

# Tour Differently. **Europe & Britain**





Must-sees to local secrets
One-of-a-kind experiences
Everything taken care of
Responsible travel



**66** A wonderful overview of Portugal.

We had many surprises along the way. Especially enjoyed the Be My Guest, and locally hosted events. We commend Trafalgar for becoming involved with locals to support their businesses with our visits – enhancing our experience, too." Shared by our guest Joyce, on Best of Portugal (p.120).

**66** The European adventure of a lifetime!!

The itinerary was fantastic!!! We were very busy with well-planned and professionally organised, unique adventures. The Tour Director was highly skilled and provided us with experiences we could not have navigated on our own. Highly recommended!!" Shared by our guest Thomas, on European Traveller (p.24).

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**66** The trip was a very fun and memorable experience.

Our Travel Director was wonderful and created a very warm and welcoming atmosphere. The Travel Director's and Local Specialist's knowledge of Spain and the culture really added context to my trip. They really went above and beyond in providing us with an in-depth look at the local sites and cities we visited."

Shared by our guest Miguel, on Spanish Wonder (p.116).



Florence, Italy. Experience on European Traveller (p.24), European Dream (p.26) and more tours.

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#### The Trafalgar Difference

# Your best tour starts here

You'll see top destinations, iconic sites, and get treated to exclusive local experiences – all with our team taking care of every detail. You'll also discover the ways we MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®, and how your journey leaves a positive impact. Do good, feel good, and make memories that last a lifetime.

Every tour is crafted so you experience every place you visit, differently. You'll soon understand why we're the world's most loved and awarded tour company with 90+ awards and counting. Since 1947 more than five million happy past guests have discovered our difference.

As you read through these pages, you'll see and hear from past travellers just like you what they loved about their trips. You'll hear from the locals and why they can't wait to meet you, and learn about the unbeatable passion and detail that goes into each experience, from your team both on tour and behind the scenes.

They all share their passion for Europe and Britain travel with you – showing why Trafalgar is 'simply the best'. Get ready for a trip like no other.







"My husband and I celebrated our anniversary in Leccio, Tuscany, with friends. We explored a villa and winery, and Trafalgar gifted us wine and olive oil. It was a magical, unforgettable day." Shared by Luisa and Jose, on European Whirl (p.34).



"We took this trip when my daughter graduated from high school. The Britain and Ireland Highlights tour is absolutely amazing. Everywhere we went, the food was good, beautiful countryside and comfortable hotels." Shared by Brian, on Britain and Ireland Highlights (p.80).



"My daughter Daniela and I loved everything! Beautiful scenery, food, sights, visits and experiences. The special moment was our return to Venice where we visited the incredibly charming island of Burano. So many lifetime memories." Shared by Nermina, on Best of Italy and Sicily (p.66).

Enjoy a seamless holiday

# We take care of everything

Guests like you tell us time and time again that it's our Travel Directors and Drivers that make our tours simply the best. With you from the start, and until it's time to go, they'll take care of every little detail. Not having to worry about your day-to-day logistics means you get the most out of each day – tickets, driving and parking, restaurant bookings, additional Optional Experiences, the list goes on. Most importantly, they love what they do, and their storytelling and knowledge about every destination will bring each place to life for you.

#### What's included

#### Your travel essentials

- Travel Director and Driver team
- Nightly accommodation and Stays with Stories experiences\*
- Daily breakfast
- Many dinners and some lunches\*\*
- Luxury coach transportation, with on-board Wi-Fi, charging stations and bathrooms and other fun ways to travel like boats, 4x4s and more\*\*\*

#### Your experiences

- Entry to many must-see sights
- Be My Guest experiences
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences
- Locally Guided tours in many destinations
- Optional Experiences (additional cost) planned and booked for you

\*Stays with Stories are available on selected tours.

\*\*On select days on our Europe & Britain tours, we leave those days free so you can follow your nose to suit your tastes, preferences and budget.

\*\*\*On some tours in smaller destinations, on-board bathrooms and Wi-Fi are not available on our coaches or mini coach fleets.

# WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

#### Your Travel Director

Your Travel Director goes the extra mile to ensure you and your fellow travelling companions are happy and taken care of.



Meet Patrizia from Italy
One of our many exceptional Travel
Directors across Europe & Britain.
Follow Patrizia on Instagram
@patrizia\_trafalgar\_cs

Geeing travel dreams come true for our guests brings me immense joy. As a Travel Director, I meticulously plan every detail in advance so guests can immerse themselves in the local culture without concerns about reservations, locations, language barriers, hidden costs, or missed opportunities.

Our days are filled with included activities and Optional Experiences led by Local Specialists. I ensure there's ample free time for guests to relax, sip a cappuccino, or shop for souvenirs, blending seamlessly with the Italian lifestyle.

I strive to personalise travel experiences, recognising that each guest has unique

interests and needs. I also love assisting with special celebrations like birthdays, anniversaries, proposals, and unique requests. Once, I helped a guest recreate a photo of her great-grandparents by finding the exact spot in Italy where the original picture was taken.

One of my favourite activities is visiting local fresh produce markets, where guests enjoy seasonal foods and traditional recipes. Another highlight is our Be My Guest experiences, where guests connect with local families or small businesses, learning their stories and feeling welcomed into spaces usually closed to the public. I can't wait to share all this and more with you."

## Your Local Specialists

With a deep love for their hometowns, our Local Specialists will show you what the guidebooks can't, a true insider's perspective of the must-sees and local secrets across Europe & Britain. Here are a few you might meet on our tours.





"It would be impossible not to love Taormina, perched on a hilltop and surrounded by stunning views of the coast and Mt Etna. Come explore its ancient streets with me, to find the beauty that inspired so many artists, musicians and writers of the past."

Southern Italy & Sicily (p.64).

Meet Samra your Guide in *Sarajevo*, *Bosnia & Herzegovina* 



"Sarajevo is usually associated with recent history, however, this city has so much more. Ruled by different empires, the Old Town's architecture blends medieval Ottoman and 19th-century Austro-Hungarian styles, creating a melting pot of influences."

Meet Neven your Guide in Zagreb, Croatia



"Best explored on foot, share highlights of Zagreb including the fascinating story that led to two rival settlements, Kaptol and Gradec. We'll take a walk and see the churches of St. Mark's and St. Catherine's to Parliament, Lotrščak Tower and more."

Best of Croatia and

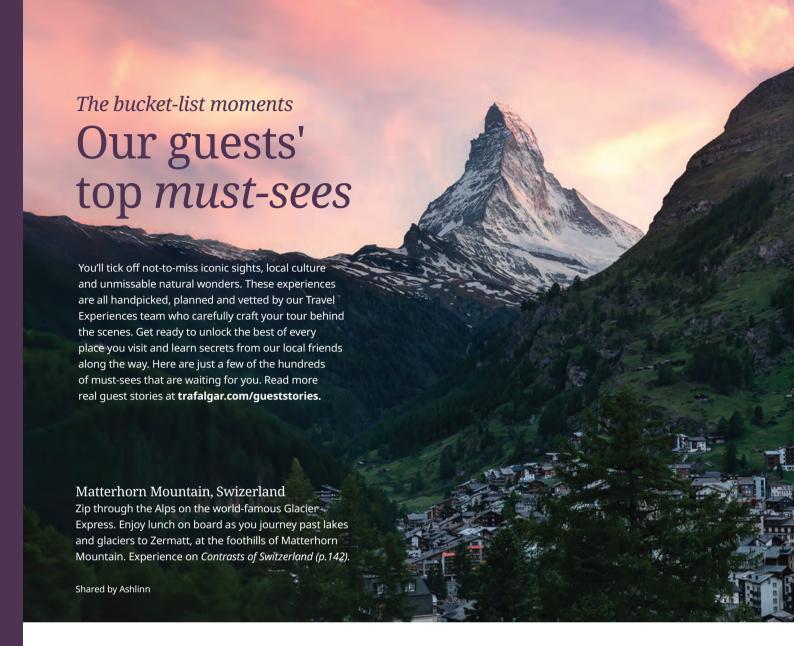
Slovenia (p.152).

Meet Isabel your Guide in *Lisbon, Portugal* 



"What can you expect when you explore Lisbon with me? Beautiful monuments, pretty façades with glazed tiles and wrought iron balconies, and more recently, interesting urban art and so much more close by. Plus... great weather! It's perfect."

Best of Portugal (p.120).





#### Mykonos, Greece

Explore the dreamy island of Mykonos known for its windmills, sunsets, and beaches. You'll love to stroll along the cobble streets past whitewashed houses with brightly coloured shutters and doors. Experience on *Greek Island Hopper* (p.166) and more tours.



#### Giza, Egypt

Journey back in time and marvel at the Great Pyramids of Giza, the oldest of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World. You'll also see the Step Pyramid of Saqqara and the Colossus of Ramses II. Experience on *Best of Egypt (p.174),* and Wonders of Ancient Egypt (p.172).



#### Belém Tower, Portugal

Gaze up at Lisbon's Belém Tower, the 16<sup>th</sup>-century fort once launched explorers into the unknown and is now a UNESCO-listed site. Mixing Manueline and Moorish architecture, you'll learn why this icon is a symbol of Portugal's maritime heyday. Experience on *Best of Portugal (p.120)*.



#### Tower Bridge, England

One of London's defining icons, Tower Bridge will impress you with its Victorian Gothic design. From its walkways, you'll enjoy breathtaking views of the Thames, the Tower of London, and the city skyline. This architectural masterpiece is a true marvel of engineering and history, making it a must-see on your London adventure. Optional Experience on *London Explorer* (p.72).



#### Petra, Jordan

Step into Petra's 'Rose City' through the narrow Siq, flanked by towering cliffs. As you emerge, the Treasury looms ahead—the first of Petra's many wonders that you'll see. Feel the awe as you explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site, visiting tombs, temples, and the Al-Khazneh, carved into pink sandstone cliffs. Experience on *Jordan Experience* (p.175).



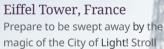
#### Kylemore Abbey, Ireland

Wander through Kylemore Abbey in Ireland, and uncover the history of this grand Victorian castle turned Benedictine monastery. You'll marvel at the Neo-Gothic architecture and explore the Abbey, where each artifact brings its story to life. Let the serene views of the peaceful lake captivate you. Experience on *Best of Ireland (p.88), Irish Experience (p.90), and more tours*.



## Amsterdam Canals, Holland Get ready to fall in love with

Amsterdam's enchanting canals. Wander through the streets and enjoy a coffee at one of the many charming cafés. Then, you'll take an evening cruise through the iconic waterways, gliding past bridges, houseboats, and canalside houses. You'll really get to know the heart and soul of this iconic city. Experience on *Best of Holland (p.132)*.



down the city of Light! Stroll down the glamorous Champs-Élysées, soak in the history at Place de la Concorde, and stand in awe at the Arc de Triomphe, a Napoleon-era masterpiece. And of course, don't miss the iconic Eiffel Tower—it's Paris at its finest! European Highlights (p.22), Best of





#### Venice, Italy

Explore Venice, famous for its labyrinthine streets, canals, and romantic gondola rides. Glide through its waterways, passing by ancient buildings and under picturesque bridges, and soak up the city's rich culture. Venice is truly a special destination where every corner reveals a piece of its fascinating history and beauty. Experience on *Italian Holiday (p.40)*, *Great Italian Cities (p.44) and more tours.* 



# **WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

## Your holiday – *crafted by the best in the business*

Our locally-based teams ensure you get closer to people and places than you could otherwise do on your own.



**Meet Jen**General Manager, Travel Experiences for Europe and Britain

Trafalgar delivers the magic of travel differently. We handle all the details, so you can simply hop on a coach, relax, and enjoy the journey.

Along the way, you'll meet fascinating people who will immerse you in the local way of life. Our Local Specialists will guide you through iconic sites like the open air museum in Piazza della Signoria in Florence (p.41) and the Latin Quarter in Paris (p.111). This personalised touch ensures you get the very best out of every place you visit.

Plus, on every Trafalgar trip, you'll experience a Be My Guest experience, combining hospitality, stories and culture—something you wouldn't have access to on your own. Take hosts Tiago and Vera, for example, who reveal the charm of rural Portugal and their

ancestor's legend as they welcome you to their family's stud farm. Begin with a drink in the stables, then tour the property, see the horses, and hear the romantic story of their ancestor Jacinto, who vowed eternal devotion to the King of Spain's wife by never trimming his beard again (p.121).

Another highlight is visiting Monika and Gregor Slibar, who will show you around their generations-old farm in Slovenia and share their commitment to living off the land. Their farm has been fully organic for two decades, and you'll be treated to a traditional Slovenian feast straight from their farm (p.153).

Locals like these bring an authentic flavour to your trip, as well as an element of surprise. This is what makes our tours special and ensures you get the most out of every destination."

#### Some of Jen's top experiences

Throughout your tour, local encounters and secrets are threaded through each day. Here are just a few that are waiting for you.





Explore the Black Forest and its magical stories, mythical characters, and traditional cuckoo clock craftsmanship. You'll feel like you've stepped into a Brothers Grimm fairy tale. Experience on Best of Germany (p.136), and Highlights of Germany (p.138).

#### Visit the geothermal Blue Lagoon Reykjanes, Iceland



Take a dip in the world-famous Blue Lagoon and enjoy its healing turquoise waters. Then, treat your skin to silicamud, and relax in a sauna with lagoon views. Experience on *Iceland including* the Blue Lagoon (p.160).

#### Sip Portuguese Port steeped in tradition Villa Nova de Gaia, Portugal



Let your taste buds linger over the very best Port wine in Porto. Tour the ancient cellars and enjoy an unforgettable wine tasting with a Cellar Master. Experience on *Treasures of Spain and Portugal (p.124)*.





## Meet Konrad from Schieszl Winery, Hungary



"I love sharing the story of my grandfather's bravery and seeing guests taste my award-winning wine."

Meet Konrad and his family, who'll show you around their historic restaurant and winery. You'll taste award-winning wines and hearty Hungarian fare, made from home-grown produce. Konrad's story of his grandfather's bravery during WWII, his family's exile and their return to Hungary will leave you with a lasting impression. Experience on *Prague*, *Vienna and Budapest (p.146)*.

Meet the Karabelas family from Magna Grecia, Greece



"We look forward to welcoming you into our home in Olympia – where the Olympic Games began"

Enjoy the taste of freshly baked local pie with the Karabelas family on their olive oil and wine farm. Sip ouzo to kick off your olive and wine tasting session, then try 'barreltasting' before feasting on a Greek dinner with the family. End your day on a high note with toe-tapping traditional dancing – "Opa!" Experience on *Best of Greece (p.168)*.

Meet Christine from *Howbeck Lodge*, *England* 



"I'll share true Cumbrian hospitality at my farm in the English countryside."

Step into the English countryside and enjoy farm-life with Christine. Tour the farm and spend time with the animals amidst picturesque rolling hills. You'll then be delighted by Christine's culinary talents as you enjoy a traditional Cumbrian meal. You'll leave with warm memories of rural English life. Experience on Amazing Britain (p.76), Britain and Ireland Panorama (p.103).

Meet Gregor from *Ledard Farm*, *Scotland* 



"I'll welcome you with a traditional bagpipe before a stroll around my farm."

Join Gregor and his Dad Fergus on their historical farm on the shores of Loch Ard. You'll enjoy hearing stories of Rob Roy, the Scottish "Robin Hood", Gregor's traditional bagpipe playing and a few foot tapping Ceilidh tunes. Meet the family's 14 sheepdogs before enjoying lunch of Scottish fare followed by Gregor's famous father-son singing competition. Experience on Scotland's Highlands Islands and Cities (p.100).







# Hotel Zermatt Ambassador, Switzerland Get ready to soak in the panoramic mountain views at the Hotel Ambassador in Zermatt. You'll be greeted by the breathtaking sight of Matterhorn Mountain right from your window. Along with the stunning Swiss scenery, you'll also enjoy the luxurious beds, modern amenities, and personalised service that make your stay truly special. Stay here on Switzerland and Austria (p.140) and Contrasts of Switzerland (p.142).



#### El Minzah Hotel, Morocco

Transport yourself to 1930s Tangiers at the El Minzah Hotel. A Moroccan gem in the heart of the city, this property boasts Spanish-Moorish architecture and a history graced by luminaries like Winston Churchill. This tranquil oasis unveils Tangiers' warm hospitality to you and a slice of its history. Stay here on *Spain, Morocco and Portugal (p.126)*.



#### Hotel Cenacolo, Italy

You'll receive a warm welcome, just like the pilgrims who visited centuries ago. At Hotel Cenacolo, a fully renovated former monastery, enjoy a modern overnight stay with many monastery features intact. Stay here on Wonders of Italy (p.50) and Grand Italian Experience (p.60).



# WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

## MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences

On every tour you'll experience at least one MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, each exclusively created so you can give back to people, places or wildlife. These experiences directly support 11 of the 17 United Nations Global Sustainable Development Goals, ensuring your journey leaves a lasting, positive impact. Here are just a few you could experience.

#### Enjoy a gin masterclass with Greenwich Spirits Company London, England



Indulge your taste buds in a journey through the best of British marine botanicals with a tasting experience at Greenwich Spirits Company. Enjoy the smooth and sophisticated notes of their artisanal gin while learning about their efforts to protect and conserve marine life. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water. Experience on London Explorer (p.72).

# Explore sustainability on a walking tour *Glasgow, Scotland*



Uncover Glasgow's sustainable secrets with a Local Specialist by your side. From wind-powered murals to its historic sites, you'll explore it all. Learn how climate change is shaping Glasgow and Scotland's important role in tackling this challenge. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action. Experience on Scotland's Highlands, Islands and Cities (p.100).

#### Visit Iraq Al Amir Women's Centre Near Amman, Jordan



Meet the women at the Iraq al-Amir Women's Centre and see them crafting soap from olive oil, as well as creating greeting cards and notebooks from recycled paper. You'll get hands-on and create your own crafts before enjoying a delicious homemade lunch together. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality. Experience on *Jordan Experience* (p.175).

## A blueprint to change - our sustainability strategy

We know you have many options when it comes to your travels. By choosing Trafalgar, you're not only opting for a trusted travel provider that takes care of every detail, but also a company that makes a tangible, positive, and lasting impact.



**Meet Shannon**Chief Sustainability Officer



# Tell us about Trafalgar's sustainability journey so far and the role of the TreadRight Foundation?

"We have been committed to MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® for well over a decade. As a business we pledge to be conscious at all levels of our organisation – thanks to our five-year How We Tread Right sustainability strategy. Alongside this, our not-for-profit TreadRight Foundation invests in nature-based solutions to tackle climate change. Founded in 2008, TreadRight has supported over 60 sustainable tourism projects worldwide, focusing on Planet, People, and Wildlife.

## How does Trafalgar demonstrate its sustainable commitment to quests?

When you travel with us, know that our Climate Action Plan is leading us towards near-zero emissions by 2050. As the only tour company with an internal carbon fund, working towards low carbon goals, you'll be pleased to know that we're committed to shrinking our carbon footprint and helping nature fight the climate crisis. Additionally, every tour includes a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, where you directly support United Nations Sustainable Development Goals."

To find out more about how WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®, TreadRight, and to see our Impact Report, visit trafalgar.com/maketravelmatter

# European Highlights

4.6/5 feefo es
As rated by Past Guests

7 Days | 4 Countries | 9 Meals | Balanced Activity

Key: Start • End Overnight • Optional Sightseeing

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Departure months: Apr - Oct

Short on time, but want a jam-packed adventure filled with European Highlights? Cruise down the Rhine River and catch your breath as you see the lights of Paris. You'll return home with more than Swiss chocolate in your luggage.



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**DAY 1 Welcome to Amsterdam** Welcome to the colourful city of Amsterdam. Explore this city of bicycles and boats before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening, on a scenic canal cruise including a light dinner and drinks. **(D) Hotel: Mercure City** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 09:00, 11:30 and 14:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

DAY 2 Enjoy a Scenic Cruise in the Rhineland Journey through Germany where we'll board a river cruise past terraced vineyards, historic towns and medieval castles to St. Goar. Then head to the old university town of Heidelberg, with its impressive Renaissance structures, Baroque Old Town and views of the ruined red sandstone castle that towers above the city. You'll then head for your Be My Guest experience at the Weingut Wehweck vineyard. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure Mannheim Am Friedensplatz

#### **Be My Guest**

Enjoy a tour of the family-owned Weingut Wehweck vineyard, followed by dinner. The vineyard was founded in 1955 and is currently headed up by the third generation of the family, Herr Philipp Wehweck.



DAY 3 Journey Through the Black Forest to Lucerne Delve into a world of legends and fairy-tales today as you enter the enchanting Black Forest. Dive into Culture and witness the fine craft of cuckoo clock making, before crossing the Swiss border. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Max Chocolatiers boutique. We'll visit the dramatic Rhine Falls at Schaffhausen, the largest waterfall in Europe and arrive on the shores of Lake Lucerne, where you will stay for the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Grand Europe

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Visit Max Chocolatiers boutique and meet a member of the team to understand why sustainable and fair trade chocolate tastes better. Leave knowing why ethical chocolate makes a difference and enjoy a gift of Swiss chocolate. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Production and Consumption.

DAY 4 Explore Lucerne Soak up the lakeside atmosphere before your morning orientation begins. Cross the solid wooden Chapel Bridge, visit the solemn Lion Monument, commemorating the massacre of the Swiss Guards in 1792 and spend your afternoon shopping in the Old Town. Consider an Optional Experience ascending the surrounding mountains for panoramic alpine views, wander along the tranquil lake shore. (B)

DAY 5 Off Through the Burgundy Wine Region to Paris See the changing landscape as you travel into France through Alsace and cross the Maginot Line. Admire the scenic Burgundy Wine Region, famous for its delicious Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grape varieties, before arriving in Paris. Indulge in a free evening to explore the grand boulevards of the French capital. Experience the pageantry of Paris first-hand and opt for an Optional Experience to a Parisian Cabaret. (B) Hotel: Novotel Paris Belleville

DAY 6 Explore Magical Paris Join a Local **Specialist** today and delve into the artistic and historic treasures of Paris, including views of the elegant Champs-Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower. View Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. This afternoon, amble through the city's stylish gardens, avenues and lanes, admiring the sophisticated atmosphere or consider joining an Optional Experience to the exquisite Palace of Versailles. Or, join an Optional Experience taking the fastest elevator in Europe to the Tour Montparnasse Panoramic Observation deck for unbeatable views of the Eiffel Tower. Then visit the Dôme des Invalides with a **Local Specialist** to see Napoleon's final resting place. Another option finds you cruising along the Seine and taking in unmatched views of the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Eiffel Tower. Afterwards, we'll drive through the City of Lights to see some of the fascinating sights this beautiful city has to offer. This evening enjoy dinner with your travel companions and Travel Director. (B, D)

**DAY 7 Farewell Paris** After breakfast, say a fond au revoir to your fellow travellers and Travel Director. **(B)** 

**Transfer:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00.

#### Optional Eurostar™ Extension

Consider extending your holiday by spending more time in London. Includes a one-way Eurostar™ train ticket from Paris to London Standard Class, London accommodation at the Park Plaza Riverbank and station transfers.

See trafalgar.com for details.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Paris

**Discover on City Orientations**Amsterdam and Lucerne

Visit Must-see Landmarks
The Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen and a
cuckoo clock factory in the Black Forest

View Must-see Landmarks
The Lion Monument and the Chapel
Bridge in Lucerne, the Champs-Élysées,
the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe
and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris

**Travel by Scenic Journeys**Along the canals of Amsterdam
and the Rhine River

One-of-a-kind Experiences See day 2 for your unique local encounter

**Travel Responsibly**See day 3 for how you'll make a positive impact

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



See **Trafalgar.com** or your Travel Advisor for dates and prices





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The laughter and fun we shared while travelling with new people was a huge bonus, and of course our Travel Director, who was also amazing.

Anne Marie

See more guest stories #TTEuropeanHighlights

# European Traveller

4.6<sup>/5</sup> feefo <sup>←</sup> As rated by Past Guests

8 Days | 5 Countries | 10 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Stroll through streets filled with romance, history and adventure as you travel Europe. Feed your imagination as you explore ancient Rome, watch master craftspeople create treasures in Venice and admire the magic of the snow-capped Swiss Alps.



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DAY 1 Cross the English Channel to Paris
Say cheerio to London and hello to the
sparkling White Cliffs of Dover, England's
last hurrah before we cross the English
Channel by ferry bound for Calais. We pass
the tragic World War I battlefields of the
Somme before arriving in Paris where you
will enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers
and Travel Director. This evening, the 'City
of Light' provides an enchanting backdrop
for an orientation drive that will showcase
several of the sights which await you
tomorrow. (D) Hotel: Novotel Centre Bercy

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

DAY 2 Explore the Sights of Paris Embark on a scenic sojourn, with your Local Specialist, along the grand Champs-Élysées to view the Arc de Triomphe, honouring those who fought for France. View Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. This afternoon, you'll have some leisure time to explore the treasures of Paris. Maybe wander through Montmartre in search of beautiful art or relax at a cosy French café and enjoy a glass of wine whilst watching the world go by. (B)

DAY 3 Onwards to Explore Lucerne Wind your way through the sprawling vineyards of Auxerrois and Burgundy, journeying south past the 15th-century fortress of Châteauneuf and rolling green farmlands into Switzerland bound for Lucerne. Cross the famous wooden Chapel Bridge with its 17th-century paintings and view the mortally wounded lion hewn from rock, paying tribute to the hundreds of brave Swiss Guards who died defending Louis XVI. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Europe

DAY 4 Journey to the Floating City of Venice The contrast of scenery today is nothing short of remarkable. Traversing the Alps, you'll travel through the St. Gotthard tunnel and the border at Chiasso into Italy. Catch a glimpse of northern Italy's beautiful lakes, whose scenic retreats have attracted the aristocracy for centuries, before arriving later in Venice. (B) Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

DAY 5 On to Florence Board a private motor launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Square. View the Bridge of Sighs and ornate Doge's Palace, then embark on your unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at one of the oldest glassblowing workshops on the island. You'll have some time to explore and fit in some shopping before crossing the Apennine Mountains bound for Florence, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. (B) Hotel: Villa Neroli

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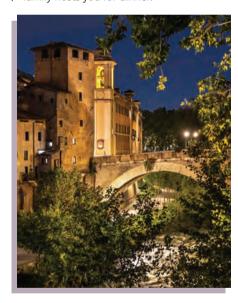
Discover the ancient skill of Venetian glassblowing and play a part in preserving this traditional craft. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 6 Journey to Rome The magnificent Renaissance dome of Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and the Baptistery are among the sights you will view during your guided walking tour of Florence with a Local Specialist. Marvel at the impressive palazzi and art in the Piazza della Signoria, the political hub of the city. Continue to Rome, the last stop on your trip. (B) Hotel: Midas Palace

DAY 7 Uncover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Visit the Vatican for a memorable encounter with the centre of Christianity. Consider an Optional Experience to see the magnificent frescoes of the Sistine Chapel before a sightseeing tour that takes you past ancient sites to view the Colosseum and see the Roman Form. This evening, connect with locals during a Be My Guest experience at the unique Isola Tiberina, and celebrate the Italian zest for life, food and good company. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

Travel to Isola Tiberina and enjoy an evening with Fabio and his family in a unique setting amid roman excavations. Start with a drinks reception before the family hosts you for dinner.



**DAY 8 Farewell Rome** Our adventure together has come to an end. Say a fond farewell to Rome and your travel companions at the end of your journey. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Paris, Florence and Rome

**Discover on City Orientations**Lucerne and Venice

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Dame Cathedral in Paris, the Lion
Monument and the Chapel Bridge in
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A trip to Europe has always been at the top of my bucket list and the European Traveller itinerary made that dream possible.

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DAY 1 Welcome to Rome Ciao Roma! Welcome to the 'Eternal City' - once home to gods and goddesses, emperors, senators and slaves. Explore the city's bustling boulevards and labyrinthine lanes before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner. This evening, we embark on an orientation drive revealing some of the city's most celebrated sights.

(D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's **Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport

(FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

**DAY 2** Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City The Holy See takes centre stage today as we join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to see the exquisite frescoed ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. We cross the Tiber into Ancient Rome to delve into what was once the largest empire in the world and view such ancient sites as the imposing Colosseum where brave gladiators and slaves duelled to their deaths. (B)

DAY 3 Onwards to Florence We travel north into the vineyard-clad hills of Tuscany and along the Arno River Valley. Next we'll Connect With Locals over lunch during a Be My Guest experience at Castello del Trebbio, before continuing to Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. Join a Local Specialist for an enchanting encounter with one of the world's cultural centres, admiring the exquisite architecture and artistry around every turn. View the marble Duomo and Piazza della Signoria, the political hub of Florence, before arriving at your hotel. (B, L) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

#### **Be My Guest**

Meet Anna and Alberto at Castle of Trebbio to explore its cellars and indulge in olive oil and wine tasting before savouring a traditional Tuscan buffet.



**DAY 4 Journey to the Canals of Venice** The romantic island city of Venice is our final destination today. We take to the water, cruising the canals and admiring views of the imposing St. Mark's Basilica and ornate Doge's Palace. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at one of the oldest glassblowing workshops on the island, before enjoying an afternoon at leisure to explore narrow calle in search of a cosy bacaro where you can enjoy delicious Venetian cuisine washed down with a Venetian Spritz, or two. Take some time, venture to the enchanting canal-side setting of St. Mark's Square. The sounds of talented musicians, seagulls and lapping water provide the perfect backdrop for a memorable sunset over the Grand Canal.

(B) Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** Discover the ancient skill of Venetian glassblowing and play a part in preserving this traditional craft. Your visit directly

supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 5 Across the Alps to Lucerne We depart Venice, travelling north into the picturesque Italian and Swiss Lake Districts via Como and Lugano. Slicing through the Alps, we arrive in Switzerland and the laid-back lakeside city of Lucerne. The city is perhaps most famous for its solid wooden Chapel Bridge and poignant Lion Monument, a memorial to Swiss Guards. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure, amble through the Old Town or consider joining an Optional Experience and ascend one of the surrounding mountain peaks for panoramic views. (B, D) **Hotel: Grand Europe** 

**DAY 6 Through Burgundy to Paris From** Lucerne, we head into France and through the rolling vineyard-clad hills of Burgundy. Arriving in Paris, we enjoy a free evening. Wander up grand boulevards and through quaint squares, or perhaps take a cruise on the Seine followed by a tour of Paris by night. (B) Hotel: Oceania Porte de Versailles/Novotel Centre Bercy

DAY 7 Explore Elegant Paris Join a Local Specialist today and see the Arc de Triomphe and Place de la Concorde. View Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. (B)

DAY 8 Au Revoir Paris After breakfast, we bid our newfound friends a fond farewell as our memorable holiday comes to a close. (B)

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The untouched beauty of Switzerland helped to heal my spirit. This trip will always have a piece of my heart.

Sally

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**DAY 1 Hello London** Embrace the pomp and pageantry of a city that combines the fascinating heritage of yesteryear with all the verve of a modern capital. Stroll through its leafy Royal Parks, shop up a storm on Oxford Street or visit some of London's world-famous historic attractions or museums to gain a sense of a place that is certainly larger than life. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D) Hotel: The Tower** 

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Soak up Bath and on to Stonehenge This morning leave London and travel to Bath, where, on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll visit the Roman Baths from which the city derives its name. Enjoy an orientation of this UNESCO-listed city with its beautiful Georgian architecture, then stop at Stonehenge to visit the historic stone monoliths where pagans once worshipped. (B)

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education.

DAY 3 Discover London and Journey to Windsor London's iconic sights take centre stage today during a half-day introductory sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. See Big Ben, the imposing Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace, before travelling to the town of Windsor with its vast royal castle, the oldest and largest continuously occupied castle in the world. Explore over 900 years of royal history, ambling through this historic market town before returning to London. Discover London's theatrical treasures this evening, should you consider joining your Travel Director at an optional West End show. (B)

DAY 4 Explore London Your Way Enjoy a day at leisure to explore the captivating sights and sounds of London. Your Travel Director will provide you with recommendations on how to spend your day in the city. Perhaps take a leisurely cruise along the Thames River, delve into centuries of history and admire the exquisite crown jewels at the Tower of London, catch a flight on the London Eye, then meander through the stalls of Covent Garden. (B)

DAY 5 Cross the English Channel to Paris
Departing London, we travel through the
lush green Kent countryside to board our
ferry in Dover, watching the impressive
White Cliffs disappear into the distance
as we cross to France. We pass the World
War I battlefields of the Somme en route to
Paris where we will spend four nights. (B)
Hotel: Courtyard Paris Porte de Versailles/
Evergreen Laurel

DAY 6 Explore the Sights of Paris The 'City of Light' shines brightly today as our Local Specialist takes us on a sightseeing tour of Paris. We'll view the grand Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde and Notre Dame Cathedral before enjoying a walk through the Latin Quarter. Spend a free afternoon soaking up the sophistication of this beautiful city. Maybe wander through Montmartre and admire the imposing white domes of Sacré-Cœur, or enjoy a light-hearted picnic in the pretty Tuileries gardens. This evening we indulge in a first-hand encounter with Parisian culture during a Be My Guest experience at Chez Paul. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

Join Daniel and his family for dinner at an old style, 1950's, quintessentially Parisian bistro. You'll be one of the privileged few who get to enjoy a private visit.



DAY 7 The Splendour of Versailles Enjoy a free morning in Paris or pay a visit to Impressionist master Claude Monet's House and Gardens in Giverny. Later, join a Local Specialist to explore the opulent Palace of Versailles – its splendour and beauty created to reflect the self-proclaimed majesty of King Louis XIV, the 'Sun King'. See the exquisite sprawling gardens, the Hall of Mirrors with its impressive chandeliers. This evening, enjoy the city by night or perhaps attend a colourful Parisian cabaret performance. (B)

DAY 8 Wander Magical Paris Spend the day at leisure delving into the sophistication and glamour of Paris on your own terms. Sample delicious French cakes at a local pâtisserie, amble along the cobblestone lanes of Le Marais or journey into the macabre underground catacombs dating back to the 19th century. On our last evening together in Paris, we join our travel companions and Travel Director for dinner in the city. (B, D)

**DAY 9 Au Revoir Paris** After breakfast, we bid our newfound friends a fond farewell as our memorable London and Paris tour comes to a close. **(B)** 

**Transfer:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00.

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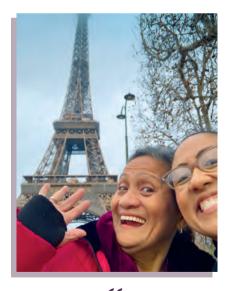
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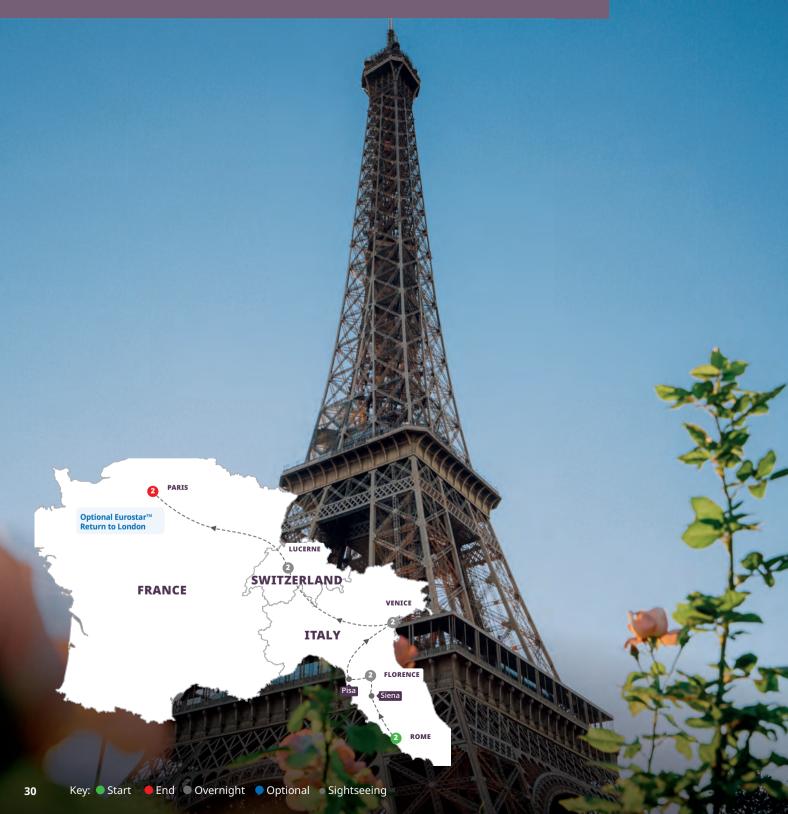
# European Splendour

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When have you ever had the opportunity to dine with an Italian count in Tuscany? That's not all you'll do on this exciting Rome to Paris trip, bringing you the bright lights of the Champs-Élysées, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the rolling hills of Tuscany.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Rome** Benvenuto a Roma – what was once the 'Capital of the World' is today a vibrant city filled with Italian zest for life and centuries of celebrated history. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner and an orientation drive to kick off your unforgettable European adventure. **(D)** 

Hotel: Precise House Mantegna

Transfers: Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport

(FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

**DAY 2** Explore the Ancient Sights of Rome We venture to the centre of Christianity and the great square that bears the name of the first 'bishop of Rome', St. Peter. Join your **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour. We cross the Tiber River to see the ancient sites of Rome, including the mighty Colosseum and Circus Maximus. This afternoon there is time to explore the city on your terms. **(B)** 

DAY 3 Admire Siena on the Way to Florence We travel into the scenic Tuscan hills to medieval Siena with its honey-stone façades. View the Piazza del Campo, where the exhilarating Palio horse race takes place, and see ornate medieval palaces and the 14th-century marble Duomo. Continue to Florence, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance', where we will spend the next two nights. Tonight we join Count Fulcis and family for a Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Hilton Metropole

#### **Be My Guest**

Join Count Miari Fulcis for dinner at his 15<sup>th</sup>-century organic olive oil estate, used as a location for many famous films like 'Tea with Mussolini', and enjoy eight generations of historic stories.

**DAY 4 Discover Renaissance Florence**The extraordinary art and architecture of Florence are celebrated during our guided walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. We'll view the exquisite marble Duomo and visit Piazza della Signoria with its palazzi and magnificent art, including a replica of Michelangelo's David statue. View the Ponte Vecchio bridge. Spend the afternoon exploring the city on your own. **(B)** 

DAY 5 Onwards to Pisa and Venice We travel to Pisa today and to the Square of Miracles to view the famous Leaning Tower and Italy's largest Baptistery. Cross the Apennine hills and flat Veneto plains to the island city of Venice. The rest of the day is yours to relax and soak up the sights and sounds of the 'Queen of the Adriatic'. (B, D)

Hotel: Le Boulevard Lido

DAY 6 Explore the Canals of Venice Embark on today's unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and witness first-hand the centuries-old tradition of Venetian glassblowing. Take to the water and cruise by private launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Square. Join your Travel Director to see the iconic and unexpected highlights of the city – the ornate Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Basilica and the Campanile with its five bells. The rest of the day is yours at leisure or consider joining an Optional Experience to the island of Burano. (B)

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DAY 7 Off to Lucerne We travel through the Italian Lake District bound for Switzerland this morning. We continue through alpine landscapes, past Lugano and through the St. Gotthard tunnel into central Switzerland, where we'll spend the next two nights in the medieval lakeside city of Lucerne. (B) Hotel: Grand Europe

**DAY 8 Uncover Lucerne's Treasures** Enjoy an orientation of Lucerne with your Travel Director. You'll see the Lion Monument and pay tribute to the Swiss Guards who lost their lives during the French Revolution, before heading to the picturesque wooden Chapel Bridge. Spend the rest of the day at leisure ambling past the beautifully painted façades in the Old Town. **(B, D)** 

DAY 9 Journey to Paris Cross the French border and what remains of the Maginot Line, journeying through the rolling vineyard-clad hills of Burgundy, one of France's most prominent wine regions. Arriving in Paris later this afternoon, we have the evening at leisure to admire the vibrant cityscape of one of Europe's most sophisticated cities. (B, D) Hotel: Renaissance La Défense

**DAY 10 Discover Magical Paris** Join a **Local Specialist** this morning for a guided tour along the grand Champs-Élysées and Place de la Concorde. View Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 11 Au Revoir Paris** For now, it's time to say a fond farewell to our newfound friends and Travel Director at the end of an unforgettable journey. **(B)** 

**Transfer:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00.

#### Optional Eurostar™ Extension

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Bring history to life on your European travels as you learn about life as a Roman gladiator and try your hand at pizza-making on an epic European family trip. Visit grand cities and see ancient sites. Fill your days with carnival masks, medieval castle banquets and tons of fun for the whole family.



DAY 1 Welcome to Rome Buckle up Bambini – we're off on a grand adventure through Europe, launching our Family Experience in the 'Eternal City' of Rome. This evening we Dive into Culture with a Family Fun experience and learn how to make pizza followed by dinner. (D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

**DAY 2** Explore Ancient Rome and the Colosseum Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour to the Colosseum before crossing the Tiber into Ancient Rome and see Circus Maximus. **(B)** 

DAY 3 Admire Siena and Florence Explore the medieval playground of Siena, home to the festive Palio bareback horse race. Arrive in Florence this afternoon where you'll enjoy an exclusive Be My Guest experience at the 12th-century Castle of Trebbio. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

#### **Be My Guest**

Meet Anna and Alberto at Castle of Trebbio to explore its cellars and indulge in olive oil and wine tasting before savouring a traditional Tuscan buffet.

**DAY 4** Explore Florence Join a **Local Specialist** for a walking tour of the city. Visit the Piazza della Signoria, and view the magnificent marble Duomo. Spend the afternoon at leisure pounding the pavements in search of the city's tastiest gelato. **(B)** 

DAY 5 Journey to Bologna and on to Venice Cross the Apennine Mountains to the city of Bologna where you will join a Local Specialist to view the city's Kissing Towers and Il Gigante. Indulge in the delicious flavours of what is widely regarded as the gastronomic capital of Italy. Arrive in the island city of Venice later for some leisure time or enjoy an Optional Experience gondola ride. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

DAY 6 Discover the Floating City of Venice Enjoy an unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness first-hand the centuries-old tradition of Venetian glassblowing. Take to the water and cruise by private launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Square. Join your Travel Director to see the iconic and unexpected highlights of the city - the ornate Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Basilica and the Campanile with its five bells. Then, join a Local Specialist for a Family Fun experience to learn about the great Venetian tradition of Carnival masks, with an opportunity to create your own colourful alter egos. (B)

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DAY 7 Onwards to Lake Como and Engelberg We travel through the Italian Lake District and enjoy some free time for lunch in the laid-back lakeside town of Como. We continue through alpine landscapes next, past Lugano and through the St. Gotthard tunnel into central Switzerland, before arriving in Engelberg. (B) Hotel: H+ Hotel & Spa

DAY 8 Uncover Lucerne's Treasures Walk across the flower-lined 14<sup>th</sup>-century wooden Chapel Bridge and into a land of lakes and lions. See the giant lion hewn from sandstone rock to commemorate the heroism of the Swiss Guards. Ascend one of the magnificent surrounding mountains during an Optional Experience or spend the afternoon sampling the rich flavours of delicious Swiss chocolate. (B, D)

**DAY 9** Off to Magical Paris From Switzerland, we cross the mighty Rhine River and into France, travelling through the famous Burgundy wine region en route to the 'City of Light'. (B) Hotel: Novotel Centre Bercy

DAY 10 Explore Paris's Sights Join a Local Specialist on a guided sightseeing tour which includes a drive along the Champs-Élysées with views of the magnificent Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower. Now, take to the water for a leisurely cruise on the Seine River with spectacular views of the city's bridges and life on the river. Enjoy a free afternoon to discover Paris. This evening, celebrate with our travel companions and Travel Director at a special dinner. (B, D)

**DAY 11 Farewell Paris** For now, it's time to say au revoir to your fellow travellers at the end of an unforgettable experience. **(B)** 

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DAY 1 Eurostar™ to Brussels and on to Amsterdam Board the Eurostar™ for a high-speed train journey to Brussels and a luxury coach journey to Amsterdam. Enjoy an orientation tour before your dinner cruise. (D) Hotel: Mercure City

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

DAY 2 Journey to the Rhineland and a Scenic Cruise Drive to Boppard where we board a cruise along the Rhine to St. Goar. Arrive in Heidelberg, explore its unexpected highlights before travelling to our Rhineland hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Sinsheim/Leonardo

**DAY 3 Off to Innsbruck** Arrive in Munich, where you'll enjoy an orientation of the city. Drive across the Austrian border, arriving in Innsbruck. Here, we'll admire Emperor Maximilian's famous Golden Roof. **(B) Hotel: Tivoli Innsbruck** 

DAY 4 Onwards to the Canals of Venice Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square, viewing the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience where you'll witness the craft of glassblowing. (B) Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

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DAY 5 All Roads Lead to Rome Arrive in Rome, the 'Eternal City'. En route, we Connect With Locals over lunch at a Be My Guest experience with the Landi Family. (B, L) Hotel: Precise House Mantegna/A. Roma Lifestyle

#### **Be My Guest**

Enjoy a traditional lunch with the Landi family at their home near Florence, set against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves.



**DAY 6** Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Discover the divine beauty of the Vatican City with a **Local Specialist**. We

continue to Ancient Rome to view Roman Forum, the walls of the iconic Colosseum and Circus Maximus. **(B)** 

DAY 7 Continue to Renaissance Florence From Rome, travel through Tuscany to the 'Cradle of the Renaissance', Florence. Delve into the rich Medici heritage with your Local Specialist. Visit the political hub of the city, Piazza della Signoria, with its impressive sculptures and stunning palazzi. View the imposing Duomo, crowned by Brunelleschi's dome, and the Baptistery, renowned for its sculptured bronze doors. (B) Hotel: Hilton Metropole

**DAY 8** Across the Alps to Lucerne Drive across the Alps into Switzerland, where the next two nights are spent in Lucerne. View the wounded lion hewn from rock to commemorate the Swiss Guards who lost their lives defending Louis XVI. Walk along the flower-lined 14th-century covered Chapel Bridge. **(B) Hotel: Grand Europe** 

**DAY 9 Explore Lucerne** This morning join an exciting Optional Experience to one of the surrounding peaks for breath taking views of the Swiss countryside. **(B, D)** 

DAY 10 On to Captivating Paris This morning we leave Switzerland behind, travelling through the French countryside to Paris. Spend some time this evening strolling the grand boulevards in search of a cosy bistro for fine French cuisine or consider an Optional Experience to a colourful Parisian cabaret. (B) Hotel: Evergreen Laurel/Renaissance Defense

**DAY 11 Discover the Sights of Paris** Join a **Local Specialist** today for a sightseeing tour of this romantic city. View the sophisticated Champs-Élysées, Place de la Concorde, the Arc de Triomphe and Notre Dame Cathedral, then enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. We spend the evening with fellow travellers and our Travel Director, enjoying a Farewell Dinner in a local bistro. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 12 Farewell Paris** Today bid adieu to your fellow travellers and Travel Director at the end of your memorable experience. **(B) Transfer:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00.

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Unforgettable 12-day trip starting our journey in London and ending in Paris!

Alejandra

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# Traditional Europe

Key: Start

**End** 

Overnight Optional

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18 Days | 9 Countries | 27 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round Lose yourself in the history and romance of Traditional Europe. You'll see all the iconic sights and some beautiful surprises along this three-week European trip taking in the exquisite beauty of the Rhine Valley, the snow-capped Alps and the decadently warm waters of the French Riviera. NETHERLANDS **GERMANY** Optional Eurostar Return to London **AUSTRIA FRANCE** ENGELBERG SWITZERLAND LYON Avignon Saint-Paul-de-Vence ASSISI FLORENCE ROME Isle of

Capri

**DAY 1** Welcome to Amsterdam Spend the day exploring the city on foot, by bike or tram. Later, meet your Travel Director and travel companions for a canal cruise which includes a light dinner and a drink. **(D)** 

**Hotel: Mercure City** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 09:00, 11:30 and 14:30.

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

**DAY 2** Admire Cologne and Cruise in the Rhineland Stop in Cologne to see its imposing Cathedral, before boarding a river cruise along the Rhine to St. Goar. This evening we stay in the Rhineland. (B, D) Hotel: Maritim Darmstadt

DAY 3 Enjoy Heidelberg then drive into the Alps Heidelberg Castle features on our journey to Colmar where we will enjoy an orientation before continuing to the mountain retreat of Engelberg. (B, D) Hotel: Schweizerhof

**DAY 4 Uncover Lucerne's Treasures** Explore the medieval town of Lucerne, then spend the rest of the day at leisure. **(B)** 

DAY 5 Journey to Liechtenstein and Innsbruck Admire alpine scenery as you journey to Liechtenstein. Cross the Austrian border to Innsbruck and see the famous Golden Roof. This evening enjoy your Be My Guest experience. (B, L) Hotel: Grauer Bär

DAY 6 Onwards to Venice Follow the Brenner Pass to Venice. Spend the evening at leisure or consider an Optional Experience cruise on a traditional gondola. (B, D) Hotel: Albergo Quattro Fontane Lido

DAY 7 Discover the Floating City of Venice Witness the centuries-old tradition of Venetian glassmaking during an unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Visit St. Mark's Square to view the Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs. (B)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Discover the ancient skill of Venetian glassblowing and play a part in preserving this traditional craft. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

**DAY 8 All Roads Lead to Rome** Travel over the green and golden landscapes of Tuscany and Umbria bound for Rome. **(B) Hotel: Midas Palace** 

**DAY 9** Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Delve into the treasures of the Vatican City with a Local Specialist who will take you on a sightseeing tour. Cross the Tiber into Ancient Rome to see the mighty Colosseum and enjoy views of Circus Maximus. **(B)** 

DAY 10 The Ruins of Pompeii with Sunny Sorrento Enjoy a scenic drive to the Campania region where you'll meet a Local Specialist who will share the fascinating story of Pompeii. Then it's on to Sorrento. (B, D) Hotel: Johanna Park

DAY 11 Sail to Capri then Onwards to Assisi Cross the Bay of Naples to the Isle of Capri, where you'll join your Local Specialist for a walking tour. Travel north, past the restored Abbey of Monte Cassino, arriving later in Assisi to view the Basilica of St. Francis with a Local Specialist. (B, D) Hotel: Casa Leonori

DAY 12 Through Tuscany to Florence
Beautiful Tuscan landscapes follow
your journey to Florence. Join a Local
Specialist for an included walking tour. (B)
Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

DAY 13 Uncover Pisa, Monaco and the French Riviera Journey to Pisa and its Square of Miracles to see the Leaning Tower and its imposing Baptistery. Visit the playground of Monaco before arriving on the French Riviera. (B) Hotel: Novotel Aéroport Cap 3000

**DAY 14** Discover Artistic Saint-Paul-de-Vence Tread in the footsteps of famous actors and artists in the medieval town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence before enjoying an afternoon at leisure. **(B)** 

**DAY 15 Journey Through Papal Avignon** to Lyon Travel to the papal city of Avignon to see the Palais des Papes, Cathedral and the famous Pont d'Avignon. Your journey continues to Lyon where you'll embark on an orientation tour. **(B, D) Hotel: Mercure Centre Saxe Lafayette** 

**DAY 16 Travel Through Burgundy to Paris** We leave the beautiful Rhône landscape behind us and continue north to Paris. **(B, D) Hotel: Evergreen Laurel** 

**DAY 17 Explore Magical Paris** Join a **Local Specialist** to see the sights and sounds of Paris, view Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. Later, you'll share tales of your journey over dinner. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 18 Journey Home** Today bid adieu to your fellow travellers and Travel Director at the end of your memorable holiday. **(B)** 

**Transfer:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00.

#### Optional Eurostar™ Extension

Consider extending your holiday by spending more time in London, including a one-way Eurostar™ train ticket from Paris to London Standard Class, London accommodation at the Tower hotel and station transfers. See trafalgar.com for details.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Assisi,
Florence and Paris

Discover on City Orientations Amsterdam, Heidelberg, Colmar, Lucerne, Vaduz - the capital of Liechtenstein, Innsbruck, Venice, Sorrento, Pisa, Monaco, Nice, Saint-Paul-de-Vence, Avignon, Lyon and Beaune

**Visit Must-see Landmarks**A glassblowing factory in Venice

View Must-see Landmarks
The ancient sites in Rome, the
Lion Monument in Lucerne,
the Leaning Tower of Pisa and
the Eiffel Tower in Paris

Travel by Scenic Journeys
Through Amsterdam's canals,
along the Rhine River, by private
launch to St. Mark's Square in
Venice and to the Isle of Capri

**Travel Responsibly**See day 7 for how you'll make a positive impact

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Meet your Travel Director and journey to mainland Europe, starting with a cruise on Amsterdam's canals.

Board a river boat and relax on Germany's Rhine River as you marvel at hilltop castles. Visit Heidelberg's impressive sandstone ruins and see the Lion Monument in Lucerne.

Travel through breathtaking alpine landscape en route to Liechtenstein's Vaduz before experiencing the charms of Austria's Innsbruck and Salzburg. Take in Vienna's musical history and learn about the impressive Habsburg family, with an opportunity to dive deeper into the royal past at Schonbrunn Palace.

Embark on a culinary journey of Italy's local specialties as you visit Venice and Assisi, then take in the tragic history of Pompeii. Cruise to the Isle of Capri from Sorrento to spend a leisurely afternoon soaking up la dolce vita before sailing back to the mainland. Travel to the ancient sites of Rome and the museums of Vatican City for unparalleled cultural insights. See Ponte Vecchio in Florence, then continue to the glamourous French Riviera to soak up stunning vistas.

Conclude your tour in the City of Lights with Parisian delights and the chance to witness a traditional cabaret.

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#### **Be My Guest**

Go Dutch and share a gezellig dinner, savouring delicious local cheeses with the Pauw family on their dairy farm near Amsterdam.



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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Bruges, Salzburg, Vienna, Assisi,
Pompeii, Capri, Rome, Florence, Paris

Discover on City Orientations Amsterdam, Heidelberg, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Venice, Pisa, Monaco, Nice, Avignon

Visit Must-see Landmarks
The Rhine Falls at Schaffhausen,
Vaduz, a glassblowing factory in
Venice, excavations in Pompeii
and the Sistine Chapel in Rome,
Saint-Paul-de-Vence, Beaune

View Must-see Landmarks
The ancient sites of Rome, the
Leaning Tower in Pisa, Avignon's
Papal Palace and Pont d' Avignon,
Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris

Travel by Scenic Journeys
Through Amsterdam's canals, by private
launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice,
the Rhine River and to the Isle of Capri

One-of-a-kind Experiences Meet the Pauw family on a **Be My Guest experience** at their dairy farm near Amsterdam

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Escape the bustling city of London as you board the Eurostar to Paris. Meet your Travel Director and companions for dinner and an evening drive through the City of Light. Marvel at the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, and Notre Dame. Wander the Latin Quarter or enjoy a cabaret show.

Journey through the Loire Valley, stopping at Château de Villandry for a unique dining experience. Continue to the wine region of Bordeaux, then onto Biarritz and Pamplona, home of the 'running of the bulls.' In Madrid, visit the Prado Museum and tour the city's landmarks.

Explore Barcelona's Gaudí architecture and vibrant culture. Travel along the French Riviera, visiting Fragonard Perfumery and Cannes. In Monaco, see the Royal Palace before heading to Italy. Visit Pisa and Florence, exploring the cities' artistic treasures.

In Rome, see the ancient sites. Cruise Venice's canals, witnessing traditional glassmaking. Travel to Vienna for a musical tour, then to Prague to explore its historic districts. Continue to Munich, and then to Lucerne, experiencing Swiss culture. Cruise the Rhine and admire Heidelberg Castle.

In Amsterdam, tour the city's canals and landmarks. After 27 days, return home with unforgettable memories and new friends.

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#### **Be My Guest**

Enjoy a traditional lunch with the Landi family at their home near Florence, set against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves.



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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Paris, Madrid, Barcelona, Florence,
Rome, Vienna, Prague

Discover on City Orientations
Bordeaux, Biarritz, Pamplona, French
Riviera, Monaco, Pisa, Passignano
sul Trasimeno, Venice, Bratislava,
Regensburg, Munich, Vaduz - the
capital of Liechtenstein, Lucerne,
Heidelberg, Cologne and Amsterdam

Visit Must-see Landmarks
The Prado Museum in Madrid, the
Fragonard Perfumery in Grasse and
a glassblowing factory in Venice

View Must-see Landmarks
The Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame
Cathedral in Paris, the Leaning Tower
in Pisa, the ancient sites of Rome,
the Opera House and Hofburg
Palace in Vienna, the Lion Monument
and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne and
the ruins of Heidelberg Castle

One-of-a-kind Experiences Meet the Landi family on a Be My Guest experience at their home near Florence

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7 Days | 2 Countries | 10 Meals | Dynamic Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Unlock the best of Italy with priority access to the Vatican, dining amidst Tuscan vineyards and olive groves and admiring must-sees including Pisa's Leaning Tower. You'll even discover the local secrets of Venetian glassblowing.



DAY 1 Ciao Rome Indulge all your senses in the imperial city of Rome, your introduction to a memorable encounter with Italy, which will have you returning for more. Spend your afternoon relaxing after your journey, or explore the ancient city streets before joining your Travel Director and travel companions for dinner. (D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

**DAY 2** Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Your encounter with Rome begins in the Holy See with a visit to the Vatican Museums in the company of a Local Specialist to admire the masterpieces that have been collected by Popes throughout the centuries. Gaining priority admission, admire the magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Crossing the Tiber, you'll venture into Ancient Rome to view the Circus Maximus, once the site of thrilling chariot races and visit the Colosseum. Spend a leisurely afternoon exploring Rome. Admire the Spanish Steps or toss a coin in the Trevi Fountain to secure your speedy return. (B)

**DAY 3 Journey to the Floating City of Venice** This morning, you'll venture
north through the valley of the Tiber
into the green and golden landscapes
of central Italy. You'll pass the hilltop
towns of Orte and Orvieto, travelling
past Umbria's terraced olive groves and
across the Apennine Mountains, bound for
Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic'. (**B, D**) **Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana** 

DAY 4 Onwards to Verona Cruise by private launch into the heart of Venice this morning, where you'll see the city's most celebrated sights including the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, and the ornate Doge's Palace. Enjoy a Venetian MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a traditional glassblowing workshop. Soak up the pageantry and elegance of Venice before continuing to Verona, home of Shakespeare's starcrossed lovers Romeo and Juliet, where you'll spend the night. (B) Hotel: Leopardi

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Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities
and Communities.

#### DAY 5 Admire Pisa and on to Florence

Your first stop today is Pisa's UNESCOlisted Square of Miracles, where you'll have the opportunity to view the Leaning Tower before travelling on to Florence. Explore the birthplace of the Renaissance and home of the Medici dynasty, whose penchant for beautiful art and architecture created one of the world's cultural centres. Tonight, enjoy a **Be My Guest experience** set against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

#### **Be My Guest**

Join Count Miari Fulcis for dinner at his 15<sup>th</sup>-century organic olive oil estate, used as a location for many famous films like 'Tea with Mussolini', and enjoy eight generations of historic stories.



DAY 6 All Roads Lead to Rome Join a Local Specialist today to delve into the rich medieval and Renaissance history of Florence. Your sightseeing tour will take you to Piazza della Signoria with its impressive sculptures and imposing palazzi. Wander the narrow streets, passing by the multi-coloured marble Duomo, the famous Baptistery, and the almost 700-year-old Ponte Vecchio. Admire this spectacular feat of engineering dating from the Middle Ages which is today lined with jewellers. Continuing your journey through Umbria and the valley of the Tiber River, we return to Rome where your holiday concludes. Toast to a memorable trip with newfound friends at dinner. (B, D) **Hotel: Grand Tiberio** 

**DAY 7 Farewell Rome** After breakfast, it's time to say a fond arrivederci to Rome, Italy and your travel companions as you return home with wonderful memories of this magnificent destination. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Rome and Florence

**Discover on City Orientations** Venice, Verona and Pisa

#### Visit Must-see Landmarks

The Colosseum, the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel in Rome and a glassblowing factory in Venice

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The ancient sites of Rome, the Byzantine St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and in Florence, Santa Croce Basilica, and the Duomo

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

By private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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The Italian Holiday was the perfect combination. I highly recommend this tour and can't wait to go back!

Jennifer

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### Rome and Tuscan Highlights

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9 Days | 2 Countries | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

An idyllic Italian retreat, bringing all your Tuscan dreams to life. When you're not spending time with sisters Sandra and Antonella on their agriturismo overlooking vineyards, you'll get to delve into the life of Leonardo da Vinci and soak up the healing waters of Montecatini spa.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Rome** Ciao Roma! Italy opens its doors for an unforgettable jaunt through Rome, Tuscany, and two millennia of culture, history and fiery Italian verve. Spend the afternoon exploring the city before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. Your Italian adventure begins this evening in the City of Rome. **(D) Hotel: Midas Palace** 

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Journey to the Tuscan Hills Your journey through Rome begins when you join a Local Specialist on an included sightseeing tour. See St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City. Cross the Tiber into Ancient Rome and see the Colosseum and Circus Maximus, imagining the great chariot races and thunderous applause. This afternoon, enjoy a leisurely drive through the scenic Tuscan hills to Montecatini, the largest and most famous spa town in Italy and your home for the next six nights. Consider joining an Optional Experience at a delightful regional restaurant set among the pines and cypress trees, where a feast of gastronomic specialties awaits, accompanied by song and music. (B) Hotel: Columbia Wellness and Spa **Montecatini Terme** 

**DAY 3 Explore Renaissance Florence Your** 

Local Specialist will reveal the history of Renaissance Florence during your walking tour. View the magnificent Duomo and visit Piazza della Signoria. In your free time, perhaps take a walk across the beautiful Ponte Vecchio. Dating back to the 16th century, a decree mandated that the only businesses allowed to ply their trade on this bridge were goldsmiths and jewellers, and to this day, some of the city's most prestigious jewellery shops can be found here. Or, enjoy an Optional Experience that provides insight into the world of Michelangelo and his masterpiece, David, by visiting the Academy of Fine Arts and its Michelangelo collection. Here, you'll learn all about the life and works of this immortal Renaissance genius through the expert commentary of your Local Specialist. (B, D)

**DAY 4 Montecatini Your Way** You have a full free day to relax in the spa atmosphere of Montecatini or join an Optional Experience to Cinque Terre, whose pastelhued villages cling to the rugged Ligurian cliffs. With a **Local Specialist**, you'll visit the Bay of Poets and the beautiful Porto Venere, gateway to the UNESCO-protected Cinque Terre. **(B)** 

**DAY 5 Discover Pisa and Vinci** Journey to Pisa, where you'll join a **Local Specialist** to view the famous Leaning Tower, the finely sculpted marble Cathedral and the ornate Baptistery, said to be the largest in Italy. Continue through Tuscany,

arriving in Vinci where you'll join a **Local Specialist** at the Museo Leonardiano to gain a deeper understanding of the life of this talented master. Admire Leonardo da Vinci's machines and models, sketches, and handwritten notes, as well as interactive exhibits during your visit. Later, enjoy an exclusive **Be My Guest experience** at the Agriturismo Borgo Vigna Vecchia. **(B, D)** 

#### **Be My Guest**

Meet Sandra and Antonella on their farm for dinner at the Agriturismo Borgo Vigna Vecchia surrounded by vineyards and olive groves in the Tuscan hills.

#### DAY 6 Off to Siena and San Gimignano

Saunter through the beautifully preserved medieval city of Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to see the 13th-century marble cathedral and the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, home to the biannual Palio horse race. Venture to the walled medieval town of San Gimignano, renowned for its towers. Learn about ceramic traditions from a local artist on your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Enjoy some free time strolling through its narrow lanes and shopping for locally-produced delicacies and hand-painted Tuscan pottery—the alluring aromas of pecorino cheese and cured meats tempting you at every turn. (B)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Visit Franco's charming studio for an immersive pottery demonstration, supporting local artists. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

**DAY 7 Tuscan Lifestyle Experience** Feast your eyes on the vibrant colours and busy stalls heaving with fresh produce at a local food market where you'll join a **Local Specialist** professional chef for a tasty introduction to Tuscan cuisine. **(B, L)** 

DAY 8 Onwards to Rome and the Vatican

**City** Departing Tuscany, travel south to Rome. This evening, Roman flavours take centre stage as you toast your travels over a selection of signature Roman dishes handed down over four generations. **(B, D) Hotel: Midas Palace** 

**DAY 9 Journey Home** Bid a fond farewell to your newfound friends and an epic experience as you depart from Rome. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** Rome, Florence, Pisa and Vinci

**Discover on City Orientations** Siena and San Gimignano

Visit Must-see Landmarks
The Leonardiano Museum in Vinci

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence and the Leaning Tower of Pisa

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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I have loved every one of the seven trips with Trafalgar. On this trip I went solo to Italy and particularly enjoyed this moment with my new friends. One moment in a brilliant day.

Brenda

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**DAY 1 Welcome to Rome** Kick off your bellissimo journey through the cities of Italy in Rome. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner and an introduction to la dolce vita of Rome. **(D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's/Grand Palatino** 

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

**DAY 2** Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Embark on a very special sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist at the Vatican this morning. Wander through its Museums and the Sistine Chapel, then visit St Peter's Basilica. Cross the Tiber and venture into Ancient Rome to visit the Colosseum. **(B)** 

DAY 3 Rome Your Way Enjoy a full free day to explore Rome your way, or consider an Optional Experience delving into the tragic history of Pompeii when you explore a Roman city frozen in time by the devastating eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Your Local Specialist will bring ancient Roman history to life before you return to Rome, passing the Abbey of Montecassino, the site of an epic battle in 1944. (B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's/Grand Palatino

#### DAY 4 Admire Assisi and on to Florence

Head to the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi where your **Local Specialist** will accompany you on a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis to see Giotto's enchanting frescoes. Later, continue to Florence and enjoy dinner against the backdrop of the picture-perfect olive groves and vineyards at a **Be My Guest experience**. (B, D) **Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo** 

#### **Be My Guest**

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#### **DAY 5 Discover Renaissance Florence**

Enjoy a leisurely encounter with the artistic and architectural marvels of Florence during your walking tour with a **Local** 

Specialist. Visit the striking Piazza della Signoria, see the multi-coloured marble Duomo and Baptistery, then view Ponte Vecchio. You'll have the rest of the day to discover Florence your way, perhaps continuing your exploration of its historic centre or admiring the artistic contribution of the Medici family at every turn. Lovers of art may wish to join an Optional Experience to the Academy of Fine Arts to see Michelangelo's collection, including his masterpiece, David. (B)

DAY 6 Uncover Pisa's Treasures Cross the Arno Valley to Pisa and join a Local Specialist to visit the Square of Miracles, home to the incredible Leaning Tower and the beautifully sculpted marble Cathedral. See the ornate Baptistery and the Camposanto, built on sacred soil brought back from the Holy Land during the Crusades. (B)

#### DAY 7 Journey to Bologna and Venice

Travel north to Bologna, perhaps best known for the delicious pasta sauce that bears its name. Your sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** includes views of the Kissing Towers, which lean towards each other, seemingly poised to embrace. Then it's off to Venice for an evening at leisure. There's no better way to explore the city than on its canals, and an optional gondola and Grand Canal experience is the perfect end to the evening. **(B) Hotel: Principe/Amadeus** 

DAY 8 Cruise Venice's Canals Today, you'll visit a Venetian Glassblowing workshop for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square to admire the Bridge of Sighs, Palladian churches, Customs House, St. Mark's Basilica and the ornate Doge's Palace. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure. (B)

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DAY 9 Experience Venice's Food Market

Take a leisurely stroll from your hotel along the canals to the famous Rialto Bridge with a **Local Specialist**. Enjoy a guided sightseeing walking tour that brings all the flavours of Italy to life at a centuries-old food market. Your love affair with Italy's enchanting cities comes to an end this evening after dinner. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 10 Farewell Venice** Say a fond arrivederci to Italy and newfound friends. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists

Rome, Assisi, Florence, Pisa, Bologna and Venice

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica and the Colosseum in Rome, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi and a glassblowing factory in Venice

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The ancient sites in Rome, Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice

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The food was beyond our expectations and we look forward to travelling in good hands again!

Diane and Jacques

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**DAY 1 Arrive Rome** Your launch pad to an epic Italian tour begins in the Eternal City of Rome. Tread in the footsteps of gods and goddesses, emperors and gladiators as you explore its ancient streets before joining your Travel Director for dinner. **(D) Hotel: Grand Tiberio** 

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 09:00, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

#### DAY 2 Rome Sightseeing and Free Time

Unlock local secrets on a tour of the Vatican Museums with a **Local Specialist**. Admire Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Later, cross the Tiber into Ancient Rome and enjoy a guided in depth experience visiting the Colosseum, before seeing Circus Maximus, once the site of celebrated chariot races. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore Rome on your own or relax in one of the city's piazzas watching the world go by. **(B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's** 

**DAY 3 Rome to Venice** Pass the hilltop towns of Orte and Orvieto as you cross the steep Apennine Mountains. Enjoy a refreshing lunch stop before arriving in Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic. **(B, D) Hotel: Principe/Amadeus** 

#### **DAY 4** Venice Orientation and Free Time

The culture of Venice springs to life as you watch the delicate craft of Venetian glassblowing at a glassblowing workshop on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Take a private cruise to St. Mark's Square, sharing the city's waterways with ferries, gondolas and yachts. Be dazzled by the Byzantine Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs and the ornate Doges' Palace before spending the rest of the afternoon on your own exploring the labyrinthine calli or enjoying a refreshing spritz. (B)

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#### DAY 5 Journey to Bologna and Florence

The northern Italian city of Bologna's vibrant, red-tiled houses and the combination of medieval and Renaissance structures take centre stage today as your **Local Specialist** points out the key features. Tonight, opt for a one-of-a-kind experience in the picturesque Tuscan Hills to dine on delicious food and wine. **(B) Hotel: Villa Neroli** 

DAY 6 Florence Sightseeing and Free

Time The birthplace of the Renaissance, with its world-class museums and Tuscan cuisine, Florence offers one remarkable sight after the next. Join a Local Specialist

ticking off the must-sees of this epic city. See the multi-coloured Duomo with its impressive dome engineered by Brunelleschi and the gilded doors of the Baptistery. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore a city that inspired artists, poets and painters to create masterpieces. Consider a visit to the Academy of Fine Arts to see Michelangelo's statue of David, enjoy spectacular views from Piazza Michelangelo or marvel at the Medici legacy at the Palazzo Vecchio. This evening, you'll visit a 12th-century castle for a **Be My Guest experience**. (**B**, **D**)

#### Be My Guest

Meet Anna and Alberto at Castle of Trebbio to explore its cellars and indulge in olive oil and wine tasting before savouring a traditional Tuscan buffet.

DAY 7 Journey to the Bay of Naples and Sorrento Travel through the Campanian plains to the Bay of Naples, which lies in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius. Your home for the next two nights - and introduction to the Amalfi Coast - is the clifftop town of Sorrento. Admire the pastel rainbow of colourful houses stacked upon one another. Perhaps take a stroll overlooking the warm Mediterranean waters before dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Johanna Park

DAY 8 Isle of Capri Excursion and

**Free Time** This chic island playground is packed with sights you'll discover with a Local Specialist. Even better, you'll arrive by a scenic ferry ride across the Bay of Naples. Consider an Optional Experience to Anacapri's Villa San Michele for beautiful views of the Tyrrhenian Sea. This villa showcases the life story of the Swedish physician and author Axel Munthe, as well as the creation of the villa detailed in 'The Story of San Michele.' View his collection of Roman artefacts and stroll through the stunning garden, recently honoured as Italy's most beautiful private park. Admire Barbarossa Mountain and postcard-worthy views over the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius. (B)

DAY 9 Discover Sorrento, Pompeii and Rome There's no better place to learn about Italy's ancient history than in Pompeii. Explore the tragic immortalisation of this civilisation preserved by volcanic ash when Vesuvius erupted. Your Local Specialist reveals secrets on a walking tour as you learn about the day-to-day life of the city's former residents. Your Italian tour ends in Rome where you join your Travel Director and fellow travelling companions for dinner, celebrating in true Italian style. (B, D) Hotel: Shangri-La Roma

**DAY 10 Depart Rome** It's time to bid Italy a fond arrivederci after breakfast.

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists Rome, Bologna, Florence, Capri and Pompeii

Discover on City Orientations
Venice and Sorrento

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Sistine Chapel, the Vatican Museums and the Colosseum in Rome, and a Venetian glassblowing workshop in Venice

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The kissing towers of Bologna and the Duomo in Florence

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Ferry to the Isle of Capri, private launch to St Mark's Square in Venice

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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A favourite moment of this mother-daughter trip was walking through the streets of Rome right after the sun set. There was something so magical about being there in that very moment.

Melanie

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### Contrasts of Italy

**4.8**/5 **feefo** ••• As rated by Past Guests

10 Days | 2 Countries | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

All aboard this exhilarating journey by high-speed train through Italy's iconic cities of Rome, Florence and Venice. Conjure up gladiators and chariots in Rome, shop until you drop on Florence's ancient Ponte Vecchio, strike a pose in Pisa and discover the secrets of Venice on foot like a local.



DAY 1 Welcome to Rome Your exciting journey through some of Italy's most beautiful cities begins in the 'Eternal City'. Relax after your travels or take a walk along the ancient streets before joining your travel companions and Travel Director for dinner and absorb Rome's intoxicating cityscape. (D) Hotel: Grand Palatino

Transfers: Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

**DAY 2** Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City This morning see the Vatican City on your sightseeing tour of Rome with a **Local Specialist**. Your next stop is in Ancient Rome where you'll see the Circus Maximus and visit the Colosseum. This evening, Roman flavours take centre stage as you dine on local specialties. (B, D)

DAY 3 Rome Your Way Enjoy a full free day in Rome. Consider joining an Optional Experience to see the exquisite house and gardens of Villa d'Este. As the sun sets over the seven hills of Rome, admire the Trevi Fountain. Toss a coin with your right hand over your left shoulder into the fountain to secure your return to Rome; toss two coins to fall in love with an Italian, and three coins to ensure marriage in the Eternal City. (B)

DAY 4 Journey by High-Speed Train to Florence Sit back on the high-speed train. bound for Florence and watch the Tuscan landscape go by. Join a Local Specialist on a walking tour to gain insights into the city's Renaissance treasures. View the Ponte Vecchio, almost 700 years old and lined with goldsmiths, then visit the Fine Arts Academy to see one of Michelangelo's masterpieces, the statue of David. Afterwards, stroll to the Piazza della Signoria, featuring Palazzo Vecchio and the Uffizi Gallery. (B) Hotel: Ambasciatori

DAY 5 Admire Pisa See the enchanting skyline of Florence from Piazzale Michelangelo before driving to Pisa through the Arno Valley. Meet your **Local Specialist** to explore the Square of Miracles and see the famous Leaning Tower, the Cathedral, Baptistery and Camposanto. Next, you'll enjoy an exclusive Be My Guest experience. This evening, enjoy the delights of Florence your way. (B, L)

#### **Be My Guest**

Meet Sandra and Antonella on their farm for lunch at the Agriturismo Borgo Vigna Vecchia surrounded by vineyards and olive groves in the Tuscan hills.



#### **DAY 6 Discover Renaissance Florence**

Today discover Florence, a city filled with exquisite galleries, lush gardens and opulent palaces. Consider a visit to the hilltop town of San Gimignano, the 'medieval Manhattan' of Tuscany. Use your free time to sample rich panforte and tortas, or shop for the latest fashions in Florence's sophisticated boutiques. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience in the Chianti region for a delicious Tuscan dinner. (B)

**DAY 7** Travel by High-Speed Train to

Venice All aboard the express train for Venice. Cross the spectacular Apennines and fertile Veneto plain before arriving in this island city. Wander along its narrow lanes in search of a cosy bacaro, people-watch in St. Mark's Square, or take an unforgettable gondola ride along the city's enchanting canals. (B) Hotel: Principe/Amadeus

DAY 8 Cruise the Canals of Venice On this morning's MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll witness the centuriesold craft of glassblowing. Board a private launch and cruise to St. Mark's Square to see the Bridge of Sighs, Palladian Churches, the Customs House, St. Mark's Basilica, and Campanile, as well as the Doge's Palace. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore the city. Find a quiet campo and pavement café or take a cruise to colourful Burano for a delicious meal. (B)

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** Discover the ancient skill of Venetian glassblowing and play a part in preserving this traditional craft. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

**DAY 9 Experience Venice's Food Market** 

The sights and sounds of modern Venice come to life today as you join your Local Specialist for a walking tour and explore the vibrant Rialto Food Market. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure for one last taste of Venice. Celebrate newfound friendships and an unforgettable experience at dinner. (B, D)

**DAY 10 Farewell Venice** Say arrivederci to Italy and your fellow travellers as your fascinating holiday comes to an end. (B)

Transfers: Arrive at Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30.

#### Included meals: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D) Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

### Trip code: ITGV

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** Rome, Florence, Pisa and Venice

#### Visit Must-see Landmarks

The Colosseum in Rome, the Academy of Fine Arts in Florence and a glassblowing factory in Venice

#### View Must-see Landmarks

The ancient sites in Rome, the Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

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We loved our gondola ride in Venice, Italy.

Sherry

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11 Days | 2 Countries | 15 Meals | Dynamic Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Want the full Italian Experience? Cruise Cinque Terre's rugged coastline, get lost in San Gimignano's quaint centre and discover the art of glassblowing in Venice. From Rome to Lucca and Bologna, the Wonders of Italy come alive over a glass of Tuscan Chianti.



DAY 1 Buongiorno Rome Benvenuti a Roma! Open your heart to a whirlwind of fiery passion, antiquities and hearty flavours crafted by Italian mammas over centuries. Join your Travel Director for an introduction to the 'Eternal City'. Arrive at Basilica Santa Maria in Cosmedin for a private after-hours visit to the 'Mouth of Truth' without the crowds. See the church, crypt, and relics of the famous saint of love, Valentine, and learn about the legend of the Mouth of Truth. This evening, enjoy dinner with your travel companions. (D) Hotel: Il Cantico

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

**DAY 2 Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City** Enjoy an included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** at the Vatican Museums. Admire great works like the Sistine Chapel and the sorrowful Pietà inside St. Peter's Basilica. In Ancient Rome, you'll see the Circus Maximus and visit the mighty Colosseum before enjoying a free afternoon. **(B)** 

DAY 3 Journey to Lucca Travel north to Lucca for a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist to admire the 14th-century San Martino Cathedral and Piazza dell'Anfiteatro. In your free time, relax in Piazza San Michele or ascend one of the city's ancient towers for panoramic views. (B) Hotel: Best Western Grand Guinigi

#### **DAY 4** Explore Cinque Terre and Pisa A

sea of pastel pink, yellow and blue houses cling dramatically to the Ligurian cliffs in the Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join a **Local Specialist** and delve into daily life in these picturesque fishing villages. Later, visit Pisa and its UNESCO-listed 'Square of Miracles' to view the architectural feat that is the Leaning Tower. (B, D)

DAY 5 Onwards to San Gimignano and Florence The gentle Tuscan landscape leads us to our next destination, the hilltop town of San Gimignano, famed for its stunning medieval architecture and historic towers. Enjoy a Be My Guest experience located on the ancient road between Siena and Florence. Later, arrive in Florence for an evening at your leisure. (B, L) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

#### Be My Guest

Meet the Lenzi family at their Tuscan wine farm, overlooking the rolling Chianti Hills, the 'heart of Tuscany', for lunch and a Chainti and olive oil tasting

#### **DAY 6** Uncover the Treasures of Florence

Join a **Local Specialist** who will bring the legacy of the influential Medici family to life. View the magnificent marble Duomo and a replica of the David statue in Piazza della Signoria. See the Ponte Vecchio, almost

700 years old, and soak in the spectacular panorama from Piazzale Michelangelo. The rest of the day is yours to explore the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. **(B)** 

#### **DAY 7** Admire Verona and on to Venice

Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers are remembered today in the romantic city of Verona. Here, you'll view Juliet's Balcony and the 1st\_century Roman arena, still used today to host spectacular operatic performances. Then, venture to Venice, your home for the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Le Boulevard Lido

DAY 8 Discover the Floating City Start your day with an unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, witnessing the beautiful handcrafted glass-making process. You may wish to buy a souvenir to remind you of the talent and skill of the master craftspeople. Next, see St. Mark's Basilica, the ornate Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Cruise by private launch to see the city's most iconic attractions before enjoying free time to explore the city at your own pace. (B)

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DAY 9 Off to Bologna and Assisi Travel through scenic countryside to the mystical town of Assisi, known as the 'City of Peace' and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a stop in Bologna to admire the city's Kissing Towers. Continue to your hotel near Santa Maria degli Angeli for your Stays With Stories experience. (B, D) Hotel: Cenacolo

#### Stays with Stories

Built to welcome pilgrims visiting Assisi, Hotel Cenacolo is a fully renovated old Franciscan monastery with the original structure maintained, a masterful blend of ancient and modern comforts.

#### DAY 10 All Roads Lead to Tivoli and Rome

Discover the legacy of St. Francis of Assisi in his home town on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Join your **Local Specialist** for a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis, with its beautiful frescoes. Then, continue to Tivoli for a guided visit of the Villa d'Este Gardens with another **Local Specialist**. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers and Travel Director. **(B, D) Hotel: Precise House Mantegna** 

**DAY 11 Farewell Rome** It's time to say a fond arrivederci to Italy and your newfound friends after a memorable journey. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Rome, Lucca, Cinque Terre, Florence and Assisi

#### **Discover on City Orientations**

Pisa, San Gimignano, Verona and Venice

#### Visit Must-see Landmarks

Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, a glassblowing factory in Venice, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, and Villa d'Este Gardens in Tivoli

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The ancient sites of Rome, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Santa Croce Basilica and Duomo in Florence, Juliet's Balcony in Verona, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice and the Kissing Towers of Bologna

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

To Cinque Terre and by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

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The entire trip was amazing.
The history, the artwork,
and the beauty left us dazed
and amazed.

Donna

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# Italy Bellissimo

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### 11 Days | 2 Countries | 15 Meals | Dynamic Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

If toasting epic Tuscan sunsets, soaking up the sun-kissed sophistication of Italy's most popular cities and olive oil tasting in a real Italian Borgo with new friends sounds like your idea of perfection, this is one of those bellissimo Italy experiences that would seduce even the sirens of Capri.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Rome** Spend the day exploring Rome on your own before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D)** 

**Hotel: Grand Tiberio** 

Transfers: Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport

(FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

**DAY 2 Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City** Begin your captivating Rome journey with fast-track entry to the Vatican Museums. Join a **Local Specialist** to admire Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and his Pietà in St. Peter's Basilica. See the enduring symbols of Ancient Rome, including the Circus Maximus and visit the Colosseum, before spending the afternoon at leisure. **(B)** 

#### DAY 3 Admire Pompeii and on to Capri

Continue south towards the ancient city of Pompeii, where you'll join a **Local Specialist** who will share insights into the city's tragic history. Later, cruise to the captivating isle of Capri. **(B) Hotel: Regina Cristina** 

**DAY 4 A Day on the Isle of Capri** Explore the glamour of Capri on a walking tour with a **Local Specialist** that will include views of the marina. Spend free time shopping at elegant boutiques or perhaps join an Optional Experience to explore the rugged coastline and hidden grottos by private motor launch. **(B, D)** 

DAY 5 Onwards to Assisi Sail back across the Mediterranean to Naples and venture north to Perugia. Here, you'll discover Italy's ancient weaving tradition during an impressive MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, learning how your visit helps preserve this traditional art form. Continue to the ancient hilltop town of Assisi. (B) Hotel: Valle di Assisi

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Visit the Laboratorio Guiditta Brozetti Museum and meet the Alliance for Artisan Enterprise to learn about the history of Italian hand-weaving during a private demonstration. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 5 &11: Gender Equality & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 6 Journey to Venice Visit the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, with insights from a Local Specialist before continuing north to Venice. Tonight, immerse yourself in history at your Stays With Stories hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Albergo Quattro Fontane Lido

#### **Stays with Stories**

Robert Browning, a poet and playwright, loved this 'gracious country home' and you will too when you experience the beauty of this 19<sup>th</sup>-century eclectic hotel on Lido Island.

#### DAY 7 Cruise the Canals of Venice The

Winged Lion of Venice is your constant companion as you cruise by private launch to your **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**. Witness the delicate Venetian tradition of glassmaking before continuing to St. Mark's Square to view the Basilica, the Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs. **(B)** 

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DAY 8 Discover Pisa and the Tuscan

Hills This morning, travel to Pisa and visit its Square of Miracles to view the famous Leaning Tower, before arriving in the sparesort of Montecatini Terme in Tuscany. (B) Hotel: Minerya Palace

DAY 9 Off to Renaissance Florence Today, your Local Specialist shares all the sights of Florence including views of the magnificent marble Duomo, Baptistery, Piazza della Signoria and Ponte Vecchio. Learn about the quality and workmanship of two of this city's historic industries at demonstrations of Florentine leathercraft and 18-carat gold. Later, you'll have some free time to explore or shop for high-quality leather goods in Florence's boutiques before your Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

Join the Callistri family at their borgo in the Hamlet of Limonaia for a delicious Italian dinner, olive oil tasting and a leisurely walk through their olive groves and lemon orchards.



DAY 10 Venture to San Gimignano and Rome Admire the medieval beauty of San Gimignano today, strolling to its triangular Piazza della Cisterna. See the hilltop town's extraordinary architecture, shop for local products or relax with a gelato at a pavement café. This evening, celebrate a magnificent Italian adventure with newfound friends at dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Shangri-La

**DAY 11 Arrivederci Rome** After breakfast, say a fond farewell to Italy and prepare to return home after a memorable Italian journey of discovery. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Assisi and Florence

#### Discover on City Orientations

Venice, Perugia and San Gimignano

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel and the Colosseum in Rome, the excavations at Pompeii, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The ancient sites of Rome, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Santa Croce Basilica, the Duomo and the Ponte Vecchio in Florence

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We had a blast travelling all over Italy with such a fun group, making new friends and crossing things off our bucket list.

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**DAY 1 Ciao Rome** Soak up the vibrant atmosphere before meeting your Travel Director for dinner. **(D) Hotel: Grand Tiberio** 

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

**DAY 2 Discover Ancient Rome** Explore Rome with a **Local Specialist** and see the Vatican City and the Circus Maximus. Visit the Colosseum, a highlight of Ancient Rome. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to visit the awe-inspiring Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. From Roman ruins to Renaissance palazzi—Rome has it all. **(B)** 

**DAY 3 Rome Your Way** Delve into Rome's treasures spanning millennia – the museums, churches, gardens and architecture remain enduring symbols of a powerful city. Or perhaps consider an Optional Experience to Tivoli, site of the magnificent Villa d'Este Gardens. **(B)** 

DAY 4 Explore the Ruins of Pompeii and the Amalfi Coast Today, pay homage to the thousands of brave souls who fought at the Battle of Monte Cassino. Perched on the hillside, see the 6th-century Abbey destroyed during World War II, before venturing south to Pompeii, a city frozen in time. Join a Local Specialist to visit the excavations of a city engulfed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Arrive later at your hotel on the iconic Mediterranean Amalfi Coast, where you'll dine tonight. (B, D) Hotel: San Pietro Maiori

#### **DAY 5 Scenic Amalfi Coast Your Way**

Indulge in a full free day at leisure. Consider joining an Optional Experience along the Amalfi Coast to the seaside village of Positano. You could also choose to soak up the extraordinary beauty of the village of Ravello. (B)

DAY 6 Experience the Isle of Capri This morning, journey along the coast to the medieval town of Amalfi before setting sail to the glamorous island of Capri. On arrival, ascend to Capri town by funicular for a guided walking tour with a Local Specialist who will share views of the piazzetta—the heart and soul of this beautiful town. Later, return to the mainland. (B)

**DAY 7 Journey to Florence** From the Amalfi Coast, travel north through the rolling landscape of Umbria into Tuscany before arriving in the Renaissance city of Florence. **(B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo** 

**DAY 8 Florence Your Way** The city is renowned for its art, architecture and cultural treasures. Join your **Local Specialist** for a tour that includes views of the exquisite marble Duomo, Baptistery and Ponte Vecchio. Wander through the Piazza della Signoria with its prominent Palazzo

Vecchio. Join your fellow travellers this evening for a **Be My Guest experience** set against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves. **(B, D)** 

#### Be My Guest

Join Count Miari Fulcis for dinner at his 15<sup>th</sup>-century organic olive oil estate, used as a location for many famous films like 'Tea with Mussolini', and enjoy eight generations of historic stories.



**DAY 9 Venture to Venice** Continue north, bound for Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic' and your home for the next two nights. **(B) Hotel: Principe/Amadeus** 

DAY 10 Cruise the Canals of Venice Glide through the canals of Venice on board a private launch. Next, delve into a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience where you'll witness first-hand the centuries-old craft of glassmaking before arriving at St. Mark's Square. Your love affair with Venice continues as you view St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs, before enjoying dinner of the flavours of Italy. (B, D)

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**DAY 11 Journey Home** Your leisurely encounter with an extraordinary destination has now come to an end. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Rome, Pompeii, Capri and Florence

**Discover on City Orientations** Amalfi Town and Venice

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Colosseum in Rome, the ruins of Pompeii and a glassblowing factory in Venice

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Arthur

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### Best of Italy

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### 13 Days | 2 Countries | 18 Meals | Dynamic Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Discover the Best of Italy, from the ancient treasures of Rome to Renaissance Florence and everything in between. Imagine lapping up the chic lifestyle on Capri, and taking a private guided visit to Pompeii to see a Roman city frozen in time.



DAY 1 Welcome to Rome Ciao Roma! Explore this imperial city of emperors and senators, gods and goddesses before joining your Travel Director for an introduction to the 'Eternal City'. Arrive at Basilica Santa Maria in Cosmedin for a private after-hours visit to the Mouth of Truth. See the church, crypt and relics of the famous saint of love, Valentine, and learn about the legend of the Mouth of Truth. This evening, enjoy dinner with your travel companions. (D) Hotel: Una

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Join a Local Specialist for an included sightseeing tour in the Vatican Museums. Admire Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel, then see the marble masterpiece of the Pietà in St. Peter's Basilica. Venture to Ancient Rome to view the Circus Maximus and visit the Colosseum during the city tour. (B) Hotel: Cicerone/Una

DAY 3 Explore the Ruins of Pompeii and Sorrento Journey south to the well-preserved ruins of Pompeii. Join a Local Specialist who will share details of the devastation caused by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Vesuvio Sorrento

**DAY 4 Cruise to the Isle of Capri** Cross the Bay of Naples by ferry to the Isle of Capri and join a **Local Specialist** for a guided walking tour in Capri town, before returning to the mainland. **(B) Hotel: Grand Cesare Augusto/Johanna Park** 

DAY 5 Onwards to Assisi See the Benedictine Abbey of Cassino perched high on the mountain peak, known as the site of the Battle of Monte Cassino in 1944. Continue north, where you'll meet a Local Specialist for a visit of the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Assisi

#### **DAY 6** Venture to Verona and Venice

Travel through Emilia-Romagna, a region famed for its gastronomy. Later, arrive into Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic', and spend time admiring this unique city. (B) Hotel: Biasutti Lido

**DAY 7 St. Mark's and More in Venice** Cruise through Venice by private launch, soaking up the sights and sounds of this historic port. Enjoy a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** with master craftspeople. Continue past the Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace to St. Mark's Square, where you'll view the impressive square and Basilica. **(B)** 

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**DAY 8 Stroll Around Milan** Cross the lush green plains of Lombardy to sophisticated Milan, Italy's capital of design and fashion is our destination. An orientation tour takes us past the intricate Gothic Duomo, La Scala Opera House and the famous Galleria. Later arrive in the Italian Lakes where we'll enjoy a dinner with your fellow travelling companions. **(B, D) Hotel: Simplon** 

DAY 9 On to Como and Scenic Lake Maggiore Indulge in a free day at your leisure in the Italian Lake District. Time to explore Como's historical quarter, savour delicious gelato, or consider a serene cruise on the lake. This evening, venture by private boat to a secluded island on Lake Maggiore for your Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

Join the Cinque family for dinner and wine at Villa Toscanini, and learn about the intriguing history of their home and Lake Maggiore, the hideaway of conductor Arturo Toscanini, one of the most influential musicians of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



#### DAY 10 Admire Pisa and on to Florence

Tuscany lures you past the marble quarries of Carrara to Pisa and its Square of Miracles where you'll view the Leaning Tower. Your next stop is Florence. (B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

**DAY 11 Experience Art and Architecture** in Florence Your Local Specialist unlocks the history of the Medici family as you visit Piazza della Signoria. Enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Florence's beautiful skyline, dominated by the elegant Duomo and the almost 700-year-old Ponte Vecchio, from Piazzale Michelangelo. **(B)** 

**DAY 12 Treasures of San Gimignano and Return to Rome** This morning, stop at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial before visiting the Tuscan hill-town of San Gimignano. This evening in Rome, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. **(B, D) Hotel: Shangri-La** 

**DAY 13 Farewell Rome** Bid a fond ciao to your newfound friends as your discovery of the best of Italy comes to an end. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Assisi and Florence

#### **Discover on City Orientations**

Venice, Milan and San Gimignano

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica, the Colosseum and the Sistine Chapel in Rome, the excavations at Pompeii, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, a glassblowing factory in Venice, Lake Como and the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Juliet's Balcony in Verona, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, the Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Duomo in Florence

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Ferry to the Isle of Capri, private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 9 for your unique local encounter

#### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 7 for how you'll make a positive impact

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A trip of a lifetime to see one of the most beautiful countries in the world.

Alyssa

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### 13 Days | 2 Countries | 17 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

Get set for one of our most glorious Italy trips, from the well-heeled streets of Milan to the 'Eternal City' of Rome. Base yourself in the beautiful Italian Lakes for a few days of stunning scenery, before the colourful Amalfi Coast, with its pretty cliffside villages and sun-kissed seaside vibe, truly captures your heart.



**DAY 1 Journey to the Italian Lakes** Stylish Baveno is your launchpad to the Italian Lakes, where you'll start your leisurely jaunt through Italy. At Lake Maggiore, soak up the peaceful atmosphere before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at your hotel. **(D) Hotel: Simplon** 

**Transfers:** Depart Malpensa Airport at 10:00 and 14:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Discover Fashionable Milan and Como The runways of Milan take centre stage today as you explore the fashion capital of Italy. Join a Local Specialist to see both the iconic and unexpected highlights of this hardworking city. Behold the exquisite Gothic architecture of the Duomo, decorated with over 3,400 sculptures, the neoclassical La Scala Opera House and ornate Galleria with its imposing iron and glass-domed roof—all in the company of the trendsetting Milanese. Head to the town of Como and stroll along the lakeside or wander the pretty streets, shop for silk scarves, or soak up the atmosphere in a caffè. (B)

#### **DAY 3** Venture to Verona and Venice

Journey to Verona to view Juliet's Balcony and the ancient Roman Arena, still in use today. Indulge in a cappuccino stop before continuing to Venice, where you'll spend the next two nights. (B, D) Hotel: Le Boulevard Lido

DAY 4 Explore the Floating City Glide through the canals of Venice by private launch, visiting some of the jewels of the 'Queen of the Adriatic.' On your unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by master craftspeople. Then, it's on to St. Mark's Square to admire the profound beauty of the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica. (B)

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Discover the ancient skill of Venetian
glassblowing and play a part in preserving
this traditional craft. Your visit directly
supports United Nations Sustainable
Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities
and Communities.

**DAY 5 Onwards to Florence** From Venice, cross the Apennine Mountains to Florence, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. Consider joining your Travel Director for a traditional Florentine dinner in the Chianti Hills. **(B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo** 

DAY 6 Ponte Vecchio and More in Florence Delve into the culture and history of Florence with a Local Specialist. You'll visit the Piazza del Duomo to view the Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore, Piazza della Signoria and the Ponte Vecchio bridge, which is almost 700 years old. Admire

spectacular views of the city from Piazzale

Michelangelo. Later, enjoy a

**Be My Guest experience** amidst the picturesque backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves. **(B, D)** 

#### **Be My Guest**

Join Count Miari Fulcis for dinner at his 15<sup>th</sup>-century organic olive oil estate, used as a location for many famous films like 'Tea with Mussolini', and enjoy eight generations of historic stories.

#### **DAY 7** Off to the Sunny Amalfi Coast

Journey south through the Arno Valley, passing the Bay of Naples, bound for the Amalfi Coast, deemed an outstanding example of a Mediterranean landscape by UNESCO. (B, D) Hotel: San Pietro Maiori

#### **DAY 8 Uncover the Treasures of Amalfi**

This morning, travel to Amalfi town, perched perfectly on this dramatic coastline. See the 10<sup>th</sup>-century Sant'Andrea cathedral with its Byzantine façade and soak up the laid-back atmosphere. You'll also have time to join an Optional Experience to Positano. **(B)** 

**DAY 9 Amalfi Coast Your Way** You have a free day to indulge in your heart's desires. Consider a fresh seafood lunch, relax at your hotel or take a dip in the warm Mediterranean waters. **(B)** 

DAY 10 The Ruins of Pompeii and on to Rome Embark on a sightseeing walking tour with a Local Specialist and discover Pompeii, which was buried under volcanic ash when Mount Vesuvius erupted. Continue to the 'Eternal City' of Rome, enjoying panoramic views of Lazio and see the hill of Monte Cassino with views of the 6th-century Benedictine Abbey en route. (B) Hotel: Il Cantico

DAY 11 Experience Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Spend the morning in the Vatican City with a Local Specialist, visiting St. Peter's Basilica to view Michelangelo's sorrowful Pietà. Consider an Optional Experience to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel with its exquisite frescoed ceilings. Then, journey into Ancient Rome to visit the Colosseum. This afternoon, you'll have time to explore the city on your own terms. (B)

DAY 12 Rome Your Way Indulge in a full free day to explore. Ease into la dolce vita or consider an Optional Experience to Tivoli, where you can visit Villa d'Este with its magnificent Renaissance gardens and exquisite fountains. This evening, enjoy dinner with your Travel Director and newfound friends before bidding arrivederci to Rome. (B, D)

**DAY 13 Arrivederci Italy** Your unforgettable encounter with Italy finishes today. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** Milan, Florence, Pompeii and Rome

Discover on City Orientations Como, Verona, Venice and the Amalfi Coast

Visit Must-see Landmarks
A glassblowing factory in Venice,
Amalfi Town, the Colosseum and
St. Peter's Basilica in Rome

**Travel by Scenic Journeys**By private launch to St. Mark's
Square in Venice

One-of-a-kind Experiences See day 6 for your unique local encounter

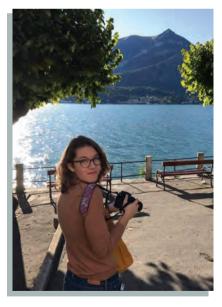
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## Grand Italian Experience

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17 Days | 2 Countries | 24 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct A rare opportunity to see the extraordinary limestone trulli houses of Alberobello is the highlight of this journey. Discover Italy's delights during dinner with Signor Luciano, journey across the Bay of Naples to Capri, dream of star-crossed lovers in Verona and delight in the Italian Lake District. ITALIAN LAKES **ITALY** VENICE LA SPEZIA FLORENCE CINQUE TERRE
OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE ASSISI Available on Day 13 ROME ALBEROBELLO SORRENTO Key: Start • End Overnight • Optional Sightseeing

**DAY 1 Welcome to Rome** Blaze a trail through la bella Italia starting in Rome. Meet your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner. **(D) Hotel: A. Roma Lifestyle** 

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Embark on an included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Then, venture to Ancient Rome to see the Circus Maximus. (B)

DAY 3 Journey to the Alberobello Region

Travel east through the orange and olive groves of Puglia. Dinner tonight is at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Sierra Silvana

DAY 4 Admire Alberobello's Iconic Architecture The conical limestone houses of Alberobello take centre stage during our guided tour with a Local Specialist. Here, you'll see the UNESCO-listed collection of almost 1,500 trulli dating back to the 14th-century. This evening, you'll visit a traditional masseria for a Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

Meet Signor Luciano for dinner on his farm in Alberobello, where you can savour fresh seasonal produce and enjoy a local stone masonry demonstration.

#### **DAY 5 Onwards to Sunny Sorrento**

View the Piazza Tasso and Corso Italia in Sorrento before an afternoon at leisure. This evening, dine at a local restaurant. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Vesuvio Sorrento

**DAY 6 A Day on the Isle of Capri** Cruise to the beautiful Isle of Capri. Enjoy a guided tour of Capri town with a **Local Specialist**. After, explore or sip cappuccino in the glamorous piazzetta. **(B)** 

**DAY 7 Uncover Pompeii's Ruins and on to Assisi** Explore the ancient lost city of
Pompeii with a **Local Specialist**. Continue
to the mystical hilltop town of Assisi and join
a **Local Specialist** for a walking tour. Then,
head to your **Stays With Stories** experience. **(B, D) Hotel: Cenacolo** 

#### **Stays with Stories**

Built to welcome pilgrims visiting Assisi, Hotel Cenacolo is a fully renovated old Franciscan monastery with the original structure maintained, a masterful blend of ancient and modern comforts.

**DAY 8 Onwards to Venice** Venture to the Adriatic coast on your way to Venice. A city like no other, you'll explore its canals and waterways during your time in the Venetian Lagoon. **(B) Hotel: Hilton Molino Stucky Venice** 

**DAY 9 Cruise the Canals of Venice** This morning, you'll observe and learn about the delicate craft of Venetian glassblowing at a

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Glide by private launch along the waterways to see the Bridge of Sighs, Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica before spending time on your terms. (B)

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glassblowing and play a part in preserving
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and Communities.

DAY 10 Journey to Verona, explore Milan and on to the Italian Lakes Celebrate the epic tale of Romeo and Juliet during this morning's visit to Verona, where you'll view Juliet's Balcony and the Roman arena built in the 1st Century. This afternoon, unwind on the shores of Lake Maggiore and explore Baveno. (B) Hotel: Simplon

**DAY 11 Explore Lake Maggiore** Relax on the shores of Lake Maggiore or take an Optional Experience taking a scenic train ride through the Alps. This afternoon, the Borromean Islands Optional Experience is a wonderful way to soak up the incredible beauty of the Italian Lakes. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 12 Onwards to La Spezia** Enjoy the glistening sunrise on Lake Maggiore before you travel to the port city of La Spezia. **(B) Hotel: Firenze & Continentale La Spezia** 

**DAY 13 La Spezia Your Way** Indulge in a full free day to soak up the laid-back atmosphere, or consider joining an Optional Experience along the Ligurian Coast and exploring the beauty of the Cinque Terre. This evening, dine locally. **(B, D)** 

#### **DAY 14 Uncover Pisa and on to Florence**

Travel to Pisa to view its famous Leaning Tower before continuing to Florence. This afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure. (B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

#### **DAY 15 Discover Renaissance Florence**

Join a **Local Specialist** to view the city's finest masterpieces, such as the Duomo, Giotto's Bell Tower and the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Santa Croce Basilica. **(B)** 

**DAY 16 All Roads Lead to Rome** Tour the extraordinary Vatican Museums with a **Local Specialist**, including views of Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. This evening, Roman flavours take centre stage as you toast your travels. **(B, D) Hotel: Shangri-La** 

**DAY 17 Journey Home** Say arrivederci to Rome and your newfound friends at the end of your Grand Italian Experience. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Rome, Alberobello, Capri,
Pompeii, Assisi and Florence

**Discover on City Orientations**Sorrento, Venice and Milan

#### Visit Must-see Landmarks

The Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel in Rome, the excavations at Pompeii, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi and a glassblowing factory in Venice

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The ancient sites of Rome, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, the Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

To the Isle of Capri and by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See days 4 and 7 for your unique local encounters

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My mum and I celebrated her 60th with the Grand Italian Experience, and we made so many memories laughing, crying (from laughter) and seeing Italy in a way we could only dream of.

Sarah

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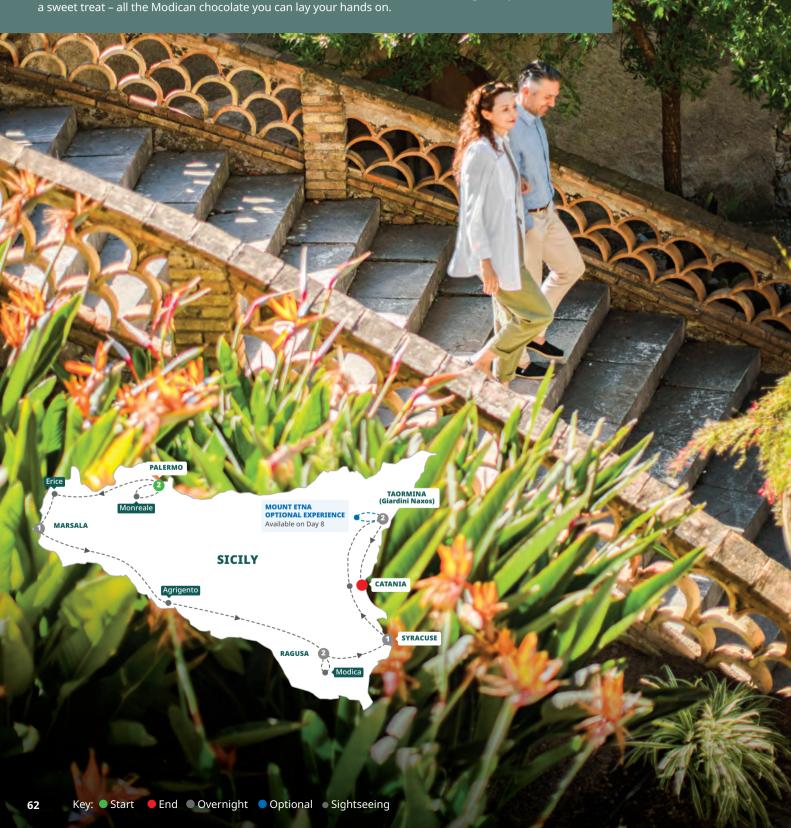
## Colours of Sicily

4.3/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

9 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

Vibrant palette of colours come alive on your tour of Sicily. Sip local wine on the slopes of Mount Etna, wander the chic streets of Taormina and meet the locals in colourful towns and villages. Top it all off with a sweet treat – all the Modican chocolate you can lay your hands on.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Palermo** Start your Sicilian journey in Palermo. Enjoy some free time to relax before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner to begin your adventure. **(D) Hotel: Garibaldi** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 12:00 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

**DAY 2 Explore the Capital of Sicily** Head to Monreale on the slopes of Monte Caputo, where a **Local Specialist** will guide you through the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Cattedrale di Monreale, one of the greatest examples of Norman architecture. This evening, you could enjoy an Optional Experience in the beautiful fishing village of Sferracavallo, feasting on Palermitano specialties perfectly paired with delicious Sicilian wine at the foot of Mount Capo Gallo. **(B)** 

DAY 3 Journey to Ancient Marsala Discover hidden Palermo with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Continue to Erice to explore the hilltop 'Town of a Hundred Churches' and enjoy free time for lunch. Next, stop at the Infersa Mill salt pans to learn about the ancient 'culture of salt,' an industry which has shaped this region for centuries. Later, arrive in Marsala, home to the wine that shares its name. During your evening at leisure, explore picture-perfect Marsala or opt for an Optional Experience at a Marsala winery followed by dinner of regional dishes. (B) Hotel: Seawater

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the lesser-known history of the ancient city
of Palermo. This one-of-a-kind experience
directly supports United Nations Sustainable
Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

DAY 4 Onwards to Agrigento and Ragusa
Today's first stop is Agrigento where you'll
join a Local Specialist for a visit to the
UNESCO-listed Valley of the Temples. You'll
explore one of the world's most treasured
centres of Greek art and architecture,
including the seven sandstone Doric temples
overlooking the city. After lunch, head to
Ragusa, a city with two very different souls –
the lower and older Ragusa Ibla and higher
Ragusa Superiore are separated dramatically
by a deep ravine, the Valle dei Ponti. (B, D)
Hotel: Poggio del Sole

#### **DAY 5** Explore Beautiful Baroque Modica

This morning, visit to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Modica. Your Travel Director will show you the sights on an orientation of this Baroque beauty before learning about the secrets of Modican chocolate. Later, return to Ragusa to discover the rebuilding of the city following a 17<sup>th</sup>-century earthquake. Your **Local Specialist** will reveal how this devastating seismic event led to the development of an entirely new city. **(B)** 

#### **DAY 6 Off to Historic Syracuse Once**

a major Mediterranean power and the birthplace of Archimedes, the historic city of Syracuse takes centre stage as you join your **Local Specialist** for in-depth insights into its colourful past. You'll see some of its treasures at the Archaeological Museum, then visit the island of Ortygia. Your afternoon is open to spend as you wish. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(B, D) Hotel: Aretusa Palace** 

DAY 7 Venture Past Mount Etna to Taormina Continue up the coast to Catania, the city that lies in Mount Etna's shadow. You'll have some free time to explore on your own and perhaps sample arancini, a favourite Catania snack. Later, join a Local Specialist to delve into the history and culture of the ancient town of Taormina. A particular highlight will be a visit to the beautifully preserved ruins of the Teatro di Taormina. Spend the evening as you wish or join an Optional Experience indulging in Sicilian specialties. (B) Hotel: Caesar Palace Giardini Naxos

DAY 8 Taormina Free Day Taormina is yours for the taking today. During your free time, you could choose to explore the elegant boutiques along Corso Umberto. Work up an appetite and stop for some of the city's signature cannoli or cool down with a famous Sicilian granita, a half-frozen dessert served with a piping-hot brioche. Movie buffs will delight in an Optional Experience to Mount Etna and Savoca, the hilltop village featured in 'The Godfather.' Later this evening, learn the art of Sicilian cuisine on a charming Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

Join Daniela and her family at their Sicilian lemon farm for dinner overlooking the UNESCO-listed Mount Etna and learn about their farm life traditions.



DAY 9 Farewell Sicily Your journey through Sicily comes to an end after breakfast. (B) Transfers: Arrive at the airport at 06:30 and 08:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Palermo, Monreale, Valley of the Temples, Ragusa, Syracuse and Taormina

### Discover on City Orientations Modica

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Monreale Norman Cathedral, Erice, Infersa Mill in Marsala, Valley of the Temples, the Syracuse Archaeological Museum, Ortygia and the Greek Theatre in Taormina

### View Must-see Landmarks Mount Etna

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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Trafalgar had a great itinerary of places I otherwise would have missed as a solo female Traveller. An abundance of Sicilian food and culture!

Martha

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# Southern Italy and Sicily

**4.5**/5 **feefo** <sup>←</sup> As rated by Past Guests

10 Days | 1 Country | 14 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

The sun-kissed south and Sicily are the star attractions on this mesmerising southern Italy journey from Rome to Palermo. Taste local Sicilian wine on the slopes of snow-capped Mount Etna, learn about the ancient Greek heritage of Agrigento and get lost in the medieval cobbled streets of Erice.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Rome** Ciao Roma! The 'Eternal City' is yours to explore on your own before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner this evening. Enjoy an orientation drive—a perfect introduction to this beautiful city, the centre of which has been proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage Site with its ruins, imposing monuments, statues and fountains. **(D)** 

Hotel: Midas Palace

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Explore the Ruins of Pompeii and Sorrento From Rome, journey south to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pompeii. Your Local Specialist will take you on a walking tour of the excavations buried for centuries under a layer of volcanic ash after Mount Vesuvius erupted. See such sites as the Gymnasium, the Temple of Apollo and the impressive Basilica before arriving later at your hotel in Sorrento. (B) Hotel: Johanna Park

**DAY 3 A Day on the Isle of Capri** Take a ferry to Capri, the isle of sirens according to Greek mythology. You'll ascend to Capri town by funicular railway and see the famous Piazzetta during your guided walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. Spend some free time people-watching at one of the local cafés before returning to the mainland, where you can enjoy free time in Sorrento. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 4 Cross the Strait to Taormina** Drive south past Salerno and through Calabria, crossing the straits of Messina to Sicily and the beachside resort town of Giardini Naxos below Taormina. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Sant Alphio Garden Giardini Naxos

#### DAY 5 Gardens and More in Taormina

Your **Local Specialist** will take you on a walking tour of Taormina on the slopes of Monte Tauro, overlooking the sea. Visit the Greek theatre and see the terraced botanical gardens. Then, stroll along the elegant Corso Umberto and on to the piazza for splendid panoramic views across the bay. Later, there's free time for shopping for souvenirs and handmade ceramics on the Corso or savour a delicious gelato. **(B)** 

**DAY 6 Taormina Your Way** Enjoy a full day to do as you please in this beautiful resort town. Shop, relax, see the sights of your choice, or consider an Optional Experience. Whatever you decide, your Travel Director will be on hand to help you get the most out of your day. Tonight, enjoy a **Be My Guest experience. (B, D)** 

#### **Be My Guest**

Join Daniela and her family at their Sicilian lemon farm for dinner overlooking the UNESCO-listed Mount Etna and learn about their farm life traditions.



DAY 7 Journey to Ancient Agrigento Enjoy views of Enna on the way to Agrigento, where your Local Specialist will take you to the Valley of the Temples—the finest Greek sanctuary in Sicily. See the Temple of Concord and the Temple of Juno overlooking the sea. (B) Hotel: Dioscuri Bay Palace

DAY 8 Explore Sicilian Towns and on to Palermo Journey to Erice, a famous hilltop medieval town in western Sicily with its cobbled streets, Norman castle and stunning views of the sea, salt pans and wooded hillsides. Perhaps take a walk to the ruins of Venus Castle with its Balio Gardens. Continue your day with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Palermo. In your free time this evening, you could choose to join an Optional Experience to a coastal village where the colourful fishing boats line the harbour. (B) Hotel: Garibaldi

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#### **DAY 9** Enjoy the Views in Monreale

Travel to Monreale for views of La Conca d'Oro and explore the magnificent 12<sup>th</sup>century Norman Cathedral with your **Local Specialist**. Later, join your fellow travellers to celebrate your journey with dinner at a local restaurant. (**B**, **D**)

**DAY 10 Journey Home** Say arrivederci to Sicily and your newfound friends at the end of a memorable holiday. **(B)** 

**Transfer:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists

Pompeii, Capri, Taormina, Agrigento and Palermo

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The excavations at Pompeii, the ruins of the ancient Greek theatre at Taormina, the Valley of the Temples at Agrigento, Erice, Monreale Cathedral

**View Must-see Landmarks** 

The fortress town of Enna and Palermo Cathedral

**Travel by Scenic Journeys**To the Isle of Capri

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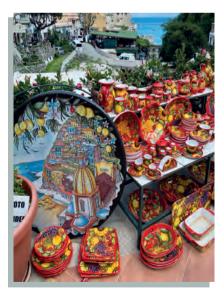
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Gazing out towards the coast of Amalfi with the beauty created by Italian artisans is cast in my memory forever.

Margaret

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# Best of Italy and Sicily

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15 Days | 2 Countries | 20 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Sep

Ancient history and fabulous food are the cornerstones of this colourful journey through Italy and Sicily. You'll enjoy local seafood in Sicily, follow the shadow of Mount Etna and admire the Leaning Tower in Pisa's Square of Miracles.



#### **DAY 1 Welcome to Palermo** The

multicultural capital of Palermo is the launchpad for your journey across Sicily and Italy. You'll have some free time before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. (D)

**Hotel: Mercure Centro** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 12:00

and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

**DAY 2 Enjoy the Views in Monreale** Join your **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour, which includes the Teatro Massimo and the old 'La Cala' harbour. Later, travel to Monreale on the slopes of Monte Caputo, overlooking the almond, olive and orange groves of La Conca d'Oro. **(B)** 

#### **DAY 3 Journey to Ancient Agrigento**

Journey to Agrigento to tour the impressive Greek Valley of the Temples, dating back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC, with a **Local Specialist**. This evening, dinner is served at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Dioscuri Bay Palace

**DAY 4 Onwards to Scenic Taormina** Travel through the vineyards towards the seaside resort of Taormina. Enjoy spectacular vistas and a taste of la dolce vita in this hillside town, with some free time on arrival. (B) **Hotel: Caesar Palace Giardini Naxos** 

**DAY 5 Taormina Your Way** Spend the day relaxing at your chic Sicilian resort. Dive into the warm Mediterranean waters or shop for exquisite hand-painted ceramics on Corso Umberto. Consider joining an Optional Experience to Savoca, the village made famous by 'The Godfather', and Europe's most active volcano, Mount Etna. This evening, delight in a **Be My Guest experience**. **(B, D)** 

#### **Be My Guest**

Join Daniela and her family at their Sicilian lemon farm for dinner overlooking the UNESCO-listed Mount Etna and learn about their farm life traditions.

**DAY 6 Travel to Sorrento** Today, cross the Strait of Messina to mainland Italy by ferry, driving north through rustic Calabria and past Salerno to your hotel in Sorrento where you'll spend the next two nights. **(B) Hotel: Grand Cesare Augusto** 

DAY 7 Visit the Isle of Capri Cruise to the Isle of Capri where you'll enjoy a guided walking tour of Capri town with a Local Specialist. Window-shop along Via Camerelle and observe the beautiful people in the Piazzetta before returning to Sorrento, where you'll have the evening at leisure to indulge in limoncello in one of the town's many cafés. (B)

#### DAY 8 Explore Pompeii's Ruins and

Rome This morning, visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed ruins of Pompeii, where a Local Specialist will take you on a walking tour. Rediscovered in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the well-preserved ruins provide insights into daily life of an ancient Roman city. Later, admire the dramatic coastline as you drive north from Pompeii to the 'Eternal City' of Rome. This evening, Roman flavours take centre stage at dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Tiberio

**DAY 9** Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour. Cross the Tiber river and in Ancient Rome see the Circus Maximus and enjoy a visit to the mighty Colosseum. **(B)** 

**DAY 10 Off to Historic Assisi** Today, drive north to the mystical medieval hilltop town of Assisi. Join a **Local Specialist** for a tour of the Basilica of St. Francis. **(B, D) Hotel: Cristallo** 

#### DAY 11 Admire Pisa and on to La Spezia

Venture to Pisa to visit the Square of Miracles and view the Leaning Tower that bears this city's name. A short drive north takes us to La Spezia. (B) Hotel: Firenze & Continentale La Spezia

DAY 12 Enjoy Colourful Cinque Terre and Florence Join a Local Specialist to visit Cinque Terre, a series of seaside villages clinging to rugged cliffs that plunge into the Ligurian Sea. Continue later to Florence. (B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

**DAY 13 Journey to Venice** The magnificent marble Duomo, Santa Croce Basilica, Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria all feature on your walking tour through Florence with a **Local Specialist**. Later, head north to Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic'. **(B) Hotel: Le Boulevard Lido** 

#### **DAY 14 Cruise the Canals of Venice**

Embark on an orientation cruise by private launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Square. See the Doge's Palace, St. Mark's Basilica and the Bridge of Sighs. You'll witness the centuries-old craft of glass making on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for dinner. (B, D)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Discover the ancient skill of Venetian
glassblowing and play a part in preserving
this traditional craft. Your visit directly
supports United Nations Sustainable
Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities
and Communities.

**DAY 15 Farewell Venice** For now, it's a fond ciao Venezia as you prepare to depart for your journey home. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Palermo, Agrigento, Pompeii, Capri, Rome, Assisi, Cinque Terre and Florence

#### **Discover on City Orientations**

Taormina, Sorrento and Venice

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Norman Cathedral at Monreale, the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, the Isle of Capri, the excavations at Pompeii, the Colosseum in Rome and a glassblowing factory in Venice

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Palermo Cathedral, St Peter's Basilica and the ancient sites of Rome, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence and the Byzantine St. Mark's Basilica in Venice

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

To the Isle of Capri and by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

#### One-of-a-kind Experiences

See day 5 for your unique local encounter

#### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 14 for how you'll make a positive impact

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My wife is of Italian origin. What a fantastic experience! Trafalgar not only showed us places we would never have been able to see on our own, but their presentation of history, culture, cuisine, and never-ending stories made this trip a memory for a lifetime.

Roman

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### Best of Italy and Greece

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10 Days | 3 Countries | 14 Meals | Dynamic Activity

Departure months: Apr - Sep

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Sites that highlight the best of Italy and Greece, from Rome's art and architecture to Florence's rich cultural heritage, the awe-inspiring monasteries of Meteora, and Delphi, the renowned oracle site of the classical world.



**DAY 1 Ciao Rome** Benvenuti a Roma! Open your heart to a whirlwind of antiquities and local flavours. Join your Travel Director for an introduction to the 'Eternal City' with a drive to the Basilica Santa Maria in Cosmedin for a private after-hours visit to the Mouth of Truth. See the church, crypt and relics of the famous saint of love, Valentine, and learn about the legend of the Mouth of Truth. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. **(D) Hotel: Midas Palace** 

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Visit St. Peter's Basilica and view Michelangelo's Pietà with a Local Specialist. Venture across the Tiber river to Ancient Rome and see the mighty Colosseum and Circus Maximus, where daring chariot races were once held to thunderous applause. (B)

#### **DAY 3 Journey to Renaissance Florence**

Visit the Vatican Museums with a **Local Specialist**. Admire Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Later, drive north to Florence. Tonight, you'll enjoy dinner against the backdrop of the picture-perfect olive groves and vineyards at a **Be My Guest experience**. **(B, D) Hotel: Villa Neroli** 

#### Be My Guest

Join Count Miari Fulcis for dinner at his 15<sup>th</sup>-century organic olive oil estate, used as a location for many famous films like 'Tea with Mussolini', and enjoy eight generations of historic stories.



DAY 4 Venture to Venice (Mestre) Your Local Specialist reveals Florence's rich cultural heritage during your walking tour. Visit Piazza della Signoria and view the marble Duomo, the famous Baptistery, and Ponte Vecchio. Travel through the Apennines and cross the Veneto plains to Venice. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

DAY 5 Explore the Floating City Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square for a memorable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience where you'll witness the Venetian tradition of glassmaking. See the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica and the ornate Doge's Palace. (B)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Discover the ancient skill of Venetian
glassblowing and play a part in preserving
this traditional craft. Your visit directly
supports United Nations Sustainable
Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities
and Communities.

DAY 6 Onwards to Greece Today, travel through Lombardy. The region is Italy's commercial powerhouse bordering Switzerland with lakes and mountains in the north and plains to the south. Later, board your flight to Athens. (B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Athens

DAY 7 Monasteries of Meteora on the Way to Kalambaka Travel along the foothills of the Athamanika mountains before arriving at the UNESCO-listed monasteries of Meteora. Your Local Specialist will guide you on a visit to two of the six monasteries built on sandstone rocks that tower above the town.

(B. D) Hotel: Amalia Kalambaka

#### **DAY 8 Onwards to Legendary Delphi**

Drive south towards Mount Parnassos and Delphi. Join a **Local Specialist** and walk the Sacred Way to the Temple of Apollo, where athletes competed in the Pythian Games. **(B) Hotel: Amalia Delphi** 

DAY 9 Off to Historic Athens Travel to Athens where you'll discover the city's rich heritage during your sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Marvel at the Royal Palace, the Temple of Zeus and the Acropolis. See Hadrian's Arch and the stadium where the first modern Olympics took place in 1896. Indulge in dinner to celebrate the end of your adventure. (B, D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Athens

**DAY 10 Farewell Athens** Say goodbye to your fellow travellers and Travel Director after an unforgettable journey or join a 4-day Aegean cruise. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Athens Airport at 07:00 and 10:00.

#### Cruise Extension

Soak-up even more Greek culture with a four-day cruise extension, where you can relax, see the sights, and enjoy the magic of the Aegean Sea. Visit trafalgar.com for itinerary details.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

### Explore with Local Specialists

Rome, Florence, Meteora monasteries, Delphi and Athens

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel in Rome, Piazzale Michelangelo and Piazza della Signoria in Florence, a glassblowing factory in Venice, the monasteries of Meteora, the Temple of Apollo in Delphi and the Acropolis in Athens

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The ancient sites of Rome, the Duomo and Baptistery in Florence, the Doge's Palace and the Basilica in Venice and the Parthenon, Royal Palace and the Temple of Zeus in Athens

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

By private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 3 for your unique local encounter

#### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 5 for how you'll make a positive impact

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This trip hit so many highlights and surpassed all expectations. I still cannot believe how beautiful Italy and Greece are!

Megan

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There's even more to love in the land of La Dolce Vita. Read the full itineraries at trafalgar.com.

#### **Best of the Italian Lakes, Day 7**

You'll visit the Enzo Ferrari Museum which celebrates the history of one of the world's most famous luxury sports cars. Explore the history and exhilarating treasures left behind by il Commendatore himself, Enzo Ferrari, a renowned Italian motor racing driver whose love affair with cars saw him win several Grand Prix. You'll learn about his story, the history of the car company and the significance of its prancing horse logo which remains to this day. This is a true journey into the beauty and passion of Italian car racing.

Best of the Italian Lakes was one of the best tours I've experienced.
My fellow travellers were great and our Driver and Travel
Director made it fun.

Shared by our guest Anna, on Best of Italian Lakes

4.5/5 feefo ••• As rated by Past Guests

# Northern Italy including Cinque Terre

8 Days | 1 Country | 10 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Apr - Sep

The Italian Riviera meets Italy's beautiful Lake District on a gourmet-filled encounter with the north and its many treasures. All you need to do is live the high life on this most epic Northern Italy journey.





### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Milan, Parma, Cinque Terre and Genoa

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

A prosciutto factory near Langhirano, cheese factory in Montechiarugolo

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Cathedral, La Scala Opera House and Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II in Milan, Torrechiara Castle in Parma and the Renaissance Palaces in Genoa

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience**: Meet the Cinque family at Villa Toscanini for dinner and learn about its history, which was the hideaway of the Italian Conductor Arturo Toscanini

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### Best of the Italian Lakes

9 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

Discover local favourites on this irresistible journey through the Italian Lakes. Savour a gelato by Lake Maggiore, sample authentic balsamic vinegar in Modena, then embrace the relaxed lifestyle of enchanting lakeside villages.





### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Verona and Modena

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Lake Maggiore, Lake Como and Lake Garda, Mantua and the Enzo Ferrari Museum in Modena

#### One-of-a-kind Experiences

**Be My Guest experience**: Meet the Serenelli family at their Didactic farm for dinner and learn about the establishment of the Red Cross

#### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Visit a traditional acetaia in Modena to sample organic balsamic vinegar

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**Family Fun itinerary** 

**4.6**/5 **feefo** As rated by Past Guests

### Gladiators, Gondolas and Gold

10 Days | 2 Countries | 14 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Jun - Aug

Buckle up for an exciting Italian family adventure packed with highlights and surprises. Learn how to make pizza like a local, discover your inner artist as you make your own Carnival mask in Venice, and dine with a count on his estate.





### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Rome, Florence, Bologna and Venice

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel and gladiator school in Rome, the Piazza dei Miracoli in Pisa, the Academy of Fine Arts and a gelateria in Florence and a glassblowing factory in Venice

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience**: Join Count Miari Fulcis at his 15<sup>th</sup>-century organic olive oil estate for dinner and enjoy eight generations of historic stories

#### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Discover the ancient skill of Venetian glassblowing and contribute to its preservation with your visit

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**DAY 1 Welcome to London** Embrace the pomp and pageantry of a city that marches to its very own vibrant tune. Dine with your Travel Director and fellow travellers later this evening to kick-start your holiday. **(D)** 

**Hotel: The Tower** 

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Journey to Prehistoric Stonehenge and Windsor Regal traditions and ancient monuments take centre stage today as you embark on a full-day excursion from London. Your first stop delves into the history of the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge. Next, visit Windsor Castle, including the superb Georgian State Apartments and St. George's Chapel before returning to London. Don't miss your chance to join an Optional Experience to see a West End theatre show, a must whilst in London. (B)

DAY 3 London Your Way Armed with your travel pass and recommendations from your Travel Director, make the most of your full day at leisure. Pay tribute to Admiral Nelson in Trafalgar Square or wander past the shops on Oxford Street. Consider a full day Optional Experience to the enchanting Cotswolds, visiting Shakespeare's Stratford upon-Avon, with a stop in the university town of Oxford to discover the delights of the city with a Local Specialist. (B)

DAY 4 Discover Multicultural London Embark on a sightseeing tour featuring Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey. See the stately Changing of the Guard before spending the rest of the day enjoying a slice of London culture at your leisure. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London to see the Crown Jewels and to meet the Yeoman Wardens of His Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress. (B)

DAY 5 Experience London's Markets and Museums Stroll past the buzzing stalls of Borough Market, where you'll rub shoulders with the locals here to buy the best of British produce. Spend the rest of the day visiting London's extraordinary museums, many of which are free to visit. Use your London travel pass to traverse the length and breadth of the city. Join an Optional Experience for a unique gastronomic adventure through Soho, one of London's most colourful and interesting boroughs. This evening you'll enjoy a dinner at an exclusive Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

#### Be My Guest

Venture into trendy East London for an evening with your host chef Jon Villar at his pub, turned private club. Dine on fresh flavours with a mix of authentic classic and modern innovative dishes.



DAY 6 Explore Westminster Abbey and Kensington Palace Imagine the kings and queens who have glided gracefully upon the 13<sup>th</sup> century mosaic floor of Westminster Abbey as you explore this architectural wonder with a **Local Specialist**. Later, visit Kensington Palace for a tour and dive into the lives of the Royal Family. Then, indulge in a delicious English cream tea in The Pavillion surrounded by beautiful formal gardens (B, L)

**DAY 7 Cruise the Thames to Greenwich** Enjoy one last full day in the lively streets of London. Consider taking a trip up the Shard, Europe's tallest building. Admire England's proud history reflected in its monuments to great people and victories, or see the treasures of the British Library. This afternoon meet with your Travel Director and travel companions for a leisurely cruise down the Thames to Greenwich. Sail under the famous Tower Bridge before enjoying a taste of sustainable London Gin at the Old Royal Naval College during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Toast to your unforgettable week during dinner at a historic pub. (B, D)

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Let your palate explore the finest British marine botanicals during a tasting of sustainable London Dry Gin that supports marine preservation projects. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water.

**DAY 8 Cheerio London!** After breakfast, say a fond farewell to London and your newfound friends as you prepare to return home after a memorable holiday in one of the world's greatest cities. **(B)** 

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists London

**Discover on City Orientations**Borough Market and Greenwich

Visit Must-see Landmarks
Stonehenge, Windsor Castle in
Windsor, London's Westminster
Abbey, Kensington Palace, and a
choice of fantastic free museums
including the Imperial War Museum
and the British Museum

View Must-see Landmarks
Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament
and Buckingham Palace

**Travel by Scenic Journeys** On the Thames from the London Eye to Greenwich

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**Travel Responsibly**See day 7 for how you'll make a positive impact

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We had such a wonderful time together, making memories to last the rest of our lives.

Suzanne

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### Real Britain

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#### 6 Days | 3 Countries | 7 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Medieval castles and the inspiring beauty of the Lake District are highlights on this exciting journey through England, Scotland and Wales. Learn about the runaway wedding capital, Gretna Green and Tudor history in Ludlow before you ascend to lofty Castle Rock for spellbinding views of Edinburgh.



DAY 1 Journey to Stonehenge, Bath and Cardiff Experience first-hand what's 'great' about Great Britain. Embark on a mesmerising sojourn past rolling hills and farmlands of England. Head west to Stonehenge's megaliths, whose centuriesold myths have yet to be fully revealed. The elegant Georgian architecture of Bath takes centre stage during our visit to this famous spa town. Here, you'll see the Abbey and visit the Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, before crossing the Severn Estuary to Cardiff. Delve into the proud culture and heritage of the Welsh as you embark on an orientation of the city to see the Principality Stadium and Cardiff Castle, in the heart of the city. Tonight, celebrate the beginning of an epic adventure over dinner. (D) Hotel: Clayton

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education.

**DAY 2** Through the Scenic Countryside to Liverpool Delve into the proud culture and heritage of the Welsh as you embark on an orientation of the city. Journey to Ludlow to see its half-timbered Tudor houses, medieval walls and historic castle. Continue north through the Shropshire Hills and Cheshire landscapes to Liverpool, hometown of the Fab Four, for an opportunity to visit The Cavern Club, where The Beatles once played. (B) **Hotel: Mercure Atlantic Tower** 

DAY 3 Venture to the Romantic Lake District and on to Edinburgh The enchanting views of Britain's Lake District provide a scenic backdrop for our drive north to Scotland. Skirt the romantic shores of Lake Windermere and enjoy views that inspired literary greats like William Wordsworth. We stop at the runaway wedding capital that is Gretna Green where 'Blacksmith Priests' would marry couples over the Marriage Anvil. Later, we arrive in enchanting Edinburgh - our home for the next two nights. This evening, consider attending a lively Scottish banquet with traditional haggis and bagpipes. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn

**DAY 4** Discover Edinburgh's Treasures Ramble up the Royal Mile in the mesmerising medieval city of Edinburgh, where you'll join a Local Specialist on

an included city sightseeing tour. Stroll through the Old Town and view Arthur's Seat and the Palace of Holyroodhouse, for centuries the seat of the kings and queens of the Scots. Visit Edinburgh Castle perched atop Castle Rock overlooking the city. Spend the rest of the day exploring Auld Reekie's medieval relics and elegant Georgian and Gothic façades on your own, or join your Travel Director on an Optional Experience to visit Rosslyn Chapel. (B)

DAY 5 Explore Hadrian's Wall and Onwards to York Trace the northern frontier of the Roman Empire at Hadrian's Wall before crossing the River Tyne and venturing south to York. Walk along The Shambles and view York Minster, one of the greatest cathedrals in the world. This evening join a family at their stately home for a **Be My Guest experience** and some hearty British home-cooked hospitality. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Centre

#### **Be My Guest**

Enjoy a traditional British dinner hosted by a local family in the dining room of their historical country home overlooking picturesque scenery in the Vale of York.



**DAY 6 Admire Stratford-upon-Avon** and return to London Learn about Shakespeare's life at his Birthplace and Visitor Centre in Stratford-upon-Avon, and view Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage. Return to London this evening where your memorable encounter with Britain's icons comes to an end. (B)

#### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** Edinburgh

**Discover on City Orientations** Bath, Cardiff, Liverpool and York

**Visit Must-see Landmarks** Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath, the Tudor town of Ludlow. Gretna Green, Edinburgh Castle, and Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon

View Must-see Landmarks Cardiff Castle, the Lake District's magnificent scenery, Hadrian's Wall, York Minster in York, and Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage in Stratford-upon-Avon

One-of-a-kind Experiences See day 5 for your unique local encounter

**Travel Responsibly** See day 1 for how you'll make a positive impact

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Our family thoroughly enjoyed our trip of Great Britain and we are so excited about returning to see more.

Stephanie

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### **Amazing Britain**

4.5/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

8 Days | 2 Countries | 11 Meals | Leisurely Activity

Departure months: Mar - Oct

Discover Amazing Britain on this unforgettable trip. Explore Shakespeare's theatrical roots, the mystique of Stonehenge, and the fresh air and rugged landscapes of the Scottish Highlands. There, you'll visit a traditional whisky distillery and learn about the locals' favourite drink.



Included highlights and *must-sees* 

**Explore with Local Specialists** Edinburgh

**Discover on City Orientations** York, Durham, Glasgow, Bristol and Bath

Visit Must-see Landmarks Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratfordupon-Avon, Edinburgh Castle, Gretna Green, Ludlow, the Roman Baths in Bath and the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge

**View Must-see Landmarks** Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage in Stratford-upon-Avon, York Minster in York, Hadrian's Wall and Jedburgh Abbey

One-of-a-kind Experiences See day 6 for your unique local encounter

**Travel Responsibly** See day 8 for how you'll make a positive impact

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Our first visit to Great Britain was unforgettable! It was our fourth trip with Trafalgar and each trip gets better.

Judy

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DAY 1 Journey to Stratford-upon-Avon and on to Leeds Join your Travel Director this morning and indulge your love of theatre and poetry. Travel to romantic Stratford-upon-Avon, made famous by its favourite son, William Shakespeare, whose extraordinary works have been admired by audiences for over 500 years. View Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre for insights into the life of the 'Bard of Avon', before exploring the charming cobblestone streets of his hometown. Continue to the ancient cathedral city of York where you will enjoy an orientation walk to view its ancient city walls, picturesque Shambles and magnificent 800-year-old Minster. Enjoy a memorable dinner and delicious local pub fare before continuing to your hotel in Leeds. (D)

DAY 6 Explore the Lake District and

where eloping couples would exchange

vows over the Marriage Anvil. Returning

Guest experience at Howbeck Lodge. See

beautiful Lake District landscapes and skirt

fame. (B, L) Hotel: Mercure Atlantic Tower

Meet Christine and enjoy a few hours

animals company thrown in for good

**DAY 7 Through the Beautiful Welsh** 

Countryside to Discover Bristol This

Shropshire market town of Ludlow with

arrive in Bristol for an orientation drive

with our Travel Director and newfound

DAY 8 Soak up Bath and Stonehenge

then off to London Before returning to

the Roman Baths for your MAKE TRAVEL

MATTER® Experience. Emerging from the

Salisbury Plain, the imposing megaliths

of Stonehenge are your final stop before

continuing through the lush Wiltshire and

Hampshire landscapes to London, where

your amazing holiday comes to an end. (B)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths.

Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new

educational investments to benefit the

community. Your visit directly supports

Goal 4: Quality Education.

United Nations Sustainable Development

London, visit the UNESCO-listed city of Bath to admire its elegant Georgian façades and

**City Centre** 

friends. (B, D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn

some time to explore on your own. Later,

before you enjoy dinner in a local restaurant

morning, traverse the pretty Welsh countryside before stopping at the

of Cumbrian farm-life, with some farm

measure, before sitting down to a lunch of

the romantic shores of Lake Windermere,

arriving in edgy Liverpool of 'Fab Four'

**Be My Guest** 

local flavours.

to England, join Christine for a Be My

Journey to Liverpool Today's first stop is in

the runaway wedding capital, Gretna Green,

**Hotel: Clayton Hotel Leeds** 

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

DAY 2 Cross Hadrian's Wall and onwards to Edinburgh Venture north to the medieval riverside town of Durham, whose 11th century cathedral sits imposingly alongside Durham Castle. Cross Hadrian's Wall before enjoying a drive through Northumberland National Park. Admire views of the windswept Cheviot Hills as you cross the Scottish border, stopping to admire the 12th century ruins of ledburgh Abbey en route to Edinburgh. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn

**DAY 3 Discover Enchanting Edinburgh** Fall in love with the enchanting city of Edinburgh during a city tour with a Local Specialist. Ramble up the Royal Mile and enjoy views of the Palace of Holyroodhouse and Scottish Parliament. Visit Edinburgh Castle perched atop Castle Rock. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. (B)

**DAY 4** Venture into the Scottish Highlands Cross the Firth of Forth to the ancient Kingdom of Fife and St. Andrews. This famous golf course is renowned for its 18th hole and 700-year-old Swilcan Bridge. Continue into the dramatic Scottish Highlands to visit pictureperfect Pitlochry before arriving at your hotel in the Scottish Highlands. (B, D) Hotel: Highlander

DAY 5 Onwards to Loch Lomond and Glasgow's Rich Legacy The arresting beauty of the Scottish Highlands provides a stunning backdrop for today's drive to Glasgow. View the World War II Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge and admire views of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis. See Glencoe and travel along Loch Lomond before arriving in Glasgow this afternoon. (B)

**Hotel: Novotel** 

Included meals: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D) Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

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### Best of Britain

4.4<sup>/5</sup> feefo As rated by Past Guests

#### 11 Days | 3 Countries | 16 Meals | Leisurely Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

Explore the Best of Britain on this incredible trip across England, Scotland and Wales, and travel over the sea to the Isle of Skye. Imagine life as a Benedictine monk at Buckfast Abbey, feel the hope of brave pilgrims in Plymouth and be inspired by the beauty of Lake Windermere.



DAY 1 Journey to Stonehenge, Bath and Exeter Journey through the rolling landscapes of rural Wiltshire to the ancient megaliths of Stonehenge. Continue to UNESCO-listed Bath for your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience before arriving in the historic cathedral city of Exeter. (D) Hotel: Mercure Southgate

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education.

DAY 2 Plymouth and More in the Southwest Stop in Plymouth to see the Royal Citadel and consider an Optional Experience cruise. Step back in time in the delightful village of Polperro before continuing along the brooding moorland of Dartmoor. Gain insights into how Benedictine monks have lived and prayed for over 1,000 years at Buckfast Abbey. (B)

DAY 3 Onwards to Glastonbury and Cardiff Enjoy a scenic drive and visit the ruined Glastonbury Abbey. Head to Somerset for an unforgettable Be My Guest experience with your hosts, the Dyer family. Our final stop today is Cardiff, where your Travel Director shows you the city's iconic sites. (B, L) Hotel: Leonardo Bristol City/ Leonardo Cardiff

#### **Be My Guest**

Ian and Ann Dyer are your hosts on their modern-day dairy farm. See the ancient manor house and learn what life is like in the rural countryside over a lunch featuring family favourites.



DAY 4 Explore Tudor History and on to Liverpool Explore Tudor history in Ludlow and Chester this morning, enjoying views of Chester's medieval city walls and red sandstone Cathedral. Join a Local Specialist later in Liverpool to gain insight into the city's musical history. (B) Hotel: Leonardo Manchester Piccadilly/Leonardo Liverpool

DAY 5 Venture to the Romantic Lake
District and on to Glasgow Travel along
the shores of Windermere through
countryside made famous by the poet
William Wordsworth. Stop in Gretna
Green on the Scottish border, where many
eloping couples have tied the knot, before
arriving in Glasgow for an orientation tour.
This evening, enjoy regional flavours in
a local restaurant. (B, D) Hotel: Crowne
Plaza/Novotel

DAY 6 On to Fort William and the Scottish Highlands Journey along Loch Lomond, whose Bonnie Banks were immortalised in song. In Glencoe, remember the 1692 massacre then visit the World War II Commando Memorial near Fort William. Admire views of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis, then finish your day in beautiful surrounds with a cosy dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Craiglynne/Laggan

**DAY 7 Discover the Isle of Skye** Travel to the coast this morning to the Isle of Skye where a **Local Specialist** takes you on a journey to admire the remarkable Cuillin Mountains. Cross back to the mainland to view Eilean Donan Castle and travel through the Scottish Highlands to your Highland hotel. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 8 Journey to Enchanting Edinburgh**Stop in Pitlochry before heading to
St. Andrews. See the famous 18<sup>th</sup> hole
before crossing the Firth of Forth to
Edinburgh. Tickets to see the spectacular
Edinburgh Tattoo are included on
departures that coincide with performance
dates. **(B) Hotel: Delta by Marriott** 

DAY 9 Uncover Edinburgh's Treasures
Ramble up the Royal Mile today and see the
city's iconic sights. The elegant Palace of
Holyroodhouse and the Scottish Parliament
feature on your sightseeing tour with a
Local Specialist. Visit Edinburgh Castle
perched atop Castle Rock overlooking the
city. Consider an Optional Experience this
evening, including traditional song, dance
and Scottish fare. (B)

DAY 10 Continue to York Explore the medieval market town of Alnwick this morning. Then it's on to Northumberland and York for an orientation walk past The Shambles and York Minster. Enjoy a final dinner together to bring our memorable journey to a close. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Centre

DAY 11 Onwards to Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon and London
Shakespeare's legacy and life are celebrated in his home town of Stratford-upon-Avon, which you will have an opportunity to visit today. See Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre. Later, travel back to London where your amazing holiday comes to an end. (B)

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Liverpool, the Isle of Skye
and Edinburgh

**Discover on City Orientations**Bath, Plymouth, Cardiff,
Chester, Glasgow and York

Visit Must-see Landmarks
The ancient stone circle at Stonehenge,
the Roman Baths in Bath, Polperro,
Buckfast Abboy, Glastophyny Abboy

the Roman Baths in Bath, Polperro, Buckfast Abbey, Glastonbury Abbey, the town of Ludlow, the Isle of Skye, Edinburgh Castle, and Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon

View Must-see Landmarks
Eilean Donan Castle, Alnwick Castle
used as Hogwarts in the Harry
Potter films, York Minster in York
and Anne Hathaway's thatched
cottage in Stratford-upon-Avon

One-of-a-kind Experiences See day 3 for your unique local encounter

**Travel Responsibly**See day 1 for how you'll make a positive impact

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Trafalgar showed us places we would never be able to see if we went alone.

Roman

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# Britain and Ireland Highlights 4.5/5 feefo •• As rated by Past Guests

8 Days | 5 Countries | 10 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Mar - Oct

Short on travel time but want to see all the Britain and Ireland highlights? This trip delivers the genius of Shakespeare, Waterford crystal creations in Ireland and a hearty Welsh dinner at a local vineyard, with a side of ancient history, in just 8 days.



DAY 1 Stratford-upon-Avon, York and on to Harrogate Join your Travel Director to delve into centuries of history in Stratford-upon-Avon, retracing the footsteps of Shakespeare. Visit his Birthplace and the Visitor Centre, then continue north to the Viking city of York. View the cobbled Shambles, see the ancient city walls and marvel at the magnificent York Minster. This evening, enjoy dinner in the Victorian spa town of Harrogate. (D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

DAY 2 Through the Scenic Lake District to Glasgow Journey through the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the beautiful Lake District. Pass Windermere as you continue through countryside made famous by the poet William Wordsworth. Cross into Scotland and stop at the runaway wedding capital, Gretna Green. In Glasgow, an orientation tour will take you past Glasgow Cathedral and George Square. (B) Hotel: Novotel

DAY 3 Explore Enchanting Edinburgh From Glasgow visit enchanting Edinburgh. Join a Local Specialist at Edinburgh Castle, perched atop Castle Rock, and see the Royal Mile, elegant Palace of Holyroodhouse and new Scottish Parliament. Admire elegant Georgian architecture in the New Town before returning to Glasgow for a delicious meal at a local restaurant. (B, D)

DAY 4 Cross the Irish Sea to Belfast and Dublin Board the ferry to Northern Ireland, then join a Local Specialist to explore the crossroads of British and Irish culture in Belfast. View City Hall and the dock where the Titanic was built before continuing to Ireland's vibrant capital. (B) Hotel: The Address Connolly/Clayton Ballsbridge

**DAY 5 Discover Diverse Dublin** Discover the fascinating 250-year-old story of Guinness at its original home, the Guinness Storehouse. Drive through the pretty streets of Dublin with a **Local Specialist** to admire the stately Georgian Squares, Trinity College and St. Patrick's Cathedral, the tallest church in Ireland. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience to a rousing Irish cabaret performance. **(B)** 

DAY 6 Journey to Kilkenny and on to Waterford Gain insights into rearing world-class thoroughbreds at the Irish National Stud, established in 1946. Enjoy a guided walk through the farm and take some time to stroll through its tranquil Japanese Gardens, regarded as the best in Europe. At your next stop, witness the delicate craft of Waterford Crystal. Watch master crafters at work during a tour of the workshop and see exquisitely crafted pieces in the showroom.

(B) Hotel: Fitzwilton/Waterford Marina

DAY 7 Ferry Across to Cultural Cardiff An early start to our sightseeing sees us cross the Irish Sea to Wales by ferry and continue our journey to the Welsh capital of Cardiff to view the Wales Millennium Centre, National Assembly and historic Cardiff Castle, in the heart of the city. Visit the oldest and largest vineyard in Wales, joining a local family for a Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Park Inn by Radisson City Centre

#### Be My Guest

Meet your hosts the Norris family at their award-winning vineyard in Wales. See some of the resident animals that roam the land freely before enjoying a homemade meal and warm Welsh hospitality.



DAY 8 Soak up Bath and Stonehenge then off to London Traversing the Severn Estuary into England, arrive in the glorious UNESCO listed city of Bath, with its elegant Georgian façades and visit the worldfamous Roman Baths for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Journey across the scenic landscapes of Wiltshire, paying a visit to the mysterious megalithic stone circle at Stonehenge, then return to London where your memorable holiday in Britain and Ireland comes to an end. (B)

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** Edinburgh, Belfast and Dublin

**Discover on City Orientations** York, Glasgow, Cardiff and Bath

Visit Must-see Landmarks
Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratfordupon-Avon, Gretna Green, Edinburgh
Castle, Guinness Storehouse in
Dublin, the Irish National Stud and
Japanese Garden near Kildare,
the Waterford Crystal Showroom,
the Roman Baths in Bath and the
ancient stone circle at Stonehenge

View Must-see Landmarks
York Minster in York, Glasgow Cathedral
and George Square, City Hall in Belfast

One-of-a-kind Experiences See day 7 for your unique local encounter

**Travel Responsibly**See day 8 for how you'll make a positive impact

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From London, the castles in Scotland to spending time with locals in Ireland - they all hold a special place in our hearts forever!

Lisa

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DAY 1 Stonehenge and Bath and on to Cardiff Ponder the mysteries of the ancient megaliths of Stonehenge, before driving to Bath to visit the Roman Baths on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Cross the Severn Estuary to Cardiff. Enjoy traditional Welsh pub fare and drinks at your evening dinner. (D) Hotel: Leonardo Cardiff

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

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DAY 2 Onwards to Waterford View the Principality Stadium and Cardiff Castle during our orientation of Cardiff. Cross the Irish Sea by ferry and travel to historic Waterford. (B, D) Hotel: Fitzwilton/Waterford Marina

DAY 3 Admire Blarney Castle and Journey to Killarney Dive into Culture and watch the master crafters of the renowned House of Waterford Crystal. Then, kiss the Blarney Stone to acquire the 'gift of the gab' before travelling to Killarney. (B) Hotel: Killarney

**DAY 4 A Day on the Ring of Kerry** Experience the enduring beauty of Ireland's most scenic coastal drive. Tonight, sharing a memorable **Be My Guest experience** with the O'Sullivan family. **(B, D)** 

#### **Be My Guest**

Join the O'Sullivan Family and their Kerry Cows for a dinner of Irish Stew at Molly Gallivan's 200-Year Old Cottage.



**DAY 5 Journey to Cultural Dublin** Visit the Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary, the seat of Irish kings for centuries. Travel to Dublin, joining a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour to see Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the stately Georgian Squares. **(B) Hotel: Hampton by Hilton Dublin City Centre** 

**DAY 6 Dublin Your Way** Beat the crowds and Dive into Culture when you explore the Guinness Storehouse, including a tasting in their Gravity bar. **(B)** 

DAY 7 The Sights of Chester and Liverpool Board the ferry to Wales. Admire the landscapes of Snowdonia National Park bound for Chester. Arrive later in Liverpool, joining our companions for a tasty Regional Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Leonardo Manchester Piccadilly/Leonardo Liverpool

DAY 8 Through the Lake District to Edinburgh Skirt the shores of Windermere, as we travel through countryside made famous by poet William Wordsworth. Cross the Scottish border and visit the runaway wedding capital of Gretna Green. This evening, we arrive in Edinburgh. (B) Hotel: Apex City

DAY 9 Discover Remarkable Edinburgh
Join a Local Specialist for a visit to Edinburgh
Castle. See Auld Reekie's Royal Mile and
the elegant Palace of Holyroodhouse in the
shadow of Arthur's Seat, then admire the
Georgian façades in Edinburgh's New Town.
Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh
Tattoo are included on departures that
coincide with performance dates. (B)

**DAY 10 Venture to York** Journey south to the medieval market town of Alnwick. Travel to York where you'll walk through the cobblestone Shambles, and see the medieval walls and the York Minster. **(B) Hotel: Novotel Centre** 

DAY 11 On to Shakespeare's Stratfordupon-Avon Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre in Stratford-upon-Avon to see where the 'Avon Bard' was born and raised. View Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage. This evening we join our fellow travellers for dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Stratford Manor/Mercure Warwickshire Walton Hall Hotel and Spa

DAY 12 Journey through the Cotswolds to Oxford and London Journey to the Cotswolds and visit the little churchyard at Bladon where Sir Winston Churchill is buried. Arriving in Oxford, you'll enjoy an orientation tour of the city. Return to London this afternoon and bid a fond farewell to your Travel Director and newfound friends at the end of a wonderful holiday. (B)

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Dublin and Edinburgh

**Discover on City Orientations**Bath, Cardiff, Chester, York and Oxford

Visit Must-see Landmarks
Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath,
the Waterford Crystal Showroom,
Blarney Castle to kiss the stone, the
Rock of Cashel in Cashel, Gretna Green,
Edinburgh Castle and Shakespeare's
Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon

View Must-see Landmarks
The Principality Stadium in Cardiff,
Alnwick Castle, York Minster in
York, Anne Hathaway's cottage in
Stratford-upon-Avon and Sir Winston
Churchill's grave at Bladon

**Travel by Scenic Journeys**Drive of the Ring of Kerry in Ireland

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Other than the wonderful experiences and sights we were able to visit on our tour, making lifelong friends was the best part of the experience.

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### Treasures of Ireland

4.5/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

6 Days | 1 Country | 8 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Sep

Blaze a trail and tick off the Treasures of Ireland on this quick jaunt around the Emerald Isle, including stops in Dublin and Cork. Learn all about Viking history, kiss the Blarney Stone and watch in wonder as the Dingle Peninsula unfolds.



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DAY 1 Welcome to Ireland Put a little Irish spring in your step and stroll through the lyrical capital of Dublin - your springboard to an unforgettable jaunt through the treasures of Ireland. Join a Local Specialist this afternoon to explore the city and learn about the bountiful nicknames bestowed upon its iconic sights. Hear about history and life on the Liffey, then wander the cobbled courtyard of Trinity College. See the Book of Kells before enjoying a friendly dinner to get to know your fellow travellers and Travel Director. (D) Hotel: Sandymount

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 14:00.

DAY 2 Journey to Waterford and Cork This morning, we journey to the peaceful monastic ruins at Glendalough, which survived repeated Viking attacks over the centuries. We'll Dive into Culture, watching the master crafters of the House of Waterford Crystal as they create delicate works of art. Marvel at the detail of this traditional craft before continuing to the final stop today in the 'rebel' city of Cork. Enjoy a free evening to enjoy a little Irish craic and soak up the lively atmosphere of this university city. Tonight, join an Optional Experience to a local pub for an evening of Irish entertainment with local musicians, including a good hearty Pub Supper. (B) Hotel: The Dean

DAY 3 See the Sights of Blarney and Killarney National Park Embark on a scenic drive to Blarney Castle, where you have the opportunity to kiss its famous stone to acquire the 'gift of the gab'. Continue to Killarney and stop at the beautiful café in the gate lodge of Killarney National Park for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Enjoy a traditional pony and trap ride on an Optional Experience through the beautiful Bourn-Vincent National Park. During this optional journey, your Local Specialist will share fascinating anecdotes about the area and Ireland. End the day with a Be My Guest experience at Muckross Traditional Farms discovering what Irish rural life was like in the 1930s. (B, D) Hotel: Manor West Tralee

#### **Be My Guest**

Visit the working farms of Muckross, taking you back to a time of traditional farming. Learn how to churn butter and dine in the Quilles Farmhouse, set against the scenic backdrop of the lakes of Killarney.



#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Enjoy freshly baked goods in Ireland's most charming tea room. Deenagh Lodge, located at the entrance of Killarney National Park, provides training and employment opportunities to over 30 adults with Down Syndrome. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.



DAY 4 A Day on the Dingle Peninsula Admire the wide skies, peaceful towns and coastal scenery of the Dingle Peninsula as you drive to dramatic Slea Head at the peninsula's far end. (B, D)

DAY 5 Admire the Cliffs of Moher and on to Limerick Delve into the era of the first transatlantic flights during a visit to the Flying Boat Museum in Foynes. At one time, it was the refuelling point for Pan Am's Flying Boat, the Yankee Clipper. Picture life as a passenger onboard a replica Boeing 314 as we Dive into Culture and experience the aircraft first hand. You will walk away knowing how Irish Coffee was invented. Here you can imagine yourself a weary passenger, delayed due to bad weather whilst you sip your own cup of 'Foynes Original,' used to treat nervous passengers years ago. This afternoon, travel to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre. This wonderfully engaging experience brings one of Ireland's most treasured natural phenomena to life. Enjoy the IMAX-type multimedia which gives visitors a bird's eye view of the cliffs or dive virtually beneath the surface of the Atlantic. Continue to your hotel in Limerick where we spend the night, and perhaps join an Optional Experience to enjoy a banquet and medieval entertainment in the great hall of an Irish Castle. (B) Hotel: Greenhills

DAY 6 Onwards to Shannon Our epic journey through the treasures of Ireland has come to an end. For now, it's time to wish your fellow travellers slán abhaile as our memorable holiday comes to an end. (B) Transfers: Arrive at the airport at 07:00

and 09:00.

#### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** Dublin

**Discover on City Orientations** Waterford, Cork and Killarney

**Visit Must-see Landmarks** Trinity College in Dublin, Glendalough, the Waterford Crystal Showroom, Blarney Castle, Foynes Flying Boat Museum in Foynes and the Cliffs of Moher

View Must-see Landmarks St. Kevin's Cross in Glendalough and the Shannon Estuary

**Travel by Scenic Journeys** Drive of the Dingle Peninsula

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This picture was right after we kissed the Blarney Stone. It was terrifying but we lived to tell about the experience!

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# Irish Highlights

4.7/5 feefo ••• As rated by Past Guests

7 Days | 1 Country | 9 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

A roundtrip from Dublin featuring all the Ireland highlights including Waterford Crystal, your newfound 'gift of the gab' at Blarney Castle and the irresistible Ring of Kerry. You'll also learn about the devastating Irish famine and peer over the edge at the Cliffs of Moher.



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Included highlights and *must-sees* **Explore with Local Specialists** 

Dublin

**Discover on City Orientations** Galway, Limerick and Waterford

**Visit Must-see Landmarks** Bunratty Folk Park in Bunratty, the Cliffs of Moher, Blarney to kiss the stone and gain the 'gift of the gab'. the Crystal Showroom at Waterford and the famine ship in New Ross

View Must-see Landmarks St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Bunratty Castle, and King John's Castle in Limerick

**Travel by Scenic Journeys** Across the Shannon Estuary, Drive along the Ring of Kerry

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My favourite was the time spent in a local pub, it's all about the people you are with and the people you meet!

Jay

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DAY 1 Welcome to the Emerald Isle Tread in the footsteps of James Joyce and Oscar Wilde, through the lyrical streets of Dublin your launch pad to a memorable encounter with Ireland's iconic highlights. After a leisurely morning, meet a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour with views of Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the stately Georgian Squares. Indulge in a little Irish craic this evening, joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. (D) Hotel: Hampton by Hilton Dublin City Centre/Clayton Ballsbridge

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 14:15.

DAY 2 Onwards to Limerick We journey to Galway, the 'City of Tribes', where we'll see its stone cathedral on the banks of the Corrib and spend some free time exploring its stone façades. Irish traditions and heritage are explored next, during a visit to Bunratty Castle and its Folk Park, a living history museum that reveals insights into life in Ireland during the 18th and 19th centuries. Continue to Limerick, for an orientation tour and view the 13th-century King John's Castle overlooking the Shannon. (B) Hotel: Greenhills/The Inn at Dromoland

DAY 3 Experience the Iconic Cliffs of Moher and on to Killarney We leave Limerick and stop at the spectacular Cliffs of Moher where we visit the 'Atlantic Edge' exhibition. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® **Experience** with your **Local Specialist** to truly appreciate this breath-taking landscape. After a scenic drive, we take a short ferry journey across the Shannon Estuary. Join an Optional Experience for a traditional pony and trap ride through the beautiful Killarney National Park. During your journey, your Local Specialist will share fascinating anecdotes about the area and Ireland. Or join an Optional Experience embracing the folklore and spirit of old Ireland's life and times, when even the most everyday chore would be celebrated. Siamsa Tire players will cast a charm you'll remember forever. Beforehand, enjoy a hearty Irish meal in a local restaurant. Ending your day, your home for the next two nights is the colourful little town of Killarney. (B) Hotel: Killarney/International

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** Join your Local Specialist, either Oonagh or Marie to gain a deeper appreciation for the natural beauty surrounding you as they illuminate the interconnection between environmental issues and current conservation initiatives at the Cliffs of Moher. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11:

DAY 4 A Scenic Day on the Ring of Kerry Circle the spectacular Ring of Kerry – its emerald, green hills and vivid blue seascapes provide a soul-stirring backdrop. We'll see Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, Moll's Gap

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and the Black Valley, renowned for being the last place in Ireland to get electricity and telephone networks. Consider joining an Optional Experience to Muckross House and its beautiful gardens. With a backdrop of oak-clad mountains, enjoy taking in the towering azaleas and rhododendrons, alongside the shores of the lake. The 19thcentury house contains some wonderful examples of furniture and paintings, including a portrait of King James VI, for whom Shakespeare wrote Macbeth. (B) Hotel: Killarney/International

**DAY 5** Explore Blarney and Journey to Waterford Cross the rugged Kerry Mountains and travel to Blarney Castle to kiss the stone and acquire the 'gift of the gab'. Continue to Waterford, where we will have dinner at our hotel. Perhaps join a magical entertainment experience, where you'll get the chance to see Irish hospitality in the best folk tradition. Enjoy a drink whilst locals sing and play music for you. (B, D) **Hotel: Fitzwilton** 

**DAY 6 Through County Wicklow's** Countryside to Dublin Dive into Culture and witness the centuries-old tradition of crafting fine glass at the House of Waterford Crystal. Our next stop is in the town of New Ross, where we'll see the monument to John F. Kennedy who travelled to his ancestral family hometown in 1963. We'll visit the three-masted famine ship Dunbrody and Dive into Culture yet again, gaining insights into the tragic plight of the Irish emigrants. Continuing through County Wexford and the lush countryside of County Wicklow, we stop at Glenealy Farmhouse to meet the Fulvio family over dinner at your Be My Guest experience before continuing to Dublin. (B, D) Hotel: Radisson Blu Dublin Airport

#### Be My Guest

Traditional Irish fare with an Italian twist is served up at Glenealy House near Dublin with your host Catherine Fulvio who is one of Ireland's top culinary stars, and her family on hand to share their story.



DAY 7 Farewell Ireland For now, it's time to say a fond slán abhaile to your fellow travellers as you close the curtain on an unforgettable journey through the 'Emerald Isle'. (B)

Transfers: Arrive at the airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00.

Included meals: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D) Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Trip code: IRIH/WRIH



Included highlights and *must-sees* **Explore with Local Specialists** Dublin

> **Discover on City Orientations** Waterford, Killarney, Limerick and Galway

Visit Must-see Landmarks The Dunbrody Famine Ship in New Ross, the Crystal showroom at Waterford, Blarney Castle to kiss the stone and gain the 'gift of the gab', Adare, Bunratty Folk Park in Bunratty, Cliffs of Moher, Connemara and Kylemore Abbey

**Travel by Scenic Journeys** Drive of the Ring of Kerry

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*My best friend and I took the* trip to celebrate our birthdays and anniversary of knowing each other. The pic is of her singing with the band at Malzards Pub. So much fun!

Janna

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DAY 1 Welcome to Ireland Write your own lively tale of legends and iconic landscapes during this epic encounter with Ireland's treasures. We begin our journey in the capital of Dublin, joining a **Local Specialist** to see the sights. This evening sees you visiting EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum, for some drinks and canapes. Hotel: Sandymount/Clayton Ballsbridge

Transfers: Depart the airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 14:15.

**DAY 2 Through the Scenic County** Wicklow and Waterford to Kilkenny Journey through the scenic countryside of County Wicklow, 'The Garden of Ireland', and on to New Ross. Dive Into Culture and gain insights into the plight of emigrants who boarded the Dunbrody Famine Ship to flee the potato famine. This afternoon, celebrate the centuries-old craft of flint glass creations as you Dive Into Culture in Waterford and visit the House of Waterford Crystal, witnessing talented master crafters at work. Next, continue to Kilkenny. (B, D) Hotel: Kilkenny

DAY 3 Journey to Blarney and on to Killarney Today, travel through County Cork and pursue the 'gift of the gab' at Blarney Castle, where you'll have a chance to kiss the famous stone. Arrive in Killarney for a two-night stay. (B, D) Hotel: Killarney Towers/Killarney

DAY 4 A Day on the Ring of Kerry Ireland's soul-stirring Ring of Kerry takes centre stage today as you embark on a scenic drive past its mountains, lakes and lush green countryside - unquestionably one of the most scenic routes in Ireland. See Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, the fishing village of Waterville, Moll's Gap and the Black Valley, whose remoteness saw it become the last area in Ireland to receive electricity. Consider joining an Optional Experience of an Irish Ceilidh Evening. The Irish Ceilidh epitomises how music and dance were enjoyed in rural Ireland, especially on festive occasions. The craic - welcoming, jolly, fun and informal - is accompanied with plenty of food and drink. There's no more enjoyable way to understand Irish culture. (B)

**DAY 5 Onwards to Lively Limerick** Continue through the windswept countryside, arriving in Adare, one of the prettiest villages in Ireland. The next stop is Limerick, where you'll enjoy views of St. Mary's Cathedral, the Treaty Stone and the 13th-century King John's Castle during an orientation tour. Delve into an Ireland of old, as you discover the day-to-day life of the Irish during the 18th and 19th centuries on your included visit to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park this afternoon. (B) Hotel: Greenhills/The Inn at Dromoland

DAY 6 Admire the Cliffs of Moher and Onwards to Galway Journey to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher which plunge over 650 feet (200 m) into the Atlantic waters below. This UNESCO-listed highlight along the Wild Atlantic Way is one you will never forget, and you will visit the interactive visitor centre which will bring this natural treasure to life. Later, arrive in Galway with some time at leisure to see its beautiful stone Cathedral or stroll through Eyre Square. (B) Hotel: Connacht

**DAY 7** A Day Exploring Stunning Connemara Connemara's 'savage beauty' is yours to explore today as you tread in the footsteps of Oscar Wilde who described its 'wild and mountainous splendour' as magnificent. Stop at Brigit's Garden, a Celtic heritage garden, on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Admire the views on the scenic drive to Kylemore Abbey, now a Benedictine monastery, where you will embark on an included visit to the country's most romantic castle and walk through its exquisite Victorian Walled Garden (B, D)

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** 

Brigit's Garden offers a peaceful journey through Ireland's Celtic heritage. With your Local Specialist, explore the native woodlands and wildflower meadows. The gardens, inspired by the Celtic festivals, feature a rich biodiversity and native rewilding. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities. Land

DAY 8 A Pilgrimage to Knock and on to Sligo Your journey takes you to Westport House to indulge in a memorable Be My Guest experience at this stately 18th century home. Heading north, stop in the pilgrimage town of Knock to view the Marian Shrine where villagers witnessed an apparition of Our Lady in 1879. Arrive in Sligo this evening, your home for the night. (B, L) Hotel: Clayton

#### Be My Guest

Enjoy a traditional High Tea with your hosts, the Hughes family, in the drawing room of their historic home, Westport House. Savour traditional banoffee and Baileys flavours whilst delighting in stories about the house's history and tales of the Pirate Queen.

**DAY 9 Return to Lively Dublin Continue** south to Dublin. Here you will enjoy some free time to take a walk down Grafton Street or stroll along the Liffey. This evening, close the chapter on an epic journey through Ireland, joining your fellow travellers for a memorable dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Clayton **Dublin Airport** 

**DAY 10 Farewell Ireland After a hearty** Irish breakfast, bid our Travel Director and fellow travellers a fond farewell as your Irish holiday ends. (B)

Transfers: Arrive at the airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00.

# Irish Experience

4.7/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

11 Days | 2 Countries | 17 Meals | Balanced Activity



**DAY 1 Welcome to Ireland** Discover the lively Irish capital before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers this afternoon for a sightseeing tour with your **Local Specialist**. See the stately Georgian Squares and Trinity College before enjoying a Whiskey Tasting at a local Distillery. **(D) Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 14:15.

DAY 2 Journey to Colourful Belfast
Travel to Belfast, where we'll have some
free time for lunch. Later, we meet our
Local Specialist 'Cabbie' for an insider
view of the city's living history on a journey
through its vibrant streets in a real taxi.
(B) Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Belfast
Templepatrick/AC by Marriott

DAY 3 Venture to the Giant's Causeway and on to Derry/Londonderry Dive into Culture during a visit to the award-winning Titanic Belfast Experience. We leave the city behind us, travelling to your Be My Guest experience near Ballycastle for lunch. Onto the Giant's Causeway for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as we walk in the footsteps of Finn MacCool. Continue to Londonderry. Dine at your hotel this evening (B, L, D) Hotel: Waterfoot/City Derry

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

In Northern Ireland you'll discover the legend of the Giant's Causeway as you explore this iconic natural landmark. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

#### **Be My Guest**

Join your warm hosts, the Cole family, at their home, Broughgammon Farm near Ballycastle, where you'll enjoy farm life and a delicious meal of local favourites.



**DAY 4 Discover Londonderry's Past** Join your **Local Specialist** for a walk along the 17<sup>th</sup>-century city walls and see the formerly turbulent Bogside neighbourhood, with its street murals. Consider joining an Optional Experience to Inishowen Peninsula. **(B, D)** 

DAY 5 Onwards to Scenic Galway We journey through the lush countryside to Belleek, where we'll Dive into Culture and witness talented pottery craftspeople create the exquisite collectables. Arrive in Galway. (B. D) Hotel: Maldron Oranmore

DAY 6 Connemara Excursion The rugged beauty of Connemara was captured in the film 'The Quiet Man' with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Its loughs and mountains are yours to explore today during a scenic drive. We arrive at Kylemore Abbey to visit the country's most romantic castle and ramble through the hidden nooks of its Victorian walled garden. (B)

DAY 7 Explore the Cliffs of Moher and Killarney See the imposing UNESCO-listed Cliffs of Moher, you'll visit the 'Atlantic Edge' exhibition and see this extraordinary natural phenomenon in a way that only the wildlife of the area get to see. Board a ferry across the tranquil Shannon Estuary river and continue through County Kerry, where we'll have an evening at leisure or join in the craic at an optional Irish ceilidh. (B) Hotel: Killarney/Killarney Towers

**DAY 8 A Day on the Ring of Kerry** The soul-stirring landscapes of Iveragh Peninsula feature on our scenic coastal drive around the Ring of Kerry. **(B, D)** 

DAY 9 Off to Blarney, Waterford and Kilkenny Today you might acquire the 'gift of the gab', bending over backwards to kiss the Blarney Stone before we travel to Waterford. Admire the delicate creations of fine crystal during a visit to the House of Waterford Crystal where we will Dive into Culture and witness a demonstration by master crafters. This evening, we arrive in Kilkenny. (B) Hotel: Kilkenny

**DAY 10 Through County Wicklow's** Countryside to Dublin After a morning exploration of Kilkenny, we depart for New Ross where we'll see the monument to John F. Kennedy, who visited his ancestral family hometown in 1963. We Dive into Culture and gain insights into the tragic plight of Irish emigrants during the potato famine of the 1800s on our visit to Dunbrody Famine Ship. Journey through the lush Irish countryside of County Wicklow, the 'Garden of Ireland', and back to Dublin later. Here we'll spend our final evening at dinner with our travel companions sharing stories of a memorable journey through Ireland. (B, D) Hotel: Sandymount/Clayton Leopardstown

**DAY 11 Farewell Dublin** It's time to say a fond farewell to Ireland and newfound friends as you prepare to end your wonderful Irish experience. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Dublin, Belfast and Londonderry

**Discover on City Orientations**Galway and Waterford

Visit Must-see Landmarks
St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, the
Titanic Experience in Belfast, the
UNESCO World Heritage site at the
Giant's Causeway, Belleek to see
how the famous pottery is made,
Kylemore Abbey, the Cliffs of Moher,
Blarney's Castle to kiss the stone and
gain the 'gift of the gab', the Crystal
Showroom at Waterford and the
Dunbrody Famine Ship in New Ross

View Must-see Landmarks
The City Walls and Murals
of Londonderry

**Travel by Scenic Journeys**Drive through Connemara,
Across the Shannon Estuary
Drive along the Ring of Kerry

One-of-a-kind Experiences
See day 3 for your unique
local encounter

**Travel Responsibly**See day 3 for how you'll make a positive impact

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From the Giant's Causeway to Blarney Castle, my ancestral home Ireland was a joy to behold!

Stan

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DAY 1 Welcome to the Emerald Isle Dublin is our first stop on this epic journey, which begins as you join your Travel Director and travel companions for a friendly dinner. (D)

**Hotel: Maldron Kevin Street** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 Onwards to Beautiful Belfast Belfast beckons today. Join a Local Specialist to view the historic murals and see the City Hall. Dive into Culture at the Titanic Belfast Experience, gaining insights into the world's most famous ship and the tragedy that befell it. This evening, we dine in our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Belfast Templepatrick

DAY 3 A Day at the Giant's Causeway Visit the Giant's Causeway for a memorable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Your visit will help to conserve this iconic landmark, the result of ancient volcanic activity. (B)

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

In Northern Ireland you'll discover the legend of the Giant's Causeway as you explore this iconic natural landmark. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

DAY 4 Journey to Derry/Londonderry and County Donegal Traversing Northern Ireland, we arrive at the old walled city of Londonderry, where we join a Local Specialist who will reveal the former struggles of the region, during a visit of the People's Gallery in Bogside. (B, D) Hotel: Kee's

DAY 5 Admire Belleek's Famous Pottery Explore the town of Donegal. This afternoon, we visit Belleek where we'll Dive into Culture and learn about the locally made Irish pottery. (B)

DAY 6 Pilgrimage to Knock and on to Galway Continuing to the pilgrimage town of Knock, we visit the beautiful Marian Shrine. (B) Hotel: Maldron Oranmore

**DAY 7** Admire Stunning Connemara The untamed landscapes of Connemara provide a soul-stirring backdrop for your drive to Kylemore Abbey. (B, D)

DAY 8 Explore the Cliffs of Moher and Killarney Our encounter with the rugged beauty of Ireland continues as we see the spectacular Cliffs of Moher plunging into the wild Atlantic. Cross the serene Shannon Estuary by ferry to Killarney. This evening is yours to spend as you wish, perhaps we can tempt you with a bit of craic at a traditional Irish ceilidh. (B) Hotel: International

DAY 9 A Day on the Ring of Kerry Circle the mystical Ring of Kerry. View the island's stunning scenery as you journey through Moll's Gap and take a moment to capture the marvellous natural scenery at Ladies View. (B)

DAY 10 See the Sights in Blarney, Cork and Waterford Your 'gift of the gab' secured after kissing the Blarney Stone, we venture to Cork. Our final stop today is in medieval Waterford. (B) Hotel: Waterford Marina

**DAY 11 Uncover the Treasures of** Kilkenny A leisurely start to your morning could see you amble along Meagher's Quay, before you visit the House of Waterford, where you'll Dive into Culture and witness the art of creating the exquisite crystal. Travel to the medieval city of Kilkenny. The ancient Celtic sport of hurling is over 3,000 years old and Ireland's national sport. Meet an experienced player who will share his passion, as you test your skills during a lesson. We spend the rest of the afternoon on our own in Waterford. (B)

DAY 12 Venture to Wexford and Return to **Dublin** Traverse beautiful County Wexford to the John F. Kennedy Arboretum. We take a step back in time to the 1800s as we visit the three-masted Dunbrody Famine Ship, where we'll Dive into Culture. We join the Fulvio family and Connect With Locals over dinner at a Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Maldron Kevin Street

#### **Be My Guest**

Traditional Irish fare with an Italian twist is served up at Glenealy House near Dublin with your host Catherine Fulvio who is one of Ireland's top culinary stars, and her family on hand to share their story.



**DAY 13 Discover Diverse Dublin We** wander through Dublin this morning, joining a Local Specialist for a superb sightseeing tour that will see us view Trinity College and the magnificent Georgian Squares. This evening, let the rousing sounds of a traditional Irish cabaret tempt you for an Optional Experience that will have you dancing your way through the Dublin streets. (B)

**DAY 14 Farewell Ireland** Our memorable journey through Ireland is at its end. All that's left to say is slán abhaile to newfound friends as you prepare to depart for home. (B)

Transfers: Arrive at the airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00.

#### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** Belfast, Londonderry and Dublin

**Discover on City Orientations** Donegal, Galway, Cork and Waterford

**Visit Must-see Landmarks** The Titanic Experience in Belfast. the Giant's Causeway, Belleek's Pottery Visitor Centre, Kylemore Abbey, Connemara, Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, the Waterford Crystal showroon and the John F. Kennedy Arboretum and the Dunbrody Famine Ship in New Ross

> **View Must-see Landmarks** The Antrim Coast and the Marian Shrine in Knock

Travel by Scenic Journeys Across the Shannon Estuary, Drive of the Ring of Kerry

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We hiked the Cliffs of Moher and Giant's Causeway. The food and sights were truly amazing. I can't stop talking about this trip.

Gianna

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# Highlights of Ireland and Scotland

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11 Days | 3 Countries | 14 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Mar - Oct

Tick off all the travel highlights of Scotland and Ireland on your trip filled with tons of craic and special moments with friends, whether you're hopping across the mythical stones of Giant's Causeway or passing the lovely lochs, Highlands and castles of Scotland.



DAY 1 Hello Dublin You're in for a lyrical love affair with Ireland's whimsical capital. On arrival, transfer to your hotel then spend the rest of the day exploring the city's effervescence on your own. This evening, you'll join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. (D) Hotel: Hampton by Hilton Dublin City Centre

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:00.

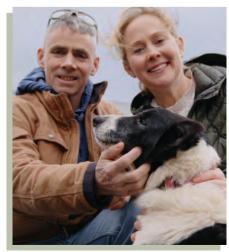
DAY 2 Journey to Harbourside Galway
Join a Local Specialist to delve into Dublin's
iconic sights, tumultuous history and even
a few hidden gems. Follow the footsteps
of Arthur Guinness, James Joyce and Bono
over the cobbled pavements in search
of Dublin's many stories. Then, leave the
capital behind bound for the harbour city
of Galway, known as the 'City of Tribes'. (B)
Hotel: Maldron Sandy Road

DAY 3 Admire Stunning Connemara
Connemara's 'savage beauty' takes centre
stage on your full-day excursion through
the endless shades of green which once
captured the heart of Oscar Wilde. Visit
Kylemore Abbey, a magnificent castellated
structure built as a family home and now
inhabited by Benedictine nuns. Visit the
Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory where
you'll Dive into Culture and witness how
their famous crystal designs are made. (B)

DAY 4 Onwards to Donegal See why the rugged beauty of Cong was chosen as the backdrop of John Wayne's award winning 'The Quiet Man'. Meet the locals at Glen Keen Farm for a heart-warming Be My Guest experience with your hosts. Then, continue to Donegal, the gateway to the Wild Atlantic Way. (B, L) Hotel: The Abbey

#### **Be My Guest**

Uncover centuries of Irish heritage as you explore Catherine and Jim Power's Glen Keen Farm. Marvel at collies herding sheep, and enjoy a traditional tea of scones, freshly whipped cream and jam.



DAY 5 Venture to Derry/Londonderry and Belfast Visit Londonderry where a Local Specialist will take you on a stroll along its ancient walls. Follow the scenic Causeway Coastal Route to the Giant's Causeway for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B) Hotel: AC by Marriott

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

In Northern Ireland you'll discover the legend of the Giant's Causeway as you explore this iconic natural landmark. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 6 Discover Colourful Belfast Visit the Titanic Belfast Experience and gain insights into the tragic story of the famous ship that met its end in the Atlantic. Enjoy a whiskey tasting at the Titanic Distillery. Then, explore Northern Ireland's capital with your Local Specialist. Take the rest of the afternoon to explore at your leisure. (B)

**DAY 7 Cross the Irish Sea to Glasgow** Bid Ireland farewell as you board your ferry to Scotland. Follow the rugged Ayrshire coast past Ailsa Craig, then continue to Glasgow, where you'll enjoy an orientation of the city. Take to the streets on your own exploration and see George Square, Glasgow Cathedral and the Clyde River. **(B) Hotel: Maldron** 

DAY 8 Uncover Loch Ness and the Scottish Highlands Journey through the Scottish Highlands from Glasgow to Newtonmore. Loch Lomond sets the tone with views over the water to craggy Ben Lomond. Continue to Glencoe. Then, on to Fort William, before arriving in Loch Ness, where you'll keep a keen eye out for the beloved monster that lurks beneath its surface. (B, D) Hotel: Highlander

**DAY 9 Continue to Elegant Edinburgh**Continue to the home of golfing gods,
St. Andrews. You'll view its famous 18<sup>th</sup> hole before continuing to Edinburgh. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. **(B) Hotel: Novotel Edinburgh Park** 

DAY 10 Explore Edinburgh Your Local Specialist will guide your sightseeing tour through its medieval Old Town to the elegant Georgian façades. See the Royal Mile and the Palace of Holyroodhouse before visiting Edinburgh Castle. Explore on your own before joining your travel companions for a rousing Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

**DAY 11 Journey Home** Imbued with Gaelic spirit, your holiday has come to an end. Bid your new friends a fond farewell as you prepare for your return journey home. **(B) Transfer:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Dublin, Londonderry,
Belfast and Edinburgh

**Discover on City Orientations**Galway, Cong and Glasgow

Visit Must-see Landmarks
A whisky distillery in Belfast,
Connemara's Celtic Crystal Factory,
Kylemore Abbey, Cong, Donegal, Giant's
Causeway, Titanic Experience in Belfast,
Loch Lomond, Glencoe, Fort William,
Loch Ness, and Edinburgh's Castle

View Must-see Landmarks The 18th hole at St. Andrews

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Our Travel Director was fantastic providing travel advice to see the 150<sup>th</sup> British Open at St. Andrews alongside our Trafalgar trip!

Jerry

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### Best of Ireland and Scotland

4.5/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

15 Days | 3 Countries | 20 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

Travel to see the very Best of Ireland and Scotland, from delicate Waterford Crystal to the golfing greats of St. Andrews. Kiss the Blarney Stone and you'll be sharing tales from Giant's Causeway, the Ring of Kerry and the Scottish Highlands for years to come.



DAY 1 Welcome to Dublin Explore the Celtic heritage and hospitality of Ireland and Scotland on this grand adventure through beautiful landscapes and enchanting cities. Our first day sees us delve into the Irish capital, before joining our fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner. (D) Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge/The Address

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

**DAY 2 Discover Diverse Dublin** Drive through the streets of Dublin, joining your **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour past the stately Georgian Squares and St. Patrick's Cathedral, the tallest church in Ireland. **(B)** 

**DAY 3 Journey to Waterford** Dive into Culture and explore Ireland's world-class thoroughbred breeding at the Irish National Stud in Kildare. Travel to the House of Waterford Crystal, where talented master crafters work. **(B) Hotel: Fitzwilton** 

DAY 4 Onwards to Blarney and Killarney Kiss the Blarney Stone to acquire the 'gift of the gab' before crossing the mountains to County Kerry. Visit the working farms of Muckross and connect with locals over dinner at a Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Killarney

#### **Be My Guest**

Visit the working farms of Muckross, taking you back to a time of traditional farming. Learn how to churn butter and dine in the Quilles Farmhouse, set against the scenic backdrop of the lakes of Killarney.



**DAY 5 A Day on the Ring of Kerry** Embark on a scenic journey around the Ring of Kerry. See Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, the fishing village of Waterville, the Black Valley and Moll's Gap with the Macgillycuddy's Reeks peaks in the distance. **(B)** 

DAY 6 Continue to Galway and Ballina Drive to Adare, one of Ireland's prettiest villages, then see the stone cathedral and Eyre Square in Galway. This evening we dine in our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Great National Ballina DAY 7 Off to Donegal and on to Derry/
Londonderry Head north to Donegal with
its 'Diamond' centre before joining a Local
Specialist in Londonderry to stroll along its
17th-century walls. See the neighbourhood of
the Bogside, known for its murals that depict
events of the 'Troubles' like the Battle of
the Bogside, which sparked the conflict. (B)
Hotel: City Hotel Derry

DAY 8 Admire the Giant's Causeway and on to Belfast Tread in the footsteps of Finn McCool during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Arrive in Belfast and visit the Titanic Belfast Experience. (B) Hotel: Stormont/AC by Marriott

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

In Northern Ireland you'll discover the legend of the Giant's Causeway as you explore this iconic natural landmark. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 9 Cross the Irish Sea to Glasgow Join your Local Specialist in Belfast and tour Queen's University and City Hall. Cross by ferry to Cairnryan in Scotland. (B) Hotel: Maldron/Hilton Garden Inn City Centre

**DAY 10 Discover Glasgow's Rich Legacy**Delve into Scotland's cultural capital. We head to a whisky distillery and learn how to make Scotland's favourite honey-coloured drink with a chance to sample a wee dram. We then have some free time to explore the city. **(B)** 

**DAY 11 Continue Over the Sea to Skye** Journey to the tragic site of the Glen of Weeping. Continue to Fort William and cross to the Isle of Skye. **(B, D) Hotel: Dunollie** 

DAY 12 Venture to Loch Ness and Culloden in the Scottish Highlands Leave the rugged beauty of Skye and see Eilean Donan Castle. Travel along Loch Ness and see the battlefield of Culloden. (B, D) Hotel: Highlander

DAY 13 Journey to Enchanting
Edinburgh Traverse the Scottish Highlands
to St. Andrews. Cross the Firth of Forth to
Edinburgh. Tickets to see the Edinburgh
Tattoo are included on departures that
coincide with performance dates. (B)
Hotel: Delta by Marriott/Novotel Centre

**DAY 14 Uncover Edinburgh's Treasures** Join your **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour and visit to Edinburgh Castle. Toast to your journey at dinner with your new friends. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 15 Farewell Edinburgh** For now it's time to say a fond farewell to Scotland. **(B) Transfer:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Dublin, Londonderry,
Belfast and Edinburgh

**Discover on City Orientations**Waterford, Adare, Galway and Glasgow

Visit Must-see Landmarks
The Irish National Stud near Kildare, the
Waterford Crystal Showroom, Blarney
Castle, Giant's Causeway, Titanic
Experience in Belfast, a whisky distillery
in Glasgow and Edinburgh Castle

View Must-see Landmarks Eilean Donan Castle, the battlefield of Culloden and the 18<sup>th</sup> green at St. Andrews

**Travel by Scenic Journeys**Drive of the Ring of Kerry

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The best moment was watching the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. My mother and I will always treasure those memories.

Stephanie

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### Best of Scotland

**4.5**/5 **feefo** S rated by Past Guests

7 Days | 1 Country | 10 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Experience the Best of Scotland from Edinburgh Castle to the eclectic streets of Glasgow. Revel in the romance and history of the Scottish Highlands and contemplate the mysterious depths of Loch Ness, before toasting bonnie Scotland's lochs, glens and legendary locals.



Included highlights and *must-sees* **Explore with Local Specialists** Edinburgh Glasgow and Stirling

**Discover on City Orientations** 

**Visit Must-see Landmarks** Edinburgh Castle, Pitlochry, Culloden Battlefield, the Isle of Skye, Glasgow Cathedral, Stirling Castle and a whisky distillery in Stirling

**View Must-see Landmarks** The 18th green at St. Andrews, Eilean Donan Castle, Loch Ness and Glencoe in the Scottish Highlands, Necropolis and George Square in Glasgow

> **One-of-a-kind Experiences** See day 6 for your unique local encounter

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The people of Scotland were so friendly and Scotland is such a beautiful country. So thankful to Trafalgar for bringing it all together.

Millie

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DAY 1 Welcome to Edinburgh Get lost in the narrow lanes of Edinburgh – the Scottish capital with a mystical air that combines ancient heritage with the verve of a modern city. Spend your day at leisure delving into its rich history and embracing the warm culture of the Scots, before joining your travel companions and Travel Director for dinner. (D) Hotel: Delta by Marriott/ **Novotel Centre** 

Transfers: Depart the airport at 09:00, 11:30 and 14:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

**DAY 2** Discover Enchanting Edinburgh Join your Local Specialist this morning for an intriguing sightseeing tour of the city. Ascend Castle Rock and visit Edinburgh Castle, which watches over the surrounding city from its elevated vantage point. Stroll through the Old Town along the Royal Mile and see the stunning Palace of Holyroodhouse before enjoying time at leisure to soak up the city's festive atmosphere. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. (B)

DAY 3 Venture into the Scottish Highlands Tread in the footsteps of the world's golfing greats and head to St. Andrews en route to the glorious Scottish Highlands. A scenic drive takes us north and across the Firth of Tay, past the city of Dundee to Pitlochry. After lunch, enjoy some free time to explore its riverside setting or join an Optional Experience to Blair Castle, the ancestral home of the Clan Murray. Our day in beautiful surrounds comes to an end with a cosy dinner at our hotel located within the Cairngorms National Park in the Scottish Highlands. (B, D) Hotel: Craiglynne/Laggan

**DAY 4** Explore Culloden, Loch Ness and the Isle of Skye Meet a friendly and knowledgeable local to learn more about the highlands and the iconic hairy coos on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Continue your journey to the tragic battlefield of Culloden. Pay tribute to the brave men who lost their lives in the Jacobite Uprising, then travel past Scotland's infamous Loch Ness. The solitary beauty of Eilean Donan Castle will leave you speechless before you continue to the coast and cross to the Isle of Skye. Heather-clad peaks provide a stunning backdrop for your scenic drive across the Sleat Peninsula. Board your ferry in Armadale and cross to Mallaig, back on the mainland. (B, D)

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Rothiermurchus Estate has been in the care of the Grant family for over 500 years. Learn about the beautiful landscape and meet some of the adorable animals, like the hairy coos! Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 11 &15: Sustainable Cities and Communities & Life on Land.

DAY 5 Journey to Thriving Glasgow Our first stop today sees us commemorate World War II history at the Commando Memorial near Fort William, from which we admire spectacular views of Britain's highest peak - Ben Nevis. We journey through the volcanic ruins and precipitous mountains that lie just beyond Glencoe to see the 'Glen of Weeping'. Here we remember the MacDonald clansmen who were massacred in 1692. Continuing towards the River Clyde, we arrive at our final stop for the day -Glasgow. (B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

**DAY 6** Walk the Walls of Stirling Castle Enjoy views of the Necropolis, the regal George Square and River Clyde. Continue to Stirling, to see its hilltop fortress, which stands as a symbol of national pride. View the Wallace Monument from the castle walls, paying tribute to the Scottish hero who fought for Scotland's independence. Later, Dive into Culture at a whisky distillery and enjoy a wee dram before enjoying a Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

Meet one of our local connections who'll share stories about life in Scotland as a passionate contributor to the local community and culture. You'll learn about the region whilst enjoying traditional food.



DAY 7 Farewell Glasgow The rugged beauty and warmth of Scotland's people forever in your memory, we enjoy one last hearty breakfast with our travel companions before wishing them and your Travel Director a fond farewell. (B)

Transfers: Arrive at the airport at 06:30 and 09:00.

# Scotland's Highlands, Islands and Cities

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13 Days | 1 Country | 18 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

This unforgettable trip through the Scottish Highlands travels into the far-reaches of Scotland's rugged countryside. Keep your eyes peeled for Nessie, delve into the history of the kings and warriors and join the Wood family for a ceilidh and lunch in the 'presence' of Rob Roy.



Included highlights and must-sees

Explore with Local Specialists

**Discover on City Orientations**Dundee, Orkney Islands,
Glasgow and Stirling

Edinburgh

Visit Must-see Landmarks
Edinburgh Castle, Glamis Castle,
Pulteney Distillery in Wick, the
battlefield and Visitor Centre of
Culloden, Dunrobin Castle in Golspie,
John O'Groats, The Italian Chapel
and Skara Brae on Orkney Islands,
Ullapool, Isle of Skye, Isle of Mull,
Isle of Iona, St. Mungo's Cathedral
in Glasgow and Stirling Castle

**View Must-see Landmarks** Jedburgh Abbey, the 18<sup>th</sup> green at St. Andrews, Eilean Donan Castle and Glencoe

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Having done the virtual walk from Land's End to John o'Groats, to be there in person was the cherry on top!

Nancy

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DAY 1 Welcome to Edinburgh Enjoy your day at leisure before joining your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner to kick-start your tour through an unimaginably beautiful part of the world. (D) Hotel: Delta by Marriott/ Novotel Centre, Voco Haymarket

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 09:00, 11:30 and 14:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Discover Enchanting Edinburgh Let your Local Specialist take you on an informative sightseeing tour of Edinburgh, before visiting Edinburgh Castle, perched atop Castle Rock. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Tickets to see the Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. (B)

**DAY 3 A Day of Abbeys, Landscapes and History** A scenic day's excursion brings us to the ruins of the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Augustinian Jedburgh Abbey, which we will have an opportunity to view. Continue to nearby Melrose Abbey, said to be the final resting place of the embalmed heart of Robert the Bruce. We take the scenic route back to Edinburgh this afternoon, following the lush green landscapes along the Tweed River. **(B)** 

DAY 4 Explore Glamis Castle and on to Creative Dundee This morning, we cross the Firth of Forth to the celebrated home of golf - St. Andrews. We visit Glamis Castle, once the home of the beloved Queen Mother and birthplace of Princess Margaret. Enjoy a guided tour of the castle and explore its beautiful gardens, before we travel to the waterfront city of Dundee, distinguished for its status as the first UNESCO City of Design, and the original home of marmalade. (B) Hotel: Leonardo Aberdeen/Apex City Quay

DAY 5 Venture to Culloden and Inverness Today we wind our way to the tragic battlefield and Visitor Centre at Culloden. Visit the site where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was defeated. Our final stop for the night is Inverness, the cultural capital of the Scottish Highlands, where we'll overnight. (B) Hotel: Columba

DAY 6 Journey to Loch Ness and Thurso The mystical haunt of Nessie is our first stop today en route to Dunrobin Castle. Spend your afternoon exploring its château-like structure and surrounds, once home to the Clan Sutherland. Dive into Culture and learn about the local whisky industry at a distillery, including a tasting of Scotland's much-loved golden nectar. Arriving in Thurso, our home for the next two nights, we enjoy dinner at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Pentland

**DAY 7 A Day on the Orkney Islands** After stopping at John o'Groats, we board a ferry to the Orkney Islands. Visit the ornate Italian Chapel. See the prehistoric free-standing

stones of the Ring of Brodgar, before visiting Skara Brae and delving into the stories of the Neolithic village. (**B**, **D**)

DAY 8 Over the Sea to Skye Dramatic landscapes accompany our scenic drive along the rugged northern coastline of the Scottish Highlands to remote Ullapool on the shores of Loch Broom. We journey to Eilean Donan Castle, then continue to the Isle of Skye where we'll stay overnight and enjoy a dinner in our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Kings Arms

**DAY 9 Onwards to Oban** We return to the mainland, following a beautiful route that takes us past the Glenfinnan Viaduct which Harry Potter's Hogwarts Express once crossed to his beloved school of magic, before continuing to Oban. **(B) Hotel: Royal** 

DAY 10 Sail to the Isles of Mull and Iona Set sail from Oban to the Isle of Mull. Cross the pretty island countryside to catch a ferry from Fionnphort to the island of Iona. Before our journey back to Oban, we'll have the chance to view Rèilig Odhrain, the final resting place of many Scottish kings. (B, D)

DAY 11 Off to Glasgow A solemn reminder of the MacDonald clansmen, who were massacred at the 'Glen of Weeping', marks our journey south to Glasgow. Join an expert guide to unlock Glasgow's sustainable secrets on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn City Centre/Leonardo Royal Glasgow

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

From wind powered murals to historic sites, tenements to the Clyde - discover the real impact of climate change on Glasgow, and learn more about Scotland's role in the climate crisis on this fun and educative guided tour. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 12 Uncover Stirling Castle's Secrets
Enjoy a visit to Stirling Castle's grounds. Then,
visit the splendidly decorated Royal Palace of
King James V and view the renowned Stirling
Heads, before embarking on an excursion
to Bannockburn. Connect With Locals this
afternoon, joining the Wood family for
a memorable Be My Guest experience.
(B, L) Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott SEC./
Leonardo Royal Glasgow

#### **Be My Guest**

Join your hosts, the Wood family at their 15<sup>th</sup>-century farm on the shores of Loch Ard for a home-cooked Scottish lunch, amidst tales of Rob Roy and a few foot-tapping ceilidh tunes.

**DAY 13 Farewell Glasgow** It's time to say a fond farewell to our travel companions and Travel Director as our memorable holiday comes to an end. **(B)** 

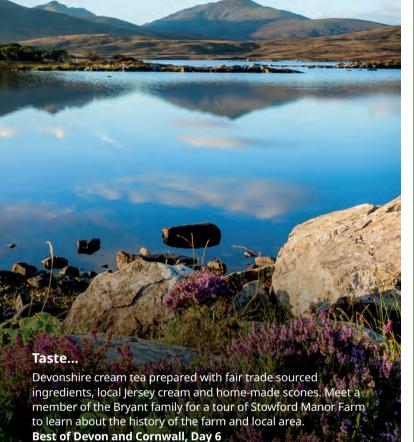
**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 06:30 and 09:00.

Included meals: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D) Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Trip code: BHLD



Tradition, history and royal tales await and there's even more to love. Read the full itineraries at trafalgar.com.



Explore...

Buckfast Abbey. This extraordinary abbey's history spans over 1,000 years. Here you'll discover first-hand how the Benedictine monks now live and work in this active monastery, perhaps most famous for the fairly potent brew the monks have been making since the 1890s. Keep an ear out for the sound of its 15 bells!

Best of Devon and Cornwall, Day 3

#### Discover...

Your self-guided exploration of the Guinness Storehouse reveals the brewing process, its history and how it has become a globally recognised brand. At the end of your tour, you'll enjoy a pint at the Gravity Bar, the highest bar in Ireland. You'll leave with an indepth insight into the history of all things Guinness.

Britain and Ireland Grandeur, Day 11

4.5<sup>/5</sup> feefo As rated by Past Guests

# Best of Devon and Cornwall

6 Days | 1 Country | 7 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

Embrace the charm of Southwest England on this trip through Devon and Cornwall. Discover the seaside town of St Ives, learn about the monks of Buckfast Abbey, and indulge in a traditional cream tea.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

Key: ● Start ● End ● Overnight ● Sightseeing

**Discover on City Orientations** Windsor, St. Ives, Plymouth, Bath

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The ancient stone circle at Stonehenge, the artists' colony of St. Ives, Buckfast Abbey in Buckfast, the Roman Baths in Bath

#### View Must-see Landmarks

Windsor Castle, the Mayflower Steps in Plymouth

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience**: Enjoy High Tea at Stowford Manor, a family run farm situated in the From Valley

#### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths and discover 2000 years of history

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Trip code: BDEV

See more guest stories #TTBestOfDevon

4.6<sup>/5</sup> feefo As rated by Past Guests

### Britain and Ireland Panorama

16 Days | 4 Countries | 21 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Sep

Dive right into history, culture and spectacular scenery on this immersive England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland trip. Step in the shoes of Highland warriors, 12<sup>th</sup>-century monks and welcoming, Irish locals.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists**Edinburgh, the Isle of Skye, Dublin and Cobh

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon, Edinburgh Castle, Isle of Skye, the Guinness Storehouse in Dublin, Blarney Castle, the Waterford Crystal Showroom, Glastonbury Abbey

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience**: Join your host Christine on her Cumbria farm for a local lunch

#### **Travel Responsibly**

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Trip code: BPAN

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## 4.5/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

# Britain and Ireland Grandeur

20 Days | 5 Countries | 27 Meals | Dynamic Activity **Departure months:** Mar - Sep

There's more to most UK and Ireland trips than the iconic sights. On this journey, you'll trace the footsteps of giants and feel the salty spray of the Cliffs of Moher and enjoy a toe-tapping, heart-stirring Gaelic song along the way.





#### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Londonderry, Belfast, Dublin and Edinburgh

#### Visit Must-see Landmarks

The ancient stone circle at Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath, the Waterford Crystal Showroom, Blarney Castle, the Cliffs of Moher, Guinness Storehouse in Dublin, Isle of Skye, Edinburgh Castle, Alnwick, and Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon

One-of-a-kind Experiences
Be My Guest experience: Dine with a local family in the Vale of York

#### **Travel Responsibly**

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**: Discover the Giant's Causeway and the conservation of this iconic natural landmark

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Trip code: BIGT

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# Highland Trail inspired by Outlander

13 Days | 1 Country | 18 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** May - Sep

Travel with Claire and Jamie on a blockbuster trip inspired by the award-winning drama. Visit some of the notable film locations and other highlights of Scotland, including the Scottish Highlands, Orkney Islands and the Isle of Skye.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Discover on City Orientations**Dundee, Orkney Islands, Glasgow and Stirling

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Edinburgh Castle, filming locations for: Fort William, 18th-century Cranesmuir, 1940s Inverness and Wentworth Prison, the 18th green at St. Andrews, Highland Folk Museum in Newtonmore, Culloden's Battlefield, John O'Groats, Skara Brae on Orkney Island, Ullapool, Isle of Skye, Glencoe, a whisky distillery in Pitlochry, Stirling Castle, St. Mungo's Cathedral in Glasgow and Callendar House in Falkirk

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience**: Meet the Wood family at their 15<sup>th</sup>-century farm for a home-cooked Scottish lunch

#### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Meet a Glencoe Ranger and learn about the rich biodiversity of wildlife

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Trip code: BHOD

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**Family Fun itinerary** 



### Castles and Kilts

10 Days | 3 Countries | 14 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Jun - Aug

This rousing family adventure is not your usual trip. From living life as a Roman soldier at Hadrian's Wall to a medieval stay at a13<sup>th</sup>-century Welsh castle, the whole family will love this exciting experience.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists** London, Chester and Edinburgh

**Discover on City Orientations**Oxford and Bath

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Tower of London, Divinity School in Oxford, Lacock village, Llangollen, Tatton Park to meet the butler and housekeeper, England's Lake District, the Roman Army Museum in Brampton, Hadrian's Wall and Edinburgh Castle

One-of-a-kind Experiences

**Stays with Stories**: Sojourn at 13<sup>th</sup>-century Ruthin Castle in North Wales

**Be My Guest experience**: Enjoy an Typical English Cream Tea at the Cotebrook Shire Horse Centre

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Trip code: FCAS

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**4.6**/5 **feefo** As rated by Past Guests

### Castles and Manors

8 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity Departure months: May - Sep

This grand Ireland trip is fit for royalty, including stays in the homes of Irish nobility. You'll travel to Kildare and learn all about the racehorses of Ireland, visit the Ring of Kerry and watch how delicate crystal is carved in Connemara.





#### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** Dublin, Killarney National Park and Cashel

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Kylemore Abbey, Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory, Cliffs of Moher, Rock of Cashel in Cashel and the Irish National Stud near Kildare

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

Stays with Stories: Overnight at Ashford Castle, the historic Abbeyglen and Randles in Killarney Be My Guest experience: Enjoy a traditional High Tea hosted in the Drawing Room of an 18th-century home

#### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Visit DK Connemara Oysters, leading the way in sustainability, biodiversity and packaging for farming

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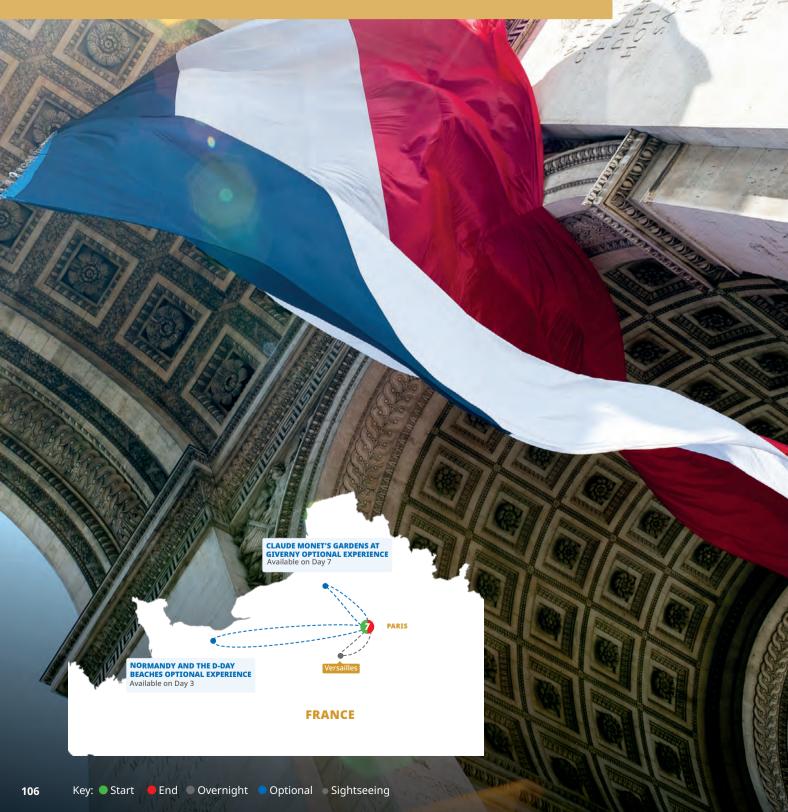
### Paris Explorer

4.7/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

### 8 Days | 1 Country | 11 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Jul + Sep - Oct

Remember why you love to travel on this in-depth Paris trip. You'll learn the art of French cuisine, go behind the scenes and uncover the secrets of Montmartre's artists' quarter and imagine the charmed life of the 'Sun King' as you explore Versailles.



DAY 1 Welcome to Paris Paris is yours to explore on this in-depth City Explorer. Check in to your hotel and spend the afternoon getting to know your surroundings. Wander along the leafy boulevards and winding lanes of the French capital, stopping for a leisurely café au lait whilst watching sophisticated Parisians go by. This evening, join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a quintessentially Parisian dinner. (D) Hotel: Le Méridien Etoile

**Transfers:** Depart from Charles de Gaulle Airport at 09:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Paris Join your Travel Director this morning for a tour of this mesmerising city. View the grand Champs-Élysées, Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe, built for Napoleon in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and sitting at the heart of the Place de l'Étoile. Enjoy aerial views of the city when you embrace Paris on a different level. Rise from the base to the first floor of the Eiffel Tower for a memorable lunch with Paris at your feet, a truly iconic event. Next, you'll Dive into Culture at Fragonard Parfumerie for a visit with a certified 'nose' who will guide you in the creation of your own unique fragrance. (B, L) Hotel: Courtyard Paris Porte de Versailles

#### **DAY 3** Optional visit to the D-Day Beaches

You may wish to experience a full-day Optional Experience on the Normandy coast to uncover the poignant history of the D-Day Landings. We'll visit the dramatic battle-scarred cliffs of Pointe du Hoc before descending on to Omaha beach itself and visiting the American Cemetery on the bluffs above. You'll also enjoy the superb new Operation Overlord Museum before visiting Juno Beach and the Canadian Cemetery (traffic allowing). Alternatively, spend the day soaking up the sights and sounds of this elegant European capital. Your Travel Director will suggest activities and attractions that will ensure a memorable day spent discovering Paris. Spend your evening at leisure exploring the city's glittering sights at night. (B)

DAY 4 A Day to Explore Versailles Tread in the footsteps of French nobility and explore the opulence and splendour of Versailles. Join a **Local Specialist** who will guide you through the palace's extraordinary Hall of Mirrors and Battles Gallery. Stroll through the picturesque Royal Gardens and visit the Petit Trianon to see first-hand how the French Royal Family lived in private, before discovering Marie Antoinette's Hamlet. Return to Paris later for an evening at leisure. Perhaps see the real-life inspiration behind the award-winning movie Moulin Rouge. You'll enjoy wine, dinner and Champagne during an unforgettable soirée at a spectacular Parisian Cabaret. (B)

DAY 5 Experience the Marais and French Cuisine Explore the beautiful Marais district on a walking tour. Then, Dive into Culture, savouring the exquisite flavours of French cuisine as you meet a Parisian chef. Enjoy a classic French MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B, L)

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Visit an organic Boulangerie for a classic French Experience. Your experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

DAY 6 Enjoy Montmartre A leisurely start to our morning sees us take a private street trolley car back in time to Montmartre, home to the picturesque Sacré-Cœur. Dive into Culture discovering the hidden squares, artists' haunts and romantic hideaways along with ample time for shopping. Later, enjoy a guided visit to a world-renowned museum. Spend the rest of the day on your own embracing your inner bon vivant. (B)

DAY 7 Paris Your Way Perhaps admire the exquisite collection of modern art in the Centres George Pompidou or enjoy an Optional Experience to the inspirational gardens of Monet at Giverny. This evening, enjoy a memorable Be My Guest experience and dinner at Chez Paul, bringing you back to the Paris of the early 1900s. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

Join Daniel and his family for dinner at an old style, 1950's, quintessentially Parisian bistro, Chez Paul. You'll be one of the privileged few who get to enjoy a private visit.



DAY 8 Au Revoir Paris After breakfast, it's time to bid Paris au revoir as you prepare to return home after a memorable break in one of the world's greatest cities. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

The Royal Estate of Versailles including the Royal Palace, the Petit Trianon and Marie Antoinette's Hamlet 'Le Petit Hameau'

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Eiffel Tower and the 'village' of Montmartre

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Champs-Élysées, the Palais Garnier, the Arc de Triomphe and the Place de la Concorde

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 7 for your unique local encounter

#### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 5 for how you'll make a positive impact





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Our Travel Director and Driver did an amazing job getting us to the Eiffel Tower to see it lit up in all of its glory.

Tami

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# Treasures of France including Normandy

4.5/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

8 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

Travel from Paris to the D-Day Landing Beaches of Normandy and on to the beautiful Loire Valley on this in-depth France and Normandy tour. Imagine life as a French noble as you are welcomed to a 17<sup>th</sup>-century château and learn about the battles that were fought here through the ages.



DAY 1 Bonjour Paris Bienvenue! The 'City of Light' welcomes you as you prepare to embark on an unforgettable journey through France. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director this evening for a dinner and orientation drive to admire the glittering cityscape of Paris - past grand boulevards and iconic sites like the Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe. (D) Hotel: Evergreen Laurel

**Transfers:** Depart from Charles de Gaulle

Airport at 09:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Admire Normandy's Colourful Honfleur and the Bayeux Tapestry This morning, we depart Paris and venture to the city of Rouen, the tragic site where Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake. We'll travel to the enchanting harbour town of Honfleur, with it's colourful shopfronts and quaint lanes. Arriving in Bayeux, we'll visit the Tapestry Museum. Here you'll Dive into Culture and

in 1066. This evening, we dine at our hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Mercure Omaha Beach** 

see the Bayeux Tapestry, depicting events before and during the Battle of Hastings

#### DAY 3 Explore the D-Day Landing

Beaches Today we explore the poignant D-Day Landing Beaches in the company of our Local Specialist. We begin with a visit to the American Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc. Pay tribute to the brave souls who lost their lives on the D-Day Landing Beach of Omaha, imagining the sense of terror and triumph felt on that fateful day when Allied forces set foot on mainland Europe. We'll stop for lunch in the seaside town of Arromanches, the setting for the Mulberry Harbour, once at the heart of the Normandy landings. Consider joining an Optional Experience of true Norman hospitality with a visit to a family-run cider farm. We'll discover their secrets and have the opportunity to taste the newest cider batch. Then, we'll head off to for a typical dinner of traditional Norman flavours with drinks included. (B)

DAY 4 Journey through Picturesque
Normandy and Brittany Travel through
the Normandy countryside admiring the
land of calvados before exploring the
UNESCO World Heritage-listed bay of the
Mont-Saint Michel. Our Local Specialist
reveals the history of the impressive
medieval Benedictine Abbey perched on
the hilltop. In Brittany enjoy the afternoon
your way or perhaps, discover the beauty
of the port city of St. Malo with a Local
Specialist on the Jewels of St. Malo Optional
Experience. (B, D) Hotel: De l'Abbaye
Le Tronchet

DAY 5 Continue to the Beautiful Loire Valley Journey onward through scenic countryside, stopping at a 17<sup>th</sup>-century château during a **Be My Guest experience** set within elegant grounds. Later, continue

to the beautiful Loire Valley, where we will spend the next two nights. (B, L) Hotel: Novotel Amboise

#### Be My Guest

Walk among the wild hyacinths in the beautiful gardens of the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Chateau d'Eporce. Enjoy a selection of local wines and taste some home-cooked specialities created by the chateau's resident culinary expert, Lydia.



DAY 6 Discover the Stunning French
Châteaux In the morning, you are invited
to taste hand-crafted chocolate at Maison
Bigot for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
experience. Afterwards, we spend our day
at the beautiful châteaux of the Loire Valley
and join a Local Specialist for a visit to the
Amboise Royal Château followed by a visit to
the Château of Chenonceau. (B)

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Visit Maison Bigot in Amboise, a charming family-run chocolate shop. Immerse yourself in rich traditions as you learn about the craft and indulge in a lovely tasting experience. Your experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

#### **DAY 7 Continue to Chartres and Paris Our**

first stop today is the town of Chartres and its beautiful 13th-century Roman Catholic cathedral. We journey back to Paris this afternoon and spend the rest of our day in the 'City of Light'. Perhaps join us for a stroll with our **Local Specialist** through Montmartre - an artists' village once home to Picasso and Toulouse-Lautrec, tucked away from the modern city. The paint will still be wet on the canvasses, as we watch apprentices work before our eyes in the famous Artist's Square. Mingle, barter, and stand in awe of Sacré Coeur Basilica in this historic, bohemian neighbourhood. Celebrate with your Travel Director and newfound friends this evening at a dinner with local wines at a Parisian bistro. (B, D) Hotel: Renaissance La Défense

DAY 8 Farewell Paris For now it's time to say a fond au revoir to France and your fellow travellers at the end of a memorable trip. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11:30.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Mont-Saint-Michel and Châteaux of the Loire Valley and Normandy D-Day Landing Beaches

#### **Discover on City Orientations**

Rouen, Honfleur, Bayeux, Loire Valley and Paris

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Bayeux Tapestry, the Normandy D-Day Landing Beaches, the monastery of Mont-Saint-Michel, the Châteaux of Amboise and Chenonceau and Chartres Cathedral

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Champs-Élysées, the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe in Paris

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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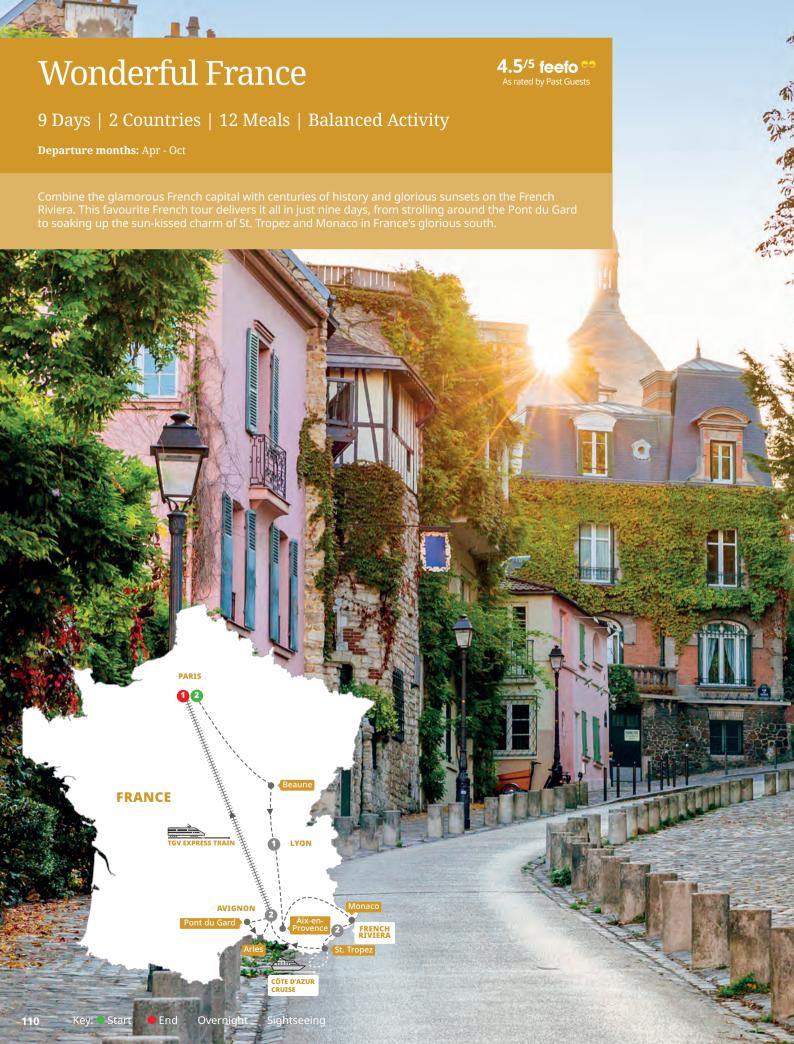


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A wonderful way to recharge with our very detail oriented Travel Director. You can really sit back and relax.

April Lorraine

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DAY 1 Bonjour France Discover romance, sophistication and French joie de vivre in Paris – the launch pad to a memorable journey through the French countryside. Explore the grand boulevards and picturesque avenues of the 'City of Light', before meeting your Travel Director and companions for a dinner. We take to the streets this evening to see some of the city's most iconic sights, including the Champs-Élysées and Arc de Triomphe, standing in all its glorious splendour for you to admire. (D) Hotel: Renaissance La Défense

**Transfers:** Depart from Charles de Gaulle Airport at 09:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

#### **DAY 2** Discover the Delights of Paris

Join a **Local Specialist** to explore the Latin Quarter, a vibrant student hotspot and home to the Sorbonne University. View the remarkable church of Saint-Sulpice, then soak up the authentic atmosphere and local day-to-day life of the Parisians as you stroll through one of its most historic neighbourhoods. Spend your evening embracing the pageantry of Paris and perhaps experience a traditional Parisian Cabaret. **(B)** 

DAY 3 Journey through Burgundy to

Lyon Travel through the picture-perfect Burgundy wine region and stop in its walled regional capital, Beaune – most famous for the colourful geometric-tiled Hôtel-Dieu. We continue to the gastronomic capital of Lyon, where we spend the night. Discover the historic treasures of its well-preserved Old Town or perhaps indulge in delicious Beaujolais flavours in a local bouchon – the choice is yours. (B) Hotel: Charlemagne

DAY 4 Continue to Monaco and the

French Riviera Enjoy some free time in Aix-en-Provence for lunch and perhaps a taste of the sweet flavours of calissons. Continue to the glamorous Principality of Monaco, one of the smallest and wealthiest nations on earth. View the palace, home to the Grimaldi family since the 13<sup>th</sup> century, and the cathedral where Princess Grace and Prince Rainier were married. Enjoy a delicious dinner together in Monaco before travelling further along the sun-kissed shores of the French Riviera to our hotel, where we'll spend the next two nights.

(B, D) Hotel: Novotel Nice Centre Vieux

#### **DAY 5** The French Riviera Your Way The

lively shores of the French Riviera are yours to explore today. Consider relaxing on the beach with your fellow sun-worshippers or an Optional Experience could see you visit the hilltop town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, a popular haunt for actors seeking a relaxing retreat. In your free time, you have the opportunity to soak up the fresh sea air and perhaps indulge in a delicious Salade Niçoise. **(B)** 

DAY 6 On to Saint-Tropez, Arles and Avignon Arrive by boat in glitzy Saint-Tropez and bask in its fashionable surroundings. Journey to the ancient city of Arles and discover its treasures with a Local Specialist. This afternoon, Provence flavours come alive when you meet the locals for a home cooked meal on your Be My Guest experience. Later, we make our way to Avignon where we will spend the next two nights. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure Avignon Gare TGV

#### **Be My Guest**

Join Patrick for a Be My Guest experience at his home and enjoy a traditional meal from local produce.



DAY 7 Explore Ancient History in Pont du Gard and Avignon This morning we visit the impressive Pont du Gard – an ancient Roman aqueduct bridge to cross the river Gardon. It's arches of stone, still standing since the 1st century AD when it was originally built to take water to the Roman settlement of the present day city of Nîmes. Take time in Avignon to explore its impressive Old Town, once the seat of the Papacy. (B)

**DAY 8 Travel By High-Speed Train to Paris** Take the high-speed TGV train to Paris where you'll have the rest of the afternoon free. This evening, enjoy fresh produce and

seasonal cuisine at Maison Plisson during a dinner and MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B, D) Hotel: Evergreen Laurel

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Celebrate your journey through France at Maison Plisson, where every dish is designed with market fresh produce, seasonal flavours, hand selected ingredients and minimal food waste. Your experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Production and Consumption.

DAY 9 Au Revoir Paris This morning after breakfast, it's time to bid Paris a fond au revoir as our fascinating journey through France comes to an end. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11:30.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Paris and Arles

Discover on City Orientations
Beaune, Lyon, Aix-en-Provence,
Monaco and Avignon

Visit Must-see Landmarks
Pont du Gard

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Eiffel Tower, Saint Sulpice church, and the Champs-Élysées in Paris, Place Bellecour and the Basilica of Notre Dame in Lyon, the Royal Palace and Cathedral in Monaco and the Palace of the Popes in Avignon

**Travel by Scenic Journeys**Cruise across to St. Tropez

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My wife and I celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on this trip and we got remarried in Paris. Trafalgar enabled us to have this memory for the rest of our lives.

Matthew

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DAY 1 Welcome to London From tragic battles to tales of triumph, this special-interest exploration of two World Wars kicks off in the vibrant British capital of London. Meet your Travel Director and fellow companions this evening for a traditional English pub dinner. (D) Hotel: Park Plaza Victoria

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 See the Sights of London Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey feature on this half-day introductory sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist, which includes views of Buckingham Palace. This afternoon, we visit the Imperial War Museum, which tells the story of those whose lives were shaped by war, from World War I to today. (B)

DAY 3 Cross the English Channel by Eurostar to Brussels We journey by Eurostar to Brussels today. Your Travel Director will show you the city's highlights. See the Atomium, designed for the 1958 Brussels World's Fair, Mannekin Pis and the exquisite Grand Place with its opulent and ornate guildhalls. (B) Hotel: Mariyaux Hotel SA

**DAY 4** Venture to Dunkirk, Fromelles, Vimy Ridge and Lens Today we journey to Dunkirk, where Operation Dynamo miraculously saw over 330,000 Allied troops evacuated to Britain. We stop in Fromelles, where there was a combined operation between British troops and the Australian Imperial Force, described as the "worst 24 hours in Australia's military history". After, we visit the memorial at Vimy Ridge dedicated to the Canadian soldiers who fought a battle here in 1917. This horrific battle, and the bravery of the men who fought in it, came to symbolise Canada's coming of age as a nation. (B, D) **Hotel: Mercure Lille Centre Grand Place** 

DAY 5 Off to the Ypres Battlefields and Menin Gate Some of the biggest battles of World War I are explored at Ypres Salient in Belgium, where we will see such sites as Tyne Cot, Langemark and Vancouver Corner. Stop in Zonnebeke for an included visit to the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917, where you can see a replica trench. See Essex Farm Cemetery where over 1,200 brave servicemen are buried and where Lt. Col. John McCrae wrote his immortal poem, 'In Flanders Fields'. Spend the rest of the afternoon on your own, before making your way to Menin Gate to witness the moving Last Post Ceremony that pays tribute to over 100,000 soldiers who laid down their lives more than a century ago. (B) **Hotel: Mercure Cathedrale** 

DAY 6 Discover the Somme The bloody battlefields of the Somme take centre stage today. Stop at the Sir John Monash Centre in Villers-Bretonneux and the memorial to

the Australian soldiers who lost their lives in WWI. Carry on to Thiepval to see the poignant memorial that honours the 72,337 missing British and South African men who died with no known graves. We journey to Amiens for an evening at leisure. **(B)** 

DAY 7 Cross Normandy to Caen Travel south through Normandy today, stop in the city of Rouen for an orientation through its cobblestone medieval centre. Visit a sweet factory where timeless traditions meet modern inclusivity on your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Next stop is Caen where you will stay for two nights.

(B) Hotel: Mercure Caen Centre Port de Plaisance

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Explore a confectionary factory where you can taste sweets originally invented in the 16th century. This lively old industrial factory is dedicated to employing people with disabilities. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities

DAY 8 Explore the D-Day Normandy
Beaches Visit Omaha Beach, Arromanches,
Pointe du Hoc and the American Cemetery
and Memorial to learn about the Canadian,
American, and Commonwealth involvement
in this unbelievable battle for supremacy.
This evening Connect With Locals on
a Be My Guest experience with the
Ferrut family. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

Set in glorious Normandy countryside a stone's throw from the town of Bayeux, the Ferrut family welcome you to their equestrian centre.

DAY 9 Journey to Elegant Paris Journey inland through Normandy today, bound for the grand boulevards of Paris. Perhaps join us for an optional visit to the glittering Palace of Versailles before arriving in the French capital. (B) Hotel: Courtyard Paris Porte de Versailles

#### **DAY 10 Discover the Delights of Paris**

Join your **Local Specialist** to view the remarkable church of Saint-Sulpice, then delve into the lives of Parisians, wandering through the enchanting hidden squares and secret passages of one of Paris's oldest neighbourhoods. Our walking tour concludes in one of the city's loveliest squares which is a real favourite among the locals. Spend the rest of the day on your own to see the sights. On our last evening together in Paris, we join our travel companions and Travel Director for dinner in the city. **(B, D)** 

DAY 11 Au Revoir Paris After breakfast, we bid our newfound friends a fond farewell as our memorable holiday comes to a close. (B)

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
London and Paris

**Discover on City Orientations**Brussels, Ypres, Amiens, Rouen,
Normandy and the Somme Region

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Imperial War Museum in London, the D-Day Landing Beaches, Amiens Cathedral, military cemeteries throughout northern France and Belgium, the Australian National Memorial, the Caen Memorial, WWI and WWII Battlefields, the Dunkirk War Museum and evacuation beaches, and the Memorial Museum Passchendaele

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Buckingham Palace in London, the Eiffel Tower, Saint-Sulpice church and the Arc de Triomphe in Paris and the Menin Gate in Ypres

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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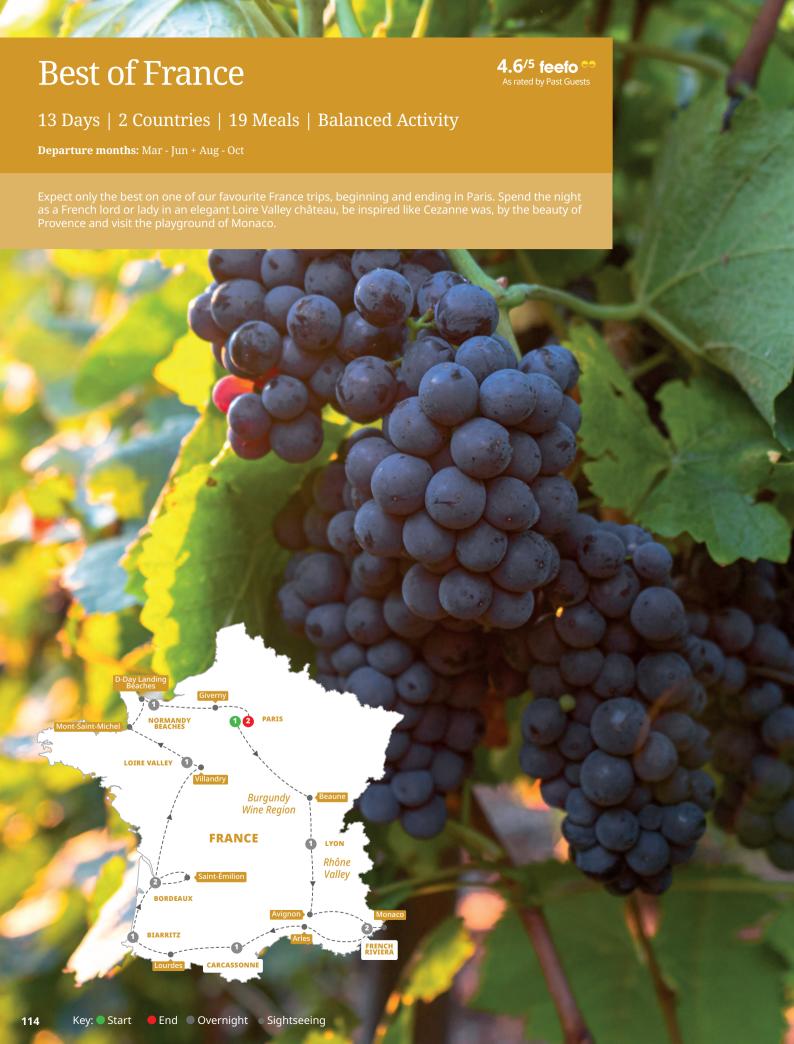


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I purchased this trip for my husband's birthday and we had a wonderful time. We made new friends!

Elaine

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DAY 1 Bonjour Paris All the flavours of France come to life on this unforgettable journey that kicks off in Paris, the 'City of Light'. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a dinner and an orientation drive through the city. (D) Hotel: Mercure 17 Batignolles

**Transfers:** Depart from Charles de Gaulle Airport at 09:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

#### DAY 2 Journey through Burgundy to Lyon

We travel through Burgundy to medieval Beaune before continuing to Lyon, the gourmet capital of France. Perhaps spend your evening delving into the epicurean delights for which Lyon is justifiably famous. (B) Hotel: Mercure Centre Saxe Lafayette

DAY 3 Onwards to Avignon, Monaco and the French Riviera Today we journey to the city of Avignon. Continue through the Provençal countryside to Monaco. Upon arrival we'll view the cathedral where Prince Rainier and Princess Grace were married, then in the evening we'll enjoy a dinner in Monaco before continuing along the Riviera to our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Holiday Inn Nice

DAY 4 The French Riviera Your Way The sun-kissed shores of the French Riviera are yours to explore today. Consider relaxing on the beach or an Optional Experience could see you visit the hilltop town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence. In your free time, soak up the fresh sea air and perhaps indulge in a delicious Salade Niçoise. (B)

DAY 5 Admire Arles and Continue to Carcassonne Visit Arles and enjoy some time at leisure to explore this beautiful city. Alternatively, choose an Optional Experience to gain a deeper understanding of Vincent van Gogh and local history with our resident expert, before winding your way to the fortified city of Carcassonne. Dive into Culture on a guided exploration of this ancient town with your Local Specialist who will reveal the Cité, its double ring of ramparts and 52 towers. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure La Cité

DAY 6 Pilgrimage to Lourdes and on to Biarritz We drive toward the Pyrenees this morning and arrive in Lourdes. You will have an opportunity to see the Basilica, perched atop St. Bernadette's Grotto. We travel west to the Basque Coast, where we spend the night. (B) Hotel: Novotel Anglet Biarritz.

#### **DAY 7 Venture to Bordeaux** We

journey to the wine capital of Bordeaux. Spend some time seeing the sights during your orientation of the city. (B) Hotel: FirstName Bordeaux

#### DAY 8 Discover Beautiful Saint-Émilion

We drive to Saint-Émilion, whose wine heritage dates back to Roman times, after we return to Bordeaux for some free time to explore. Perhaps, tease your taste buds with delicious Bordelaise cuisine or stroll through the city's historical centre, admiring its beautiful architecture. (B)

DAY 9 Explore a Château in the Loire Valley We journey on toward the 'Garden of France', stopping to Connect With Locals for a lunch and Be My Guest experience. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit the remarkable gardens at Château de Villandry before arriving at our special hotel for the night - one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories. (B, L, D) Hotel: Château de Beauvois

#### **Be My Guest**

Imagine 17<sup>th</sup>-century France on a delightful Be My Guest experience.

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Visit Château Villandry in the Loire Valley and admire the exquisite Renaissance gardens that surround this elegant estate. This experience advances Global Goal 15: Life on Land.

#### **Stays with Stories**

A symbol of the passing of time, step back with a stay in the regal 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>-century Chateâu de Beauvois, which opens its doors to those who wish to experience exceptional moments.

DAY 10 Off to Mont-Saint-Michel and the Normandy Beaches We travel to the island settlement of Mont-Saint-Michel on the Normandy coast, where we visit the island town. Follow the Liberty Highway to St. Lô and on to Omaha Beach. Visit the D-Day Landing Zone to learn how the operation was planned and executed. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure Omaha Beach

**DAY 11 Journey to Paris** We travel east towards Paris, stopping at Giverny to visit the house and gardens that once inspired Claude Monet's exquisite Impressionist works of art. This evening, consider a trip to one of the city's renowned cabarets. **(B) Hotel: Mercure 17 Batignolles** 

#### **DAY 12 Discover the Delights of Paris Join**

your **Local Specialist** on a journey through the historic neighbourhoods of Paris. View the remarkable church of Saint-Sulpice. This evening, we celebrate our epic adventure with your Travel Director and newfound friends at dinner. **(B, D)** 

DAY 13 Farewell Paris For now it's time to bid a fond au revoir to the Best of France and your fellow travellers at the end of a magical and memorable holiday. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11:30.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Carcassonne and Paris

## Discover on City Orientations Lyon, Avignon, Monaco, Arles, Lourdes, Bordeaux and Nice

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Hospices de Beaune, Château de Villandry, the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach and Claude Monet's home at Giverny

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Papal Palace in Avignon, Royal Palace and Cathedral in Monaco, Promenade des Anglais and Place Massena in Nice, Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, Esplanade des Quinconces in Bordeaux, Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel, the D-Day Beach of Omaha in Normandy, the Eiffel Tower, Champs-Élysées and Saint-Sulpice Church in Paris

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Drive through the Dordogne and the Loire Valley

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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Every day consisted of laughter, wine and great food. Our Travel Director David was really the icing on the cake. Thank you.

Susan
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## Spanish Wonder

**4.5**/5 **feefo** As rated by Past Guests

9 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Savour shared moments with locals enjoying sangria in sun-dappled courtyards, zesty paella and the sounds of the Spanish guitar. On this journey, you'll explore the wonders of Spain, from the ornate walls of the Albambra to the Gothic Cathedral and Giralda Bell Tower in Seville



DAY 1 Welcome to Madrid The country's capital is our launchpad for a memorable encounter with Spain. Relax in the lush surrounds of Buen Retiro Park, shop on Gran Vía or people-watch over churros con chocolate in the Puerta del Sol. This evening, join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for an orientation drive followed by dinner. (D) Hotel: VOCO Madrid Retiro/NH Collection Eurobuilding

**Transfers:** Depart Madrid-Barajas airport at 10:30, 13:00 and 15:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Explore Vibrant Toledo Head to Toledo, the former capital of Spain and join a Local Specialist for a walking tour. Dive into Culture as you witness the age-old inlaid steel craft during a visit to a traditional factory. View one of El Greco's most famous paintings in the Church of Santo Tomé before returning to Madrid to admire the Royal Palace and Cibeles Fountain with our Local Specialist. Later, delve into the sights and flavours of the city with an Optional Experience. (B)

DAY 3 Journey to Córdoba and on to Seville Journey south through La Mancha to Córdoba. Visit the Mosque of the Caliphs with a Local Specialist before travelling to Seville, our home for the next two nights. This evening, join the Morillo family for a Be My Guest experience at their olive oil farm. Learn how oil is produced from their 6,000 trees and sample some of their produce. (B, D) Hotel: Meliá Lebreros/Zenit

#### **Be My Guest**

Enjoy a traditional Andalusian dinner in the charming company of the Morillo family at their Basilippo hacienda, and learn how they produce the award-winning 100-percent organic extra virgin olive oil, known worldwide for its exceptional quality.



DAY 4 Discover Seville's Sights Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of Seville. Visit Plaza de España, the tomb of Christopher Columbus and the former Jewish Quarter. In the evening, consider an Optional Experience to see a flamenco show. (B) Hotel: Zenit/Occidental Viapol

DAY 5 Onwards to Granada Multicultural Granada takes centre stage today, as we visit the magnificent Alhambra in the company of a Local Specialist. Wander through the exotic water gardens of the Generalife and admire exquisite examples of Moorish architecture. (B) Hotel: Occidental

DAY 6 Admire Iconic Architecture in Guadix and on to Valencia Journey to Guadix in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. See the troglodyte dwellings in the hills and cliffs, then travel to Valencia. Embrace the city's spirit of innovation at the City of Arts and Sciences and enjoy organic horchata, the celebrated drink of Valencia, during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This evening, dine at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Valencia Lavant

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family-run vendor. This nut-based drink
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DAY 7 Off to Coastal Peñíscola and Barcelona Head north, along the coast through the Levant region, and stop at Peñíscola, the 'City in the Sea'. Continue along the Costa Dorada to Barcelona with its whimsical Gaudi architecture. Join a Local Specialist to admire the exterior of the unfinished Sagrada Familia, see the upscale boutiques and Gaudi creations on the Passeig de Gracia and pay tribute to Christopher Columbus. (B) Hotel: Barceló Sants/U232

DAY 8 Uncover Gaudí's Barcelona Explore centuries of history, contemporary culture and exquisite art and architecture on your day at leisure. Ramble down the Ramblas, or join an Optional Experience to the monastery perched atop the mountain of Montserrat to see the mystical Black Madonna, the patron saint of Catalonia. This evening, we celebrate a memorable journey through Spain over dinner with our newfound friends and Travel Director. (B, D)

DAY 9 Farewell Spain Bid a fond adiós to Spain at the end of a memorable holiday. (B) Transfer: Arrive at the airport at 08:00.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Toledo, Madrid, Córdoba,
Seville and Barcelona

**Discover on City Orientations**Valencia and Peñíscola

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

An inlaid steel factory, the Synagogue and Santo Tomé in Toledo, Córdoba's Mosque of the Caliphs, the Cathedral in Seville, Granada's Alhambra Palace

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Royal Palace and Cibeles
Fountain in Madrid, the Cave Homes
of Guadix, the Serrano and Quart
Towers and the City of Arts and
Sciences complex in Valencia and
La Sagrada Família in Barcelona

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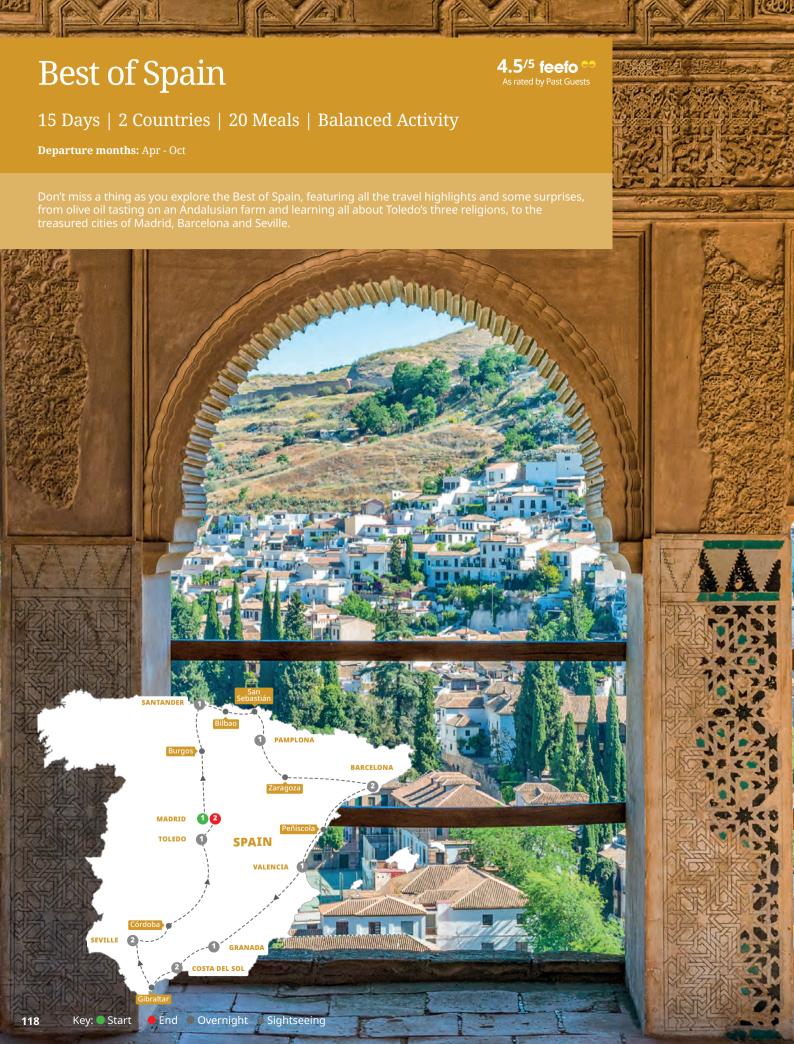


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A sensory overload of sights and smells at the Mercat de la Boqueria on the La Rambla in Barcelona.

Ross

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DAY 1 Hola Madrid Welcome to the fiery Spanish capital. Take in the vibrant essence of Madrid before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a memorable dinner and orientation drive to see some of the city's most iconic sights. (D) Hotel: VOCO Madrid Retiro/NH Collection Eurobuilding

**Transfers:** Depart Madrid-Barajas Airport at 10:30, 13:00 and 15:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Burgos and on to Santander Journey over the pine-clad Guadarrama Mountains to Burgos, the historic capital of Castile, where we will admire the exterior of the cathedral during an orientation tour. We cross the Ebro River and the Cantabrian Cordillera Mountains, travelling to the sophisticated capital of the Cantabrian region, Santander. (B, D) Hotel: Silken Coliseum

DAY 3 Onwards to Culinary San Sebastián and Pamplona We depart Santander and travel to Bilbao to view the striking Guggenheim Museum. We then continue on to San Sebastián, the gourmet capital of Spain with a rich maritime history. (B, D) Hotel: Tres Reyes

DAY 4 Continue to Gaudi Barcelona Our journey continues through the Ebro Valley to Zaragoza where we'll view the Basilica of El Pilar and Cathedral of La Seo. Later, enjoy Barcelona at leisure or indulge in an optional dinner and drive to become better aquainted with the local sights. (B) Hotel: Barcelona Condal Mar Affiliated by Melia/Barceló Sants

DAY 5 Discover Barcelona The whimsical fantasy world of Gaudí is on display this morning as we embark on a sightseeing tour to visit La Sagrada Família in the company of a Local Specialist. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the mountain-top monastery of Montserrat to see the shrine of the Black Madonna, the patron saint of Catalonia. (B)

DAY 6 Off to Coastal Peñíscola and Valencia The sweet scent of oranges accompanies us on our journey along the Costa Dorada to fortified Peñíscola, where we'll see the ancient castle used in the film 'El Cid'. We arrive in sunny Valencia where we will stay the night. During our orientation, we will witness the modern verve of Valencia and view the City of Arts and Sciences. During one of our iconic MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences, we will also enjoy horchata, the celebrated drink of Valencia.

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(B) Hotel: Novotel Valencia Lavant

DAY 7 Venture to Granada Journey by the dramatic Sierra Nevada Mountain range to the city of Granada where we'll meet our Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the spectacular UNESCO-listed Alhambra. Check in to your hotel later, where we will dine tonight. (B, D) Hotel: Occidental

#### DAY 8 On the Road to Sunny Costa del Sol

Enjoy a leisurely morning on your terms, or consider taking an Optional Experience to the medieval Moorish Quarter of Granada, before leaving for the sun-kissed shores of the Costa del Sol. (B) Hotel: Meliá

**DAY 9 Costa del Sol Your Way** Another day in paradise for you to indulge in la buena vida. Consider an Optional Experience to the effervescent Andalusian capital of Málaga to explore centuries of fascinating history. **(B)** 

#### **DAY 10** Explore Gibraltar and on to Seville

A scenic drive takes us past the millionaires' playground of Marbella and on to La Linea, before crossing to the Rock of Gibraltar for free time to explore. This evening, enjoy a **Be My Guest experience** at an olive oil farm. (B, D) Hotel: NH Sevilla Plaza de Armas

#### **Be My Guest**

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**DAY 11 See the Sights of Seville** Join your **Local Specialist** this morning for a tour of Seville's leafy avenues. See the iconic Giralda Bell Tower, visit the Seville Cathedral and walk through the imposing Plaza de España. **(B)** 

#### DAY 12 Journey to Córdoba and Toledo

We journey to Córdoba to meet a **Local Specialist** for a visit to the astounding Mosque of the Caliphs, a jewel of Hispano-Islamic art. Continue to Toledo for an evening in Spain's former capital. **(B) Hotel: Eurostars Toledo** 

DAY 13 Admire Ancient Toledo then on to Madrid Your Local Specialist takes you on a walking tour of Toledo where you'll Dive into Culture as you explore this ancient hilltop city. Arrive later in Madrid. (B) Hotel: VOCO Madrid Retiro/NH Collection Eurobuilding

DAY 14 Discover Stylish Madrid Spend today at leisure exploring the city. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner to celebrate your epic adventure through Spain. (B, D)

DAY 15 Farewell Madrid For now it's a fond adiós to Spain and newfound friends. (B)

Transfers: Arrive at Madrid-Barajas Airport at 08:30 and 11:00.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

### Explore with Local Specialists Barcelona, Seville, Córdoba,

Barcelona, Seville, Córdob Toledo and Madrid

#### **Discover on City Orientations**

Burgos, Santander, Bilbao, San Sebastián, Pamplona, Valencia, Peñíscola and the Rock of Gibraltar

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

La Sagrada Família in Barcelona, the Alhambra Palace in Granada, the Cathedral in Seville, the Mosque of the Caliphs in Córdoba, the Synagogue and Santo Tomé in Toledo and Madrid's Prado Museum

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, La Concha Bay in San Sebastián, the Cathedral of Zaragoza, the Castle of Peñíscola, the Serrano and Quart Towers and City of Arts and Sciences complex in Valencia

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Barcelona with friends we made on a previous Trafalgar trip was especially memorable with the Sagrada Familia and a scrumptious paella lunch.

Christine

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DAY 1 Welcome to Lisbon A sea of pastel pinks, yellows and blues saturates the seven hills of the romantic Portuguese capital, which you will have an opportunity to explore today before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a dinner and orientation. (D) Hotel: Turim Av Liberdade/Olissippo Marques de Sa

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Discover Colourful Lisbon Delve into Lisbon's centuries-old seafaring heritage today. With our Local Specialist, see the shimmering white Monument to the Discoveries, the iconic suspension bridge spanning the Tagus, and Belém Tower. Dive into Culture on a sightseeing tour of the UNESCO-listed Hieronymite Monastery. There's time to join an Optional Experience to the historic towns of Cascais and Sintra. In the evening, perhaps enjoy a traditional Portuguese dinner amidst the sounds of the fado. (B)

#### DAY 3 Journey to the Algarve Region

We journey across the Tagus this morning and drive south towards the Serra da Arrábida Mountains and to the golden pastures of the Alentejo. The hearty aroma of Portuguese chicken fills the air at our **Be My Guest experience** at a stud ranch. Our journey continues further south, bound for the sun-kissed shores of the Algarve. (B, L) Hotel: Real Bellavista/Agua Riverside

#### **Be My Guest**

Saddle up for a superb stud farm visit, the tragic story of unrequited love, and a traditional home-cooked lunch with Tiago and Vera in Portugal's beautiful Alentejo.



DAY 4 Cliffs, Beaches and More in the Algarve During our morning coastal drive, admire spectacular views across Baleeira Beach, before continuing along the coast to Cape St. Vincent. We end our excursion with a visit to the resort town of Lagos. (B)

#### **DAY 5** Onwards to Elegant Évora

Journeying north, we travel to the ancient Alentejo city of Évora. Join your **Local Specialist** and visit the elaborate cathedral, Roman temple and the Chapel of Bones. Spend the rest of your day by joining an Optional Experience to the medieval village of Monsaraz. This evening, we dine at our hotel in Évora. (B, D) Hotel: M'ar de Ar Muralhas

#### **DAY 6 Venture Past Mountains to Viseu**

Our first stop today is in the hilltop town of Castelo de Vide. Travel north towards the Serra de Estrela mountains and arrive later in Viseu. Explore the city's rich art and architectural history, and see the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Sé, standing imposingly on a hill overlooking the city. **(B) Hotel: Grão Vasco** 

#### **DAY 7 Through the Douro Valley to Porto**

Vineyard-clad hills provide an enchanting backdrop for our journey today through the Douro Valley, where Port wine is produced. We explore the magnificent gardens at the Baroque-style Palácio de Mateus. We then continue via Guimarães for views of its impressive 10<sup>th</sup>-century castle. (B) Hotel: Turim Oporto/Carris Porto Ribeira

DAY 8 Explore Vibrant Porto Join a Local Specialist today for a sightseeing tour of Porto. See the remarkable bridges and the Gothic Church of St. Francis. Visit the Stock Exchange Palace, before we Dive into Culture and gain insights into the centuriesold tradition of local port production at a tasting in a port cellar. Spend the rest of the afternoon strolling through the historic centre of Porto. (B)

DAY 9 On to Coimbra and Pilgrimage to Fátima Soak up the grand atmosphere of one of Europe's greatest and oldest universities with a Local Specialist, then stroll through the ancient streets and squares of Coimbra, before journeying to the Templar city of Tomar. Join a Local Specialist to visit the Convent of Christ. Later, you will arrive in the pilgrimage centre of Fátima. (B, D) Hotel: Fátima/Santa Maria

DAY 10 Experience Village Life Returning to Lisbon En route to Lisbon, with a Local Specialist we stop at the imposing monastery of Batalha – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our next stop is the fishing village of Nazaré, before we visit the medieval walled city of Óbidos. Celebrate our last evening in Portugal over dinner at a familyrun vineyard, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B, D) Hotel: Olissippo Oriente/Smy Lisboa/Olissippo Marques de Sa

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Bid farewell to your Portuguese adventures at the award-winning organic vineyard Vale da Capucha which prides itself in producing organic and biodynamic wines. Your experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

DAY 11 Farewell Lisbon Say a fond adeus to your fellow travellers at the end of an unforgettable Portuguese holiday. (B)

Transfers: Arrive at the airport at 07:00

and 09:30.

Included meals: Breakfast **(B)** Lunch **(L)** Dinner **(D)**Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Trip code: PORT/WPOR

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists

Lisbon, Évora, Porto, Coimbra and Tomar

**Discover on City Orientations** 

the Algarve, Lagos, Castelo de Vide, Viseu, Nazaré and Óbidos

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon, the cathedral in Évora, the Palace Gardens at Palacio de Mateus, the Stock Exchange Palace, Arabian Hall and a local port wine cellar in Porto, the University Library of Coimbra, the Convent of Christ in Tomar and Batalha's Gothic Monastery

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Castle of Guimarães and the Shrine at Fátima

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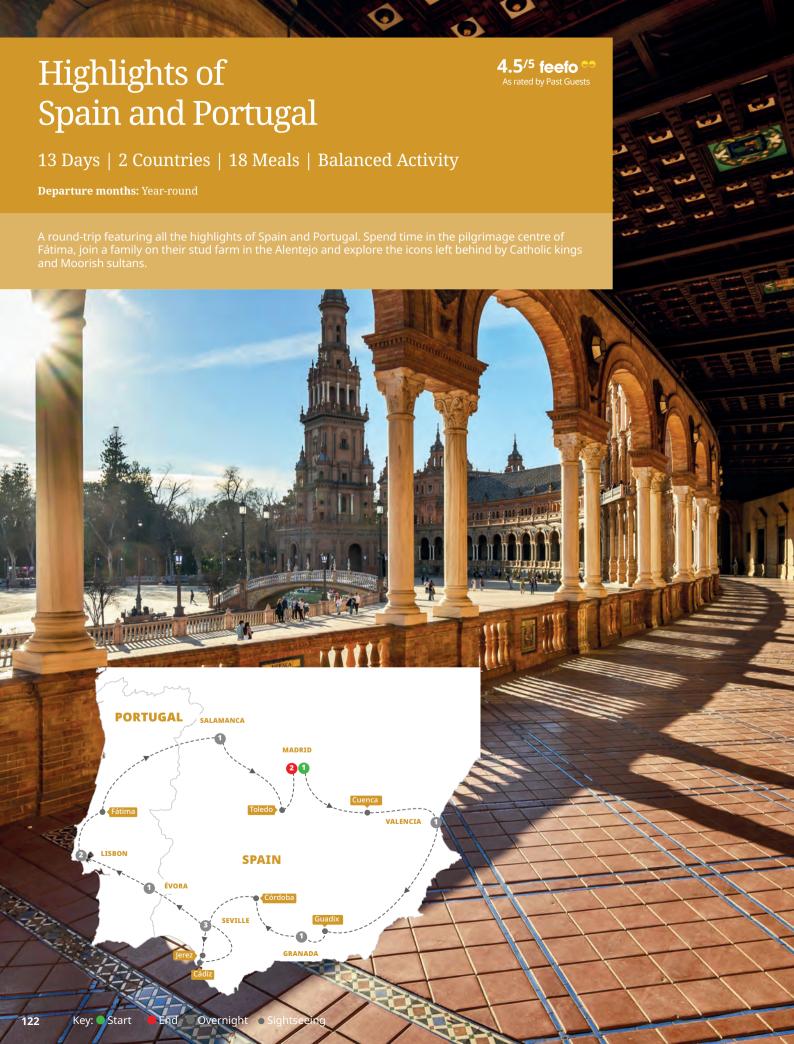


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To tour through Portugal and learn so much about the vast history truly was a treat. My favourite part was our knowledgeable tour guide Pedro.

Geneviève

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DAY 1 Welcome to Madrid Embrace la buena vida and soak up the vibrant atmosphere in Madrid before joining your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner and orientation of the city's glorious sights. (D) Hotel: NH Collection

Eurobuilding

**Transfers:** Depart Madrid-Barajas Airport at 10:30, 13:00 and 15:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

#### DAY 2 Journey to Cuenca and Valencia

Witness the dramatic clifftop-hanging houses of Cuenca during your first stop today, before continuing your journey to Valencia. An orientation drive will include views of the 14th-century Towers of Serrano and Quart, and the City of Arts and Sciences. Enjoy organic horchata during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B) Hotel: Novotel Valencia Lavant

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Enjoy a taste of organic Horchata from a family-run vendor. This nut-based drink is made using only natural ingredients and traditional production methods. Your experience directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 3 Off to Unique Guadix and on to Granada We travel through the Sierra Nevada bound for Guadix, where we'll witness how generations of locals have carved cosy abodes into their rocky surrounds. Next, we'll drive to Granada. (B, D) Hotel: Catalonia/Occidental Granada

#### DAY 4 Onwards to Córdoba and Seville

Tread in the footsteps of Spain's last emirs, joining your **Local Specialist** for a visit to the Alhambra, with its amazing palaces, gardens and fountains. We leave Granada behind for Córdoba where we'll join a **Local Specialist** to visit the mesmerising Mosque of the Caliphs. Our final stop for the day is enchanting Seville. **(B, D) Hotel: Meliá Lebreros** 

#### **DAY 5** Uncover the Secrets of Seville

Seville takes centre stage today. We'll see the symbolic Giralda Bell Tower with a **Local Specialist**, then stroll through the imposing Plaza de España in Maria Luisa Park and visit the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience flamenco performance. **(B)** 

#### DAY 6 Admire the Sights of Jerez and

Cádiz We indulge in the aromatic flavours of Jerez today as we Dive into Culture and into the centuries-old tradition of Spanish sherry production. The leafy boulevards and quiet plazas of romantic Cádiz are our next stop. Tread in the footsteps of Columbus, who used this historic port city as his launchpad to the 'New World'. (B)

DAY 7 Venture to Évora Leaving the zesty scents of Seville behind, we head to the golden landscapes of the Alentejo for a Be My Guest experience at a traditional stud ranch, which has been rearing Lusitano horses since the 18<sup>th</sup> century. After that, we continue to Évora for a guided sightseeing tour. With a Local Specialist we will visit Evora's cathedral, Roman temple and Chapel of Bones. Tonight, enjoy dinner at our hotel. (B, L, D) Hotel: M'ar de Ar Muralhas

#### **Be My Guest**

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DAY 8 On to Lively Lisbon We arrive in the seafaring Portuguese capital of Lisbon this afternoon, where we'll join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour. Dive into Culture Visiting the Belém Quarter and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém. (B) Hotel: Olissippo Marquês de Sá

DAY 9 Lisbon Your Way Wander through Old Town Lisbon and the grand shopping boulevards that stretch from the shores of the Tagus and Lisbon Baixa to Rossio. Today is yours to embrace the captivating sights and sounds of the Portuguese capital on your own. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the historic towns of Cascais and Sintra. (B)

DAY 10 Pilgrimage to Fátima and on to Salamanca Follow the road taken by pilgrims over the last 100 years to the Shrine at Fátima, a site of celebrated religious miracles. We leave Portugal, travelling to the historic Spanish city of Salamanca with its golden-hued façades and ancient university heritage, where we will visit its 18th-century Plaza Mayor. (B) Hotel: Gran Corona Sol

#### **DAY 11 Continue to Toledo and Madrid**

Today we travel to the clifftop city of Toledo and join a **Local Specialist** for a guided walk through its streets. Later, Dive into Culture and witness local craftsmen at work creating inlaid steel the traditional way. We arrive in Madrid this evening, our home for the next two nights. **(B) Hotel: VOCO Madrid Retiro** 

#### **DAY 12 Explore Fiery Madrid This**

morning, we join a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour of Madrid, where we'll see the Royal Palace and the Cibeles Fountain. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the city on your own terms. This evening marks the end of our memorable journey through the Iberian Peninsula. Join your fellow companions and Travel Director for a dinner. **(B, D)** 

DAY 13 Adiós Madrid For now it's time to say a fond farewell to Spain and Portugal at the end of a memorable holiday. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at Madrid-Barajas Airport at 08:30 and 11:00.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists Córdoba, Seville, Évora, Lisbon, Toledo and Madrid

**Discover on City Orientations** Valencia, Cádiz and Salamanca

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Alhambra Palace in Granada, the Cathedral Mosque in Córdoba, Seville Cathedral, the Cathedral of Évora, Plaza Mayor in Salamanca and the Church of Santo Tomé and the Synagogue in Toledo

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Hanging Houses of Cuenca, the Towers of Serrano and Quart and the City of Arts and Sciences complex in Valencia, the Cave Houses of Guadix, the Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon and the Shrine at Fátima

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 7 for your unique local encounter

#### **Travel Responsibly**

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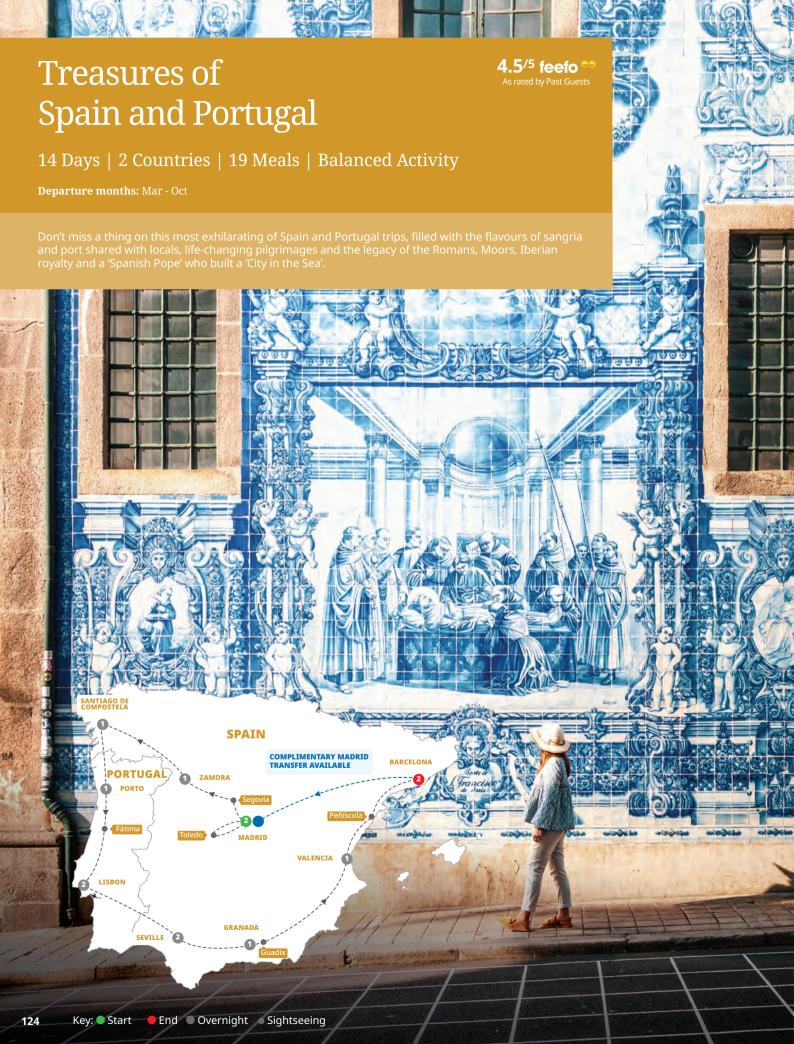


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This trip bonded me and my mother more than ever. Lighting the candle at Fátima in Portugal was my favorite memory.

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DAY 1 Hola Madrid Kick-start your epic encounter with Spain and Portugal in Europe's highest capital city, Madrid. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a dinner and orientation drive past some of Madrid's most iconic sites. (D) Hotel: Barceló Imagine

**Transfers:** Depart Madrid-Baraias Airport at 10:30, 13:00 and 15:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Admire the Sights of Toledo and Madrid Journey south for an excursion to the hilltop city of Toledo, where you'll join your **Local Specialist** for a walking tour. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé and the former synagogue of Santa Maria la Blanca. This afternoon, join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of Madrid. (B)

#### DAY 3 Journey to Segovia and Zamora

Venture to Segovia and see the Roman Agueduct and the Alcázar of Segovia. Travel to the city of Zamora where you'll view the cathedral and the Church of Mary Magdalene. (B, D) Hotel: NH Palacio del Duero

DAY 4 A Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela Travel to Santiago de Compostela, where you'll join a Local Specialist, who will share insights into the 'Way of Saint James'. Visit the vast Cathedral and the Praza do Obradoiro. (B, D) **Hotel: Eurostars Gran** 

DAY 5 Journey to Scenic Porto Embark on a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist today in Porto. See the medieval Ribeira Quarter and the city port. Visit the Stock Exchange Palace, before you Dive into Culture at a tasting in a Port cellar. (B) Hotel: Carris Ribeira

#### DAY 6 Onwards to Fátima and Lisbon

Follow the road taken by pilgrims over the last 100 years to the Shrine at Fátima, site of a celebrated religious miracle. Later, arrive in colourful Lisbon. (B) Hotel: VIP Grand

**DAY 7 Discover Lisbon's Treasures You'll** see the Monument to the Discoveries and Belém Tower on a sightseeing tour of Lisbon with your Local Specialist. Dive into Culture visiting the Belém Quarter and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém. (B)

DAY 8 On to Seville Travel east through Alentejo before arriving in Seville. Explore the fine art of olive oil production at a Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Meliá Lebreros

#### Be My Guest

Enjoy a traditional Andalusian dinner in the charming company of the Morillo family at their Basilippo hacienda, and learn how they produce the award-winning 100-percent organic extra virgin olive oil, known worldwide for its exceptional quality.



DAY 9 Explore Spectacular Seville Join a Local Specialist for a walking tour through the city. View the symbolic Giralda Bell Tower, see the Maria Luisa Park and walk through the imposing Plaza de España. Later, stroll through the Jewish Quarter before visiting the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. (B)

**DAY 10 Off to Granada** Multicultural Granada takes centre stage today as you visit the magnificent Alhambra in the company of a Local Specialist. (B, D) **Hotel: Abades Nevada Palace** 

DAY 11 Onwards to Valencia Journey to Guadix to see the whitewashed troglodyte dwellings lodged in the ochre-coloured cliffs of the surrounding area. Travel to Valencia for an orientation drive which will include views of the 14th-century Towers of Serrano and Quart, and the City of Arts and Sciences. Your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience will introduce you to the traditional drink of Valencia - horchata. (B) Hotel: Novotel Valencia Lavant

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Enjoy a taste of organic Horchata from a family-run vendor. This nut-based drink is made using only natural ingredients and traditional production methods. Your experience directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 12 See the Sights of Barcelona Head north along the coast through the Levant region and stop at Peñíscola, the 'City in the Sea'. Continue along the Costa Dorada to Barcelona. Join a Local Specialist and see La Sagrada Família, then explore the Plaça de Catalunya. (B) Hotel: INNSiDE Barcelona **Apolo by Melia** 

**DAY 13 Barcelona Your Way Embrace** the charm of Barcelona, ramble through El Born or consider joining an Optional Experience to the mountaintop monastery of Montserrat. This evening, join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner. (B, D)

DAY 14 Journey Home For now it's adios to Spain at the end of a memorable holiday. (B)

Transfer: Arrive at the airport at 08:00.

#### **Included highlights** and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** Madrid, Toledo, Santiago de

Compostela, Porto, Lisbon, Seville and Barcelona

**Discover on City Orientations** Segovia, Zamora and Valencia

#### Visit Must-see Landmarks

Santo Tomé and the synagogue in Toledo, the cathedral and Praza do Obradoiro in Santiago de Compostela, the Stock Exchange Palace and a local port wine cellar in Porto, Seville Cathedral, the Alhambra Palace in Granada

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Roman Aqueduct and Alcázar in Segovia, the cathedral in Zamora, the Shrine at Fátima, the Belém Tower and Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon. the Giralda Bell Tower in Seville, the cave homes of Guadix, the Serrano and Quart Towers and the city of Arts and Sciences complex in Valencia and La Sagrada Família in Barcelona

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 8 for your unique local encounter

#### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 11 for how you'll make a positive impact

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A beautiful afternoon spent in Cascais with friends.

Christine

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## Spain, Morocco and Portugal

**4.4**/5 **feefo** As rated by Past Guests

16 Days | 3 Countries | 22 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Every day is an adventure on this Spain, Portugal and Morocco trip, whether you're celebrating Portugal's proud seafaring heritage or venturing deep within the ancient Medina of Fes to find treasures to take home



DAY 1 Hola Madrid Kick off your unforgettable journey in the fiery Spanish capital of Madrid. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner and an orientation drive past some of the city's most iconic sites. (D) Hotel: Meliá Castilla/

Transfers: Depart Madrid-Barajas Airport at 10:30, 13:00 and 15:30.

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Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

**DAY 2 Explore Fiery Madrid Join your** Local Specialist on this day of discovery, including views of the iconic Cibeles fountain and Paseo de la Castellana. (B)

#### **DAY 3** Onwards to Toledo and Granada

Join your **Local Specialist** for a walking tour of Toledo, during which you'll visit the Church of Santo Tomé and the synagogue. Dive into Culture at a local steel and Damascene workshop, before continuing to Granada. (B, D) Hotel: Occidental

DAY 4 Journey to the Sunny Costa del Sol Admire the impressive palatial city of the Alhambra. Join a Local Specialist for a guided visit, then continue to the Costa del Sol. (B) Hotel: NH Marbella/Melia Costa del Sol

#### **DAY 5** Cross the Strait of Gibraltar to Fes

Travel along the sun-kissed shores of the Mediterranean and cross to North Africa by ferry. A memorable drive past the Rif Mountains brings you to Fes, your home for the next two nights. (B, D) Hotel: Marriott **Jnan Palace** 

#### **DAY 6 The Medina and More in Fes Join**

a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour through the cultural and spiritual centre of Morocco. Spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure. Your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® **Experience** will allow you to support a non-profit organisation. Tonight, maybe join an Optional Experience Arabian dinner in a traditional riad. (B)

#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Visit the non-profit American Fondouk and speak with the volunteer veterinarians. This experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

#### **DAY 7 Off to Vibrant Marrakesh** Departing

Fes, journey west through the golden landscape that deepens to rusty red as we approach vibrant Marrakesh. Past and present collide in the world-famous Jemaa el-Fnaa Square. (B) Hotel: Grand Mogador Menara

**DAY 8 Discover Marrakesh** Visit Dar El Bacha with a Local Specialist. See Jemaa el-Fnaa Square in the Old Quarter. Visit a traditional Moroccan pharmacy and Dive Into Culture, gaining insights into the blending of creams and cosmetics using regional ingredients. (B)

#### **DAY 9 Continue to Casablanca and Rabat**

Journey north to Casablanca and enjoy a visit to the Hassan II Mosque with your Local Specialist, before arriving in the country's capital city. (B) Hotel: Impérial **Boutique Rabat** 

**DAY 10 Continue to Tangier** Explore Rabat with your **Local Specialist**, stop at the opulent Mohammed V Mausoleum and admire the cityscape. Later, continue to Tangier, a gateway between Africa and Europe. Your unique **Stays With Stories** is an iconic hotel overlooking the Bay of Tangiers and the sparkling Mediterranean beyond. (B, D) Hotel: El Minzah

#### **Stays with Stories**

Immerse yourself in the proud heritage of El Minzah Hotel, a famous Hispano-Moorish hotel in the heart of the city commissioned by the fourth Marquis of Bute in the 1930s.

DAY 11 Sail the Strait to Seville Crossing the Strait of Gibraltar by ferry, return to Spain and journey past the region of Jerez, renowned as the origin of Spanish sherry. Drive through Andalucía and arrive in Seville. (B) Hotel: Meliá Lebreros

**DAY 12 Explore Spectacular Seville Join** your Local Specialist for a tour which will take you past Giralda Bell Tower. Admire the Maria Luisa Park and see the imposing Plaza de España. Visit the ornate tomb of Christopher Columbus, then enjoy a walk through the historic Jewish Quarter. (B)

DAY 13 Venture to Évora Head to Alentejo, where the Brito Paes family await your arrival for a special **Be My Guest experience** on their traditional stud ranch. Afterwards, continue to Évora for a tour with your Local Specialist. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D) Hotel: M'ar de **Ar Muralhas** 

#### **Be My Guest**

Saddle up for a superb stud farm visit, the tragic story of unrequited love, and a traditional home-cooked lunch with Tiago and Vera in Portugal's beautiful Alentejo.

**DAY 14 On to Lively Lisbon** Enjoy a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist in Lisbon today. Visit the Belém Quarter and view the exterior of the UNESCO-listed Hieronymite Monastery. Enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém. (B) **Hotel: VIP Grand Lisboa** 

**DAY 15 Lisbon Your Way Consider joining** an Optional Experience to Cascais and Sintra today. In the evening, enjoy dinner with your newfound friends and the Travel Director. (B, D) Hotel: Olissippo Oriente/ Olissippo Marquês de Sá

DAY 16 Journey Home Your epic journey through Spain, Morocco and Portugal comes to an end this morning. (B)

Transfers: Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 09:30.

Included meals: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D) Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

#### Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Madrid, Toledo, Fes, Marrakesh, Casablanca, Rabat, Seville. Évora and Lisbon

**Discover on City Orientations Tangier** 

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Synagogue and Santo Tomé in Toledo, the Alhambra in Granada, Dar El Bacha and a Moroccan pharmacy in Marrakesh, the Cathedral in Seville and the Belém Quarter in Lisbon

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca. the Royal Palace in Rabat and the Belém Tower in Lisbon

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See days 10 and 13 for your unique local encounters

#### **Travel Responsibly**

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This picture embodies the majesty and mystery we discovered in Morocco. Like no other place I have ever been.

Jacquie

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## Read below for a summary of the tour, and see the detailed itinerary at trafalgar.com

Embark on a magical journey through France and Spain, starting in romantic Paris. Immerse yourself in the city's rich culture, art, and architecture. Meet fellow travellers for a delightful dinner and an orientation drive past iconic sights like the Champs-Élysées and Arc de Triomphe.

Experience Paris like a local with a guided tour through historic neighbourhoods, ending at the stunning Saint-Sulpice Church. Enjoy free time strolling along the Seine, exploring Montmartre, or sipping a café au lait. Consider an evening at a Parisian cabaret.

Travel to Lyon, where a local guide will showcase its cultural treasures. Discover Lyon's historical areas and enjoy panoramic views from Fourvière hill, with leisure time to explore.

Visit Avignon, home to the majestic Popes' Palace and the famous bridge from "Sur le Pont d'Avignon." Continue to the French Riviera, stroll around the Bay of Angels, or relax with wine as the sun sets over the Mediterranean.

In Monaco, visit the royal cathedral, marvel at superyachts, and see the grand prix circuit. Relax on the Côte d'Azur or explore Saint-Paulde-Vence.

Journey past the Pyrenees to Figueres to explore Salvador Dalí's museum. Arrive in Barcelona and see La Sagrada Família.

On your final day, visit Montserrat or explore Gaudí's architecture, ending with dinner in Barcelona to celebrate an unforgettable tour.

#### Be My Guest

Return to 17<sup>th</sup>-century France and join the de Montferrier family on their farm for a traditional three-course Tourangelle lunch paired with local wines.



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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Paris, Lyon, Carcassonne and Barcelona

**Discover on City Orientations**Avignon, Nice, Monaco and Arles

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Eiffel Tower and Saint-Sulpice Church in Paris, Chartres Cathedral, Château de Chambord, the Popes' Palace of Avignon, the Promenade des Anglais and Place Masséna in Nice, Monaco's Royal Palace and Cathedral, the Roman Amphitheatre of Arles and La Sagrada Família and Columbus Monument in Barcelona

#### **See Must-see Landmarks**

Las Ramblas in Barcelona

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience**: Meet the de Montferrier family on their farm in France

#### **Travel Responsibly**

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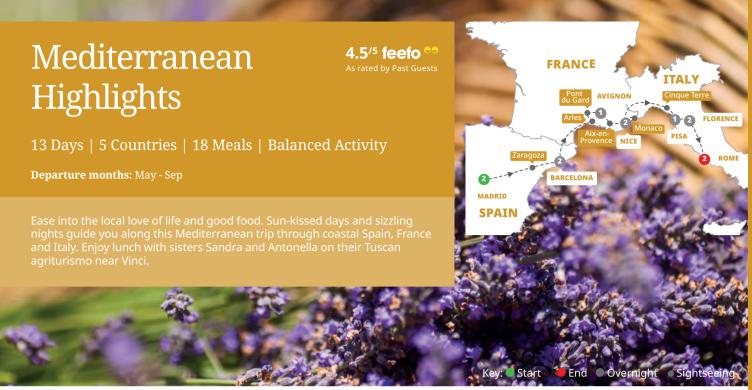


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Begin your unforgettable journey across Southern Europe in Madrid with a welcome reception and an orientation drive through the city's vibrant streets. Discover the Royal Palace and Cibeles Fountain on a guided tour, then choose between an afternoon at the Prado Museum or an excursion to Toledo.

After a stop in Zaragoza, travel to Barcelona, for a tour of the city's iconic landmarks, including Las Ramblas and La Sagrada Família. Spend your leisure time exploring Gaudí's imaginative architecture or the Gothic Quarter, or an optional visit to Montserrat.

Cross the Pyrenees into France, where you'll visit Arles and the Pont du Gard Aqueduct before arriving in Avignon. Delight in Provence's charm, shop in Aix-en-Provence, and view Monaco's cathedral. Savour a memorable dinner in Monaco and unwind on the French Riviera.

Venture into Italy to explore Cinque Terre and Pisa, viewing the Square of Miracles. Enjoy a Tuscan lunch and tour Florence's Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, and Piazza della Signoria. Continue through Tuscany and Umbria to Rome, to marvel at the Vatican City and ancient landmarks with a **Local Specialist**.

Conclude your adventure with good food and newfound friends during a typical Roman feast in The Eternal City.

#### Be My Guest

Meet Sandra and Antonella on their farm for lunch at the Agriturismo Borgo Vigna Vecchia surrounded by vineyards and olive groves in the Tuscan hills.



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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Madrid, Barcelona, Cinque Terre, Florence and Rome

#### **Discover on City Orientations**

Arles, Avignon, Aix-en-Provence, Monaco and Pisa

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Pont du Gard in Avignon, the French Riviera, Piazza della Signoria in Florence and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome

#### View Must-see Landmarks

La Sagrada Família in Barcelona, the Papal Palace in Avignon, the Palace and Cathedral in Monaco, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Duomo and Ponte Vecchio in Florence and the Colosseum in Rome

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience**: Meet Sandra and Antonella on their farm

#### **Travel Responsibly**

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## Northern Spain

11 Days | 1 Country | 14 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Mar - Sep

Go beyond the normal northern Spain trip and immerse yourself in the region's distinctive culture and history. On this trip up north, you'll trace the footsteps of pilgrims, witnessing breathtaking landsapes and timeless traditions.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Barcelona, Santiago de Compostela, Salamanca and Madrid

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Holy Cave of Covadonga, the fishing village of Luarca, St. James Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela and the Prado Museum in Madrid

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

La Sagrada Família in Barcelona, the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao and the Cathedral and University of Salamanca

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience**: Enjoy Lunch and Cider Tasting with the Castanon Family at their Cider Mill near Oviedo

#### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Dine at Mescladis, an initiative aiding victims of social exclusion in Barcelona

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**4.6**/5 **feefo** As rated by Past Guests

## Great Iberian Cities

9 Days | 2 Countries | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Sep

Blaze a trail on this Spain and Portugal trip as you travel from Gaudí's Barcelona to Portugal's 'Golden Age of Discoveries' in Lisbon. See the tomb of Columbus, visit the Prado Museum and enjoy sweet sangria in Andalusia.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Barcelona, Madrid, Toledo, Seville and Lisbon

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Prado Museum in Madrid, Church of Santo Tome and the Synagogue in Toledo, the Cathedral in Seville

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

La Sagrada Família in Barcelona, the Monument to the Discoveries in Lisbon, the Giralda Bell Tower in Seville and Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience**: Enjoy a traditional home hosted Andalusian dinner

#### **Travel Responsibly**

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**: Dine at Mescladis, an initiative aiding victims of social exclusion in Barcelona

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## Best of Morocco

11 Days | 1 Country | 20 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

An in-depth Morocco trip featuring all the exciting sights, sounds and flavours befitting of its status as the gateway to Africa. Explore the ancient alleyways of Fes and marvel at the Saharan sunset, and enjoy the rich tapestry of Moroccan Culture.



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#### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Fes and Marrakesh

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

A traditional tannery and dye-pit in Fes, Midelt and Dar El Bacha

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Royal Palace, the Todra Gorge, Aït Ben Haddou and the Hassan II Mosque

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience**: Traditional riad in Fes **Stays with Stories**: Overnight at Dades Xaluca Hotel

#### **Travel Responsibly**

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**: Visit the non-profit American Fondouk and speak with volunteer veterinarians

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## Best of Holland

**4.5**/5 **feefo** ••• As rated by Past Guests

7 Days | 1 Country | 9 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Mar - Sep

Delight in the best of the Netherlands on this in-depth exploration. Visit Delft and Volendam to learn about regional traditions. You'll see the works of great masters at the Rijksmuseum and soak up some of that characteristic gezellig spirit with a family on their farm.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Amsterdam What** better place to start your jaunt through the Netherlands than Amsterdam? Spend your day strolling through its pretty streets beside tree-lined canals, stopping to enjoy coffee and speculaas along the way. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening on a scenic canal cruise, including a light meal and drinks,

Hotel: Bilderberg Garden **Transfers:** Depart the airport at 09:00, 11:30

admiring the centuries-old façades. (D)

and 14:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

DAY 2 Explore Amsterdam's Art and **Architecture** Delve into the Dutch Golden Age and its extraordinary art, architecture and history, traversing the city's inner labyrinth of canals and narrow streets, along which hundreds of sturdy Dutch bicycles rattle day and night. Dive into Culture and enjoy a small group sightseeing tour of the Rijksmuseum, featuring the works of great Dutch masters, including Rembrandt's 'The Night Watch'. (B)

DAY 3 Journey to Aalsmeer/Keukenhof, The Hague and Rotterdam We rise with the birds this morning to visit Aalsmeer and its vibrant flower auction, filled with the vividly-hued blooms for which Holland is so famous. Alternatively, during the flowering season (late March until mid-May), we'll enjoy an included visit to the tulip gardens of Keukenhof. The mesmerising sight of millions of flowering bulbs planted across 32 hectares will leave you awestruck. This afternoon, we travel via The Hague to the historic town of Delft and Dive into Culture at the Royal Delft Pottery workshop where we'll gain insights into the production of this delicate hand-painted blue and white porcelain. We continue to edgy Rotterdam, which was rebuilt from the ground up after being destroyed during World War II. Your orientation tour will reveal an innovative city with architectural treasures worth capturing on camera and a vibrant multicultural scene around every turn. (B, D) **Hotel: Bilderberg Parkhotel** 

DAY 4 Onwards to Arnhem and Oosterbeek Enjoy a morning at leisure, or perhaps consider joining an Optional Experience to visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed village of Kinderdijk, famous for its 19 monumental windmills. Later we travel east to Arnhem to see the John Frost Bridge, so named as a tribute to the commander of the British forces that held the bridge for four days with a mere 750 soldiers, during the World War II Battle of Arnhem, Learn about this famous battle. inspiration behind the film 'A Bridge Too Far', on an included visit to the Airborne Museum at Oosterbeek. (B) Hotel: De Bilderberg

DAY 5 Off to Stunning Zwolle and Leeuwarden Today we head north to the beautiful Hanseatic city of Zwolle, where we'll join our Local Specialist for a walking tour through its historic centre. Later we continue to Friesland where our Local Specialist will reveal the delights of Leeuwarden on a guided walk around this vibrant city full of art, beautiful architecture and medieval canals and streets. (B) **Hotel: Fletcher Paleis** 

DAY 6 Venture to Volendam and Return to Amsterdam Embark on a beautiful drive through Friesland en route to Volendam, a former fishing port on the edge of IJsselmeer. Dive into Culture and learn about the craft of wooden clog making. Then meet Tom, miller of Katwoude, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Visit the mill and learn about the important role the mill plays in managing rising water levels. This evening, enjoy a celebratory Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure City

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** Visit a mill in Katwoude and learn about the important role the mill plays in managing rising water levels. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action.

#### **Be My Guest**

Go Dutch and share a relaxed dinner, savouring delicious local cheeses with the Pauw family on their dairy farm near Amsterdam.



**DAY 7 Farewell Amsterdam** For now we say a fond tot ziens to Amsterdam and our newfound friends, closing the door on a memorable Dutch experience. (B)

Transfers: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 10:00.

#### Visit Keukenhof

The Keukenhof tulip gardens are icons of Holland. Tickets for Keukenhof are included during the flowering season (late March until mid-May). You can also experience Keukenhof on the Best of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists** 

The Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Zwolle and Leeuwarden

**Discover on City Orientations** Amsterdam and Rotterdam

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Aalsmeer or Keukenhof (when open), Royal Delft Pottery, the Airborne Museum in Arnhem and a cheese and clog producer in Volendam

**View Must-see Landmarks** 

The John Frost Bridge in Arnhem

**One-of-a-kind Experiences** 

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The tour, Travel Directors, the friends I made were all amazing. The country, food and sea of tulips were beautiful.

Jeanine

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## Best of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg

4.5/5 feefo Sarated by Past Guests

10 Days | 3 Countries | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Mar - Sep

Experience all the highlights of the Low Countries on this Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg trip. Buzzing capitals, quaint merchant towns and lush countryside are the backdrop to the fascinating stories of these nations.



DAY 1 Arrive Brussels Launch your holiday in Brussels. Later, you'll meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a dinner. (D) Hotel: NH Brussels EU Berlaymont

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 10:30 and 14:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Brussels Your Way Today, your Travel Director will take you on an orientation tour of Brussels, see the Atomium, designed for the 1958 Brussels World's Fair, Mannekin Pis and the exquisite Grand Place with its opulent and ornate guildhalls. After you will have an opportunity to explore the capital as you wish, stroll past the Royal Palace and through the leafy lanes of Brussels Park or indulge in tasting delicious chocolate. Or join an Optional Experience in Waterloo. In 1815 Napoleon fought his famous last battle here against the Duke of Wellington. You'll also see the famous iron lion monument built by widows of veterans. Your Travel Director will assist you to make the most out of your remaining time at leisure. (B) Hotel: NH Brussels EU Berlaymont/Le **Louise Hotel Brussels Mgallery** 

#### **DAY 3 Continue to Ghent and Bruges**

Delve into centuries of trade heritage in the medieval port city of Ghent. See the three famous towers - Saint Nicholas Church, the Belfry and Saint Bavo's Cathedral - before continuing to Bruges. Consider joining an Optional Experience to Ypres and Last Post Ceremony. Travel with your Local Specialist to the historic town of Ypres, a 'city of peace' known for its involvement in World War I. Attend the famous Last Post Ceremony, which commemorates the fallen of the British Army and her allies on the surrounding Flanders Fields. (B) Hotel: De' Medici

#### **DAY 4** Uncover the Treasures of Bruges

Wake up in beautiful Bruges and join a **Local Specialist** for a walking tour of the town. Take to the water and enjoy a whimsical sightseeing cruise along the city's wonderful canals lined with Gothic façades. Dive into Culture next and admire the delicate art of Belgian lace. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. **(B, D)** 

DAY 5 Journey to Luxembourg En route to the Duchy of Luxembourg, we stop in Dinant, a picturesque town set on the banks of the Meuse River, protected by a rocky cliff. This afternoon, we visit Orval Abbey on your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience.

(B, D) Hotel: Parc Hotel Alvisse

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Visit the 12th-century Orval Abbey, an
ancient site steeped in history. The Trappist
Cistercian monks of Orval have brewed
on this site for hundreds of years. Your
visit directly supports United Nations
Sustainable Development Goal 12:

Responsible Consumption and Production.

#### DAY 6 See the Sights of Luxembourg City

This morning, we pay tribute to Allied Forces hero, General George S. Patton, whose final resting place is the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial. Later, we embark on a leisurely walking tour of Luxembourg City with a **Local Specialist**. Our route takes us past the Cathedral and the Grand Ducal Palace and includes spectacular views of the gorge of the rivers Alzette and Petrusse. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. **(B)** 

DAY 7 Onwards to Bastogne, Maastricht and Amsterdam Continue on to Bastogne, the site of bloody skirmishes in the World War II Battle of the Bulge. Next the fortified city of Maastricht takes centre stage, rich in history and culture with the buzz of a thriving university, we spend some time strolling through its town centre before journeying to the magical city of Amsterdam. (B) Hotel: Bilderberg Garden

#### **DAY 8 Explore Amazing Amsterdam**

Explore Amsterdam's historic city centre this morning. Dive into Culture and as you join a small group sightseeing tour of the Rijksmuseum with a **Local Specialist**. Celebrate spring and enjoy an included visit to Keukenhof (subject to season) where you'll stroll through an enchanting wonderland of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths. **(B)** 

#### **DAY 9 Discover Delft and Rotterdam**

View the Peace Palace in The Hague then Dive into Culture during a visit to the Royal Delft Pottery workshop and admire the delicate blue and white porcelain. Continue our journey south, arriving in the edgy port city of Rotterdam, where we will enjoy an informative orientation tour. Tonight, we join together for a **Be My Guest experience**. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

Go Dutch and share a relaxed dinner, savouring delicious local cheeses with the Pauw family on their dairy farm near Amsterdam.



DAY 10 Depart Amsterdam We bid Amsterdam a fond farewell this morning as we prepare to close the curtain on a memorable holiday. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 10:00.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

The Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Luxembourg City and Bruges

#### **Discover on City Orientations**

Brussels, Ghent, Maastricht, Amsterdam and Rotterdam

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

General George Patton's Grave in Luxembourg City, Orval Abbey, Dinant and a lace making workshop in Bruges

#### View Must-see Landmarks

The American Memorial at Bastogne

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

On the canals of Amsterdam and Bruges

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 9 for your unique local encounter

#### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 5 for how you'll make a positive impact

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Amazing trip with great food, stunning views, new friends and the best Travel Director!

Carmen

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## Best of Germany

4.5/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

12 Days | 1 Country | 15 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Mar - Oct

See all the sights on this jam-packed Best of Germany trip. From cutting-edge Berlin, you'll travel back in time and enjoy a traditional meal in a medieval castle, watch life along the Rhine unfold on a cruise and see how the beauty of the Black Forest inspired fables and fairy tales.



DAY 1 Welcome to Frankfurt On your first day in Germany, see the sights of Frankfurt on your own before meeting your Travel Director for an orientation of Römerberg and the financial district. Later, enjoy a light dinner and welcome drink. **Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 10:00 and 13:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:00.

DAY 2 Cruise Along the Rhine and Journey to Cologne Board your leisurely Rhine cruise, stopping for lunch at a 13th-century castle for a **Be My Guest** experience. Travel then to Cologne to view the Gothic spires of its cathedral during an orientation. (B, L) Hotel: Mercure Koeln **Belfortstrasse** 

#### Be My Guest

In a medieval castle, enjoy an exclusive lunch and be transported back to the time of kings and knights.

DAY 3 Onwards to the Port City of Hamburg Journey through the lush landscape of Lower Saxony to the international trade centre of Hamburg for an orientation tour. Spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring the city's seafaring heritage. Enjoy dinner at your hotel tonight. (B, D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza City Alster

DAY 4 Journey to Berlin Cross the former 'Iron Curtain' to Berlin where your Local **Specialist** will reveal the city's iconic landmarks, including the neo-Renaissance Reichstag, the Tiergarten, Brandenburg Gate and Unter den Linden. Enjoy some time at leisure this afternoon. (B) Hotel: Catalonia Berlin

DAY 5 Discover the History and Icons of Berlin Ascend the iconic Berlin TV Tower for 360° views of the city and Spree River. You'll learn how this landmark changed from being a symbol of the communist regime of East Germany to a symbol of a reunited Berlin before enjoying some time this afternoon to explore Berlin your way. You could choose to join an Optional Experience to delve into the secrets of Berlin's past, including a visit to the site of Checkpoint Charlie. (B)

DAY 6 Off to Dresden Visit Dresden, the 'Florence on the Elbe' and learn about the restoration of the city's beautiful Baroque façades following its devastation during World War II. See the Semper Opera, Zwinger Palace and the fully reconstructed Frauenkirche. This afternoon, you could choose an Optional Experience to visit the Dresden Royal Treasury, one of the richest treasure chambers in Europe, followed by a visit to Moritzburg Castle. (B) Hotel: Bilderberg Bellevue Dresden

#### **DAY 7** Venture to Historic Nuremberg

Gain insights into a divided Germany at Mödlareuth's open-air museum and see a section of the original wall with its security features. This afternoon, arrive in Nuremberg, once the unofficial capital of the Holy Roman Empire. During your orientation, see the mighty castle ramparts and stand in the Hauptmarkt main square, then spend the rest of your evening at leisure, perhaps indulging in grilled Nürnberger Rostbratwurst with sauerkraut. (B) Hotel: NH Collection Nuremberg City

**DAY 8 Continue to Medieval Rothenburg** and Munich Stroll through the medieval centre of Rothenburg, seemingly frozen in time and encircled by a fortified town wall that remains intact after centuries. Admire its beautiful market square and the Old Town Hall before following part of the Romantic Road through villages and the countryside to Munich. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn Westpark

**DAY 9 Explore Munich** During your time in Munich, see the distinctive towers of the Cathedral as well as Marienplatz, the central square and the impressive town hall with its charming glockenspiel. The 13th-century St. Peter's church, the Viktualien food market square and a beerhall are only a short walk from here. (B)

**DAY 10 Admire Neuschwanstein Castle** and the Black Forest Snap your fingers and be transported to a land of fables and folklore. Visit King Ludwig II's fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle (subject to availability), then continue to the Black Forest, whose mystical landscape inspired fantasy and fiction from the famous Brothers Grimm. This evening we learn about Hofgut Sternen on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B, D) Hotel: **Hofgut Sternen** 

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

A Local Specialist will introduce you to Hofgut Sternen - a sustainable destination in Black Forest. Learn how they conserve the environment using their own energy plant and working with local natural resources. Your experience directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

#### **DAY 11** On to Heidelberg and Frankfurt

Witness the centuries-old craft of cuckoo clock making as you Dive into Culture. Then view the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, as well as the Baroque-style Old Town. Tonight, enjoy dinner with your newfound friends. (B, D) Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach

DAY 12 Farewell Germany After breakfast, we say a fond farewell after a memorable holiday. (B)

Transfers: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 10:00.

#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists** Berlin

**Discover on City Orientations** Frankfurt, Cologne, Hamburg, Dresden, Nuremberg, Rothenburg, Munich and Heidelberg

#### Visit Must-see Landmarks

The Berlin TV Tower, Mödlareuth Open Air Museum and Neuschwanstein Castle

#### View Must-see Landmarks

Cologne Cathedral and Heidelberg Castle

**Travel by Scenic Journeys** Along the Rhine River

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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This was a magical place. We had a wonderful day at Neuschwanstein Castle and the scenery is magnificent.

Robert

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## Highlights of Germany

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Tour Rating Coming Soon

8 Days | 1 Country | 11 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Mar - Oct

Unlock the highlights of Germany on this eight day guided tour. Discover the must-sees of Berlin and Nuremberg from Brandenburg Gate to the impressive Frauenkirche. Delve into the history of Dresden and, in the village of Mödlareuth's open-air museum, gain insights into a divided Germany. View the fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle and travel through the countryside of Munich.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Berlin** Start your Central European adventure in Berlin. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers, spend time exploring this remarkable city before enjoying dinner. **(D) Hotel: NH Collection Berlin Mitte am Checkpoint Charlie** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 10:30

and 13:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Explore Bustling Berlin Explore an iconic landmark of Berlin during an experience at the Berlin TV Tower, you'll enjoy inspiring 360° views of the city and Spree River. See the Neo-Renaissance Reichstag, the Tiergarten, Brandenburg Gate and Unter den Linden with a Local Specialist during your included sightseeing tour. Enjoy some free time this afternoon exploring the city on your own or consider joining an Optional Experience delving into Berlin's secret past. You'll spend the evening at a Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

#### Be My Guest

Join the locals for an exclusive dinner filled with Swabian and South German flavours.



DAY 3 Off to Dresden A short drive south brings us to Dresden, the 'Florence on the Elbe', where we'll hear about the city's restoration following its devastation during World War II as you admire its beautiful Baroque façades. See the Semper Opera, Zwinger Palace and the fully reconstructed Frauenkirche. Consider delving into the treasures of Dresden, joining an Optional Experience to explore this elegant city. (B) Hotel: Bilderberg Bellevue Dresden

#### **DAY 4 Venture to Historic Nuremberg**

Gain insights into a divided Germany at Mödlareuth's open-air museum and see a section of the original wall with its security features. This afternoon, arrive in Nuremberg, once the unofficial capital of the Holy Roman Empire. During your orientation, see the mighty castle ramparts and stand in the Hauptmarkt main square, then spend the rest of your evening at leisure, perhaps indulging in grilled Nürnberger Rostbratwurst with sauerkraut. (B) Hotel: NH Collection Nuremberg City

#### DAY 5 On to Rothenberg and Heidelberg

Stroll through the narrow lanes of Rothenburg – its charming medieval centre seemingly frozen in time and encircled by a fortified town wall that remains intact after centuries. Admire the beautiful market square, lined with half-timbered houses, and the Old Town Hall before travelling to Heidelberg, and perhaps have the chance to capture views of the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, as well as the baroque-style Old Town. Later, witness a Black Forest treasure as you Dive into Culture and learn about the centuries-old craft of cuckoo clock making. This evening over dinner, we learn about Hofgut Sternen's innovative design and the traditions of the Black Forest on MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B, D) **Hotel: Hofgut Sternen** 

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DAY 6 Admire Neuschwanstein Castle and Munich Travel through the beautiful countryside to a land of fables and folklore. This morning, tread in the footsteps of shy King Ludwig II and visit his Neuschwanstein Castle (Subject to Availability), built as a retreat for the king to withdraw from public life. Continue through the beautiful countryside to Munich. (B) Hotel: The Rilano

DAY 7 Explore Munich During your time in Munich, see the distinctive towers of the Cathedral as well as Marienplatz, the central square and the impressive town hall with its charming glockenspiel. The 13<sup>th</sup>-century St. Peter's church, the Viktualien food market square and a beerhall are only a short walk from here. Enjoy dinner with your newfound friends tonight, reminiscing over the iconic and unexpected highlights of our trip. (B, D)

**DAY 8 Farewell Germany** After breakfast, say a fond farewell after a memorable holiday. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 09:00.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Berlin

**Discover on City Orientations**Dresden, Nuremberg, Rothenburg
ob der Tauber and Heidelberg

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Berlin TV Tower, Mödlareuth Open Air Museum and Neuschwanstein Castle

View Must-see Landmarks
Heidelberg Castle

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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At Hofgut Sternen, we met local wood craftspeople and learnt about local legends. The 'SteigenHaus' is a life-sized cuckoo clock! And the food – love that Black Forest cake!

Tim, Trafalgar Travel Experiences Team

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## Switzerland and Austria

4.6/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

13 Days | 3 Countries | 17 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Sep

One of our most popular trips going to Austria and Switzerland. The Alps take centre stage on this journey, but you'll also learn about life as a Carinthian nun when you join them for dinner in a former castle.



DAY 1 Welcome to Vienna Waltz your way through Vienna, the 'City of Music' - a fitting introduction to an unforgettable At Leisure journey through some of Europe's most enchanting landscapes. This evening, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. (D) Hotel: Premier Inn Wien City Hauptbanhof

Transfers: Depart the airport at 10:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

**DAY 2 Discover Artistic Vienna See** the State Opera, Hofburg, St. Stephen's Cathedral and Parliament with a Local Specialist. This evening, you may wish to attend a Viennese concert in one of the city's magnificent performance venues. (B)

DAY 3 Off to Picturesque Salzburg The UNESCO-designated Wachau Valley's landscapes provide a picturesque backdrop on your drive past vineyards and fortresses to Salzburg. See the Benedictine Melk Abbey above the Danube and learn its history. In Salzburg, take a walking tour of the Old Town with a Local Specialist. Later, we travel to Faistenau for a Be My Guest experience and dinner on a farm. (B, D) Hotel: Holiday Inn Salzburg City

#### **Be My Guest**

The Klaushofer family and their resident bees are your hosts on their charming Salzburg farm, where you will enjoy an exclusive family dinner complete with delicious homemade cheese strudel.

DAY 4 On to Innsbruck Today, we visit the magical world of Swarovski Crystal. Later, head through the mountains to your Innsbruck hotel. Here you will have an opportunity to admire Emperor Maximilian I's Golden Roof, St. James Cathedral and see the Olympic ski jump. You could consider joining a traditional dinner and Tyrolean folklore show this evening. (B) Hotel: Grauer Bär

DAY 5 Innsbruck Your Way Spend your free time exploring Innsbruck's iconic sites and delving into Tyrol's complex history and culture, or simply relax and admire this dazzling city with its magnificent Alpine backdrop. (B)

DAY 6 Venture to St. Moritz This morning, we cross the Swiss border and travel through the enchanting landscapes of the Engadine Valley. Arriving in the chic winter sports resort of St. Moritz, we have the afternoon on our own to explore the scenic landscape or perhaps take the Bernina line train (B, D) Hotel: Reine Victoria

DAY 7 Journey to Lake Maggiore and on to Zermatt Drive via the Maloja Pass, past Lake Como, to Lake Maggiore. Explore the lakeside town of Stresa, before seeing the Borromean Islands. Then, head towards the Simplon Pass en route to Zermatt, where you will dine at your **Stays with Stories** hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Ambassador

#### Stays with Stories

Enjoy panoramic views of the unique mountain landscape of the Alps at the Hotel Ambassador in Zermatt.

**DAY 8 Zermatt Your Way Spend a full free** day soaking up Zermatt's crisp mountain air and panoramic vistas. Relax in beautiful surroundings or consider an Optional Experience to the Klein Matterhorn for the most spectacular mountain views. (B)

#### **DAY 9** On to Lake Geneva and Montreux

We journey through the Rhône Valley to Lake Geneva, view Chillon Castle, and continue to Montreux, set against snow-covered peaks and vineyards. (B) **Hotel: Mona Montreux** 

#### DAY 10 Cross the Brünig Pass to Lucerne

Travel via Bern to Interlaken, set in the heart of Switzerland in the shadow of the mighty Jungfrau. Then, cross the Brünig Pass to lakeside Lucerne, where you'll view the ancient wooden Chapel Bridge suspended over the Reuss and visit the poignant Lion Monument to pay tribute to the brave Swiss Guards who lost their lives defending Louis XVI during the French Revolution. (B) **Hotel: Grand Europe** 

**DAY 11 Lucerne Your Way Snow-capped** peaks surround you as you wander through the medieval streets of Lucerne, lined with colourful muralled façades. Spend a full day on your own exploring the Old Town, enjoy a leisurely Swiss lunch or consider an Optional Experience ascending a nearby mountain for panoramic views. (B)

#### **DAY 12** Discover Cosmopolitan Zürich

We'll continue to Zürich to discover its historic centre including the Munster Bridge, Paradeplatz, Lindenhof Square and other enchanting locations. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience for a guided walking tour of the old town Zurich. This evening, toast to your epic journey over dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D) **Hotel: Mövenpick Airport** 

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** Join Diana and her team of socially engaged local guides on a fun and educational walking tour to uncover Zürich's Old Town. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 10 & 12: Reduced Inequalities & Responsible Consumption and Production.

DAY 13 Journey Home We say a fond farewell to Switzerland and our newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable journey. (B)

Transfer: Arrive at the airport at 08:30.

#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists** Salzburg and Vienna

**Discover on City Orientations** Innsbruck, Stresa, Zermatt, Lucerne and Zürich

**Visit Must-see Landmarks** Swarovski Crystal World

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Golden Roof and Hofburg Palace in Innsbruck, the Matterhorn and Jungfrau mountains (weather permitting), Chillon Castle, the Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument in Lucerne

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See days 3 and 7 for your unique local encounters

#### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 12 for how you'll make a positive impact

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This was a dream trip! Our Travel Director arranged a Gornergrat cog-railroad trip to see the Matterhorn. The trip and views were breathtaking!

Rich and Deb

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## Contrasts of Switzerland

**4.6**/5 **feefo** ••• As rated by Past Guests

8 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Sep

All aboard the world's first-ever 'Swisstainable' tour. Experience the local culture and delight in regional produce as you support the ecology and economy of Switzerland. Every hotel, experience, meal and transport is accredited as 'Swisstainable' - Switzerland's national benchmark certificate for sustainability.



DAY 1 Welcome to Zürich Zürich is your springboard to a spectacular journey through Switzerland. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers to explore the city's ancient heritage and modern verve during your orientation tour this afternoon. This evening, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers to launch

Hotel: Mövenpick Airport

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 10:30 and 14:30.

your Swiss experience for dinner. (D)

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 15:15.

DAY 2 Onwards by Train to St. Moritz Our love affair with the snow-capped peaks of Switzerland begins on a scenic train journey via Chur to the stylish resort of St. Moritz, set against the beautiful backdrop of Lake St.Moritz. Admire the inspiring natural setting and perhaps travel on one of Switzerland's most spectacular rail routes across the Bernina pass this afternoon, before enjoying dinner at your hotel tonight. (B, D) Hotel: Reine Victoria

DAY 3 Catch the Glacier Express to
Zermatt Watch the epic alpine landscapes
drift past as you chug along one of the
world's most unforgettable rail journeys
from the comfort of the Glacier Express
(subject to availability). Cross hundreds of
bridges and the Oberalp Pass at 6,700 feet
(2,044 m) above sea level. Enjoy an included
lunch on board as you journey to the resort
town of Zermatt - your Stays with Stories
destination. Your Tour Director will take
you on an Orientation of the town. (B, L)

## Hotel: Ambassador Stays with Stories

Enjoy panoramic views of the unique mountain landscape of the Alps at the Hotel Ambassador in Zermatt.

**DAY 4 Zermatt at Leisure** Spend a full free day soaking up Zermatt's crisp mountain air and panoramic vistas. Relax in beautiful surroundings or consider an Optional Experience to the Klein Matterhorn for the most spectacular mountain views. **(B)** 

**DAY 5** A Train Journey to Lakeside Geneva This morning we board a train to Geneva and continue to La Ferme Enchantée for a memorable **Be My Guest** experience over lunch. This sustainable farm also hosts beehives, and we meet the beekeeper during our MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This afternoon we return to Geneva where the orientation will include views of the Old Town, Jet d'Eau and the Flower Clock. Later, explore the city on your own. Stroll through the ancient maze of medieval streets and quiet squares or consider a cruise - enjoying views of the lakeside villages. (B, L) Hotel: Royal Manotel

#### Be My Guest

La Ferme Enchantée, located on a hill in the middle of the vineyards, welcomes you with Swiss hospitality and local produce.



#### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Meet the passionate beekeeper of Apidae, a local organisation raising awareness and promoting education on bees, wildflowers and pollinators, for a talk on bees and biodiversity in Geneva County. This experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

DAY 6 Journey on the Golden and Brünig Pass to Interlaken and Lucerne Picture-

perfect landscapes are our constant companion as we journey from Geneva along the Golden Pass route. We stop at Interlaken in the heart of the Swiss Alps, located at the foot of a trio of famous peaks - the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. Spend some time at leisure and enjoy superb views of the peaks of the Bernese Oberland. We follow the Brünig Pass to the lakeside town of Lucerne in central Switzerland, where we will stay for the next two nights. See the Iconic Chapel bridge and the poignant Lion Monument, built in memory of the Swiss Guards who bravely defended Louis XVI during the French Revolution on your orientation tour. The evening is free to spend as you wish, but you could choose to show off your vocal talents and learn how to yodel during an optional fun-packed Swiss folklore show with fondue dinner. (B) **Hotel: Radisson Blu** 

#### **DAY 7** Explore Medieval Lucerne

Mountain peaks surround you as you spend a day at leisure in beautiful lakeside Lucerne. Later consider an Optional Experience to a nearby mountain peak or explore the Old Town and shop for delicious Swiss chocolate. Tonight, join our Travel Director and fellow travel companions for dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

**DAY 8 Journey Home** We say a fond farewell to Switzerland and newfound friends at the end of a remarkable Swiss holiday. Your Travel Director will give you tickets for the short train journey from Lucerne to Zürich Airport, which can be used at your convenience for the onward journey. **(B)** 

**Transfer:** Train tickets to Zurich Airport are provided. The first train arrives at the airport at 06:03.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Discover on City Orientations
Zürich, St. Moritz, Zermatt,
Geneva and Lucerne

#### View Must-see Landmarks

The Matterhorn (weather permitting), the Jet d'Eau in Geneva, the Swiss Alps in Interlaken, the Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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A beautiful day overlooking Lake Geneva with our son.

Tom

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## Best of Switzerland

4.5/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

9 Days | 2 Countries | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Mar - Sep

All the Best of Switzerland with a side visit to Italy. What could be better? Your travels will take you to Lake Geneva for local wine, cheese and delicious desserts in Lavaux, Lord Byron's enchanting Chillon Castle and the pretty town of Brienz for a masterclass in Swiss wood carving.



DAY 1 Welcome to Zürich Zürich is your springboard to a spectacular journey through Switzerland. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience for a social-impact guided walking tour. This evening, attend a dinner to launch your Swiss experience. (D) Hotel: Hyatt Place Airport

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 14:45.

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engaged local guides on a fun and
educational walking tour to uncover
Zürich's Old Town. Your visit directly
supports United Nations Sustainable
Development Goals 10 & 12: Reduced
Inequalities & Responsible Consumption
and Production.

DAY 2 Journey to Lake Geneva We leave the bright lights of Zürich behind and stop in Bern with its Old Town, admiring its medieval streets, ornate fountains and arcaded walkways. Journeying to Lake Geneva, we arrive in the resort town of Montreux, set against the pristine backdrop of snow-covered peaks and vineyards. After lunch, consider joining an Optional Experience to cruise Lake Geneva, including a visit to the Charlie Chaplin museum in his former estate, Manoir de Ban. (B) Hotel: Mona Montreux

DAY 3 Onwards to Chillon Castle and Zermatt This morning, we visit Chillon Castle, immortalised by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon'. For nearly four centuries, this water fortress was the residence of the Counts of Savoy and an important stop for traders. Our next stop is the Lavaux region, a charming wine village above Lake Geneva, where we will enjoy a Be My Guest experience. Continue your journey to the resort town of Zermatt, set against the backdrop of the snow-capped Matterhorn. (B, L) Hotel: Mirabeau

### Be My Guest

Enjoy Swiss hospitality with a vineyard owner and savour the flavours of local wines, cheeses, and breads, all set against the enchanting views of the Lake Geneva.



**DAY 4 Zermatt Your Way** Spend a full free day soaking up Zermatt's crisp mountain air and panoramic vistas. Relax in beautiful surroundings or consider an Optional Experience to the Klein Matterhorn for the most spectacular mountain views. **(B)** 

DAY 5 Venture to the Italian Lake Maggiore Departing Switzerland, we travel to the lakeside town of Baveno on Italy's Lake Maggiore. Spend the rest of the day indulging in the laid-back lakeside atmosphere or consider joining an Optional Experience to Isola Bella, one of the lake's Borromean islands, with its palazzo and exquisite gardens. (B) Hotel: Simplon

DAY 6 Off to Alpine St. Moritz We travel through the scenic Italian countryside to the fortified town of Tirano. Here, we board the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Rhaetian Railway to cross the Bernina Pass and wind our way through scenic landscapes en route to the stylish resort town of St. Moritz. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D) Hotel: Reine Victoria

### **DAY 7 Journey to Lakeside Lucerne**

Journeying through lush green landscapes, past Lake Zürich, we arrive in lakeside Lucerne. Pay tribute to the brave Swiss Guards, who lost their lives defending King Louis XVI at the Lion Monument, and admire the iconic wooden Chapel Bridge before strolling past the city's colourful façades. Consider joining a cruise on the tranquil lake waters and then ride the world's first double deck 'CabriO' cable car to the top of Mount Stanserhorn. (B) Hotel: Grand Europe

DAY 8 Admire Scenic Brienz and Interlaken We travel to Interlaken at the heart of Switzerland, which lies in the shadow of the Jungfrau Mountain. Stopping in the village of Brienz en route, we'll Dive into Culture and gain insights into the centuries-old tradition of wood carving for which this village is so famous. Spend some time on your own and enjoy superb views of the peaks of the Bernese Oberland. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers and Travel Director toasting the highlights of Switzerland we've enjoyed along the way. (B, D)

**DAY 9 Homeward Bound** As our journey through the Best of Switzerland comes to an end, we bid our newfound friends a fond farewell. **(B)** 

**Transfer:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Discover on City Orientations
Zürich, Bern, Zermatt,
Interlaken and Lucerne

Visit Must-see Landmarks
Chillon Castle and Brienz

Woodcarving Museum

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Jungfrau and Matterhorn mountains (weather permitting), Lake Maggiore and Lake Como, the Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument in Lucerne

### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Train Ride from Tirano to Pontresina on the UNESCO World Heritagelisted Rhaetian Railway

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 3 for your unique local encounter

### **Travel Responsibly**

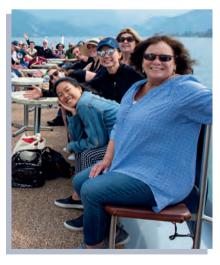
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Incredible views, culture, food and wine experiences paired with an incredible group of people from all over the world.

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DAY 1 Welcome to Prague The gleaming spires of Prague shine brightly on this sojourn through the imperial capitals of Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Admire the Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque façades, before joining your Travel Director and travel companions for an unforgettable dinner to kick off your holiday. (D) Hotel: Vienna House by Wyndham Andel's Prague

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 11:00 and 14:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

**DAY 2 Discover Historic Prague Delve** into centuries of history, joining your Local **Specialist** for a guided walk past the city's iconic sights. Visit the final resting place of Bohemian kings, St. Vitus Cathedral, set within the precincts of Prague Castle. Then, admire the Astronomical Clock in the Old Town Square, with its hourly Walk of the Apostles. Spend the afternoon admiring the spectacular cityscape on your own. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience - an educational lecture with a local bee expert. Consider joining a relaxing cruise on the beautiful River Vltava and we'll tell you about the legends, myths, culture and hidden secrets of this enchanting city. During the cruise you'll enjoy a lunch of local specialities. (B)

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** Join Jindřiška Hinge for a fun workshop on beekeeping and the rooftop bee projects in Prague. Your experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

DAY 3 Prague Your Way Today is yours to explore the legends, castles and palaces of Prague. Follow the 'Royal Route', discover historic treasures and admire picturesque views of the city from Petřín Hill. Spend your evening at leisure, enjoying some of the local beer for which the country is famous. (B)

DAY 4 Journey to Slovak Bratislava and on to Vienna Travel south from Prague through lush Moravian landscapes to Bratislava, passing its quaint Old Town, before continuing your journey to Vienna - our home for the next three nights. Admire the city's musical talents and consider attending a Viennese concert. (B) Hotel: Austria Trend Parkhotel Schönbrunn

### **DAY 5 Explore Vibrant Vienna The**

heritage of one of Europe's most influential royal families is explored this morning as we Dive into Culture during a Small Group Sightseeing guided visit to the spectacular Kunstkammer. Admire the valuable objects collected by the emperors and archdukes of Habsburg over the centuries before the doors are open to the general public. Later, join an included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist to view the Hofburg Palace, the official residence of the President of Austria and former home of the Habsburg

Dynasty. See such sights as the Parliament Building, the magnificent Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral with its geometrically tiled roof. (B)

DAY 6 Vienna Your Way Today is yours to explore the 'City of Music' on your terms. Tread in the footsteps of the great sons of Vienna - Mozart, Haydn and Strauss - as you delve into the city's rich musical heritage nurtured by aristocrats throughout the centuries. Consider a visit to the beautiful Baroque Schönbrunn Palace to see the former imperial summer residence. (B)

**DAY 7 Onwards to Budapest Journey along** the Danube Bend, a narrow twisting valley in the pretty Carpathian Basin, stopping in Esztergom to view its Castle Hill, domed Cathedral, and St. Thomas Hill. Follow the scenic landscape to the romantic city of Budapest where you will spend the next three nights. Enjoy a free evening sipping Hungarian wines or consider cruising along the Danube. (B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

DAY 8 See the Sights of Budapest Join a Local Specialist this morning for a walking tour. Pay tribute to the seven chieftains of the Magyars in Heroes' Square before enjoying time at the Castle Hill District. Meet local winery owners over dinner for a Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

### **Be My Guest**

Ioin the Schieszl family for a hearty Hungarian dinner and the story of their winery that dates back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



**DAY 9 Budapest Your Way Venture up** Gellert Hill for spectacular views of the Budapest skyline, relax in the Szechenyi Baths or consider an Optional Experience to Szentendre, a riverside village popular with artists and craftworkers. On our last evening together, we toast to a magnificent journey to the imperial capitals of Europe and enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

DAY 10 Farewell Budapest Say a fond farewell to your companions and Travel Director today after an unforgettable trip. (B)

Transfers: Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 11:00.

### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists** Prague, Vienna and Budapest

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

St. Vitus Cathedral and the Old Town Square of Prague, and the old Hungarian capital of Esztergom

### View Must-see Landmarks

The Castle and Old Town of Bratislava. the Hofburg Palace and Imperial Boulevards of Vienna and the Parliament Building in Budapest

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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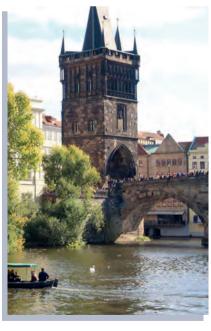
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We were delightfully surprised by Prague. The landmarks, people, and charm were second to none.

Kurtis

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# Imperial Europe

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10 Days | 5 Countries | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

The towering spires of Imperial Europe may seem to touch the sky, but you'll want to keep your feet on the ground so you don't miss any of the many travel highlights and heart-warming surprises delivered on your visits to Prague, Salzburg, Budapest and Vienna.



### **DAY 1 Welcome to Munich The**

sophisticated city streets of Munich kick off your adventure through the capitals of Imperial Europe. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director this evening for an orientation tour, including views of the Marienplatz and its iconic Glockenspiel, before enjoying dinner together. (D) Hotel: Holiday Inn Westpark

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 10:00

and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 15:00.

DAY 2 Journey to Medieval Regensburg and Prague This morning visit Regensburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an unspoilt medieval gem. Cross the Czech border and head to Prague, your home for the next two nights. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience - an educational lecture with a local bee expert. Consider joining an evening introduction to this fairy-tale city on private transport and with a little strolling, before enjoying a drink in a quaint restaurant as a musician entertains. (B) Hotel: Vienna House by Wyndham Andel's Prague

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Join Jindřiška Hinge for a fun workshop on beekeeping and the rooftop bee projects in Prague. Your experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

DAY 3 Discover Colourful Prague Delve into centuries of history as you join a Local Specialist for a guided sightseeing tour of Prague. View the impressive architecture of St. Vitus Cathedral in the grounds of the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle. Cross the river on your walking tour to the Old Town Square to see the Astronomical Clock, with its hourly Walk of the Apostles. The afternoon is yours to explore the city on your own. Perhaps take a relaxing cruise on the beautiful River Vltava as we tell you about the legends, myths, culture and hidden secrets of this enchanting city whilst you enjoy a lunch of local specialities. (B)

DAY 4 Onwards to Slovak Bratislava and Budapest Cross the lush landscapes of Moravia and stop in Bratislava to admire its eclectic Gothic, Baroque and Art Deco architecture. Continue across the Hungarian border before arriving in Budapest, the 'Paris of the East'. (B) Hotel: Novotel Danube

DAY 5 Explore Riverside Budapest Admire all the highlights of Budapest on a guided sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. See the famous Chain Bridge which connects two ancient settlements that straddle the Danube, and the UNESCO-listed Castle Hill district. Spend the rest of the day at leisure or join an Optional Experience visit to Szentendre, a picturesque medieval town located on the banks of the Danube.

Afterwards, perhaps strike a bargain in the shops that sell beautiful Hungarian embroidery, ceramics and paprika. Later, you'll join the local winery owners for a **Be My Guest experience.** (**B, D**)

### **Be My Guest**

Join the Schieszl family for a hearty Hungarian dinner and the story of their winery that dates back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



DAY 6 Venture to Vienna A leisurely start to your morning could see you joining an Optional Experience guided tour of the magnificent Parliament Building. Cross the hilly landscapes of Transdanubia stopping in Győr to soak up its medieval atmosphere. Arrive in Vienna for an evening at leisure to indulge in the captivating melodies, art and architecture of a city that was once home to famous composers. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn South

DAY 7 See the Sights of Vienna Join a Local Specialist and explore the imperial splendour of Vienna. Admire the Hofburg Palace, the grand State Opera House and Ringstrasse, then see the ornate colourful roof of St. Stephen's Cathedral, one of the city's most beloved icons. Perhaps consider a visit to the Baroque Schönbrunn Palace with its tranquil gardens or enjoy Vienna's musical talents at one of the performances for which the city is famous. (B)

DAY 8 Off to Picturesque Salzburg See the Benedictine Melk Abbey perched on a rocky outcrop above the Danube. Arrive in Salzburg later and embark on a walking tour with a Local Specialist. Dine in your hotel this evening. (B, D) Hotel: Arcotel Castellani

DAY 9 Return to Munich Leave Austria behind, bound for the Bavarian Capital, Munich. This evening, we celebrate an unforgettable journey through some of Europe's most memorable cities during dinner with your travel companions and Travel Director. (B, D) Hotel: Leonardo Royal

DAY 10 Farewell Munich Say a fond auf Wiedersehen to Germany, at the end of your exhilarating European experience. (B) Transfers: Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 09:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Prague, Budapest, Vienna and Salzburg

**Discover on City Orientations**Munich, Regensburg,
Bratislava and Győr

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Marienplatz in Munich, St. Vitus' Cathedral and the Old Town Square of Prague, the Imperial Boulevards of Vienna

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 5 for your unique local encounter

### **Travel Responsibly**

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From all the amazing friends we met, some of the best food and beer, and too many spectacular sights to list made it a special trip.

Sean

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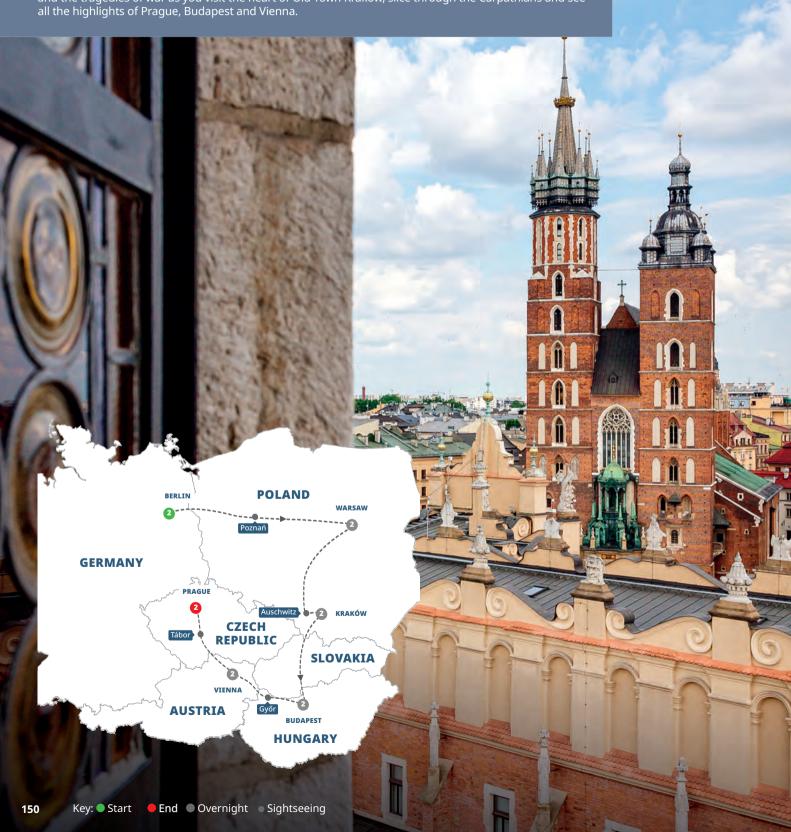
# Bohemian Highlights

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13 Days | 6 Countries | 19 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Mar - Jan

A jam-packed Bohemian trip showcasing the stories of central Europe. Learn about its colourful folklore and the tragedies of war as you visit the heart of Old Town Kraków, slice through the Carpathians and see all the highlights of Prague, Budapest and Vienna.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Berlin** Start your Central European adventure in Berlin. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers, spend time exploring this remarkable city before

dinner. (D) Hotel: Hilton

and 13:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

Transfers: Depart the airport at 10:30

**DAY 2 Explore Bustling Berlin** Explore an iconic landmark of Berlin during an experience at the Berlin TV Tower. Enjoy inspiring 360° views of the city, then see the neo-Renaissance Reichstag, the Tiergarten, Brandenburg Gate and Unter den Linden with a **Local Specialist**. Spend some free time this afternoon exploring the city on your own. **(B)** 

DAY 3 Journey to Poznań and on to Warsaw We travel through patchwork farm landscapes stopping in Poznań, before arriving in the modern Polish capital, Warsaw. You will check in and dine in your hotel this evening. (B, D) Hotel: Radisson Blu Sobieski

DAY 4 Discover Historic Warsaw Join a Local Specialist this morning to explore Warsaw's colourful historic centre, including the Old Town, which the Nazis destroyed in retaliation for the brave Warsaw Uprising. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city's sights on your own. Consider a visit to the Wilanów Palace, a priceless testimony to the splendour of Poland's royal past, before joining your travel companions this evening for a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

### **DAY 5** Onwards to Auschwitz and Kraków

Today we journey south from Warsaw to the Auschwitz Memorial Site of the former Concentration Camp, a poignant reminder of one of the greatest tragedies and crimes of human history. Our visit includes a guided tour of Auschwitz. We then continue to the enchanting city of Kraków. (B, D) Hotel: Golden Tulip Krakow City Centre

DAY 6 See the Sights of Kraków We take to the beautiful streets of Kraków, joining a Local Specialist for a walking tour of the medieval Old Town. Visit the Mariacki Church, see Wawel Castle, then enjoy panoramic views of the city from Wawel Hill. The rest of the day is yours to explore the sights on your own. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the Wieliczka Salt Mine, renowned as the Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland. (B)

**DAY 7 Venture through Slovakia to Budapest** Drive south through the Tatra mountains and across the border into Slovakia. Continue to Hungary and arrive later in the majestic capital of Budapest. **(B) Hotel: Mercure Korona** 

### **DAY 8 Uncover the Treasures of Budapest**

Join a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour. Spend the rest of the day exploring on your own or consider a trip to Szentendre, a lively riverside town renowned for its art life. This evening, meet local wine makers for a **Be My Guest experience. (B, D)** 

### **Be My Guest**

Join the Schieszl family for a hearty Hungarian dinner and the story of their winery that dates back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

DAY 9 Off to Vienna Today, leave beautiful Budapest, cross the hilly Transdanubia region as you continue along the path of the Danube and stop in the former trade-route town of Győr. Amble along Baross Gábor Street and admire the Baroque façades, before departing to Vienna, your home for the next two nights. When in Vienna, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience - wine tasting at Cobenzl winery. (B) Hotel: Imperial Riding School

### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Sustainable viticulture has been running in the soil of the Cobenzl estate for many generations, from solar power to integrated waste management and organic production. By tasting the high quality organic wines, you support United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Production and Consumption.

**DAY 10 Admire Vibrant Vienna** Tread in the footsteps of Mozart, Haydn and Strauss, admiring Vienna's imperial elegance with a **Local Specialist**. See the Parliament Building with its marble statues, the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Hofburg Palace, State Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Spend the rest of the day discovering the city at your own pace. Consider joining an Optional Experience to a famous local hostelry for traditional Austrian cuisine and a musical performance. **(B)** 

**DAY 11 Venture to Prague** Travel north to the Czech Republic and visit Tábor, once a Hussite stronghold. Arrive in the remarkable city of Prague this afternoon. **(B, D) Hotel: NH City** 

### DAY 12 The Old Town and More in Prague

Join a **Local Specialist** this morning for an exploration of the city's labyrinthine lanes, and beautiful squares. Admire the impressive St. Vitus Cathedral, set within the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle, cross the Vltava to the Old Town Square and view the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Astronomical Clock. Celebrate the end of your Bohemian adventure over dinner with your travel companions and Travel Director. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 13 Farewell Prague** Say a fond farewell to your companions and Travel Director today after an unforgettable trip. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 10:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists Berlin, Warsaw, Kraków, Budapest, Vienna and Prague

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Berlin TV Tower, Poznań, the former concentration camp at Auschwitz, St. Mary's Church and the Cloth Hall in Kraków, Győr, Tábor, St. Vitus Cathedral and the Old Town Square of Praque

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The famous Reichstag and Tiergarten in Berlin, Kraków Cathedral and Wawel Royal Castle in Kraków and the Castle District in Budapest

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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This was my first Trafalgar trip and the greatest experience was the wonderful people who I continue to travel with! Lifelong friendships.

Elissa

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# Best of Croatia and Slovenia 11 Days | 2 Countries | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

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**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

Idyllic islands and the remnants of Venetian riches dot this epic Croatia and Slovenia tour from Zagreb to Slovenia's 'green' capital, all the way along Croatia's sparkling Adriatic coastline with a stop in Bled you'll be talking about years to come as you meet your warm hosts Monika and Gregor on their organic farm.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Zagreb** This epic Croatia and Slovenia tour kicks off in the political and cultural capital of Zagreb where you'll discover the treasures of its past. You'll meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers later this evening for a light dinner and orientation drive. **Hotel: Zonar Zagreb** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 11:30 and 14:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

**DAY 2 Sightseeing in Zagreb** Zagreb's medieval heart is the star of the show today – your **Local Specialist** reveals its charming upper town. The beauty of Bled isn't far off and you'll head through Slovenia's green landscapes for this popular lakeside resort town. **(B) Hotel: Park** 

DAY 3 Explore the beauty of lakeside Bled There's time for a scenic boat ride on Lake Bled today to view the 17<sup>th</sup> century Church of Assumption as an Optional Experience before today's exclusive **Be My Guest experience** at a local sustainable family-run farm. (B, D)

### Be My Guest

Visit Slibar farm, discovering how it has been in the family for six generations. You'll enjoy an exclusive dinner and a guided tour with Monika, Gregor, their children and the resident farm animals, learning how the focus has been to live off the farm and forest sustainably.



### DAY 4 Onwards to Ljubljana and Opatija

Leaving Bled behind, we travel to Ljubljana. You'll see the Old Town with its two medieval town squares linked by narrow lanes, the Prešeren Square, the Opera House, the National Museum and Castle. Next, we stop in Postonja for a visit of the caves. After that, we head to Croatia's riviera and settle into a slower pace in Opatija. (B) Hotel: Paris Opatija

### DAY 5 Enjoy a Day in Pula and Rovinj

Start your day in Pula on Croatia's Istrian Peninsula where your visit to the 1st-century Pula Arena with a **Local Specialist** will reveal the city's role as a strategic location for the Romans, Ostrogoths, Venetians and the Allied Forces in World War II. The fishing port of Rovinj is up next and we'll wander through the Old Town, exploring its Mediterranean influences. (B)

DAY 6 Off to Stunning Plitvice Few experiences will match today's guided walking tour of the UNESCO-listed Plitviče, one of the oldest and largest national parks in Croatia. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll choose one of two walks

Experience, you'll choose one of two walks revealing the cascading lake waters shifting from azure to green, grey to blue. (B, D) Hotel: Placich

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** 

Admire the irresistible beauty of Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO-listed protected area and home to bears, wolves and many rare bird species. This experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 14 & 15: Life Below Water & Life on your Land.

DAY 7 Admire Historic Trogir and on to Split Join your Local Specialist in Trogir to explore its charming medieval heart. You'll visit Diocletian's Palace around which the city of Split was built and Dive into Culture hearing how Emperor Diocletian settled on this stunning landscape for his retirement. Your Local Specialist will share the remnants of luxurious squares and temples that still stand many centuries later. (B) Hotel: Atrium

**DAY 8 Split Your Way** Discover why Split has earned its nickname 'the most beautiful city in the world' with a full day to explore its heart and beyond. You could choose instead a full-day Optional Experience to one of the Dalmatian Islands. **(B)** 

**DAY 9 On to the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'** All the highlights of Dubrovnik and some local favourites are revealed on your Sightseeing tour of the city with your **Local Specialist**. **(B) Hotel: Lero** 

### DAY 10 Free Time to Explore Dubrovnik

Today is free to get your final fix of Dubrovnik before your Croatia and Slovenia tour comes to an end. You could choose to explore Montenegro with a **Local Specialist**. On our last evening, come together for a memorable dinner toasting to the beauty of the Adriatic and new friendships forged. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 11 Farewell Dubrovnik** Our time together comes to an end this morning after breakfast. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 05:00, 08:00 and 11:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Zagreb, Rovinj, Pula, Plitvice National
Park, Trogir, Split and Dubrovnik

**Discover on City Orientations**Bled, Ljubljana and Opatija

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Postonja caves, the arena in Pula, and Diocletian's Palace in Split

View Must-see Landmarks

The Park of Sv. Jakov in Opatija

**One-of-a-kind Experiences** 

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This was my wife's retirement trip and it was amazing! Breathtaking scenery, awesome cultural experiences and great food. We will always fondly remember this time in our lives.

Terrance

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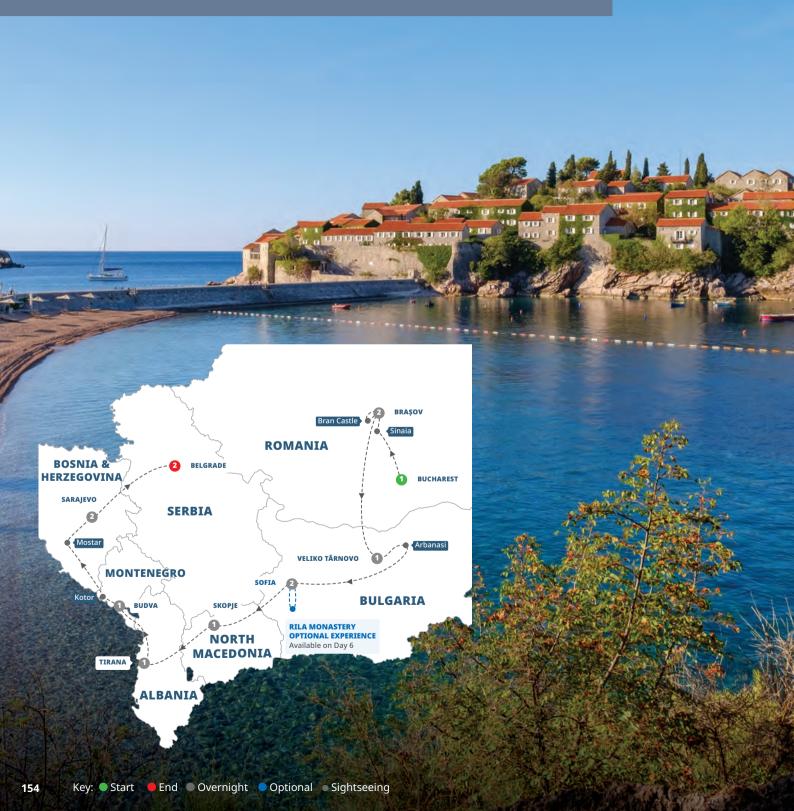
# Balkan Adventure

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14 Days | 7 Countries | 20 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

Visit several countries on this adventure-filled Balkan trip, where you'll venture deep into the Carpathian Mountains, walk in the mythical footsteps of Count Dracula at Bran Castle in Transylvania and revel in the beauty, history and traditions of the Balkan nations.



DAY 1 Welcome to Bucharest You'd be forgiven for thinking you were in Paris when you explore the Belle-Époque atmosphere of Romania's capital, Bucharest. Your first day will be free to explore the city your way. Later, join your Travel Director and fellow

travellers for dinner. (D) Hotel: Mercure Bucharest Unirii

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 12:00 and 15:00.

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

### DAY 2 Journey to Transylvania and

**Braşov** Join a **Local Specialist** in Bucharest to delve into the city's tumultuous history. Venture to Sinaia and view Peleş Castle, the summer retreat of Romania's first king. Then, continue to Braşov and check in to your hotel in Poiana Braşov ski resort. **(B, D) Hotel: Ana Sport** 

### **DAY 3 Dracula's Castle and More**

in Braşov The highlight of the day is this morning's visit to Bran Castle, the legendary home of Dracula. Dive into Culture with a Local Specialist and learn about its history, then journey to the medieval streets of Braşov, where you'll take a step back in time. Your evening is free to indulge in some of the local Transylvanian favourites. (B)

### DAY 4 Continue to Medieval Veliko

**Târnovo** Head south, through ancient villages and tranquil landscapes across the Danube River into Bulgaria. Your journey ends in Veliko Târnovo, the 'City of the Tsars' and former capital of the Bulgarian Empire. Relax after your scenic drive and join your travel companions for dinner at your hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Yantra Grand** 

DAY 5 Onwards to Historic Sofia The fairy-tale façades of Veliko Târnovo exude medieval history around every turn and your Local Specialist will reveal a rich history and culture. Your next stop is the UNESCO-listed town of Arbanasi. Visit the Church of Holy Nativity before we continue to Sofia. (B) Hotel: Astoria Grand

DAY 6 Sofia Your Way You'll join a Local Specialist for an in-depth sightseeing tour of Bulgaria's modern-day capital including views of the golden-domed St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and St. Sofia Church. You could choose to join an Optional Experience to the UNESCO-listed Rila Monastery. (B)

### DAY 7 Journey to Macedonian Skopje

Cross the Macedonian border today, bound for Skopje. See the Ottoman Empire's legacy in the mosques and bazaars as you join a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour this afternoon. Tonight you'll join an exclusive **Be My Guest experience**. (B, D) **Hotel: Next Door Park and Spa** 

### Be My Guest

Spend quality time with the locals when you join an exclusive experience featuring local hospitality and cuisine.

### DAY 8 Off to Albania and Tirana Leaving

North Macedonia behind, head to the Albanian capital of Tirana where, on arrival, you'll join a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour. Tonight, enjoy a dinner at your hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn** 

**DAY 9 Journey to Budva** Soak up Montenegro's natural beauty as you drive towards Budva. You'll have some time for lunch on your own and an orientation tour of this fortified town. The rest of the day is yours to explore. **(B) Hotel: TQ Plaza** 

DAY 10 Visit Kotor, Venture to Mostar and Sarajevo After an orientation in Kotor, join a Local Specialist in Mostar for a guided tour. View the Stari Most and meet a traditional coppersmith artisan on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Head to Sarajevo where you'll delve into the rich heritage that has earned it the nickname, the 'Jerusalem of Europe'. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Bristol

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Meet Denis, one of the last traditional
coppersmith artisans in Mostar.
Learn about the techniques to design
elaborate copper jewellery and
appreciate the importance of this craft
during demonstration. Your experience
supports United Nations Sustainable
Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities
and Communities.

**DAY 11 Discover Sarajevo** Join a **Local Specialist** for a guided walking tour of Sarajevo. Visit the War Tunnel, an underground tunnel of hope that was built in 1993 during the Siege of Sarajevo. Then, enjoy a free afternoon to explore on your own. **(B)** 

**DAY 12 On the Road to Belgrade** Travel through lush forests, pastures and the Bosnian Mountains into Serbia – a scenic day of driving that will end in Belgrade. **(B) Hotel: Mercure Excelsior** 

### **DAY 13 Explore Riverside Belgrade**

Your **Local Specialist** will share the sights and sounds of Belgrade from an insider's perspective this morning. This evening, reunite one final time for a rousing dinner to reminisce over our shared travel experience. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 14 Farewell Belgrade** All that's left is to say a fond doviđenja as you bid your new friends farewell. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 11:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Bucharest, Braşov, Veliko Târnovo,

Sofia, Skopje, Tirana, Mostar, Sarajevo and Belgrade

**Discover on City Orientations**Budva and Kotor

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Bran Castle in Braşov, Tsaravets Fortress in Veliko Târnovo, the Church of Holy Nativity in Arbanasi, and the War Tunnel in Sarajevo

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Peleş Castle in Sinaia, St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and St. Sofia Church in Sofia, the Palace of Culture and the National Library in Tirana and Mostar's Stari Most

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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### **Travel Responsibly**

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The Balkan countries are beautiful and have a rich history, culture and artwork! This trip opened our eyes to a wonderful section of the world.

Sheila

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**DAY 1 Welcome to Copenhagen** Hans Christian Andersen would have been right

at home in 21st century Copenhagen.
The Danish capital hasn't lost any of its fairy-tale charm over the centuries, as you'll come to discover on your first day exploring this colourful city. Start your Scandinavian adventure with your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Amager Faelled, followed by dinner together. (D)

**Hotel: Imperial Transfers:** Depart the airport at 09:00, 12:00 and 15:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Join an exclusive experience at Amager Faelled, a small neighbourhood in Copenhagen. Led by a community member, stroll through the small nature reserve, hear stories of life in the neighbourhood and enjoy unparalleled views over the city. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

### **DAY 2** Explore Historic Copenhagen

Connect with the heartfelt hygge of your Danish hosts when you join a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour that will reveal all the highlights of Copenhagen's Old Town. See Christiansborg Palace and the Little Mermaid, demurely seated on a rock overlooking Langelinie Promenade. See the home of Denmark's beloved royal family, Amalienborg Palace, then spend the rest of the day exploring Copenhagen your way. **(B)** 

DAY 3 Journey to Oslo Cross the Øresund by ferry and wind your way north, through the Swedish countryside past Gothenburg to Norway. You'll want to keep your camera at the ready to capture the scenic landscapes that line your route to Oslo, Norway's modern buzzing capital. (B) Hotel: Scandic Helsfyr

DAY 4 Vikings and More in Oslo Tread in the footsteps of the Vikings this morning as you join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that will reveal Oslo's long-standing seafaring heritage. See the medieval fortress of Akershus, the elegant Royal Palace and Oslo Opera House. Visit a wonderland of Norwegian sculptures left behind by Gustav Vigeland, then enjoy a free afternoon to explore the city on your terms. You could choose instead to embark on an Optional Experience to learn about Norwegian explorers. (B)

**DAY 5 Onwards to Stockholm** Enjoy a scenic drive south through Norway's lush forest landscapes to Sweden, bound for its enchanting capital. Journey past Lake Vänern, the largest lake in Sweden, before stopping at Egastronomi AB for a special **Be My Guest experience**. Later, arrive in Stockholm and indulge in a free evening to

explore 'Beauty on Water'. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the first Ice Bar in the world. (B, L) Hotel: Elite Palace

### Be My Guest

Indulge in a delicious Swedish meal at a family-run organic restaurant, Egastronomi AB, with hosts Niklas and Anna.



### **DAY 6** Discover Beautiful Stockholm

Discover Stockholm with your **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour this morning. See Stockholm's historic mother church, Storkyrkan, the Royal Palace and the Swedish Parliament, then Dive into Culture on a visit to the City Hall, home to the annual Nobel Prize banquet. This afternoon you could do as the locals do and indulge in fika (coffee and cake), embracing the Swedish philosophy of lagom. Tonight consider an Optional Experience to cobbled Gamla Stan to admire its medieval history followed by a traditional Swedish meal in a local restaurant. **(B)** 

### **DAY 7** Embark on an Overnight Cruise

Consider spending your free morning on an Optional Experience to Drottningholm Palace. The cool capital of Finland beckons as you board your overnight cruise to Helsinki, passing through Stockholm's archipelago across the Baltic Sea. (B)

**DAY 8 Arrive in Vibrant Helsinki** Continue your cruise across the Baltic, arriving in Helsinki in time to join your **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour. See the modern marble façades of Finlandia Hall, the Senate and the colourful stalls in Market Square. Enjoy dinner to celebrate your time with new friends. **(B, D) Hotel: Clarion** 

**DAY 9 Helsinki at Leisure** Explore Helsinki at leisure or perhaps join a full-day Optional Experience to cruise to the beautiful capital of Estonia, Tallinn. With its walled, cobblestoned Old Town, you will feel like you've stepped into the pages of a fairytale. **(B)** 

**DAY 10 Farewell Scandinavia** Say a fond farewell to your new friends and prepare for your return journey home. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:30 and 12:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm and Helsinki

### Visit Must-see Landmarks

Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo and the City Hall in Stockholm

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Little Mermaid in Copenhagen and Finlandia Hall in Helsinki

Travel by Scenic Journeys
Across the Baltic Sea

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 5 for your unique local encounter

### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 1 for how you'll make a positive impact

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This trip was special to me because I got to spend quality time with my mum, see her happy and be able to learn new things together while making long lasting memories.

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Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists**Copenhagen, Oslo and Stockholm

**Discover on City Orientations** Odense, Stavanger, Bergen, Sognefjord, Geirangerfjord, Flåm and Lillehammer

# Visit Must-see Landmarks The Stave Church in Lom,

Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo and Stockholm's City Hall

### View Must-see Landmarks

The Little Mermaid in Copenhagen and Haakon's Hall in Bergen

### One-of-a-kind Experiences

See days 3 and 5 for your unique local encounters

### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 3 for how you'll make a positive impact

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Trafalgar's sterling staff take you to a dizzying stratosphere of excitement with all the additional frills.

Mita

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**DAY 1 Welcome to Copenhagen** Spend the day discovering Copenhagen before enjoying a late afternoon orientation drive and a light meal and welcome drink with your Travel Director and travel companions. **(D) Hotel: Marriott** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 09:00, 12:00 and 15:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Explore Historic Copenhagen Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the iconic sights, including the Amalienborg Palace Quarter. See Christiansborg Palace, the Neoclassical Cathedral, and the Little Mermaid. Enjoy time to explore on your own. (B) Hotel: AC by Marriott Bella Sky

DAY 3 Journey Past Stunning Scenery to Randers Start the day with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Amager Faelled. Journey to Odense, then continue across pastoral landscapes to Randers. Tonight, you enjoy a Stays with Stories at Hotel

Randers. (B) Hotel: Randers

### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

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### **Stays with Stories**

Hotel Randers is one of the oldest hotels in the area, dating back to 1856, with its original artwork and VIP-rich questbook.

**DAY 4 Set Sail for Stavanger** Set sail from Hirtshals across the Skagerrak to Kristiansand in Norway. Drive north past fjords, lakes and forests to Stavanger, one of Norway's oldest settlements. **(B, D) Hotel: Thon Maritim** 

### **DAY 5** Onwards to Colourful Bergen

Embark on an island hop from Stavanger to Bergen and see the Haakon's Hall, fish market and colourful Bryggen Quarter. This evening, travel to Egastronomi AB restaurant, for your **Be My Guest experience**. **(B, D) Hotel: Thon Orion** 

### **Be My Guest**

Enjoy a traditional dinner with the Øvre-Eide family on their livestock farm in Norway.



**DAY 6 Bergen Your Way** Enjoy a full free day in Bergen your way. **(B)** 

DAY 7 Enjoy the Spectacular Flåm Railway and on to Sognefjord We drive east to the ski resort of Voss. Dive into Culture on the Flåm Valley train ride past the Kjosfossen Falls. Later, arrive in Sognefjord, 'King of the Fjords', where we will stay at the Sognefjord Hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Sognefjord

### **DAY 8 Continue to Geirangerfiord**

Norway's incredible glacier countryside surrounds us on the way to Geirangerfjord. Tonight, our stay is at one of Trafalgar's most spectacularly located hotels. (B, D) Hotel: Havila

DAY 9 A Day at the Breathtaking Geirangerfjord Spend a full day admiring this natural wonder. Consider an Optional Experience to the Trollstigen, Norway's most famous mountain road. (B, D)

DAY 10 Venture to Historic Lom and Lillehammer Today we will Dive into Culture and visit a 12<sup>th</sup>-century wooden stave church. We continue through the Gudbrands Valley before arriving in Lillehammer, the proud host of the 1994 Winter Olympics. (B, D) Hotel: Scandic Hafjell

**DAY 11 On to Oslo** See the Olympic ice arena at Hamar as we travel to Norway's cultural capital, Oslo. Join a **Local Specialist** and enjoy views of the medieval fortress of Akershus, the Opera and 19<sup>th</sup>-century Royal Palace. We visit the fascinating Vigeland Sculpture Park, before spending the rest of the day at leisure. **(B) Hotel: Scandic Solli** 

DAY 12 Journey to Stockholm We cross into Sweden today and continue via Karlstad on Lake Vänern, the largest lake in the European Union. Tonight perhaps consider an Optional Experience to the beautiful and atmospheric Old Town - Gamla Stan. (B) Hotel: Clarion

### **DAY 13 Discover Beautiful Stockholm We**

meet our **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour where we Dive into Culture on a visit to the City Hall, home to the annual Nobel Prize banquet, see the medieval Storkyrkan, Riddarholm Church and the Royal Palace. The rest of the day is free to explore as you wish. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner this evening. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 14 Farewell Scandinavia** Bid Stockholm and your newfound friends a fond farewell. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:30 and 11:00.

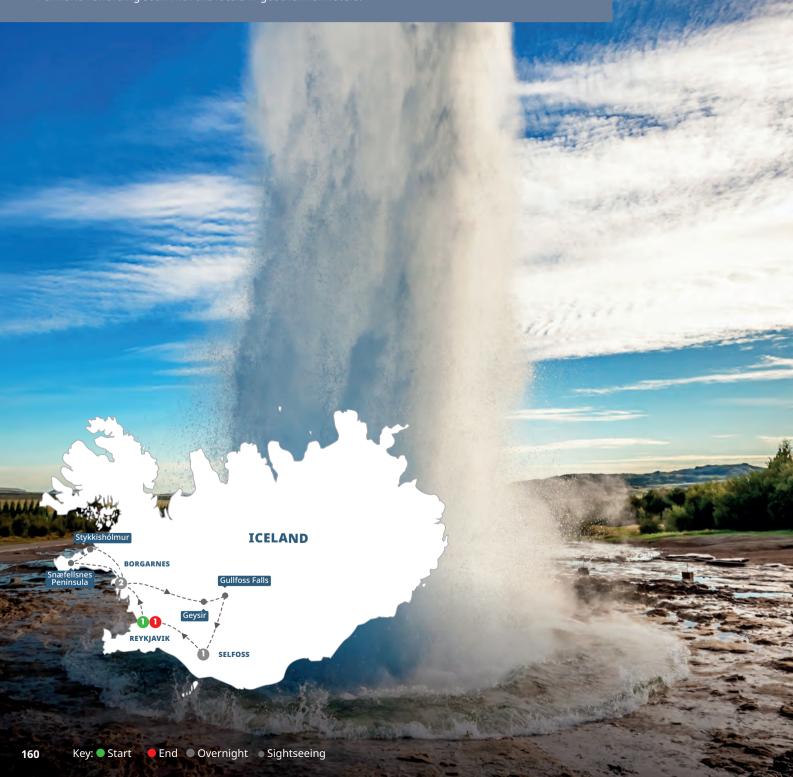
# Iceland including the Blue Lagoon

**4.5**/5 **feefo** ••• As rated by Past Guests

6 Days | 1 Country | 7 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Embrace adventure on this Iceland journey with the Blue Lagoon, featuring all the natural and manmade highlights of this ethereal world of fire and ice. The highlights? A walk in the ancient Thingvellir National Park and rewarding soak with the locals in geothermal waters.



DAY 1 Welcome to Reykjavík Your epic journey through lush lava fields and the windswept landscapes of Iceland begins in the quirky capital of Reykjavík. The northernmost capital of the world seems infused with vivid colour, from the bustling byway of Laugavegur to the enthusiasm of the city's friendly locals. Spend time exploring Iceland's Viking heritage, pay tribute to the sun and snap a selfie in front of The Sun Voyager or stroll around the lively Old Harbour, before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a drink and Canapes to kick-start your love affair with Iceland. This evening, check into the Grand Hotel Reykjavík, our Stays With Stories accommodation, where you'll get to hone your appreciation for Icelandic art and marvel at the dramatic glass masterpiece by local artist Leifur Breiðfjörð, on proud

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

display as you check in. Hotel: Grand

### Stays with Stories

Check into local art at the Grand Hotel Reykjavik as you discover the spellbinding mythology and nods to Icelandic nature dotted throughout this hotel in the heart of the capital.

DAY 2 Journey to Reykholt and on to **Borgarnes** Explore the small capital city of Reykjavík on a sightseeing tour with your Travel Director this morning. You'll view the glass façades of Harpa Concert Hall, Austurvöllur Square and Hallgrímskirkja Church, whose other-worldly architecture is a nod to Iceland's volcanic origins. Head to the tiny fishing town of Akranes to visit its Folk Museum and lighthouse. View Deildartunguhver, Europe's highest-flowing hot spring, followed by a visit to Reykholt, famously the former 13th-century home of one of Iceland's most loved authors, Snorri Sturluson. Nature takes centre stage as you end your day and admire Hraunfoss and nearby Barnafoss (Children's Falls) to learn about the tragic legend that gave these rapid waters its name. (B) Hotel: Vesturland

**DAY 3 A Day to Explore the Snæfellsnes Peninsula** Bundle up warmly as you make your way to the wild, sea-swept Snæfellsnes
Peninsula. The Peninsula is fondly known as 'Iceland in miniature' for boasting all those natural treasures - volcanoes, glaciers and waterfalls - in just 55 miles (90 km).
Explore on your own or consider joining an Optional Experience, cruising Breiðafjörður Bay. Sample Viking 'sushi' and marvel at the quaint fishing villages. Return to your hotel in Borgarnes to enjoy an evening at leisure. **(B)** 

DAY 4 Onwards through Thingvellir National Park to Gullfoss, Geysir and Selfoss Visit the 'Golden Waterfall' of Gullfoss, then head to the world-famous hot spring area of Geysir with its lively Strokkur which spouts water some 100 feet (30 m) into the air every few minutes. You'll also see first-hand how the movements of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates have carved into the Earth's crust in the UNESCO-listed Thingvellir National Park. This evening, join a local storyteller and her songwriter husband for an exclusive Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Selfoss

### **Be My Guest**

Join a local storyteller and her famous songwriter husband for insights into their family history and an exclusive dinner.



DAY 5 Admire Reykjanes and Blue Lagoon and Return to Reykjavík Start the day with a visit to Iceland's newest geothermal heat and electric power station for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. You can almost feel the Earth simmering under the surface as you journey across Reykjanes Peninsula, a UNESCO Global Geopark at the south-western tip of Iceland. View Strandarkikja, then watch as sulphurous steam emerges from the lunar landscapes surrounding Lake Kleifarvatn, fed by waters that originate underground. Dive into Culture at the world-famous Blue Lagoon (please remember to pack your swimwear), sinking into its milky-blue waters amidst the surrounding black lava field. Soak up the restorative properties of its mineral-rich waters and healing mud, which is said to do wonders for your skin, before returning to Reykjavík for your final evening with new friends. Tonight, you'll toast to an enriching journey through Iceland at a rousing dinner. (B, D) **Hotel: Grand** 

### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Experience first-hand how green, sustainable energy is produced at Iceland's newest geothermal heat and electric power station in Hellisheidi. Your visit supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy.

**DAY 6 Farewell Iceland** For now, it's time to say a fond farewell to Iceland after an unforgettable trip. **(B)** 

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Discover on City Orientations Reykjavík

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Akranes Folk Museum, the 'Golden Circle' - Gullfoss Waterfall, Geysir Hot Spring Area and Thingvellir National Park and the geothermal Blue Lagoon

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Harpa Concert Hall, Austurvöllur Square, Hallgrímskirkja Church, Waterfalls at Hraunfoss and Barnafoss, Deildartunguhver Hot Spring, Snæfellsnes Peninsula, Sellfoss and Reykjanes Peninsula

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See days 1 and 4 for your unique local encounters

### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 5 for how you'll make a positive impact

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We absolutely loved our Iceland trip. Everything was so magical with the Peninsula being a favourite. The entire day was perfect!

Patricia

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# More central and eastern Europe trips

A delight for every explorer, with history waiting around every corner. Read the full itineraries at trafalgar.com.

# Guest favorite: Schieszl Family

One of your many Highlights of Eastern Europe will be this incredible opportunity to meet the warm Schieszl family, joining the friendly patriarch, Konrad, for a tour of their restaurant and wine cellars. You'll hear about the harsh realities of life during World War II as well as a fascinating family story of tragedy and triumph that will leave you thoroughly captivated.

Enlightened by the colourful stories, you'll settle in for a cozy three-course meal featuring Hungarian favorites. After saying your goodbyes, you'll leave feeling closer to history having gained a unique insight into Hungarian family life. Highlights of Eastern Europe, Day 7 and three other trips.

**4.7**/5 **feefo** •• As rated by Past Guests

# Best of Germany and Austria

13 Days | 2 Countries | 17 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Apr - Oct

Modern cities, medieval towns and all the sights in between make this experience one you'll remember. Beyond the beauty of the Rhine and Wachau, you'll explore Vienna's musical treasures and Alpine landscapes.





### Included highlights and must-sees

### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Berlin, Salzburg and Vienna

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Berlin TV Tower, Neuschwanstein Castle

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

Be My Guest experience: Dine in a medieval castle overlooking the Rhine River Valley Stays with Stories: Overnight at the Prinzhotel in Rothenburg ob der Tauber Overnight at the Arabella Sheraton Munich

### Travel Responsibly

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Meet Eva for a tour of Wastlbauer eco-farm and indulge in Austrian coffee and cakes

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Trip code: GBGA

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**4.6**/5 **feefo** As rated by Past Guests

# Highlights of Eastern Europe

17 Days | 8 Countries | 24 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Apr - Oct

Shine a spotlight on Prague's colourful medieval streets and good times with a local Hungarian family at their winery. On this exciting trip you'll get to know all the highlights and hidden gems of eight spellbinding countries.





### Included highlights and must-sees

### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Vienna, Ljubljana, Zagreb, Budapest, Kraków, Warsaw, Berlin and Prague

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Lake Bled in Slovenia, Castle Hill District in Budapest, Wawel Royal Castle in Kraków, the former concentration camp at Auschwitz, Berlin TV Tower, St. Vitus Cathedral and the Old Town Square of Prague and Tábor

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience**: Join the Schieszl family at their winery for a hearty Hungarian dinner

### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Visit Stift Klosterneuburg, the first carbon neutral winery in Austria

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Trip code: CHEE

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# Best of Poland

11 Days | 1 Country | 15 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Mar - Oct

Get stuck into Polish comfort food as you experience the Best of Poland. Discover Warsaw's proud history, Kraków's enduring beauty and Gdańsk's glowing amber trade as you gain insight into the resilience of the Polish people.



4.6<sup>/5</sup> feefo As rated by Past Guests



### Included highlights and must-sees

### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Warsaw, Gdańsk, Toruń, Wrocław and Kraków

### Visit Must-see Landmarks

The Old Town in Warsaw, the European Solidarity Centre, Aula Leopoldina in Wrocław, the Cloth Hall and St. Mary's Church in Kraków, the former concentration camp of Auschwitz and Jasna Góra Monastery in Częstochowa

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience**: Visit the Kwasne Jablko farm for a traditional lunch made with home grown produce

### Travel Responsibly

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Taste traditional doughnuts during a visit to a local bakery

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Trip code: BPOL

See more guest stories #TTBestOfPoland

# Balkan Delight

11 Days | 3 Countries | 14 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Apr - Oct

The secrets of Balkan travel are revealed on this jampacked eastern Europe trip. Go underground and learn how Sarajevo once relied on its Bosnian War Tunnel and explore Adriatic beauty, from Dubrovnik to Kotor.





### Included highlights and must-sees

### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Zagreb, Sarajevo, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Split, Trogir, and Plitvice National Park

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The War Tunnel in Sarajevo and Diocletian's Palace in Split

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Cathedral in Zagreb, the Rector's Palace and city walls in Dubrovnik and the lakes and waterfalls of Plitvice National Park

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Meet Matea Bataro and her family to gain a deep appreciation for Croatian hospitality

### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Admire the irresistible beauty of Plitvice Lakes National Park, Meet Denis, one of the last traditional coppersmith artisans in Mostar

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Trip code: BALK

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# Guest favourite: Øvre Eide

You'll love this heart-warming visit to Øvre Eide, a 500-year-old working farm near Bergen, at the edge of a lake surrounded by lush green landscapes, where Arild (pictured opposite on Best of Norway) and his family will share their pride and joy – the farm which has been in the family since the late 19th century.

There's time to explore the farm buildings and meet some of the resident sheep, ponies, chickens, horses and the cat – all of whom love the attention of animal-loving guests. Gathering in the cozy main house for a Be My Guest experience, you're in for an evening of delicious homemade favorites using local Norwegian produce and a performance of traditional music and folklore.

After this truly special experience, you'll say your farewells having fully immersed yourself in what it's like to live in Norway's enchanting countryside.

Best of Norway, Day 3 and one other trip.

**4.4**/5 **feefo** As rated by Past Guests

# Best of Norway

9 Days | 1 Country | 14 Meals | Leisurely Activity **Departure months:** May - Sep

Relax into the simplicity of life along the king and queen of the fjords. Soak up the cosmopolitan vibe of Oslo and the Hanseatic heritage of Bergen as you travel through some of the most spectacular scenery on earth.





### Included highlights and must-sees

Explore with Local Specialists
Oslo

Discover on City Orientations
Bergen

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Hardangerfjord, Geirangerfjord, a medieval Stave Church and Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience**: Dine with the Øvre-Eide family on their working farm in Bergen

Stays with Stories: Overnight at the Sognefjord Hotel

### **Travel Responsibly**

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**: Visit Hardanger Bygdeysteri, a cheese factory owned and operated by local farmers

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Trip code: SBON

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# Nordic Adventure

20 Days | 4 Countries | 28 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Sep

This exhilarating trip will feature fjords, glaciers and staggering scenery. Meet Santa Claus in Lapland, experience the friluftsliv of your Norwegian hosts and venture across the Arctic Circle.



4.2<sup>/5</sup> feefo As rated by Past Guests



### Included highlights and must-sees

### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki and Olso

### **Discover on City Orientations**

Rovaniemi and Trondheim

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

City Hall in Stockholm, Santa Claus Village, North Cape Visitor Centre, the Stave church in Lom and Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience**: Dine in Jyvaskyla **Stays with Stories**: Overnight at Scandic Pohjanhovi in Rovaniemi

### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Meet Terhi, a biologist guide, for a walk through the wilderness in the Urho Kekkonen National Park

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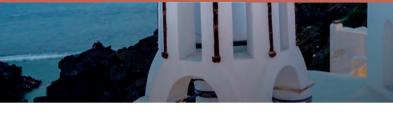
# Greek Island Hopper

4.6/5 feefo •• As rated by Past Guests

10 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Leisurely Activity

Departure months: Apr - Sep

Slow the world right down when you board this Greek island hop and experience how the locals enjoy life on the islands of Santorini and Mykonos. Your journey begins and ends in lively Athens where there's plenty of time to explore ancient treasures and see all the sights.





### Read below for a summary of the tour, and see the detailed itinerary at trafalgar.com

**DAY 1 Welcome to Athens** Ease into a simpler way of life - the intoxicatingly slow pace of the Cycladic islands is the ultimate departure from reality. Begin your journey with dinner in Athens. (D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Athens/ Radisson Blu Park

Transfers: Depart the airport at 11:00 and 16:00.

**DAY 2 Explore Ancient Athens Join your** Local Specialist on a tour to the Acropolis. Imagine Athenians ascending the hilltop shrine to worship Athena at the Parthenon. Admire the pom-pom march of the Evzone guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, then soak up this vibrant city as you explore at your leisure. (B)

DAY 3 Cruise to Santorini Cruise to Santorini and spend three days exploring the island's dramatic beauty. Whitewashed facades cling dramatically to cliffs and provide a spectacular backdrop for sunsets. Join your companions this evening to savour traditional dishes over dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Kallisti/Santorini Palace

DAY 4 Santorini Your Way View the magnificent caldera, see the island's ancient ruins or ramble through the winding streets of Fira and Oia - today is yours to enjoy a leisurely exploration of this beautiful island. (B)

DAY 5 Enjoy Sunny Santorini Consider an optional visit to a winery and learn about local winemaking traditions. Or, choose to join an optional ride in a caïque (sailing boat) to the volcanic island of Nea Kameni and swim in its glorious hot springs. (B)

DAY 6 Cruise to Mykonos Transfer to Mykonos by ferry. Characteristic hillside windmills overlook the bay and stand as an enduring greeting to all who arrive. Enjoy an orientation before spending the rest of your day amidst the island's labyrinthine lanes. (B) Hotel: Adonis/Vienoula's Garden

**DAY 7 Admire Mykonos** Soak up the laid-back vibe of Mykonos. Relax at the beaches, sip champagne at the Little Venice waterside, or visit historic treasures like the 17th-century Church of the Paraportiani. (B)

DAY 8 Relax on the Island Kick back and enjoy another idyllic day. Enjoy a leisurely swim in the calm waters of the Aegean or consider an optional trip to the mythical sanctuary of Delos. (B, D)

DAY 9 Cruise to Athens Return to Athens via high-speed ferry. After being transferred to your hotel, you have free time for last-minute souvenir shopping or perhaps join an optional dinner featuring Greek dishes and lively entertainment. (B) Hotel: Divani Caravel/ **Radisson Blu Park** 

**DAY 10 Farewell Athens** Say a fond farewell to Greece and your newfound friends as you are transferred to the airport. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 10:00.

### Best of Greece Add-on

Why not add our 'Best of Greece' trip (p.168) before your visit to the Greek islands? Visit trafalgar.com and view full itinerary details.

### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists** Athens

**Discover on City Orientations** Fira and Mykonos

**Visit Must-see Landmarks** The Acropolis in Athens

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Parthenon, Hadrian's Arch and the 1896 Olympic Stadium in Athens

### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Sail the Aegean Sea on high speed ferries from Athens to Santorini. Mykonos and returning to Athens

### **Travel Reponsibly**

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# Read below for a summary of the tour, and see the detailed itinerary at trafalgar.com

Embark on a captivating journey through the heart of Greece, where ancient philosophers once pondered the mysteries of life. Your adventure begins in the vibrant capital of Athens, where you'll meet your Travel Director and fellow explorers for a light meal.

Start your exploration with a drive to the northeast Peloponnese, visiting the impressive Corinth Canal, the ancient theatre of Epidaurus and the picturesque seaport of Nafplion. Your journey continues as you delve into Mycenae's rich history with a **Local Specialist**, then savour local wines in Nemea.Crossing the Peloponnese, reach Olympia, the birthplace of the ancient Olympic Games. Immerse yourself in its historic ruins and enjoy a **Be My Guest** experience with the Karambellas family on their olive farm and winery.

Travel north through Amphilochia to the stunning island of Corfu. Explore its splendid architecture and majestic sites, including the Achilleion Palace. Sail back to mainland Greece to the serene city of Ioannina, then marvel at the Byzantine Monasteries of Meteora in Kalambaka.

Journey to Delphi, the centre of the ancient world, and enjoy a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** as you savour fresh thyme honey at a local farm. Conclude in cosmopolitan Athens with a visit to the Acropolis, celebrating the rich history and new friendships formed on this unforgettable Greek odyssey.

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Meet passionate beekeeper Nikiforos at his honey farm. Enjoy a taste of his special thyme honey, known to be one of the most nutritious in the world. See the bees thriving in their natural habitat and learn about their role in nature regeneration. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

### Be My Guest

Say "opal" to a traditional Greek experience with the Karambellas family on their olive and wine farm. Join the family for dinner and dancing, and learn about their history on the land.



### Santorini Extension

Extend your time in Greece with a three-night stay in Santorini. Board a highspeed ferry to the idyllic island and explore sun-kissed shores, quaint villages and local vineyards.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Mycenae, Olympia, Meteora, Delphi, Athens and Epidaurus

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The ancient theatre at Epidaurus, Olympic Stadium in Olympia, monastery of Palaiokastritsa, Mon Repos, rock monastery in Meteora, Acropolis in Athens

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidaurus and the Parthenon, Royal Palace and Temple of Zeus in Athens

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience**: Meet the Karambellas family on their farm in Olympia

### **Travel Reponsibly**

Every tour includes at least one MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, so you can make a positive impact

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DAY 1 Welcome to Athens Embark on an unforgettable exploration of an ancient land of gods and goddesses, myths and legends. Your springboard to your spellbinding holiday is the vibrant capital of Athens, an effortless mix of ancient treasures and modern verve. This evening, join your Travel Director and travel companions for dinner. (D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Athens/Radisson Blu Park

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 11:00 and 16:00.

DAY 2 Explore Amazing Athens Join your Local Specialist for a guided sightseeing tour to the ancient complex that was once the 'Cradle of Western Civilisation'. Explore the Acropolis with its treasures and admire the Parthenon, dedicated to the goddess Athena, the Royal Palace and the Temple of Zeus. See remarkable displays of an ancient world during an included visit to the Acropolis Museum, and see Hadrian's Arch and the stadium where the first modern Olympics took place. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy on your own. Stroll through the Plaka, or go in search of the city's tastiest souvlaki. (B)

DAY 3 Journey to Corinth, Mycenae and Nafplion We depart Athens crossing the Corinth Canal to the Peloponnesian Peninsula. Arriving in Corinth, we join a Local Specialist to explore an ancient city that several empires fought over throughout the centuries. We continue to Mycenae, a mighty kingdom of Ancient Greece, where we'll see the Beehive Tombs (the Treasury of Atreus), the Lion Gate and the remains of Agamemnon's Royal Palace, in the company of a Local Specialist. Later, we'll travel to Epidaurus to visit the ancient theatre and view the Sanctuary of Asclepius, the God of Medicine. (B, D) Hotel: Amalia Nafplio

### **DAY 4 Continue to Ancient Olympia**

We traverse the Mountains of Arcadia to ancient Olympia, the site of the first Olympic Games held in 776 BC. This evening, meet the Karabelas family for dinner on their olive and wine farm at a **Be My Guest** experience. **(B, D) Hotel: Amalia Olympia** 

### **Be My Guest**

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### DAY 5 Onwards to Patras and Delphi

We join a **Local Specialist** this morning to delve into centuries of history. We'll visit the ancient Olympic site, the museum and the ruined remains of the Temples of Zeus and Hera. Leaving Olympia, we travel north to Patras, crossing the Gulf of Corinth to mainland Greece before continuing to Delphi. **(B) Hotel: Amalia Delphi** 

DAY 6 Off to Thermopylae and Kalambaka Tread in the footsteps of the ancient Greeks. Join your Local Specialist and walk the Sacred Way to the 4<sup>th</sup>-century Temple of Apollo. Continue to a family-run honey farm for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B, D) Hotel: Amalia Kalambaka

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
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his honey farm. Enjoy a taste of his special
thyme honey, known to be one of the most
nutritious in the world. See the bees thriving
in their natural habitat and learn about
their role in nature regeneration. Your visit
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Development Goal 15: Life on Land.



DAY 7 Admire Meteora and Return to Athens The UNESCO World Heritage monasteries of Meteora are our first stop today. Join a Local Specialist to visit two of the six Eastern Orthodox monasteries that cling impressively to immense, rounded rock towers overlooking the town. A scenic drive returns us to Athens, where we'll enjoy a rousing dinner with our travel companions and reminisce over an incredible journey through Greece. (B, D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Athens/Radisson Blu Park

**DAY 8 Farewell Athens** We say a fond farewell to our newfound friends and the treasures of Greece after an unforgettable journey. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 10:00.

### Aegean Cruise Extensions

Extend your time in Greece with a cruise extension, and choose between three, four or seven nights cruising the Aegean Sea (p.170 - 171). Or why not add our 'Greek Island Hopper' trip after your visit to the mainland (p.166)? Visit trafalgar.com for itinerary details.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Athens, Meteora, Delphi, Olympia, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Corinth

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Acropolis and Museum in Athens, ancient ruins in Corinth, ancient theatre at Epidaurus, Olympic Stadium in Olympia, home of the Oracle at Delphi, and the incredible rock monasteries in Meteora

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Parthenon, Royal Palace and Temple of Zeus in Athens, the Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidaurus and the battle site at Thermopylae

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 4 for your unique local encounters

### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 6 for how you'll make a positive impact

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**DAYS 1 - 7** As Per Best of Greece All overnights, meals and inclusions as per pages 168 - 169.

### Be My Guest Day 4

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### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Day 6**

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DAY 8 Embark and Cruise to Stunning Mykonos We leave the bustling city streets of Athens and cruise to Mykonos, where the Windmills of Kato Mili extend a warm evening welcome as they have done for arriving seafarers for centuries. You'll have the evening free to explore the winding lanes of Chora, strolling past whitewashed cottages and tumbling cerise bougainvillea. As the sun sets over Mykonos, there's no better place for cocktails than Little Venice. (B, L, D) Cruise: MV Celestyal Discovery

DAY 9 Continue to Ancient Ephesus and Patmos Visit the Turkish shores of Kusadasi for a complimentary Shore Experience to ancient Ephesus. The open air archaeological wonder founded by the Greeks around 2000 BC. It was one of the

most important cities of the region and was dedicated to the goddess Artemis. The Temple built in her honour was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. We continue to Patmos, the site where the Book of Revelation was written by St. John. Here, you can choose to see the Cave of the Apocalypse and St. John's Monastery as an Optional Experience. (B, L, D)

DAY 10 Cruise to Crete and on to

**Santorini** Choose to explore Crete's ancient Minoan culture and heritage at the Palace of Knossos. Admire the brightly coloured wall paintings and explore centuries of history. Or you may opt to drive into the beautiful countryside and experience the true flavour of Cretan lifestyle. Continue to Santorini, rising out of the Aegean with its distinctive cliff-top towns. Consider an optional Shore Experience this afternoon, passing villages and vineyards bound for Oia with its white buildings and blue-domed churches. Or explore the amazing ruins of Akrotiri which was once a bustling town, but its inhabitants abandoned it before the Thera eruption, a mystery archaeologists and historians are still trying to solve. The ash from the volcano buried the city, preserving many of its structures and some of its incredible frescoes. (B, L, D)

**DAY 11 Disembark in Athens** This morning, disembark from your cruise ship and board a transfer to the airport. **(B)** 

Transfer: Arrive at the airport at 09:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Athens, Meteora, Delphi, Olympia, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Corinth, ancient Ephesus

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Athen's Acropolis, the ruins in Corinth, the ancient theatre at Epidaurus, Olympia's stadium, the home of the Oracle at Delphi, incredible rock monasteries in Meteora, Mykonos, ancient Ephesus, Kusadasi, Patmos, Crete and Santorini

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Corinth Canal, the Lion Gate, Agamemnon's Palace at Mycenae and the battle site at Thermopylae

### One-of-a-kind Experiences

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### **Travel Responsibly**

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Included meals: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

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

Trip code: AGAM



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DAYS 1 - 7 As Per Best of Greece All overnights, meals and inclusions as per pages

### Be My Guest Day 4

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### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Day 6**

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DAY 8 Athens Your Way Spend the day at leisure and see the city's ancient sites. (B)

### **DAY 9 Embark on Your 7-Day Cruise**

Spend the morning at your leisure exploring Athens. See the city's ancient sites before boarding your cruise ship for a seven-day cruise through the Aegean. (B, D) Cruise: MV Celestyal Journey

### **DAY 10** Explore the Vibrant Streets of

Thessaloniki Enjoy time to explore Greece's second largest city. Walk along the waterfront and enjoy the many cafes along Aristotelous Square and see Arch of Galerius. (B, L, D) Cruise: MV Celestyal Journey

### **DAY 11 Explore the Iconic Ephesus Ruins**

Arrive in Kusadasi, your gateway to the ancient Greek City of Ephesus. You'll join an included Ancient Ephesus sightseeing tour revealing the Hellenistic and Roman heritage

of this UNESCO-listed site before returning to your ship for your evening departure. (B, L, D) Cruise: MV Celestyal Journey

DAY 12 Cruise to Crete Start your morning on Crete, Greece's largest island. You may choose to embark on an epic tour to the capital city of Heraklion, or drive deep into the beautiful countryside and experience the true flavour of Cretan lifestyle. (B, L, D) Cruise: MV Celestyal Journey

DAY 13 Enjoy Sunny Santorini Wake up in Santorini, the Cycladic Island with sheer cliffs and dazzling panorama. Explore the capital of Thira, and consider an Optional Experience this afternoon, passing villages and vineyards bound for Oia. Explore the island's buzzing nightlife at your leisure this evening. (B, L, D) Cruise: MV Celestyal Journey

DAY 14 Marvel at Mykonos Enjoy a full free day to explore the narrow rambling streets of Chora. You could choose an optional visit the Sacred Island of Delos, the birthplace of Apollo. (B, L, D) Cruise: MV Celestyal Journey

DAY 15 Journey to Milos Dock in the former home of the famous Venus de Milo. There's time to explore the 'Island of Colours' on an Optional Experience. Depart this evening for Athens, celebrating a final evening on board with new friends. (B, L, D) Cruise: MV **Celestyal Journey** 

DAY 16 Disembark in Athens Bid farewell to Greece after an unforgettable trip. (B)

Transfer: Arrive at the airport at 09:00.

### Included highlights and must-sees

### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Athens, Meteora, Delphi, Olympia, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Corinth, ancient Ephesus

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Athen's Acropolis, the ruins in Corinth, the ancient theatre at Epidaurus, Olympia's stadium, the home of the Oracle at Delphi, incredible rock monasteries in Meteora, Thessaloniki, Kusadasi, Milos, Crete, Mykonos and Santorini

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Parthenon, Royal Palace and Temple of Zeus in Athens, the Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidaurus and the battle site at Thermopylae

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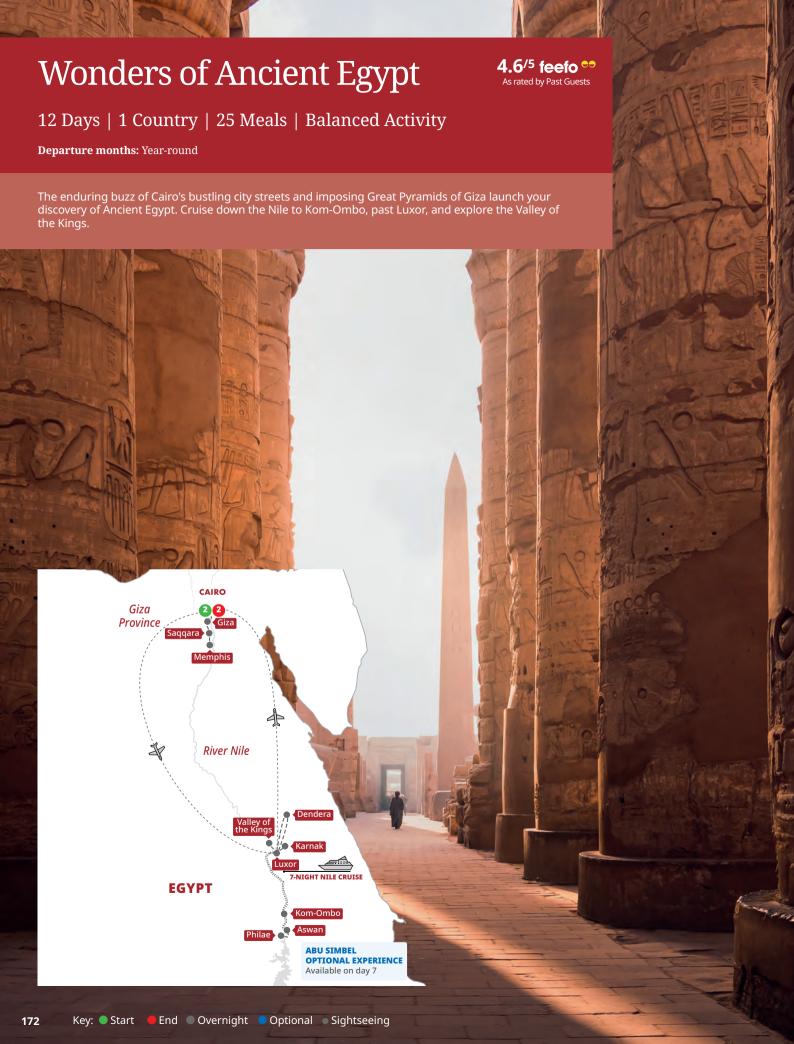
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**DAY 1 Welcome to Cairo** Delve into the antiquities of Egypt on this epic journey. As you transfer to your hotel for a day at leisure, you'll feel the intoxicating buzz of this lively city. **Hotel: Ramses Hilton** 

### **DAY 2** Admire the Wonders of Giza

Immerse yourself during a full-day excursion to the old kingdom of Egypt. See the Colossus of Ramses II and the Alabaster Sphinx at Memphis. Visit the Step Pyramid at Saqqara, then marvel at the Great Pyramid of Giza and the mighty Sphinx. (B)

DAY 3 Fly to Luxor and Embark on Your Nile Cruise We fly to Luxor this morning and embark on a guided tour of the Karnak Temple Complex, before boarding our cruise in time for lunch. Later, marvel at Luxor's Temple and visit the Luxor Museum to see an astounding collection of archaeological treasures, including items from Tutankhamun's tomb. Your Stays with Stories experience takes you on a cruise along the Nile, which continues to play a crucial role in Egyptian economy and biodiversity. (B, L, D) Hotel: Nile Cruise

### Stays with Stories

Nile cruises emerged in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century as travellers sought to explore Egypt's ancient wonders by boat. Take in the cultural and historic significance of the Nile as you drift along the famous river during your seven-night cruise.

**DAY 4 Explore Ancient Dendera** Pay tribute to the Goddess Hathor at Dendera Temple. You'll learn about Dendera's role as one of the major capitals of ancient Upper Egypt before sailing to Kom-Ombo. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 Journey to Aswan Today, we travel to Aswan, which for centuries held the important strategic role of being Egypt's southern frontier and gateway to the rest of Africa. Today it is a tranquil, modern city, most known for its High Dam, Nubian villages and Philae Temple, built to honour Egyptian goddess Isis. We arrive in time for dinner, watching the buzz of the city from the comfort of our boat. (B, L, D)

### DAY 6 The High Dam and More in

**Aswan** During your sightseeing in Aswan, you'll see how the ancient Egyptians chose a stunning place to honour the goddess of love. Our final stop today is a visit to the High Dam. **(B, L, D)** 

DAY 7 Onwards to Philae and Kitchener's Island Today could see you join a once in a lifetime Optional Experience to Abu Simbel, carved into a solid rock cliff in Egypt's Nubian Valley. As you approach the Great Temple, you'll marvel at the four-seated colossi on either side of the entrance and the elaborate engravings depicting great

victories and paying homage to the gods. Meet the members of a local womenowned co-operative on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER** \* **Experience**. Later, you'll set sail in a traditional felucca around the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener's Island. (B, L, D)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Meet the ladies behind the local women's
co-op and see scrap materials come to
life as they are being turned into fine
handicrafts. The organisation provides an
important source of income for vulnerable
people. Your visit directly supports United
Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5:
Gender Equality.

### **DAY 8 Off to Ancient Kom-Ombo We**

visit the roofless Temple of Kom-Ombo, a highlight along the Nile, where we'll learn how the temple was built to honour two gods, Horus the Elder and Sobek. The Temple has a perfectly symmetrical design, the two sides mirroring each other with one side dedicated to the crocodile god, the other to the falcon god. You'll learn all about the mythical link and why the Nile crocodile was of such importance to the ancient Egyptian priests. (B, L, D)

**DAY 9 Sail to Stunning Luxor** Watch how the river gives life to an arid landscape and the people who live within it as you sail down the Nile towards Luxor, once an ancient Egyptian capital. Head to the Sundeck for the best views and thrilling experience of passing through Esna Lock before continuing your journey. **(B, L, D)** 

### DAY 10 Disembark and Fly to Cairo

Disembark at Luxor to explore the fascinating complex of mortuary temples and tombs, including Queen Hatshepsut's Temple, the Colossi of Memnon and the Valley of the Kings. Connect With Locals as you enjoy a traditional **Be My Guest** experience. Fly to Cairo and enjoy an evening at leisure to soak up the buzzing atmosphere for which the city is famous. **(B) Hotel: Ramses Hilton** 

### **Be My Guest**

Meet the El Boerey family as they share stories about family life in a typical Luxor village. Savour a culinary tradition of warm mint tea and freshly baked local bread.

**DAY 11 Discover Colourful Cairo** Your sightseeing tour today will include a visit to the Hanging Church of St. Mary and the Sultan Hassan Mosque in Old Cairo, see the ancient Citadel, the Alabaster Mosque. This afternoon, Dive Into Culture when you visit the Egyptian Museum. **(B)** 

**DAY 12 Farewell Cairo** Our expedition at its end, say a fond farewell to your newfound friends. **(B)** 

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Luxor and Cairo with an Egyptologist

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The temples of Karnak, Luxor
Museum, the temple dedicated
to Goddess Hathor at Dendera,
Luxor Temple, the Temple of Isis on
the island of Philae, the Temple at
Kom-Ombo, Queen Hatshepsut's
Temple and the Colossi of Memnon
in Luxor, the Valley of the Kings and
the Egyptian Museum in Cairo

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Step Pyramid in Sakkara, the Great Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza, the High Dam and the Unfinished Obelisk in Aswan, the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener's Island, the Citadel, Alabaster and Sultan Hassan Mosques in Cairo

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See days 3 and 10 for your unique local encounters

### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 7 for how you'll make a positive impact

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From Alexandria to the Abu Simbel Temples, we had a great experience. Our local guide provided the personal touch we have come to expect from Trafalgar. A trip of a lifetime.

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# Best of Egypt

**4.7**/5 **feefo** ••• As rated by Past Guests

9 Days | 1 Country | 16 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Awaken your inner explorer on this expedition through the lush river valleys and golden desert landscapes of Egypt. Cruise the Nile past the pharaonic temples of Luxor to the Nubian treasures of Aswan. Your voyage will also take you to the mystical Pyramids of Giza, Tomb of the Nobles and the Sphinx.



Read below for a summary of the tour, and see the detailed itinerary at trafalgar.com

**DAY 1 Welcome to Cairo** Embark on an expedition to the land of the Pharaohs. On arrival at Cairo Airport, transfer to your hotel and relax after your journey. **Hotel: Hilton Heliopolis** 

DAY 2 Fly to Luxor and Embark on Your Nile Cruise Fly to Luxor this morning and connect with the remnants of ancient Thebes during a visit to the Temple of Amun and the imposing Avenue of the Sphinx. Visit the Luxor Museum before returning to your cruise ship for dinner. (B, L, D) Hotel: Nile Cruise

### **Stays with Stories**

Take in the cultural and historic significance of the Nile as you drift along the famous river during your four-night cruise.

DAY 3 A Day to Explore the Valley of the Kings Journey to the final resting place of Egypt's Pharaohs, immersing yourself in the ancient history of Egypt's Valley of the Kings. Visit the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the Colossi of Memnon and the Grand Temple of Luxor. Connect With Locals as you enjoy a traditional Be My Guest experience with a local family. (B, L, D)

### **Be My Guest**

Meet the El Boerey family as they share stories about family life in a typical Luxor village. Savour a culinary tradition of warm mint tea and freshly baked local bread.

**DAY 4 Journey to Ancient Kom-Ombo** Sail upstream to Kom-Ombo, where life remains much as it was a thousand years ago. Tour the Temple of Kom-Ombo. Donning our galabeas, we enjoy a traditional Egyptian dinner on board this evening. **(B, L, D)** 

DAY 5 Onwards to Aswan Set sail on a traditional felucca across the mighty Nile to see Kitchener's Island. On arrival explore the Aswan Dam, built to curb the periodic flooding of the Nile. Our next stop is the Temple of Isis, followed by a visit to the Unfinished Obelisk. (B, L, D)

**DAY 6 Disembark and Fly to Cairo** Enjoy the morning at leisure or perhaps join an Optional Experience to the Sun Temple of Abu Simbel before flying back to Cairo this afternoon. **(B) Hotel: Ramses Hilton** 

**DAY 7 Discover Colourful Cairo** Embark on a sightseeing tour through the cacophony of Cairo's busy streets. Visit the Hanging Church of St. Mary and the Sultan Hassan Mosque in Old Cairo, see the ancient Citadel and the Alabaster Mosque. Later, you'll Dive Into Culture and discover Tutankhamun's priceless treasures at the Egyptian Museum. **(B)** 

**DAY 8 Admire the Wonders of Giza** The Great Pyramids of Giza beckon today and we have an opportunity to embark on a soulstirring encounter with its treasures – the Colossus of Ramses II, the Step Pyramid of Saqqara and the enigmatic Great Sphinx. Enjoy some free time this evening or consider joining a Nile dinner cruise. **(B)** 

### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Be mesmerised by Egyptian carpet weaving at a local school where skilled artisans use traditional wooden looms to create intricate designs. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Resilient Cities and Communities.

**DAY 9 Farewell Cairo** Our epic journey at its end, we say farewell to newfound friends. **(B)** 

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Luxor and Cairo with an Egyptologist

### Visit Must-see Landmarks

The Egyptian Museum in Cairo, the temples of Karnak, the Valley of the Kings, Queen Hatshepsut's Temple and the Colossi of Memnon in Luxor, the Temple of Kom-Ombo and the temple of Isis on the island of Philae

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The High Dam and the Unfinished Obelisk in Aswan, the Citadel, Alabaster and Sultan Hassan Mosques in Cairo and the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx at Giza

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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### **Travel Responsibly**

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# Jordan Experience

4.6<sup>/5</sup> feefo As rated by Past Guests

6 Days | 1 Country | 11 Meals | Dynamic Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Travel to the 'Rose City' of Petra, the highlight on this Jordan trip. But there's more to discover as you learn about Jordanian culture with the Khzoz family, have dinner with a Bedouin tribe and spend a soulful night gazing at the clear night's sky when you stay in Wadi Rum desert.





# Read below for a summary of the tour, and see the detailed itinerary at trafalgar.com

DAY 1 Welcome to Amman Tread in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia, crusading knights and Bedouin tribes, who once crossed the length and breadth of Jordan leaving their mark on its mystical desert landscapes. Arriving in the white stone city of Amman, you'll be transferred to your hotel. Meet your fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception followed by dinner. (D) Hotel: Ambassador Amman

### DAY 2 Explore Ancient Jerash Embark

on a city tour of Amman to see its
Citadel, Archaeological Museum, Roman
Amphitheatre and Folklore Museum. Visit
the Iraq al-Amir Women's Association for a
MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you
admire their arts and crafts. Try your hand
at making some of your own mementoes
before enjoying a lunch prepared by the
women. Continue to Jerash, before returning
to the seven hills of Amman, where tonight
we'll Connect With Locals over dinner for an
exclusive Be My Guest experience with a local
family. (B, L, D)

### **Be My Guest**

Embrace the genuine hospitality of your Jordanian hosts during dinner with a family in their Amman home.

### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Visit the Iraq al-Amir Women's Centre and learn how they create soap from olive oil and greeting cards from recycled paper, followed by lunch prepared by the women. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: 5 & 10 - Gender Equality & Reduced Inequalities.

DAY 3 Onwards to Petra Your journey continues on the fabled King's Highway to visit Mount Nebo, where Moses is buried. You'll see the Madaba Mosaic Map and ascend to the Crusader Shobak Castle. Arriving in Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, you'll join a Bedouin tribe for dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Hayat Zaman

DAY 4 Discover Colourful Petra and Scenic Wadi Rum Imagine silk and spice caravans plying their wares as you Dive Into Culture and enter the mystical trading city of Petra through the narrow Siq. Emerging from the path, the stone façade of the Treasury with its ornate decoration looms ahead. Continue your journey to Wadi Rum, where you'll check in to your accommodation in Bedouin tents. (B, D) Hotel: Bedouin Camp

### Stays with Stories

Our Tented Camp in the heart of Wadi Rum offers a totally immersive experience. Wadi Rum has been home to nomadic Bedouin people and they can be identified by their handwoven traditional tents.

DAY 5 Journey to Amman This morning, embark on a desert jeep tour, then return to Amman in time for your dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Ambassador Amman

**DAY 6 Farewell Jordan** This morning, bid farewell to this extraordinary land. **(B)** 

### Dead Sea Extension

Extend your holiday and visit the mysterious Dead Sea where you can relax at your resort set within a beautiful landscape. See trafalgar.com for details.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Amman

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Greco-Roman city at Jerash, the unique ancient city at Petra, the Crusader Fortress at Shobak and Wadi Rum

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Roman amphitheatre and Citadel in Amman, Moses' Promised Land on Mount Nebo and the mosaic map of the Holy Land at Madaba

### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Drive on a jeep tour in the Wadi Rum desert

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See days 2 and 4 for your unique local encounters

### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 2 for how you'll make a positive impact

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# Highlights of Turkey

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10 Days | 1 Country | 17 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Mar - Oct

Travel along the age-old trading routes that linked East and West, where the Highlights of Turkey are revealed. Haggle in Istanbul's Grand Bazaar, daydream through the fairy-tale landscapes of Cappadocia and walk in the footsteps of the ancient Greeks in Ephesus.



# Read below for a summary of the tour, and see the detailed itinerary at trafalgar.com

Start your adventure in vibrant Istanbul, meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner.

Explore Ottoman treasures at Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque, then visit the museum of Classical Turkish Music for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**. Pay tribute to the heroes who fought bravely at Gallipoli as you visit Lone Pine Cemetery, Anzac Cove and Chunuk Bair. Continue to Çanakkale and enjoy a relaxed dinner at your hotel.

Visit ancient Troy, famous for its wooden horse, then enjoy a **Be My Guest** experience in Demircidere village. Seaside Izmir awaits for leisurely exploration and dinner. Discover Ephesus, including the Library of Celsus and the Temple of Artemis. Visit the House of the Virgin Mary and learn about Turkish carpet weaving. Relax in Pamukkale's thermal pools.

Visit Hierapolis, then the Mevlana Museum in Konya, land of the Whirling Dervishes. Travel through whimsical landscapes to Cappadocia, stopping at a 13<sup>th</sup>-century caravanserai and the underground city of Saratli. Learn about the art of pottery in Avanos, and overnight at the Exedra Hotel, a **Stays with Stories** experience.

Explore the Göreme Open-Air Museum and Paşabağı valley before sitting down to a dinner featuring regional specialities.Fly to Istanbul and dive into the Grand Bazaar. Spend the day exploring the city your way before your final dinner celebrating your journey through Turkey.

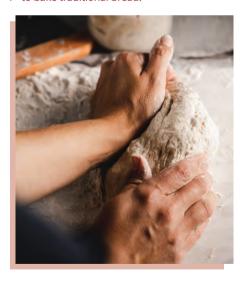
Bid farewell to newfound friends as you head to the airport for your flight home.

### **Stays with Stories**

Exedra Hotel's rooms, carved from rock, feature unique designs and display handcrafted antiques. During construction of the hotel, a chapel was discovered, inspiring the name 'Exedra' – a meeting place in ancient Rome.

### **Be My Guest**

Meet the most liberated women in Turkey in the village of Demircidere and learn how to bake traditional bread.



### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Visit the house of Turkey's greatest classical composer, Dede Efendi and experience a private concert by Music Conservancy students. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 11: Quality Education and Sustainable Cities and Communities.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with your Travel Director
Istanbul

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Topkapi Palace, Byzantine Hippodrome and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, Anzac Cove and the War Cemeteries at Gallipoli and the Göreme Open-Air Museum

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Wooden Horse at Troy and the Blue Mosque

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

Be My Guest experience: Meet local women in Demircidere Stays with Stories experience: Overnight at Exedra Hotel, Cappadocia

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Stand at the crossroads of Europe and Asia as you explore ancient lands and empires. Delve into Istanbul's mix of modern and ancient with visits to Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque. Consider an optional Bosphorus cruise and get a new perspective of the city.

Pay tribute to Gallipoli's heroes at Anzac Cove, the Dardanelles and Allied cemeteries. Discover Troy's legends. Embark on an excursion to wander through Ephesus, then admire the Library of Celcus and visit a Turkish carpet emporium. Visit the House of Virgin Mary and enjoy leisure time in Izmir with an optional dinner featuring local flavours.

Head to Pamukkale and relax in its thermal pools, then explore Hierapolis and Pamukkale's Cotton Castle Springs. Connect with locals in the Taurus Mountains before heading to Antalya.

In Antalya, consider an optional yacht cruise. Visit Aspendos' theatre, Konya's Whirling Dervish sites and Karatay Tile Museum.

A visit to a 13th-century caravanserai features on your journey to Cappadocia. Experience the local culture and history as you visit the underground city of Saratli and an eco-farm.

Marvel at Cappadocia's unique landscapes, Göreme's rock-hewn churches, and learn about the art of traditional pottery. Visit the House of Virgin Mary and enjoy leisure time in Izmir.

Returning to Istanbul, explore the Grand Bazaar and perhaps visit the Basillica Cistern, Spice Market and Galata Tower, before celebrating with newfound friends over dinner.

### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Meet local host Ali for a tour of his familyrun farm. Your visit supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 11 & 12: Resilient Cities and Communities, and Sustainable Production and Consumption.

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DAY 1 Welcome to Vienna Write your very own Christmas story on a festive foray to some of Europe's most magical Christmas markets. Our journey begins in Vienna. Take the opportunity to explore on your own before meeting your fellow travellers. Today, your Travel Director will provide an orientation drive of the Austrian capital before dinner. (D) Hotel: Imperial Riding School

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 10:00 and 13:30.

DAY 2 Discover Vienna's Spectacular Christmas Markets Join your Local

Specialist for a sightseeing tour. Admire the grand exteriors of Parliament and City Hall and learn about the eventful history of the State Opera House. See Hofburg Palace, which served as the winter palace of the Habsburgs, one of the most powerful royal houses of Europe. We feed our Christmas spirit with a visit to the enchanting Christkindlmarkt this afternoon and feast on delicious gingerbread and Glühwein. Wander past wooden stalls piled high with handcrafted toys, seasonal gifts and tasty festive fare. (B)

DAY 3 Journey to Munich Venture to Mozart's beloved Salzburg. Dive Into Culture with a Local Specialist on a walking tour to see the Mirabell Gardens and iconic sights that featured in the filming of the 'Sound of Music'. Later, dramatic vistas accompany your journey as you travel past alpine landscapes to Munich, the capital of Bavaria. This evening, dinner is served at the hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Holiday Inn Westpark/

Leonardo Royal

DAY 4 Enjoy Bavarian Munich's Magical Christmas Markets Bundle up warmly and join a Local Specialist on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience to discover lost and forgotten Advent traditions. Embrace the festive cheer in Marienplatz with its impressive Town Hall and the ornate Glockenspiel. Then, spend the rest of your day savouring the sights, sounds and smells of Munich's Christmas market – a dazzling display of twinkling lights, carols and a magnificent Christmas tree. Continue your feast with an optional visit to enjoy the Gemütlichkeit atmosphere at one of Munich's most traditional restaurants. (B)

### **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**

Discover Munich through Bavaria's lost and forgotten Advent traditions, playing a significant part of regional cultural revitalisation, and stop for tastings along the way. Your experience directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 5 Off to Innsbruck We leave
Munich behind and travel through the
romantic Bavarian countryside en route
to Oberammergau, where the poignant
Passion Play is hosted every ten years.
Admire the Bavarian themes depicted in
the village's intricate woodcarvings and
elaborate frescoes. Continue to Austria's
Innsbruck. Indulge in delicious Kiachl
doughnuts at the bustling Christmas market
before returning to your hotel for dinner.
(B, D) Hotel: Tivoli Innsbruck

DAY 6 Venture to Lucerne A winter wonderland beckons as we see the ski jump that towers over Innsbruck. Continue to Vaduz to view its turreted castle, perched perfectly above the Liechtenstein capital. Our final stop today is Lucerne, where we'll spend the next two nights. An orientation tour of the city provides an opportunity to take in the history and beauty of Lucerne. See the morose Lion of Lucerne and the famous wooden Chapel Bridge. (B) Hotel: Astoria

DAY 7 Explore Lucerne's Festive
Glittering Lights Embrace the Yuletide
cheer in true Swiss spirit during a visit to
Lucerne's Christmas market. Ramble past
traditional wooden stalls, a warm mug of
Glühwein in hand. Later, we celebrate our
magical journey together during a Be My
Guest experience. (B, L)

### Be My Guest

Visit the Meyer family at Küssnachter Alpenhof and gain insights into the workings of the farm and the animals that live there. Settle into the family's dining room area for a delicious homecooked meal.



**DAY 8 Journey Home** We bid a festive farewell to our travel companions, returning home with magical Christmas memories. **(B) Transfer:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Vienna and Salzburg

Discover on City Orientations Munich, Oberammergau, Innsbruck, Vaduz, and Lucerne

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Christmas Markets of Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, Innsbruck, Lucerne and Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg, the Marienplatz in Munich, the Golden Roof in Innsbruck and the Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne

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Enjoying a white Christmas in Salzburg with my eldest daughter.

Nelie

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DAY 1 Welcome to Geneva Launch your love affair with Switzerland in the sophisticated lakeside city of Geneva. On arrival, you'll be transferred to your hotel where you'll have the rest of the day at leisure. This evening, embark on an orientation of the city as you make your way to dinner at a local restaurant to meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers. (D) Hotel: Royal Manotel

Transfers: Depart the airport at 10:00 and 12:00.

### **DAY 2 Journey to Lausanne and Montreux**

After a leisurely start, visit vibey Lausanne where you'll have free time to take a stroll through the old town. Venture to Montreux for an orientation tour with the evening to spend as you wish. (B) Hotel: Mona Montreux

### **DAY 3 Venture to Gruyères and Lavaux This**

morning head to the picture-perfect districts of Gruyères where you can enjoy some free time. Connect With Locals sampling the wines, cheese and delicious desserts joining Maude Vogel on her family's vineyard for this exclusive Be My Guest experience. Relax this afternoon or join an Optional Experience to the enchanting Chillon Castle on the shores of Lake Geneva. (B, L)

### Be My Guest

Enjoy Swiss hospitality with a vineyard owner and savour the flavours of local wines, cheeses, and breads, all set against the enchanting views of the Lake Geneva.

DAY 4 Golden Pass train and journey to Bern and Interlaken Epic Alpine views are the stars of the show as you take the Golden Pass Line Train from Montreux to Gstaad. Enjoy free time exploring this upscale ski resort town.

Continue to Interlaken in the heart of the Swiss Alps. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: The Hey

### DAY 5 Explore the sights of Lake Brienz

Spend time at leisure this morning or choose to join an Optional Experience to Grindelwald and Jungfrau Mountain. (B)

### **DAY 6 Cross the Brünig Pass to Lucerne**

Say a fond farewell to Interlaken as you journey through the Brünig Pass to Lucerne. Soak up the lakeside atmosphere, cross Chapel Bridge and visit the solemn Lion Monument. Make a stop in Brienz and Dive Into Culture as you learn about its centuriesold wood carving tradition. Return to Lucerne later for dinner at the hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Astoria

### **DAY 7** Enjoy mountain views in Lucerne

Enjoy a full day to explore Lucerne your way. Live out your winter wonderland fantasy on our Optional Experience to Mount Titlis. (B)

### **DAY 8 Discover cosmopolitan Zürich**

Continue to Zürich and visit the Munster Bridge, Paradeplatz and Lindenhof Square. Later, enjoy a memorable dinner at a cosy local restaurant. (B, D) Hotel: Hyatt Place Airport

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Join Diana and her team of socially engaged local guides on a fun and educational walking tour to uncover Zürich's Old Town. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 10 & 12: Reduced Inequalities & Responsible Consumption and Production.

**DAY 9 Farewell Switzerland For now,** it's farewell to Switzerland and newfound friends. (B)

### Included highlights and must-sees

### **Discover on City Orientations**

Geneva, Lausanne, Montreux, Gruyères, Bern, Lucerne and Zurich

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Swiss Alps in Interlaken and the Lion Monument, Chapel Bridge in Lucerne

### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Drive along Lake Brienz and through the Alps

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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**DAY 1 Welcome to Frankfurt** Tame your festive wanderlust with the smells of Glühwein and Stollen on this magical journey that begins in Frankfurt. After checking in this afternoon, join your Travel Director on an orientation tour of the city's dynamic financial centre and medieval Römerplatz. Later, join your fellow travellers for a light dinner and drinks. **Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 09:30, 12:00 and 14:30.

DAY 2 Venture to Nuremberg Stunning Bavarian landscapes line your journey to the medieval walled town of Rothenburg where you'll enjoy an orientation walk with your Travel Director. Continue to Nuremberg with its mighty ramparts and St. Sebald's Church. Our next stop is the famous Christkindlesmarkt where sweet gingerbread hearts hang from the stalls. (B, D) Hotel: Seminaris

DAY 3 Off to Weimar Embrace hundreds of years of festive spirit at the Eisenach Christmas market\* held in the UNESCO World Heritage Wartburg Castle. Next on our Christmas wish list is Erfurt's medieval market – its Weinachtspyramiden is the gateway to delicious aromas of gingerbread and egg punch. Our final stop on our festive foray today is Weimar. (\*Sat/Sun only) (B, D) Hotel: Leonardo

**DAY 4 Journey to Dresden** Enjoy a leisurely morning in Weimar before travelling to Dresden, the 'Florence on the Elbe'. Spend the day admiring the magnificent restoration of a city that was all but destroyed during

World War II. Consider indulging in traditional German cuisine this evening at a local restaurant. (B) Hotel: Radisson Blu Park

DAY 5 Discover the Festive Atmosphere at Dresden Christmas Markets Germany's Christmas traditions take centre stage today as we Dive Into Culture and wander through Dresden's Striezelmarkt, Germany's oldest Christmas market. Admire the dazzling display of twinkling lights, handcrafted decorations and Christmas carols. (B) Hotel: Bilderberg Bellevue Dresden

DAY 6 Admire Magical Leipzig and on to Berlin Immerse yourself in centuries of Yuletide traditions at Leipzig's Christmas market as you wander past more than 250 decorated stalls in the Marktplatz. We leave vibrant Leipzig for Berlin where we'll spend the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Sheraton Grand Esplanade

DAY 7 Explore Berlin Ascend hundreds of metres into the air and admire 360° views of the city from the Berlin TV Tower. Your Local Specialist will share insights into old East and West Berlin during a sightseeing tour. Spend your final evening with a Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

### **Be My Guest**

Gain insights into regional culture and traditions as you meet a local family for dinner featuring Swabian and South German flavours.

**DAY 8 Farewell to Germany** Bid a festive farewell to new friends as you return home filled with magical memories. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 10:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Berlin

### **Discover on City Orientations**

Frankfurt, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Erfurt, Weimar, Dresden and Leipzig

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Christmas Markets of Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Wartburg Castle in Eisenach (Sat/Sun only), Weimar, Dresden, Erfurt, Leipzig and ascend the Berlin TV Tower

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Opera House and Zwinger Palace in Dresden and the Brandenburg Gate and Reichstag Building in Berlin

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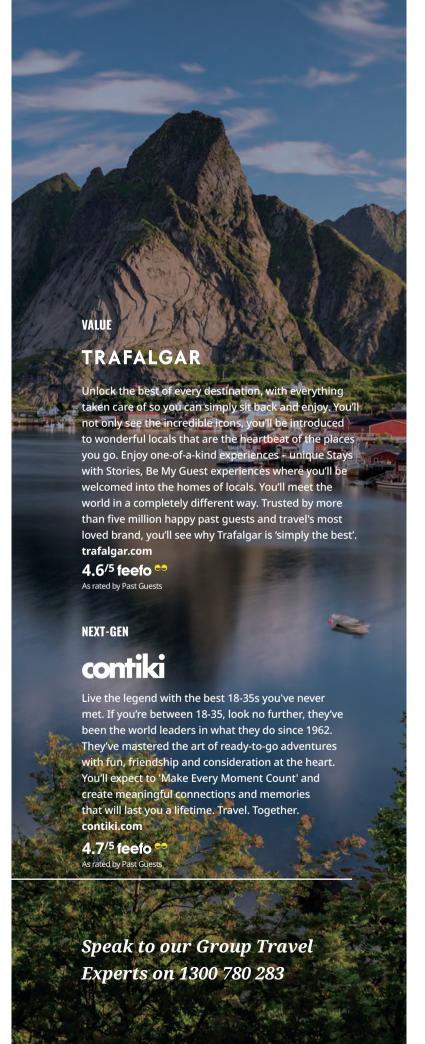
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