us for a welcome reception followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Meals BLD

#### DAY 3

# Zipaquirá & fly to Medellín

You're off for an early morning adventure starting with a train ride to the nearby town of Zipaquirá, famously known for its Salt Cathedral. Built over 600 ft. underground, the Cathedral is considered one of the most notable achievements of Colombian architecture and is still a functioning church to this day, holding mass daily with over 3,000 visitors on Sundays. Dive into the depths of the Cathedral on a walking tour with the opportunity to visit the lowest sections, split into three, with each representing a phase of the life of Jesus Christ - birth, life and death. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant en route to the airport for a short flight to your next destination - Medellín. Nicknamed "City of the Eternal Spring" for its perfect combination of warm days and cool nights, in recent years, Medellín has transformed into an important economic center and the heart of Colombia's textile industry. Check into your hotel this evening, the Medellín Marriott Hotel located in the heart of the city. Dinner will be at your hotel tonight. Meals BLD



Your time in Bogotá is highlighted by a walk through its historical district, awash with bright colors and colonial-style architecture.





# Visit the Museum of Gold in Bogotá

Travel back in time on a visit to Museo del Oro (Museum of Gold), located in the center of Bogotá and home to the largest collection of gold artifacts in the world, including the "Musica Raft."



# The legacy of Fernando Botero

One of the most prominent Colombian artists of the modern day, Fernando Botero's unique art style and cultural influence is on full display during your explorations across Colombia.



# The San Pedro Claver Museum

Dedicated to the patron saint, Peter Claver, the museum houses a variety of religious art pieces and archeological artifacts discovered between the 16th and 21st centuries.

#### DAY 4

# Medellín: city of the Eternal Spring

Coffee is a staple of the Colombian economy (as well as their largest exported product), and Medellín is famous for growing some of the world's finest beans. Your excursions in Medellín begin with a Colombian coffee experience where you'll have the chance to try two different types, learning about Colombia's history with coffee and its importance to the locals. Next, drive to the Normandia Equestrian Center for a Colombian-style barbecue lunch that is followed by a visit inside the center where you'll see the illustrious Paso Fino horse. See up close the training and exercise regimen of the horses as well as their spa accommodations, followed by a live show featuring their professional riders. Enjoy some free time at your hotel late this afternoon before having dinner at a local restaurant. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 5

# Colombia's transformative past

Medellín welcomes you on a walking tour through its historic neighborhoods, each rich with its own story just waiting to be told. Your tour begins in Comuna 13, once one of Medellín's most infamous neighborhoods; in recent vears Comuna 13 has evolved into a vibrant, colorful commune where murals from local artists line the streets. Stroll through the neighborhood, viewing its transformation through the art before taking a leisurely walk to the top of the hill and incredible panoramic views. Next, visit Casa Kolacho, an integral part of the pacification of Comuna 13, whose outreach programs have given the residents of this community a new outlook on life. Have lunch at Situ, located in the city's botanical gardens, before traveling to your final destination of the day - Botero Square, named in honor of Fernando Botero. Visit the surrounding houses where many of Botero's famous sculptures can be found before stopping at the Museo de Antioquia for a look at some of Botero's paintings and sketches, exclusive to the museum. Meals BL

# DAY 6

# Guatapé, a pontoon cruise & fly to Cartagena

Head out this morning on a walking tour of Guatapé, nicknamed "the most colorful town in the world" for its colorful houses and vibrant 'zócalos' or murals that line the bottoms of many homes. Enjoy a lesiurely walk throughout the town's windy streets (with plenty of opportunities to take pictures) before boarding a pontoon for a cruise along the Guatapé Reservoir, the largest lake in the country. Constructed in the 1970s as a hydroelectric complex that provides 30% of the country's energy, your cruise is complimented with views of "El Peñól," a national landmark. This afternoon, a short flight brings you to your next, and final, destination – Cartagena. Check into your hotel early this evening and be sure to get a good night's rest, you have a full day of exploration tomorrow. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 7

## A day in Cartagena

Named after the Spanish city of the same name, Cartagena has been a key landing spot throughout history, once as the main link in the route to the West Indies and since evolving into one of Colombia's major port cities. Your introduction to Cartagena begins with a visit and walking tour of Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas, the largest fortress in South America, built to protect the city from potential invaders, including the Dutch, English and French. Next, stop at a local music school in the nearby neighborhood of La Boquilla for a music lesson with its students, learning all about the instruments and musical styles of Colombia and the Carribean-style rhythms this region is known for. Following lunch at a local restaurant, visit the San Pedro Claver Cathedral and Museum, dedicated to the priest San Pedro Claver, who spent his life aiding slaves coming over from Africa. Tonight, your evening is free to explore Cartagena as you wish. Meals BL

#### DAY 8

## Getsmani neighborhood & a farewell cruise

Your early morning visit to the Getsmani neighborhood offers you another example of Colombia's transformation. Best known for its colonial Spanish-style architecture, in recent years Getsmani has become one of Cartagena's fastest-growing entertainment hotspots with jazz clubs and salsa venues lining the streets. Following a rum & chocolate pairing, arrive at your hotel, the Sofitel Legend Santa Clara. Originally a former convent for cloistered nuns in the 1600s, today parts of the convent are on full display right in the hotel. Embark early this evening on a sunset cruise along Cartagena Bay, witnessing the city's transformation before your very eyes with its historic walled section alongside its modern day counterpart on full display. A fitting finale for a week well spent. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 9

#### Journey Home

*Tour ends: Cartagena.* Fly home anytime. Your transfer to Rafael Núñez International Airport from Sofitel Legend Santa Clara is included. Please allow three hours for check-in at the airport. **Meals B** 



Your stay at the five-star Sofitel Legend Santa Clara in Cartagena is highlighted by a tour of the hotel and its historic past.

#### **2025 DATES**

Jan 16, 23 Feb 6, 13, 27 Mar 13 Apr 3 Sep 25 Oct 16, 30 Nov 6, 20

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#### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (2 flights) valued at \$610

Double \$12,860 Single \$15,247 Triple N/A

All departures are Small Groups averaging 24 Tauck guests.

#### 2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS

20 meals (8 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 5 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage. On-tour air included (2 flights).

## 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	FOUR SEASONS BOGOTÁ	Bogotá, Colombia
Night 3-5	MEDELLÍN MARRIOTT	Medellín, Colombia
Night 6-8	SOFITEL LEGEND SANTA CLARA	Cartagena Colombia

International Airfare is additional. 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
New for 202

# Cuba: A Cultural Odyssey

We're returning to Cuba, having first introduced guests in the 1930s then again in the 2010s – and our new journey connects you with people and Cuban culture from Havana to Viñales. Discover the past and meet Cuba's future on travels where you'll learn, and discover, during people-to-people interactive cultural exchanges.

7 DAYS FROM \$9,840 AUD Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3 Havana

# Uniquely Tauck

 Opportunities to learn about local artisans work and vintage American cars... cigars, baseball and music... Ernest Hemingway's Cuban connection on a visit to his home... farming & sustainability

The Party

 Exclusive experiences that foster meaningful cultural connections when you interact with Cuban families, artists, musicians, students, educators, agricultural workers, artisans and entrepreneurs

# Arrive in Miami before travel to Cuba

*Tour starts: 5:00 PM, Hyatt Regency Coral Gables.* Travel from Miami International Airport to Hyatt Regency Coral Gables by taxi (Tauck will reimburse you). Once you're settled, join us for a welcome reception with drinks to meet your fellow travelers and hear from your Tauck Director about your next six days in Cuba. You have an opportunity to explore Coral Gables as you please this evening.

#### DAY 2

#### Bienvenido a Cuba

This morning you're off to Cuba on an included flight from Miami to Havana's José Martí International Airport, where a local guide will take you to a local paladar (restaurant) for first tastings of authentic Cuban cuisine. After lunch, visit Cuban artist Kadir Lopez's studio for an exclusive showing, open only to Tauck guests. You'll learn more about his neon light work on a tour to interact with the curator, learn about the history of his artwork, and see how it continues to illuminate the streets of Havana today. Continue on to meet teachers and students at the local after school program, La Casa del Niño y Niña, that helps young boys and girls develop language skills and cultural awareness. Enjoy free time in your hotel before joining us for an official welcome dinner at a local paladar. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 3

# Culture, community, & cars

After breakfast, meet a local scholar for a private discussion on Cuban Revolution history and economy. Drive to pedestrian-only Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to explore the city's architecture and restoration efforts with a local expert. You'll have the opportunity to interact with private artisans and small business owners to learn about Cuba's dual economy. At lunch this afternoon, you'll be joined by a former baseball legend - it is believed that the sport of baseball was introduced in Cuba in 1864 by students returning from the U.S. Drive from lunch to A Lo *Cubano* to meet the President of this American vintage car club, well-known from the popular series Cuba Chrome. Afterwards, visit a private dance company for an opportunity to learn about Cuban dance. Enjoy free time at the hotel, then dine tonight at a local restaurant with a performance by Havana Queens Dance Company. Meals BLD

#### DAY 4

#### Venture to the Viñales Valley

Rise early for breakfast this morning, then its off to the countryside to the Viñales Valley for the day. Bask in the mountainous landscape and dramatic rocky outcrops as you make your way through one of Cuba's most fertile



Meet Señor Benito, the owner of Tobacco de Benito Camejo, a private tobacco farm to learn the process of grading tobacco.

Map Detail





# American Vintage Cars in Cuba

From your very first drive along Cuban streets, you can't help but notice the vintage American automobiles of the 1940s and '50s that seem to be everywhere. These days in Cuba, there is an estimated 60,000 pre-1960 American cars still on the roads. Some are restored classics, while others are clunkers that have been cobbled together with anything the owners could get their hands on. These "Yank tanks" or máquinas (machines), as the locals call them, are a testament to the ingenuity of the Cubans who have kept them running for more than 50 years.



# Ernest Hemingway's Finca Vigia

American author Ernest Hemingway purchased a home outside Havana, Cuba in 1939 and lived here for twenty one years. Hemingway called it Finca Vigia, or "lookout farm," as he spent much of that time writing and reporting about the war after his travels to China and Europe. He was an avid fisherman and docked his beloved boat, Pilar, in Cojimar, a small fishing village east of Havana, which inspired his most famous work, *The Old Man and the Sea*. areas; it was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999. Visit Benito Camejo Tobacco Farm to hear from the owner himself, Mr. Benito, as he shares stories about growing tobacco in the countryside. Lunch is at a private organic farm, Finca Concha y Paco, to learn about their farming practices, entrepreneurial endeavors, and how they manage to sustain their crops and livestock in this region all while enjoying homegrown goods. To wind down the day in the valley, stop at a despalillo factory to learn about the stripping and grading of tobacco. Your evening is free to spend as you wish. **Meals BL** 

# DAY 5

# Cuba over the years

Afro-Cuban culture and arts emerged in the early 1960s, and today you'll have the chance to learn more about it with a visit to Project Beyond Roots - an organization whose mission is to inspire, empower, and create positive changes in the lives of Cuban people through many forms of art and immersive experiences. Explore local goods and connect with artisans at the 19th-century storage house, Almacenes San José Artisans' Market. After lunch, a local guide with walk you through the Fine Arts Museum in Havana before driving to Vi Humos, a private project by designer Vivian Acosta who recycles cigar wood boxes and turns them into purses, enjoying a cigar rolling and tasting as you listen to her speak. This evening, meet the private owners and taxi drivers of classic American cars. Dinner is at a local parador tonight. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 6

# Hemingway's home & Old Havana

In the last third of his life, from 1939 to 1960, Ernest Hemingway, American author called Cuba home. This fifteen-acre estate on the outskirts of Havana is well-maintained in its original modestly traditional furnishings, his 9,000 volume library and beloved typewriter. You'll get to view the house and talk with a docent about his life here and his strong connections to Cuba and its people. After, visit a local organization, Finca Costera, to learn about their sustainable food production, then enjoy a tasty lunch with a twist followed by a trip to a musical community project that helps develop youths vocal and instrumental skills. Your last evening in Cuba is spent at a local paladar. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 7

# Journey Home

*Tour ends: Miami, Florida.* An early morning transfer is included from your Grand Aston La Habana to José Martí International Airport. Please book flights from Miami no earlier than 3:00 PM and allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B** 







Discover passions and livelihoods of Cuban people from the heart of Havana to the Viñales Valley countryside, with dance performances, agriculture discoveries, and people-to-people connections.

### **2025 DATES**

Jan 1/2, 1/9, 2/6Feb 9, 16, 23Mar 9, 16, 23Apr 6, 13Oct 12, 19, 26Nov 2Dec 7, 21

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## 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

<b>Jan - Dec 20</b> Double \$ 9,840	Single	\$11,385	Triple	\$ 9,656
<b>Dec 21 - 31</b> Double \$10,290	Single	\$ 11,847	Triple	\$ 10,112
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#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

15 meals (6 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 4 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage. On-tour air included (2 flights).

#### 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	HYATT REGENCY CORAL GABLES	Coral Gables, Florida
Night 2-6	GRAND ASTON LA HABANA	Havana, Cuba

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3

# The Panama Canal & Costa Rica

A 7-night voyage aboard the Ponant Explorer-Class yacht, Le Bellot introduces you to the natural wonders and cultural treasures of Panama and Costa Rica, highlighted by a full daylight transit of the Panama Canal, all-included shore excursions that connect with a rich cultural legacy.

**12 DAYS FROM \$13,640 AUD** Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2 Carara National Park

- 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
- Spend two nights in San José where your discoveries include a museum of gold and the secrets of brewing renowned Costa Rican coffee
- Visit the Emberá people of the Darien region, witnessing a performance of traditional dance

# 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** 

## DAY 2

# San José gold & artisans in Sarchi

San José city sightseeing today includes visits to the Baroque-style, 19th-century National Theatre, a grand symbol of civic pride dating back to 1897 – its interior glistens with Baroque gold overlays and Carrara marble – and the Gold Museum, which houses pre-Columbian works of gold crafted by indigenous islanders. 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. After returning to the hotel, the afternoon and evening are free to spend as you wish in San José. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 4

# A choice of excursions at Punta Leona

Your ship arrives at Punta Leona for a choice of shore excursions offering a range of eco-activities. One includes a walking tour in Carara National Park with a local naturalist guide, after which you'll travel through luscious landscapes crossing the crystal waters of Tarcolitos River several times on a tractor-drawn wagon; another choice offers a more active, faster-paced walk in the park, followed by the mangrove cruise. A third choice features a visit to Tropical Forest Sky Walk near the boundary of Carara Biological Reserve, where you'll hike across suspended cable bridges skimming the top of the rainforest, up to 126 feet above the ground; from your lofty perch, you'll see the marshlands of the Tarcoles River and views of the ocean in the distance. Your guide will point out species of birds, monkeys, butterflies and other mammals that you may encounter.

# Voyage at a glance

8 Cruise Days aboard Le Bellot

#### San José to Panama City

Day Destination

- Arrive San José
  San José / Sarchí
- 3 San José, La Paz Waterfall Gardens / Embark Puntarenas
- 4 Punta Leona
- 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
- 11 Panama City, Casco Viejo
- 12 Depart Panama City

#### Panama City to San José

Day Destination

- 1 Panama City
- 2 Panama City, Caso Viejo
- Gamboa / Rainforest Resort / Embark Colón
- 4 San Blas Islands
- **5** Transit of the Panama Canal
- 6 Playa del Muerto / The Darién
- 7 Day at Sea
- 8 Quepos
- 9 Punta Leona
- 10 Disembark Puntarenas / Sarchi / Panama City
- 11 San José, La Paz Waterfall Gardens
- 12 Depart San Jose



Your final possibility is a short walk through Carara National Park followed by a cruise through the mangroves, learning about the local animal, floral and fauna species that live in thrive in this part of the world. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 5**

### Adventures at Quepos

Call on the city of Quepos this morning, a perfect jumping off point for a day of activities in Costa Rica's eco-wonderland. Your day today is rich with excursions, as you'll have a choice of activities in both the morning and the afternoon! Excursions you may choose from today include: a scenic drive through Quepos and a stop at Espadilla Beach; a horseback ride through a mountain forest; a cruise through the Central American mangroves; an active hike through the rainforest; a nature walk through Rainmaker Conservation Park; a walking tour of Manuel Antonio National Park and an exciting river float trip\* on the Savegre River. Back aboard the ship, enjoy dinner at your leisure tonight, as your ship sets sail, bound for the Pacific Ocean. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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** 

#### DAY 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 the 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 insights and commentary during your transit. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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

# Transiting 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 Bellot* makes the experience an even more memorable one.

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** 

#### **DAY 10**

#### Gamboa Rainforest & crossing the Isthmus

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** 

# **DAY 11**

# **Exploring Panama City**

Begin today's exploration of Panama City in its key historic district, Casco Viejo; a walking tour will show you this walled cobblestoned city, built in the 1670s at the foot of Ancon Hill, to provide safety from attack. The area is a gem of Spanish colonial architecture in various stages of redevelopment, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tour 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** 

#### **DAY 12**

# Fly to Panama City / 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** 

Indicates Cruise Day





Visit the Guna people of the San Blas Islands whose traditional lifestyles remain virtually untouched by modern-day technologies. Learn about their life in the village and how they make their colorful, embroidered molas.

# Cruise with filmmaker Tim Martin

#### January 11 & 18

Travel with noted wildlife filmmaker Tim Martin, who shares expert insights about the wildlife and natural wonders of Costa Rica and Panama, on select departures only. Ask at booking for details.



# 2025 DATES & AUD PRICES

#### DOUBLE PRICE PER PERSON

Ponant's <i>Le Bellot</i>	<b>Jan</b> 25	<b>Jan</b> 11, 18*
Deluxe Stateroom Deck 3	\$13,640	\$14,250
Prestige Stateroom Deck 4	\$14,680	\$15,290
Prestige Stateroom Deck 5	\$15,130	\$15,740
Prestige Stateroom Deck 6	\$15,440	\$16,050
Deluxe Suite Decks 3,4,5,6	\$18,160	\$18,770
Prestige Suite Deck 5	\$22,710	\$23,320
Prestige Suite Deck 6	\$23,470	\$24,080
Privilege Suite Decks 5,6	\$24,220	\$24,830
Grand Deluxe Suite Deck 6	\$26,500	\$ 27,110
Owner's Suite Deck 5	\$29,530	\$30,140

Please visit tauck.com.au for Single and Triple pricing. \*Indicates Panama City to San José westbound direction

#### 2025 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 porterage 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 \$5,162. Aboard ship, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are included throughout the day.

# 2025 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 BELLOT	Cruising
Night 10,11	HILTON PANAMA OR JW MARRIOTT PANAMA	Panama City

International Airfare is additional. 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 our Activity / Pace details; please visit tauck.com.au for** *Le Bellot* **ship page for deck plans and specifications.** 

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2

# Hidden Galápagos & Peru

A cultural journey to a remote mountain village and volcanic islands - from the cloud forests of Machu Picchu to the mystical waters of the Galápagos Islands, discover treasures by land and water.

**16 DAYS FROM \$25,740 AUD** Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2

- Enjoy lunch in the privately owned Museo Larco to see Peruvian pre-Columbian history chronicled in priceless art and artifacts
- Discover cultural treasures as you explore Lima with expert guides to the bohemian Barranco District, followed by a gastronomy experience
- 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 the Galápagos Islands with naturalists to see iguanas, fur seals, blue-and red-footed boobies, the Galápagos Penguin, Darwin's Finches and more



# 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.

## DAY 2

# Explore colonial Lima

Begin today with a walking tour of Lima's historical center. After a visit and lunch at the Larco Herrera Museum, explore the city's Barranco (cliff) district, the bohemian heart of Lima, and visit Pedro de Osma Museum. Join us for a welcome evening featuring a gastronomy experience with traditional Peruvian cuisine and a pisco sour class included. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 4

## By rail & land to 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** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 6

#### Cusco or highlands adventures

Today, choose between a walking tour through the city of Cusco and visit to Coricancha Temple, with lunch at a local restaurant; or, alternatively, depart for the Cusco highlands and a visit to the Andean village of Chinchero, with lunch at a the Mullak'as Mismanay Community. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are free. **Meals BL** 

# Voyage at a glance

7 Cruise Days aboard Silver Origin

#### Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Lima
- 2 Colonial casas and museums in Lima
- 3 Cusco / Urubamba
- 4 Aguas Calientes / Machu Picchu
- 5 Machu Picchu / Cusco
- 6 Choice of sightseeing in Cusco
- 7 Fly to Guayaquil
- 8 San Cristóbal Island
- 9 Genovesa (Tower) Island
- 10 North Seymour Island / Santiago (James) Island
- I1 Fernandina Island / Isabela Island
- 12 Santa Cruz Highlands/ Puerto Ayora
- 13 Bahia Gardner / Española Island
- 14 San Cristóbal Island / Isla Lobos
  - 15 Disembark Baltra / Fly to Guayaquil
  - 16 Depart Guayaquil



# Arrive 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** 

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 9**

#### A day on Genovesa Island

Take a panga\* to Genovesa (Tower Island), also known as "Bird Island" for its extraordinary avian population, to see where the world's largest red-footed booby colonies nest. 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. Enjoy cocktail hour prior to dinner on the ship. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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 or cruise along the coast to look for brown pelicans, Galápagos penguins and flightless cormorants. Explore Isabela Island this afternoon on a panga cruise or a guided hike. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 12**

#### Santa Cruz Highlands & Puerto Ayora

Disembark ship in Puerto Ayora to visit 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. After, choose to explore by panga, hiking, kayaking and deep water snorkeling, each offering opportunities to find wildlife endemic to this island. **Meals BLD** 

# All aboard Silver Origin

A journey aboard Silversea's *Silver Origin* redefines sea travel by pairing a luxurious cruising experience with adventurous destinations, designed for your interests and passion for new explorations in mind. Discover wildlife species found nowhere else in the world from the comfort of your own cabin suite, and indulge in the ship's amenities, gourmet restaurants, a piano lounge, jacuzzi, massage room, and more.

# **DAY 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. Join us for a farewell cocktail and dinner reception this evening. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 14**

#### Isla Lobos, 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. Enjoy dinner onboard the ship this evening. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Experience moments to remember, from a Silversea cruise through the magical Galápagos Islands to an afternoon dining on Peruvian cuisine at a Paso Horse show or an evening at Belmond Hotel Monasterio, a restored 16th-century monastery.

### 2025 DATES & AUD PRICES

#### DOUBLE PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (5 flights) valued at \$1,520

Silversea's Silver Origin	<b>Sep</b> 6 <b>Oct</b> 4, 18	Mar 22 Apr 5, 19 May 3, 17, 31
Classic Veranda Suite - Deck 5	\$ 25,740	\$26,050
Superior Veranda Suite - Deck 6	\$27,550	\$27,860
Deluxe Veranda Suite - Deck 6	\$28,460	\$28,770
Silver Suite - Deck 5	\$44,440	\$44,750

Please visit tauck.com.au for Single and Triple pricing.

#### 2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS

39 meals (15 Breakfasts, 11 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, porterage, 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).

## 2025 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	MONASTERIO, A BELMOND HOTEL	Cusco, Peru
Night 7,15	HOTEL DEL PARQUE	Guayaquil, Ecuador
Night 8-14	ABOARD SILVER ORIGIN	Galápagos Cruising

International Airfare is additional. 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. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Activity / Pace details; visit tauck.com.au for** *Silver Origin* **ship page for deck plans and specifications.** 

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2

# Peru & the Galápagos Islands

Wonders of the World – from the "Lost City of the Incas," a mystical kingdom and man-made villages of Machu Picchu in Peru, to the most unique wildlife in the world in the Galápagos Islands. Discover worlds unlike any other by foot and abroad an expeditionary-style cruise ship.

**15 DAYS FROM AUD \$21,350** Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2 Machu Picchu, Peru

- A scenic train ride to see the ancient Incan citadel at Machu Picchu, steps from your mountain lodge
- Immerse in Cusco traditions during a Peruvian Paso (horse) performance, and with a choice to visit a local village or Cusco's South Valley
- Drive to a llama and alpaca farm to learn about the art of Peruvian weaving using their wool
- A voyage back in time, going ashore on lava landscapes to see endemic wildlife

# 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 in and enjoy a relaxing evening before your guided exploration of Lima begins in the morning.

# DAY 2

#### Eclectic culture in Lima

City sightseeing today explores the picturesque and bohemian district of Barranco which is the Spanish word for "cliff." Explore the heart of this city on your own before lunch at Museo Larco; it became a favorite hangout for poets, writers, painters and sculptors who were inspired by its coastal scenery. Tonight, join us for a gastronomic experience to learn about and taste typical Peruvian food and make a typical drink, the pisco sour. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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 they respond to their equestrian partners with precision and perfect timing. Arrive at your hotel this afternoon, located along Urubamba river in the Sacred Valley, and join us for a private cultural performance before dinner. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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 isolated from the nearest village. Dine at leisure at your mountaintop hotel tonight. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 5

#### A farm, weavers & an Incan Fortress

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

# Voyage at a glance

6 Cruise Days aboard Isabela II

#### Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Lima
- 2 Lima / Museo Larco
- 3 Fly to Cusco / Sacred Valley of the Incas / Horse Ranch
- 4 Machu Picchu
- 5 Machu Picchu / Cusco
- 6 Highlands or Cusco
- 7 Fly to Guayaquil
- 8 Fly to Baltra / Embark ship
- San Cristobal Island
- 10 Española Island
- I1 Floreana Island
- 12 Isabela & Fernandina Islands
- 13 Santa Cruz & North Seymour Islands
  - 14 Disembark Baltra / Fly to Guayaquil
  - 15 Depart Guayaquil



# Your choice in Cusco

Sightseeing choices today include a tour of the city of Cusco and the Korikancha Temple, a walk along the main square, Plaza de Armas, and visits to the cathedral and San Pedro Market with lunch afterwards; or traveling to the highlands to visit the Chinchero village and Misminay community for lunch. Everyone has the rest of the day free. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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** 

# Masterful Machu Picchu

The exquisite citadel of the Incan Machu Picchu sits on a 2,430 meter mountain ridge in Southern Peru, believed to have been built in the 1450s as a royal retreat for two great rulers, Pachacutec and Túpac Inca Yupanqui. The Inca civilization had no proper use of wheels to haul the granite up for construction, so hundreds of men pushed them up the steep mountainside; it took ten years to build.

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 14**

#### Fly to Guayaquil

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

#### **DAY 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** 

Indicates Cruise Day







Marvel in the "Lost City of Incas" at Machu Picchu, the colorful art of Peruvian weaving using llama and alpaca wool, and wildlife unseen anywhere else in the world off Galápagos shores.

## 2025 DATES & AUD PRICES

#### DOUBLE PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (5 flights) valued at \$1,520

Metropolitan's Isabela II	<b>Sep</b> 12, 26 <b>Oct</b> 10	<b>Mar</b> 28 <b>Apr</b> 11, 25 <b>May</b> 9 <b>Jun</b> 20
Category C (Limited) Cabin Deck, double bed (120 sq. ft.)	\$ 21,350	\$21,950
Category B Cabin Deck, twin or double bed (142 sq. ft.)	\$ 21,660	\$22,260
Category A (Master Suite) Main Deck, double bed (166 sq. ft.)	\$ 21,960	\$22,560

Please visit tauck.com.au for Single and Triple pricing.

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

36 meals (14 Breakfasts, 10 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).

### 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	MIRAFLORES PARK, A BELMOND HOTEL	Lima, Peru
Night 3	TAMBO DEL INKA	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

International Airfare is additional. 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 our Activity / Pace details; visit tauck.com.au for *Isabela II* ship page for deck plans and specifications

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2

# Cruising the Galápagos Islands

Voyage to equatorial islands on a six-night cruise for unforgettable encounters with wildlife unseen anywhere else in the world, with upclose views of blue footed boobies, iguanas, penguins and more.

9 DAYS FROM \$13,940 AUD Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2

- Discover wildlife found nowhere else in the world as you cruise to remote tropical islands near the Equator with onboard naturalists who share expert insights at sea and on guided hikes ashore
- Learn about indigenous species like the endangered giant Galápagos tortoise which can live up to 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



# Explorations off the shores of Ecuador

600 miles off the coast of Ecuador remain a living laboratory, the volcanic islands of the Galápagos. On this six-night cruise, travel to San Cristóbal and see all three species of boobies - Nazca, blue-footed, and red-footed, board a panga fishing boat off the shores of Santa Cruz Island for snorkeling and kayaking amongst aquatic life species that have lived here nearly 5,000,000 years, and walk coastlines formed by volcanic eruptions.

Get up close to one of two groups of the largest tortoises in the world, and that which the Spanish named these islands after. Meet the Galápagos tortoises bred and raised as part of a conservation program to maintain and protect their numbers. Enjoy all the sights of land and sea aboard your very own *Isabela II* cruise ship.

# Voyage at a glance

6 Cruise Days aboard Isabela II

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Guayaquil
- 2 Fly to Baltra Island / Embark Isabela II
- 3 San Cristóbal Island
- 4 Española Island
- 5 Floreana Island
- 6 Isabela Island & Fernandina Island
- 7 Santa Cruz Island & North Seymour
  - 8 Disembark Baltra / Guayaquil
  - 9 Depart Guayaquil

#### GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS Baltra Maximum Elevation: 1.968 ft. FCUADOB -85 Guayaquil GALÁPAGOS PACIFIC OCEAN ISLANDS North EQUATOR Seymour Island Fernandina Baltra Mangle las Punta Pitt Eden Bachas Islet Punta Moreno Santa Cruz San Cristóbal Isabela Puerto Punta Baquerizo Moreno Cormorant Post Office Bay-

# 2025 DATES & AUD PRICES

#### DOUBLE PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (2 flights) valued at \$760

Isabela II	<b>Jan</b> 9, 23 <b>Feb</b> 6, 20	<b>Mar</b> 6 <b>Jul</b> 10 <b>Dec</b> 11
Category C - Cabin Deck	\$ 14,540	\$ 13,940
Category B - Cabin Deck	\$ 14,680	\$ 14,080
Category A (Master Suite) - Main Deck	\$ 14,980	\$ 14,380

Please visit tauck.com.au for Single and Triple pricing.

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

21 meals (8 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 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).

## 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

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

International Airfare is additional. 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 our Cruise Protection Product and Activity / Pace details; visit tauck.com.au for** *Isabela II* **deck plans and specifications.** 

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2



The Galápagos are home to some of the highest levels of endemism – this "lava lizard" is one of seven different iguana species and the Sally Lightfooted Crab is one of two species – found nowhere else.

Map Detail

# Essence of South America

Celebrate the iconic treasures of Brazil, Argentina and Chile during stays in landmark hotels and a luxury resort, as you samba and soar your way through Rio, fall in love with nature in Iguaçu, discover the art of life in Buenos Aires and savor wines in heart of Chilean wine country.

12 DAYS FROM \$15,140 AUD Small group departures are available Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3 Iguaçu Falls

- Experience the Brazilian side of Iguaçu Falls on guided walks and a helicopter flight or a jet boat adventure during a two-night stay
- Travel by train up Corcovado Hill in Rio 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 visit to a silversmith and lunch at an estancia with gauchos and a horse whisperer demonstration

# 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, a century-old Art Deco landmark overlooking Copacabana Beach. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner with samba dancing. **Meals D** 

## DAY 2

# A boat cruise & Sugarloaf Mountain

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 of sugar and the views from here are especially sweet! Descend down the mountain for a private boat cruise on Guanabara Bay, enticing with breathtaking views of the city's beautiful beaches, historic forts, and outlying islands. Enjoy a traditional churrascaria barbecue lunch before spending the remainder of the day at your leisure. Your famed landmark hotel overlooks Copacabana Beach, where people watching and sunbathing are favorite pastimes for visitors and locals alike. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 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 Carnaval 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 out on the town tonight. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 4

#### Fly to Iguaçu Falls

A morning flight takes you to Iguaçu for a two-night stay. Taller than Niagara Falls and twice as wide, Iguaçu 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 Iguaçu 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** 



*Experience a two-stage cable car ride up Sugarloaf Mountain where panoramic views of Rio de Janeiro are unforgettable.* 

Map Detail





# Vik Chile

Set in an emerald valley in view of the snow-capped Andes, Vik Chile blends world-class wines with architecturally stunning wows 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 modeled after the luxurious beachfront hotels of the French Riviera.



# Belmond Hotel Das Cataratas

Located in Brazil's Iguaçu 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.

# DAY 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 dinner tonight that immerses you in the culinary history of the different regions of Brazil. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 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. Weather permitting, take a walk along the "Superior Circuit" to "Devil's Throat" on metal grated walkways and up steps for stunning views, before flying to Buenos Aires. Settle in at the elegant Alvear Palace Hotel, a city landmark since 1932 and regarded as the "grande dame" of Buenos Aires hotels. **Meals BLD** 

# DAY 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** 

#### DAY 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** 

# DAY 9

# Teatro Colón Opera House & a day to explore

Enjoy a walking tour that's followed by a privately guided tour of 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 spend as you please in Buenos Aires. **Meals B** 



Spend two nights in the heart of Chilean wine country, enjoying a choice of activities including a cooking class and wine tasting,

#### **DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 11**

#### A toast to Chilean wine country

Discover Chilean wine country, your way, this morning. Explore the vineyards on a bicycle ride\*, a nature walk to a shimmering lake or a horseback ride. Enjoy a cooking class in the hotel's organic vegetable and herb garden, followed by a wine and chocolate pairing before lunch. Late this afternoon, join your host for a walking tour of Vina Vik winery to learn about its award-winning wine and the unique architecture of the hotel. A farewell dinner at the winery delights with regional specialties and wine. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 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** 

## **2025 DATES**

Jan 4, 18, 25 Feb 1, 8, 15 Mar 8, 15 Sep 20, 29 Oct 4, 11, 13, 18, 25 Nov 29 Dec 15

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

# 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

#### All prices include on-tour air (3 flights) valued at \$1,520

January - March, September 27 - November				
Double \$ 17,260	Single	\$ 21,078	Triple	\$ 17,197
September 1 - 26				
Double \$ 15,140	Single	\$ 18,991	Triple	\$ 15,262
December				
Double \$18,940	Single	\$22,829	Triple	\$ 18,615

#### Sold Out /

Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from \$16,650 per person double

Special Solo Traveler Savings dates indicate special departures where you save \$610 on the single room price

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

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

#### 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1-3	BELMOND COPACABANA PALACE	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Night 4,5	BELMOND HOTEL DAS CATARATAS	Iguaçu, Brazil
Night 6-9	ALVEAR PALACE HOTEL	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Night 10,11	VIK CHILE	Millahue, Chile

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Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 3

# Patagonia

Explore the southern frontier of Chile & Argentina where nature goes wild in wide open spaces, fjords, massive glaciers, emerald lakes and Andean peaks, taking it all by boat and hikes during stays in ideally located hotels.

**11 DAYS FROM \$14,240 AUD** Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 4

- View 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
- Discover massive Perito Moreno, perhaps seeing it calve an iceberg or hearing its groans and rumbles, and have lunch overlooking this glacial wonder
- On a memorable visit to the workshop of the Draghi family, world-famous silversmiths of Argentina, see silverworks and saddlery that pay tribute to the local gaucho (cowboy) 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



# Arrive Santiago

*Tour begins: 6:00 PM, The Ritz-Carlton Santiago.* Welcome to Chile. A transfer is included upon arrival from Santiago International Airport to The Ritz-Carlton 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** 

### DAY 2

### Travel to Puerto Natales

After a flight to the southern tip of Chile, drive to Puerto Natales, the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park and located on the shores of the Última Esperanza (Last Hope) Sound. 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. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the hotel and have dinner at your leisure. **Meals BD** 

#### DAY 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. 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** 

#### DAY 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. 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** 



Discover Argentina's cowboy culture on a visit to an estancia where gauchos and a horse whisperer demonstrate their skills.



# Puerto Natales as you like it

Spend the day enjoying nature as you choose. At your resort, a variety of activities\* are included, such as bicycling, condor-watching, hiking, cave exploring, and horseback riding. Your hotel is an official national monument, so in addition to great activities and amenities, you'll find a museum of local history and the restored machinery from its factory days. For the more adventurous, try a full-day trek in Torres del Paine National Park. Tonight, enjoy a private family-style dinner at the steakhouse in your hotel, feasting on entrées prepared with regional ingredients cooked on an open wood-burning grill. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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. El Calafate is known as the "Village of the Glaciers," the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. Continue on to your accommodations at Hotel Xelena. 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** 

#### DAY 7

#### Cruise amidst glaciers

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, including Upsala Glacier, a towering wall of ice (100 feet higher than Niagara Falls, and others. 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** 

#### DAY 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 catwalks 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. Return to your hotel after lunch; a dine-around dinner is included tonight. **Meals BLD** 

# The Singular Patagonia

Built in 1915 as an industrial plant and repurposed into a unique rustic-luxe retreat with a museum incorporated into the lobby, The Singular Patagonia rules its beautiful setting with oversized guest rooms featuring floor-to-ceiling windows, a pampering spa, award-winning restaurants and stunning views of the Fjord of Last Hope Sound and the Andes in the distance. Your stay here is an adventure in itself.

# DAY 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 hotel. Ideally located in the city's affluent Recoleta neighborhood, it is close to many landmark sites, Dinner is at your hotel this evening. **Meals BD** 

#### DAY 10

## Silversmiths, gauchos and tango

Head outside the city through lush farmlands to the artist community at San Antonio de Areco. Learn about 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 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. This evening, join us for a farewell dinner and tango show out on the town. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 11**

#### Journey Home

*Tour ends: Buenos Aires.* Fly home anytime. Checkout time at your hotel is noon. Transfers are included from Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta to Buenos Aires International Airport. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in. **Meals B** 







Indulge in scenic views of Patagonia during your stay at The Singular Patagonia and on a visit to Los Glaciares National Park, before experiencing the cultural treasures of Buenos Aires with an opportunity to meet famed silversmiths at their workshop.

### **2025 DATES**

Jan 10, 17, 31Feb 14, 28Oct 10, 24Nov 7Dec 19Go to tauck.com.au for up-to-the-minute space availability.

#### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (2 flights) valued at \$1,210

January - December 18				
Double \$14,240	Single	\$ 16,361	Triple	\$ 14,447
December 19 - 31				

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

26 meals (10 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 9 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage. On-tour air included (2 flights).

#### 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1	RITZ CARLTON SANTIAGO	Santiago, Chile
Night 2-5	THE SINGULAR PATAGONIA	Puerto Natales, Chile
Night 6-8	HOTEL XELENA	El Calafate, Argentina
Night 9,10	SOFITEL BUENOS AIRES RECOLETA	Buenos Aires, Argentina

International Airfare is additional. 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 3 / Pace Level 4

# Antarctica

The ultimate bucket-list cruise... Ice surrounds you, from the first morning you awaken in the Antarctica archipelago – breathtaking floating castles of ice glistening in the warmth of the luminous austral sun... moments later aglow with iridescent colors, a floating regatta glistening like jewels.

**13 DAYS FROM \$21,190 AUD** Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2

# Uniquely Tauck

Gentoo <mark>pe</mark>nguins

- Don your new Antarctic parka for Zodiac landings ashore with expert naturalists who share insights and personal observations
- Explore the landmark sights of Buenos Aires, including Avenida 9 de Julio and famed La Recoleta Cemetery, and attend a tango performance by professional dancers
- Our 10-day cruise to Antarctica includes 6 days exploring the Antarctic archipelago, where you'll discover a world of ice and light unlike any other

# 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** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### DAY 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** 

#### **DAY 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 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** 

# Voyage at a glance

• 10 Cruise Days aboard Le Boréal / L'Austral

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Buenos Aires
- 2 Buenos Aires
- 3 Fly to Ushuaia / Embark ship
- 4,5 Drake Passage Crossing
- 6-10 Antarctic exploration
- 11,12 Drake Passage Crossing
  - 13 Disembark Ushuaia / Fly to Buenos Aires Depart Buenos Aires



# Life in the Antarctic Archipelago



Once part of a large equatorial land mass that broke off on its own about 180 million years ago – and today one of the most remote places on Earth – the great white continent of Antarctica astounds with glacial landscapes and wildlife. Cruising with Tauck provides the rare opportunity to view these natural wonders up-close, with experts who have spent a lifetime studying them. Travel ashore is by Zodiac, bringing you up close to the amazing wildlife.

Our two sister ships, *Le Boréal* and *L'Austral*, launched a new era of award-winning small ship cruising. Known for their elegance, personality, and eco-friendly technologies, they are designed for expeditionary cruising in Antarctica and enjoy the highest quality standards. Small is truly big aboard these ships with just 122 – 132 staterooms and suites, all with ocean views. 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.





#### **DAY 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. 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.

Enjoy an opportunity to spot seals on ice floes and along the shore – you'll 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. **Meals BLD** 

#### **DAY 11**

### Drake Passage crossing

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

#### **DAY 12**

### Final day aboard ship

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

#### **DAY 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: 6:00 PM at Buenos Aires Ezeiza International Airport.* Allow a minimum of three hours for your flight check-in. **Meals B** 

Indicates Cruise Day





An expeditonary voyage to Antarctica is unlike any other; the ice is mesmerizing, ever-changing and a mix of colors and hues illuminated by the Austral sun; sightseeing during your two-night stay in Buenos Aires includes the historic Plaza de Mayo.

# Cruise with filmmaker Peter Bassett

# January 22 and February 1 departures

Multi-award winning producer and wildlife filmmaker Peter Bassett, with a 20-year track record in natural history productions, shares insights during onboard presentations.



# 2025 DATES & AUD PRICES

#### DOUBLE PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (2 flights) valued at \$1,520

Feb 7	<b>Jan</b> 12	<b>Jan</b> 22 <b>Feb</b> 1
\$ 21,190	\$ 21,950	\$ 22,250
\$ 22,560	\$ 23,320	\$ 23,620
\$ 23,470	\$24,230	\$ 24,530
\$ 23,770	\$24,530	\$ 24,830
\$ 24,220	\$24,980	\$ 25,280
\$ 32,710	\$ 33,470	\$ 33,770
\$ 33,920	\$34,680	\$ 34,980
\$ 35,440	\$36,200	\$ 36,500
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Please visit tauck.com.au for Single and Triple pricing.

#### **2025 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 porterage 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).

# 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	HILTON BUENOS AIRES	Buenos Aires
Night 3-12	ABOARD LE BORÉAL / L'AUSTRAL	Cruising

International Airfare is additional. 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 our Activity / Pace details; visit tauck.com.au for *Le Boréal / L'Austral* ship page for deck plans and specifications.

Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2

# Desert Oasis: Zion, Death Valley & Palm Springs

An awe-inspiring journey to natural wonders of the desert... where nature paints delicate, sweeping art, most astonishing and colorful landscapes, flaming sunsets, and night skies filled with the most stars you'll ever see.

8 DAYS FROM \$9,090 AUD Small group departures available Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3

- Flightsee prior to a drive through the vast, mysterious desert vistas of Death Valley – 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
- 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



# Reimagine how you think about deserts...

On our 8-day journey beginning in Nevada, traveling to Utah and ending in California, discover three National Parks where the spirit of the desert comes alive and thrives at every angle.

Begin your journey in Valley of Fire State Park within the Mojave Desert to see red sandstone mountains where ancient tribes carved hidden messages – the mountains evoke the landscapes of Mars. Explore diverse geography, from forests to deserts, emerald pools and hanging gardens, in dramatic Zion National Park; explore Death Valley, the driest (and lowest) place in North America; flightsee over western vistas to witness the Grand Canyon from above and marvel in Lake Mead's deep blue hues; view the surreal landscape of creosote and cactus with boulder hills in Joshua Tree National Park; and end your travels at The Ritz-Cariton Rancho Mirage in the perennially popular destination of Palm Springs.

# Journey at a glance

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive in Las Vegas
- 2 Tour Valley of Fire State Park
- 3 Guided drive & walk through Zion National Park
- 4 Flightseeing over Grand Canyon National Park
- 5 Explore Death Valley including Badwater Basin
- 6 Discover Joshua Tree National Park
- 7 Palm Springs for the day
- 8 Journey Home from Palm Springs

Map Detail



#### **2025 DATES**

Jan 10, 17, 24, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar 21

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

## 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

Jan 1 - 23				
Double \$ 9,090	Single	\$ 10,073	Triple	\$ 7,718
Jan 24 - March				

Small Group Departures averaging 26 Tauck guests, from \$10,590 per person double

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

17 meals (7 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 6 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage.

#### **2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS**

Night 1	FOUR SEASONS LAS VEGAS	Las Vegas, NV
Night 2,3	ZION LODGE	Zion Naťl Park, UT
Night 4,5	INN AT DEATH VALLEY	Death Valley, CA
Night 6,7	THE RITZ-CARLTON, RANCHO MIRAGE	Rancho Mirage, CA

International Airfare is additional. 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 3 / Pace Level 3



Joshua Tree National Park is the intersection where two deserts, the Mojave and Colorado, merge. It encompasses ecosystems found nowhere else, with diverse landscapes from sand dunes, flat valleys, rugged mountains, and granitic monoliths.

# The Best of Hawaii

Explore the best of the islands' natural beauty and rich cultural legacy from premier waterfront resorts – tropical rainforests, powder-sand beaches and aquamarine seas provide a perfect backdrop to learn, explore and savor the best of Hawaii.

12 DAYS FROM \$17,390 AUD Small group departures available Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 2 Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

- A private welcome evening includes an after-hours tour, reception and dinner at Queen Emma Summer Palace on the island of Oahu
- Travel aboard a traditional outrigger canoe or join a local guide for a behind-the-scenes history tour of The Royal Hawaiian
- An included flightseeing adventure over the beautiful island of Kauai by helicopter to discover "the garden island"

### DAY 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; an evening that will be long remembered. **Meals D** 

### DAY 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 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 exploring as you please on the beach or in Waikiki. **Meals BD** 

## DAY 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** 

# DAY 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. Enjoy dinner at your leisure at your resort this evening. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 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 143). **Meals B** 



Helicopter sightseeing over the lush Garden Isle of Kauai is included – and will be one of your most memorable experiences.

Map Detail

KAUAL Koloa HAWAII Maximum Elevation: 10.023 ft. OAHU Pearl Harbor Honolulu Waikiki Kaanapali Beach Kahului MAUI Wailea Haleakala National Park (10,023 ft.) PACIFIC (10,023 ) and and a second se Kohala Coast Hilo AW/AI Kailua-Kon Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

# **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.

# DAY 6

# Sightseeing & coffee on the Big Island

Begin your day with a visit to the Painted Church overlooking Kealakekua Bay; built in 1899, this historic Roman Catholic church features extensive hand-painted scenes throughout its interior. Travel to a Kona coffee plantation and living history farm. See how a coffee farming family of the early 20th century lived and worked, and learn the secrets of cultivating the bean, from coffee tree to the freshly brewed coffee cup. Your oceanfront hotel welcomes with tropical gardens and waterside delights. Have dinner tonight at your choice of the resort's restaurants. **Meals BD** 

# DAY 7

# Fly to Kauai, an estate & Allerton Garden

Fly to the Garden Isle of Kauai; your first visit is to Kilohana Plantation, built by sugar baron Gaylord Wilcox in 1935. Throughout the years, the plantation was a working homestead as well as the site for extravagant parties, social gatherings, diplomatic meetings and ceremonies; a luau demonstration reveals Hawaii's rich historic heritage. This afternoon, discover why Kauai is known as the "garden isle" when you visit Allerton Garden, a member of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, a non-profit institution dedicated to conservation and preservation, as well as the restoration of endangered habitats. The rest of the day is free. **Meals BL** 

# DAY 8

# Kauai helicopter flightseeing

Today you'll take an exhilarating 45-55 minute helicopter flightseeing adventure\* (weather permitting) over Waimea Canyon, rainforests and mountains of the Garden Isle. The remainder of the day is yours to spend as you wish; swim, snorkel, sunbathe, check out the island's marine life – or simply enjoy all your resort has to offer. **Meals BD** 

# DAY 9

# Exploring the Valley Isle - Maui

Fly to Maui and travel through lao Valley to see the famed lao 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 Fairmont Kea Lani, your beachfront resort home for the next three nights, set on the Wailea Coast. **Meals BLD** 

# **DAY 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** 



You'll discover what traditional transportation between the islands was like when you travel aboard an outrigger canoe.

# 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** 

#### **DAY 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

Kauai – Rainforests & Mountains – Included (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 - \$930 Per Person (day 5)

2-hour Helicopter Adventure that views the lava vents of Kilauea and soars over the Kohala Mountains and the rainforests of the Hamakua Coast.

#### **2025 DATES**

Jan 7, 19, 26, 31 Feb 7, 19 Mar 8, 15, 27 Apr 1, 25 May 7, 19, 31 Jun 24 Jul 6, 18, 30 Aug 23 Sep 4, 10, 16, 22 Oct 4, 10, 22, 28 Nov 3, 9

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

#### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (3 flights) valued at \$760

August and November	r			
Double \$17,390	Single	\$ 23,512	Triple	\$ 16,114

January – July; September – October				
Double \$ 18.470	Single \$24,482	Triple \$ 17.195		

Small Group Departures averaging 24 Tauck guests, from \$19,680 per person double

Smaller Group Departures averaging 15 Tauck guests, from \$24,190 per person double

Special Solo Traveler Savings dates indicate special departures where you save \$450 on the single room price

#### 2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS

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

# 2025 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, MAUI (Ocean-View Rooms)	Wailea, Maui

International Airfare is additional. 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 2
# Wonderland: Yellowstone in Winter

Endless magic from the whitecap peaks of the Grand Tetons to frozen waterfalls in Hayden Valley. Discover these enchanting lands in unique ways to see Bison, Elk, and Moose glistening in winter white snow.

## 8 DAYS FROM \$10,590 AUD

All Small Groups averaging 24 guests Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3

- KEN BURNS AMERICAN JOURNEYS Crafted in partnership with Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan, enjoy narratives filmed exclusively for Tauck as they share insights into Yellowstone
- Explore remote places in Yellowstone during two-night stays in wilderness lodges
- Aboard a horse-drawn sleigh, explore the National Elk Refuge to view herds of elk in their natural environment; a unique experience that only happens in winter
- Attend a farewell dinner at the National Museum of Wildlife Art, taking place in the Museum's galleries



# Yellowstone - "This Land is Your Land"

Imagine a warm, cozy sleigh-ride through the valley with hundreds of elk prancing alongside, or a thrilling snowcoach adventure to view mud pots and steaming hot springs surrounded by frozen landscapes. Experience the magic of Yellowstone in the winter with exclusively-made short film narratives by Ken Burns to learn about who shaped and preserved America's first national park.

Sightsee geysers such as Old Faithful and the remarkable Grand Teton mountains – view bison, often plowing their heads in the snow in search for grass – and enjoy a stay in the historic town of Jackson for two nights.

# Journey at a glance

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive in Bozeman, transfer to Chico Hot Springs Resort
- 2 Ken Burns film & explore Mammoth Hot Springs
- 3 Explore Lamar Valley for the day
- 4 Snowcoach ride & snowshoe walk through Yellowstone
- 5 Spot wildlife in the Hayden Valley
- 6 Visit Grand Teton National Park
- 7 Free day in historic Jackson Hole
- 8 Farewell from Yellowstone's winter wonderland

Map Detail



### 2025 DATES

Jan 3, 11, 17, 25, 27 Feb 4, 10, 12, 18, 20

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

## 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

Double \$10,590 Single \$12,861 Triple \$ 9,732

All departures are Small Groups averaging 24 Tauck guests.

#### 2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS

16 meals (7 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches & 6 Dinners), airport and train transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes and porterage.

## 2025 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

Airfare is additional. 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 subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Activity / Pace details.** 



Step into the frozen landscapes of Yellowstone in the winter to see amazing geologic features even more spectacular coated in white.







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# Tauck Bridges Family Adventures

# Fully planned and all inclusive

Go off the beaten path with us and enjoy adventures that are thoughtfully planned and orchestrated for shared family memories. We handpick hotels for location, service and comfort. Dining and sightseeing are geared with families in mind. And our upfront prices include everything you need for the adventure of a lifetime.

# Carefree fun for every age

We believe that family vacations should be carefree and fun for every age, so we include and manage activities every generation will enjoy doing together. Our Tauck Directors take care of all day-to-day details so you are free to enjoy the experiences we have lined up for you. Together with our local guides, they introduce you to the places and people that make each destination unforgettably unique.

# Travel like insiders

Learn what it's like to live in the places you explore from the people who know it best. Our expert guides, naturalists and safari trackers share insights about the local culture and wildlife on village visits, nature walks, lava hikes, game drives, jungle adventures, and more. You'll learn about cultural traditions with Maasai warriors, Peruvian schoolchildren, and chocolate makers, too. And if it's animals you want to see, we'll show them to you up close in their natural habitats.

# New for 2025 Journey Through Japan... A Family Adventure

From bullet trains to rickshaws, ninja arts to taiko drumming, age-old temples to modern-day marvels, sushi making to calligraphy, cool castles to hot springs, Japan blends old and new with timeless traditions and trend-setting technologies fun for families to experience together.

**10 DAYS FROM \$13,590 AUD** Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3

# Tokyo

- Ride aboard a rickshaw and discover the world of the ninja during a three-night stay in Tokyo, one of the world's most exciting cities
- Speed out into the countryside aboard a bullet train, then slow down and soak in the sights of Lake Ashi on a pirate cruise with views of Mt. Fuji
- Experience a taste of daily life in Kyoto, enchanting with a tea ceremony, calligraphy lesson, Taiko drumming, a nightingale castle and geishas

#### DAY 1 Amino Tok

# Arrive Tokyo

*Tour begins: 5PM, Conrad Tokyo.* A transfer is included from Tokyo's Narita and Haneda airports to Conrad Tokyo in the heart of the city's Shiodome district within walking distance of the famous Ginza district. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner tonight as you meet your fellow family travelers in one of the world's most exciting cities. **Meals D** 

### DAY 2

## Temples, rickshaws and ninja warriors

Set off for a day of hands-on discoveries that reveal cultural traditions centuries-old. First up is a visit to the oldest and one of the most colorful temples in Tokyo, Asakusa Kannon Temple (Senso-Ji), built back in 645 for the goddess of mercy and backdropped today by the science-fiction-style Tokyo Skytree. Hop aboard a rickshaw for an eye-opening sightseeing ride in the city before experiencing what it takes to be a ninja warrior. Lunch like a local today, then head into the famous shopping district of Ginza for an afternoon of electronic and anime surprises, with time at leisure. Enjoy dinner at the hotel tonight. **Meals BLD** 

#### DAY 3

### A taste of daily life, past and present

Immerse in the interactive wonders of teamLab Planets TOKYO, an award-winning innovative museum where you can walk through water with koi fish, become one of the flowers in a colorful garden, immerse in art work that's ever-changing, view light spheres and stars constantly on the move and more incredible hands-on experiences that are fun for everyone to enjoy together. The non-stop action continues at lively Tsukiji Outer Market, a great place to hunt for foods made of fish and learn firsthand how to make sushi for lunch. This afternoon, visit Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the spirits of Emperor Meiji and his wife, and enjoy the height of fashion for kids and teens on a walking tour of trendy Harajuku that tempts with sweets and bubble tea. Tonight, Tokyo is all yours to discover your way. **Meals BL** 

### DAY 4

## A fast train to Hakone

Capable of traveling up to 200 miles per hour, Japan's famous bullet train is the fastest way to speed from place to place. Today, come aboard for a train ride to the hot springs town of Hakone in the Japanese countryside for an overnight stay. Upon arrival, a tram ride takes you down a volcanic valley to Lake Ashi, where a pirate boat cruise across the lake awaits. Weather permitting, enjoy views of Mount Fuji towering off in the distance, before disembarking for lunch and a visit to the outdoor sculpture park at the Open Air Museum. Enjoy free time at your hotel before dinner tonight. **Meals BLD** 



Learn about the traditional art of taiko drumming during a hands-on class that's fun for everyone to enjoy together.



DAY 5

## Bullet trains and a taste of local life

Ride aboard two bullet trains as you make your way to your hotel in Hiroshima today, taking in the sights like the locals do and shopping for lunch in the food court of the train station. Dinner tonight is a special treat as you learn to make okonomiyaki for your evening meal. Okonomiyaki is similar to a crepe-like pancake that is topped with a variety of meat, seafood, vegetables and cheese. Prepare it the way you like and enjoy a taste of a favorite Japanese treat. **Meals BLD** 

### DAY 6

# Hiroshima Peace Park & a deer island

Hiroshima is where the first atomic bomb was dropped in WWII creating unimaginable devastation. Today this important rebuilt city has become a beacon of hope and education towards abolishing nuclear weapons and promoting peace. Visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Park, home to many poignant memorials and monuments that chronicle the reality of that fateful event. If you wish, take the opportunity to view the sights from atop the Orizuri Tower overlooking the park. After lunch, ride a ferry to the island of Miyajima and see the Itsukushima Shrine, known for its "floating" torii gate. Home to hundreds of free-roaming Sitka deer, the island is regarded as one of the most scenic spots in Japan. Ferry back to your hotel in Hiroshima where the evening is free to enjoy as you wish. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 7

## An enchanting temple in Kyoto

Speed to the enchanting city of Kyoto aboard a bullet train this morning, arriving in time for lunch at a local restaurant. Continue to the Buddhist temple Kiyomizu-dera for a locally guided tour. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the temple was built in 780 on the side of a steep mountain near the Otowa Waterfall. Its name, translated to mean "pure water temple," comes from the crystal-clear water of the three streams at the slope of the hill, each having their own unique meaning to whoever drinks from them. One stream promises longevity, one, academic success, and one portends a good love life. Enjoy panoramic views of Kyoto from the temple's expansive wooden deck before driving to your hotel in the heart of the city, recognized as one of "The Best Hotels and Resorts in the World: The Gold List 2024" by *Condé Nast Traveler*. Have dinner at the hotel at your leisure. **Meals BLD** 

# A pirate boat cruise on Lake Ashi

You'll have views of towering Mount Fuji, the tallest mountain in Japan and often snow-capped, as you board a pirate boat for a sightseeing cruise on Lake Ashi. Inspired by the historic sailing war vessels of the 18th century, the boat ride showcases scenic delights of the Japanese countryside by water, adding more family fun to your overnight stay in the hot springs town of Hakone.

## DAY 8

# Cultural treasures & timeless traditions

Home to more than 1,600 Buddhist temples and 400 Shinto shrines, Kyoto is world-famous for its refined culture, dining, and charm of rural Japan. Explore its landmark sites today, including a locally guided visit to gold-leafed Kinkaku-ji Golden Pavilion, set in a garden on the edge of a lake, and a walk through Nishiki Market, rich with history and tradition and renowned for its famous foods and goods with an opportunity to enjoy lunch as you choose. This afternoon, learn about the art of life in this enchanting city as you experience an authentic Japanese tea ceremony, discover the finer points of calligraphy and try your hand at Taiko drumming. Spend the evening as you wish. **Meals BL** 

#### DAY 9

## Nijo Castle & geisha secrets

History takes center stage on a visit to Nijo Castle, one of the seventeen Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. A place of spellbinding beauty, Nijo Castle was built in 1603 as the Kyoto residence of the powerful first shogun of the Edo Period (1603-1867). Discover the secret of its nightingale floors on a guided tour, shoes off. Join a local guide for a walk through Kyoto's most famous geisha district, learning about the world of the geisha. Enjoy an opportunity to meet a geisha during tonight's farewell dinner. **Meals BD** 

## **DAY 10**

#### Journey Home

*Tour ends: Hotel The Mitsui Kyoto.* Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from Hotel The Mitsui Kyoto to Kansai International Airport or Itami Airport. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B** 







Cruise across Lake Ashi aboard a pirate boat – and experience the cultural riches of Japan with your family by learning the finer points of calligraphy and dining on sushi, chopsticks in hand.

#### **2025 DATES**

Jun 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Jul 14, 21, 28 Aug 4

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

#### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

Double \$14,560

Triple \$13,590

#### Sold Out /

#### 2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS

22 meals (9 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 6 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage.**Recommended age: 8+**. Children under 18 must be booked in a room with at least one adult. Triples are usually a twobedded room with a rollaway cot or a sofa bed. Quad accommodations are not available. **\$760 Child Savings: Children 12 and under.** 

Single \$18,268

## 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1-3	CONRAD TOKYO	Tokyo
Night 4	HOTEL INDIGO HAKONE GORA	Hakone
Night 5,6	HILTON HIROSHIMA	Hiroshima
Night 7-9	HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO	Kyoto

International Airfare is additional. 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.

# Tanzania: A Grand Family Safari

Imagine spotting lions, leopards, giraffes, elephants and more up close on private game drives, meeting the Maasai in a tribal village, and staying in safari lodges where wildlife roams outside your door, on a family adventure unforgettable in every way.

**10 DAYS FROM \$14,240 AUD** Activity Level 2 / Pace Level 4

- Go on private game drives in open-top 4x4 vehicles in Arusha, Tarangire and Serengeti national parks during stays in safari lodges
- Soar over the Serengeti in a hot air balloon at dawn to see wildlife begin their day, touching down for 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 learn about cultural traditions and skills
- Enjoy a picnic lunch in prehistoric Ngorongoro Crater where the "Big Five" can often be seen



# Enjoy game drives, spot the Big Five and more...

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. Set off on a game drive in 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. Meet a tribal chief in a local Maasai village where you can practice spear throwing, and visit a primary school to talk with the children who live in the bush. Drive to Farmhouse Valley Lodge and learn about local handicrafts. A game drive and picnic in prehistoric Ngorongoro Crater includes an opportunity to view the "Big Five." Fly to Serengeti National Park, where a three-night stay at Melia Serengeti includes game drives as well as a hot air balloon flight and bush breakfast that will be long remembered.

# Journey at a glance

Day Destination

- 1 Arrive Arusha
- 2 Arusha National Park
- 3 Tarangire National Park
- 4 Wildlife viewing and two game drives
- 5 A Maasai boma & on to Ngorongoro
- 6 Game viewing inside an age-old crater
- 7 Serengeti National Park
- 8 Hot air balloon ride over the Serengeti
- 9 Farewell to the Serengeti
- 10 Journey home

#### Map Detail



#### **2025 DATES**

Jun 4, 11, 15, 22, 25 Jul 2, 4, 9, 13, 18, 20, 23, 27 Aug 3, 6, 13 Dec 19, 21, 24

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

#### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

#### All prices include on-tour air (2 flights) valued at \$610

June - August Double \$14,540	Single \$	5 16,135	Triple	\$ 14,240
December Double \$ 15,140	Single \$	5 16,836	Triple	\$ 14,840

#### Sold Out /

#### 2025 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 porterage. 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, a \$600 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). \$760 Child Savings: Children 12 and under

#### 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1,2	GRAN MELIÁ ARUSHA	Arusha
Night 3,4	TARANGIRE SAFARI LODGE	Tarangire National Park
Night 5,6	FARMHOUSE VALLEY LODGE	Karatu
Night 7-9	MELIÁ SERENGETI LODGE	Serengeti National Park

International Airfare is additional. 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 our Activity / Pace details.



During a visit to a Maasai boma, the chief shares insights into life in the village – and children learn about traditional activities such as using a bow and arrow (with Tauck Director assistance).

# Galápagos: Wildlife Wonderland

Get up-close with your family to see wildlife wonders found nowhere else in the world. No matter the age, exploring the Galápagos Islands is enchanting for all, and feels as if you're on another planet; snorkel with marine iguanas and penguins and walk on century-old volcanic rocks.

8 DAYS FROM \$11,190 AUD Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 2 Galápagos Tortois

- Spend four nights aboard Santa Cruz II sailing through the Galápagos Islands enjoying shore excursions with a naturalist
- In Quito, visit the Equator line during a day of sightseeing that includes a visit to the Inti Ñan Museum and have a traditional Ecuadorian lunch near a volcanic crater
- Discover animals unique to the Galápagos Islands, from penguins and iguanas to fur seals, sea lions and the biggest tortoises you'll ever see

# You may come face-to-face...

with a sea lion, snorkel with penguins, watch marine iguanas dive for dinner, and look for giant tortoises lumbering in the bushes. When cruising to the Galápagos Islands with your family aboard an expedition ship designed for unforgettable discoveries, you'll meet wildlife found nowhere else in the world. Your adventure begins in colonial Quito, then fly to your ship, Santa Cruz II, for a 4-night cruise with naturalists. You'll ride pangas to island beaches and kayak around cliffs marine-life rich, walk on lava landscapes, linger near lagoons filled with sea birds and flamingos, and peer at underwater kingdoms 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 view giant tortoises found only here. Wherever you go, our team of onboard naturalists enriches your days with fun, facts and fond memories your family will share long after your Galápagos adventure ends.

# Voyage at a glance

4 Cruise Days aboard Santa Cruz II

#### Day Destination

- 1 Arrive in Quito, Ecuador
- 2 Cross the Equator line in Quito
- 3 Fly to Baltra Island / Embark Santa Cruz II / 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 in Guayaquil

#### Map Detail



## 2025 DATES & AUD PRICES

#### PRICE PER PERSON

All prices include on-tour air (2 flights) valued at \$660

Santa Cruz II	<b>Apr</b> 5 <b>Jun</b> 10, 14, 24, 28	<b>Jul</b> 8, 12, 22, 26 <b>Aug</b> 5	<b>Dec</b> 23
Explorer Double Cabin Horizon Deck	\$12,890	\$12,140	\$13,640
Explorer Triple Cabin Horizon Deck	\$11,950	\$11,190	\$12,690
Explorer Double Cabin Expedition Deck	\$13,360	\$12,610	\$14,110
Explorer Double Cabin Panorama Deck	\$13,880	\$13,130	\$14,630
Darwin Suite Panorama Deck	\$15,890	\$15,140	\$16,640

Please visit tauck.com.au for complete pricing.

#### 2025 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 porterage. **Recommended age: 8+**; minimum age for children is 6. 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). **\$760 Child Savings: Children 12 and under** 

#### 2025 PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

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

International airfare is additional. 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: April 5; June 24; July 8, 22; and Aug 5 departures follow a Western Islands itinerary that visits different islands than the itinerary detailed here; ask at booking. Certain exceptions may apply (advised at time of booking). Itinerary is subject to change. **Please go to General Information for additional information, including our Activity / Pace details; visit tauck.com.au for Santa Cruz II ship page for deck plans and specifications.** 

# Mystical Peru

Make memories in Peru's most iconic places. Take a cooking class in Lima. Discover village life, tile painting, pasos and rafting in the Sacred Valley. Find a lost Incan city in Machu Picchu, and visit a choco museum and llamas in Cusco.

8 DAYS FROM \$7,860 AUD Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 4

- 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 Peruvian Pasos (horses) to llamas and alpacas whose wool is used for clothing and weavings
- Ride the rails into the Andes for an overnight stay and guided visit to Machu Picchu, a "lost" Incan kingdom that was hidden from the world



# Discover the secrets of Peru's mysterious places

Experience the height of discovery on a train ride up to the Lost City of the Incas at mist-shrouded Machu Picchu, which you'll discover on a guided visit with a local expert during an overnight stay at a mountain lodge. Learn about the mysteries that surround this fascinating site, before visiting the town that's located nearby.

Two nights in Cusco reveal ancient sites, chocolate treats and the difference between llamas and alpacas on a visit to a local farm. Steeped in history and home to beautiful Spanish colonial architecture, Peru's capital city of Lima, once known as the "City of Kings," is also famous for its food. Enjoy an interactive cooking class during an overnight stay here. Spend three nights "living" in the Sacred Valley where the locals teach you how to spin and dye wool, schoolchildren show you their village school and artisans invite you to paint pottery. Add a choice of horseback riding or river rafting and your family's vacation in Peru is fun for everyone.

# Journey at a glance

Day Destination

Map Detail

1 Arrive in Lima

- 2 Cooking class & fly to Cusco
- 3 Sacred Valley traditions & tile painting
- 4 Rafting, riding or a spa service & a horse show
- 5 A local school & a train ride to Machu Picchu
- 6 A village visit & on to Cusco
- 7 A chocolate museum, Sacsayhuamán & a llama farm
- 8 Journey home from Cusco



### **2025 DATES**

Jun 15, 22 Jul 6, 13

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### 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

Double	\$	8,170	Single	\$ 9,942	Triple	\$	7,860	
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#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

19 meals (7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 6 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage. **Recommended age: 8+**. Children under 18 must be booked in a room with at least one adult. Triples are usually a twobedded room with a rollaway cot or a sofa bed. Quad accommodations are not available. On-tour air included (2 flights). **\$300 Child Savings: Children 12 and under.** 

## 2025 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. Children must be 10+ to horseback ride and 3+ to raft. For activities marked with an asterisk, 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 our Activity / Pace details.** 



*Peru's impressive pottery dates back thousands of years – on a visit to a pottery studio, your family learns how to paint ceramic tiles.* 

# Costa Rica: ungles & Rainforests

Stay in a rainforest lodge, a hot springs hotel & a beach resort. Spy monkeys, turtles & toucans by boat, river raft & zip line. Spot dolphins & tropical fish on a snorkeling cruise. Learn about pineapples, taste chocolate & party on the beach as you discover daily life on an eco-adventure made for family fun.

8 DAYS FROM \$6,650 AUD Activity Level 3 / Pace Level 3 Sarapiqui River

- 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 farm 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

# Wildlife wonders and tropical adventures

If electric blue butterflies, blue-jeaned frogs, sea turtles and dolphins in rainforests, jungles and beachfront playgrounds catch your attention, wait until you spot them on a canal boat cruise, a snorkeling expedition, on a nature walk, a head-turning zip line ride through a lush rainforest canopy or along the river.

You'll also meet rescued sloths and colorful toucans during a visit to a rescue center. See artisan chocolate being made at a tasty mouth-watering demonstration. Enjoy a chance to see how coconuts are collected in a local Costa Rican village and savor pineapples fresh from the farm. With an overnight stay in San José and mutil-night stays at a jungle lodge accessible only by boat, a thermal resort and spa with views of a hot-headed volcano, and an oceanfront resort with a pool and beachside fun, your family will enjoy a variety of exciting outdoor adventures – and lasting memories – in some of the most biodiverse ecosystems in the world.

# Journey at a glance

Day Destination

Map Detail

- 1 Arrive in San José
- 2 Toucan Rescue Center & Tortuguero
- 3 Boat rides, village visit & turtles in season
- 4 Fly to Arenal, a pineapple farm and river rafting
- 5 Zip lining at Arenal or a sky tram and nature walk
- 6 Drive to coastal Guanacaste
- 7 Snorkeling cruise & beach party fun
- 8 Journey home from Guanacaste



#### **2025 DATES**

Feb 16Mar 23, 30Apr 13, 20Jun 8, 15, 22, 29Jul 6, 13, 20, 27Aug 3, 10Dec 19, 23, 27

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

## 2025 AUD PRICE PER PERSON

#### All prices include on-tour air (1 flight) valued at \$300

#### February - April

Double \$ 7,860 Single \$ 9,514 Triple \$ 7,390 Quad \$ 7,353

#### June - December 20

Double \$ 7,090	Single\$ 8,498	Triple \$ 6,650	Quad \$ 6,612
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#### December 21 - 31

Double \$ 8,340 Single \$10,297 Triple \$ 7,690 Quad \$ 7,641

#### **2025 PRICE INCLUSIONS**

20 meals (7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners), airport transfers as noted, service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes & porterage. **Recommended age: 8+**; Children must be 8 or older to experience the zip-line ride. On-tour air included (1 flight). **\$300 Child Savings: Children 12 and under.** 

### 2025 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. 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.** 

# **General Information**

# Expectations Versus Reality

As a family of travelers, 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 favorite and least favorite 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 tour or 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 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**

2025 prices are per person in AUD dollars. Prices include: all accommodations (see below); airport transfers and land transportation as detailed in the tour itinerary; basic internet where available in hotel rooms and aboard ships (service levels not guaranteed); entertainment and special dinners as arranged by Tauck; shore excursions and sightseeing; standard luggage handling; services of ship crew 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 and driver gratuities are only included for 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 (not recommended for comfort). Aboard ships, triples may not be available or may include a sofa or upper berth.

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 50 lbs. 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 tour price does not include your airfare and related taxes to the tour departure point and from the tour 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 tour cost. Personal Expenses such as phone calls, room service, alcoholic and bar beverages, laundry, airline excess luggage charges (as noted above) and other optional incidental extras are not included. Tauck Director and driver gratuities are not included, with exception of Tauck Bridges family trips and cruises.

## 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.

## Before You Go

**Itinerary Changes & Price Flexibility:** Tauck will make every effort to operate all tours 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.

Transportation Security: The Transportation Security Administration requires all passengers to provide their name, date of birth and gender when making all airline reservations. Travelers 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.

**Passports and Visas:** For international travel, US citizens require a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond your return flight date. Non-US citizens should contact their booking agent or appropriate consulate for information on all required documents.

Vaccinations: Please check with a travel medical specialist or local health department for specific recommendations and / or requirements for immunizations. 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 become ill on tour.

Health and Safety: Please consult your physician for predeparture health advice. Tauck regrets that it cannot provide special assistance for walking, wheelchairs, motorized 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 motorized scooters.

Tauck reserves the right to terminate the journey of any person who has a health condition that creates a hazard to other guests, is abusive of others or whose behavior is disruptive. Tauck will make no refund and will accept no liability for persons who must leave the trip.

Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests and travel advisors 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 90 days before departure directly on My Account at tauck.com.

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

See your travel advisor, or call Tauck at 800-962-043 to make a reservation.

Payment Due Dates and Amount: To hold space up to time of "Final Payment," a deposit for each tour booked must be received by the "Deposit Due Date" or your space is automatically released.

\$450 per person – Costa Rica: Jungles & Rainforests; Mystical Peru; 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; Cuba
\$875 per person – Most South America Land Tours
\$1,250 per person – Most India tours
\$1,700 per person – Most Small Ship Cruises

Deposit Protection Plan: Tauck provides a "Deposit Protection Plan" at a cost of AUD \$89 per person per trip. 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 90 days before departure for land trips, and 120 days before departure for small ship and river cruises. 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:** Approximately 60 days before departure, and after 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, trip 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, quarantine, 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 Guidelinesl

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.

#### Land Tours

- 90 days or more before departure Loss of deposit, per person
- 89–8 days before departure 25% total cost of tour
- 7–1 day before departure 50% total cost of tour

#### 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. 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

Tauck reserves the right to change deposit, payment and cancellation terms & conditions without prior notice.

#### Before You Book

Before booking your tour or cruise, please be advised that many contain active experiences and may include touring in areas where modern amenities, like US-standard air conditioning, are not available. To access touring locations, you may need to walk considerable distances and stand on uneven terrain like cobblestones. Travelers 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

- $\ensuremath{\textbf{1}}$  : 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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# What's New in 2025

## Smaller Groups averaging 15 guests & new journeys

Based on increased demand over the years for small groups, we are pleased to introduce our most intimate small group departures yet – even Smaller Groups on select 2025 journeys averaging 15 guests. We're also pleased to introduce three new journeys – a new destination, Colombia; a new family adventure in Japan; and a return to Cuba.



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