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with an ocean or river cruise.

RC **River Cruise** (blue itineraries)  
tours feature intimate vessels on  
a variety of beautiful waterways.  
See page 27 for more details.



Ayers Rock, Australia



Kenya



Peru



Vietnam



*Embrace the journey*  
we will handle the rest



**Dear Traveller,**

**Welcome to Collette's 2017-2018 Exotics brochure.**

These are the destinations that take you to worlds very different from your own. From the captivating River Ganges to the vast Outback, through the fascinating temples of Asia and onward to the breathtaking African plains, we share more of our amazing world with you.

As a family-owned company (with nearly 100 years of experience) we care more about each element of your journey. Every interaction, every photo op, every moment matters to us because we know it matters to you.

It's our pleasure to be your guide, making the seemingly impossible possible and ensuring you the best out of every moment.

Sincerely,

**Daniel J. Sullivan, Jr.**  
President and CEO

Collette gives you

More

This is what sets us apart. Travelling with us comes with benefits that take the guided travel experience to another level. Our inclusive tours offer you more **value** for your money while also ensuring that each element adheres to our exacting standards. With a focus on service **and quality**, we give you **more** of what makes travel special.

Mu Cang Chai Rice Terraces

## Collette Gives You More Value in Every Way...

### More Peace of Mind

Every moment of your travel experience is important to us. Whether it's helping you select a destination, **taking you to and from the airport**, offering the security of our unrivalled **Travel Protection** plan or **24-7 support**, we are there for you every step of the way.

### More Expertise

Backed by nearly a century of experience, Collette (a family-owned and award-winning leader in travel) is proud to show you the world. Our passionate tour design team travels the globe, **creating new experiences** and staying ahead of the latest travel trends. Plus, with a professional **Tour Manager** at your service and **local guides** by your side you'll never miss a thing.



## Embrace the Freedom of Touring

Enjoy our one-of-a-kind blend of inclusive touring and first-class guest service. We seamlessly handle each element of your tour from start to finish so you can focus on what's most important – having fun!

### What's included:

- A professionally planned itinerary
- 4-star accommodations
- The services of a professional tour manager
- Expert local guides who provide insider knowledge
- Attraction and museum entrance fees with preferential access
- Unparalleled sightseeing
- Enriching cultural experiences
- Comfortable on-tour transportation
- Hotel-to-hotel baggage handling
- PLUS, Wifi! Wifi is available on tour 

### More On Tour

Our commitment to exceeding expectations begins with including more iconic **must-see's and cultural inclusions that deliver a deeper experience**. And that's just the beginning. We also include more **meals** in **local** restaurants and more **menu** choices. Add in carefully selected **4-star accommodations** and the stage is set for a truly amazing journey.

### More Flexibility

Every traveller is different. From **pre and post nights** in the world's greatest cities, to tour **extensions** to built-in free time in your destination, you can make every trip your own. With more customization choices, and **optional excursions**, every moment feels like your own personal adventure.

# More Caring

Giving back is part of who we are. We care more. Since the earliest days of Sullivan family ownership, Collette has given back to the local community. Today, our global reach gives us the opportunity to help many of the places we visit.

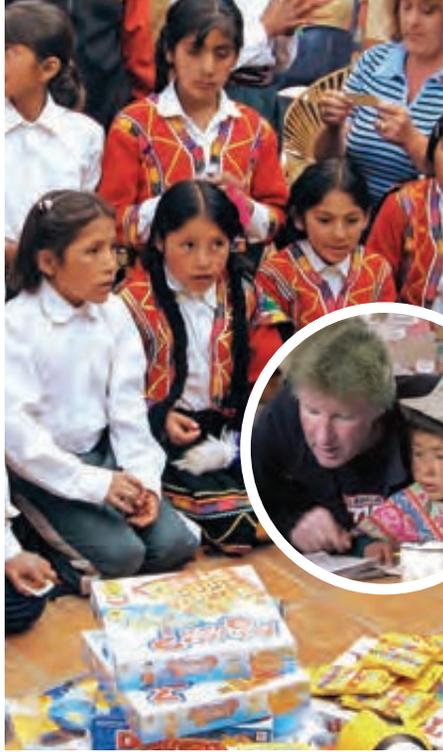


Giving back is at the heart of everything we do!



**OUR MISSION:**

Through local community volunteering and support, we make an impact in the places where we work; and with our support of legacy programs in countries like Kenya, Australia, Fiji, Cambodia and Peru, we make a difference in the places where we travel. Our only goal is to give children everywhere – regardless of circumstance – the opportunity to accomplish their dreams.



it begins with family



Dan Sullivan, Jr. & Alice Sullivan

Family, and that sense of personal ownership, has been at the core of Collette since 1918, when Jack Collette started a tiny New England travel company dedicated to showcasing the East Coast. In 1962, Jack sold the company to his friend, Dan Sullivan, Sr., who was determined to keep family at the heart of Collette. Dan's sisters guided tours. His children worked in the mailroom. Over generations, more and more family helped shape Collette into the global tour operator it is today, bringing together a passion for travel and making the world a better place.



for our employees • for our community • for the world

*one global family*

MORE PEACE OF MIND

*With You*

every step of  
the way

Of all the things Collette delivers, one of the most valuable is the knowledge that everything is taken care of. Wake each morning on tour with a new experience in front of you and do it all without having to worry about a thing.



## 24/7 Support

*Always there for you*

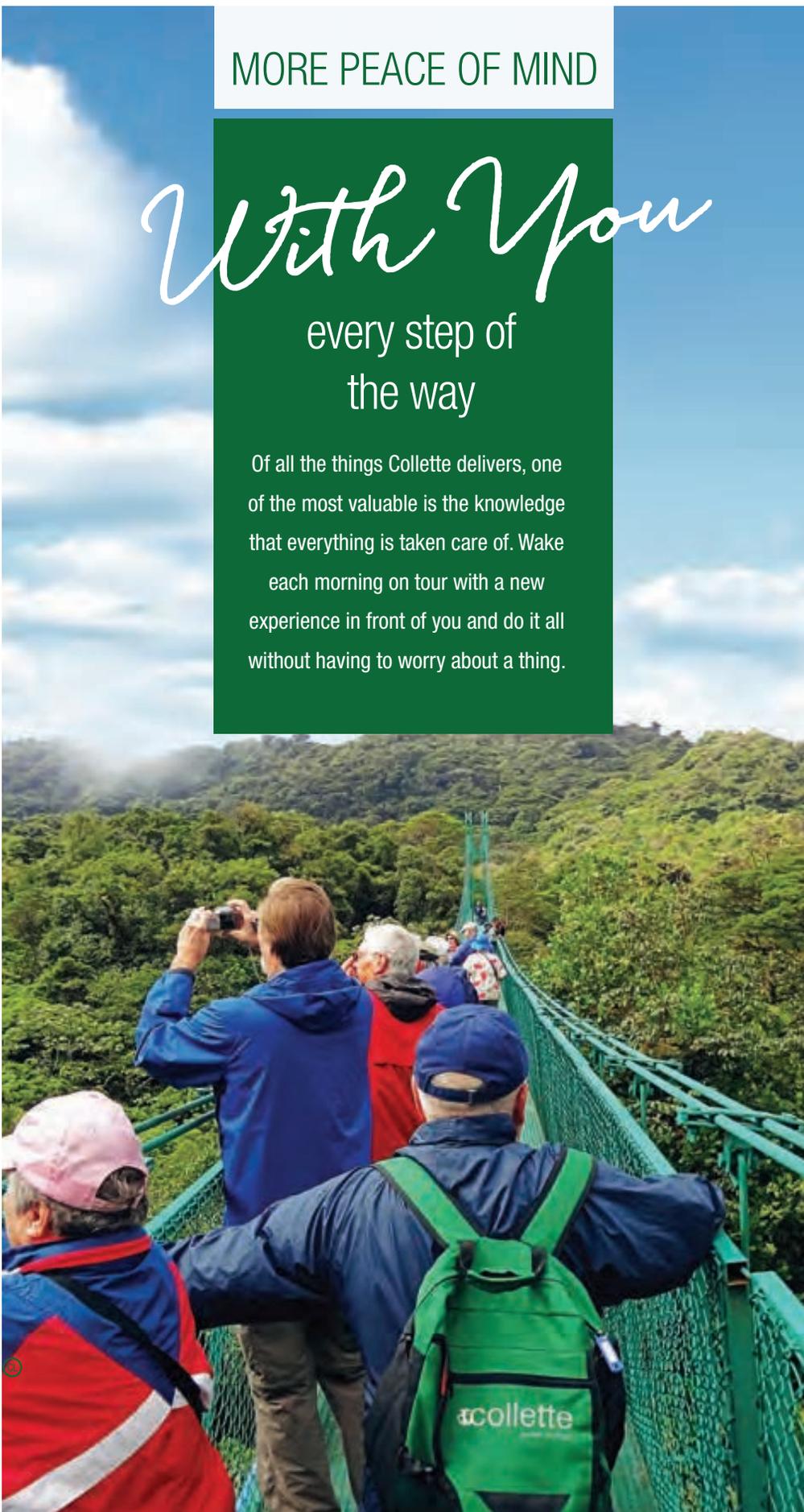
In addition to your Tour Manager, **Collette has a team** dedicated to making sure you are always informed.



## online resources at gocollette.com

- Sign Up for Email-only Offers and News
- See the Latest Travel Promotions
- Live Chat with our Tour Experts
- Explore our Destination Guides
- View our Newest Travel Videos
- Book online

Share Your Love of Travel





## Travel Protection

*Peace of mind*

Our industry-leading, **worry-free travel protection plan** offers you a **full refund** unlike many plans that only offer a voucher. Cancel for any reason right up to the day prior to departure. (See page 107 for more details.)



## Private Sedan Service

*Included Personal Touches*

Open your tour the right way and leave the hassle of getting to the airport behind. Enjoy **roundtrip home to airport sedan service**. It's the perfect way to begin (and end) your journey. (See page 103 for more details.)

“ We were picked up at our home in a sedan with a professional driver and brought home the same way. We felt well cared for and would use Collette again. ”

*Jerry L.*



## Guaranteed To Go

*Book with Confidence*

Choose from thousands of **guaranteed** departure dates. Reserve with complete confidence as these select departures are guaranteed to operate.



## Loyalty Program

*Thanking our travellers*

Members of Travel Loyalty by Collette earn a \$150 credit every time they travel. Save more as you get ready for your next adventure. (See page 103 for more details.)

# What's New!



Temple of the Tooth, Sri Lanka

## New Tours for 2017!

This year, our tour designers have outdone themselves. Explore these, and all of our new travel experiences at [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com).



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**America's Historic Hotels**  
*featuring Hot Springs, Hudson River Valley, Billings Farm and Museum, Boston*

10 Days • 14 Meals



**France & Italy**  
*featuring Paris, Provence, French Riviera, Florence and Rome*

16 Days • 22 Meals



**Romantic Road & Fairy Tale Road**  
*featuring Berlin, Lubeck, Hamburg, Fairytale Princess Castles, Hamelin*

12 Days • 15 Meals



**Exploring Sri Lanka**  
*featuring Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Sigiriya Rock Fortress, Spice Market, Mahaweli River Cruise*

13 Days • 22 Meals  
*(see page 32-33)*



**New England Charm**  
*featuring Providence, Local Theater, Hildene House, Kennebunkport, Lobster Dinner*

8 Days • 11 Meals

# Your Feedback

# Matters

**We partnered with the independent reviews website, Feefo.**

Used by many of the world's most trusted brands, Feefo provides an impartial platform for our guests to share feedback about their experience. We seek out reviews from guests as they return from their tour. This feedback not only helps us improve but will help you make a more informed decision on where to go next!

**feefo**   
The Global Feedback Engine

“Loved the total package provided. It's great just to be able to enjoy Italy and not worry about anything other than having a really great time!”

Read genuine first-hand accounts from other travellers at [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com)

INTRODUCING



# The Collette Compass App!

*Hold the entire world in your hands.*

The ColletteCompass app provides you with a wealth of travel knowledge. Enhance your tour with this easy to use digital companion that never leaves your side.

## Stay Informed

- Review your itinerary
- Check your flight schedule
- Find hotel and transfer information
- Learn more about your on-tour inclusions!

## Find Your Way

- Find your way around with turn-by-turn directions

## Make the Most of Your Free Time

- Check out local restaurants
- Find popular attractions

## Record the Fun

- Create your own trip journal
- Upload photos
- Update friends and loved ones!

Visit the App Store<sup>SM</sup> or Google Play<sup>TM</sup>  
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MORE EXPERTISE

Professional  
*Tour Managers*

Collette's Tour Managers are the best trained and most respected in the world. Drawing on their own rich backgrounds and extensive training, they enhance each journey. Whether it's with a bit of historical information, suggesting a special local restaurant or sharing a laugh, these travel aficionados are at your service.



## Local Experts

Get a local's perspective! Having a local guide at your side enhances your experience. They know the ins and outs of the destination. These friendly faces love to share an insider's view of the places they call home.

## Tour Design Team

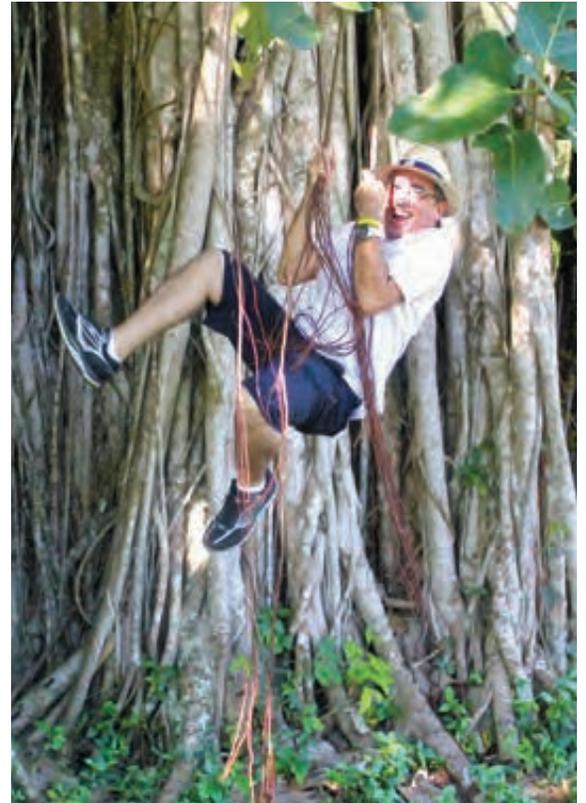
It all starts with perfectly planned itineraries. Our tour design team travels the globe, seeking out new and authentic inclusions. Along the way they vet each element of their tours – from the accommodations to the menu choices – ensuring you have the best possible experience.

## 99 Years of Experience

As North America's most experienced tour operator, we have built relationships all over the world. Our knowledge and connections allow us to pass the value on to you.



*part tour guide, part friend, part concierge*



“ Our tour manager made our tour. She had been with the company 26 years and we think that said a lot. There was no concern as to how to get to the airports, check ins, room reservations etc. We would definitely do this again. ”

— Arthur M.

MORE ON TOUR

# Choice on tour

Everyone's road is different and that's why this year, Collette is introducing **Choice on Tour**. Many of our itineraries now feature different paths you can take. On select days, choose from the INCLUDED possibilities that best suit your interests.

In Buenos Aires, Argentina,  
see this lively city by bus or bike.



Carnival



or



Rio de Janeiro Favela

Get a behind-the-scenes look at Rio's **Carnival festival**, or meet the locals with a visit to a **favela**.



Beach Walk



or



Snorkeling

Create your own adventure at the Great Barrier Reef. Spend your day **snorkeling** or learn about the ecology of the reef during a **beach walk** with a biologist.

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Zip Lining



or



Hike Lava Fields

Choose how you want to see Arenal Volcano National Park. Embark on a thrilling **zip-lining** experience through the rainforest or **traverse the volcano's former lava fields**.

*Look for the Choice on tour icon!*

MORE ON TOUR

# Must-see Inclusions

Every destination has its **iconic locations** that are simply a must for visitors. Collette's inclusive itineraries interweave access to what we call the "must-see's" with immersive experiences to create a richer portrait of the destination.

Behold Myanmar's  
Mount Popa - sheer  
rock topped with  
golden stupas.





Enjoy more as you cruise past the Sydney Opera House and take an in-depth tour.

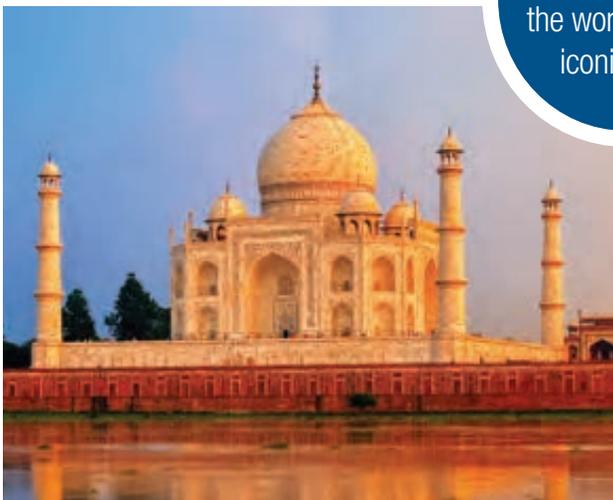


See more as you set out on several "Big 5" African game drives.



Travel high above Rio and stand at the foot of Christ the Redeemer in Brazil.

**Deeper experiences at the world's most iconic sites**



Watch the sunrise at the incredible Taj Mahal.

## MORE ON TOUR

# Cultural *Experiences*

The **cultural experiences** you'll find as part of each itinerary are travel moments both large and small. These are the special inclusions (selected by our experts) that allow you to truly come to know a destination and, more importantly, the people who call that place home.





Spend time getting to know the Datoga and Hadzabe tribes.



Take your seat at a horse whispering show performed by authentic gauchos in Buenos Aires.

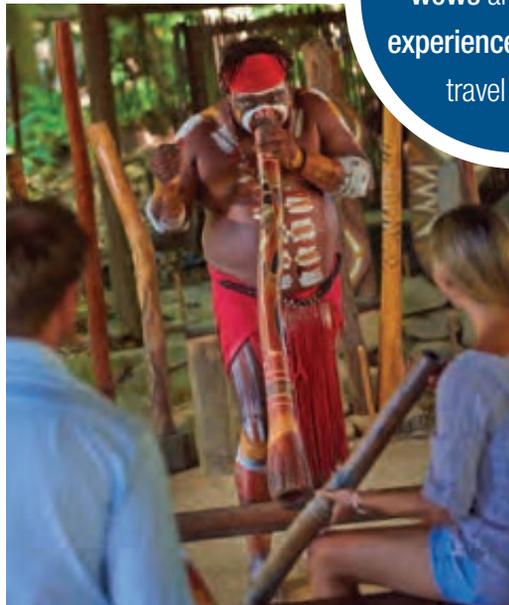
Learn centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving textiles in Peru.



Learn tai chi from the sundeck of your cruise ship as you sail along the Yangtze River.



Bringing to life more of the **hidden wows** and **cultural experiences** that make travel special



Come to know unique Aboriginal instruments, including the didgeridoo.



Delve deeper into Indian culture during a henna tattoo and bindi demonstration.

“ Next to our marriage and the birth of our children, this tour was the greatest experience my wife and I have ever enjoyed. Everything about the tour was simply incredible. ”

— Robert M.

MORE ON TOUR

# Culinary Inclusions

**Food is a wonderful way to experience new cultures.** Our authentic culinary inclusions take you into the destination, offering understanding and satisfying your taste buds.

Savour a traditional dinner featuring Shanghai's cuisine, a blend of the eight unique cuisines of China.

*your culinary adventures await*

Try fresh Panamanian ceviche at a local seafood market.

Join a Moroccan Berber family in their home for a traditional cup of tea.



Dine under the stars at Chobe Marina Lodge in Botswana.



Choose from a variety of local restaurants along bustling Darling Harbour in Australia.

More included meals in local restaurants & more menu choices



Learn about Costa Rican cuisine during a cooking demonstration.

“ The restaurants we visited had amazing ambiance and fantastic quality of the food. ”

— Janis G.

## MORE ON TOUR

# Amazing *Accommodations*

Whether it's the amenities, the history, the view or the location, your accommodations often turn into highlights all their own. We carefully select each hotel to best fit into your inclusive itinerary.

Delight in the welcoming hospitality at the family owned Riad Yacout in Fes, Morocco.

*hand-picked accommodations that capture the essence of your destination*



Discover the luxury and tranquility of the Bhaya Junk Boat.

Find yourself surrounded by natural beauty at the Villa Blanca in Costa Rica.



Stay in carefully selected, 4 star and above properties

Stay in unique tented accommodations at the Sarova Mara Camp in Kenya.



Take in the stunning view at The Hermitage in Mount Cook, NZ.

“ I also loved the hotels. Very centrally located with many nice perks. ”

— Kathleen W.

MORE FLEXIBILITY

# Personalize Your Adventure

Every traveller is different, so make your trip your own. We offer more ways to customize your tour. With features such as pre and post nights stays, dine arounds and on-tour options, you can make every day a personal adventure!

*where inclusiveness  
meets choice*

## Pre-Tour



### Included Private Sedan Service

As one of the Collette differences, our private sedan service is available when you reserve an air-inclusive tour. It's the perfect way to begin your adventure.

*See pg. 103*



### Elite Airfare

Collette's Elite Airfare allows you to travel in ultimate comfort and convenience. Treat yourself to a wealth of amenities that come with a business, premium economy, or first-class ticket. Land rested, refreshed, and ready for the world's wonders. *See pg. 104*



### Pre-Nights

Collette can easily add a pre-night stay to your existing itinerary and with a single phone call we can reserve tickets to your host city's best attractions. Enjoy the benefits of an early arrival and a streamlined booking process.

## On Tour



### Included Choice On Tour

Many tours feature the chance to choose from an assortment of included activities. Create your own touring experience by deciding what you want to do on select days.



### Included Dining Experiences

On select tours and evenings, our Diner's Choice feature allows you to choose where to enjoy your included dinner. Find just the right spot from a list that includes the city's restaurants.



### Optional Excursions

Every tour offers a collection of optional excursions, carefully selected to offer you a different perspective on your destination. Enhance your experience and make the most of your time out in the world.

## Post-Tour



### Post-Nights

Collette can also add a post-night stay to your existing itinerary along with tickets to your host city's best attractions. Stay a little bit longer and enjoy more of some of the world's best cities.



### Tour Extensions

Our list of tour extensions reads like the logbook of a great adventure. These shorter excursions (which you can add before and after your tour) are the perfect way to add a few more memories.



### Go Back-To-Back

Collette can help you combine two tours into one grand experience. Many of our dates line up perfectly to allow you to discover more of the world.  
Call for details.



MORE FLEXIBILITY

What's your  
*travel style?*

**No matter how you want to see the world, Collette can take you there.** Whether you want to travel across an entire country, dive into a local culture, or come to know one of the world's great cities, Collette has the travel experience that's right for you.



## classics

The Collette collection of tours offers an inclusive look at a wealth of **amazing destinations**. From marvelling at the must-see's to becoming a part of new cultures to exploring on your own, these itineraries offer an **inspiring and easy** way to travel.



Florence, Italy

### SMALL GROUPS

## explorations

With an average of **18 guests**, these personal adventures focus on culinary experiences, **cultural immersions** and **unique accommodations** that capture the destination. Enjoy a new perspective on the world.



Inle Lake, Myanmar

### SINGLE-HOTEL STAYS

## spotlights

Explore and relax in the world's most remarkable destinations during a **single-hotel stay**. Immerse yourself in the fanfare of a grand city or unwind in the timeless countryside.



New York, New York

### RIVER CRUISES

## river cruise

These itineraries feature small, **intimate vessels for travel through a variety of beautiful waterways**. Plus, when you step off your ship with a Tour Manager by your side, you'll truly come to know the people and places along the river.



Danube River, Hungary



Lake Pichola

# Mysteries of India

Unravel the magic and wonder of a different world

## Extend Your Tour



**GO FARTHER.** Travel to one of the most exciting places in the world – Dubai. Going from desert to decadence, this place features a blend of ancient and modern wonders found nowhere else.

See page 93 for details.

**START EARLY.** Add an extra day in Delhi. Open your tour with an extra night in one of the most interesting cities in the world.

Call for details.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

### Day 2: Delhi, India - Tour Begins

Welcome to Delhi, India's capital city that sports a rich history spanning over 2,000 years.

**Day 3: New Delhi** Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key phrases of the native language. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. **Explore Old Delhi's narrow streets by rickshaw,** the

traditional mode of transportation. Next you'll tour New Delhi, visiting Qutub Minar, the tallest brick minaret in the world. Behold the India Gate war memorial, the Parliament and the palatial Rashtrapati Bhawan – the President's residence. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Delhi - Udaipur** Fly to Udaipur, your gateway to Rajasthan, where chivalrous tales come to life at forts and palaces. Settle into your hotel, a carefully restored palace perched on a hill and overlooking the lake. (B, D)

**Day 5: Udaipur** Participate in a relaxing yoga class and learn basic exercises and breathing techniques from a local expert. Visit the exquisite City Palace – its main entrance, Tripolia, was built in 1725. Stop at Sahelion-ki-Bari, the Garden of the Maids of Honour, and learn about the lifestyle of the royal ladies who once strolled through these gardens. This evening, cruise along Lake Pichola and take in views of the Jag Mandir Palace and the City Palace. (B)

**Day 6: Udaipur - Jaipur** This morning, depart on a scenic drive through the countryside to the "Pink City" of Jaipur. After having lunch and checking into your hotel, head out for a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, home to a former Maharaja, beholding its façade of 953 windows. Visit the City Palace and find gardens, courtyards, intricate decorative art and carved doorways. Marvel at Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory built in 1726 by Sawai Jai Singh. (B, L)

**Day 7: Jaipur** Ascend by vintage jeep to the top of Amber Fort, India's former seat of power. Visit a local school where the children are part of a midday program supported by the efforts of the Collette Foundation.

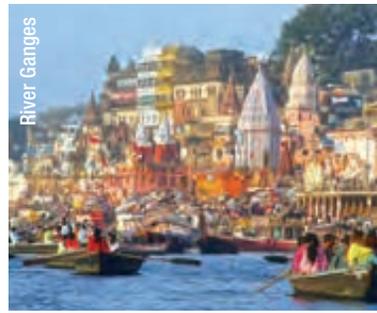
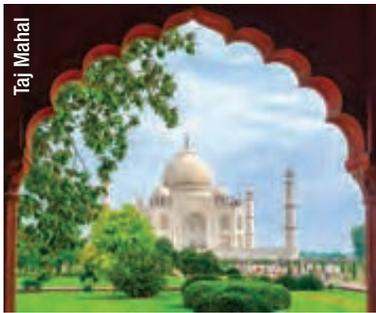
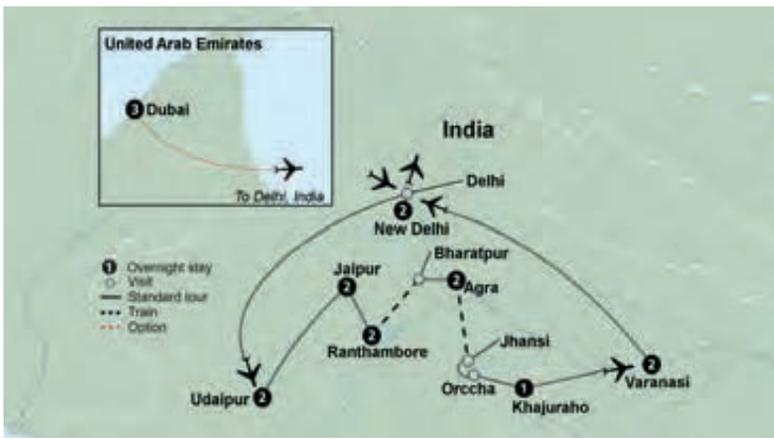
Tap into local customs during lunch as you learn about turban and sari tying. Stroll through a flower market for a glimpse into the art of making garlands used in traditional Indian welcome ceremonies. Enjoy a henna tattoo and bindi demonstration. Tonight, sit down for a home-hosted dinner and observe daily life inside the old city. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Jaipur - Ranthambore** Travel to Ranthambore National Park to learn about Project Tiger's efforts at a conservation in India. Meet a naturalist who will discuss the wildlife of the country with you during a slideshow presentation. **Embark on a game drive by canter (an open air vehicle).** Watch for marsh crocodiles, hyenas, sloth bears and even tigers. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Ranthambore** Rise and shine early this morning for a game drive. Afterward, enjoy breakfast at your hotel. Visit the Ranthambore School of Art which recruits students from neighbouring villages and trains them to be self-sufficient artists. Next, visit Dastkar Ranthambore Project, founded in 1981 by six women united to protect India's traditional artisans. Dive into the local cuisine with an interactive cooking demonstration followed by dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Ranthambore - Bharatpur - Agra** An early morning train brings you to Bharatpur. Disembark and enjoy brunch before continuing your journey to Agra, a city rich with the splendours of the past. (B, L)

**Day 11: Agra** Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise, witnessing the first rays of sun glistening on the white marble — a truly memorable moment. The Taj Mahal



took 22 years and 20,000 men to build. Built in the 17th century by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, the Taj Mahal is truly one of the wonders of the world. Visit Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire. (B)

**Day 12: Agra - Jhansi - Orchha - Khajuraho** Board your train for Jhansi and continue to Orchha for a relaxing lunch. Arrive in Khajuraho, your home for the evening. (B, L)

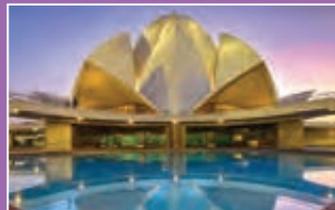
**Day 13: Khajuraho - Varanasi** Visit the Chandel Temple complex and behold some of the finest examples of temple architecture in northern India. Fly to Varanasi, a simplistic and charming city with a universal mystique. Tonight, **visit the Ghats – the banks of the river – witnessing the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony.** (B)

**Day 14: Varanasi** Cruise along the River Ganges past various Ghats where people ritually cleanse themselves of their sins, hoping for salvation. A city tour of Varanasi includes the Benaras Hindu University and Bharat Mata Temple. Continue to Sarnath where Siddharth Gautama, later known as Buddha, gave his first sermon on a quiet grove in the 6th century B.C. A Hindu scholar discusses the philosophy of Hinduism

with you. Join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner this evening. (B, D)

**Day 15: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour Ends** Enjoy a morning at leisure before flying back to Delhi, where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up prior to the departure of your return flight home. (B)

### Extend Your Tour



**STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in Delhi.** As your tour comes to a close get ready for the journey home with an extra night.  
Call for details.

**EXPLORE MORE in Nepal.** Head for the Himalayas and the legendary city of Kathmandu. Perhaps you'll find a bit of enlightenment among the Buddhist temples and inspiring scenery.  
See page 94 for details.

### Dates & Prices

<b>January - April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	November 2, 8	\$4189
January 12, 19, 26	\$3889	January 11, 18, 25	\$4189
February 2, 9, 16	\$3889	February 8, 15, 22	\$4189
March 5	\$3889	March 1, 8	\$4189
April 21, 28	\$3349	April 5, 19	\$3589
Itinerary featured is for September 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			
<b>September 2017 - April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$1140 - \$1560</b>
September 28	\$4189	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>N/A</b>
October 12, 19, 26	\$4189	<b>Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</b>	

## Cultural Experiences

- Travel with **no more than 24 travellers** on this small group tour.
- Spend two nights in Varanasi, India's holiest city.
- Stand in awe of the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony.
- Ascend by jeep to the top of Amber Fort.
- Join a Hindu scholar to discuss the philosophy of Hinduism.

## Must-See Inclusions

- See the Taj Mahal at sunrise.
- Experience two game drives in Ranthambore National Park.
- Explore Old Delhi's narrow streets by rickshaw.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 26 meals: 13 breakfasts • 7 lunches • 6 dinners
- Sit down for a home-hosted dinner and observe daily life inside the old city.
- Revel in an interactive cooking demonstration followed by dinner.

## Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Days 2, 3</b>	Leela Ambience Convention Hotel Delhi, New Delhi
<b>Days 4, 5</b>	Lalit Laxmi Vilas, Udaipur
<b>Days 6, 7</b>	Hilton, Jaipur
<b>Days 8, 9</b>	Dev Vilas, Ranthambore
<b>Days 10, 11</b>	Jaypee Palace, Agra
<b>Day 12</b>	Taj Chandela, Khajuraho
<b>Days 13, 14</b>	Gateway Hotel Ganges or Radisson Varanasi, Varanasi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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## Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

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**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

**This trip requires a passport and visa.** A tourist e-visa is available to Canadian citizens entering India through Delhi. You can apply online for a tourist e-visa, at least 4 days prior to travelling, for visits not exceeding 30 days. Carry a printed copy of the email confirmation of your e-visa and have a formal visa affixed on your passport upon arrival at the airport. Alternately, we recommend using CIBT visa service to insure accuracy and timeliness of visa processing. The approximate visa cost for a single entry visas is \$165 CAD (includes CIBT fees as well as consular fees) plus shipping, subject to change. Contact CIBT, visit [www.cibtvias.ca](http://www.cibtvias.ca) or check with your consulate for more information. For guests continuing on the South India extension, the cost of the unused dayroom in Delhi will be deducted from the price of your extension. The Indian Government charges a camera and/or video fee of approximately \$6 USD/\$20 USD respectively (total for the entire trip) for taking photos inside attractions. Your Tour Manager will collect these fees at the beginning of the tour and pay the government accordingly. Due to flight schedules, flights arriving into Delhi may arrive very late in the evening on Day 2 or just after midnight the morning of Day 3. A pre or post night may be required (at an additional cost). Due to tour scheduling, return flights home should not be booked to leave prior to 6:00 p.m. on the last day. The internal flights are not included in the land price of the program. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

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India - At a local school, see the efforts of the Akshaya Patra Foundation. With the support of the Collette Foundation, this organization distributes healthy meals to the children.



Taj Mahal

**NEW TOUR**

# India's Treasures

Experience more of the Golden Triangle's culinary and cultural wonders

## Extend Your Tour



**GO FARTHER.** Travel to one of the most exciting places in the world – Dubai. This fast growing city features a blend of ancient and modern wonders found nowhere else.

See page 93 for details.

## START EARLY. Add an extra day in Delhi.

Open your tour with an extra night in one of the most interesting cities in the world.

Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Discover the rare beauty and vibrant culture of India as you travel from lively Delhi to colourful Jaipur and on to the historic city of Agra.

## Day 2: Delhi, India - Tour Begins

Welcome to Delhi, India's capital city. Made up of seven ancient cities, today it remains a cultural melting pot.

**Day 3: New Delhi** Ease your way into local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key phrases of the native language. Immerse yourself in India's bustling capital during a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Discover the history of Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Explore **Old Delhi's narrow streets by rickshaw**, the traditional mode of transportation. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before having some leisure time to explore independently. Sit down to dinner tonight at the home of a local family and learn more about Indian culture and their traditions at home. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Delhi** Following breakfast, visit Humayun's tomb, built by the widow of a great Mughal Emperor. Drive past the India Gate war memorial, the Parliament and the palatial Rashtrapati Bhawan – the President's residence. Proceed to the holy shrine of Sikhs, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib. Originally a bungalow owned by Raja Jai Singh, this huge complex features a devotion center, a large pond for the holy dip, a missionary school, an art gallery, a charitable hospital and a free kitchen – called Langar (community dining). Hear the holy hymns recited by the priests as you marvel at the beautiful gilded structure. At the community dining hall, get a behind-the-scenes look at the work that goes into feeding 10,000 people each day. (B, L)

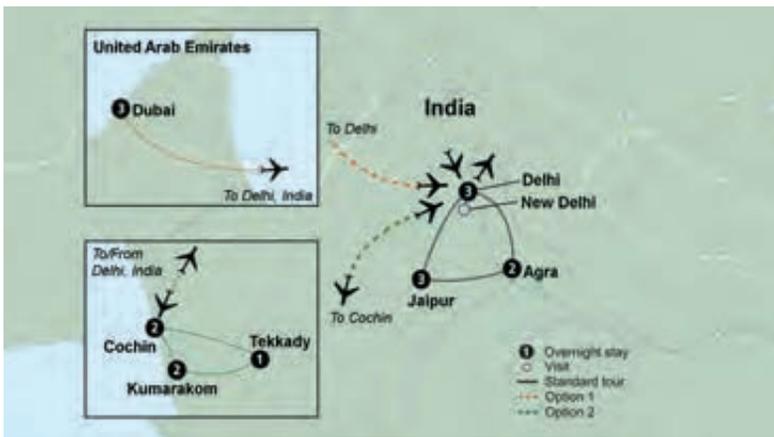
**Day 5: Delhi - Jaipur** Depart for a scenic drive through the countryside to the "Pink City" of Jaipur. Later, head out for a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, home to a former Maharaja, with its impressive façade of 953



Amber Fort

windows. Then it's on to the City Palace, the residence of the Royal Family of Jaipur. Stroll through the gardens and courtyards and delight in the intricate decorative art and carved doorways. (B, L)

**Day 6: Jaipur** Board a vintage jeep and **ascend to the top of the majestic Amber Fort**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and India's former seat of power. Visit a local school where the children are part of a midday program supported by the efforts of the Collette Foundation. Tap into local customs during lunch when you learn about turban and sari tying. Stroll through the colourful flower market for a glimpse into the art of making garlands used in traditional Indian ceremonies. Delve deeper into Indian culture during a henna tattoo and bindi demonstration. This evening, take a step back in time as you dine at Sankotra Haveli, where eight



Henna



Spices

generations of the Sankotra family have lived. Take in the old-world architecture and furnishings, and get to know the history of this special place. (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Jaipur** Travel to the quaint village of Samode, nestled among rugged hills that are dominated by its famous palace. Have time on your own to wander through this interesting village that exudes a rare nostalgic charm, explore its many treasures, and interact with the locals to learn about their daily lives. Then, gather for lunch at Samode Bagh, a private garden retreat of the Royal family. (B, L)

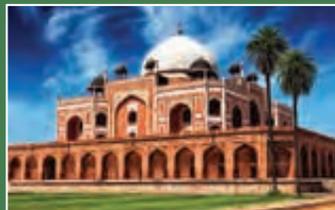
**Day 8: Jaipur - Agra** Continue your journey to Agra, a city rich with the splendours of the past. En route, stop in Abhaneri village to visit Chand Baori, one of the largest and most beautiful stepwells in the world. Built during the 8th and 9th centuries, this amazing feat of engineering has 3,500 narrow steps arranged in perfect symmetry that descend to the bottom of the well. (B, L)

**Day 9: Agra** Behold one of the most impressive sites in the world – the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Taking 22 years and 20,000 men to build in the 17th century, this wonder of the world was commissioned by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Maha. Then, after breakfast, discover Agra

Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site that dates back to the 11th century. Stand in awe of this sprawling fort that was built as a military structure but later transformed into a palace. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a special farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 10: Agra - Delhi - Tour Ends** Return to Delhi where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up prior to the departure of your return flight home. (B)

### Extend Your Tour



**STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in Delhi.** As your tour comes to a close get ready for the journey home with an extra night.  
Call for details.

**EXPLORE MORE as you travel to South India,** a place with its own distinct cultural traditions. See how ancient and colonial influences have come together along the seacoast.  
See page 94 for details.

### Dates & Prices

<b>October 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	March 7, 28	\$2569
October 25	\$2569	April 11	\$2299
November 1, 8	\$2569	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$1350 - \$1790</b>
December 6	\$2569	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>N/A</b>
January 10, 17	\$2569	<b>Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars.</b>	
February 14	\$2569	Call about additional dates.	

## Cultural Experiences

- Discover the holy shrine of Sikhs, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib.
- Spend 3 nights in the vibrant Pink City of Jaipur.
- Stroll through the quaint village of Samode.
- Delve deeper into Indian culture during a henna tattoo and bindi demonstration.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Behold the stunning Taj Mahal at sunrise.
- Explore Agra Fort, an impressive walled city that dates back to the 11th century.
- Visit Chand Baori, one of the largest and most beautiful stepwells in the world.
- Stroll the gardens and courtyards of Jaipur's City Palace.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 17 meals included: 8 breakfasts • 6 lunches • 3 dinners
- Be treated to dinner with a local family in their home in Delhi.
- Enjoy lunch at Samode Bagh, a private garden retreat of the Royal family.

## Accommodations

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2 – 4** Eros Hotel, Delhi
- Days 5 – 7** The Lalit, Jaipur
- Days 8, 9** Courtyard Marriott, Agra

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## Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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India - The Akshaya Patra Foundation aims to eradicate hunger and malnutrition in India, as well as promote education for children in need.



Temple of the Tooth Relic

**NEW TOUR**

# Exploring Sri Lanka

From intriguing culture to unspoiled landscapes

## Extend Your Tour



**GO FARTHER.** Begin your exploration with a pre-tour Dubai extension. See one of the world's fastest growing and most intriguing cities.

See page 93 for details.

**START EARLY.** Add an extra day in Colombo. Enjoy more time to explore when arriving early in the lively city of Colombo.

Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Discover the stunning landscapes, rich culture and deep traditions found in the enchanting country of Sri Lanka.

**Day 2: Colombo, Sri Lanka - Tour Begins** Your tour begins in the bustling capital city of Colombo, a vibrant cosmopolitan city combining colonial roots and modern influences. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant featuring traditional Sri Lankan specialties. (D)

**Day 3: Colombo** Today you will come to know the treasures of Colombo, the commercial hub of the country. Join a local guide who will lead you on a tour of this historical city that spans centuries and melds styles from the Portuguese, Dutch and British. See the central business district called the Fort, the colourful and lively Petta Bazaar, the sprawling Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple, and Independence Square, created in recognition of gaining their freedom in 1948. (B)

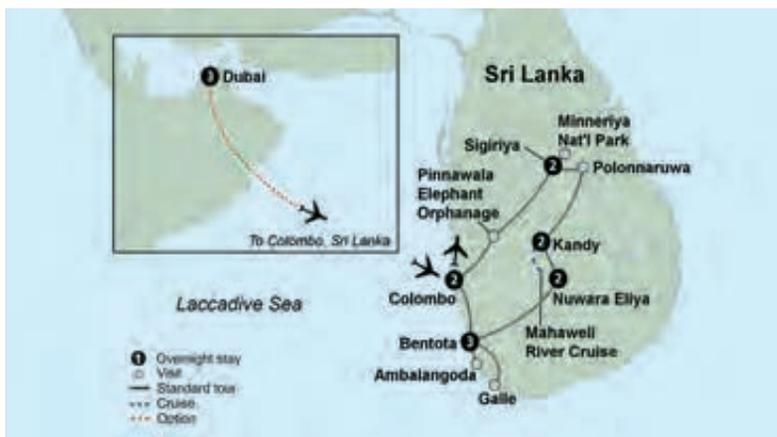
**Day 4: Colombo - Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage - Sigiriya** Our first stop today is at the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, which has been rescuing elephants since 1975. They care for abandoned and wounded elephants of all ages. Watch how the animals are now beginning to thrive as they interact with each other and their handlers during feeding time. Continue to the lush forests of Sigiriya and find yourself surrounded by tranquility at your luxury hotel. (B, D)

**Day 5: Sigiriya - Rock Fortress - Minneriya National Park - Sigiriya** This morning we ascend an impressive granite peak to explore the ruins of the ancient city of Sigiriya - "fortress in the sky." Treasured by the locals, this UNESCO World Heritage site is a sprawling former palace and fortress with extensive gardens considered to be the oldest landscaped gardens in the world complete with fountains and lakes. Next, enjoy a picturesque lunch set among reed beds and paddy fields. This afternoon, proceed to Minneriya National Park. Explore this wildlife sanctuary, established in 1938, and witness herds of elephants bathing and grazing in their natural habitat. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Sigiriya - Polonnaruwa - Spice Market - Kandy** Travel to the fascinating ruins of the ancient city of Polonnaruwa (UNESCO). Spend time discovering this former capital city of Sri Lanka which was built in the 12th century when trade and agriculture flourished under the reign of King Parakramabahu. The king was ahead of his time developing an irrigation system that still supplies the water during dry season to local farms. Then it's on to the city of Matale, known for hosting merchants from around the world since ancient times. During a guided tour of a spice market, learn about the various spices and smell fragrant clove, cinnamon, cardamom, nutmeg and many other spices used in Sri Lankan cooking. Continue to the picturesque, lakefront city of Kandy. This evening, enjoy a cultural show with traditional Sri Lankan dancing, ceremonial drums and music. (B, D)

**Day 7: Kandy - Temple of the Tooth Relic - Mahaweli River Cruise** Explore Kandy, set on a plateau surrounded by the mountains of central Sri Lanka. Visit the impressive gilded Temple of the Tooth Relic, revered by Buddhists from around the world for being the place that holds the actual tooth of Buddha. Next, take a walk through the Royal Botanical Gardens, established in the 14th century as a garden for the Kings of Kandy. Today, the garden's 150 acres are home to more than 5,000 species of trees and plants, including an orchid house. This evening, delight in a sunset river cruise on the tranquil Mahaweli River followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 8: Kandy - Nuwara Eliya** Travel along the scenic road that leads you to the lush green



landscape found near the town of Nuwara Eliya. Rolling hills and tea plantations surround this former colonial British retreat nicknamed "Little England." During a city tour, see the English country-style homes, the Gothic Holy Trinity Church and the "pink post office" with its unique clock tower. (B, D)

### Day 9: Nuwara Eliya - Tea Estate

Start your day at the Pedro Tea Estate located in Kandapola, just north of Nuwara Eliya. Join an expert for a guided tour of the estate and factory where they still pack tea using 19th century methods; savour a taste of their tea. The rest of your day is at leisure to enjoy your historic hotel. Perhaps you will stroll the lawns adorned with topiary and roses, play a game of billiards, or take advantage of the hotel's amenities. (B, D)

### Day 10: Nuwara Eliya - Bentota

Our journey today takes us to Bentota, a coastal paradise brimming with sunshine and beautiful beaches. Arrive early this afternoon and have the remainder of the day at leisure to relax and take in the luxurious ambiance at your beachfront resort. (B, D)

### Day 11: Bentota - Galle - Bentota

Spend the day discovering the city of Galle, a fortified city settled by the Portuguese in the 16th century that flourished in the 18th century under Dutch rule. The city reveals an interesting blend of

cultures and styles. Explore Galle's Dutch Fort (UNESCO), the largest European fort in Asia. Then embark on a guided tour of the island's prominent landmarks where you will see the scenic harbour, the National Maritime Museum, St. Mary's Cathedral, and a Shiva temple. (B, D)

### Day 12: Bentota - Ambalangoda - Bentota

Travel to Ambalangoda to learn about the art of Sri Lankan mask making and come to know the legends associated with them. Begin by spending time at a local museum and workshop to discover how these masks are created and how they are used in dramatic dance performances. Then, visit the Bandu Wijesooriya School of Dancing where an expert discusses the types of dances they perform and how the masks are used in performances. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a special farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Day 13: Bentota - Colombo - Tour Ends

Transfer to Colombo where your tour ends. (B)

### Extend Your Tour

**STAY LONGER.** Spend an extra night discovering the treasures of the fascinating city of Colombo.

Call for details.

## Cultural Experiences

- Travel with **no more than 24 travellers** on this small group tour.
- Explore the wildlife sanctuary at Minneriya National Park.
- Cruise the tranquil Mahaweli River.
- Enjoy a cultural show – dancing, ceremonial drums and music.
- Learn about the art of Sri Lankan mask making.
- See the Royal Botanical Gardens, originally a garden for the Kings of Kandy.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Come to know the treasures of Colombo with a local guide.
- Visit the inspiring Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage.
- Climb the impressive Sigiriya Rock Fortress, a former palace.
- Discover the impressive gilded Temple of the Tooth Relic.
- Spend a day discovering Galle, a fortified city settled by the Portuguese.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 22 meals: 11 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 10 dinners
- Learn about the various spices used in Sri Lankan cooking.
- Sample the famed local tea at the Pedro Tea Estate.
- Dine at a local restaurant and savour traditional Sri Lankan specialties.

## Accommodations

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel, Colombo
- Days 4, 5** Cinnamon Lodge Habarana, Sigiriya
- Days 6, 7** Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy
- Days 8, 9** Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya
- Days 10 – 12** Centara Ceysands Resort, Bentota

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

**This trip requires a passport and visa.** The approximate visa cost is \$35 USD, at your expense. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. The walk to Sigiriya Rock Fortress on Day 5 is considered to be very strenuous, over uneven terrain, and with minimal handrails available. You should be in excellent physical condition to participate. For stays of up to 30 days, you can apply for a tourist visa online using the Electronic Travel Authority. Visit [www.travel.gc.ca](http://www.travel.gc.ca) for more information. Due to flight schedules, flights arriving into Colombo may arrive very late in the evening on Day 2 or just after midnight the morning of Day 3. A pre or post night may be required (at an additional cost).

### Dates & Prices

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October 16, 23	\$4949	April 9, 16	\$5049
November 6	\$4949	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$1900 - \$2300</b>
January 15, 29	\$5199	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>(-) \$50</b>
February 12	\$5199	<b>Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars.</b>	
February 26	\$5049	Call about additional dates.	



Angkor Wat

# Three Kingdoms of Indochina

Set out on a cultural journey across Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos

## Extend Your Tour



### GO FARTHER. Add 3 nights in Hong Kong.

Start your adventure in Hong Kong and explore one of Asia's most cosmopolitan and dynamic cities.

See page 95 for details.

### START EARLY. Add an extra day in Ho Chi Minh City.

Spend more time in this metropolis once known to the world as Saigon. Call for details.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

**Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Tour Begins** Your tour opens in historic Ho Chi Minh City.

**Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City** This morning, head to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon, tour the city's colonial landmarks. Tonight, gather for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City** Today, **cruise along the famous Mekong Delta**, rich with natural and cultural wonders. Be introduced to daily life during a visit to a home where coconut candy and rice paste

are made. Enjoy a lunch in a lush tropical garden. Visit a local residence to learn about their traditions. Later, enjoy a visit to Cao Dai Temple. (B, L)

**Day 5: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap, Cambodia** Fly to Cambodia and arrive in Siem Reap - a village which brings together colonial and Chinese architecture. Today, this ancient place is home to chic hotels and a thriving culinary scene. (B, D)

**Day 6: Siem Reap** Begin your day exploring the ancient ruins of Angkor Thom, known for its colossal stone-carved faces. Discover its Bayon Temple, Baphoun, Phimeanakas, the Royal Palace, the Elephant Terrace and the Leper King Terrace. Next, **explore the famous Angkor Wat**, the world's largest religious building and the symbol of Cambodia. Remain until evening for a spectacular sunset. Tonight, enjoy dinner and an Apsara show. (B, D)

**Day 7: Siem Reap** Set out to see three Hindu temples: the 11th-century pyramid-shaped Temple of Shiva, Banteay Srei Temple with its remarkably intricate carvings, and the well-preserved Banteay Samre Temple. Continue to the mystical temple Ta Prohm, overgrown by the creeping jungle. This afternoon, spend time at a monastery where you'll meet the monks who reside there and participate in a private blessing ceremony. (B, D)

**Day 8: Siem Reap - Luang Prabang, Laos** Your day begins at the JWOC Community Center where you'll meet local school children. Then we fly to Luang Prabang, the spiritual capital of Laos. (B)

**Day 9: Luang Prabang** This morning we are off to two of the most remarkable temples in Luang Prabang: Wat Sen or "Temple of 100,000 Treasures," and Wat Visun. Continue through the countryside to the

stunning Kuang Si waterfalls. Gaze over Luang Prabang from atop Mount Phousi. Later, immerse yourself in the Street Night Market. (B, D)

**Day 10: Luang Prabang** Board a traditional riverboat for a cruise down the Mekong River. Stop to see the Wat Xieng Thong temple with its colourful Tree of Life mosaic. Continue on, pausing along the way to get to know the rural way of life in the small villages. Head for Wat Long Khoun or the "Monastery of the Happy." Our next stop on our journey is at Pak Ou Caves, home to hundreds of Buddhas. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Learn about locally made rice wine called "lao lao." Discover local artisan's creations including jute paper with stops in Ban Xang Khong and Ban Xieng Lek. (B, L)

**Day 11: Luang Prabang - Hanoi, Vietnam** Wake before dawn and participate in the offering of alms to hundreds of saffron-robed monks. Fly to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. (B)

**Day 12: Hanoi** Begin your day in Ba Dinh Square, home of the mausoleum built to honour Ho Chi Minh. Behind this impressive site and standing in stark contrast is Minh's simple house on stilts. Admire the lotus-shaped One Pillar Pagoda resting on a single stone pillar emerging from the water. Take in the well-preserved traditional architecture at the Temple of Literature. Enjoy lunch at a non-profit restaurant that empowers underprivileged children by training them with new skills. Then, **set out on a cyclo tour of Hanoi** and see traditional Vietnamese architecture. End the day with a water puppet performance. (B, L, D)

**Day 13: Hanoi - Ky Son - Hanoi** Venture to the countryside to Ky Son Village. Choose to



explore on either a stroll or bike ride through the village. **Learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration** with a local chef before lunch. Next, head to Duong Lam village. Along the way, meet villagers and see their unique homes. Enjoy a visit to the Mia Pagoda. Stop at the humble Ngo Quyen and Phung Hung temples. (B, L)

**Day 14: Hanoi - Halong Bay**  
Journey to Halong Bay for your overnight cruise on a luxury junk boat. Travel through the rice paddy fields and stop in some of the villages. Enjoy a lunchtime seafood feast followed by a swim in the crystal clear waters. Overnight among the dramatic limestone peaks rising out of the sea. (B, L, D)

**Day 15: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue**  
Wake as the fog lifts, revealing the morning light. Enjoy cruising through the emerald waters of Halong Bay back to the harbour. Return to Hanoi and fly to Hue. (B)

**Day 16: Hue - Hoi An**  
Travel to the Perfume River and embark on a cruise that reveals Hue's Imperial past. Make a stop at Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the most remarkable religious buildings in the country. Then it's on to the sprawling Imperial Citadel. After your cruise, continue through the countryside via the breathtaking Hai Van Pass on our way to Hoi An. (B, L, D)

**Day 17: Hoi An**  
Learn about the local cuisine at today's cooking class. Begin with a visit to a local market to interact with vendors and learn about traditional ingredients. Learn how each of the vegetables and herbs are used to create everyday Vietnamese cuisine and enjoy lunch after class. Then, visit one of Hoi An's lantern workshops and **try your hand at lantern making**. Enjoy a walking tour of this

well-preserved town. Later, enjoy a peaceful boat trip along the Thu Bon River. (B, L)

**Day 18: Hoi An**  
Catch a glimpse into the Champa Kingdom at the remarkable ruins of My Son Sanctuary. Then it's off to Tra Que Herb Village, a small farming community. En route, stop to see 17th-century Japanese tombs. Arrive in town and observe the local farmers and sample some local delicacies. Soak your feet in an herbal bath. Tonight, enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 19: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City**  
Fly to Ho Chi Minh City this afternoon and this evening, enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 20: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends** (B)

Extend Your Tour



**EXPLORE MORE. Extend your tour with 3 nights in Bangkok.**  
Embrace this bustling city on the banks of the Chao Phraya River. [See page 95 for details.](#)

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Complete your tour with three amazing days in paradise. [See page 96 for details.](#)

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Dates & Prices			
<b>January – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	September 4, 11, 18, 25	\$4399
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February 2, 9, 16, 23	\$4599	November 13, 27	\$4669
March 2, 9, 16	\$4599	December 4, 18	\$4669
April 6	\$4599	January 8, 15, 22, 29	\$4669
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	February 5, 12, 19, 26	\$4669
May 8, 15, 22	\$4399	March 5, 19, 26	\$4669
June 12, 19	\$4399	April 2, 16	\$4669
July 10, 17	\$4399	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$1350 - \$1510</b>
August 7, 14	\$4399	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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## Three Kingdoms of Indochina

20 Days from \$4399

### Choice On Tour Y

- Come to know life in Ky Son with a stroll or bike ride through the village.

### Cultural Experiences

- Travel with **no more than 24 travellers** on this small group tour.
- Meet the monks of a local monastery and participate in a private blessing ceremony.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Explore famous Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious building.
- Cruise overnight on a luxury junk boat in Halong Bay.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 36 meals included: 18 breakfasts • 8 lunches • 10 dinners
- Learn to prepare traditional Vietnamese dishes at a cooking class.

### Accommodations

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2 - 4** New World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City
- Days 5 - 7** Angkor Century Hotel, Siem Reap
- Days 8 - 10** The Sanctuary Hotel, Luang Prabang
- Days 11 - 13** The Movenpick Hotel, Hanoi
- Day 14** Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay
- Day 15** Imperial Hotel, Hue
- Days 16 - 18** Almanity Hoi An Hotel, Hoi An
- Day 19** New World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 103 for details.

### Personalize Your Journey

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**This trip requires a passport and visa.** Due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Visas are required for this tour at your expense. The approximate cost for a one month multiple entry Vietnam visa is \$50 USD and must be obtained prior to departure. You can obtain the visa for Cambodia at the airport upon arrival. The cost is approximately \$30 USD and two complete blank pages are required in your passport along with one passport photo. A Laos visa is required for this tour at your expense. This can be purchased upon arrival in Luang Prabang, Laos. The approximate cost is \$36 USD. One blank page is required in your passport. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from the date of return home. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details.

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# Taste of Vietnam

Explore a rich blend of cultural influences and natural wonders

## Extend Your Tour



### GO FARTHER. Add 3 nights in Hong Kong.

Start your adventure in Hong Kong and explore one of Asia's most cosmopolitan and dynamic cities.

See page 95 for details.

### START EARLY. Add an extra day in Ho Chi Minh City.

Spend more time in this metropolis once known to the world as Saigon. Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Set out on a journey that reveals the best of Vietnam, a beautiful country with a long and rich history.

**Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Tour Begins** Your tour opens in historic Ho Chi Minh City. For centuries, the city has been the commercial hub of the region, creating a cultural melting pot.

**Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City** This morning, head to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Then you'll get acquainted with the city's colonial landmarks

on a tour that features the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Reunification Palace and the Binh Tay Market. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City** Today we explore the famous Mekong Delta, rich with natural and historic wonders, during a cruise along this bustling river. Be introduced to daily life during a visit to a home where coconut candy and rice paste are made. Enjoy a lunch of regional cuisine in a lush tropical garden. Visit a local residence to learn about their traditional way of life. Later, enjoy a visit to Cao Dai Temple and explore the region's rich architectural style. (B, L)

**Day 5: Saigon - Hanoi** Today, fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital. From the ancient past, through colonial rule to the modern day, this vibrant city boasts many layers of history. Hanoi's French influences and traditional motifs paint a rich cultural portrait that entralls visitors. (B, D)

**Day 6: Hanoi** Begin your day in Ba Dinh Square, home of the mausoleum built to honour Ho Chi Minh. Behind this impressive site and standing in stark contrast is Minh's simple house that sits on stilts. Admire the lotus-shaped One Pillar Pagoda resting on a single stone pillar emerging from the water. Take in the well-preserved architecture at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, founded in the 11th century. Enjoy lunch at a non-profit restaurant. Learn how this caring organization changes the lives of underprivileged children by training them with new skills. Then, **set out on a cyclo tour of Hanoi** where you can catch a glimpse of ancient Hanoi and see the traditional Vietnamese

architecture including the "long house." **End the day with a traditional water puppet performance.** (B, L)

**Day 7: Hanoi - Ky Son - Hanoi** Venture to the countryside to Ky Son Village. Come to know life here as you embark on either a stroll or bike ride through the village. **Learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration** with a local chef before a lunch highlighting regional cuisine. Next, we head to Duong Lam village. Along the way, meet villagers and see their unique historic homes and communal places of worship. Enjoy a visit to the Mia Pagoda. Stop at the humble Ngo Quyen and Phung Hung temples, built by the locals in the 8th and 10th centuries to honour their kings. Return to Hanoi for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

**Day 8: Hanoi - Halong Bay** Journey to Halong Bay for your overnight cruise on a luxury junk boat. Travel through the rice paddy fields and stop in some of the villages. Marvel at the thousands of limestone islands that dot these waters. Enjoy a lunchtime seafood feast aboard followed by a swim in the crystal clear waters of the bay. Overnight among the dramatic limestone peaks rising out of the sea. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue** Wake as the fog gently lifts, revealing the morning light. Enjoy cruising through the emerald waters of Halong Bay back to the harbour. Then we return to Hanoi to board a flight to Hue, the Imperial capital city. (B)

**Day 10: Hue** Travel to the Perfume River and embark on a cruise that reveals Hue's Imperial past. First we make a stop at Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the oldest and most remarkable religious buildings in the country. Then it's on to see the incredible mausoleum of Emperor



Tu Duc, the most elaborate royal tomb in the country. Continue on to explore the sprawling Imperial Citadel that originally encompassed 148 buildings before arriving at the Dong Ba Market to partake in the timeless art of bartering. Later, savour the local flavours during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 11: Hue - Hoi An** Travel along the coast and through the countryside via the breathtaking Hai Van Pass on your way to Hoi An. En route, pause to see the quaint Lang Co fishing village. Enjoy a visit to the Cham Museum in Da Hang which houses the finest collection of Cham artwork. Arrive in Hoi An, an ancient merchant trading port and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

**Day 12: Hoi An** Learn about the local cuisine at today's cooking class. Begin with a visit to a local market to interact with vendors and learn about traditional ingredients. Learn how each of the vegetables and herbs are used to create everyday Vietnamese cuisine and enjoy lunch after your class. Then, visit one of Hoi An's famous lantern workshops and try your hand at lantern making. These colourful handmade creations are a part of the culture of the city and symbolize luck, happiness and wealth to the residents. Set out on a walking tour of this well-preserved town. Feel like you have stepped into the past as you stroll by the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, the ancient merchant house, a 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge, and the vibrant riverside market. Later, enjoy a peaceful boat trip along the Thu Bon River before time at leisure to explore the old town. (B, L)

**Day 13: Hoi An** Catch a glimpse into the Champa Kingdom at the remarkable ruins of My Son Sanctuary (UNESCO), situated in a remote jungle valley. This once thriving epicenter of religion and politics dates back

to the 4th century and has more than 20 well-preserved monuments to discover. Next, explore the local way of life at Tra Que Herb Village, a small farming community. En route, stop to see 17th-century Japanese tombs, the only ones of their kind outside of Japan. Arrive in town and observe the farmers tending to their crops and sample some local delicacies. Relax as you soak your feet in an herbal bath before returning to Hoi An. Tonight, enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 14: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City** Fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Tonight, toast to the end of a remarkable adventure while savouring your farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 15: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends** Return home with a wealth of incredible memories. (B)

### Extend Your Tour



**EXPLORE MORE. Extend your tour with 3 nights in Bangkok.**

Embrace this bustling city on the banks of the Chao Phraya River. See page 95 for details.

**EXPLORE MORE. Extend your tour with 3 nights in Phu Quoc.**

Complete your tour with three amazing days in paradise. See page 96 for details.

**STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in Ho Chi Minh City.** Relax after your adventure or enjoy more time to explore.

Call for details.

### Dates & Prices

May 2017 – April 2018	Double	February 1, 8, 22	\$3589
May 11, 25	\$3319	March 1, 15, 22	\$3589
June 15	\$3319	April 5, 12, 19	\$3589
July 13	\$3319		
August 24	\$3319		
September 7, 21	\$3319		
October 12, 26	\$3589		
November 2, 16, 30	\$3589		
January 11, 18, 25	\$3589		
		<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$940</b>
		<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.

## Choice On Tour

- Come to know life in Ky Son on a stroll or bike ride through the village.

## Cultural Experiences

- Travel with **no more than 24 travellers** on this small group tour.
- Try your hand at lantern making in Hoi An.
- Discover the beauty of the Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the oldest buildings in Vietnam.
- Experience daily life during a visit to Tra Que Herb Village, a small farming community.
- Enjoy a traditional water puppet performance.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Set out on an overnight cruise on a luxury junk boat in Halong Bay and swim in the crystal clear waters.
- Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used by the Viet Cong.
- Get acquainted with Ho Chi Minh City's landmarks on a city tour.
- See the famous lotus-shaped One Pillar Pagoda resting on a single stone pillar.
- Travel along the stunning Hai Van Pass.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 27 meals included: 13 breakfasts • 7 lunches • 7 dinners
- Enjoy lunch at a non-profit restaurant and learn how it supports the local community.
- Explore traditional culinary traditions during a cooking class.

## Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Days 2 - 4</b>	New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City
<b>Days 5 - 7</b>	Movenpick Hotel, Hanoi
<b>Day 8</b>	Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay
<b>Days 9, 10</b>	Imperial Hotel, Hue
<b>Days 11 - 13</b>	Almanity Hoi An Resort & Spa, Hoi An
<b>Day 14</b>	New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City

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## Tour Activity Level

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## Personalize Your Journey

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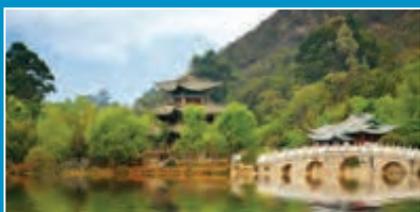
**This trip requires a passport and visa.** The approximate cost for a one month multiple entry Vietnam visa is \$90 CAD and must be obtained prior to departure. If you wish to purchase your visa in advance, Explorations recommends using CIBT visa service to ensure accuracy and timeliness of visa processing. The approximate visa cost is 210 CAD (includes CIBT fees as well as consular fees) plus shipping, subject to change. Please contact CIBT or visit their website at [www.cibtvissas.ca](http://www.cibtvissas.ca) or check with your consulate for more information. Due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be booked through us. Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. The Phú Quoc and Bangkok extensions operate concurrently. Only one post extension may be booked.



# Wonders of China & the Yangtze River

Explore a place where the ancient and modern meet

## Extend Your Tour



**EXPLORE MORE. Start your adventure with 5 nights in Shangri-La.** Travel to the stunning province of Yunnan with dramatic landscapes and known as one of China's most diverse regions. Explore the mystical, picturesque town of Lijiang, on the border of Tibet. See page 96 for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Set out on a journey to exciting Shanghai, affluent Chengdu, fascinating Xian and historic Beijing. Your tour also features a 4-night cruise on the captivating Yangtze River.

**Day 2: Shanghai, China - Tour Begins** Your tour opens in booming Shanghai, the economic capital of the People's Republic of China. This bustling city's futuristic skyline will leave you speechless.

**Day 3: Shanghai** Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key phrases of the native language. Then, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Shanghai. Set out for the waterfront district, known as the Bund, which runs along the Huangpu River. Famous for its impressive colonial buildings, you'll feel as though you have stepped back into 19th-century Europe. Explore Old Town's narrow streets and relax

in the tranquil Yuyuan Garden. **Enjoy lunch at a celebrated local restaurant** known for its xiao long bao soup dumplings. Get to know your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner before enjoying an amazing acrobatics show. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Shanghai** Discover the treasures of the Shanghai Museum, home to artifacts that span China's rich history. Visit the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition



Center and view the centerpiece of the museum, a vast scale model of Shanghai as it will look in 2020. The afternoon is yours to explore as you wish. (B)

**Day 5: Shanghai - Yichang - Board Cruise Ship** Visit a silk factory and learn how artisans create this luxurious fabric. All aboard the Mag Lev train where magnetic levitation technology allows you to reach speeds over 260 miles per hour! Next, board your flight to Hubei province. Touching down in Yichang, embark your ship for a 4-night upstream Yangtze River cruise. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Cruising - Three Gorges Dam - Xiling Gorge** Begin your day with a tai chi lesson on the sundeck. Sail into dramatic Xiling Gorge, the longest section of the Three Gorges. Discover the state-of-the-art site of the Three Gorges Dam. The dam, inside the first of the three gorges, is the world's largest hydroelectric project. Tonight, enjoy the Captain's welcome dinner and cabaret. (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Cruising - Shennong Stream - Wu Gorge - Qutang Gorge** Take in the tranquil surroundings on a ride up the remote Shennong Stream in traditional pea boats. Upon returning to your ship, **enjoy the majestic vistas as you sail through Wu Gorge**, well-known for its 12 forest-covered peaks. This afternoon, be amazed as you sail by the dramatic steep cliffs that surround the Qutang Gorge. (B, L, D)

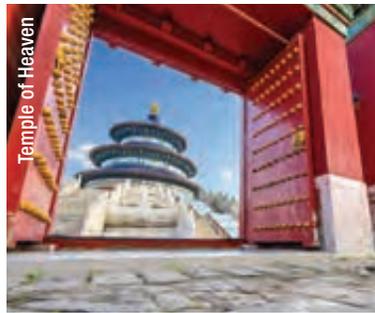
**Day 8: Cruising - Shibaozhai** Arrive at Shibaozhai, an imposing hill along the banks of the Yangtze River. Adorning the hill is a 9-story red pagoda where you can climb the stairs to the top of Shibaozhai, the perfect place to take in the view of the river and surrounding area. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Chongqing - Disembark Cruise Ship - Chengdu** Disembark this morning in the mountain city of Chongqing and travel to Chengdu, the capital of the Sichuan Province. Spend time on your own strolling through its ancient streets with a blend of historic and modern architecture. Come to know the leisurely lifestyle and teahouse culture that makes this city captivating. Tonight, sample the fresh, bold flavours of the local cuisine. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Chengdu** Your morning begins with a visit to the Panda Breeding Sanctuary to learn how

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16 Days from \$3789



China's national treasure is being protected from extinction. Your guided tour allows you the rare opportunity to see the Giant Panda in its natural environment. The sanctuary is also home to the Red Panda. Enjoy an afternoon visit to Du Fu Thatched Cottage, the former home to one of China's famous poets who was often referred to as the "Shakespeare of China." End your day by exploring Jinli Old Street with its traditional-style buildings. (B, L)

**Day 11: Chengdu - Xian** This morning we fly to the ancient city of Xian, surrounded by the best-preserved city wall in China and where the illustrious Silk Road concludes. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Xian dumpling banquet. (B, D)

**Day 12: Xian** Today, explore the incredible excavation site of the Terracotta Warriors. This vast clay army, 8,000 strong, was created to guard China's first emperor in the afterlife. You'll be amazed at the detail – each soldier has a different face. Lunch today is a Xian specialty – hand-pulled noodles. Tonight you may choose to enjoy an optional Tang Dynasty dinner and show, complete with Imperial cuisine. (B, L)

**Day 13: Xian - Beijing** This morning, fly to the capital of China – Beijing. Contemplate history during a visit to Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public spaces in the world. Next, discover the Forbidden City, an awe-inspiring 15th-century

complex of palaces, courtyards and gardens that were once home to the emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties. (B, L, D)

**Day 14: The Great Wall** Discover the Great Wall, China's legendary landmark. Live out a lifelong dream as you visit the picturesque Juyongguan section to walk along this celebrated structure. Next, visit a jade workshop to learn how local artists create these masterpieces. On your way back to Beijing, relive the excitement of the 2008 Summer Olympics when you view Olympic Park, the Water Cube and the famous Bird's Nest Stadium. Tonight, you may opt to attend the Peking Opera and explore the Donghuamen night market. (B, L)

**Day 15: Beijing** Visit the Temple of Heaven where the emperor came twice each year to pray. Relax amidst the locals doing their morning exercises. Later, **take a thrilling rickshaw tour through the oldest part of Beijing.** With an interpreter, learn about a local family's way of life and share lunch with them in their Hutong home. They will also teach you the art of dumpling making. Next, spend time with a Chinese calligraphy master and learn about this ancient art. Your final stop features a traditional tea ceremony. Later, enjoy a special farewell dinner including Peking Duck. (B, L, D)

**Day 16: Beijing - Tour Ends** (B)

## Cultural Experiences

- Take your seat at an amazing acrobatics show.
- Discover the treasures of the Shanghai Museum, spanning China's rich history.
- All aboard the Mag Lev train - reach speeds over 260 miles per hour!
- Meet a Chinese calligraphy master and learn how to write using this ancient art.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Take a relaxing 4-night upstream cruise on the Yangtze River.
- See a Giant Panda in its natural environment.
- Discover the incredible excavation site of the Terracotta Warriors.
- Walk along China's legendary landmark, the Great Wall.
- Explore Old Town Shanghai and tranquil Yuyuan Garden.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 34 meals: 14 breakfasts • 11 lunches • 9 dinners
- Savour traditional Chinese food including dumplings, noodles and Peking Duck.
- Share lunch with a local family in their Hutong home.
- Partake in a traditional tea ceremony.

## Accommodations

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2 - 4** Mingde Grand Hotel, Shanghai
- Days 5 - 8** Victoria Cruises
- Days 9, 10** Chengdu Tianfu Sunshine Hotel, Chengdu
- Days 11, 12** Xian Grand New World, Xian
- Days 13 - 15** Zhongle Six Star Hotel, Wangfujing, Beijing

On some dates alternate vessels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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**This trip requires a passport and visa.** The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. All guests will be confirmed in balcony cabins. Dinners on the cruise ship are Chinese cuisine. Gratuities for cabin stewards, busboys and waiters on board the ship are not included. A visa is required for this tour at your expense. The approximate visa cost is \$275 CAD. Rates are approximate and subject to change.

### Dates & Prices

<b>April - October 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Single Room Supplement (+) \$810</b>
April 11	\$3789	<b>Triple Room Reduction N/A</b>
May 2, 16	\$3789	<b>Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</b>
June 13	\$3789	
September 5, 19, 26	\$3789	
October 3, 10, 31	\$3789	<b>See page 100 for ship deck plans.</b>



Inle Lake

# Discovering Myanmar

Immerse yourself in this intriguing realm that locals call the “Golden Land”

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Embark on a captivating tour through Myanmar and discover a region filled with thousands of years of history.

**Day 2: Yangon, Myanmar - Tour Begins** Your tour opens in Yangon, a quiet and colourful city. Its impressive colonial and spiritual heritage makes it one of the most fascinating cities in Southeast Asia.

**Day 3: Yangon** We start the day with a stroll through the city center and the colonial district. Stop at the impressive Mayor's Hall and beautiful Mahabandoola Park. Next, set out on the Yangon Railway, a circular train that the locals use every day. This slow travelling train gets you up-close to the vibrant lifestyle of the people who call this place home. Disembark at the Scott Market and enjoy time to explore. This afternoon, **continue to Shwedagon Pagoda, the most revered Buddhist temple in Myanmar.** Although its origins are unclear, the local legend states that the structure was built 2,500 years ago, then renovated several times, finally taking shape in the 15th century. Tonight, gather for a welcome dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Yangon - Heho - Pindaya - Inle Lake** A short morning flight brings you to Heho. From there we head to Pindaya Cave, home to more than 8,000 Buddha statues. Carved in wood, stone, marble and bronze, these works of art are a wonder to behold. Afterwards, visit Shan paper production cottages where handmade papers are produced from mulberry bark pulp that is sun-dried. You'll also see how the oiled paper umbrellas that are used by monks and nuns are made. Travel to Nyaung Shwe, stopping en route at the Shwe Yan Pyay, an old wooden monastery. (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Inle Lake** Board your private motorboat to head out on tranquil Inle Lake and be surrounded by one of Myanmar's most spectacular panoramas. Inle Lake is the only place in the world where you can find people who propel their boats by "leg rowing." Pass villages built on stilts and inhabited by the local Intha people. Intha farmers grow flowers and vegetables in floating beds of water hyacinth and grasses, staked to the shallow lake bed with bamboo poles. Explore the local crafts of Inle Lake at the weaving village of Inpawkhone and visit floating villages and gardens. Later, visit the famous Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda. (B, L)

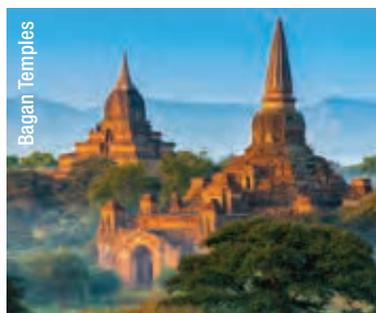
**Day 6: Inle Lake - Indein - Inle Lake** Spend time at one of the lake's morning markets. This rotating market moves around the lake's villages in a five day rotation, frequented by the Pa-O, Danu and Intha locals who come to sell and trade their wares. Continue by boat to the Indein Pagoda Complex, an archaeological site with hundreds of Shan-style pagoda standing on a slope of the hill. Some of the pagodas date back to the 17th and 18th centuries. Then we take a short trek to Indein village to mingle with the Pa-O people and the villagers of Indein. (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Inle Lake - Mandalay - Pyin Oo Lwin** Fly to Mandalay and ascend to the former British hill station of Pyin Oo Lwin (also known as Maymyo), filled with colonial-era buildings. There is an interesting mix of residents here including various ethnic tribes as well as many Nepalese and Hindu who migrated here during the British occupation. Explore the peaceful National Kandawgyi Botanical Gardens, reminiscent of Britain's great gardens. This horticultural wonder features 432 acres of botanical species from around the world.

Feel like you have stepped back in time during a horse-drawn carriage ride through the park. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Pyin Oo Lwin - Gokhteik - Mandalay** Board a train for a journey across the Gokhteik Viaduct, built more than a century ago by the Pennsylvania Steel Company, and considered a masterpiece of steel trestle construction. Take in spectacular scenery as you travel over a nearly 100-foot-deep gorge in the Shan mountains. Then, return to Mandalay to relax or explore on your own. Later, visit Kuthodaw Pagoda. Known as "the world's largest book," it is surrounded by 729 marble slabs inscribed with Buddhist scriptures. Proceed to the Golden Palace Monastery, once part of the palace complex where King Mindon lived. (B, L)

**Day 9: Mandalay - Mingun - Sagaing - Amarapura - Mandalay** Board your boat and travel on the Ayeyarwady (Irrawaddy) River bustling with longtail boats and bamboo rafts. Upon arrival on the western bank, visit the unfinished Mingun Pagoda. Built between 1790 and 1797, the pagoda was split by an earthquake in 1838. Pause along the way to see the famous Mingun Bell, the world's largest intact bronze bell. Continue on to the stunning, pure-white Hsinbyume (Myatheintan) Pagoda and the Soon Oo Panya Shin Pagoda where you will find some of the best panoramic views of the valleys and river. Visit Sagaing, a town at the foot of the Sagaing Hills, dotted with hundreds of pagodas, monasteries and nunneries quarters. Make a stop in the traditional village of Amarapura, a former capital of Myanmar. Behold the picturesque U Bein Bridge, a 200-year-old bridge constructed of 984 teak posts that were once part of the Inwa Palace...this is



the world's longest teak span. When time permits, we'll venture to the glittering glass-studded temple atop Mandalay Hill to watch the sunset. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Mandalay - Monywa - Pakokku - Bagan** Our first stop this morning is Monywa where you will visit Thanboddya Pagoda complex, spectacular with its multicoloured spires and more than 580,000 Buddha images, all in seated or standing poses. Next, stop at Bodhi Tataung complex where massive golden Buddhas, reclining or standing, gaze serenely over the Chindwin Valley. Later we head to Pakokku and visit Ma-U village to learn about the incense stick industry. Cross the Ayeyarwady River by boat on our way to Bagan, the capital of Myanmar during the 11th - 13th centuries. Set on the banks of the Ayeyarwady River, Bagan is home to the largest area of Buddhist temples, pagodas, stupas and ruins in the world. (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Bagan** Bagan's rulers constructed thousands of huge stupas and temples, many of which are still standing today. Gain insight into the city's rich history during a sightseeing tour featuring the colourful Nyaung Oo local market and stops

at pagodas and temples along the way. Then, discover the amazing Ananda Temple, an architectural masterpiece and one of Bagan's most beautiful temples. Finish the day with a visit to one of the larger temples and pause to take in the unforgettable sunset. (B)

**Day 12: Bagan - Mount Popa - Bagan** Today, drive through the plains to Mount Popa, an imposing sight of sheer rock topped with golden stupas from the monastery that sits on its peak. Stop at a toddy palm grove to see a skillful climber collecting sap from the top of a swaying tree. Here, learn about this palm sugar making cottage and taste this traditional sweet treat. Next, visit a local community to experience Myanmar village life. You'll also have the opportunity to see and perhaps make the 25-minute climb to the top of Popa Taung Kalut, an imposing summit shaped out of a volcanic eruption some 250,000 years ago. Next, visit Popa Mountain Park to see Myanmar's traditional medicine plant garden. Tonight, say farewell to this magical region during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 13: Bagan - Yangon - Tour Ends** Return to Yangon for your flight home. (B)

## Cultural Experiences

- Travel with **no more than 24 travellers** on this small group tour.
- Travel aboard the Yangon Railway, a circular train that the locals use every day.
- Visit the Insein village and come to know the Pa-O people.
- Explore tranquil Inle Lake by private motorboat to discover its spectacular setting.
- Enjoy time in the traditional village of Amarapura.
- Take a carriage ride through the National Kandawgyi Gardens.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Discover the most revered Buddhist temple in Myanmar - Shwedagon Pagoda.
- Take in the sunset over the plains of Bagan from the terrace of a temple.
- Ascend the plateau to the charming former British hill station of Pyin Oo Lwin.
- Marvel at the amazing Ananda Temple, an architectural masterpiece.
- Travel across the Gokhteik Viaduct, built more than a century ago.
- Visit Kuthodaw Pagoda, known as "the world's largest book."

## Culinary Inclusions

- 26 meals included: 11 breakfasts • 8 lunches • 7 dinners
- Enjoy welcome and farewell dinners featuring regional cuisine.

## Accommodations

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake, Yangon
- Days 4 - 6** Inle Resort, Inle Lake
- Day 7** Aureum Resort, Pyin Oo Lwin
- Days 8, 9** Mandalay Hill Resort, Mandalay
- Days 10 - 12** Hotel at Tharabar Gate, Bagan

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

**This trip requires a passport.** A single-entry Myanmar visa is required at your own expense and must be obtained prior to departure. The cost is approximately \$50 USD. E-visa applications are to be submitted at <http://www.myanmarvisa.gov.mm> and is payable by MasterCard or Visa in USD only. Processing time is approximately 1 week and must be used within 3 months of issue date. The approval letter must be printed as it is required to board your international flight to Myanmar and submitted to immigration upon arrival. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Please contact your consulate for further details. Credit cards are starting to be accepted in Myanmar; however, the bank processing fees will be added to your total charges (approximately 4%). ATM machines are available in large cities only. It is recommended you travel with cash for your additional expenses. The internal flights are not included in the land cost of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 5:30 p.m.

### Dates & Prices

Month	Days	Price
January - April 2017	Double	\$3999
January 12	Double	\$3999
February 2, 9	Double	\$3999
March 9, 16	Double	\$3999
April 27	Double	\$3999
May 2017 - April 2018	Double	\$3649
May 11, 18	Double	\$3649
July 13	Double	\$3649
August 17	Double	\$3649
September 21, 28	Double	\$3649
October 12, 26	Double	\$3959
November 2	Double	\$3959
December 1, 28	Double	\$3959
January 11, 25	Double	\$3959
February 1, 15	Double	\$3959
March 8, 15, 29	Double	\$3959
April 5, 12, 26	Double	\$3959
Single Room Supplement	(+) \$950 - \$1750	
Triple Room Reduction	N/A	

Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.



Dubai

# Dubai, Oman and Abu Dhabi

From immeasurable opulence to ancient cultures

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Abu Dhabi.

Have plenty of time to explore this fascinating city at your own pace.

Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** From immeasurable opulence to ancient cultures, uncover the treasures of the fascinating countries of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Oman.

**Day 2: Abu Dhabi, UAE - Tour Begins** Your adventure opens in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates and one of the world's most modern cities. The remainder of your day is at leisure to become acquainted with this lavish metropolis and enjoy the amenities of your hotel.

**Day 3: Abu Dhabi** This morning, a short drive provides you with insight into the skyline of the city; you'll also make a stop at the famous Emirates Palace and Corniche. After some free time for lunch, **visit the**



Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque

**impressive Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque**, a sprawling structure initiated by the late president of the UAE who created it in hopes of uniting the cultural diversity of the Islamic world. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

**Day 4: Abu Dhabi** Learn the importance of falcons to Arabian culture at the largest falcon hospital in the UAE. Explore its museum which takes you through the history of falconry and have the rare opportunity to see these majestic birds up close. Step into the examination room to witness a falcon checkup or perhaps a pedicure. You'll have the amazing opportunity to have a falcon sit on your arm! Next, get a glimpse of the cultural life of this Middle East city at the Heritage Village, an open-air museum. Experience workshops with craftsmen showcasing their traditional skills. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure. (B, L)

**Day 5: Abu Dhabi - Dubai - Muscat, Oman** Fly to Oman, a mystical land of contrasts with deep traditions and a friendly nature. Discover the port city of Muscat, the capital city and heart of Oman. **This afternoon's city tour reveals Old Muscat and the Corniche before arriving at Mutrah Souq, the oldest bazaar in Oman.** You will have time to wander and browse the souq's narrow lanes and colourful displays. Tonight, savour dinner at a traditional Omani restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 6: Muscat - Wadi Bani Khalid - Wahiba Sands - Muscat** Board a 4-wheel drive vehicle for your journey to Wadi Bani Khalid. Pass through the striking Western Hajar Mountains with their colourful rock formations before arriving at the stunning wadi (valley floor). Take a stroll through the wadi before pausing to relax and enjoy a picnic lunch. Continue to



Wahiba 4x4

the breathtaking desert dunes of Wahiba Sand, home to a nomadic Bedouin Wahiba tribe that once crossed the dunes in search of water. Spend time at their camp and get to know their culture. **Take a short camel ride followed by an exhilarating "dune bashing" by 4x4, a favourite local activity.** (B, L)

**Day 7: Muscat - Nizwa - Jabrin - Muscat** Travel to the traditional city of Nizwa, Oman's old capital city from the 6th and 7th centuries. Take a stroll through history at the impressive 17th-century fort before exploring the souq, famous for Bedouin silver and beautifully crafted clay items. Next, discover the late 17th-century Jabreen Castle, the finest of Oman's castles. Pause for a moment to take in the view from the top of the castle... it is mesmerizing. (B, L)

**Day 8: Muscat - Al Ain, UAE** Say farewell to Oman as we drive back to the UAE. En route, visit the **Grand Mosque of Oman**. Stand in awe of this remarkable sandstone structure that is home to the world's second-largest hand woven carpet and chandelier. Continue to Nakhal Fort which lies on a hill at the base of Mount Nakhal and was built 350 years ago to protect trade routes. Drive through a date plantation on the way to our next stop at Ain Thowarah, known for



Falconry

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Mutrah Souq

its hot springs. Then, cross the border into the UAE, arriving in Al Ain... a lush oasis of palm trees, flowers and fountains. (B, D)

**Day 9: Al Ain - Dubai** Get acquainted with Al Ain, "the garden city" of the UAE. With abundant groundwater springs, this "oasis town" was the perfect stopover on the caravan trail between the UAE to the Sultanate of Oman. Explore the museum to learn about the unique irrigation system – known as "Falaj." Continue on to Hili Gardens and the city's archaeological sites where a village and a burial ground dating back to 2700 B.C. were discovered. Later, drive to the city of Dubai, known for its beautiful coasts and magnificent man-made wonders. (B, L)

**Day 10: Dubai** Take to the sea and set sail on a privately-owned luxury yacht, pausing along the way for photo opportunities of the famous Dubai skyline, including the famous Burj Al Arab. Later this afternoon, embark on a dune desert safari on an Arabian farm owned by a member of the royal family of Sharjah. Delight in the tranquility of this oasis in the desert. Savour a barbecue dinner highlighted by a captivating belly dancer performance accompanied by Arabic rhythms. (B, D)

**Day 11: Dubai** Begin your day with a visit to the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding located in the oldest traditional Emirati neighbourhood, Bur Dubai. Then, take a stroll through the neighbourhood's narrow sikkas (alleyways) and gaze at the beautiful wind towers that adorn the original residences along Dubai Creek. Partake in a lecture on the traditions, customs and religion with a local expert. Visit the Dubai Museum and textile market before taking a ride across the dazzling Dubai Creek in a private "abra" (traditional water taxi). Witness the bustling waterfront as you pass by. **Your day concludes at the famous gold souk where you learn firsthand why Dubai has earned its title as "The City of Gold."** Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a revolving restaurant with stunning views of Dubai. (B, D)

**Day 12: Dubai** Enjoy a day at leisure to explore Dubai on your own. (B)

**Day 13: Dubai - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### Dates & Prices

January – April 2017		Double	January 10	\$5879
January 11	\$4969	February 14	\$5879	
February 15	\$4969	March 14	\$5879	
March 22	\$4969	April 18	\$5879	
April 19	\$4969			
Itinerary featured is for October 2017 – April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.				
October 2017 – April 2018		Double		
October 18	\$5879			
November 1, 29	\$5879			

Single Room Supplement (+) \$1680 - \$1890  
Triple Room Reduction (-) N/A

Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.

## Cultural Experiences

- Delight in an exhilarating dune bashing by 4x4.
- Embark on a dune desert safari on an Arabian farm.
- Enjoy a short camel ride during a visit with a nomadic Bedouin Wahiba tribe.
- Partake in a lecture on the traditions, customs and religion with a local expert.
- Learn the history of falconry and get up close to this majestic bird.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Experience Dubai by luxury yacht, taking in the views of its famous skyline.
- Stand in awe of the impressive Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque.
- Explore Al Ain, an oasis town dotted with abundant groundwater springs.
- Visit the Grand Mosque of Oman, a remarkable sandstone structure.
- Travel to the traditional city of Nizwa, Oman's ancient capital city.
- Explore the Mutrah Souq, the oldest bazaar in Oman.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 20 meals: 11 breakfasts • 4 lunches • 5 dinners
- Savour a barbecue dinner and captivating belly dancer performance.
- Enjoy dinner at a revolving restaurant with stunning views of Dubai.
- Be treated to dinner at a traditional Omani restaurant.

## Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Days 2 – 4</b>	Intercontinental Hotel, Abu Dhabi
<b>Days 5 – 7</b>	Park Inn by Radisson, Muscat
<b>Day 8</b>	Mercure Grand Jebel Hafeet, Al Ain
<b>Days 9 – 12</b>	Hyatt Creek Regency, Dubai

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 103 for details.

## Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

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**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

**This trip requires a passport and visa.** A visa is required for Sultanate of Oman, which may be purchased on arrival in Muscat. The approximate cost of the visa is \$20 CAD. Visa can be paid for by credit card or Omani rial. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details.



Mt. Kilimanjaro

# The Plains of Africa

Embark on a grand adventure through the untamed wilds of Kenya

## Extend Your Tour



**EXPLORE MORE.** Extend your tour in **Nairobi**. Explore more with a pre-tour stay that includes a visit to the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage. See page 92 for details.

**START EARLY.** Add an extra day in **Nairobi**. Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime with an extra night to relax. Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Explore Kenya's wildlife and stunning natural vistas. Numerous game drives bring you in search of the "Big 5" (lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards and rhinos) on your safari adventure.

**Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins** Arrive in Nairobi, the safari capital of Africa, for your overnight stay. The Sarova Stanley Hotel launched into Kenya history in 1902 as Nairobi's first luxury hotel and was home to the beginning of Nairobi's first and only stock exchange.

**Day 3: Nairobi - Aberdare National Park** Today we set off for the mountainous region of

Aberdare National Park. This ecologically diverse area boasts lush valleys and peaks reaching 14,000 feet. Arrive at your hotel situated on the slope of Mweiga Hill overlooking the park. Keep an eye out for the giraffes that welcome you to the lodge. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the amenities of the lodge; perhaps you'll take a nature walk or enjoy a round of golf! (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Aberdare National Park - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba National Reserve** Begin your adventure in the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves, home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife including the reticulated giraffe and Grevy's zebra, two species only found north of the equator. Arrive at Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. After lunch, it's on to Buffalo Springs for a game drive to begin your search for the "Big 5." **Tonight, learn about the culture and traditions of the Samburu – an ethnic group related to the Masai.** (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Shaba Reserve - Samburu National Reserve - Shaba Reserve** Bring your camera as you continue searching for the elusive "Big 5" on a morning game drive through the rugged Samburu National Reserve. The striking contrast of sand, sky and bush will leave you breathless. After lunch at the lodge, continue on an afternoon game drive in Shaba, watching for the spectacular local birds; over 350 species of birds are known to inhabit the reserve. Watch for the desert rose plant, splashing colour against its natural surroundings. Your day comes to a close on the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River. Sit back and relax as the sun sets on the horizon, partaking in a traditional Sundowner. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Shaba - Aberdare National Park** Return to Aberdare for an unforgettable experience in a treetop lodge. This national park received its name

from Lord Aberdare, one of the founding members of the Royal Geographical Society. Your lodge overlooks a floodlit waterhole and salt lick which attracts a host of wildlife all night long. **Get an up-close look at the wildlife from the four viewing decks** that provide an unmatched opportunity for game viewing from the comfort of the lodge. Sit back and let the animals come to you! (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Aberdare National Park - Lake Nakuru** This morning, drive past the mountains via the spectacular Nyahururu waterfalls, then make a photo stop at the Equator. Arrive at the floor of the Great Rift Valley and continue your search for the "Big 5" during your time at Lake Nakuru. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Lake Nakuru** After your morning game drive, savour a traditional breakfast in the bush. Then, enjoy some time to relax and enjoy the amenities at the lodge. Your exciting afternoon game drive returns to the lodge before sunset. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve** This morning, travel to the Masai Mara Game Reserve. The Masai Mara – an extension of the great Serengeti Plain – is considered the most



Rhino



Cheetah



Masai Mara

stunning game viewing spot in all of Kenya: lions, giraffes, zebras, elephants and other wildlife reside here. Your tent provides all the deluxe amenities of a lodge, complete with the adventure of the wild. Visit a Masai village prior to your game drive. **Tonight, enjoy a traditional bush dinner featuring a Masai dance performance.** (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Masai Mara** Further enjoy the Masai Mara with both morning and afternoon game drives. Pause along the way to rest and enjoy a picnic lunch. Return to your hotel for sunset. (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Masai Mara - Nairobi** After breakfast, return to Nairobi and travel to Karen, on the outskirts of Nairobi, and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen, author of *Out of Africa*. Experience the local wildlife firsthand as you have the opportunity to feed the endangered Rothschild giraffes from a raised platform at the Giraffe Sanctuary. (B, L)

**Day 12: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park** This morning we depart Nairobi for Amboseli National Park, famous for its open plains where lions and elephants roam. The breathtaking snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro dominates the landscape. Enjoy an afternoon game drive. (B, L, D)

**Day 13: Amboseli** Further explore Amboseli with two game drives – your final chance to see the “Big 5.” (B, L, D)

**Day 14: Amboseli - Nairobi - Tour Ends** Return to Nairobi where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up prior to the departure of your return flight home. (B)

### Extend Your Tour



**EXPLORE MORE. Extend your tour to Tanzania.** One adventure leads to another as you set out to explore Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater.

See page 93 for details.

**STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in Nairobi.** Reflect on your amazing stay in Kenya and rest up before the journey home.

Call for details.

### Dates & Prices

<b>January – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	September 7, 21	\$7459
January 19, 26	\$6289	October 12	\$7459
February 2, 9, 16, 23	\$6289	November 2, 16	\$6519
March 2, 9	\$6289	January 25	\$7059
April 2, 6, 20, 23, 27	\$5329	February 8, 22	\$7059
		March 8, 15	\$7059
		April 5, 19	\$6109
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 – April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			
<b>May 2016 - April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$540 - \$2300</b>
May 4	\$5779	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>N/A</b>
June 15, 29	\$5779	<b>Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</b>	
July 20	\$7459		
August 10, 17	\$7459		

## Cultural Experiences

- Travel with **no more than 24 travellers** on this small group tour.
- Learn about the culture and traditions of the Samburu people.
- Make a stop at a Masai village to get to know the people.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Keep your camera ready as you set out to find the “Big 5”.
- View wildlife up-close from your treetop lodge, The Ark.
- Explore the farmhouse of Karen Blixen, author of *Out of Africa*.
- See Rothschild giraffes up close as you feed them from a platform.
- Pause for a photo stop at the Equator.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 33 meals: 12 breakfasts • 11 lunches • 10 dinners
- Savour a traditional dinner in the bush with Masai entertainment.
- Enjoy a picnic lunch surrounded by nature.

## Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Day 2</b>	Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
<b>Day 3</b>	Aberdare Country Club, Nyeri
<b>Days 4, 5</b>	Sarova Shaba Lodge, Shaba Reserve
<b>Day 6</b>	The Ark Hotel, Nyeri
<b>Days 7, 8</b>	Sarova Lion Hill Lodge, Lake Nakuru
<b>Days 9, 10</b>	Sarova Mara Camp, Masai Mara
<b>Day 11</b>	Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
<b>Days 12, 13</b>	Oi Tukai Lodge, Amboseli

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 103 for details.

## Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare.** See page 104 for details.

**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

**This trip requires a passport and visa.** A Kenya visa is required and must be obtained in advance. Visit [www.ecitizen.go.ke](http://www.ecitizen.go.ke) to submit an application and register yourself as a visitor. It may take up to a week or more to process. Bring a printed copy of your visa to present upon arrival in Kenya. The current cost of the single entry visa through this website is \$50 USD, subject to change. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the latest details about passports and visa requirements. For guests continuing on the Tanzania extension, unused dayroom in Nairobi will be deducted from the price of your extension. Alternatively, Collette recommends using CIBT visa service to ensure accuracy and timeliness of visa processing. The approximate visa cost for a single entry visa is \$140 CAD (includes CIBT fees as well as consular fees) plus shipping, subject to change. Contact CIBT, visit [www.cibtvias.ca](http://www.cibtvias.ca) or check with your consulate for more information. Park fees of \$840 CAD per person are included in the land price. Fees are subject to change. **Soft duffel bag luggage is required** for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs. (approximately 33 lbs). Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 9:00 p.m.



Cape Town

# Spectacular South Africa

See everything from incredible cities to the “Big 5”

## Extend Your Tour



**GO FARTHER.** Travel to one of the most exciting places in the world – Dubai. This fast growing city features a blend of ancient and modern wonders found nowhere else.

See page 93 for details.

### Add an extra day in Sandton.

Enjoy an extra night in this dynamic, affluent section of Johannesburg.

Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** One country with a world of treasures, South Africa awaits your arrival.

**Day 2: Sandton, South Africa - Tour Begins** Your journey begins in Sandton. Famous for its rich veins of gold and other valuable minerals, it is now the bustling cosmopolitan center of greater Johannesburg.

**Day 3: Sandton - Soweto - Sandton** Today visit the **Apartheid Museum** which commemorates the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa. A guided tour of Soweto – South West Township – showcases luxurious

mansions and informal settlements as you learn about the historical significance of the area. Experience the regional lifestyle when joining locals for lunch at a nearby Shebeen, or house tavern. This afternoon, have some time to ponder history at Liliesleaf, the location of Nelson Mandela’s arrest and the former center and place of refuge of the liberation movement. Gather this evening with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Panoramic Route - Kruger National Park

Travel through the spectacular Northern Drakensberg Mountain Range en route to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. Scenic wonders surround you as you pass through the Blyde River Canyon, known as one of Africa’s greatest natural wonders. Set against the triple mountain formation of the Three Rondavals, resembling traditional round houses of the indigenous people. Along this magnificent route you will also see Bourke’s Luck Potholes. This evening, **enjoy a traditional BOMA dinner under the stars**, where you may sample some local game meat! (B, D)

### Day 5: Kruger National Park - Safari Game Drive

**Enjoy a full-day open-air-vehicle safari game drive.** A local expert leads you in search of the “Big 5” – elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and rhino – and provides insight into these fascinating animals along the way. Watch carefully – you may also see a graceful impala, dazzling zebra or gorgeous giraffe. Relax with a picnic lunch surrounded by giraffe in the natural beauty of Kruger National Park. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Kruger National Park - Johannesburg - Knysna

Travel back to Johannesburg to board your flight to George. Travel to

the picturesque resort town of Knysna, in the heart of the Garden Route. (B)

**Day 7: Knysna** Today, visit nearby Featherbed Nature Reserve. **Begin with a lagoon cruise** out to the famous Knysna Heads which mark the entrance to the lagoon. Next, **board a 4x4 vehicle** and travel deep into the forest. Discover the local flora and fauna during a leisurely paced nature walk. Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient milkwood trees before your return cruise. This afternoon, visit Plettenberg Bay, a charming town originally known as “Bahia Formosa” (or “Beautiful Bay.”) Enjoy views of beaches, dramatic rock formations and lagoons. (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Knysna - Oudtshoorn - Knysna

This morning’s township tour will highlight the diversity of this community, followed by a touching experience as you visit a school. Learn about the efforts of the Collette Foundation and the local community to conquer the challenges of educating the children of the region. Travel to Oudtshoorn, the ostrich capital of South Africa. Enjoy a guided tour of one of the oldest working ostrich farms in the area, then enjoy a tractor safari through the farm viewing ostriches in the Lucerne fields. An outdoor barbecue lunch adds to an amazing day. Upon your return to Knysna, enjoy some time to independently explore. (B, L)

### Day 9: Knysna - Stellenbosch

Before leaving the Garden Route, enjoy a visit to the Aloe Ferox region where you will enjoy an aloe-tapping demonstration and a stroll in the indigenous gardens. Next, **journey to the heart of the beautiful winelands region**, known for its colorful mountains and endless vineyards. This evening, enjoy a wine pairing with dinner. (B, D)

# Spectacular South Africa

14 Days from \$3519



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Kruger National Park

**Day 10: Stellenbosch** Later this morning you set out on a walking tour of Stellenbosch – one of the oldest European settlements in the region – with a local expert. The afternoon is at leisure to explore. Later, **enjoy a wine tasting** complemented by some local savories. (B)

**Day 11: Stellenbosch - Cape Town** This morning, travel to Cape Town to enjoy a panoramic tour of this beautiful harborside city. **Enjoy a thrilling ride on a cable car** as it whisks you to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet, landing atop the aptly named – and flat-topped – Table Mountain. The views of Cape Town, Robben Island and Lion's Head will leave you breathless. Return to the city via Table Bay, passing through the Malay Quarter with its mosques and minarets. Make a special stop at the Milnerton Lighthouse. (B)

**Day 12: Cape Town** Explore the coastal scenery and charming towns that populate the Cape Peninsula. Travel out to Cape Point, stopping for a visit with the penguins at Boulders Beach. On your return, **explore the fascinating Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens**, home to over 5,000 species of plants native to South Africa. (B)

**Day 13: Cape Town** The day is yours to explore Cape Town. This evening, experience a unique farewell to Africa as you enjoy a lesson on the djembe drums to learn the local beat. Then, experience a soothing hand washing ceremony before a communal African dining experience! (B, D)

**Day 14: Cape Town - Tour Ends** (B)

## Extend Your Tour



**EXPLORE MORE.** Stand in awe of one of the world's seven natural wonders, Victoria Falls, and stay at the Victoria Falls Hotel, known as the "grand old lady of the falls."

See page 92 for details.

**Add an extra day in Cape Town.** Delight in another night to explore the vibrant coastal city of Cape Town.

Call for details.

## Cultural Experiences

- Visit one of the oldest working ostrich farms in Oudtshoorn – the ostrich capital of South Africa – and learn about these fascinating animals.
- Experience a thrilling cable car ride rising more than 3,000 feet.
- Learn the local beat with a lesson on the djembe drums.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Search for the "Big 5" on an open-air safari game drive!
- Behold the luxurious mansions of Soweto — South West Township.
- Visit the Apartheid Museum commemorating the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa.
- Take a lagoon cruise in Featherbed Nature Reserve out to the famous Knysna Heads.
- Marvel at the breathtaking Drakensberg Mountains.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 22 meals: 12 breakfasts • 4 lunches • 6 dinners
- Join locals for lunch at a nearby Shebeen, or house tavern.
- Experience an unforgettable African "BOMA" dinner.
- Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient milkwood trees in Knysna.

## Accommodations

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton
- Days 4, 5** Protea Kruger Gate, Kruger National Park
- Days 6 – 8** Log Inn, Knysna
- Days 9, 10** Spier Hotel or Oude Werf Hotel, Stellenbosch
- Days 11 – 13** The Commodore Hotel, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 103 for details.

## Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

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**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

**This trip requires a passport.** The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Our air passengers will arrive on Day 2 at Johannesburg airport. All of our transfers on Day 2 will be from Johannesburg airport to Sandton. For guests transiting via Europe, an additional overnight flight will be required. Day rooms or overnight stays can be arranged for a cost upon request. Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Contact your local travel clinic or doctor for specific details.

## Dates & Prices

January – April 2017	Double	August 10	\$3519
January 14	\$3589	September 7, 21	\$3589
January 12, 19, 26	\$3399	October 12, 19	\$3719
February 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23	\$3399	November 2, 9	\$3719
March 2, 9, 16, 23	\$3399	January 11, 18	\$3789
April 6, 13, 20, 27	\$3399	February 8, 15	\$3789
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 – April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		March 1, 8, 15	\$3789
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	April 12, 26	\$3789
May 11	\$3519	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$850 - \$960</b>
June 15	\$3519	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>N/A</b>
July 13	\$3519	<b>Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</b>	

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# Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls, & Botswana

An adventure overflowing with centuries-old customs and culture

## Extend Your Tour



**GO FARTHER.** Begin your exploration with a pre-tour Dubai extension. See one of the world's fastest growing and most intriguing cities.

See page 93 for details.

**START EARLY. Add an extra day in Cape Town.** Take in the stunning beauty and warm hospitality of this lively city.

Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Epic scenery, winding coastlines, remarkable cultural diversity and abundant wildlife come together in an incredible experience.

**Day 2: Cape Town, South Africa - Tour Begins** Welcome to the beautiful harbourside city of Cape Town. Its architecture fuses French, German and Dutch traditions which sets the stage for a thrilling cultural journey.

**Day 3: Cape Town** Step aboard a cable car that whisks you to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet atop Table Mountain. Gaze at the astounding view

of Cape Town, Robben Island and Lion's Head. Return to the city via Table Bay, passing through the Moorish Malay Quarter on your panoramic tour, pausing along the way at Milnerton Lighthouse. Spend the remainder of your afternoon at leisure. You may choose to explore charming Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, known for its shopping and entertainment venues. Be sure to stop by the local craft market for some hidden gems. This evening, **savour a true African dining experience** as you become familiar with a traditional African hand-washing ceremony before sampling local delicacies. (B, D)

**Day 4: Cape Town** Travel out to Cape Point on the southwestern tip of Africa. Along the way, marvel at the coastal scenery and pleasant towns that populate the Cape Peninsula. Listen to the tales behind the numerous ship wrecks which attest to the treacherous nature of these waters. Come to know the Cape of Good Hope and take a tram to the top of the mountain. Enjoy a leisurely hike down before continuing on to Boulders Beach to see the penguins who call it home. Later this evening, **make some new South African friends during a home-hosted dinner.** Sit down with a local family and learn about their daily life. Perhaps you'll share stories from your own experiences. (B, D)

**Day 5: Cape Town - Stellenbosch** After a leisurely morning, a short drive brings you to the beautiful winelands of the Western Cape. Visit a winery for a tasting before enjoying a farm lunch paired with wine. Your hotel for the next two nights is located in the heart of bustling Stellenbosch. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure to relax or explore this charming town, the second oldest in South Africa. (B, L)



**Day 6: Stellenbosch - Hermanus - Stellenbosch** Enjoy a leisurely drive over the Sir Lowry Pass to the quaint seaside village of Hermanus. A walking tour will acquaint you with the village. Enjoy some leisure time to explore the shops and art galleries before returning to Stellenbosch. (B)

**Day 7: Stellenbosch - Johannesburg - Entabeni Conservancy** Fly to the city of Johannesburg. Upon arrival, head to the Entabeni Conservancy. **Gather for an afternoon game drive.** Have your cameras ready as you search for the "Big Five" (lion, African elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard and rhino). As the sun sets, enjoy a traditional African sundowner. Get out of your 4x4 and gaze over the land as the sun drops behind the mountains. Keep your eyes peeled for the big cats preparing to hunt. **Return to the lodge for dinner under the stars.** (B, D)

**Day 8: Entabeni Conservancy** Rise before the sun and set out on a game drive. Enjoy coffee and tea in the bush before returning to the lodge for breakfast. Later, **learn to follow the clues left by wildlife** during

## Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls, & Botswana

14 Days from \$6179



a track identification walk with a ranger. After you have worked up an appetite, take time for a leisurely lunch in the gardens. Late afternoon, **continue your search for the "Big Five"** during another exciting game drive. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Entabeni Conservancy - Johannesburg** Carry on your quest for the "Big Five" before breakfast. Later, journey to the vibrant city of Johannesburg. En route, your Tour Manager helps you discover the history of the local languages. Enjoy some leisure time in Sandton this afternoon. (B)

**Day 10: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe** Fly to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Spend some time at a local village learning more about the regional culture. Embark on a walking tour of stunning Victoria Falls. Later, you may enjoy a sundowner poolside and the spectacular African sunset while the animals gather at the watering hole. (B, D)

**Day 11: Victoria Falls** This morning explore a local craft market. Later you will meet African elephants and have the opportunity to interact with them before you

enjoy some free time at the lodge. Reflect on your surroundings as you relax while overlooking the wildlife watering hole. (B)

**Day 12: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana** Watch for bushbuck (African antelope) as well as bird life during a nature walk with a local guide. Cross the border as you travel to Chobe, Botswana. **An exciting safari cruise awaits.** Spot wildlife along the water's edge, find hippos swimming along the shores, and crocodiles basking in the sun. (B, L, D)

**Day 13: Chobe** Today features **morning and afternoon game drives** in the one-of-a-kind Chobe National Park. View the animals as they drink from the river. This evening's dinner by the river is hosted by a chef who will teach you the art of cooking a traditional Braai (barbecue) complete with some local favourites such as game meat. (B, L, D)

**Day 14: Chobe - Johannesburg - Tour Ends** Fly to Johannesburg where your tour comes to a close. (B)

### Dates & Prices

<b>January – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	August 30	\$6329
January 11, 18	\$5739	September 6, 13, 20, 27	\$6329
February 1, 11, 22	\$5739	October 4, 11, 18, 25	\$6429
March 1, 8, 22, 29	\$5739	November 1, 8	\$6429
April 5, 8, 12, 19, 26	\$5619	January 10, 17, 24, 31	\$6429
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		February 7, 14, 21, 28	\$6429
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	March 7, 14	\$6429
May 3, 17	\$6179	April 4, 18	\$6279
June 7	\$6179	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$1320 - \$1400</b>
July 19	\$6179	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>(-) N/A</b>
August 16	\$6179	<b>Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</b>	

### Cultural Experiences

- Travel with **no more than 24 travellers** on this small group tour.
- Head out for an African sundowner by 4x4 and enjoy the sunset.
- Spend some time at a local village in Zimbabwe learning about the culture.
- Meet and interact with African elephants.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Enjoy 7 wildlife safaris in search of the "Big Five."
- Step aboard a cable car and be whisked atop Table Mountain.
- Take a walking tour in the quaint seaside village of Hermanus.
- Embark on a walking tour of stunning Victoria Falls.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 23 meals: 12 breakfasts • 4 lunches • 7 dinners
- Savour a true African dining experience including a hand-washing ceremony.
- Visit a South African winery for a farm lunch paired with wine.
- Dine under the stars during your stay in a nature conservancy.
- Enjoy a traditional Braai (barbecue) in Chobe National Park.

### Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Days 2 – 4</b>	Commodore Hotel, Cape Town
<b>Days 5, 6</b>	Oude Werf, Stellenbosch
<b>Days 7, 8</b>	Hanglip Mountain Lodge, Entabeni
<b>Day 9</b>	Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton
<b>Days 10, 11</b>	Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Victoria Falls
<b>Days 12, 13</b>	Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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### Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare.** See page 104 for details.

**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

**This trip requires a passport and visa.** Passports must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the intended period of stay, plus you must have at least 4 blank pages (with visa hologram) remaining in your passport to allow for the entry stamp issued for South Africa as well as the visas for Zimbabwe and Botswana. The 2 pages for South Africa **MUST** be facing each other. Failure to comply with this law will result in denied boarding of your international flight. Park fees (\$110 - \$130 CAD) are included in the land price of your tour. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. For guests transiting via Europe, an additional overnight flight will be required. Day rooms or overnight stays can be arranged for a cost upon request. Due to tour scheduling, return flights from Johannesburg should not be scheduled prior to 6:30 p.m. Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Zimbabwe and Botswana. Consult your physician 2-3 weeks prior to departure.



Hassan II Mosque

# Highlights of Morocco

An adventure overflowing with centuries-old customs and culture

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Casablanca.

Get acquainted with fascinating Morocco with an additional night in Casablanca.

Call for details.

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

### Day 2: Casablanca, Morocco - Tour

**Begin** Your tour begins in Casablanca. Take a short drive to the city center for a brief stop at the impressive Hassan II Mosque, a stunning, high-tech, architectural masterpiece. Arrive at your hotel and enjoy time to relax. Gather tonight with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at Rick's Café, the mythical saloon from the 1942 film *Casablanca*. (D)

### Day 3: Casablanca - Meknes - Fes

Your first stop on today's journey is the ancient imperial city of Meknes. Lush rolling hills studded with ancient olive groves await you in this cultural city, a UNESCO World Heritage site. After lunch, explore the port of Bab El Mansour and Bab El Khamis before continuing on to the ancient ruins of Volubilis. Uncover the well-preserved remains of Roman palaces, baths, soaring arches and magnificent mosaics. **Tonight's dinner features traditional Moroccan delights**, prepared and served by the family who owns the riad where you are staying. (B, D)

**Day 4: Fes** Discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. This enchanting city takes you back in time. Learn of its historical importance as a center of government, philosophy, medicine and religion while on your fascinating panoramic tour, including the Medersa Bou Inania, built in 1325. See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the palace. Take to the streets for a walking tour in the Medina. Founded in the 9th century, it is home to one of the oldest universities



in the world. Amid the cobbled alleyways of this ancient market you'll see donkeys and mules laden with goods walking alongside buyers. Spend time at the famous leather tanneries, a honeycomb of vats exploding in an array of brilliant colour. (B)

**Day 5: Fes - Midelt - Erfoud** Today you will learn about **MonkeyWatch**, a conservation program

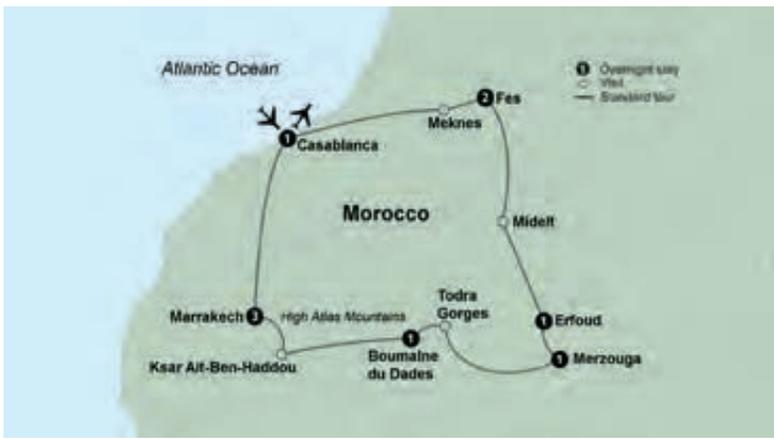
dedicated to protecting the Barbary macaques that thrive in the forests of Ifrane National Park. You will have the opportunity to feed these unique creatures. Continue on toward Erfoud, making a stop in Midelt. Your overnight is in a kasbah. (B, D)

### Day 6: Erfoud - Sahara Desert

**Expedition - Merzouga** Your day begins at Erfoud's fossil factory and museum where they turn fossil rocks into decorative items. Then, travel to the Saharaoui town of Rissani. Get a true taste of the region when creating homemade stuffed bread with potato, meat, onion and Moroccan spices. **Jump into a 4x4 vehicle and make your way to various nomadic villages of the Sahara** before arriving at the edge of the dunes. Pause to enjoy a cup of tea by the pool before boarding your camel for your ride to a nomad camp. Traverse the stunning fine sands of Merzouga as the red sun falls toward the horizon. Later, learn how to bake bread under the sand — nomad style. As night falls, listen to intoxicating Berber drum music and song during the traditional pouring of mint tea followed by a delightful Moroccan feast. Sleep in a luxury tent and experience an unrivaled sense of tranquility in the serene desert. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Merzouga - Todra Gorge -

**Boumalne du Dades** Return to the edge of the dunes via camel. Then, set out for Erissani to begin the journey to Todra Gorge. Spend time in the Jewish quarter where you may choose to sample some local favourites at a bakery. Next, follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand



MonkeyWatch



Moroccan Stuffed Bread

Kasbahs." These fortress-like kasbahs rise up like turreted sandcastles along the ancient trading route. This region is one of the most vibrant destinations. Along the river valleys, palmeries and burnished mud-brick homes light up in the desert sun. (B, D)

**Day 8: Boumalne du Dades - High Atlas Mountains - Marrakech**

Drive through the Valley of Roses, stopping en route at a local cooperative for coffee. Then, it's on to the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou, an impressive feat of Moroccan architecture. Continue along the High Atlas Mountains following the Tizi n' Tichka Pass. This scenic route brings you through lush oasis valleys and past imposing mountains. Pause along the way at a Berber village before entering the exotic city of Marrakech. (B)

**Day 9: Marrakech** Explore Marrakech and its ancient El Bahia Palace where today, a sentry of nesting storks stand guard. Enter the royal Saadian Tombs, explore the vibrant and historic Jewish Mellah, and see the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque. Tour the ancient city wall, passing by the Royal Palace and Marrakesh palm grove. **Savour lunch in the home of a local expert** and his family and get a true taste

of Moroccan hospitality. Then, enter the 9th-century walled Medina and enjoy time to mingle with the locals as you shop at the ancient market. (B, L)

**Day 10: Marrakech** This morning, **select the ingredients for your culinary workshop** that takes place on the rooftop of the charming Kasbah Omar, located in the middle of the old Jewish Berber village. Join a Berber family in their home for a traditional cup of tea and a taste of the real Berber life. After lunch, experience another Moroccan tradition at a henna workshop. Afterward, meet an artist and discover some of her work before heading to the souk for last minute shopping. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Marrakech - Casablanca - Tour Ends**

A morning transfer brings you back to Casablanca to connect to your flight home. (B)

Extend Your Tour

**STAY LONGER.** Savour your time immersed in Moroccan culture with another night in Casablanca.

Call for details.

Dates & Prices

January – April 2017	Double	October 2017 – March 2018	Double
January 13	\$2869	October 5	\$3179
February 3	\$2869	November 2	\$3179
March 10, 17	\$2869	December 7	\$3179
March 15	\$3179	January 25	\$3179
April 21	\$2869	February 8	\$3179
		March 15	\$3179

Itinerary featured is for October 2017 - March 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

Single Room Supplement (+) \$830 - \$950  
Triple Room Reduction N/A

Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.

Cultural Experiences

- Travel with **no more than 24 travellers** on this small group tour.
- Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of the ancient market of Medina.
- Learn about MonkeyWatch, dedicated to protecting the Barbary macaques.
- Experience a Moroccan tradition at a henna workshop.
- Behold Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou, an impressive feat of Moroccan architecture.

Must-See Inclusions

- Explore Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world.
- Board a camel to your nomad camp and overnight in the Sahara Desert.
- Jump into a 4x4 and make your way to various nomadic villages.
- Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs."
- Discover the ancient Imperial city of Meknes, studded with olive groves.

Culinary Inclusions

- 18 meals: 9 breakfasts • 3 lunches • 6 dinners
- Make your own stuffed bread with potato, meat, onion and Moroccan spices.
- Experience Moroccan hospitality during lunch with a local family.
- Select your own ingredients before a culinary workshop at the Kasbah Omar.
- Join a Berber family in their home for a traditional cup of tea.
- Take in Berber entertainment during a pouring of mint tea followed by a Moroccan feast.

Accommodations

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Day 2** Val D'Anfa Hotel, Casablanca
- Days 3, 4** Riad Yacout, Fes
- Day 5** Kasbah Xaluca, Erfoud
- Day 6** Auberge du sud Hotel, Merzouga
- Day 7** Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades
- Days 8 – 10** Opera Plaza, Marrakech

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

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**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

This trip requires a passport. Return flights from Casablanca should not be booked prior to 11:30 a.m. Due to flight schedules, a post-night may be required in Casablanca (at an additional cost).



Pyramids of Giza

# Treasures of Egypt

Great ancient mysteries await discovery

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Cairo.

Begin exploring this fascinating culture early with a pre-night in Cairo.

Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend and lore as you view the timeless wonders of Egypt. Discover the world of ancient Egyptians as you visit the incomparable sites.



Sphinx

### Day 2: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Begin your journey in the ancient city of Cairo.

### Day 3: Cairo - Giza - Sakkara -

**Memphis - Cairo** This morning, travel to nearby Giza. Fulfill a lifelong dream as you visit one of the seven ancient wonders of the world – the Pyramids of Giza. Meet with a local archaeologist to learn about the discovery of these marvels. Stand in awe at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the oldest and largest monuments in the world. This afternoon, travel south to visit Sakkara and explore the site of ancient Memphis, with its nearly 40-foot statue of Ramses II. You will also stand before the oldest of all pyramids, the Step Pyramid. This evening, **enjoy a special welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile.** (B, D)

**Day 4: Cairo - Luxor** Spend the morning discovering the remarkable collections of the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, including the statues, reliefs, sarcophagi and the treasures of the tomb of Tutankhamen. Later, transfer to the airport for your flight to Luxor. (B)

**Day 5: Luxor** Cross over to the West Bank of the Nile to begin your day in ancient Thebes. Explore its awe-inspiring sights – the Valley of the Kings and Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El



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Bahari, and the Colossi of Mennon. This afternoon, return to the East Bank and behold the Luxor Temple, a creation of kings Amenhotep III and Rameses II. (B)

**Day 6: Luxor - Board Cruise Ship** Return to the West Bank this morning to spend time discovering the tombs in the Valley of Nobles and the well-preserved temple complex of Medinet Habu. This afternoon, board your cruise ship and begin your adventure on the Nile River. This evening, **enjoy the sound and light show at the Karnak Temple.** (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Luxor - Esna - Edfu** This morning, spend time exploring the expansive Karnak Temple which dates back to 2000 B.C. Then, begin your sail



down the Nile towards Esna on your way to Edfu. This evening, **dress up and join the fun during a traditional galabaya party.** (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Edfu - Kom Ombo** Step into another world at the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu. Peruse the endless carvings of scenes depicting the power and grandeur of the pharaohs. After lunch, set sail for Kom Ombo – your stop for the evening. Following dinner, enjoy a folkloric show featuring a belly dancing performance. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Kom Ombo - Aswan** Set sail this morning to Aswan, the Nubian city. Your day begins by discovering its important sites including the High Dam, Unfinished Obelisk and Philae Temple. Later, take a walk through Nubian history during your visit to a museum known for its collection of artifacts that range from prehistoric times to present day. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Aswan - Disembark Cruise Ship - Abu Simbel Optional Tour** Disembark the ship this morning in Aswan. You may choose to partake in an optional tour to Abu Simbel and see the extraordinary temples of Ramses II relocated here during the construction of the

High Dam. Later, board a felucca (wooden sail boat) and sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island for a short stroll through the botanical garden. (B, D)

**Day 11: Aswan - Cairo** Fly back to Cairo and have the remainder of your day at leisure. (B)

**Day 12: Cairo** Venture to the Citadel, a medieval fortification located on a hill overlooking the city – the perfect place to take in grand views. **Learn about the city's rich history on a walking tour of Old Cairo** before having free time to shop in the world-famous souk of Khan el Khalil...or perhaps just enjoy a traditional cup of tea. Join your fellow travellers this evening for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 13: Cairo - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close in Cairo. Return home with a new understanding of this mystical land. (B)

### Extend Your Tour

**STAY LONGER.** Continue discovering Egypt's treasures and stay an additional night in Cairo.  
Call for details.

### Dates & Prices

<b>January - April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	December 6	\$2909
January 11	\$2629	January 10, 24	\$2909
February 8	\$2629	February 7, 21	\$2909
March 1, 8	\$2629	March 7, 14	\$2909
April 19, 26	\$2569	April 4, 18	\$2839
Itinerary featured is for October 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$770 - \$880</b>
<b>October 2017 - April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>N/A</b>
October 11, 25	\$2839	Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.	
November 1	\$2909	<b>See page 101 for ship deck plans.</b>	

## Cultural Experiences

- Explore the expansive Karnak Temple, dating back to 2,000 B.C.
- Dress up and join the fun during a traditional galabaya party.
- Meet with a local archeologist to discuss the discovery of the pyramids.
- Enjoy a folkloric show featuring a belly dancing performance.
- Set sail aboard a felucca (wooden sail boat) to Kitchener Island.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Embark on a leisurely paced 4-night cruise and discover the secrets of the Nile.
- Spend time at the world famous Pyramids of Giza.
- Discover ancient Memphis, with its nearly 40-foot statue of Ramses II.
- Cross over to the West Bank of the Nile to explore ancient Thebes.
- Explore the awe-inspiring Valley of the Kings and Queens.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 22 meals: 11 breakfasts • 4 lunches • 7 dinners
- Enjoy daily afternoon tea while cruising the Nile.

## Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Days 2, 3</b>	Fairmont Nile City Hotel, Cairo
<b>Days 4, 5</b>	Sonesta St. George Hotel, Luxor
<b>Days 6 - 9</b>	<i>MY Mirage 1</i> Nile Cruise
<b>Day 10</b>	Basma Hotel, Aswan
<b>Days 11, 12</b>	Intercontinental Citystars Hotel, Cairo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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## Personalize Your Journey

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Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare.** See page 104 for details.

**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

**This trip requires a passport and visa.** Passport numbers are required in advance. Please provide yours at time of booking. Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Due to flight schedules, the Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking. Each client is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. An Egyptian visa is required for this tour and costs approximately \$35 CAD. If you have purchased either international air and/or transfers through us, your visa will be provided upon arrival at no additional cost. If you purchase your own air and transfers, you must obtain your own visa upon your arrival in Egypt.



# From the Outback to the Glaciers

Explore the diverse wonders of the lands "down under"

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Los Angeles or Cairns.

Stop and relax in Los Angeles before setting off across the Pacific. **OR** Take more time in Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Call for details.

### Day 1 - Day 2: Depart from Home

Cross the International Dateline and begin the adventure of a lifetime by skipping a day ahead.



Great Barrier Reef

### Day 3: Cairns, Australia - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions and a World Heritage site – the Great Barrier Reef. Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. (D)

**Day 4: Great Barrier Reef** Today, board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef. Choose how you want to spend your day in paradise by making your time on the reef as educational or as laid back as you like. Perhaps you will relax and independently explore the pristine shores of this tiny sand island located on the outer reef. Or maybe you are a bit more adventurous and will go snorkeling, revealing a wealth of vibrant sea life. You also have the opportunity to meet with a marine biologist during an informative presentation. Or you may also opt to join an expert for a beach and heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

**Day 5: Cairns** The day is yours to explore the town at your own pace or simply relax and soak up

the tropical atmosphere. Perhaps you will join us for an optional tour on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an unforgettable experience that takes you above the rainforest canopy for a bird's-eye view of the unspoiled natural beauty that lies beneath. (B)



Koala Park

**Day 6: Cairns - Melbourne** Leave Cairns behind and fly to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. Set around the shores of Port Phillip Bay and the Yarra River, the city exudes a lively and cosmopolitan atmosphere. (B, D)



Sydney Opera House

**Day 7: Melbourne** Today's tour of Melbourne features Fitzroy Gardens, valued for their historic and horticultural significance, and the bustling Victoria Market. Next, **learn how raw opals mined from the depths of the Earth are transformed** into beautiful works of art at the National Opal Centre. Later, you may participate in an optional tour that travels to Phillip Island, a renowned nature reserve and home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins. Protected and studied by rangers, hundreds of them waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their burrows in the dunes. At the interpretation center, you have a chance to learn about the lives of the Little Penguins and their significance to the area. (B)

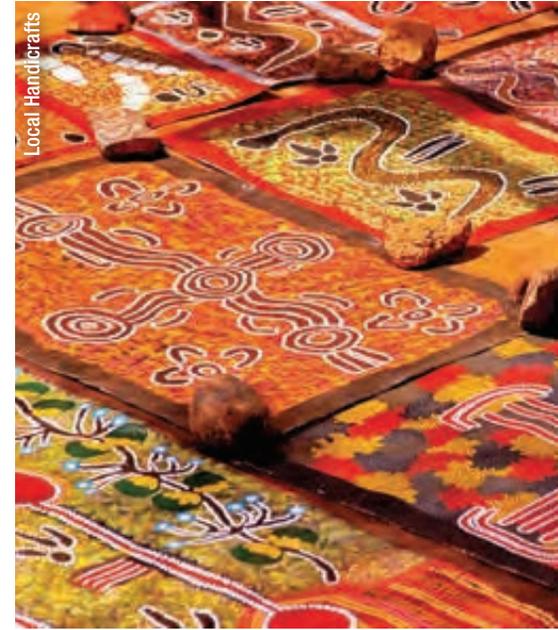
**Day 8: Melbourne - Alice Springs**

Leave the bustling city of Melbourne behind for the vast landscapes and tranquility of the Outback. Your flight today takes you to Alice Springs, the hub of the region

and the perfect place to begin exploring this unique land. (B)

**Day 9: Alice Springs** Access the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour" where your specialist guide shares stories of creation and everyday Aboriginal life. Discover a more modern side to Outback life when you visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, a lifeline to thousands across the vast terrain of Central Australia. A special experience is in store this morning as you have the opportunity to meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme. Supported by the Collette Foundation, Drum Atweme is a musical group comprised of at-risk youth from the local community. Tonight, **continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner** set against the backdrop of this unique desert environment. (B, D)

**From the Outback to the Glaciers**  
21 Days from \$6329



Local Handicrafts

**Day 10: Alice Springs - Uluru** Today we'll tour the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill with its excellent views of Alice Springs and the surrounding area before traversing the "Red Centre" as you drive to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock) in the heart of the Australian Outback. This huge monolith and the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta were created through the process of upheaval and erosion. Tour Kata Tjuta and the base of "the Rock," learning about their geology and significance to Aboriginal culture. Prepare for a truly majestic sunset as you **witness the changing colours of Uluru accompanied by a champagne toast.** (B)

**Day 11: Uluru - Sydney** Say farewell to the quiet of the rugged Outback and fly to Sydney, an energetic metropolis. Upon arrival in Sydney, enjoy dinner in the bustling Darling Harbour restaurant area. (B, D)

**Day 12: Sydney** See where the original English colonists first settled in 1788 during a city tour of Sydney. Highlights of your tour include Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and the fashionable suburb of Paddington. Discover one of the world's most fascinating architectural sights as you **take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House**, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then, discover the wonders of Sydney by using your free time to pursue your own interests: stroll through the city streets, visit the historic Rocks area or simply relax. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. (B)

**Day 13: Sydney** This morning, visit Koala Park for an up close and personal opportunity to learn about the different types of wildlife native to the land "Down Under." You'll walk amongst wallabies, indigenous birds, kangaroos, dingoes and other creatures. Experience the koala habitat where you can even take your picture with



Melbourne

a koala! Return to the city for an afternoon at leisure. Deepen your exploration of Sydney's many wonders or catch up on your shopping. Tonight, experience the best of Sydney. As you say your farewell to Australia, chat with new friends and **take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.** Marvel at the scenic vistas the harbour has to offer including Sydney's magnificent skyline and iconic attractions: the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

**Day 14: Sydney - Christchurch, New Zealand** Today you leave Australia behind and fly to the historic city of Christchurch. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the "Garden City" is recreating itself during a sightseeing tour that highlights the city's magnificent gardens and elegant park district. (B)

**Day 15: Christchurch - Franz Josef Glacier** Take in the marvellous snowcapped peaks and beautiful river gorges during your travels across the Southern Alps, winding your way past waterfalls and rugged mountains. You may choose to take the

TranzAlpine train (optional) for a truly inspiring train ride through this glorious scenery. You will end your day in the Franz Josef Glacier Region which offers travellers a rare opportunity to experience a living glacial landscape in a temperate environment. (B, D)

**Day 16: Franz Josef - Queenstown** Before departing Franz Josef, if the dynamic New Zealand weather cooperates, you may opt to see this beautiful glacier region from a bird's-eye-view during a flightseeing tour. En route to Queenstown, watch as the amazing landscape unfolds before your eyes as you pass through the rainforest, bordered by the Southern Alps and the twisting coastline. Cross jade green glacial rivers, view thundering waterfalls and enjoy dramatic changes in scenery. After crossing the Haast Pass, arrive in Queenstown, one of New Zealand's prettiest towns. (B, D)

**Day 17: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown** En route to Milford Sound, enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley. You'll travel through ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel.

During a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound, you'll see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. With rock faces that rise nearly 4,000 feet on either side, the scenery will take your breath away. Following the cruise, you return to Queenstown. You may choose to return via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)

**Day 18: Queenstown** Queenstown offers limitless diversions set amidst breathtaking Alpine scenery. Shop in the charming village center or enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River. Perhaps you will join the optional "Journey through Middle Earth" tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the spots where *The Lord of the Rings* movies were filmed. Or... just relax! (B)

**Day 19: Queenstown - Mt. Cook Region** Begin your day with a visit to the beautiful



New Zealand Scenery



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19th-century gold rush settlement of Arrowtown, a boomtown during the 1860s gold fever. Next, enjoy a tasting and tour at one of New Zealand's famous wineries. Then, **sample the freshness of the Central Otago region with a stop at a local fruit stand.** Follow the Kawarau River and cross Lindis Pass before arriving in New Zealand's most famous national park, Mt. Cook. There will be time to enjoy the Alpine paradise of the Mt. Cook region. You may choose to take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting) or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

**Day 20: Mt. Cook - Christchurch** As you return to Christchurch this morning, **pay a visit to a working farm.** Watch a skilled New Zealand "strong eye" sheep herding dog at work, followed by a sheep shearing demonstration. Get to know these New Zealand farmers over a home-cooked morning tea. A special treat is in store for you tonight as you **dine with a New Zealand family in their home.** Meet and talk firsthand with a friendly Kiwi family who is delighted to share their culture, traditions and home with you. (B, D)

**Day 21: Christchurch - Tour Ends** Your tour ends, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful vacation. (B)

Extend Your Tour

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**STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in Christchurch or Los Angeles.** Stay a little longer in Christchurch and enjoy the most English city outside of England. **OR** Stop in the "City of Angels" after your Pacific flight before setting off for home. [Call for details.](#)

Dates & Prices			
<b>January – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	September 4, 11	\$6539
January 9, 16, 22, 23, 30	\$6109	September 25	\$6739
February 6, 12, 13, 20, 21, 27	\$6109	October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	\$6739
March 5, 6, 12, 13, 20	\$6109	November 6, 13	\$6739
April 3, 10, 17	\$5929	January 8, 15, 22, 29	\$6739
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		February 5, 12, 19, 25, 26	\$6739
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	March 5, 12, 19, 26	\$6739
May 8, 15, 29	\$6329	April 2, 8, 9, 16, 23	\$6539
June 5, 12	\$6329	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$1890 - \$2430</b>
June 26	\$6539	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>(-) \$100</b>
August 7	\$6539	<b>Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</b>	

## Cultural Experiences

- Meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme.
- Take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House – an architectural wonder.
- Visit Koala Park and learn about the different types of native wildlife.
- Explore the beautiful Gold Rush settlement of Arrowtown.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Explore the Great Barrier Reef.
- Discover the origins of the Aboriginal people on a "Dreamtime Tour."
- Explore Kata Tjuta and the base of Ayers Rock.
- Stay three nights in the energetic and cosmopolitan city of Sydney.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 29 meals included: 18 breakfasts • 2 lunches • 9 dinners
- View Uluru (Ayers Rock) at sunset while you sip champagne.
- Take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
- A New Zealand family welcomes you in their home for dinner.

## Accommodations

- Days 1, 2** Overnight Flight
  - Days 3 - 5** Pullman International, Cairns
  - Days 6, 7** Melbourne area hotel
  - Days 8, 9** Doubletree by Hilton, Alice Springs
  - Day 10** Desert Gardens, Uluru
  - Days 11 - 13** The Tank Stream, Sydney
  - Day 14** Chateau on the Park, Christchurch
  - Day 15** Scenic Franz Josef Hotel, Franz Josef
  - Days 16 - 18** Novotel Lakeside, Queenstown
  - Day 19** The Hermitage, Mount Cook or Mackenzie Country Hotel, Twizel
  - Day 20** Chateau on the Park, Christchurch
- On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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## Personalize Your Journey

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Great Barrier Reef

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## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Los Angeles or Cairns.

Stop and relax in Los Angeles before setting off across the Pacific. **OR** Take more time in Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Call for details.

### Day 1 – Day 2: Depart from Home

Cross the International Dateline and begin the adventure of a lifetime by skipping a day ahead.



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### Day 3: Cairns, Australia - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions and a World Heritage site – the Great Barrier Reef. Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. (D)

**Day 4: Great Barrier Reef** Today, board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef. Choose how you want to spend your day in paradise by making your time on the reef as educational or as laid back as you like. Perhaps you will relax and independently explore the pristine shores of this tiny sand island located on the outer reef. Or maybe you are a bit more adventurous and will go snorkeling, revealing a wealth of vibrant sea life. You also have the opportunity to meet with a marine biologist during an informative presentation. Or you may also opt to join an expert for a beach and heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

**Day 5: Cairns** This morning, board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an unforgettable ride over

the rainforest canopy. Embrace the opportunity to explore the forest floor up close with access to specially designed boardwalks. Your evening is at leisure to enjoy your tropical surroundings. (B)



Penguins Phillip Island

**Day 6: Cairns - Uluru (Ayers Rock)** Fly to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock) in the heart of the Australian Outback. Tour the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta and the beautiful area surrounding the base of "The Rock." Later, witness



Uluru (Ayers Rock)



Aboriginal Culture

a stunning sunset over a glass of champagne as the Rock's hues change dramatically with the setting sun. (B)

**Day 7: Uluru - Alice Springs** A short flight over the "Red Centre" brings you to Alice Springs. Learn how people once communicated in the remote Outback during a sightseeing tour that includes a stop at the Old Telegraph Station, dating back to the 1800s. Visit the School of the Air to find out more about the educational system of the Outback. There's a chance of witnessing a class in session! Become locally invested as you have the opportunity to meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme. Supported by the Collette Foundation, Drum Atweme is a musical group comprised of at-risk youth from the local community. Tonight, **continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner** set against the backdrop of this unique desert environment. (B, D)

**Day 8: Alice Springs - Darwin - Kakadu National Park** Access the history and culture of the Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour" where your specialist guide shares stories of creation and everyday Aboriginal life. You'll even taste native cuisine. Later, board your flight to the city of Darwin on the northern edge of Australia and drive into the heart of Kakadu National Park. (B, D)

**Day 9: Kakadu National Park** Today, enjoy the natural beauty of the "Top End." Kakadu National Park is home to wallaroos and wallabies, monitors and lizards, crocodiles and birds of every imaginable variety. Witness artwork dating back thousands of years as you view Nourlangie Rock. During an afternoon cruise, be on the lookout for crocodiles as they bask in the sun, as well as waterfowl such as jabiru, egrets, herons and eagles. (B, D)

**Day 10: Kakadu National Park - Darwin - Melbourne** Transfer to Darwin for your flight to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. (B)

**Day 11: Melbourne** Enjoy a city tour featuring Fitzroy Gardens, the Shrine of Remembrance and bustling Victoria Markets. Take some time at leisure to explore Melbourne independently. Later, **travel to Phillip Island, a renowned nature reserve and home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins.** Protected and studied by rangers, hundreds of them waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their burrows in the dunes. At the interpretation center, you have a chance to learn about the lives of the Little Penguins and their significance to the region. (B)

**Day 12: Melbourne - Hobart** A flight to Hobart, Tasmania brings you to Australia's second oldest city. The rugged and pristine beauty of Tasmania provides the backdrop to your 2-night stay. (B, D)

**Day 13: Hobart** This morning brace yourself as you meet the Tasmanian Devil at the Tasmanian Devil Conservation Center! Learn about this unique marsupial, its fight for survival, and the efforts in place to save it from extinction. Later, take a guided tour of the Port Arthur Historic Site, the best-preserved example of Australia's original penal colonies and home to stabilized ruins and restored buildings dating back to 1833. En route, witness the spectacular coastal rock formations known as Tasman Arch, Devil's Kitchen and the Blow Hole. (B)

**Day 14: Hobart - Sydney** Return to mainland Australia today and arrive in the bustling city of Sydney. **Enjoy a tour of Sydney**, birthplace of modern-day Australia. Highlights include Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, and the fashionable suburb of Paddington. Marvel at one of the world's most fascinating



Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise

architectural wonders during a **guided tour of the Sydney Opera House**. Tonight's dinner choice is yours as you choose from a variety of local restaurants along bustling Darling Harbour. (B, D)

**Day 15: Sydney** Enjoy a day of leisure as you discover the wonders of Sydney by using your free time to pursue your own interests. Stroll through the city streets, visit the historic Rocks area or simply relax. (B)

**Day 16: Sydney** This morning you visit Koala Park for an up close and personal opportunity to learn about the different types of wildlife native to the land "Down Under." You'll walk amongst wallabies, indigenous birds, kangaroos, dingoes and other creatures. Experience the koala habitat where you can take your picture with a koala! Next, enjoy a unique experience as you learn firsthand about opals during a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. As you say your farewell to Australia, chat with new friends and **take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour**. Marvel at the scenic vistas the harbour has to offer including Sydney's magnificent skyline and iconic attractions: the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

**Day 17: Sydney - Queenstown, New Zealand** Leave Australia behind and fly to one of the world's best-kept secrets – New Zealand! Arrive in gorgeous Queenstown. (B, D)

**Day 18: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown** En route to Milford Sound, enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley. You'll travel through beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. During a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound, you'll see why this fjord is one of the most visited

sights on the South Island. With rock faces that rise nearly 4,000 feet on either side, the scenery will take your breath away. Following your cruise, you return to Queenstown. You may choose to return via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)

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**Day 20: Queenstown - Arrowtown - Mt. Cook National Park** Begin your day with a visit to the beautiful turn-of-the-century gold rush settlement of Arrowtown. Next, follow the Kawarau River and cross Lindis Pass before arriving in New Zealand's most famous national park, Mt. Cook. There will be time to enjoy the Alpine paradise of Mt. Cook – a larger-than-life experience. You may choose to take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting) or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

**Day 21: Mt. Cook - Christchurch** This morning, travel to the historic city of Christchurch. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the city known as the "Garden City" is recreating itself. Enjoy some free time to explore. Perhaps you'll stroll the city's magnificent gardens or learn its more recent history at the Quake City exhibition at the Re:Start Mall. (B)

**Day 22: Christchurch - Picton - Wellington** On your journey to Picton, admire the coastal views, scenic river valleys and vineyards. From there, sail across Cook Strait to experience what has been called "the most beautiful ferry ride in the world." Your final destination is Wellington, New Zealand's capital city. (B, D)

**Day 23: Wellington** During your panoramic sightseeing tour of Wellington, view the Beehive, New Zealand's Parliament; historic St. Paul's Church; and the Old Government Building – the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. Following the tour, **visit the National Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongawera**, a fascinating center dedicated to art, history and the Maori culture. (B)

**Day 24: Wellington - Rotorua** Depart for the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua. With over one-third of its population boasting Maori roots, this city is known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. Make yourself right at home this evening when a New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for the night! This is sure to be an unforgettable experience as you make new friends, learn about the customs of the "Kiwis," and enjoy a home-cooked meal. (B, D)

**Day 25: Rotorua** This morning, visit Te Puia – New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Witness how the Maori keep their culture alive by teaching the tribal youth traditional carving and weaving. Enjoy the chance to view the Kiwi bird and learn what is being done in an effort to remove this marvellous creature from the endangered species list. Next, **meet the skilled carvers who work with pounamu, New Zealand greenstone**, at a local jade factory. Then, visit the Agrodome where you will see



Mount Cook



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Maori Carving



Queenstown

a sheep shearing demonstration and learn about the importance of agriculture to the nation. (B)

**Day 26: Rotorua - Auckland**

Travel through the majestic countryside of the North Island, arriving in New Zealand's largest city, Auckland, "The City of Sails." A panoramic city tour features the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, vibrant Queen Street, the Auckland Harbour Bridge, and spectacular views from the harbourside. Tonight, join your fellow travellers at a local restaurant for a farewell dinner where you will toast the end of a wonderful trip! (B, D)

**Day 27: Auckland - Tour Ends**

Your tour ends in Auckland. (B)



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**STAY LONGER.** Add an extra day in Auckland or Los Angeles.

Spend time in Auckland, the "City of Sails" after your tour. **OR** Stop in Los Angeles, the "City of Angels" after your Pacific flight before setting off for home.

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Dates & Prices

<b>January – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	September 2, 16, 23, 30	\$9239
January 7, 21	\$8279	October 7, 14, 21	\$9239
February 4, 11, 18, 25	\$8279	November 4, 11	\$9239
March 4, 11, 18	\$8279	January 13, 20	\$9239
April 1, 8	\$7999	February 3, 10, 17, 24	\$9239
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		March 3, 10, 17	\$9239
		April 7, 14	\$9239
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$2800 - \$3240</b>
May 13, 27	\$9239	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>(-) \$200</b>
June 17	\$9239	Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.	
July 8, 22	\$9239		
August 19	\$9239		

**Cultural Experiences**

- Brace yourself as you meet the Tasmanian Devil.
- Walk amongst wallabies, kangaroos and dingoes at Koala Park.
- Feel at home when overnighing at a New Zealand family's home.
- Explore Te Puia, a Maori cultural and geothermal experience.

**Must-See Inclusions**

- Explore the Great Barrier Reef.
- Tour the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta at the base of Ayers Rock.
- Witness the Little Penguins traverse the beaches at Philip Island.

**Culinary Inclusions**

- 38 meals included: 24 breakfasts • 2 lunches • 12 dinners
- Savour a memorable bush dinner in the Australian Outback.
- Take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
- Learn about the customs of the "Kiwis" during a home-cooked meal.

**Accommodations**

- Days 1, 2** Overnight Flight
- Days 3 - 5** Pullman International, Cairns
- Day 6** Sails in the Desert, Ayers Rock
- Day 7** Doubletree by Hilton, Alice Springs
- Days 8, 9** Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Kakadu
- Days 10, 11** The Swanston Grand Mercure, Melbourne
- Days 12, 13** Hadley's Orient Hotel, Hobart
- Days 14 - 16** Sydney area hotel
- Days 17 - 19** Heritage Hotel, Queenstown
- Day 20** The Hermitage (Mt. Cook Region), Mount Cook
- Day 21** Novotel Hotel, Christchurch
- Days 22, 23** Novotel Wellington, Wellington
- Day 24** Home Stay or Millennium Hotel, Rotorua
- Day 25** Millennium Hotel, Rotorua
- Day 26** Rendezvous Hotel, Auckland

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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This trip requires a passport and visa. Your home stay will take place in the greater Rotorua area. Your host family will pick you up at your hotel and return you to meet up with your group the following morning. If you prefer not to stay in a private home, you may choose to stay at your Rotorua hotel with dinner included. Please make your decision known at the time of booking as no changes are allowed on tour. If your preference is not made known, your stay in Rotorua will default to the home stay. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

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Milford Sound

# South Pacific Wonders

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## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Los Angeles or Cairns.

Stop and relax in Los Angeles before setting off across the Pacific. **OR** Take more time in Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. [Call for details.](#)

### Day 1 – Day 2: Depart From Home

Today you board your flight and begin the adventure of a lifetime. Crossing the International Dateline, you skip a day ahead.

### Day 3: Cairns, Australia - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions and a World Heritage site – the Great Barrier Reef. (D)

### Day 4: Great Barrier Reef Board a high speed catamaran for an exciting excursion

to the Great Barrier Reef. Explore the reef from your base on Green Island. Enjoy a glass bottom boat ride, stroll the island walking trails, relax on the beaches, snorkel or just watch the fish and sea turtles swim past from the pier. For a more adventurous encounter with the reef, optional scuba diving and an outer reef tour are also available. (B, L)

**Day 5: Cairns** Come to know the history of Australia's original inhabitants at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Center. Here you'll see traditional dances, learn how to play a didgeridoo or even throw a boomerang. At Hartley's Croc Farm, get up close and personal with crocodiles in their natural habitat! While visiting you also

have the chance to meet some of the local koalas and have a private talk with a wildlife naturalist. Take a cruise on the lagoon and watch for crocodiles before enjoying a delicious Aussie barbecue. (B, D)

**Day 6: Cairns - Sydney** Your morning is at leisure. Make your own adventure or simply relax and take in the tropical atmosphere. Later today, fly to the bustling city of Sydney. (B)

**Day 7: Sydney** This morning, **see where the original English colonists first settled in 1788** during



Sydney Opera House

a city tour of Sydney. Discover one of the world's most fascinating architectural sights as you **take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House**, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Next, learn how raw opals mined from the depths of the Earth are transformed into works of art at the National Opal Centre. The evening is free to explore Sydney at your leisure. (B)

**Day 8: Sydney** Take hold of the exciting city of Sydney during a day of independent exploration. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Tonight, experience the best of Sydney. Later, **take**

**in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.** Marvel at the scenic vistas the harbour has to offer including Sydney's magnificent skyline and iconic attractions: the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

### Day 9: Sydney - Christchurch, New Zealand

Today you leave Australia behind and fly to the historic city of Christchurch, New Zealand. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the city known as "the Garden City" is recreating itself. **Make yourself right at home this evening when a New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for dinner!** This is sure to be an unforgettable experience during which you will make new friends, learn about the customs of the "Kiwis," and enjoy a home-cooked meal. (B, D)

**Day 10: Christchurch** Enjoy some leisure time to explore Christchurch on your own. You may wish to visit the International Antarctic Centre or simply relax and enjoy what the city has to offer. (B)

**Day 11: Christchurch - Mt. Cook Region - Queenstown** Traverse the spectacular countryside to New Zealand's most famous national park, Mount Cook. Mt. Cook is one of the most impressive mountains in the world. En route, visit a Canterbury farmyard for a fantastic opportunity to learn how a New Zealand family farm operates. **Continue to Queenstown** and enjoy a stop at a local fruit stand to gain an inside look at the produce. This evening, **soak in the breathtaking views during a gondola ride to dinner at the Skyline Restaurant** overlooking Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkable Mountains. (B, D)



**Day 12: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown** En route to Milford Sound, enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley. You'll travel through ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. **During a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound** you will see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, you return to Queenstown. You may choose to return via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)

**Day 13: Queenstown** Today you could choose to enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River; or join the optional "Journey through Middle Earth" tour, showcasing many of the spots where *The Lord of the Rings* movies were filmed. (B)

**Day 14: Queenstown - Arrowtown - Queenstown** Enjoy a leisurely touring day as you set off for the beautiful turn-of-the-century Gold Rush settlement of Arrowtown. Take time to explore independently and stroll its quaint, historic streets. Next, explore the Central Otago region where many of New Zealand's best wines are

grown and produced. During a stop at a local winery, visit their storage cave for a tasting of some of their famous wines. (B, D)

**Day 15: Queenstown - Tour Ends** (B)

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**STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in Queenstown or Los Angeles.** Enjoy more time in the beautiful resort town of Queenstown on the South Island.  
**OR** Stop in the "City of Angels" after your Pacific flight before setting off for home. Call for details.

## Cultural Experiences

- Learn about Australia's indigenous heritage at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Center.
- Get up close and personal with cuddly koalas and native crocodiles at Hartley's Croc Farm.
- Take a guided tour of the fascinating Sydney Opera House.
- Visit a Canterbury farmyard to learn about New Zealand farms.
- Explore the beautiful Gold Rush settlement of Arrowtown.

## Must-See Inclusions

- See where the original colonists first settled during a city tour of Sydney.
- Explore New Zealand's most famous national park, Mount Cook.
- Cruise the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound.
- Board a catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 20 meals included: 12 breakfasts • 2 lunches • 6 dinners
- Take in the sights during a dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
- A New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for dinner!

## Accommodations

- Days 1, 2** Overnight Flight
- Days 3 – 5** Novotel Oasis Resort, Cairns
- Days 6 – 8** Novotel Rockford Darling Harbour, Sydney
- Days 9, 10** Rydges Latimer or Chateau on the Park, Christchurch
- Days 11 – 14** Millennium Hotel Queenstown, Queenstown

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 103 for details.

## Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service** and **airport transfers**.

Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare**. See page 104 for details.

**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

### Dates & Prices

<b>January – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	September 12	\$4649
January 17, 30	\$3999	October 3, 10, 24, 31	\$4709
February 7, 14, 21, 28	\$3999	December 26	\$4709
March 7, 21	\$3999	January 16, 23, 30	\$4709
April 4, 10, 11, 18, 25	\$3889	February 6, 13, 19, 20, 27	\$4709
<small>Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.</small>		March 6, 13	\$4709
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	April 3, 9, 10, 17	\$4649
May 2, 30	\$4649	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$1260 - \$1620</b>
July 4	\$4649	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>(-) \$50</b>
August 1	\$4649	<small>Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</small>	

This trip requires a passport and visa. Due to flight schedules, a post-night in Queenstown may be required (at an additional cost). Please inquire at the time of booking. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.



# South Pacific Wonders featuring New Zealand's North Island

Go a little further as you experience life down under

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Los Angeles or Cairns.

Stop and relax in Los Angeles before setting off across the Pacific. **OR** Take more time in Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. [Call for details.](#)

### Day 1 – Day 2: Depart From Home

Today you board your flight and cross the International Dateline, skipping a day ahead.

### Day 3: Cairns, Australia - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions and a World Heritage site – the Great Barrier Reef. (D)

### Day 4: Great Barrier Reef Board a high speed catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef.

Enjoy a glass bottom boat ride, stroll the island walking trails, relax on the beaches or snorkel. For a more adventurous encounter with the reef, optional scuba diving and an outer reef tour are also available. (B, L)

**Day 5: Cairns** Come to know the history of Australia's original inhabitants at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Center. Here you'll see traditional dances, learn how to play a didgeridoo or even throw a boomerang. At Hartley's Croc Farm, get up close and personal with crocodiles in their natural habitat! While visiting you also have the **chance to meet some of the local koalas and have a private talk with a wildlife naturalist.** Take an exciting cruise on the lagoon and watch for crocodiles before enjoying a delicious Aussie barbecue. (B, D)

**Day 6: Cairns - Sydney** Your morning is at leisure. Later today, fly to the bustling city of Sydney. (B)

**Day 7: Sydney** This morning, **see where the original English colonists first settled in 1788** during a city tour of Sydney. Next, **discover the fascinating architecture of the Sydney Opera House on a guided tour.** Then, learn how raw opals mined from the depths of the Earth are transformed into works of art at the National Opal Centre. The evening is free to explore Sydney at your leisure. (B)

**Day 8: Sydney** Take hold of the exciting city of Sydney during a day of independent exploration. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Tonight, **experience the best of Sydney on a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.** Marvel at the scenic vistas the harbour has to offer. (B, D)

### Day 9: Sydney - Auckland, New Zealand

Today you leave Australia behind and **fly to New Zealand.** Arrive in Auckland, the "City of Sails," rated one of the best places in the world to live. The evening is yours to explore New Zealand's largest city. (B)

**Day 10: Auckland - Rotorua** Enjoy a panoramic city tour of Auckland featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, vibrant Queen Street and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Next, travel to the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua. Known as the Maori capital of New Zealand, over one-third of Rotorua's population has Maori roots dating back over 1,000 years. Tonight, **experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration** where you learn all about the warm-hearted Maoris. Enjoy an immersive experience featuring authentic Maori entertainment such as the poi dance and the famous "Haka" war challenge. (B, D)

**Day 11: Rotorua** This morning **visit Te Puia, New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience** and a landscape of erupting geysers and bubbling mud pools. The National Carving School and National Weaving School are located here, passing on age-old customs by teaching the tribal youth these traditional skills. Take part in an interactive demonstration on the art of weaving. You will also view the Kiwi bird and learn what is being done in an effort to remove the Kiwi from the endangered species list. Next, meet the skilled carvers who work with pounamu – New Zealand greenstone – at a local jade factory. Then, visit the Agrodome where you will see a sheep shearing demonstration and learn about the importance of agriculture to the nation. Tonight is at leisure. (B)

**Day 12: Rotorua - Christchurch** A short flight brings you to the historic city of Christchurch. **Make yourself right at home this evening when a New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for dinner!** This is sure to be an unforgettable experience during which you will make new friends, learn about the customs of the "Kiwis," and enjoy a home-cooked meal. (B, D)

**Day 13: Christchurch** Enjoy some leisure time to explore Christchurch on your own. You may wish to visit the International Antarctic Centre, or simply relax and enjoy what the city has to offer. (B)

**Day 14: Christchurch - Mt. Cook Region - Queenstown** Traverse the spectacular countryside to New Zealand's Mount Cook, one of the most impressive mountains in the world. En route, visit a Canterbury farmyard for a fantastic opportunity to learn how a New Zealand family farm operates. **Continue to Queenstown** and enjoy a stop



at a local fruit stand to gain an inside look at the produce. This evening, **soak in the breathtaking views during a gondola ride to dinner at the Skyline Restaurant** overlooking Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkable Mountains. (B, D)

**Day 15: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown** En route to Milford Sound, enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley. **During a cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound** you will see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, you return to Queenstown. You may choose to return via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)

**Day 16: Queenstown** Today Queenstown offers up several options to enhance your tour. Enjoy an optional and exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River; or join the optional "Journey through Middle Earth" tour showcasing many of the spots where *The Lord of the Rings* movies were filmed. (B)

**Day 17: Queenstown - Arrowtown - Queenstown** Set off for the beautiful turn-of-the-century Gold Rush settlement of Arrowtown. Take time to stroll its quaint,

historic streets. Next, explore the Central Otago region where many of New Zealand's best wines are produced. Stop at a local winery for a tasting of some of their famous wines. (B, D)

**Day 18: Queenstown - Tour Ends** (B)

Extend Your Tour



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**STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in Queenstown or Los Angeles.** Enjoy more time in the beautiful resort town of Queenstown on the South Island.  
**OR** Stop in the "City of Angels" after your Pacific flight before setting off for home. Call for details.

**Cultural Experiences**

- Visit Te Puia, the geothermal experience in the Maori cultural capital, Rotorua.
- Learn about Australia's indigenous heritage at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Center.
- Get up close and personal with cuddly koalas and native crocodiles at Hartley's Croc Farm.
- Take a guided tour of the fascinating Sydney Opera House.
- Visit a Canterbury farmyard to learn about New Zealand farms.
- Explore the beautiful Gold Rush settlement of Arrowtown.

**Must-See Inclusions**

- See where the original colonists first settled during a city tour of Sydney.
- Explore New Zealand's most famous national park, Mount Cook.
- Get to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour.
- Cruise the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound.
- Board a catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef.

**Culinary Inclusions**

- 24 meals included: 15 breakfasts • 2 lunches • 7 dinners
- Take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
- Experience a memorable authentic Hangi dinner celebration.
- A New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for dinner!

**Accommodations**

- Days 1, 2** Overnight Flight
  - Days 3 – 5** Novotel Oasis Resort, Cairns
  - Days 6 – 8** Novotel Rockford Darling Harbour, Sydney
  - Day 9** Rendezvous Hotel, Auckland
  - Days 10, 11** Millennium, Rotorua
  - Days 12, 13** Rydges Latimer, Christchurch
  - Days 14 – 17** Millennium Hotel Queenstown, Queenstown
- On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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Dates & Prices			
<b>February – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	November 6	\$5519
February 6, 13	\$4729	February 5, 12	\$5519
March 6, 14	\$4729	March 5, 12	\$5519
April 3, 24	\$4609	April 16, 23	\$5319
<small>Itinerary featured is for September 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.</small>			
<b>September 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$1440 - \$1960</b>
September 26	\$5519	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>(-) \$50</b>
October 16, 23	\$5519	<small>Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</small>	



# Exploring Australia

From cosmopolitan Sydney to the rugged Outback and beyond

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Melbourne.

Savour more time in stately Melbourne, Victoria's coastal capital.

Call for details.

### Day 1 – Day 2: Depart from Home

Cross the International Dateline and begin the adventure of a lifetime by skipping a day ahead.

### Day 3: Melbourne, Australia - Tour

**Begins** Begin your tour in the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. (D)

**Day 4: Melbourne** Today's tour of Melbourne features Fitzroy Gardens and the bustling Victoria Markets. Later you may participate in an optional tour that travels to Phillip Island, the home of the world's largest colony of Little Penguins; protected and studied by rangers, hundreds of them waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their burrows in the dunes. (B)

**Day 5: Melbourne - Adelaide - Barossa Valley** Fly to the capital of South Australia – Adelaide. Upon arrival, **proceed to the Barossa Valley, one of Australia's most famous wine regions.**

Renowned among connoisseurs, the valley's award-winning winemakers attract visitors from around the world. Tonight, enjoy the beauty of Barossa during a scenic dinner overlooking the vineyards. (B, D)

**Day 6: Barossa Valley** Set out on a sightseeing tour of the Barossa Valley. Indulge as you

**visit local wineries** to learn about the region and why the wines garner such high praise. Wine connoisseur or not, sit back and relax while Australian wine experts introduce you to these delicious products. (B)

### Day 7: Barossa Valley - Alice Springs

Depart for Alice Springs and delve into life in the remote Outback. A tour of the area includes the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill, with its views of Alice Springs and the surrounding area. Gain insight into the educational system in the Outback with a visit to the School of the Air; you may even see a class in session. Become locally invested as you have the opportunity to meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme. Supported by the Collette Foundation, Drum Atweme is a musical group comprised of at-risk youth from the local community. Tonight, **continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner** set against the backdrop of this unique desert environment. (B, D)

**Day 8: Alice Springs** Come to know the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour," where your specialist guide shares stories of creation and everyday Aboriginal life. The remainder of the day is at leisure in this quintessential Outback town. (B)

### Day 9: Alice Springs - Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Traverse the "Red Centre" today as you drive to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock) in the heart of the Australian Outback. Prepare for a truly majestic sunset as you **witness the changing colours of Uluru while enjoying a champagne toast.** (B)

**Day 10: Uluru - Cairns** In the cool of the morning, set out to see this incredible area. Tour Kata

Tjuta and the base of "The Rock," learning about their geology and significance to Aboriginal culture. Later, you fly to Cairns – the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions and a World Heritage site – the Great Barrier Reef. (B, D)

**Day 11: Cairns** This morning, **board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway** for an unforgettable ride above the rainforest canopy. There are two stops where you may get off the cableway and experience the forest floor from specially designed boardwalks. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the tropical surroundings. (B)

**Day 12: Great Barrier Reef** Today **board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef.** Choose how you want to spend your day in paradise. Perhaps you will independently explore the pristine shores of this tiny sand island. Or maybe you will go snorkeling, revealing a wealth of vibrant sea life. You also have the opportunity to meet with a marine biologist during an informative presentation. Or you may also opt to join an expert for a beach and heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

**Day 13: Cairns** The day is yours to explore the town at your own pace or simply relax. Perhaps you will join us for an optional excursion to Hartley's Croc Farm and get up close and personal with crocodiles in their natural habitat. You also have the chance to meet some of the local koalas and have a private talk with a wildlife naturalist; you'll also take an exciting cruise on the lagoon looking for crocodiles. (B, D)

**Day 14: Cairns - Sydney** After a leisurely morning, we fly to Sydney, Australia's largest city, where



Blue Mountains



Barossa Valley

British settlers first dropped anchor in 1788. This evening's dinner choice is yours as you choose from a variety of local restaurants along bustling Darling Harbour. (B, D)

**Day 15: Sydney** Start your day with a tour of Sydney, birthplace of modern-day Australia. Highlights of your tour include Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay and the Botanic Gardens. Discover one of the world's most fascinating architectural sights as you **take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House**, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Next, learn firsthand about opals during a presentation at the National Opal Collection. Discover the wonders of Sydney during your free time. Stroll through the city streets, visit the historic Rocks area, or simply relax and enjoy the atmosphere. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. (B)

**Day 16: Sydney - Blue Mountains - Sydney** Today is one of the most scenic days of your Aussie adventure. **Begin with a visit to the Blue Mountains** of New South Wales, a stunning UNESCO World Heritage site. The Blue Mountains are full of geological inspiration including The Three Sisters sandstone rock formations. Experience sandstone plateaus, valleys, river

gorges and pristine wilderness. Then, head to Featherdale Wildlife Park where you can meet wallabies, indigenous birds, kangaroos, dingoes and other creatures. Savour some leisure time this evening to sample Sydney's world-class restaurant scene. (B)

**Day 17: Sydney** Enjoy a day at leisure. This evening, **experience a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour**. Marvel at the scenic vistas the harbour has to offer. (B, D)

**Day 18: Sydney - Tour Ends** (B)

Extend Your Tour

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See page 99 for details.

## Cultural Experiences

- Come to know the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour."
- Take a guided tour of the fascinating Sydney Opera House.
- Tour Kata Tjuta and the base of "The Rock" (Ayers Rock).
- Meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Spend time in the world-famous Barossa Valley wine region.
- Traverse the "Red Centre" on your drive to Uluru (Ayers Rock).
- Tour Sydney, the birthplace of modern-day Australia.
- Board a catamaran and explore the Great Barrier Reef.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 23 meals included: 15 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 7 dinners
- Delight in a bush dinner in the Australian Outback.
- At sunset, enjoy a champagne toast while gazing at Uluru (Ayers Rock).
- Take in the sights during a dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.

## Accommodations

- Days 1, 2** Overnight Flight
- Days 3, 4** Swanston Grand Mercure, Melbourne
- Days 5, 6** Novotel Resort, Barossa Valley
- Days 7, 8** Doubletree by Hilton, Alice Springs
- Day 9** Desert Gardens, Uluru, Ayers Rock
- Days 10 - 13** Novotel Cairns, Cairns
- Days 14 - 17** Sydney area hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 103 for details.

## Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers**.

Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare**. See page 104 for details.

**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

This trip requires a passport and visa. Many departures of this tour can be combined back-to-back with Exploring New Zealand for one completely comprehensive tour of the South Pacific! Please inquire at time of booking. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

### Dates & Prices

January - April 2017	Double	October 13, 20	\$5729
January 20	\$4899	November 3	\$5589
February 3	\$4899	January 19	\$5589
February 4	\$5479	February 2, 16	\$5589
March 3, 17	\$4899	March 2, 9	\$5589
April 21	\$4899	April 6	\$5589

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September 2017 - April 2018	Double
September 15	\$5589

**Single Room Supplement (+) \$1690 - \$1890**  
**Triple Room Reduction (-) \$70 - \$100**

Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.

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Australia - Drum Atweme creates a positive environment for at-risk Aboriginal girls through traditional music.



Hole in the Rock  
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# Exploring New Zealand

Come to know the best of New Zealand's North & South Islands

## Start Early

**Add an extra day in Los Angeles or Auckland.** Stop and relax in Los Angeles before setting off across the Pacific. **OR** Spend time in Auckland, the "City of Sails" before your tour. Call for details.

### Day 1 – Day 2: Depart from Home

Cross the International Dateline and begin the adventure of a lifetime by skipping a day ahead.



Auckland

### Day 3: Auckland, New Zealand - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Auckland, the "City of Sails," consistently rated one of the best places in the world to live. Auckland's Polynesian population instills into its chic atmosphere the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 4: Auckland - Bay of Islands

Come to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, bustling Queen Street, the Auckland Harbour Bridge and spectacular views from the harbourside. Next, depart Auckland and travel north to the Bay of Islands, your home for the next two nights. This sun-soaked region boasts more than 144 islands and warm waters with abundant marine life. Visit the Waitangi Treaty House where Maori and British leaders signed the 1840 treaty establishing New Zealand as a nation. (B, D)

**Day 5: Bay of Islands** We begin the day with a **cruise through the bay's famous Hole in the Rock** and views of the Cape Brett Lighthouse which stands

nearly 500 feet above sea level at the edge of the Cape Brett Peninsula. The rest of the day is yours to independently explore Paihia – the quaint town known as "the jewel of the Bay of Islands." (B)



Milford Sound

### Day 6: Bay of Islands - Matakoho - Home Stay

Leave the sparkling waters of the Bay of Islands behind and head to Matakoho in the agricultural heartland of the North Island. Make a stop at the Kauri Museum where you will come to know

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Wellington

the stories surrounding the giant kauri tree that can grow up to 50 feet wide, 170 feet tall and can live for 2,000 years. Discover how the early settlers used this abundant tree to build a life for themselves. Later, make yourself right at home when a New Zealand family welcomes you for the night! This is sure to be an unforgettable experience as you make new friends, learn about the customs of the “Kiwis” and enjoy a home-cooked meal. (B, D)

**Day 7: Rotorua** Today, find yourself amid the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua. With over one-third of its population boasting Maori roots, this city is known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. **Visit Te Puia, New Zealand's premier Maori cultural and geothermal experience.** The National Carving School and National Weaving School are located here, passing on age-old customs by teaching the tribal youth these traditional skills. Enjoy the chance to view the Kiwi bird and learn what is being done in an effort to remove

this marvellous creature from the endangered species list. Tonight, experience an authentic Hangi dinner celebration where you learn about the warm-hearted Maoris and their lives before European colonists arrived in Aotearoa (New Zealand) and since. **Enjoy an immersive experience featuring authentic entertainment** such as the poi dance and the famous “Haka” war challenge. (B, D)

**Day 8: Rotorua - Napier** Journey into the Hawke's Bay region. After arriving in the city of Napier, which boasts some of the greatest Art Deco architecture in the world, enjoy a guided tour and learn why Napier took on such an eclectic design style. This afternoon, take advantage of time at leisure to stroll the oceanfront promenade and simply soak up the atmosphere. (B)

**Day 9: Napier - Wellington** Travel through the rolling countryside of the North Island. The rural

vistas and the rugged Rimutaka Range slowly give way to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city. (B, D)

**Day 10: Wellington** During your panoramic sightseeing tour of Wellington, view the Beehive, New Zealand's Parliament; historic St. Paul's Church; and the Old Government Building – the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. Following the tour, visit the Te Papa Tongawera Museum, a fascinating center dedicated to art, history and the Maori culture. (B)

**Day 11: Wellington - Picton - Christchurch** Board a ferry and sail across Cook Strait to experience what has been called “the most beautiful ferry ride in the world.” Arrive in Picton on the South Island. Continue on with a drive along the coast before arriving in the historic city of Christchurch. Devastated by an earthquake in early 2011, see firsthand how the “Garden City” is recreating itself. (B)

**Day 12: Christchurch - Franz Josef Glacier Region** All aboard! Take in the marvellous snowcapped peaks and beautiful river gorges during your travels across the Southern Alps, **winding your way past waterfalls and rugged mountains on the famous TranzAlpine train** for a truly inspiring trip through this glorious scenery. Next, **meet the skilled carvers who work with West Coast pounamu – New Zealand greenstone** – at a local jade factory. You'll end your day at the Franz Josef Glacier Region which offers travellers a rare opportunity to experience a living glacial landscape in a temperate environment. (B, D)

**Day 13: Franz Josef - Queenstown** Before departing Franz Josef – if the dynamic New Zealand weather cooperates – you may opt to see this beautiful glacier region from a bird's-eye view during a flightseeing tour. En route to Queenstown, watch as the amazing landscape unfolds before your eyes as you pass through the rainforest, bordered by the Southern



Franz Josef

Alps and the twisting coastline. After crossing the Haast Pass, arrive in Queenstown, one of New Zealand's prettiest towns. (B, D)

**Day 14: Queenstown** Enjoy a leisurely day of touring as we set off for the beautiful 19th-century gold rush settlement of Arrowtown. Take time to explore its quaint, historic streets. The Central Otago region is where some of New Zealand's best wines are grown and produced. **During a stop at a local winery, visit the underground storage cave – the largest in New Zealand – for a tasting of their award-winning wine.** Follow this unforgettable experience with lunch at the winery's fabulous restaurant. Later, return to Queenstown and enjoy some leisure time. (B, L)

**Day 15: Queenstown** A full day of leisure in Queenstown offers several options to enhance your

dream trip. You may shop or people-watch in the village. Or, join the optional "Journey through Middle Earth" tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains and the breathtaking Queenstown countryside showcasing many of the spots where *The Lord of the Rings* movies were filmed. (B)

**Day 16: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Te Anau** En route to Milford Sound, enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley. You'll travel through ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. During a **cruise of the breathtakingly beautiful Milford Sound** you will see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. With rock faces that rise nearly 4,000 feet on either side, the scenery will take your breath away. Following your cruise, enjoy an overnight stay on the southern shores of Lake Te Anau, the largest lake on the South Island. Indulge in

a special "Taste of Fiordland" dinner showcasing the bountiful local produce. (B, L, D)

**Day 17: Te Anau - Dunedin** Travel to Dunedin, on the southeast coast of New Zealand. One of the earliest European settlements on the islands, Dunedin holds proudly to its Scottish heritage and traditions. **Visit the Royal Albatross Centre**, the only mainland breeding location in the world for these magnificent birds. Their epic wingspan can reach nearly 10 feet! (B)

**Day 18: Dunedin** This morning's panoramic drive reveals Larnach Castle as well as Baldwin Street, the world's steepest public road. Later you may choose to embark on an optional trip on the spectacular Taieri Gorge Railway; this line was begun in 1879 to serve the inland region of Otago and includes 10 tunnels and 35 bridges. (B)



Mt. Cook



**Day 19: Dunedin - Mt. Cook Region** The Maori word for Mt. Cook is Aoraki, which means “cloud piercer.” Journey through New Zealand’s unspoiled wilderness and arrive at Mt. Cook National Park, where permanent ice fields and glaciers blanket the ragged peaks. This is where famed New Zealand mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary honed his skills before conquering Everest. You may choose to take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting) or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

**Day 20: Mt. Cook - Christchurch** As you return to Christchurch this morning, pause to pay a visit to a working farm. **Watch a skilled New Zealand “strong eye” sheep herding dog at work, followed by a sheep shearing demonstration.** Get to know these New Zealand farmers over a home-cooked morning tea. Later, enjoy some free time to explore Christchurch on your own. Stroll the city’s magnificent gardens or learn its more recent history at the Quake City exhibition at the Re:Start Mall. Tonight, **visit the region’s earliest home, Riccarton House**, and enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 21: Christchurch - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful trip. (B)

### Extend Your Tour



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**STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in Christchurch or Los Angeles.** Stay a little longer in Christchurch and enjoy the most English city outside of England. **OR** Stop in the “City of Angels” after your Pacific flight before setting off for home. Call for details.

### Dates & Prices

<b>January – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	September 30	\$7079
January 7, 14	\$6349	October 28	\$7079
February 4, 18	\$6349	November 4, 18	\$7079
March 18	\$6349	January 6, 13, 27	\$7209
April 22	\$6559	February 3, 17, 24	\$7209
		March 3	\$7209
		April 21	\$6539

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<b>September 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>
September 23	\$6539

**Single Room Supplement (+) \$1920 - \$2160**  
**Triple Room Reduction (-) \$100**

Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.

## Cultural Experiences

- Cruise through the Bay of Islands’ famous Hole in the Rock.
- Get to know a local New Zealand family during a memorable, authentic dinner and an overnight home stay.
- Overnight at spectacular Mt. Cook National Park, where permanent ice fields and glaciers blanket the ragged peaks.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Explore Te Puia, a Maori cultural and geothermal experience.
- Traverse the heart of the Southern Alps aboard the famous TranzAlpine train.
- Relish a breathtaking cruise through Milford Sound fjord.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 30 meals included: 18 breakfasts • 2 lunches • 10 dinners
- Experience an authentic Hangi dinner and learn about Maori culture.
- Enjoy a tasting and lunch at one of New Zealand’s wineries.

## Accommodations

<b>Days 1, 2</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Day 3</b>	Rendezvous Hotel, Auckland
<b>Days 4, 5</b>	Scenic Bay of Islands, Paihia
<b>Day 6</b>	Home Stay or Millennium Hotel, Rotorua
<b>Day 7</b>	Millennium Hotel, Rotorua
<b>Day 8</b>	Scenic Te Pania, Napier
<b>Days 9, 10</b>	Amora Hotel, Wellington
<b>Day 11</b>	Chateau on the Park, Christchurch
<b>Day 12</b>	Scenic Franz Josef Glacier, Franz Josef
<b>Days 13 – 15</b>	Heritage Queenstown Hotel, Queenstown
<b>Day 16</b>	Distinction Hotel & Villas, Te Anau
<b>Days 17, 18</b>	Southern Cross Hotel, Dunedin
<b>Day 19</b>	The Hermitage Hotel, Mount Cook
<b>Day 20</b>	Chateau on the Park, Christchurch

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 103 for details.

## Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

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**This trip requires a passport.** Your home stay will take place in the region of Rotorua. Your host family will pick you up and return you in the morning, when you will be transferred to your hotel. If you prefer not to stay in a private home, you may choose to stay at your Rotorua hotel with dinner included. Please make your decision known at the time of booking as no changes are allowed on tour. If your preference is not made known, your stay will default to the home stay. Many departures of this tour can be combined back-to-back with Exploring Australia for one completely comprehensive tour of the South Pacific! Please inquire at time of booking.

# Antarctica & Chile's Patagonia

Set out an Antarctica adventure featuring Torres del Paine National Park & the Chilean Fjords

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Santiago.

Settle in early and enjoy this spectacular city set amid the Andes. [Call for details.](#)

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Embark on an unforgettable voyage.

**Day 2: Santiago, Chile - Tour Begins** Your journey begins in Santiago de Chile, one of South America's most modern cities. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for sumptuous food and wine in the stunning colonial neighbourhood known as Barrio Lastarria. (D)

**Day 3: Santiago** This morning, **embark on a city tour** with a local guide that showcases the regal La Moneda Presidential Palace and lively Paseo Ahumada Pedestrian Avenue. Ride the funicular up Cerro San Cristobal to soak up the sweeping views of Santiago and the Andes, and admire the Statue of the Immaculate Conception. Visit the Museum of Memory and Human Rights before heading over to a bustling central market to mingle with the locals. The evening is yours to explore this wonderful city on your own. (B)

**Day 4: Santiago - Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales (Patagonia, Chile)** Leave the bustle of the city behind and fly to the spectacular region of Patagonia, the southern portion of Chile and Argentina that is filled with natural wonders. Arrive in Punta Arenas, built along the Strait of Magellan. Take in the stunning scenery before heading to Puerto Natales. (B, D)

**Day 5: Puerto Natales - Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales** Today you'll **venture into the UNESCO biosphere reserve – Torres del Paine National Park**. Take in the panoramas of jagged mountains and emerald-blue lakes. Marvel at the cascading waterfalls and the flora and fauna that are unique to the area. (B)

**Day 6: Puerto Natales - Punta Arenas - Embark Ship** This morning, head south to Punta Arenas and enjoy some free time in this lovely port town before boarding the state-of-the-art MS *Midnatsol* expedition vessel. (B, D)

**Day 7: Chilean Fjords - Tierra del Fuego** **Sail through the Magellan Strait**, named for the Portuguese explorer who discovered this passage in 1520. Cruise along and discover a network of the channels and fjords that separates the South America continent from Tierra del Fuego, or "Land of Fire." Continue through the Beagle Channel, named after Charles Darwin's ship. **Cruise to the stunning Chilean fjords**, including the beautiful Garibaldi Fjord, and behold the Garibaldi Glacier. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Cape Horn** As you get ready to head to the Drake Passage, make your way to the legendary Cape Horn, the southernmost point of South America. Soak in the views as you traverse this waterway with tremendous historical significance for discoveries and trade routes. Depending on the weather, you may get a chance to make a special landing on the island. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: The Drake Passage - Antarctica** **Cruise south through the fabled Drake Passage**, named for the explorer Sir Francis Drake. Warmer waters of the north meet the colder, denser waters of the south here

in the Antarctic Convergence, making the area rich in marine life. Spot whales and sea birds as you begin this voyage of exploration. Experts provide presentations on history, biology and geology throughout your adventure. **Arrive today on the northern tip of Antarctica**, the last great wilderness stretching across ice-covered desert and mountains for over five million square miles. The ethereal beauty and immense scale of the continent is like nowhere else on the planet. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Antarctica** The next six days are filled with discovery! Weather conditions determine each sailing's final itinerary. Regardless, adventure awaits. First, **cruise to the South Shetland Islands** - including Half Moon Island. Visit Yankee Harbour and Cuverville Island, as well as Neko and Paradise harbours, and Wilhelmina Bay. During your travels, humpback, killer and minke whales – and icebergs – are common sights. PolarCirkel (rugged excursion) boats take you to incredible locations along the Antarctic Peninsula. (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Antarctica** Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to locations which could include:

- Half Moon Island, a small island in the South Shetland chain boasting mountainous views and a nesting place for chinstrap penguins, kelp gulls and Antarctic terns. (B, L, D)

**Day 12: Antarctica** Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to locations which could include:

- Yankee Harbour, on the South Shetland Islands, once the base of operations for early sealers. Today it still provides a natural safe haven for sailors and explorers who come to see the large colony of gentoo penguins. Bransfield Strait, near the South Shetland Islands, is a common feeding area for whales. (B, L, D)



**Day 13: Antarctica** Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to locations which could include:

- Cuverville Island, sitting on the scenic Errera Channel, offering up excitement before you even make landfall. Embark upon a thrilling passage through the channel amid dramatic icebergs. Once on shore you will be surrounded by throngs of penguins. (B, L, D)

**Day 14: Antarctica** Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to locations which could include:

- Neko Harbour, part of the Antarctic mainland nestled in the fjord-like Andvord Bay, where penguins, elephant seals and weddel seals are often spotted. (B, L, D)

**Day 15: Antarctica** Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to locations which could include:

- Paradise Harbour, where whalers came to seek refuge in the worst of storms. This was the base for many daring expeditions and is now the location of the Gabriel Gonzalez Videla Base.
- Wilhelmina Bay, where mountains and high glaciers create dramatic scenery. View the 1915 wreck of the Norwegian ship, *Governøren*. (B, L, D)

**Day 16: Antarctica - The Drake Passage** Leave Antarctica, crossing the southern waters of the Drake Passage. Participate in engaging lectures on Antarctica's wonders. (B, L, D)

**Day 17: The Drake Passage - Chilean Fjords** During the return to the Chilean fjords, enjoy a summation of the Antarctic themes and the Chilean program. Discover more of the history on this passage notorious among the early polar explorers. (B, L, D)

**Day 18: Chilean Fjords** Depending on the weather, you may get a chance to disembark at Puerto Williams, one of the

world's southernmost towns, set on the island of Navarino. Now a sleepy little island with barely more than 2,000 inhabitants, Navarino is known for its pristine natural beauty and is the perfect place for nature lovers. (B, L, D)

**Day 19: Chilean Fjords - Punta Arenas - Disembark Ship - Santiago** Disembark the ship in Punta Arenas, and fly to Santiago. This evening, celebrate the end of your journey as you enjoy a dinner featuring Chilean specialty food and wine, along with a Chilean folklore show! Admire the passion of these local musicians, meet the dancers and maybe get to go on stage. (B, D)

**Day 20: Santiago - Tour Ends** Your tour ends today. For those with late flights, you may choose the optional "Flavours of Santiago" tour, where you'll get to visit a local winery, followed by the Santiago home of the famous Noble Prize poet and Chilean hero Pablo Neruda. (B)

Extend Your Tour

**EXPLORE MORE. Extend your tour with 3 nights on Easter Island.** Famous for its Moai statues this is one of the most isolated inhabited islands in the world. See page 97 for details.

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**STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in Santiago.** Relax and raise a glass of wine before you head home. Call for details.

## Cultural Experiences

- Travel with **no more than 24 travellers** on this small group tour.
- In Santiago, ride the funicular up Cerro San Cristobal and admire the Statue of the Immaculate Conception.
- Explore Puerto Williams, one of the world's southernmost towns.
- Explore Chile's past at the Museum of Memory and Human Rights.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Explore Chile's Patagonia and the famed Torres del Paine National Park.
- Cruise the stunning Chilean fjords, including the beautiful Garibaldi Fjord.
- Behold the massive Garibaldi Glacier.
- Make your way to the legendary Cape Horn, the southernmost point of South America.
- Experience close encounters with Antarctic wildlife including seals, whales, albatross and penguins.
- Cruise into small harbours and islands in PolarCirkel excursion boats for in-depth discoveries and personal adventures.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 46 meals included: 18 breakfasts • 12 lunches • 16 dinners
- Dine in a stunning colonial neighbourhood known as Barrio Lastarria
- Enjoy dinner complete with Chilean wine and a folklore show!

## Accommodations

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Hotel Atton Vitacura, Santiago  
**Days 4, 5** Hotel CostAustralis, Puerto Natales  
**Days 6 – 18** MS *Midnatsal*  
**Day 19** Hotel Atton Vitacura, Santiago
- On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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**This trip requires a passport.** The internal flights are not included in the land cost of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Pricing is based on inside cabins. Call for upgrades to other cabin categories. Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Suggested guidelines are \$12 USD per guest, per day. Prior to full payment for the program, the cruise line reserves the right to impose a supplemental fuel charge. Special clothing is required for the shore landings; refer to your pre-departure documents for details. You will receive a wind and waterproof jacket and will be lent 1 pair of rubber boots for use during landings. In accordance with IAATO and Hurtigruten AS, all guests travelling to Antarctica must complete a confidential medical declaration form, signed by a doctor, stating that they are fit to travel. This form will be sent to guests well in advance. The form must be completely filled out, brought on board the ship, and personally delivered to the doctor upon embarkation. Boarding may be denied if this form is not presented at embarkation. Transfers to/from the boat are by small zodiac boats and you may have to wade ashore in shallow water. In some cases, the terrain can be a little strenuous. Order of sightseeing on board the ship may vary based on departure and weather conditions. Weather, wind and ice conditions determine the schedule. Safety is paramount and the captain will decide the final sailing itinerary during the voyage. This itinerary is just an indication of what you can experience. All conditions do not apply to all days so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our travel counselors to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this program to individuals with a good level of physical fitness. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. A pre/post night may be required due to flight schedules (additional cost).

### Dates & Prices

<b>January – February 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$5410</b>
January 14, 27	\$16399	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>N/A</b>
February 9	\$16399		

**Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour.** Call about additional dates.



Machu Picchu

# The Complete South America

Experience more of South America from Peru to Rio to Patagonia and beyond

## Extend Your Tour



**EXPLORE MORE. Add 3 nights in the Peruvian Amazon.** Set out for one of the last untamed places on Earth. Explore the wonders of the Amazon with a naturalist guide by your side.

[See page 99 for details.](#)

**START EARLY. Add an extra day in Lima.** Travel south a day early and open your tour with more time to explore this exceptional city. [Call for details.](#)

### Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

Welcome to Peru, one of the treasures of South America. The enduring cultures and breathtaking beauty of the Andes await. Travel through this intriguing land and visit some of the world's most legendary sites, including Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas." Arrive late this evening in Lima, the "City of Kings."

**Day 2: Lima** Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco

Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Center; the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas; an abundance of colonial architecture; and the fashionable suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores for insight into the daily life of the Limeños. Then it's on to your exclusive visit to the Archbishop's Palace to witness the changing of the guard. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner with a tasting menu of artfully crafted Peruvian dishes and drinks. You will quickly discover why Peru has been named the world's top food travel destination four years in a row. (B, D)

### Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas

Fly to Cuzco, in the heart of the Inca civilization. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas, the agricultural center of their grand empire. Learn the centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving traditional textiles during a visit to Awana Kancha, a living museum of the Peruvian Andes. After a short lesson on the local language, stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market. Do as the locals do and enjoy a tasting of "chicha," a unique regional drink made from maize, at a local pub. Then, head to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get firsthand knowledge on this internationally renowned artist's techniques and designs, inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Settle in this evening at your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. The rest of the evening is yours... maybe take this opportunity to discover your property's planetarium. (B)

**Day 4: Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley of the Incas** Experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people and

delve into their culture when you travel to a nearby community and interact with the locals. You'll get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group workshops that teach you traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving. Celebrate their culture as you learn their dances and listen to their musical instruments. This afternoon, **visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo ruins**, the only Inca settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. A unique terraced complex topped with carved stone panels, these ruins reflect ancient Incan architecture and heritage. Then, make a stop at the Sacred Valley Brewing Company, a nonprofit brewery created to support a local orphanage. Taste these Andean-inspired beers and learn about their drive to support their community. Tonight, savour an authentic Pachamanca dinner, a unique process where food is placed on hot stones and buried in the ground to cook. (B, D)

### Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu

**Climb aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train** for breathtaking views through domed windows as you ride through the Andes to the "Lost City of the Incas." Hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungle, Machu Picchu is considered the most spectacular sight in South America. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu for a chance to further soak up its atmosphere. Enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration before enjoying an award-winning tasting menu at your resort. (B, D)

**Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco** With leisure time this morning you may return to Machu Picchu



Perito Moreno Glacier



Christ the Redeemer, Rio de Janeiro

on your own or explore the local markets. Return by Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley and continue to Cuzco, a city that blends Inca and Spanish colonial influences. En route to Cuzco, **meet Peruvian children at an orphanage** supported by the Collette Foundation. (B)

**Y Day 7: Cuzco** The morning is yours to relax and acclimate to the altitude. Perhaps you'll choose the "Cuzco through the Senses" optional tour, where you'll get hands-on experience with the owner and artist of a local pottery studio, followed by interactive tastings of world-renowned Peruvian coffee and chocolate. This afternoon, the **choice is yours** on how you will explore Cuzco, the former capital of the Incan Empire. You may choose to follow a local guide on a walking tour of the city. Or, perhaps you would prefer to board a coach for a comprehensive tour of the city's main sites. Whichever you choose, you will journey through this colonial city and experience the architectural legacy visible in the Cathedral, Santo Domingo and the Plaza de Armas; you'll also stop by the central market. Later, you'll

gather together and travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress. **Enjoy a toast at sunset** overlooking the city before arriving at your authentic dinner featuring local flavours in the heart of Cuzco. (B, D)

**Day 8: Cuzco - Santiago, Chile** Say farewell to this mystical land of the Incas and fly south to cosmopolitan Santiago, Chile's vibrant capital city. (B)

**Day 9: Santiago** This morning, embark on a city tour viewing such sights as the La Moneda Presidential Palace and Paseo Ahumada pedestrian avenue. **Ride the funicular up Cerro San Cristobal** for sweeping views of Santiago and the Andes, and admire the Statue of the Immaculate Conception. Delve into Chile's checkered past under the 20th-century dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet at the Museum of Human Rights. We continue our tour with a **visit to a local winery for lunch** and a sampling of some of Chile's famous cabernet and carmenere wines. An expert will teach you about winemaking in this part of the world. (B, L)

**Day 10: Santiago - Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales** Leave Santiago behind and fly to the region of Patagonia, the southern portion of Chile and Argentina that is filled with natural wonders. Arrive in Punta Arenas, built along the Strait of Magellan. Visit the old port village and Fort Bulnes, a historical reconstruction based on the original fortified settlement. Take in the stunning scenery before heading to Puerto Natales, the stepping off point to Chile's Torres del Paine National Park. (B, D)

**Day 11: Puerto Natales** Embark on a **full-day cruise through the Chilean Fjords**, visiting the breathtaking Serrano and Balmaceda glaciers. As you pass through the Seno Ultima Esperanza – "Channel of Last Hope" – behold the pristine beauty of the Bernardo O'Higgins National Park, Chile's largest natural reserve. This rugged landscape and unspoiled territory is a site you will never forget. (B, L)

**Day 12: Puerto Natales - Torres Del Paine - Puerto Natales** Today you'll **venture into the UNESCO biosphere reserve – Torres Del Paine National Park**. Take in the panoramas of jagged mountains and emerald-blue lakes. Marvel at the cascading waterfalls and the flora and fauna that are unique to the area. You are sure to be awed at every turn when exploring what is known as South America's most incredible national park. (B)

**Day 13: Puerto Natales - El Calafate, Argentina** Make your way from the Chilean side of Patagonia to El Calafate in Argentina, the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. En route, meet some local gauchos at a typical Patagonian estancia. Partake in a traditional lamb roast lunch and learn about the local culture. Then you are treated to a dog show and sheep shearing demonstration. Revel in the beauty of the landscapes during your drive through the countryside before settling into your hotel, perfectly situated



Iguazu Falls

near downtown and featuring spectacular views of magnificent Lake Argentino. (B, L, D)

#### Day 14: El Calafate - Perito Moreno

**Glacier** Discover the jewel of Argentina's Patagonia – Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park. This UNESCO World Heritage site forms part of the Patagonian Continental Ice Field and is one of the few glaciers in the world still advancing. Gaze off the shoreline in search of floating icebergs as you listen to the sounds of crashing ice breaking off the massive glacier. (B, L)

#### Day 15: El Calafate - Buenos Aires

Board your flight to Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango and the “Paris of South America.” Stretching along the banks of the Rio de la Plata, the city is a mosaic of European-styled architecture and South American spirit. Tonight, head to Esquina Carlos Gardel, named after Argentina's most famous tango maestro, where you'll savour Argentine cuisine and wine before a stunning tango performance. (B, D)

**Y Day 16: Buenos Aires** Today the choice is yours! Perhaps you'll choose to experience the lively capital by bus or for the more adventurous, you may choose to take in the city with a local guide on an exhilarating bicycle tour. Both options bring you to the Teatro Colon opera house; the *Avenida 9 de Julio*; the Metropolitan Cathedral, the former church of Pope Francis I; Recoleta Cemetery, where Evita Peron rests; the Presidential Palace, the Casa Rosada; and the colourful neighbourhood of La Boca. The remainder of the day is yours to create your own adventure. Maybe you'll stroll through San Martin Park or Calle de Florida, a shopper's paradise; or perhaps you'll take the optional

Tigre y Delta boat tour where you'll pass by an array of historic mansions and former residences of Buenos Aires' aristocracy before cruising through canals meandering past a network of homes that sit on stilts. (B)

#### Day 17: Buenos Aires - Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay - Buenos Aires

Hop aboard the Colonia Express, a ferry that takes you across the Rio de la Plata to the charming village of Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay. This UNESCO World Heritage site, dating back to 1680, is the only remaining Portuguese settlement in Uruguay. A local resident joins us for a ride through town to introduce you to its landmarks before leading you on a guided walk through the historic old town. Then, savour lunch featuring some local delicacies and Uruguayan wine before having free time to relax and explore on your own. Later, we head back to Buenos Aires for the evening. (B, L)

#### Day 18: Buenos Aires - Iguazu Falls

This morning, fly to Iguazu Falls – located at the crossroads of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay – heralded as the most beautiful waterfalls in the world. Board the Rainforest Ecological Train inside the national park on the Argentine side and walk to the platform overlooking powerful Devil's Throat. Discover unparalleled views of five waterfalls as they plummet into the Iguazu River. Then we cross into the Brazilian side where you'll check into your resort and cap off your evening with a relaxing dinner. (B, D)

**Day 19: Iguazu Falls** Soak up the breathtaking views of the waterfalls from the Brazil side. Join your local guide as you discover how Brazil and Argentina have both fought to protect the beauty and raw power of the falls by making each side a national park. You

will see first-hand why Eleanor Roosevelt, upon seeing Iguazu Falls, exclaimed “Poor Niagara.” This afternoon you may choose an optional jungle boat ride at the base of the falls or you can enjoy the many amenities at your resort. (B)

#### Day 20: Iguazu Falls - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Fly to Rio de Janeiro. Magnificent views, beautiful beaches, flamboyant Carnival costumes, great cuisine and friendly people make Rio the cultural capital of Brazil. Witness the city of Rio, host of the 2016 Summer Olympics. Stop by the Maracanã football stadium which hosted the 2014 World Cup Finals, before continuing on to the famous Carnival parade route, the Sambadrome. Afterward, behold the renowned Metropolitan Cathedral whose architecture was inspired by a Mayan Pyramid. Check into Rio's only beachfront hotel. Learn how to craft *caipirinhas* – Brazil's famous cocktail made with sugar cane liquor and lime – before venturing this evening to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain. Then, cap the night off at Rio Scenarium, a lavishly decorated restaurant and music venue in the historic Lapa district. Meet local Cariocas, the name for people from Rio de Janeiro, for dinner, music and dancing that celebrates the rich history and vibrancy of the Brazilian people. (B, D)

**Y Day 21: Rio de Janeiro Journey to Corcovado by train** to see Christ the Redeemer, one of the largest Art Deco statues in the world. Take in the panoramic vistas from Tijuca Forest National Park. With 360-degree views around the city, you'll soon realize why this statue is one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Then spend time engaging with locals at the one of the city's open-air markets. Break into small groups with local market guides as you discover and

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taste over a dozen different types of exotic fruits from Brazil. This afternoon, **you choose your activity!** Perhaps you'll choose to get a behind the scenes look at Carnival and meet the artists who are designing the floats, costumes and dances during their year-round preparations for Rio's biggest event. Or, maybe you'd prefer to join a local guide for a tour of a favela; learn about the unique history of these "shanty towns" as you stroll through the community center, a school, and a local home. Relish some time for coffee, cake and discussion with some residents. The evening is free for your own exploration. (B)

**Day 22: Rio de Janeiro** Your day is at leisure to explore fabulous Rio de Janeiro on your own. Relax by the beach at your resort or take a shuttle to Copacabana. Or, perhaps you'll take an optional tour and board a jeep for a ride through the Tijuca forest followed by a visit to historic Santa Teresa. Or maybe an optional cooking class is more to your liking — you'll immerse yourself in local flavours as you join a local chef in a cooking class where you'll learn how to cook like a true Carioca! Tonight, **join your fellow travellers for a farewell feast** in a typical Brazilian *churrascaria*. Indulge in

wine and meats slow-roasted to perfection. (B, D)

**Day 23: Rio de Janeiro - Tour Ends** Transfer to the airport for your flight home. For those with later flights, you can choose an optional visit to the Olympic Park and the famous Botanical Gardens. (B)

Extend Your Tour

**EXPLORE MORE.** Extend your tour with 3 nights in the Brazilian Amazon. Set out by boat for the Amazon Ecopark Jungle Lodge, an ecotourism lodge located in the middle of the Amazon rainforest. See page 98 for details.

**STAY LONGER.** Add an extra day in Rio de Janeiro. Who couldn't use a little more time to enjoy one of the world's most dynamic cities? Call for details.

Dates & Prices			
<b>January – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	November 9	\$9659
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<b>October 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>(-) \$200 - \$270</b>
October 5, 19	\$9659	Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.	

## Choice On Tour

- In Cuzco, follow a local guide on a walking tour or board your coach for a comprehensive trip among of the city's main sites
- In Buenos Aires, climb aboard your coach or take in the city with a local guide on an exhilarating bicycle tour. Both choices bring you to the Teatro Colon opera house, the Recoleta Cemetery and more.

## Cultural Experiences

- Discover centuries-old Andean textile methods at a living museum.
- Embrace the art of tango at a live performance.
- Embark on a full-day cruise through the breathtaking Chilean Fjords.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Spend an afternoon exploring the fabled ruins of Machu Picchu.
- Behold the majestic Torres Del Paine National Park.
- Venture to Argentina's famous Perito Moreno Glacier.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 37 meals included: 22 breakfasts • 5 lunches • 10 dinners
- Relish renowned Chilean wines during a tour of a bodega.
- Savour a Brazilian *churrascaria* featuring an assortment of grilled meats.

## Accommodations

- Days 1, 2** Hilton Lima Miraflores, Lima
- Days 3, 4** Casa Andina Private Collection, Sacred Valley
- Day 5** Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
- Days 6, 7** Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco
- Days 8, 9** Atton Vitacura, Santiago
- Days 10 – 12** Costaustralis Hotel, Puerto Natales
- Days 13, 14** Esplendor El Calafate Hotel, El Calafate
- Days 15 – 17** The Brick Hotel MGallery Collection, Buenos Aires
- Days 18, 19** Mabu Thermas Grand Resort, Foz do Iguazu
- Days 20 – 22** Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort, Rio de Janeiro

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Rio de Janeiro

# The Wonders of South America

Embrace the captivating cultures and lively rhythms of Brazil, Argentina & Chile

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Santiago.

Have more time to get to know the vibrant culture of this amazing city. Call for details.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

#### Day 2: Santiago, Chile - Tour Begins

Welcome to Santiago de Chile. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers over sumptuous food and wine in the stunning colonial neighbourhood known as Barrio Lastarria. (D)

**Day 3: Santiago** This morning, embark on a city tour showcasing La Moneda Presidential Palace and the Paseo Ahumada pedestrian avenue. Ride the funicular up Cerro San Cristobal for sweeping views of Santiago and the Andes, and admire the Statue of the Immaculate Conception. Delve into Chile's checkered past under the 20th-century dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet at the Museum of Memory and Human Rights. Then, head over to a bustling central market to mingle with the locals. The evening is yours to explore this wonderful city on your own. Or you may choose to take the optional "Experience Santiago" tour to enjoy a tasting at a winery, followed by a visit to the famous poet and activist Pablo Neruda's Santiago home; cap it off with a traditional dinner and Chilean folklore show. (B)

#### Day 4: Santiago - Buenos Aires,

**Argentina** Fly to Buenos Aires, the "Paris of South America" and the birthplace of the tango. After being greeted by your local guide, head to the Feria de San Telmo, the famous Sunday market in one of Buenos

Aires' historic neighborhoods. Meander through street after street of antiques; stop into little shops and view the local works of art; or sit back with an empanada and yerba mate tea and take in the street performers. Then, enjoy a drink at your beautiful hotel in the heart of the chic Recoleta neighborhood. Tonight, head to the Esquina Carlos Gardel Tango House, named after Argentina's most famous tango maestro, where you'll savour Argentine cuisine and wine before a **stunning tango performance**. (B, D)

**Y Day 5: Buenos Aires Today the choice is yours!** Experience the lively capital by bus. Or, for the more adventurous, take in the city on an exhilarating bicycle tour with a local guide. Both options bring you to the Teatro Colon opera house; the Avenida 9 de Julio; the Metropolitan Cathedral, the former church of Pope Francis I; Recoleta Cemetery, where Evita Peron rests; the Presidential Palace, the Casa Rosada, and the colourful neighborhood of La Boca. The rest of the day is yours. Maybe you'll stroll through San Martin Park or Calle de Florida, a shopper's paradise; or possibly you'll take the optional Tigre Delta trip where you'll pass by historic mansions and former residences of Buenos Aires' aristocracy before boarding a cruise meandering past a network of homes that sit on stilts. (B)

#### Day 6: Buenos Aires - San Antonio de Areco - Buenos Aires

This morning, cross the Argentine Pampas to experience Argentina's version of the "wild west." Embark on a guided tour of the charming country village of San Antonio de Areco, the birthplace of gaucho traditions. Visit with some of the local artisans and silversmiths before heading to a typical estancia where you'll **dine on a hearty asado lunch** – a traditional Argentine barbecue – and take your

seat at a horse whispering show performed by authentic gauchos. Relax on the estancia grounds before heading back to Buenos Aires for a free evening. (B, L)

**Day 7: Buenos Aires - Iguazu Falls, Brazil** Fly to Iguazu Falls – located at the crossroads of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay – hailed as the most beautiful waterfalls in the world, and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. **Board the Rainforest Ecological Train** inside the national park on the Argentine side and walk to the platform overlooking powerful Devil's Throat. Discover unparalleled views of five waterfalls as they plummet into the Iguazu River. Then cross into the Brazil side and check into your resort. Cap off your day with a relaxing dinner. (B, D)

**Day 8: Iguazu Falls** Soak up the breathtaking views of the waterfalls from the Brazilian side. Join your local guide as you discover how Brazil and Argentina have both fought to protect the beauty and raw power of the falls. This afternoon you may choose an optional jungle boat ride at the base of the falls. (B)

**Day 9: Iguazu Falls - Rio de Janeiro** Fly to Rio de Janeiro. Magnificent views, beautiful beaches, flamboyant Carnival costumes, great cuisine and friendly people make Rio the cultural capital of Brazil. Stop by the Maracanã football stadium, which hosted the 2014 World Cup finals, before continuing on to the famous Carnival parade route, the Sambadrome. Afterward, behold the renowned Metropolitan Cathedral. Check into your beachfront hotel. Learn how to craft *caipirinhas* – Brazil's famous cocktail made with sugar cane liquor and lime – before **venturing to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain** this evening. Cap the night off at Rio Scenarium, a lavishly decorated restaurant and music venue in the historic Lapa district. Meet local *Cariocas*, the name for people

# The Wonders of South America

12 Days from \$4329



from Rio de Janeiro, for dinner, music, and dancing that celebrates the rich history of the Brazilian people. (B, D)

**Y Day 10: Rio de Janeiro**  
**Journey to Corcovado by train** to see Christ the Redeemer, one of the largest Art Deco statues in the world. With 360-degree views around the city, you'll soon realize why this statue is one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Then spend time engaging with locals at the one of the city's open-air markets. Break into small groups with local guides as you discover and taste over a dozen different types of exotic fruits from Brazil. This afternoon, you **choose your activity!** Take a behind-the-scenes look at Carnival and meet the artists who are designing the floats, costumes and dances during their year-round preparations. Or, join a local guide for a tour of a *favela*; learn about the unique paradoxes of Brazilian education as you stroll through the community center, a school, and a local home; relish some time for coffee, cake and discussion with residents. The evening is free for your own exploration. (B)

**Day 11: Rio de Janeiro** Your day is at leisure to explore fabulous Rio de Janeiro on your own. Relax by the beach at your resort or take a shuttle to Copacabana.

Or, perhaps you'll take an optional tour and board a jeep for a ride through the Tijuca forest followed by a visit to historic Santa Teresa. Tonight, **join your fellow travellers for a farewell feast** in a typical Brazilian *churrascaria*. Indulge in wine and meats slow-roasted to perfection. (B, D)

**Day 12: Rio de Janeiro - Tour Ends** Transfer to the airport for your flight home. Those with later flights may choose an optional visit to the Olympic Park and the famous Botanical Gardens. (B)

Extend Your Tour

EXPLORE MORE. Extend your tour with 3 nights in the Brazilian Amazon. Journey to the Brazilian Amazon and stay at an ecotourism lodge located in the middle of the rainforest.

See page 98 for details.

Dates & Prices			
<b>January – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	October 5, 19	\$4329
January 5	\$3599	November 2, 16, 30	\$4329
February 2	\$3599	January 4, 18, 25	\$4329
March 2, 30	\$3599	February 8, 15, 22	\$4329
April 20	\$3599	March 1, 15	\$4329
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		April 5	\$4329
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$1350 - \$1500</b>
May 4	\$4329	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>N/A</b>
September 14	\$4329	<b>Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</b>	

## Choice On Tour Y

- In Rio de Janeiro, get a behind-the-scenes look at Rio's famous Carnival festival, or meet the locals with a visit to a favela.
- In Buenos Aires, experience the lively capital with a local guide either by bike or by bus.

## Cultural Experiences

- Mingle with the locals at a market that features many Chilean delicacies.
- Discover the famous San Telmo Sunday market in Buenos Aires.
- Move to the passionate rhythms of tango during a performance.
- Board the Rainforest Ecological Train inside Iguazu National Park.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Visit Corcovado and the mighty Christ the Redeemer statue overlooking Rio de Janeiro.
- Behold the Argentine and Brazilian sides of Iguazu Falls.
- Ride the cable car up Cerro San Cristobal for sweeping views of Santiago and the Andes.
- Venture to the top of Rio's towering Sugarloaf Mountain.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 16 meals included: 10 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 5 dinners
- Learn how to craft *caipirinhas* a Brazilian cocktail with sugar cane liquor and lime.
- Dine in a typical Brazilian *churrascaria*.
- Enjoy a hearty asado lunch a traditional Argentine barbecue typical estancia.

## Accommodations

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
  - Days 2, 3** Hotel Atton Vitacura, Santiago
  - Days 4 – 6** The Brick Hotel MGallery Collection, Buenos Aires
  - Days 7, 8** Mabu Thermas Grand Resort, Foz do Iguazu
  - Days 9 – 11** Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort, Rio de Janeiro
- On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level 1 2 3 4 5

See page 103 for details.

## Personalize Your Journey

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# Peru: Ancient Land of Mysteries

Set out for Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas, and much more on this exploration of Peru

## Start Early

**Add an extra day in Lima.** Travel south a day early and open your tour with more time to explore this exceptional city. Call for details.

### Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

Welcome to Peru, where you'll visit some of the world's most legendary sites, including Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas." Arrive late this evening in Lima.

**Day 2: Lima** Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Center, the Cathedral at Plaza de Armas, the colonial architecture, and the fashionable suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores. Then it's on to your exclusive visit in the Archbishop's Palace to witness the changing of the guard. This evening, **get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner** with a tasting menu of Peruvian dishes and drinks; you will quickly discover why Peru has been named the world's top food travel destination four years in a row. (B, D)

**Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas** Fly to Cuzco, in the heart of the Inca civilization. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas, the agricultural center of their grand empire. Learn the centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving traditional textiles during a visit to Awana Kancha, a living museum of the Peruvian Andes. After a short lesson on the local language, stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful

handicraft market. Do as the locals do and enjoy a tasting of "chicha," a unique regional drink made from maize. Then, head to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get first-hand knowledge of this internationally renowned artist's techniques and designs, inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Settle in this evening at your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. The rest of the evening is yours. (B)

**Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley of the Incas** Experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people and delve into their culture when you travel to a nearby community and interact with the locals. You'll get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group workshops that teach you traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving. Celebrate their culture as you learn their dances and listen to their musical instruments. This afternoon, **visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo ruins**, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. A uniquely terraced complex topped with carved stone panels, these ruins reflect ancient Incan architecture and heritage. Then, make a **stop at the Sacred Valley Brewing Company**, a non-profit brewery created to support a local orphanage. Taste these Andean-inspired beers and learn about their drive to support their community. Tonight, savor an authentic Pachamanca dinner, a unique process where food is placed on hot stones and buried in the ground to cook. (B, D)

**Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu** **Climb aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train** for breathtaking views through domed windows as you ride through the Andes to the "Lost City of the Incas." Hidden by mountains and semi-tropical

jungle, Machu Picchu is considered the most spectacular sight in South America. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu for a chance to further soak up its atmosphere. Enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration before enjoying an award-winning tasting menu at your resort. (B, D)

**Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco** With leisure time this morning you may return to Machu Picchu on your own or explore the local markets. Return by Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley and continue to Cuzco, a city that blends Inca and Spanish colonial influences. En route to Cuzco, meet Peruvian children at an orphanage supported by the Collette Foundation. (B)

**Day 7: Cuzco** The morning is yours to relax and acclimate to the altitude. Perhaps you'll choose the "Cuzco through the Senses" optional tour where you'll get hands-on experience with the owner and artist of a local pottery studio, followed by tastings of world-renowned Peruvian coffee and chocolate. This afternoon, **the choice is yours** on how you will explore Cuzco, the former capital of the Incan Empire. You may choose to follow a local guide on a walking tour of the city from your hotel. Or, perhaps you would prefer to board your coach for a comprehensive tour of the city's main sites. Both tours will take you on a journey through this colonial city where you'll experience the architectural legacy visible in the Cathedral, Santo Domingo and Plaza de Armas, as well as a visit to the central market. Later, gather together and travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress. **Enjoy a toast at sunset** while overlooking the city before returning to Cuzco where you are treated to an authentic dinner highlighting local flavours. (B, D)

# Peru: Ancient Land of Mysteries

10 Days from \$3919



**Day 8: Cuzco - Puno** This morning, fly to Puno, hugging the shores of Lake Titicaca. Have time to meet the locals and discover the history of this region as you explore the village center before checking into your lakeside hotel. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

**Day 9: Uros Floating Islands - Las Chullpas de Sillustani - Lake Titicaca** Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca. Experience walking on the spongy surface made from compacted beds of tortora reeds and meet the locals, learning about their history and lifestyle. Later, mingle with some local residents during a home-hosted lunch where you'll taste regional specialties and engage in lively conversation. In the afternoon, visit the mystical Chullpas de Sillustani – an archaeological area boasting 13th-century funerary monuments. Participate in a local home visit to gain insight into daily life. (B, L)

**Day 10: Puno - Lima - Tour Ends** Spend the morning relaxing on the shores of Lake Titicaca before flying to Lima. Upon arrival we head to the Larco Museum,

a former mansion built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple. The museum offers a collection of over 3,000 years of ceramic, textile, and precious metal artifacts. Your tour concludes with a sumptuous farewell dinner on the grounds of the museum. Then we depart for Lima's airport. (B, D)

Extend Your Tour

**EXPLORE MORE.** Extend your tour for 3 nights in the Peruvian Amazon. Set out for one of the last untamed places on Earth. Explore the wonders of the Amazon with a naturalist guide by your side. See page 99 for details.

**STAY LONGER.** Add an extra day in Lima. As your adventure ends, spend one more day exploring or resting for the journey home. Call for details.

## Choice On Tour

- In Cuzco, follow a local guide on a walking tour of the city or board your coach for a comprehensive tour of the city's main sites.

## Cultural Experiences

- Learn centuries-old Andean textile methods at a living museum.
- Explore the colorful markets of Peru, including the famous Pisac village market.
- Discover the techniques and designs at Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Spend the afternoon with a guide uncovering the mysteries of Machu Picchu.
- Travel through the Andes in a domed train on your way to Machu Picchu.
- Explore Las Chullpas de Sillustani, a pre-Incan burial ground.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 15 meals included: 9 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 5 dinners
- Enjoy a culinary demonstration at your hotel at the base of Machu Picchu.

## Accommodations

- Days 1, 2** Hilton Lima Miraflores, Lima
- Days 3, 4** Casa Andina Private Collection, Sacred Valley
- Day 5** Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
- Days 6, 7** Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco
- Days 8, 9** Libertador Lake Titicaca, Puno

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## Tour Activity Level

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Dates & Prices			
<b>January - April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	July 22	\$3919
January 21	\$3469	August 26	\$3919
January 28	\$3859	September 2, 9, 23	\$3919
February 11, 18	\$3469	October 7, 14, 21, 28	\$3919
February 25	\$3859	November 4, 11	\$3919
March 4, 25	\$3469	January 6, 13, 20	\$3919
March 18	\$3859	February 3, 17, 24	\$3919
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May 13, 27	\$3919	Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.	
June 10, 24	\$3919		

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The Galapagos Islands

# Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands

Embark on a spectacular historical, cultural and wildlife adventure

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Lima.

Begin your adventure with an extra night to enjoy Lima's treasures.

Call for details.

### Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

Welcome to Peru, one of the treasures of South America. Arrive this evening in Lima, the "City of Kings."

**Day 2: Lima** Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Center, the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas, an abundance of colonial architecture, and the fashionable suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores for insight into the daily life of the Limeños. Then it's on to your exclusive visit to the Archbishop's Palace to witness the changing of the guard. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner with a tasting menu of artfully crafted Peruvian dishes and drinks. (B, D)

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by ancient Peruvian cultures. Settle in this evening at your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. The rest of the evening is yours. (B)

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**Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco** With leisure time this morning you may return to Machu Picchu on your own or explore the local markets. Return by Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley and continue to Cuzco, a city that blends Inca and Spanish colonial

influences. Before arriving, **make a stop at the heralded salt mines of Maras.** (B)

**Day 7: Cuzco** The morning is yours to relax and acclimate to the altitude. Perhaps you'll choose the "Cuzco through the Senses" optional tour, where you'll get hands-on experience with the owner and artist of a local pottery studio, followed by interactive tastings of world-renowned Peruvian coffee and chocolate. This afternoon, the choice is yours on how you will explore Cuzco, the former capital of the Incan Empire. Join a local guide on a walking tour of the city from your hotel. Or, board your coach for a comprehensive tour of the city's main sites. Both tours will take you on a journey through this colonial city where you'll experience the architectural legacy visible in the Cathedral, Santo Domingo, the Plaza de Armas, as well as a stop by the central market. Later, gather together and travel above the city to **discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress.** Enjoy a toast at sunset while overlooking the city before arriving at your authentic dinner featuring local flavours in the heart of Cuzco. (B, D)

**Day 8: Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador** This morning we fly to Quito, Ecuador (UNESCO) the country's stunning capital city. (B)

**Day 9: Quito** At the start of your city tour, enjoy a special visit to a Children International community center, supported by the Collette Foundation. Meet some of the children benefiting from the nutritional support and healthy cooking education that is the focus of this group's mission. Learn about Quito's colonial center on a tour featuring the Presidential Palace. Savour lunch overlooking the Pululahua volcanic crater. On a one-of-a-kind experience, **cross between hemispheres at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum at the "Middle of the World."** Spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)



**Day 10: Quito - San Cristóbal Island, Galapagos - Embark Ship**

Fly to beautiful San Cristóbal Island, gateway to your Galapagos eco-adventure. After enjoying lunch aboard the m/v *Galapagos Legend*, arrive at the Port Baquerizo Moreno for an up-close look at the endangered tortoises that call the San Cristóbal Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve home. After exploring the island, stargaze from the deck of your ship and toast the wonders of the Galapagos. (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Española Island (Gardner Bay and Suarez Point)**

Board your panga to visit Gardner Bay. Guarded by a colony of sea lions, the beach is home to Galapagos hawks and endemic finches. Swim and snorkel with the marine life, including manta rays and white-tipped sharks. Continue on through the volcanic terrain of Suarez Point. **During your nature walk, watch for hooded mocking birds, lava lizards, Sally Lightfoot crabs and blue-footed boobies.** Venture to count Waved Albatross at the world's largest colony. Finally, visit the spectacular Soplador (blowhole) where water shoots 75 feet into the air. (B, L, D)

**Day 12: Floreana Island (Post Office Bay and Cormorant Point)**

Land at storied Post Office Bay, named for a barrel left in 1793 by Captain James Colnett as a "post office" for passing sailors. Continue the tradition and leave a letter for a loved one. Snorkel, if you choose, with green sea turtles or set out to search for Darwin's finches and yellow warblers. Sail to Cormorant Point and its olivine green sand beach. Spot a small colony of penguins. Seize another chance to snorkel and swim near playful sea lions! (B, L, D)

**Day 13: Santa Cruz Island (Charles Darwin Research Station & Highlands)**

**Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and see the giant tortoises** from the station's breeding program. Trek through the Santa Cruz highlands to Cerro Chato and find more giant tortoises. Take a break to savour some organic coffee before we embark on a **walk inside dormant lava tubes.** Enjoy time to explore Port Ayora town. (B, L, D)

**Day 14: Daphne Island - Disembark Ship - Baltra Island - Quito**

Garner panoramic views as you circumnavigate Daphne Island. Keep an eye out for marine iguanas, and crabs teetering along the rocky shore. Bid farewell to the Galapagos and fly back to the magnificent city of Quito. Fall in love with the lights of colonial Quito during a nighttime panoramic tour en route to your farewell dinner. Arrive at a historic restaurant to sample some of Ecuador's finest cuisine. (B, D)

**Day 15: Quito - Tour Ends (B)**

Extend Your Tour



**EXPLORE MORE.** Extend your tour with 3 nights in Otavalo. Continue exploring the rich cultures, epic scenery and picturesque villages of the Andes. See page 98 for details.

**Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands**  
15 Days from \$9824

**Choice On Tour**

- In Cuzco, join a local guide on a walking tour or climb aboard your coach for a tour of the city's dramatic architectural treasures.

**Cultural Experiences**

- Discover centuries-old Andean textile methods at a living museum of the Peruvian Andes.

**Must-See Inclusions**

- Embark on a 5-day cruise of the Galapagos Islands with a naturalist guide.
- Spend the day exploring the fabled ruins of Machu Picchu.

**Culinary Inclusions**

- 28 meals: 14 breakfasts • 5 lunches • 9 dinners
- Savour an authentic Pachamanca dinner, where food is buried in the ground to cook.

**Accommodations**

- Days 1, 2** Hilton Miraflores, Lima
  - Days 3, 4** Casa Andina Private Collection Sacred Valley, Yucay
  - Day 5** Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
  - Days 6, 7** Casa Andina Private Collection Hotel, Cuzco
  - Days 8, 9** Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda, Quito
  - Days 10 - 13** m/v Galapagos Legend, Galapagos Islands
  - Day 14** Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda, Quito
- On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Tour Activity Level**

See page 103 for details.

**Personalize Your Journey**

- Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**
- Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare.** See page 104 for details.
- On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

This trip requires a passport. Complete passport information is required 60 days prior to departure to confirm flight arrangements to the Galapagos Islands. Rates include \$145 - \$165 USD Galapagos National Park and Galapagos National Institute entrance fees. The currency in Ecuador is the USD. Gratuities for the cruise portion of your tour are not included in the land only price. At the time of reservation, \$40 USD per guest will be collected to cover service charges (gratuities). You will not be asked to pay any additional service charges (gratuities) unless you wish to do so but never directly to the crew. Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. Pricing is based on Standard Plus Outside cabins, located on the Sea Deck. Upgrades may be available to Junior Suites (Earth Deck) or Balcony Suites (Moon Deck). Call for pricing. If the cabin category preferred is not available at the time of booking, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal air, can be purchased through us.

Dates & Prices			
<b>January - April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	September 5	\$9824
January 17, 31	\$8774	October 3, 31	\$9824
February 14, 28	\$8774	November 28	\$9824
March 14	\$8774	January 9, 23	\$9824
March 28	\$8954	February 6, 20	\$9824
April 25	\$8954	March 6	\$9824
		April 3, 17	\$10094
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$2880 - \$3510</b>
<b>May 2017 - April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>N/A</b>
May 16	\$9824	Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.	
August 22	\$9824		

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**Peru - Hogar de Mercedes de Jesus Molina Orphanage** houses about twenty orphan girls, and focuses on education and health.



Panama Canal

# Discover Panama

## The Land Between the Seas

### Start Early

#### Add an extra day in Gamboa.

Enjoy an additional night immersed in the tranquility of the rainforest.

Call for details.

#### Day 1: Gamboa, Panama - Tour Begins

Welcome to Panama, a country of lush rainforests, rich history, diverse wildlife and spectacular coastlines. Your tour opens at the Gamboa Rainforest Resort where you'll enjoy your private balcony and hammock overlooking the beautiful surroundings. During your leisure time, feel free to use the complimentary bikes or kayaks to explore.

#### Day 2: Gamboa - Emberá Village - Gamboa

Meet your fellow travellers during a welcome breakfast. Your guide then leads you on a nature walk through the resort's jungle forest and gardens for a chance to spot unique birds as well as



Emberá indigenous village

various flora and fauna. **Set off on an excursion to an Emberá indigenous village.** Board dugout canoes for a scenic ride up the Chagres River to a settlement of Emberá, the "Keepers of the Rainforest." The Emberá strive to preserve their heritage and love to share their traditional techniques of home building and handicrafts – such as basket weaving and tagua nut carving – with visitors. Join in their dances and partake in a simple lunch cooked traditionally. The remainder of your day is free to enjoy Gamboa Rainforest Resort. (B, L, D)

**Day 3: Gamboa - Panama Canal Cruise - Panama City - Gamboa** Start the day off with an incredible highlight. **Board the Pacific Queen for a partial transit cruise through the Panama Canal.** Enjoy lunch onboard and pass through two locks as you revel in a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see this incredible engineering feat firsthand. Learn all about its construction and operation from your onboard guides. Disembark at Flamenco Marina in Panama City. Visit the Mercado de Mariscos, a seafood market, and try fresh Panamanian ceviche. Continue to Casco Viejo, the Old Quarter. It's your choice on how you will visit this UNESCO World Heritage site, which was settled in 1673. Perhaps you'll follow your guide for a short walking tour down its cobblestone streets showcasing the Plaza de la Independencia, the Presidential Palace, the National Theater, plus restored colonial churches and monuments. For a more immersive experience you may journey through this same neighbourhood with a local resident... hear the story of the Casco Viejo's comeback from a member of the community who will take you through the place he calls home, highlighting the incredible revitalization of this historic area and its people. (B, L)

**Day 4: Gamboa - Anton Valley** Arrive at **Miraflores Locks Visitor Center to view the Panama Canal and learn about its rich past, present and future as you watch ships traverse the lock system.**

Drive a short distance on the famed Pan-American Highway before heading up the mountains to Anton Valley, a community nestled inside the second largest volcanic crater in the world. Meet the locals at the handicraft market and try your hand at negotiations, a local pastime of marketgoers. You'll get to peruse artisan souvenirs made by indigenous peoples, including the "mola" embroidery of the Kuna Yala. Afterwards, check in to your hotel at the base of the mountains that make up the crater. (B, D)

**Day 5: Anton Valley** Begin the day with a visit to the Museum El Valle which houses a small collection ranging from geological wonders to pre-Columbian art. Your next stop is a nonprofit orchid nursery that dedicates itself to cultivating and conserving local and regional orchids. It houses over 100 different types. Continue to the El Valle Amphibian Conservation Center, working to protect critically endangered species including the emblematic Panamanian Golden Frog, said to bring good luck to anyone who sees it. Your afternoon is free to continue exploring this charming mountain community. (B)

**Day 6: Anton Valley - Chitré** This morning, **step into the heartland of Panama and become immersed in the culture as you visit a village of artists.** Interact with makers of the famous Panama hat and see firsthand how these wearable works of art are created. Continue on to meet the famous cigar rollers of Panama, whose craft has become legendary within the cigar community. Next, visit an orange grove, one of the



Casco Viejo



Panama Hat

region's main crops, and savour the taste of an orange fresh from the tree. Head north to Chitré, one of the first Spanish settlements in Panama, established in 1558. Get to know a traditional way of cooking at a clay oven bakery and sample these delectable sweets. After visiting a local pottery artist, it's on to a sugarcane mill for a taste of sugarcane juice called "guarapa." Next, pause to experience the region's pre-Columbian and colonial times at the local museum. Tonight, get acquainted with the local culture at dinner featuring a folklore and dance show. (B, D)

**Day 7: Chitré** Spend the day meeting the locals in Chitré, the "folklore capital" of Panama. Meet Panamanian women who have dedicated their lives to making the handwoven pollera dress. Then it's off to spend time with a famous local artist whose whimsical masks are used in traditional Panamanian parades. **Your day continues with a visit to one of Panama's famous rum producers.** Visit the historic hacienda to discover the life of the founder, a Spanish immigrant who brought jobs and prestige to the region with the development of the distillery. Learn the art of making rum, as well as the local drink "seco," also distilled from sugarcane. If you like, you may take

an oxcart ride through the sugarcane fields. Enjoy a typical lunch, then finally sample the product for yourself during a tasting session and discussion in the bodega. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy at your hotel. Tonight, you have the option of experiencing an authentic home-hosted meal in a local family's house; take this opportunity to learn about their lives, culture and food. (B, L)

**Day 8: Chitré - Playa Bonita**

Journey to Playa Bonita, just outside of Panama City. Arrive midday to soak up the sun and ocean views from your beachfront property. You can also meander through the hotel's shops or use their complimentary kayaks. After enjoying some fun and relaxation at your resort, bid farewell to Panama at a special dinner. (B, D)

**Day 9: Playa Bonita - Tour Ends**

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

Extend Your Tour

**STAY LONGER. Add a night in Playa Bonita.** Stay another night along the beautiful shore and sandy beaches of Panama. Call for details.

Dates & Prices

<b>January - April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	September 7, 14, 28	\$2759
January 12, 26	\$2599	October 5, 26	\$2759
February 2, 9, 16	\$2599	November 9	\$2759
March 2, 16, 23	\$2599	December 7	\$2759
April 6	\$2599	January 11, 18, 25	\$2899
April 20, 27	\$2539	February 1, 15, 22	\$2899
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		March 8, 15	\$2899
<b>May 2017 - April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	April 5	\$2899
May 4, 11	\$2629	April 19	\$2829
July 13	\$2629	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$810 - \$950</b>
August 10	\$2629	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>(-) \$30</b>
<b>Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.</b>			

Choice On Tour

- In Panama city, tour Casco Viejo, Panama City's Old Quarter, with your guide showcasing its history and landmarks, or you may join a local resident for a tour highlighting the incredible revitalization of this area.

Cultural Experiences

- Join your guide for a nature walk through the jungle forest.
- Discover the various arts of creating Panamanian hats, masks and dresses.

Must-See Inclusions

- Enjoy three nights in a river view room with a balcony and hammock!
- Travel by dugout canoe to an Embera village to learn about indigenous culture.

Culinary Inclusions

- 15 meals: 8 breakfasts • 3 lunches • 4 dinners
- Sample fresh Panamanian ceviche at the Mercado de Mariscos.
- Taste the sweet sugarcane juice called "guarapa" at a sugar mill.
- See a traditional way of cooking at a clay oven bakery.

Accommodations

- Days 1 - 3** Gamboa Rainforest Resort, Gamboa
- Days 4, 5** Los Mandarinos Hotel, Anton Valley
- Days 6, 7** Cubitá Boutique Resort and Spa, Chitré
- Day 8** Westin Playa Bonita, Playa Bonita

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



**HOTEL UPGRADE AVAILABLE:**  
An upgrade to Ocean View Suite is available at the Westin Playa Bonita. Call for details.

Tour Activity Level

See page 103 for details.

Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare.** See page 104 for details.

**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

**This trip requires a passport.** Panama charges an international airport departure tax of approximately \$40 USD - the cost of this may be included in your air ticket. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required in some connection cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of booking. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details.



Arenal Volcano

# Tropical Costa Rica

Surround yourself with natural beauty

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in San Jose.

Enjoy extra time in paradise when you arrive early in San Jose.

Call for details.

### Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour

**Begins** Lush forests and stunning waterfalls...exotic wildlife and endless coastlines...Costa Rica is truly a slice of paradise. Your tour begins in the colourful capital city of San Jose. Upon arrival, relax and soak up the sights of your new surroundings.

### Day 2: San Jose - Doka Coffee Estate - Guanacaste

Journey through the lush countryside of the Central Valley to the fertile region world-renowned for its coffee. **A tour of the Doka Coffee Estate highlights the history and cultivation of coffee and its importance to the Costa Rican economy.** This



Guanacaste

afternoon, arrive in the Guanacaste region, known for its breathtaking beauty and fine sandy beaches. Here, rest and relaxation go hand-in-hand with mesmerizing ocean views and lush tropical greenery. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort. (B, D)

**Day 3: Guanacaste** Fun in the sun is in store for you as you enjoy this paradise. Explore the nearby town and beaches, take an optional cruise, or simply relax by the pool or beach and take advantage of the amenities offered at your lovely resort. (B)

**Day 4: Guanacaste - Monteverde** You won't believe your eyes as you travel into the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Upon arrival in Monteverde, take a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem and encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna up-close. This forest is the home of the world's largest population of the endangered quetzal, celebrated for its gorgeous jewel-toned plumage. Keep your eyes peeled and you may be lucky enough to spot this elusive bird! (B, D)

**Day 5: Monteverde** Begin your day at a cloud forest reserve in the heart of Monteverde. Venture into an enchanting, colourful world as you explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens with more than 30 species of tropical butterflies. Next, be dazzled in a nearby gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds. Embark on a guided walking tour above the forest floor on a leisurely paced "Hanging Bridges" tour and get a different perspective on the cloud forest's unique ecosystem, its mammals, birds, plants and flora. If you are feeling adventurous you may take an optional canopy zip-line tour. This evening, meet a local who will

discuss fascinating facts regarding the migratory birds that flock to Costa Rica every year. (B, D)

### Day 6: Monteverde - Lake Arenal Cruise - Arenal

Discover the importance of conservation in Costa Rica during a visit to a tree nursery and learn about Monteverde's reforestation



Doka Coffee Estate

efforts of indigenous trees. Traverse through the beautiful mountainous landscapes of Monteverde to Arenal, where breathtaking views of the volcano await you. Be surrounded by tranquility on a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, the largest and most important lake in Costa Rica. Later, check in for a 2-night stay at a typical lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano which has been generating lava for the past 30 years. Before dinner, enjoy a cooking demonstration and learn how native, exotic vegetables and plants contribute to the unique flavours of Costa Rican cuisine. (B, D)

### Day 7: Arenal - Cano Negro - Arenal

Of all Costa Rica's nature preserves, the remote 20,000



acres of Cano Negro are home to the largest viewable selection of indigenous wildlife. Embark on a Cano Negro guided riverboat trip in a panga (covered canoe), stopping along the way to observe and photograph the wildlife that surround you which may include crocodiles, river otters, sloths, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies — all known to live in the area. The Arenal Volcano area is also known as the land of spas and hot springs. Later in the day you will have an opportunity to attain a state of complete relaxation with an optional visit to one of the finest spas in the region. (B)

**Day 8: Arenal - Zarcero - Grecia - National Theatre - San Jose** Discover the charming town of Zarcero and visit its well-known whimsical topiary garden. Continue to the small, picturesque town of Grecia to see the unusual metal church constructed of brick-red metal panes; walk the beautifully landscaped central park; or shop at the traditional local market. Later, visit San Jose's colourful Plaza de Cultura and the

National Theatre, a magnificent building of post-Baroque splendour. This evening enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 9: San Jose - Tour Ends**  
Today you depart for home with fabulous memories of your adventure in Costa Rica. (B)

Extend Your Tour

**EXPLORE MORE.** Enjoy an exciting soft-adventure jungle extension to Tortuguero, the Amazon of Costa Rica. Stay two memorable nights at an eco-lodge surrounded by the beauty of a tropical forest and set off to explore the region and its amazing wildlife.  
See page 97 for details.

## Cultural Experiences

- Climb high into the trees for a Hanging Bridges tour in the cloud forest.
- Discover the charming town of Zarcero and its whimsical topiary garden.
- Get to know Costa Rican culture in the picturesque town of Grecia.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Enjoy the breathtaking scenery surrounding Arenal Volcano.
- Spot indigenous wildlife while on a Cano Negro riverboat cruise.
- Stay in the Guanacaste region, known for its fine sandy beaches.
- Explore San Jose, including the Plaza de Cultura and the National Theatre.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 13 meals: 8 breakfasts • 5 dinners
- A cooking demonstration reveals the unique flavors of Costa Rican cuisine.
- Discover the history of coffee in Costa Rica at the Doka Coffee Estate.

## Accommodations

- Day 1** DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose  
**Days 2, 3** Esplendor Tamarindo, Guanacaste  
**Days 4, 5** El Establo Hotel, Monteverde Cloud Forest  
**Days 6, 7** Arenal Springs or Mountain Paradise Resort, Arenal  
**Day 8** DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose
- On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 103 for details.

## Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare.**  
See page 104 for details.

**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

This trip requires a passport. Taxes/fees to be paid in local currency or USD upon exiting the country are approximately 32 USD per person.

### Dates & Prices

<b>January – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	September 16, 23, 30	\$2359
January 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16	\$2059	October 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30	\$2359
January 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30	\$2059	November 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27	\$2359
February 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13	\$2059	December 2, 9	\$2359
February 16, 20, 23, 25, 27	\$2059	January 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20	\$2489
March 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13	\$2059	January 22, 25, 27, 29	\$2489
March 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 30	\$2059	February 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17	\$2489
April 1, 3, 6, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29	\$1999	February 19, 22, 24, 26	\$2489
<small>Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.</small>			
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	March 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15	\$2489
May 13, 20, 27	\$2289	March 17, 19, 22, 24	\$2489
June 10, 17	\$2289	April 2, 5, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28	\$2419
July 8	\$2289		
August 26	\$2289		
	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$600 - \$740</b>	
	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>(-) \$30</b>	
	<b>Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.</b>		



Manuel Antonio National Park

# Costa Rica: A World of Nature

Discover a culture that treasures its exotic ecosystem

## Start Early

**Add an extra day in San Jose.**  
Enjoy more time to explore this vibrant city.  
Call for details.

### Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour

**Begins** Journey to Costa Rica and discover the fascinating tropical ecosystems of Tortuguero National Park, Arenal Volcano and Manuel Antonio National Park. Explore of the country's natural gems and take time for independent personal discovery.

### Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park

**Begin** the day surrounded by dormant volcanos and crater lakes as you journey through Braulio Carrillo National Park en route to the Caribbean lowlands. Along the way, take in the mountain vistas and Caribbean-style villages. Later, discover the natural wonders of the rainforest of Tortuguero National Park as you cruise the rivers and canals with your guide. Enjoy a 2-night stay at your eco-lodge surrounded by the beauty of a tropical forest and an array of wildlife. Learn more about your surroundings with a **visit to the world's first Green Turtle Research Station**. Discover how to protect the turtle's nesting habitat and eggs. Join your fellow travellers this evening for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 3: Tortuguero National Park** Set out on an early morning bird-watching excursion that explores the variety of local species and migratory birds that flock to this area. Find yourself surrounded by wildlife as you **embark on a nature cruise** through the

national park – keep an eye out for howler monkeys, sloths, toucans and caimans, as well as exotic flora. Tortuguero National Park, a study in rainforest, freshwater and marine biology, protects over 350 species of birds and mammals. Savour time to explore and seek out green macaws; 57 species of amphibians; 111 species of reptiles; and 60 mammal species, including 13 of Costa Rica's endangered animals including jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and manatees. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - Sarapiquí - Arenal Volcano

**Embark** on a boat ride to the mainland as you travel to the fascinating Sarapiquí region. Afterwards, join a local expert at La Tirimbina Biological Reserve where you will discover the history and continuing importance of cacao to Central America's economy. Observe the process of producing chocolate from the cacao bean and sample the delicious finished product. Next, continue to your resort featuring panoramic views of Arenal Volcano. (B, D)

**Y Day 5: Arenal Volcano** This morning, **the choice is yours**. You may embark on one of the most thrilling zip lining experiences in Costa Rica while admiring the views and wildlife of the Arenal rainforest. Or, perhaps you would enjoy a moderate hike through the trails of Arenal Volcano National Park where you will traverse the former lava fields and enjoy spectacular views of the volcano. This afternoon is at leisure to explore the lush surroundings of your rainforest resort, perhaps indulge in an optional spa treatment, or simply relax in the luxurious soothing waters of one of the region's famous hot springs. (B)

### Day 6: Arenal Volcano - Villa Blanca Cloud Forest

This morning you may choose to take an optional river safari or hanging bridges tour: float down the mellow Peñas Blancas River while taking in the stunning scenery or experience the rainforest from up above as you walk among the treetops on a guided tour of Arenal's hanging bridges...either way, keep an eye out for wildlife such as monkeys, sloths, iguanas and tropical birds. Later, travel to the Villa Blanca Cloud Forest. Settle in for a 2-night stay in a mountain nature reserve resort, originally owned by the former president of Costa Rica, Rodrigo Carazo Odio. Nestled on 75 acres of gentle rolling hills, set in the Los Angeles Private Biological Reserve, you will enjoy exploring one of the world's most complex jungle ecosystems – the cloud forest. This evening, enjoy an incredible dinner overlooking the cloud forest. (B, D)

### Day 7: Villa Blanca Cloud Forest - San Ramón - Villa Blanca Cloud Forest

Wake early for the opportunity to go in search of the wide variety of bird species found in Costa Rica. It is home to one-tenth of the various species found in the world. This afternoon we visit a coffee farm. Discover this coffee plantation and the natural growing methods used to make some of the best coffee in the world. Continue to the city of San Ramón – referred to as the “City of Presidents & Poets” – for a tour. Then, settle back into your resort and enjoy the amazing views from your individual casitas. **Tonight, partake in a tree adoption ceremony.** (B)

### Day 8: Villa Blanca Cloud Forest - Tarcoles - Manuel Antonio National Park

Traverse the lush varied landscape of Costa Rica to the Pacific Coast. **Make a stop for a jungle crocodile**

# Costa Rica: A World of Nature

11 Days from \$3449



**safari and bird watching excursion.** Hop aboard your safari boat to explore the quiet Rio Grande of Tarcoles. See the awesome mangrove ecosystem and search for these magnificent ancient reptiles in one of the world's largest crocodile populations in the wild. View waterfowl, iguanas, and over fifty varieties of birds native to the region, including the very rare scarlet macaw. Later we continue our journey to the world-famous Manuel Antonio National Park. Check into your hotel located just outside the park. Soak up the sweeping views and take in the sunset before dining this evening. (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Manuel Antonio National Park - Santa Juana - Manuel Antonio National Park

This morning, journey to nearby Santa Juana Rural Mountain Nature Reserve. Experience a different side of this country when joining an expert guide who will introduce you to the local culture and ecosystem. Step back in time at an authentic sugar mill still powered by oxen. Take a hike to a breathtaking waterfall and go for a swim in its pristine waters. Then enjoy a traditional "campesino" country-style farmer's lunch while taking in

the expansive panoramic views of Manuel Antonio National Park below. Return to your hotel. The afternoon is yours to relax and enjoy the beauty of your surroundings. (B, L)

**Day 10: Manuel Antonio National Park - San Jose** Today, explore spectacular Manuel Antonio National Park, known for its pristine beaches and primary forest. Spend the morning leisurely walking the forest trails in search of native inhabitants like the three-toed sloth, agoutis, squirrel monkeys and iguanas; or take a swim in the inviting blue waters of its beaches. Say goodbye to the coast as you continue on to San Jose. Enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner where we'll toast to the natural richness that is Costa Rica. (B, D)

**Day 11: San Jose - Tour Ends**  
Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### Extend Your Tour

**STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in San Jose.** Discover a city steeped in history and culture. [Call for details.](#)

### Dates & Prices

January – April 2017		Double	Single Room Supplement
January 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29	\$2999	August 13	\$3449
February 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 28	\$2999	September 10, 17, 24	\$3449
March 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 26	\$2999	October 8, 15, 22, 29	\$3449
April 2	\$2999	November 5, 26, 30	\$3589
April 20, 23, 30	\$2949	December 3, 28	\$3589
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		January 4, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28	\$3589
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	February 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25	\$3589
May 14, 21	\$3449	March 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18	\$3589
June 11	\$3449	April 5, 8, 12, 15, 19	\$3589
July 9, 16, 23	\$3449	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>(-) \$30</b>
		<b>Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars.</b>	<b>Call about additional dates.</b>

## Choice On Tour

- In Arenal, embark on a thrilling zip lining experience in or take a hike through the former lava fields of Arenal Volcano National Park.

## Cultural Experiences

- Travel with **no more than 24 travellers** on this small group tour.
- Step back in time at an authentic sugar mill still powered by oxen.
- Join an expert guide to learn about the local culture and ecosystem.
- Visit to the world's first Green Turtle Research Station in Tortuguero National Park.
- Give back to Mother Nature during a tree adoption ceremony.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Stay in Tortuguero National Park, and find yourself surrounded by wildlife.
- Enjoy your 2-night stay just outside of pristine Manuel Antonio National Park.
- Spend 2 nights at a resort overlooking the iconic Arenal Volcano.
- Hop aboard a river boat for a crocodile safari and bird watching excursion.
- Traverse pristine forest trails in search of wildlife.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 20 meals included: 10 breakfasts • 4 lunches 6 dinners
- Enjoy a traditional "campesino" country-style farmer's lunch.
- Indulge in the sweet taste of chocolate at a biological reserve.
- Delve into the world of coffee during a plantation visit.
- Savour dinner overlooking the lush Villa Blanca Cloud Forest.

## Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose
<b>Days 2, 3</b>	Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero
<b>Days 4, 5</b>	Mountain Paradise, Arenal Volcano
<b>Days 6, 7</b>	Villa Blanca Cloud Forest Hotel & Spa, San Ramon
<b>Days 8, 9</b>	Si Como No Resort, Manuel Antonio
<b>Day 10</b>	DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level

See page 103 for details.

## Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare.** See page 104 for details.

**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

This trip requires a passport. Taxes/fees to be paid in local currency or USD upon exiting the country are approximately \$32 USD per person.

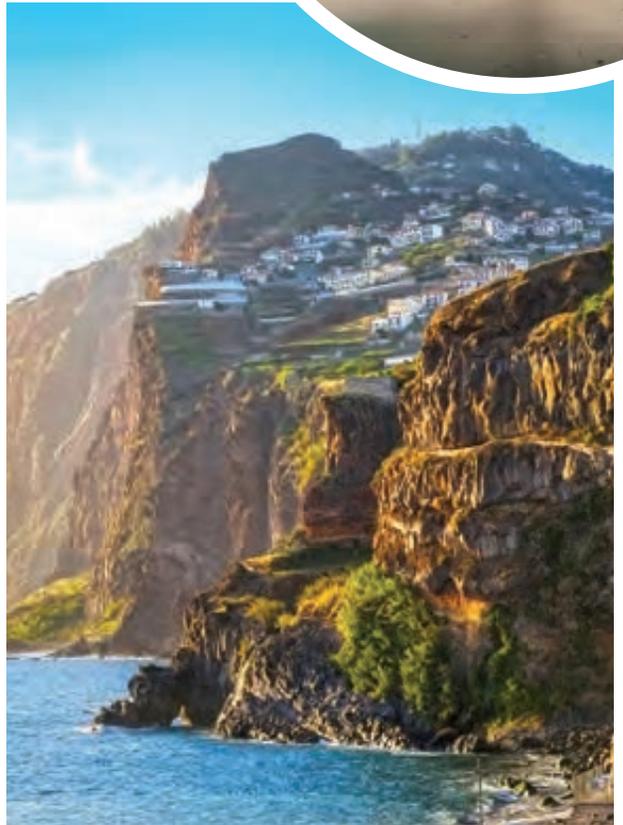
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# Discover

what is around  
that next bend  
in your road

Throughout the following pages you'll find information about our exciting optional extensions. These packages are the perfect way to build on your already inclusive travel experience. You've come so far, now is the time to discover what is around that next bend in your road.





# Extend Your Tour Optional Extensions

## Victoria Falls 3-night post tour add to: Spectacular South Africa (pg. 46)

### Day 14: Cape Town - Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Fly this morning to one of the world's natural wonders, Victoria Falls, and transfer to the Victoria Falls Hotel, known as the "grand old lady of the falls." Upon arrival, enjoy a tour of this historic hotel. Tonight, enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Zambezi River, taking in the majestic African sunset.

**Day 15: Victoria Falls** After breakfast you have an opportunity to mingle with the residents of a local village. Next, interact with African elephants, up-close and in their natural environment. Following lunch with a local family, take a walking tour of Victoria Falls, truly one of the "Seven Wonders of the World." Shop at a local curio market before returning to your hotel. (B, L)

**Day 16: Victoria Falls** Your day is free to explore independently. Or, perhaps you will decide to take an optional full day excursion to Chobe National Park in Botswana. (B, D)

### Day 17: Victoria Falls - Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Ends

Later this afternoon, board your international flight home. (B)

Please Note: A minimum of 6 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Park fees (approximately \$55 CAD) are not included in the land price of your extension. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A visa is required for Zimbabwe at an approximate cost of \$75 USD for Canadian citizens. A multiple-entry visa is required if you wish to purchase the optional Chobe day trip. Visa cost is approximately \$75 USD for Canadian citizens. Passports must have 2 blank pages for the visa to be placed. The visa may be purchased upon arrival, payable in cash only. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. The internal flight is not included in the extension land price. **Additional air segment purchase required.** These flights can be purchased through us.

**5 Meals:**  
3 Breakfasts,  
1 Lunch, 1 Dinner  
**\$1690\***



**Accommodations:** Victoria Falls Hotel, Victoria Falls

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 103 for details.



**2 Meals:**  
1 Breakfast,  
1 Lunch  
**\$475\***

## Nairobi 1-night pre tour add to: The Plains of Africa (pg. 44)

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

**Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya** Your extension begins with an overnight stay in Nairobi.

**Day 3: Nairobi** This morning, visit the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, an internationally renowned orphanage located in Nairobi National Park. Learn about their efforts to protect and rehabilitate elephants who have been orphaned by poachers or have lost their habitat due to human population. Visit Kazuri, a workshop that creates handmade and hand-painted jewelry, ceramic beads and pottery. (B, L)

Please Note: During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

**Accommodations:** Sarova Stanley, Nairobi

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 103 for details.

# Extend Your Tour

## Optional Extensions

*To complement your experience*

### Tanzania 4-night post tour add to: The Plains of Africa (pg. 44)

**12 Meals:**  
4 Breakfasts,  
4 Lunches, 4 Dinners  
**\$2230\* -  
\$3310\***

**Day 14: Amboseli - Arusha, Tanzania - Karatu** Depart Amboseli for the border town of Arusha. After clearing border crossing formalities, enjoy lunch in Arusha. Then continue to your hotel in Karatu. (L, D)

**Day 15: Karatu - Serengeti National Park** After breakfast, depart for Serengeti National Park, undoubtedly the most famous wildlife sanctuary in the world and known to have the greatest concentration of Plains' game anywhere. (B, L, D)

**Day 16: Serengeti National Park** Enjoy a full day game drive in the park. (B, L, D)

**Day 17: Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Conservation Area** Begin your day with a safari in the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest intact caldera in the world. Enjoy a picnic lunch as you continue your journey to Ngorongoro Conservation Area. (B, L, D)

**Day 18: Ngorongoro - Arusha - Tour Ends** Drive through Arusha on the way to the Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) for your departure flight home. (B)

Please Note: Park fees (approximately \$280 USD) are not included in the land price of your extension. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. The cost of the unused dayroom on the last day of your base tour in Nairobi has been deducted from the price of your extension. A day room in Arusha is available for purchase before your departure flight home from Kilimanjaro Airport. Clients leaving Kenya and continuing their travels to Tanzania (including Zanzibar), even if only for a transit, will need a Yellow Fever certificate to enter Tanzania. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. Soft duffel bag luggage is required with maximum weight of 15 kgs. (approximately 33 pounds). The approximate cost of a Tanzania visa, purchased at the border, is \$100 USD, for US and Canadian citizens, payable in USD cash only. This requires a second blank page in your passport in addition to the required blank page for your Kenya visa. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 9:00 p.m. **Additional air segment purchase required.**



#### Accommodations:

Day 1 Country Lodge, Karatu  
Days 2, 3 Serengeti Sopa Lodge, Serengeti National Park  
Day 4 Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge, Ngorongoro

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 103 for details.



**4 Meals:**  
3 Breakfasts,  
1 Dinner  
**\$675\* - \$880\***

### Dubai 3-night pre tour

**add to:** Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana (pg. 48), Spectacular South Africa (pg. 46), Mysteries of India (pg. 28), India's Treasures (pg. 30), Exploring Sri Lanka (pg. 32)

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Dubai.

**Day 2: Dubai - Extension Begins** Arrive in Dubai. The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or explore this dynamic and cosmopolitan city. As one of the seven emirates of the United Arab Emirates, Dubai is considered the shopping capital of the Middle East. With its many world-famous man-made structures built in recent years, Dubai is a must-see destination.

**Day 3: Dubai** Dubai is a city that provides a new setting at every turn. Richly mixing together the old and the new, it's a city of ages that rises out of the desert and crowns the gulf coast with its presence. This afternoon, your route takes you to a magnificent view of Dubai Creek, passing by the heritage area of Bastakiya, with its fascinating old wind-towered houses built by wealthy merchants. Visit the 180-year-old Al Fahidi Fort, which today houses the Dubai Museum. Continue your journey by abra – a traditional water taxi – across the creek. Stroll through the spice and gold souks, the colorful bazaar markets. On your way to Burj Al Arab – one of Dubai's landmarks – make a photo stop at Jumeirah Mosque. (B)

**Day 4: Dubai** Your morning is at leisure. This afternoon your safari guide will take you on a 4-wheel drive into the golden sand dunes of Arabia. Experience the thrill of a lifetime while riding through the dunes. Enjoy a scenic sunset overlooking the desert. Continue to a Bedouin campsite where you can enjoy camel riding, Henna design, Arabic gava and a delicious barbecue dinner. During dinner watch as an enchanting belly dancer performs to Arabic rhythms. (B, D)

**Day 5: Dubai - Extension Ends** You will board your flight to begin your tour. (B)

**Accommodations:** Carlton Palace, Dubai

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 103 for details.

Please Note: During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. \*The flight from Dubai on the last day is not included in the land-only cost of your tour. **Additional air segment purchase required.** For US, UK, Australia and Canadian citizens, no advance visa arrangement is required to visit the UAE when your stay is less than 30 days. Upon arrival, your passport will be stamped with a 30-day visit visa free of charge.

# Extend Your Tour Optional Extensions

## Nepal 4-night post tour add to: Mysteries of India (pg. 28)

**Day 15: Varanasi - Delhi** Enjoy a morning at leisure before flying back to Delhi. Overnight in Delhi before travelling to Nepal in the morning.

**Day 16: Delhi - Kathmandu, Nepal** Take an early morning flight to Kathmandu and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Patan city, the old Newar city. See the Patan Durbar Square, listed as a World Heritage site. The complex is the center of Patan's religious and social life. (B)

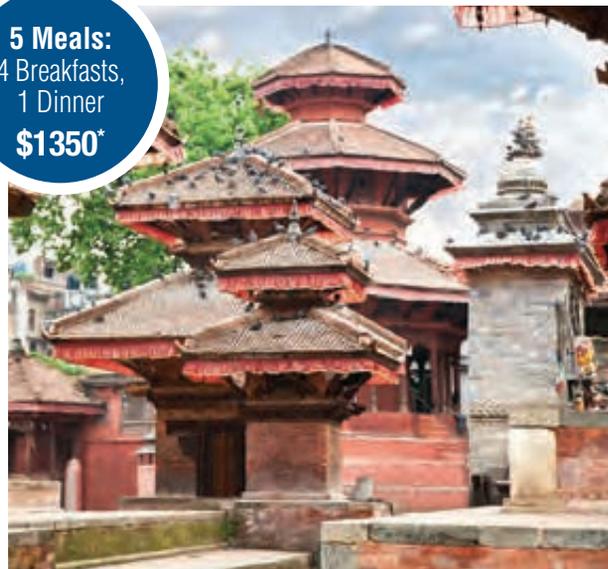
**Day 17: Kathmandu** Tour Kathmandu city and Swoyambhuanth Stupa, a famous monkey temple boasting the famous painted eyes of Buddha watching all who ascend the steps. Continue on to visit such sights as the 17th-century Durbar complex; Hanuman Dhoka; the Shiva Paravati temple; the Seto Bhairav and Kal Bhaira temple. Head to Swoyambhunath and take in views of Kathmandu valley. Tonight enjoy a Nepali dinner at a local restaurant including a cultural dance performance. (B, D)

**Day 18: Kathmandu** Visit Pashupatinath Temple, the most important Hindu temple in Nepal. See Boudnath, one of the largest stupas in the world and a sacred place to Buddhist pilgrims from Tibet. Travel to Bhadgaon, a city of devotees, known for its incredible architecture and art. (B)

**Day 19: Kathmandu - Delhi - Tour Ends** Fly to Delhi for your return flight home. (B)

Please Note: The cost of the unused dayroom on the last day of your base tour in Delhi has been deducted from the price of your extension. A day room in Delhi is available for purchase before your departure flight home. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Due to inter-flight scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 7:00 p.m. on the last day. The approximate cost of a Nepalese visa is \$30 USD and obtainable on arrival. A passport photo is required for the visa in Nepal and costs approximately \$5 USD. We recommend bringing a passport photo as well as small bills for these expenses. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. The internal flights are not included in the extension land cost. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

**5 Meals:**  
4 Breakfasts,  
1 Dinner  
**\$1350\***



### Accommodations:

Day 1 Radisson Blu Dwarka, Delhi  
Days 2 – 4 Soaltee Crowne Plaza, Kathmandu

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 103 for details.



**11 Meals:**  
6 Breakfasts,  
3 Lunches, 2 Dinners  
**\$2160\* -**  
**\$2295\***

## South India 6-night post tour add to: India's Treasures (pg. 30)

**Day 10: Agra - Delhi** Overnight in Delhi before travelling to Cochin in the morning.

**Day 11: Delhi - Cochin** Today's flight brings you to Cochin. This evening, Witness the "Kathakali", a special dance with its origins in the "Theyyam" - a ritual tribal dance of North Kerala. (B, D)

**Day 12: Cochin** Tour the captivating port city of Cochin. View the remarkable cantilevered Chinese fishing nets, explore the 16th-century Mattancherry Palace and the Church of St. Francis. Continue to the Ginger House – an old warehouse now converted into an antique showroom – where you will enjoy an included lunch. This evening you'll take in the sights on a harbour cruise, followed by a visit to the Kerala Folklore Museum. (B, L)

**Day 13: Cochin - Thekkady** Begin your day with a visit to a plantation house in Kanjirappally to witness rubber tapping, and enjoy lunch with a local family. Continue to Thekkady, an unending chain of hills dotted with spice and tea plantations. (B, L)

**Day 14: Thekkady - Kumarakom** This morning, continue to Kumarkon, and enjoy time at leisure. (B, D)

**Day 15: Kumarakom** Embark on a boat cruise from Alleppey to Kumarakom through the backwaters, a network of lagoons, lakes, rivers and canals. Enjoy lunch on board. (B, L)

**Day 16: Kumarakom - Cochin - Delhi - Tour Ends** A morning drive returns you to Cochin. Fly to Delhi for your return flight home. (B)

The cost of the unused dayroom on the last day of your base tour in Delhi has been deducted from the price of your extension. This extension is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services. Day rooms are not included on the last day at Delhi airport on return from Cochin, but are available for purchase. The flights from Delhi to Cochin are not included in the land-only cost of your tour. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 9:00 p.m. on the last day. The internal flights are not included in the extension land cost. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

### Accommodations:

Day 1 Eros Hotel, Delhi  
Days 2, 3 Le Meridien Cochin, Cochin  
Day 4 Cardamom County, Tekkady  
Days 5, 6 Kumarakom Lake Resort, Kumarakom

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 103 for details.

# Extend Your Tour

## Optional Extensions

*to complement your experience*

### Hong Kong 3-night pre tour

add to: Three Kingdoms of Indochina (pg. 34)  
Taste of Vietnam (pg. 36)

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Hong Kong. Skip a day ahead en route as you cross the International Dateline.

**Day 2: Hong Kong - Extension Begins** Today you arrive in Hong Kong, one of Asia's most cosmopolitan and dynamic cities. You will stay in Kowloon, located in the heart of Hong Kong's bustling shopping district. Hong Kong is noted for fabulous savings on jewelry, silk and leather products. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

**Day 3: Hong Kong - Hong Kong Island** Cross the harbour and enjoy a comprehensive tour of Hong Kong Island, home to the city's most popular sites. Visit Stanley Market and stroll around its famous seaside village bazaar. Learn about the lifestyle of Hong Kong's fishermen with a visit to Aberdeen Fishing Village where you will have the opportunity to take an optional traditional sampan ride in the typhoon shelter. Your tour will also take you past Repulse Bay Beach, an important strategic location during World War II and the longest beach on the island. Complete your tour with a panoramic ride up Victoria Peak for spectacular views of the city and harbour below. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

**Day 4: Hong Kong** Enjoy a day at leisure to explore this great city. Perhaps you will enjoy some shopping in the Kowloon area or take a stroll on Hong Kong's oldest and most atmospheric street, Shanghai Street. (B)

**Day 5: Hong Kong - Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam** You will board your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. (B)

3 Meals:  
3 Breakfasts  
\$675\* -  
\$1015\*



Accommodations: Park Hotel

Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 103 for details.

Please Note: During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. The internal flights for this extension are not included in the land price of your tour. **Additional air segment purchase required.**



4 Meals:  
3 Breakfasts,  
1 Lunch  
\$880\*

### Bangkok 3-night post tour

add to: Three Kingdoms of Indochina (pg. 34)  
Taste of Vietnam (pg. 36)

#### Extension Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Bangkok, Thailand

Board a short flight to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. Marvel at ancient monuments, explore local culinary treasures, shop for unique souvenirs or just soak in the energy of the city.

**Extension Day 2: Bangkok** Begin your day with a cruise on the Chao Phraya River. Drift past local houses and learn about daily life along the waterways. Stop at the iconic Wat Arun, the Temple of the Dawn. The boat trip ends at Chang pier. From here we head to The Grand Palace. In the main temple, see the Emerald Buddha, carved from a single piece of jade. Enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, visit the Golden Buddha, one of the world's largest solid gold statues. Discover how it was once covered in plaster to conceal it from invaders. Continue with a visit to the Jim Thompson House, home of the American entrepreneur who revitalized the Thai silk industry before his mysterious disappearance. (B, L)

**Extension Day 3: Bangkok** Visit the famous Damnoen Saduak floating market where hundreds of vendors sell fruits and vegetables from their boats. Next, visit Phra Pathom Chedi in Nakhon Pathom. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

**Extension Day 4: Bangkok - Extension Ends** Board your flight home. (B)

Accommodations: Rembrandt Hotel

Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 103 for details.

Please Note: The Bangkok extension operates concurrently with the Phú Quốc extension. Only one post extension may be booked. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. The internal flights for this extension are not included in the land price of your tour. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

# Extend Your Tour Optional Extensions

## Phú Quốc 3-night post tour

add to: Three Kingdoms of Indochina (pg. 34)  
Taste of Vietnam (pg. 36)

3 Meals:  
3 Breakfasts  
\$675\* - \$745\*



### Extension Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Phú Quốc, Thailand

Extend your adventure with a 3-night stay in paradise. It's the perfect way to complete your Southeast Asia tour. Your extension begins with a flight to the beautiful island of Phú Quốc, a tropical utopia where white sand beaches meet lush green jungles. Enjoy plenty of free time to explore.

**Day 2: Phú Quốc** Sink into the local lifestyle and relax by the pool or stroll along the beach. Or perhaps try some of the many available fun activities such as snorkeling or fishing. Half of the land on the island is protected as a national park so there are no shortages of hiking trails and other natural sanctuaries. (B)

**Day 3: Phú Quốc** Enjoy another day of rest and relaxation. The friendly concierge and activities staff will help you get the most out of your time. (B)

**Day 4: Phú Quốc - Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Extension Ends**  
Fly to Ho Chi Minh City early this morning to connect to your flight home. (B)

Please Note: This extension is not hosted or guided. The internal flights for this extension are not included in the land price of your tour. Roundtrip airport and hotel transfers are included to/from Ho Chi Minh City and Phú Quốc. The Phú Quốc extension operates concurrently with the Bangkok extension. Only one post extension may be booked. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

Accommodations: Salinda Resort

Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 103 for details.



13 Meals:  
5 Breakfasts,  
4 Lunches,  
4 Dinners  
\$1755\*

## Shangri-La 5-night pre tour

add to: Wonders of China (pg. 38)

### Accommodations:

Day 1 Shanghai Mingde Grand Hotel  
Day 2-3 Grand Park Hotel, Kunming  
Day 4-5 Lijiang Guanfang Hotel, Lijiang

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Journey to China, a land of fascinating culture and history.

**Day 2: Shanghai, China - Tour Begins** Your journey begins in Shanghai, the economic capital of the People's Republic.

**Day 3: Shanghai - Kunming** The stunning province of Yunnan and its dramatic landscape await. Yunnan's beauty will captivate you as you come to know the people and culture of one of China's most diverse regions. Fly to Kunming, the province's largest city and the former terminus of World War II's famed Burma Road. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: The Stone Forest** A ride through the Yunnan countryside brings you to the unique geological formation known as the Stone Forest. Behold a massive collection of limestone pillars that rise out of the earth. It is a sight you will surely never forget. (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Kunming - Lijiang** Board a morning flight to the remote town of Lijiang, set in the mountains bordering Tibet and home to the Naxi people. Many places claim to have inspired the legends of "Shangri-La," the earthly paradise made popular in the 1933 novel *Lost Horizon*. Yet it only takes one look at Lijiang in all its mythic beauty to understand why this is the place those stories came from. Continue on to the majestic Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Ascend the mountain on a chairlift before taking a short walk along a boardwalk through the forest, arriving in an open pasture. Relax and admire the breathtaking views of the mountains that surround you. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Lijiang** Begin your day engulfed in tranquility at the Black Dragon Pond Park. Continue on to Yufeng Monastery, a Tibetan lamasery known for its "Camellia Tree of 10,000 Blossoms." The afternoon is at leisure to stroll through the old town of Lijiang, browse the markets and bargain with the local people. Tonight, immerse yourself in the culture during a Naxi ancient music performance. (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Lijiang - Shanghai** Depart on a morning flight back to Shanghai where you will join the remainder of your travelling companions. (B)

Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 103 for details.

Please Note: A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. The internal flights are not included in the extension land cost. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

# Extend Your Tour Optional Extensions

*To complement your experience*

## Easter Island 3-night post tour add to: Antarctica and Chile's Patagonia (pg. 72)

**Day 20: Santiago - Easter Island** Fly to legendary Easter Island. "Isla de Pascua" or "Rapa Nui," as it is known in the local Polynesian language, is the most isolated inhabited island in the world. Steeped in lore and most famously home to the enigmatic Moai sculptures, this place is an archaeologist's dream. Arrive at Hanga Roa, the only town on the island and home to fewer than 4,000 residents. Tonight, enjoy a Rapa Nui folklore show. (D)

**Day 21: Easter Island** This morning, visit the Rano Kao volcano where you will discover a freshwater lake inside its deep crater. Continue to Orongo, at the base of the volcano, and learn about the Birdman Cult's unique ceremonies and rituals. At Ana Kai Tangata, another sea-cliff cave, see magnificent carved petroglyphs of prehistoric birds. After lunch, depart for Ahu Akivi, a platform composed of seven Moai statues. These are the only Moai statues on the island that were positioned facing the sea. The tour continues visiting the Puna Pau quarry where the Pukao were carved – Pukao are also known as the typical "hairstyle," or the hats, of the Moai statues. Learn more about the making, building and transportation process of these colossal sculptures carved on volcanic rock before returning to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

**Day 22: Easter Island** Travel along the Moai route where these colossal sculptures are scattered around the island. Visit several "Ahu" – or ceremonial platforms – surrounded by Moais that lay face down on the ground. Then, visit Ahu Akahanga, where the first king of the island was buried. Continue on to Rano Raraku volcano, located near the southern coast. Visit Ahu Tongariki, the largest Moai platform in the island with its 15 Moais. Arrive at Ahu Te Pito Kura, an enormous spherical rock and see the Moai Paro, the largest statue on the island. Cap off the day with a visit to Anakena, one of the most beautiful beaches on the island. (B, L)

**Day 23: Easter Island - Tour Ends** Bid farewell to magical Easter Island. (B)

**5 Meals:**  
3 Breakfasts,  
1 Lunches,  
1 Dinner  
**\$1755\***



**Accommodations:** Taha Tai Hotel

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 103 for details.

Please Note: This extension is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services. The included lunch is a boxed lunch. Rates include the approx. \$67 USD Rapa Nui National Park entrance fee. The internal flights are not included in the extension land cost. **Additional air segment purchase required.**



**8 Meals:**  
3 Breakfasts,  
3 Lunches,  
2 Dinners  
**\$675\***

## Jungle Extension 3-night post tour add to: Tropical Costa Rica (pg. 86)

**Day 1: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park** Enjoy an exciting soft-adventure jungle extension to Tortuguero, the Amazon of Costa Rica. Explore the region's wildlife by boat, viewing macaws, sloths, monkeys, falcons and other native species. Enjoy a memorable 2-night stay at your eco-lodge surrounded by the beauty of a tropical forest and amazing wildlife. Learn more about your surroundings with a visit to the world's first Green Turtle Research Station and discover how to protect the turtle's nesting habitat and eggs. (L, D)

### Day 2: Tortuguero National Park

An early morning bird watching excursion is offered so you may learn about the variety of local species and migratory birds that flock to this area. Later, experience a spectacular boat cruise through the various canals and be sure to keep an eye out for wildlife including howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, aquatic birds, bats and caimans, as well as exotic flora. Tortuguero National Park is a study in rainforest, freshwater, and marine biology. It protects over 350 species of birds and mammals including green macaws; 57 species of amphibians; 111 species of reptiles; and 60 mammal species, including 13 of Costa Rica's 16 endangered species including jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and manatees. (B, L, D)

**Day 3: Tortuguero National Park - San Jose** Return to San Jose today for your last night in Costa Rica before your return home. (B, L)

**Day 4: San Jose - Tour Ends** (B)

### Accommodations:

Days 1, 2 Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero National Park  
Day 3 Wyndham San José Herradura, San Jose

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 103 for details.

Please Note: During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. Due to luggage size and weight restrictions on the boats, please bring an overnight bag for the 2-night stay in Tortuguero National Park. Please make arrangements with the concierge's desk at the hotel in San Jose for luggage pick up and for storage until your return from Tortuguero. The transportation to and from Tortuguero, as well as your guide in Tortuguero, are provided by the lodge where you will be staying in Tortuguero. These services and sightseeing as specified in your itinerary will be provided by the personnel of the lodge in Tortuguero. This price includes meals as outlined; roundtrip transportation to Tortuguero; 2 nights at the Evergreen, Aninga or Pachira lodge, and 1 night in San Jose. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

an additional air segment purchase. For any extension requiring a flight in order to operate, or departing from a gateway different than the base tour, please inquire for rate at time of booking.

# Extend Your Tour Optional Extensions

## Brazilian Amazon 3-night post tour

**add to:** The Wonders of South America (pg. 78),  
The Complete South America (pg. 74)

**Day 1: Rio de Janeiro - Manaus - Amazon** This morning, fly from Rio de Janeiro to Manaus, the gateway to the Brazilian Amazon. Travel by boat to the Amazon Ecopark Jungle Lodge, an ecotourism lodge located in the middle of the Amazon rainforest. Visit the Monkey Jungle Reserve, a rehabilitation center for rescued primates until they can be reintroduced to the forest. After dinner, tour by canoe and do some caiman spotting! (L, D)

**Day 2: Amazon** Learn about the Amazon's diverse flora and fauna on a nature trek before arriving at the Botanical Garden. Experience lunch at a traditional restaurant and visit the home of local Amazonian residents (caboclos). Spend some time fishing, exploring the jungle nature trails or swimming at the private beach. Relax at dinner in the peaceful, tropical setting. (B, L, D)

**Day 3: Amazon** Enjoy a full day tour of the "Meeting of the Waters," where the yellow-grey Rio Solimoes meets the chocolate-colored Rio Negro, forming the mighty Amazon. Feast on traditional local dishes (such as tambaqui and tucunaré fish) and luscious exotic fresh fruits on your final evening in the jungle. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Amazon - Manaus - Tour Ends** Sip tropical fruit juices at breakfast, then enjoy some free time in the natural pools and swimming at the river bank. Head back to Manaus by boat and then on to your final destination. (B)

Please Note: The order of sightseeing may be altered due to weather conditions or flight schedules. This optional extension may require a certificate of Yellow Fever inoculation when applying for your Brazilian visa, especially if you have travelled to Peru prior to Brazil. A Yellow Fever inoculation is highly recommended when travelling to the Amazon. These fees are at your own expense. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. The internal flights are not included in the extension land cost. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

**9 Meals:**  
3 Breakfasts,  
3 Lunches,  
3 Dinners  
**\$1350\***



**Accommodations:**  
Amazon Ecopark Lodge, Manaus

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 103 for details.



**8 Meals:**  
3 Breakfasts,  
3 Lunches,  
2 Dinners  
**\$1555\***

## Otavalo 3-night post tour

**add to:** Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands (pg. 82)

**Day 1: Quito - Peguche - Otavalo** This morning, travel north across the valleys of Guayllabamba. Make a stop at the Andean Instruments Museum in Peguche village. Continue on to meet local residents at lunch and enjoy indigenous music and dance. Then it's off to Otavalo, home of beautifully colored fabrics and a famous indigenous market. Learn how to make the Ecuadorian spiced drink *canelazo* and have the opportunity to sample this delicious beverage along with a tasty empanada. Tonight, enjoy dinner in the charming hacienda restaurant. (L, D)

**Day 2: Otavalo - Andes Mountain Train - Salinas - San Antonio de Ibarra - Otavalo** Today, travel to the region of Imbabura, known for towering volcanoes. Take an unforgettable train ride on the Andes Mountain Train past spectacular Andes scenery. Arrive in Salinas and gather for lunch featuring regional specialties and Afro-Ecuadorian music and dance. Then, drive to San Antonio de Ibarra, a picturesque town famous for elaborate wood carvings and sculptures. Later, learn how to make *helados de paila* (fruit sorbet) prepared in great copper pans before sampling the treat for yourself. This evening, arrive back at your historic Andean hacienda. Or, you may choose a home-cooked dinner and homestay in the Karanki indigenous community of La Magdalena on the slopes of Cubilche volcano. The Karanki welcome visitors into charming guest houses so travellers can learn about their culture. (B, L, D)

**Day 3: Otavalo - La Magdalena - Quito** Witness the extraordinary community tourism project at La Magdalena and discover how the Collette Foundation is helping to support its residents. Experience the shepherding and harvesting activities, taste the homemade cheeses and breads, and learn about their medicinal herbal teas. Next, venture to Condor Park, a rescue center for a variety of birds of prey, to learn about the protection of these birds. Arrive in Quito and enjoy the city during your last night in Ecuador. (B, L)

**Day 4: Quito - Tour Ends** Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

### Accommodations:

Day 1 Hacienda Pinsaqui, Otavalo  
Day 2 Hacienda Pinsaqui or La Magdalena, Otavalo  
Day 3 Mercure Grand Alameda, Quito

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 103 for details.

Please Note: During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. The optional homestay at La Magdalena must be pre-booked. Space is limited. Rooms are simple and have private bathrooms. Dinner is included with the homestay. Otherwise you may overnight at the Hacienda (with dinner included). Please make your decision known at the time of booking. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

# Extend Your Tour Optional Extensions

*To complement your experience*

## Peruvian Amazon 3-night pre or post tour

**add to:** The Complete South America pre-extension (pg. 74),  
Peru: Ancient Land of Mysteries post-extension (pg. 80)

**7 Meals:**  
3 Breakfasts,  
2 Lunches,  
2 Dinners  
**\$880\***



**Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins** Arrive in Lima today.

**Day 2: Lima - Puerto Maldonado - Peruvian Amazon Basin** Fly from Lima to the Puerto Maldonado airport where you meet your naturalist guide. Board a canoe and transfer up the Madre de Dios River to the Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion Lodge. After a welcome lunch, take a walk through the Concepcion trails where you will learn about the rainforest's composition, its uses, the human impacts and its relevance to the world climate. At dusk, once again take to the water on a motorized canoe. Your evening excursion will teach you about the river's ecosystem, Amazonian creeks, nocturnal animals' behavior and the southern sky's constellations. Then, enjoy a delightful dinner in the Casa Grande's dining room. (B, L, D)

**Day 3: Lake Sandoval - Canopy Walkway - Anaconda Walk - Rainforest**

After an early breakfast, your naturalist guide will lead you on a trek through Tambopata National Reserve. Arrive at the pristine Lake Sandoval and board a dugout canoe. As you glide along, keep an eye out for the endangered giant river otter, blue and yellow macaw, red howler monkey, black caiman, and one of the world's biggest fresh water scaled fish, the paiche. After lunch, the Inkaterra canopy walkway awaits. Begin at the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway Interpretation Center to learn about the project. Then ascend 98 feet in the air and cross a series of hanging bridges that connect the treetops... take in the breathtaking panoramas and discover the wildlife that surrounds you. This evening, explore the Amazon rainforest by moonlight and listen to the unique sounds of the rainforest at night. Your day concludes with a wonderful dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Puerto Maldonado - Lima** After breakfast, take a scenic boat ride back to Puerto Maldonado before your flight to Lima. (B)

### Accommodations:

Day 1 Hilton Lima Miraflores, Lima  
Days 2, 3 Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion, Peruvian Amazon

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 103 for details.

Please Note: When travelling in the Amazon you will encounter full days of sightseeing, frequently in warm temperatures. You will be travelling by small river boats to reach the lodge and by canoe during some excursions and should be reasonably fit in order to board comfortably. You will be walking on nature trails which may be muddy and over one mile in length. We recommend that all travellers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly. Unfortunately, wheelchairs cannot be accommodated on this trip. In addition, passengers who require assistance walking or who travel with oxygen tanks will not fully enjoy this trip and we strongly recommend a different tour. The Hacienda Concepcion has fully screened cabanas, mosquito net protection and private bathrooms in each room. Snacks and beverages are available 24 hours. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. **Additional air segment purchase required.**



**4 Meals:**  
3 Breakfasts,  
1 Dinner  
**\$810\***

## Fiji 3-night post tour

**add to:** South Pacific Wonders (pg. 62), Exploring Australia (pg. 66),  
From the Outback to the Glaciers (pg. 54), The Complete South Pacific (pg. 58),  
Exploring New Zealand (pg. 68)

**Extension Day 1: Nadi, Fiji** Today you will arrive in the beautiful tropical paradise of Fiji. Fijians are warm and friendly, with a welcoming, vibrant South Pacific culture. The expansive sandy beaches and clear ocean waters draw visitors from around the world.

**Extension Day 2: Fiji** Your day is free to explore everything that your resort has to offer. Relax by the beach and pool, or choose one of the many fun, adventurous activities available to you from the hotel activities desk. Tonight, enjoy a lovely dinner. (B, D)

**Extension Day 3: Fiji** Enjoy another day of rest and relaxation. The friendly concierge and activities staff will help you get the most out of your time. (B)

**Extension Day 4: Fiji - Tour Ends** Late checkout is included so that you can enjoy all the resort facilities until your flight departs this evening. (B)

**Accommodations:** Fiji Area Hotel, Nadi

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

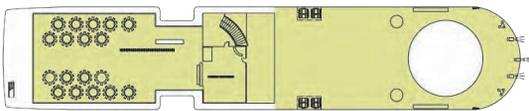
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Please Note: Due to flight schedules, on some departures the optional Fiji extension is 2 nights and is slightly lower priced. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. The internal flights are not included in the extension land cost. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

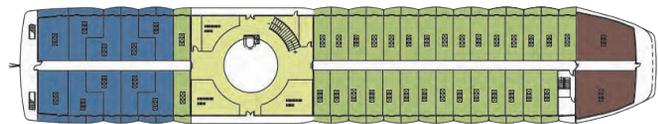
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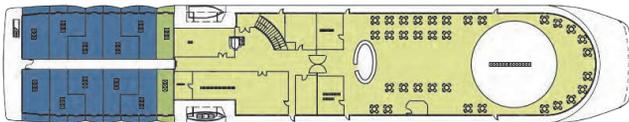
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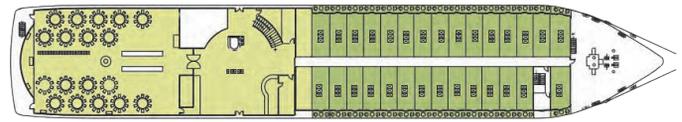
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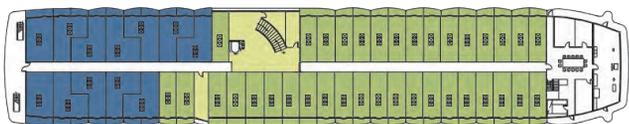
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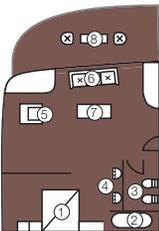
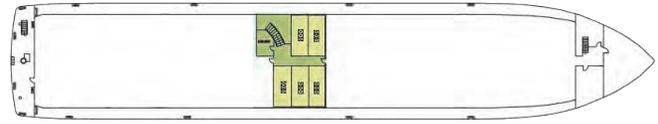
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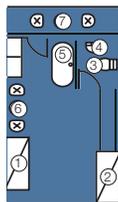


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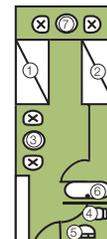
**SHANGRI-LA SUITE (646.16 sq. ft.)**

- ① Bed
- ② Shower
- ③ Toilets
- ④ Wash Basins
- ⑤ Chair
- ⑥ Sofa
- ⑦ Coffee Table
- ⑧ Balcony Table



**EXECUTIVE SUITE (327.44 sq. ft.)**

- ① Bed
- ② Bed
- ③ Toilet
- ④ Wash Basin
- ⑤ Shower
- ⑥ Table
- ⑦ Balcony Table



**SUPERIOR CABIN (205.70 sq. ft.)**

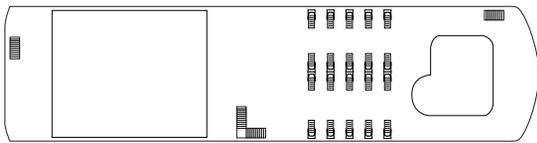
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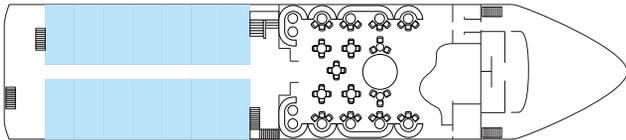
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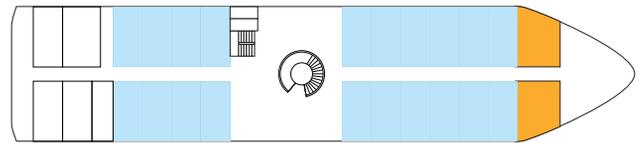
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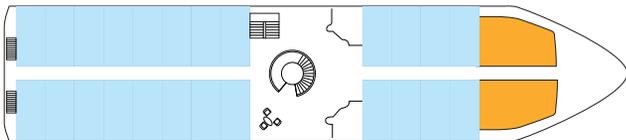
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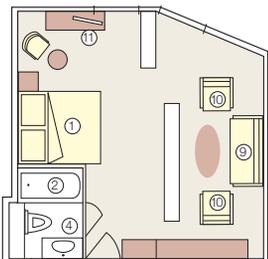
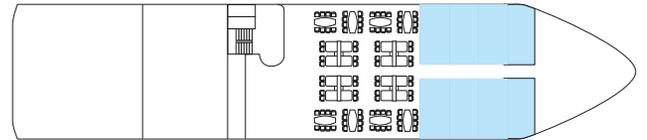
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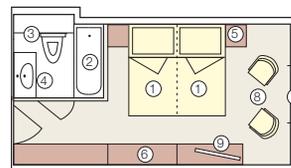


tank top deck



**SUITE**

- ① Bed
- ② Shower
- ③ Toilet
- ④ Wash Basin
- ⑤ Telephone
- ⑥ Writing Desk
- ⑦ Window
- ⑧ Chair
- ⑨ Sofa
- ⑩ Chair
- ⑪ Refrigerator
- ⑫ TV



**CABIN**

- ① Bed
- ② Shower
- ③ Toilet
- ④ Wash Basin
- ⑤ Telephone
- ⑥ Writing Desk
- ⑦ Window
- ⑧ Chairs
- ⑨ TV

**TECHNICAL DATA** Built: New • Height above water: 11.1 m • Length/ Breadth: 72 m/ 14.4 m • Cabins/Suites: 60/2

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Accommodations

### What is the difference between a twin room and a double room?

In certain countries, hotel rooms tend to be smaller than Canadian standard accommodations. A double room is designed to accommodate two people, but may not have two separate beds. A twin bedded room has two separate beds of any size, and is the type most commonly utilized.

**What size is a triple room?** A triple room is the same size as a twin bedded room and beds will accommodate three people, but we cannot guarantee that there will be three separate beds. If there are only two beds, a rollaway may be requested but cannot be guaranteed due to size of room and fire codes. Please inquire at time of reservation.

**Can my children travel on tour?** Children over the age of 5 may travel on a Collette tour accompanied by an adult. Child land rates are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults.

**Are single and triple rooms always available?** On many tours, triple and single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Be advised that single rooms are often smaller.

**When can I check into my hotel?** Due to early arrival times into some cities, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

## Air

**Can Collette book our airline reservations?** Collette is happy to assist you in accommodating your flight needs. Due to tour scheduling and limited availability, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of Collette's air packages. We are not responsible for air arrangements you have made on your own. On occasion, it is necessary to change tour dates. In this case, we can only protect air reservations booked through Collette. For all air reservations, it is strongly recommended to reconfirm flights before departure, in the event that the airline has an unexpected schedule change. We cannot assume responsibility for schedule changes, routings or flight cancellations involving the airlines. Not all airlines offer pre-assigned seats. Some charge a fee for seats which will be at the guests' expense. Where pre-assigned seats are not offered, the guests must contact the airline directly to arrange seat assignments.

## Attractions & Sightseeing

**Are attractions always available?** Access to some attractions or Collette Foundation sites may be affected by the observance of holidays, weather conditions or other circumstances. As a result, the days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour. Boat rides are weather permitting. Some attractions may not be available during the "off-season" months. When attractions are unavailable, other similar attractions will be substituted. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.

**Is there a lot of walking on tour?** We pride ourselves on bringing travellers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. Some hotels/lodges in remote locations may not have elevators. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. Review each tour's "Tour Activity Level" and "Tour Pacing" (pg 103) for details.

**Can you tell me more about the safaris?** In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be travelling by custom-built safari vehicle which requires climbing in and out frequently and sometimes travels on bumpy roads. To experience Africa fully, we recommend that all travellers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly.

**How can I plan for shore landings?** Special clothing is required for the shore landings (Antarctica, Galapagos); please refer to your predeparture documents for important details.

**Are all theatre performances suitable for children?** Some theatre performances may be unsuitable for children – consult your tour manager.

## Documentation

**Do I need a passport?** Government-issued identification is required for all air travel. A valid passport is required for all trips outside Canada. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements. We recommend that your passport has seven months validity, and at least 3 blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each client.

In South Africa, children are required to have a passport as well as additional documentation to travel with you into and out of the country. Please consult the South African Embassy for the current specific requirements related to your travel dates.

If travelling internationally with a child under the age of 18, please check directly with the airline for the legal documentation that is required. It is the sole responsibility of the guest to procure the proper documentation to travel and many requirements vary by airline and destination. Collette will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation.

## Extending Your Stay

**Can I extend my tour to see more of a region?** Yes! You may enhance your tour by purchasing either an extension or pre/post hotel stays, offered on select tours. Extensions may be "hosted" rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will provide all included services and be available on-call during the duration of the extension. A minimum number of passengers may be required to operate some extensions. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Collette also offers pre and post hotel nights before and/or after a tour for you to explore the destination independently. Should you purchase additional nights, please be advised that your Tour Manager will not be available during this time.

## Extras

**What is not included in the tour price?** The land price does not include air travel, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary end-of-trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, and any incidental charges.

## Late Bookings

**Do you accept late bookings?** Tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. All late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with a credit card if within 60 days of departure date.

## On-Tour Experience

**Where do I meet my Tour Manager?** Your tour will begin at your first hotel. The Tour Manager will make contact with you at the hotel and will provide details relating to your tour. The hotel's address and phone number will be included in your documents.

**Can I prepurchase optional excursions/activities?** Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase for applicable tours provided that you make your options purchase prior to 15

days of the tour departure. Collette makes it convenient to reserve presold options by visiting our website for a full listing of activities and excursions or when your reservation is made with our reservations staff. In addition, there are benefits to prepurchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full. So, while the cost of an optional activity may change from the time you book your tour, once payment is received in full, your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette at their original price. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure. Any presold options cancelled while on tour are nonrefundable.

## What do these symbols mean?



**Leisure Stay tours** are designed to allow for multiple-night stays at each hotel. This allows you a more leisurely pace and more time to explore the destinations on your own.



**Cruise-Land tours** combine the best of both land and sea. These tours feature all the qualities of our traditional escorted tours, including a Tour Manager, and also include an ocean vessel and a portion on land.



**River Cruise tours** feature small, intimate vessels for a more personal experience as you travel through a variety of beautiful waterways that are inaccessible to larger cruise ships, and sometimes include a portion on land.

## Revisions/Changes

**Would my tour date ever be changed?** While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel a tour prior to departure. Should this happen, Collette will make every effort to put you on another departure date. If an alternate cannot be found, a full refund will be made. Air booked through Collette will be protected. We cannot be held responsible for penalties incurred if you have secured your own air.

**Can I make changes to my reservation?** Should you decide to change your reservation after initial booking, a handling fee of \$25 per transaction will be charged. A change of tour date, tour itinerary or passenger name, within the guidelines of the cancellation policy, will be treated as a cancellation and regular cancellation fees may apply.

Revisions to air tickets are subject to the rules and regulations of the airline. See our Cancellation Policy for more details.

## Tour Pacing

**How can I be best prepared for the pacing and physical requirements on a Collette tour?** Tour pacing varies by itinerary, and each destination's sightseeing and activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. At Collette, we do include the best a destination has to offer, enhancing your overall tour experience. For overnight pacing of a tour, please refer to the "Accommodations" section on each tour page and on the tour map. These describe the number of nights you will stay in each hotel during your tour. The day-by-day descriptions will provide additional detail about the number of activities included in each day.

The Tour Activity Level Ranking is featured on each tour itinerary in a circle. The definition of each activity level is listed here. If you have additional questions regarding a specific tour, please inquire at time of reservation. For your comfort, we recommend packing comfortable walking shoes so you can fully enjoy every aspect of your tour.

**Level 1:** At a very leisurely pace, this tour involves minimal physical activity, such as climbing some stairs, boarding a motorcoach, and walking from the hotel reception area to hotel rooms and dining areas.

**Level 2:** This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestoned streets.

**Level 3:** This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs, or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

**Level 4:** To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

**Level 5:** This tour is very active, requiring participants to be physically fit to fully enjoy all the experiences. This itinerary has more strenuous activities which may include such things as: extensive walking tours, transfers over uneven and dusty terrain, high altitudes, early morning departures, late night activities, or extreme temperatures. All conditions do not apply to all days, so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our travel counsellors to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this program to individuals who are physically fit. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. If this trip is not ideally suited for you, our travel counsellors can help determine the perfect trip for you.

## Transfers

**Are airport and hotel transfers available?** Roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers are provided for all passengers who purchase airfare through Collette. These transfers do not apply to pre- and post-night stays. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase arrival and departure transfers from Collette. Some restrictions may apply. All transfers leave at prescheduled times.

### Are airport transfers available for pre/post hotel stays?

All passengers who purchase pre and post hotel nights through Collette may also purchase transfers to/from the airport and the pre or post hotel. Please inquire at time of booking.

**What is Roundtrip Home to Airport Sedan Service?** It's your ticket to and from the airport. This service is available for all air-inclusive tour bookings. This personalized service is included when you reside within a 100 km radius of the airport.\* Please confirm at time of booking. Not valid on group travel.

\*One transfer per room booking. Additional stops are not permitted on route. Other restrictions apply; call for details.

## Travel Loyalty

**What is Travel Loyalty by Collette or TLC?** It allows you to automatically receive a \$150 travel credit for each trip you take.† It's our way of saying thank you for making us your #1 choice in guided travel. Be sure to enroll in TLC to take advantage of this benefit.

† Full credit is valid for your next tour when you travel within 12 months of the original trip. \$100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months, and the entire credit expires 24 months after the original trip.



# The choice is yours. 3 great air options.

Enjoy the benefits of air-inclusive bookings. Allow us to be your liaison with the airlines and to handle all the details. Choose Flex Airfare, Instant Purchase, or Elite Airfare.

	Flex Airfare	Instant Purchase Airfare <sup>3</sup>	Elite Airfare <sup>4</sup>
Receive roundtrip home to airport sedan service – your journey begins at home! <sup>1</sup>	●	●	●
Free roundtrip airport to hotel transfers included <sup>2</sup>	●	●	●
Dedicated Concierge Service			●
Lounge Passes <sup>5</sup>			●
Express Check-In <sup>5</sup>			●
Eligible for Collette's Travel Protection Plan	●	● part b	● part b
Benefit from our flexible change and refund policies	●		⚡
Deposit now, pay the balance later	●		⚡
Eliminates future surcharges by locking in price		●	
All the perks of upgraded air (more leg room, comfort, and space)			●

## Treat yourself and enjoy.

Experience the added comfort and convenience of Collette's Elite Airfare. Features such as dedicated concierge service, lounge passes and express check-in only add to the benefits of your business, premium economy, or first-class ticket.

Whether you select Elite Airfare, Flex, or Instant Purchase Airfare, you'll enjoy the ease and security that comes with reserving your air with Collette.



<sup>1</sup>This roundtrip home to airport sedan service is included when you reside within a 100 km radius of most major Canadian gateways and purchase an air-inclusive tour. One transfer per room booking. Additional stops not permitted on route. Not valid on group travel. <sup>2</sup>These transfers are available on the first and last day of the actual tour dates and when you are travelling on select flights (not applicable to pre & post nights). Land only clients may purchase transfers on the first and last day of the actual tour dates for an additional cost of \$100 per person, roundtrip (some restrictions may apply). Clients who purchase pre/post hotel nights may purchase transfers to/from the pre/post hotel. <sup>3</sup>Instant Purchase Airfare is offered on select dates; consult your booking agent. <sup>4</sup>Elite Airfare status is only included with the purchase of a First Class, Business Class or Premium Economy ticket with either Flex or Instant Purchase Air. <sup>5</sup>Lounge Passes & Express Check-In are based on airline and airport availability for Business Class passengers only; Premium Economy tickets do not qualify. Lounge passes are not available for travel from North America to destinations within North America or the Caribbean. ⚡ Not applicable with Instant Purchase Airfare.

# Reservation Information

## Land Rates

Land rates are on a per person, double occupancy basis. Availability of departures at the prices noted in the brochure is limited. Government taxes and fees are additional. For current prices, please see our website at [www.gocollette.com](http://www.gocollette.com). Land rates are guaranteed at the time that the deposit is received by Collette.

## Airfare

For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air-inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted exclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Instant Purchase nonrefundable airfare includes roundtrip airport/hotel transfers (excluding pre- or post-days and extensions). If you have selected Instant Purchase nonrefundable air, you are required to pay the full air cost in addition to the \$250 deposit at time of booking (all of which is nonrefundable). If you purchase the Travel Protection Plan, the Instant Purchase nonrefundable airfare may be covered, if you cancel your trip for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). Tickets will be issued immediately and once issued are nonrefundable; you may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline. These tickets include an administration fee and roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers, of which both hold no airline reissue value. Once issued, there can be no fluctuation in price due to an increase in government taxes or in airline fuel surcharges. Therefore, any such fees or airport-to-hotel transfers are not refundable under any circumstances.

## Payments

### Land Package Deposit

- A \$250 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica and Cruises only reservations, a non-refundable \$500 deposit is required. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

### Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation. If you purchase our Travel Protection Plan, the air inclusive deposit required is only \$250 plus the cost of the Travel Protection Plan.
- For Antarctica and Cruise air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable \$750 deposit is required. If you purchase our Travel Protection Plan, the air inclusive deposit required is only \$500 plus the cost of the Travel Protection Plan. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

### Instant Purchase Air

- If you have selected Instant Purchase Air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airfare plus a \$500 deposit (or \$250 with the Travel Protection Plan), all of which is non-refundable

Should you decide to purchase our Travel Protection Plan, you must do so at the time of booking. Payment of this Plan includes the Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver which protects you from penalties in the event you have to cancel your entire tour package for any reason up to the day prior to departure (see Part A for more details). If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The balance is due 60 days before departure on all tours, except cruises. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises.

All payments of deposit, purchase price and Travel Protection Plan fees may be made by charging to your MasterCard, Visa, or American Express (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a cheque or money order made payable to "Collette." Payment may also be made online at <https://reservations.gocollette.com/payment.aspx?co=CAD>

### TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:

Collette: 1-800-468-5955  
[reservations@gocollette.com](mailto:reservations@gocollette.com)

### PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO:

Collette, 40 Queen Street South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1K3  
Attn: Accounts Receivable

## Revision Fees

Upon receipt of your itinerary, you must review it and report any discrepancies to Collette immediately in order to avoid any supplier incurred penalties. A handling fee of \$25.00 per transaction will be assessed for any change or revision made to a reservation. A change of departure date within 11 months of the departure date will be treated as a cancellation, and cancellation charges will apply.

## Cancellation Charges

Both cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates will result in penalties and fees assessed by travel suppliers. If you need to transfer or cancel for any reason prior to tour departure, the following cancellation fees will be assessed on your land or cruise product. Air is 100% nonrefundable once paid in full. If canceled prior to being paid in full, the following cancellation fees will also apply to air.

- More than 60 days prior to departure: a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 60 - 16 days prior to departure: 30% of total price
- 15 - 1 day prior to departure: 50% of total price
- Day of departure and after: 100% of total price

### Exceptions:

#### Ocean Cruises:

- More than 90 days prior to departure, the nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 35% of total price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price
- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of total price

#### River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China

- More than 90 days prior to departure, the nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 50% of total price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 85% of total price
- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of total price

#### Galapagos & Antarctica:

- More than 120 days prior to departure: nonrefundable deposits will be retained.
- 120 - 90 days prior to departure: 60% of total price
- 89 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of total price

\* Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% nonrefundable at time of reservation.

Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the client, are not at fault and have not cancelled in violation of these terms and conditions, you will be refunded 100%.

## Consumer Protection Plans

Collette is a member of the following organizations: the National Tour Association, the United States Tour Operators Association (USTOA), the Alliance of Canadian Travel Associations, the Travel Industry Council of Ontario, and the Association of British Travel Agents. Some of these associations operate a consumer protection plan to cover deposits placed with any tour operator member. In the case of USTOA, the consumer protection bond is \$1 million. Full details are available from these organizations or Collette. Collette is pleased to give this additional protection to our clients.

## Currency

Unless specified otherwise, all statements of or references to dollar amounts in these terms and conditions are to lawful money of Canada.

## Proof of Citizenship: Passports & Visas

Documentation is required by foreign governments for all trips outside Canada. Clients/passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate/embassy for entry requirements, including whether you need to obtain a visa before entering your destination country and, if you do need to get a visa, its cost and timing. Please remember that the possession of valid passports and necessary visas are the responsibility of each client/passenger. If you would like assistance in ensuring you have the proper visa(s) for your trip outside of Canada, we would be happy to refer you to a company that can assist you.

## Travel Conditions

There may be different living standards and practices and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of services and accommodations outside of Canada.

## Door to Door Transfer Service

Return door to door transfers are offered up to 100 kilometers from most major Canadian gateways with the purchase of an air-inclusive tour.

## Travellers Needing Special Assistance

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time your booking is made.\* Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. None of Collette, its employees and personnel, and its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveller thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining or other routine activities.

\*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveller or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom.

## Baggage Disclaimer

Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Collette is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or wear and tear through airline/airport, hotel and group carrier handling. It is recommended for your own self-interest and protection that you have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. Check with your sales agent for low-cost insurance to cover these risks.

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines impose additional charges if you choose to check baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies. Please be advised there is a \$25 USD/CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most transborder flights between U.S. & Canada. This is a fee levied by the airlines, not Collette, and may be subject to change.

## Holiday and Museum Closures

Museum visits and personal shopping time may be disrupted due to unforeseen circumstances or many religious, state and local holidays observed throughout the world.

## Motorcoach Washrooms

Most motorcoaches used on our tours are equipped with washrooms (except safari vehicles, exotic locations, and some of our Explorations tours). These are typically for emergency use, as we make plenty of comfort stops, allowing you the opportunity to use public restrooms and/or stretch your legs.

## Maps and Photos

Maps shown on tour pages are current at the time of printing and may not reflect actual tour routing should the tour change. Photos shown on tour pages are reflective of the area(s) visited, but may not be included in the actual tour itinerary.

## Explanation of Responsibilities and Tour Conditions for Collette

Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. Any person reserving or purchasing any Collette product published in this brochure accepts the condition that Collette reserves to itself the exclusive right to change or cancel itineraries, hotels, and other tour components whenever it is deemed necessary. If this occurs, every effort will be made to offer alternate dates and/or programs. Published times on itineraries are as accurate as possible but subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions beyond Collette's control that prevent Collette from operating as scheduled. Collette expressly disclaims any liability for any damages that may be incurred for any changes, cancellations or delays on any itinerary on any Collette tour.

All rates on foreign tours are subject to fluctuations of currency and may be changed when necessary without advance notice prior to deposit. All rates published are per person basis as indicated and are based on double occupancy when only one rate is shown. Reservations will be accepted subject to availability at the time of a request and will be considered confirmed only upon receipt of a minimum deposit. Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults. Collette does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier's overbooking of a flight.

All cancellation charges, fees and refunds for any tour within this brochure are in effect as of the effective date as indicated on page 103 and supersede any other previously printed policies relating to these same charges.

## GENERAL DISCLAIMER

None of Collette Tours Canada, Ltd., its affiliated entities, subsidiary companies and its and their respective employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, representatives, agents, and assigns (collectively "Collette"), own or operate any person or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for these trips and tours. Collette acts only as agent for the airlines, hotels, bus companies, railroads, tour operators, cruise lines, car rental companies and other contractors providing accommodations, transportation or other suppliers (the "suppliers"). All such services are furnished by suppliers that are independent of, and do not act for or on behalf of, or in the name of Collette, are not servants of Collette and with whom Collette is not a partner or joint venture partner. Because none maintains any control over the personnel, equipment, or operations of the suppliers, Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any loss, costs, expense, personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers or their respective employees and agents, including delays or cancellation of services, cessation of operations, changes in fares, itineraries or schedules, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any of the suppliers, and/or (3) any wrongful, willful or negligent act or omission on the part of any other party not under the supervision and control of Collette. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for loss, cost or expenses due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, computer problems, acts of God, dangers incident to sea, fire, acts of government or other authorities, war, acts of terrorism, civil unrest, riots, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, other disease, climatic aberrations or other such causes beyond Collette's control. All services and accommodations are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and the laws of the country in which they are provided. Collette reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of any tour. Collette reserves the right to withdraw any tour announced. Both Collette and the suppliers reserve the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the tour manager to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. Neither does Collette accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline or other ticket to the tour departure city and return or otherwise. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owner at all times. Participants may be photographed for the promotional purposes of Collette.

You, the client, agree to the terms and conditions set forth in any and all brochures or advertisements describing any tour, cruise, accommodations, transportation and other services, and to any and all conditions set out in documents for any such services, including, without limitation, all cancellation fees.

No employee of Collette has authority to vary these terms and conditions.

Payment of the deposit to Collette constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions.

## Aircraft Cabin Disinsection Disclaimer

Some countries may require aircraft cabin insecticide treatment for inbound foreign flights. Information about aircraft disinsection requirements and a list of countries requiring such disinsection are available online at <http://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements>.

# Collette's Travel Protection Plan

(for Canadian citizens or residents only\*)

**Part A Waiver Only provided by Collette Tours Canada, Ltd.:** Payment of a per person Travel Protection Plan fee to Collette at the time of booking guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposits), except the Travel Protection Plan fee itself, for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan fee with air only covers airline tickets that you purchase from Collette.

Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, the Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for any such nonrefundable airline tickets in the event of a cancellation. This air ticket may be covered by Collette's Travel Protection Plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons (see Part B for more details).

Collette's Travel Protection Plan protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Collette's Travel Protection Plan does not indemnify you from penalties if you choose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you choose to partially cancel your tour, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation.

**The Travel Protection Plan fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure.** In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund due to the person who cancels. (However, the Part B Benefits referenced below include a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons, as detailed in Part B.) Division of any such single supplement charge between the two or more companion clients involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the cancelling client, the travelling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement charge. Payment of the Travel Protection Plan fee (if chosen) must be received by Collette with your deposit at the time of booking.

The Travel Protection Plan fee is nontransferable and valid for each applicant (paying client) only. Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot and will not be held liable for any wrongful, negligent or unauthorized acts or omissions of any travel agent or travel agency other than that of Collette Tours Canada, Ltd. and its own employees, directors and officers.

## Where to Present Part A Claims:

To request a refund under the Travel Protection Plan, please call Collette and send any unused airline tickets to:

Collette  
ATTN: Customer Service Department  
40 Queen Street South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1K3

If cancellation occurs prior to departure, contact the Collette Reservations Department. When a client cancels prior to departure, any refunds are processed through the booking agent.

PART A – Provided By Collette  
Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee & Unused Services Waiver up to Trip Cost

**The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit** underwritten by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation.

## Part B Insurance Benefits provided by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation

(\*NOT AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF QUEBEC): On tour, travel protection benefits may provide coverage if you: must interrupt your trip or return home early for a covered reason; incur medical expenses for a covered sickness or injury; need a medical evacuation; suffer a baggage loss or delay; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason.

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS MAXIMUM BENEFIT AMOUNT

PART B – Benefits Provided by the Insurance Company Listed Below

Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Trip Interruption	\$1,000
Missed Connection	\$1,000
Trip Cancellation	Amount Purchased <sup>†</sup>
Travel Delay (Up to \$150 Per Day)	\$1,500
Single Supplement	\$1,000
Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance, Accident & Sickness	
Medical Expense, Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation	\$1,000,000**
Baggage/Travel Documents	\$2,000
Baggage Delay (Up to \$150 Per Day)	\$750

<sup>†</sup>This benefit is only applicable to Instant Purchase (Non-Refundable) Air Tickets and any single supplement penalties you are assessed if your Family Member or Travelling Companion has his/her Trip canceled and does not cover any other land, air or water arrangements.

\*\*The Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance benefits of this plan are subject to a maximum benefit limit of \$10,000 for those persons who at the time of a covered injury or sickness do not have valid hospital and medical insurance under a Government Health Insurance Plan of a Province or Territory of Canada.

## PART B Exclusions & Limitations

Benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: 1. suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury while sane or insane; 2. an act of declared or undeclared war; 3. participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service; 4. riding, driving or participating in races, or speed or endurance contests; 5. mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); 6. participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition; 7. participating in skydiving, hang gliding, bungee cord jumping, or scuba diving if the depth exceeds 130 feet or if You are not certified to dive and a dive master is not present during the dive; 8. piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; 9. being Intoxicated, as specifically defined in the policy, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless administered on the advice of a Legally Qualified Physician; 10. the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; 11. normal childbirth, normal pregnancy (except complications of pregnancy) or voluntary induced abortion; 12. dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); 13. amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; 14. due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Policy. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; 15. a mental or nervous condition, unless hospitalized; 16. any rehabilitation or convalescent care; 17. treatment, services or expenses related to or resulting from travel in a specific country, region or city for which Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada has issued a formal Travel Warning, before Your departure date, advising Canadians to avoid all travel to that specific country, region or city; or 18. Sickness or Injury resulting from a motor vehicle accident where You are entitled to receive benefits pursuant to any policy or legislative plan of motor vehicle insurance.

## NON-INSURANCE SERVICES

One Call 24-Hour Assistance Services  
Global Xpi Medical Records Services

**Please Note:** Plan cost is based upon the cost of your trip. Benefits are described on a general basis only. The information in this brochure is only an outline of the coverage available, and is subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of the policy. Please refer to the policy wording for complete details. Plan benefits, limits and provisions may vary by province jurisdiction. You will receive a Description of Coverage and a Description of 24-Hour Emergency Assistance Services which describe the benefits and limitations in detail. To review full plan details online, go to: [www.tripmate.com/wpCN426C](http://www.tripmate.com/wpCN426C).

**The Part B Insurance Benefits are underwritten by:** Northbridge General Insurance Corporation, 105 Adelaide St. W., Toronto, ON M5H 1P9.

Payment for the plan(s) is required at time of purchase and is non-refundable once purchased. Prices and coverage are subject to change. For full plan details online, please visit: [www.tripmate.com/wpCN426C](http://www.tripmate.com/wpCN426C) (except for Cancel for Any Reason Waiver). **This Part B travel insurance is underwritten by:** Northbridge General Insurance Corporation: 105 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 1P9. Benefits are administered by: Northbridge Claims Administration, c/o Active Care Management, Tel: 1.888.421.5378.

For specific questions regarding Travel Insurance or to report a claim, call the Claims Administrator: **Northbridge Claims Administration at: 888.421.5378. Representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

## Collette's Travel Protection Plan Pricing (per person)

### Land Only Clients:

- \$95 adult/\$95 child for all North American escorted tours under 6 days
- \$230 adult/\$115 child for all North American escorted tours of 6 days or more
- \$310 adult/\$140 child for all international tours (except cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours)
- \$370 adult/\$165 child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours

When purchasing pre- and post-night accommodations, including optional extensions, the number of days will be added to the total number of tour days, and may subsequently alter your Travel Protection Plan fees. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

### Air-Inclusive Clients (Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)

- \$140 adult/child for all North American tours under 6 days
- \$270 adult/child for all North American tours of 6 days or more
- \$350 adult/child for all international tours (except cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours)
- \$400 adult/child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours

Collette's Travel Protection Plan can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare or Instant Purchase nonrefundable air through Collette. Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% nonrefundable. This air ticket is covered by Collette's Travel Protection Plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.



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9 days • 13 meals [see pages 86, 87](#)

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- Guanacaste • Monteverde Cloud Forest
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- Lake Arenal Cruise • Cooking Demonstration • Cano Negro Refuge
- Zarcero • National Theatre

## Costa Rica: A World of Nature

11 days • 20 meals [see pages 88, 89](#)

### Highlights

- Tortuguero National Park • Arenal Volcano
- Chocolate Making Demonstration • Villa Blanca Cloud Forest • Santa Juana Rural Mountain Nature Reserve • Manuel Antonio National Park

For reservations, seek out the expert advice of your travel professional.

For reservations, contact your Travel Professional or call Collette at 800.468.5955

\*Mention source code for savings. Offers can expire earlier due to space or inventory availability. Space is limited and savings are only available on select departures. Space is on a first come, first served basis. Offers are not valid on group or existing bookings or combinable with any other offer. Promotional pricing may remain in effect after the expiration date. Offer amounts vary by tour and departure date. Other restrictions may apply. Call or visit [gocollette.com/offers](http://gocollette.com/offers) for more details.



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**Ancient city of Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka**  
*Exploring Sri Lanka, pg. 32*