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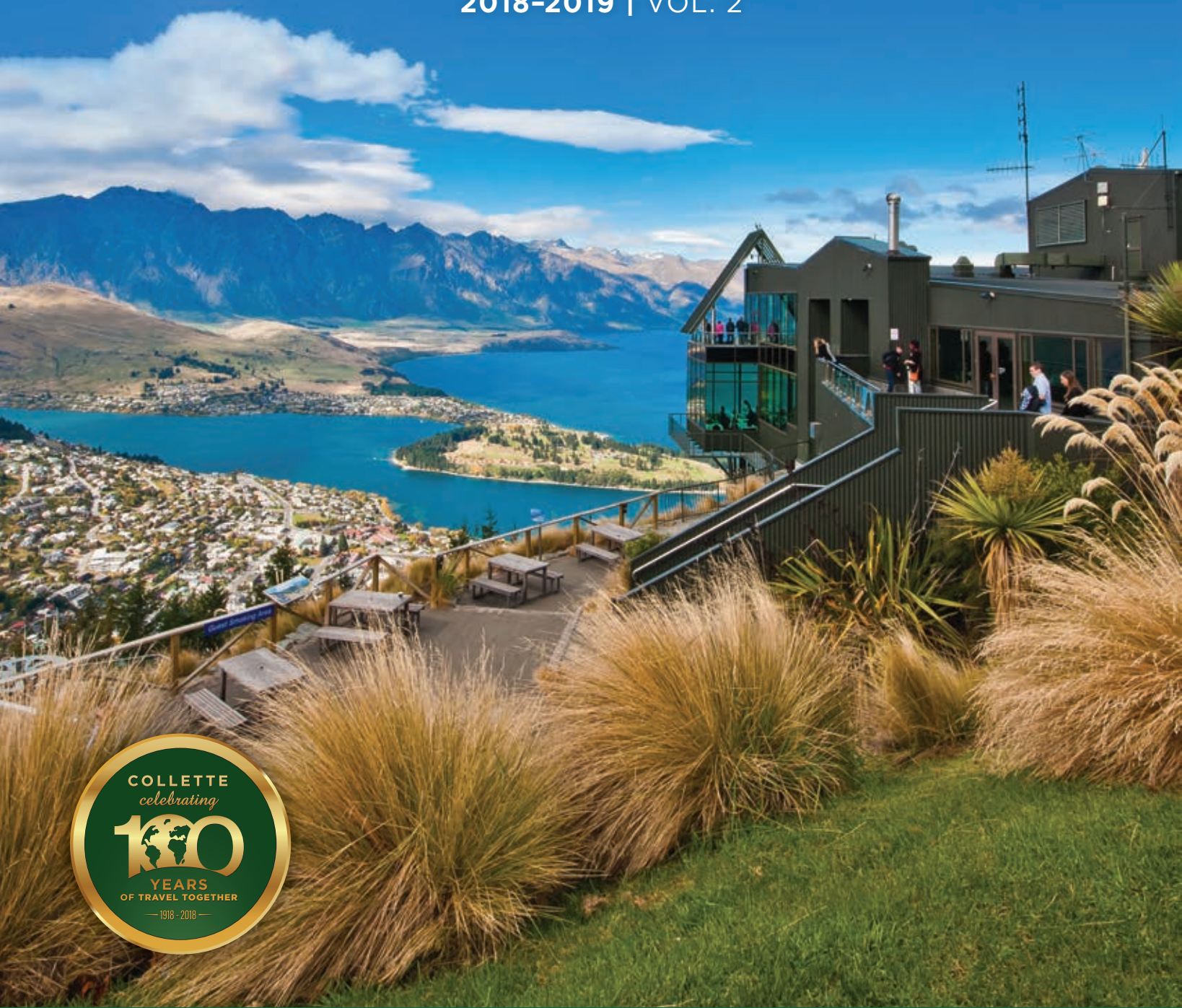

SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA · ANTARCTICA · AFRICA & THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN · ASIA · AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

STOP DREAMING *& start doing*

Explore the verdant Monteverde Cloud Forest in Costa Rica. Cruise across the emerald waters of Halong Bay in Vietnam. Picnic in the Australian Outback as the sun sets over the desert. Exotics tours aren't just about the locations, they're about the state of mind. Go to places where different cultures mingle and harmonize, and experience unique excursions in incredible locales. You'll have stories to tell when you return.

Whatever your reason for travel, we can help you start your journey to an exotic new land, right here.

Costa Rica

see what's INSIDE

Cover: Take in a bird's-eye view of Queenstown and Lake Wakatipu at the Skyline Stratosfare Restaurant on our **Exploring New Zealand** tour (pages 92-95).

Andean Textiles

Egypt

DEAR TRAVELER,

Welcome to Collette's 2018-2019 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 Collette celebrates our 100th year, we find ourselves reflecting on how very special our travelers are to us. We consider everyone who travels with us our personal guest. The members of our team that you'll meet along the way all share the same passion for travel and the belief in making every moment matter, because we know how much they matter to you. That's the kind of care you can expect from a company that's been creating extraordinary travel experiences for as long as we have.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Sullivan, Jr.
President and CEO

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RC **River Cruise** (blue itineraries) Drift along beautiful waterways in intimate vessels for a more relaxed touring experience.

S **Spotlights** (orange itineraries) Enjoy the ease of unpacking once during a single-hotel stay in the world's most iconic cities.

CL **Cruise-Land** tours combine the features of our land tours with an ocean or river cruise.

always included...

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

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 unrivaled 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.

COLLETTE GIVES YOU *more*

MORE FLEXIBILITY

Every traveler 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, every moment feels like your own personal adventure.

MORE ON TOUR

Our commitment to exceeding expectations begins with including more iconic must-sees 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.

OUR 100 YEAR *journey*

1918

OUR STORY *begins*

Jack Collette establishes Collette and runs a 21-day trip to Florida for $68.50

1930s

NEW DESTINATIONS

NYC, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard join the travel roster.

1960s

CHANGING THE STORY

Dan Sullivan, Sr. purchases Collette in 1962. The World's Fair in 1964 ushers in a new generation of travelers to Collette.

As we celebrate 100 years in business, we think back to that first jitney bus carrying New Englanders to Florida. For Jack Collette, it started with the idea to make travel more accessible. From 1918 to the present, Collette has set out to make travel a way of life. For over a century, we've led the way in helping travelers navigate all 7 continents in style.

Our promise to you is that we will keep doing what we do best – creating tours, travel styles and experiences tailor-made to the needs of our diverse travelers. Like Jack Collette, our experts are always looking ahead, carving out new paths.

THANK YOU

Our 100-year travel journal could never be written without you, our travelers. Here's to many more years of new friendships, new discoveries, and making new memories together. Thank you for taking the journey with us. Now, let's look ahead to where we'll go next.

To learn more, go to Collette100.com

1970s

SECOND GENERATION

The second generation of Sullivans joins the company, and Collette begins offering travel to Canada. The Canadian Rockies becomes Collette's first tour with airfare instead of a local motorcoach departure.

1980s

EXPANDING

Collette expands with new tours to Australia, New Zealand, Japan and China. The company opens its first global office in Canada. Soon after, tours to Switzerland, Italy, Ireland, the UK, France, Greece, Spain, Portugal and Scandinavia make Collette a leader in escorted tours worldwide.

1990s & 2000s

THIRD GENERATION

Collette becomes truly global after adding Antarctica to its tour offerings. Additional global offices open in England and Australia, and the third generation of Sullivans join the Collette workforce.

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.

relax, we're on it...

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.

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PRIVATE SEDAN SERVICE

Included Personal Touches

Open your tour the right way and leave the hassle of getting to the airport behind. Enjoy round trip home to airport sedan service. It's the perfect way to begin (and end) your journey.

(See page 105)

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.

Enhanced!

The Collette Passport Club

Recognizing our loyal guests

Guests who travel with Collette are eligible to become members of Collette's new loyalty program, The Collette Passport Club (formerly Travel Loyalty by Collette or TLC). Members earn a $150 credit every time they travel along with various other benefits.

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the collette PASSPORT CLUB

Great Wall of China

more EXPERTISE

Unmatched experience

Our team of experts has built relationships all over the world. It could be the time spent crafting the perfect local experience, the ability to include more in each itinerary, or simply knowing the destinations better than anyone else but those connections (and years of experience) allow us to pass the value on to you.

TRAVVY AWARD
BEST TOUR GUIDES
2016
AWARD WINNER

Mark Godin

Tour Manager: 16 years of service

Asia

The best part about being a Tour Manager is what I can share with my guests: introducing them to a new restaurant or giving them cultural tips to interact with locals. I advise my travelers to always explore **more** in an exotic destination. **Asia** especially has a proven reputation for extending the highest level of hospitality to visitors.

> ***"Our tour manager made our tour.*** *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.

TOUR DESIGN TEAM

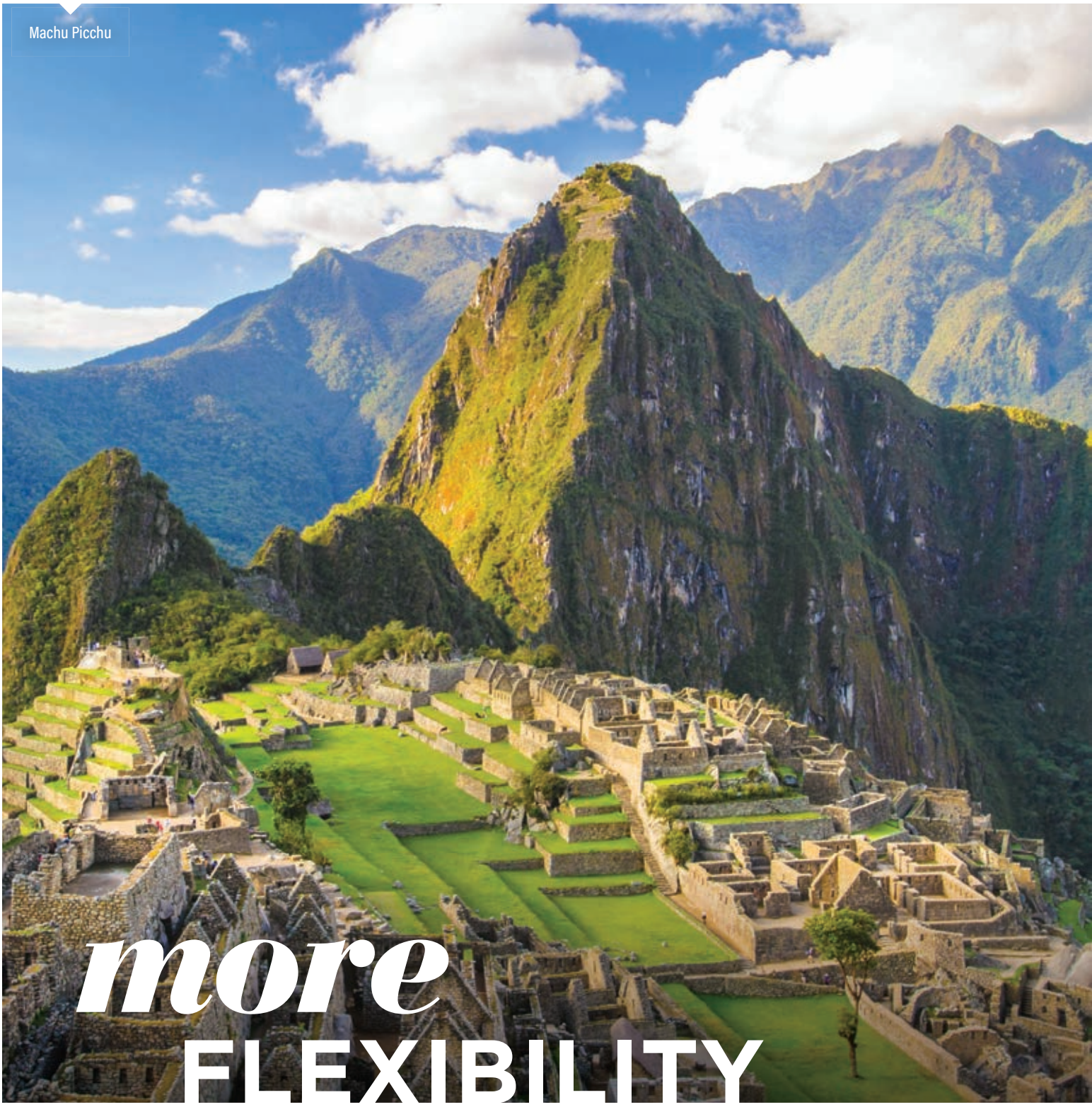
It all starts with perfectly planned itineraries. Our tour design team travels the globe, seeking out new and authentic inclusions. Along the way they vet each element of their tours – from the accommodations to the menu choices – ensuring you have the best possible experience.

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.


Machu Picchu

more FLEXIBILITY

Personalize your adventure

Every traveler is different, so make your trip your own. With features such as pre and post nights stays, It's Your Choice, dine arounds and on-tour options, you can make every day a personal adventure!

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.

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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.

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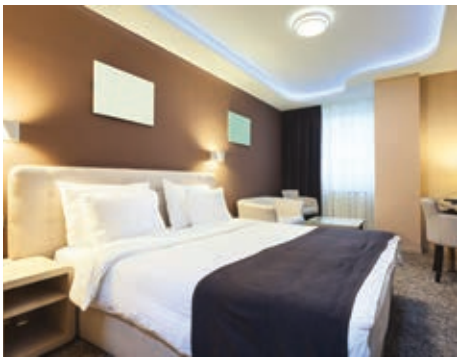

PRE-NIGHTS

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. Spend more time in the city that starts your tour.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE

Everyone's road is different and that's why this year, Collette is introducing It's Your Choice. Many of our itineraries now feature different paths you can take.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

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.

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.

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 NEW TOURS

Designing adventures

Year after year our tour designers dedicate themselves to bringing you the most exhilarating experiences in travel. Perhaps you're seeking an immersive cultural experience, or maybe you wish to go on a whirlwind adventure with all the iconic must-sees. Either way, there is something **new for you in 2018!**

new *for 2018*

SPECTACULAR SOUTH AFRICA
FEATURING SWAZILAND
Connect with nature and culture in one unforgettable trip.

With safari game drives, a lagoon cruise and a visit to one of the oldest ostrich farms, it's easy to get up close and personal with African wildlife. And with several traditional experiences like a Boma dinner under the stars, you'll walk away with a richer connection to South African culture.

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SPOTLIGHT ON HAVANA
Immerse yourself in Cuba's most vibrant city.

Discover the art, history and lively air of Havana in this single-hotel stay. See the inspiring backdrop for Ernest Hemingway's writing, visit a performing arts school, and of course, learn how to salsa dance! Every moment brings you closer to the soul of Cuba.

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TASTE OF VIETNAM
Enjoy a feast for the senses that will delight in every way.

An ancient and mysterious world unfolds day by day in Vietnam. Cruise between islands along the Mekong Delta, discover the many flavors of local cuisine, and try your hand at making lanterns that symbolize happiness, luck, and wealth. You'll walk away filled with the riches of authentic Vietnamese culture.

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CULTURES OF PERU & BOLIVIA
Explore the origins of the Incan Empire.

In addition to must-see Machu Picchu, journey across Lake Titicaca the birthplace of the Incan Empire, tour the historic Incan capital of Cuzco, see the floating islands of the Uros, and more! Day by day, the legacy of the Incan Empire unfolds before your eyes.

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more ON TOUR

It's Your Choice

Everyone's road is different and that's why this year, Collette is expanding **It's Your Choice**. Many of our itineraries now feature different paths you can take. On select days, choose the included experience that best suits your interests.

the freedom to explore

Zipline

With **It's Your Choice,** either activity is included, you simply choose one and personalize your ***adventure!***

COSTA RICA JUNGLE EXPLORATION

Keep your head in the clouds and your heart aflutter as you stroll suspended hanging bridges above the lush jungle and visit one of the world's largest butterfly gardens **-OR-** glide above the rainforest on an exhilarating zip line tour. The series of lines allows you to see the rainforest in an exciting new way.
The choice is yours!

Jardin Majorelle

Marrakech Carriage Ride

TOURING MOROCCO

How do you wish to see Morocco? Stroll among the gardens of Jardin Majorelle and visit the Berber Museum to take in the history, beauty and diversity of Morocco **-OR-** sit back and take a leisurely ride through the streets of Marrakech via horse-drawn carriage, observing the spectacular architecture and the city's fast-paced energy from a relaxing vantage point.

Wine Cellar Tour

Franschhoek Walk

WINE EDUCATION IN CAPE TOWN

After a wine tasting and lunch at a local vineyard, **it's your choice** how you wish to learn more about the winelands of South Africa. Tour the vineyard's wine cellar, learning about the different vintages and blends of the winery and the region **-OR-** embark on a scenic walk through the winelands along the Franschhoek River.

Look for the **It's Your Choice** icon!

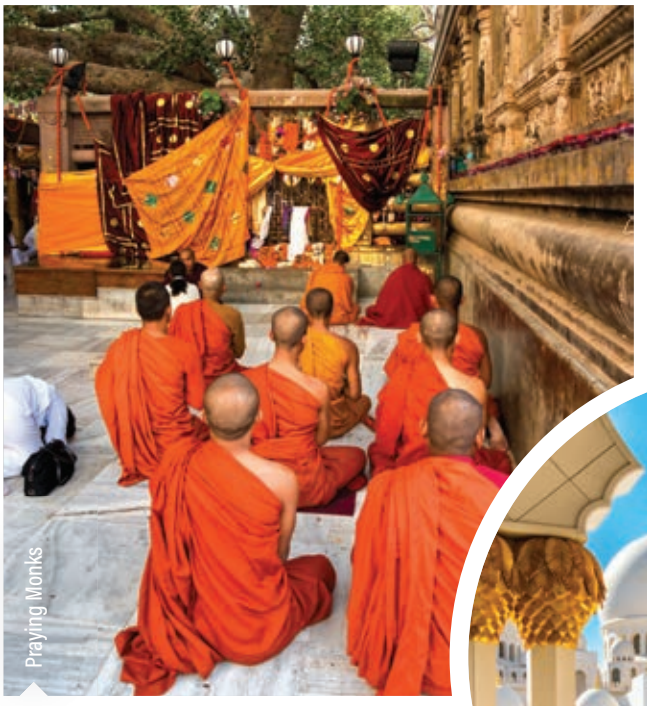
more on tour

Taj Mahal

Christ the Redeemer

Must-sees

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



Praying Monks

Sheikh Zayed Mosque

African Safari

> *"It was great to just sit back and relax while seeing the beauty of the country and to have confidence that wherever we were, we were in good hands."*
>
> - J.L. Welton, TN

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.

more on tour

Riad Yacout, Morocco

Arenal Springs Resort, Costa Rica

Accommodations

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

4 star & above

Personally reviewed properties, strategically selected locations, properties that capture the destination.

Collette's culinary experiences cover an incredible breadth of this side of the world. Many culinary adventures await.

Sarova Mara Camp

Vietnamese Cuisine

Peruvian Ceviche

> *"It was an absolutely fabulous trip, from the beautiful hotel (in a perfect location) to the wonderful included sights and shows."*
>
> - Rhonda M.

Culinary inclusions

Food is a wonderful way to experience new cultures. Our authentic culinary experiences take you into the destination, inspiring both your understanding and your taste buds.

more TRAVEL STYLES

Collette variety

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.

find your *travel style*

CLASSIC
Collette's Flagship

Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

EXPLORATIONS
Immersive Small Group Touring

Smaller groups lead to bigger experiences. Explorations gives travelers access to the world in a new way, venturing off the beaten path for more adventure and immersive cultural connections. The small group size opens the door to magnificent sights, unique accommodations and exclusive culinary events. Your senses come alive as you capture the true essence of each destination.

SPOTLIGHTS
Single-hotel Stays

Unpack just once and explore the world's most iconic cities during Spotlights' single-hotel stays. The leisurely pace offers you the chance to get to know these destinations like a local. Must-see cultural highlights are always included, plus there's plenty of time to explore independently, creating your own unique adventure.

RIVER CRUISE
Exploring the Rivers of the World

Collette's River Cruises are a slower, more intimate way to explore the world. These adventures, on small 4-star vessels, are an easy way to travel through the world's 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.

FAITH
Spiritual Journeys

Collette's collection of religious tours has been created with our faith-based travelers in mind. The focus is on creating inspiring travel experiences in world-famous spiritual locations, and these itineraries are designed utilizing more modest accommodations that capture the reflective surroundings in which they sit.

IMPACT TRAVEL
Travel to Make A Difference

Impact Travel allows you to combine your love of travel with your desire to make a difference. Go beyond simply seeing destination highlights and work alongside members of the local community to help bring about positive, sustainable change.

SPOTLIGHT ON HAVANA

6 DAYS · 10 MEALS

FROM $2999

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Delve into the world of classic cars as you meet the owners of these restored vehicles.
- Partake in a salsa dance lesson in Old Havana.
- Enjoy a musical performance by local children at their performing arts school.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Savor a 5-night stay in lively and historic Havana.
- Get an insider's look at the work and life of Cuban artist Jose Fuster.
- Visit Pinar del Rio & Viñales Valley, the tobacco capital of Cuba.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Meet the owners of a paladar, a small specialty restaurant with its own organic farm.
- Attend a dinner show featuring Buena Vista Social Club.
- Enjoy a farm-to-table meal at a countryside farmhouse in tobacco country.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 – 5 Iberostar Parque Central, Havana

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

cross a cultural divide as you explore the art, history and culture

of the Cuban people. From iconic sites to personal stories, Cuba's story is revealed.

Day 1: Havana, Cuba - Tour Begins

Your journey begins as you fly to Havana, Cuba. See Revolution Square as you transfer to your hotel in the heart of historic Havana. Meet your fellow travelers during a rooftop dinner with amazing views overlooking Parque Central, the Great Theatre of Havana and El Capitolio (the National Capitol Building). (D)

Day 2: Havana

Your morning begins with a visit to the Revolution Museum in what was once the Presidential Palace. Gain insight into Cuban history during the 1950s revolutionary war period. Enjoy a tour of Old Havana on foot and visit Plaza San Francisco de Asis, Plaza de la Cathedral, along with many of the city's other historical squares and UNESCO sites which make Old Havana very special. Then it's time to salsa! Continue to enjoy Havana while you interact with some professional salsa dancers. Strike up a conversation with the dancers and hear about their lives and Cuba's dance culture while learning some of the basic steps of this remarkable dance. This afternoon you are in for a treat as we visit a local performing arts school and meet its creative students who will showcase their talents. (B)

Day 3: Havana - Finca Vigia - Havana

Arrive at Colon Cemetery, officially known as Cementerio de Cristóbal Colón. Named after Christopher Columbus, this 140-acre cemetery contains more than 500 mausoleums and chapels. Considered one of the most elaborate and historical cemeteries in the world, you are sure to be impressed by its architectural beauty. We then make our way to Finca Vigia, or Lookout House, Ernest Hemingway's Cuba home located in the small town of San Francisco de Paula. Hemingway wrote two of his most celebrated novels here: For Whom the Bell Tolls and The Old Man and the Sea. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at a local paladar where you will meet the proprietors of this family-run, privately-owned specialty restaurant. Tour the grounds which include their own organic farm. This evening the sounds of yesteryear come alive when you attend a Buena Vista Social Club performance. (B, L, D)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 105 for details.

Havana

Havana Cathedral

Vinales Valley

Day 4: Havana - Pinar del Rio - Viñales Valley - Havana

Venture into the westernmost province of Cuba, Pinar del Rio, and visit Viñales Valley (UNESCO). Referred to as the "Yosemite of Cuba," the valley is surrounded by limestone cliffs called mogotes. The valley itself is quite fertile. Tobacco and other crops are still cultivated here using traditional agricultural techniques. Visit a local tobacco plantation and meet the farmers who still adhere to these timeless methods. Enjoy a farm-to-table lunch at a local finca (countryside home). Return to Havana for an evening to explore on your own. (B, L)

Day 5: Havana - Casa Fuster - Havana

Your day begins with a visit to Hamel Alley, a Havana neighborhood known for its Afro-Cuban murals which artist Salvador González Escalona famously began in 1990. Then, walk through the dramatic evolution of Cuban art at the Cuban Fine Arts Museum. Later, travel to Casa Fuster for an insider's look at the work and life of Cuban artist Jose Fuster, whose artwork was inspired by Spain's famous architect, Antonio Gaudí. Afterwards, visit a nearby park where local antique car owners gather. Discuss how car ownership in Cuba works, along with the ingenious ways they keep these classics running. This evening, take a trip around Havana in one of those antique American cars that the city is known for. Finally, savor dinner in one of Havana's finest restaurants as you celebrate an amazing journey and your new Cuban friends. (B, D)

Day 6: Havana - Tour Ends

Your Cuba adventure comes to a close today. Return home with vivid memories of this beautiful country and the rich personal experiences you shared with the people of Cuba. (B)

DATES & PRICES

April 2018 *(different itinerary – see note)*	Double	Solo
April 22	$3799	$5799

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 6, 20	$2999	$3999
June 3, 10	$2999	$3999
July 8	$2999	$3999
August 26	$2999	$3999
September 9, 23	$2999	$3999

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
October 7	$3099	$4099
October 21	$3199	$4199
November 4, 11	$3799	$4999
December 2, 9	$3799	$4999
January 13, 20, 27	$3999	$6099
February 3, 10, 24	$3999	$6099
March 3, 10, 17, 31	$3999	$6099
April 7, 14	$3999	$6099
Triple Room Reduction	N/A	

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

This trip requires a passport. All guests are required to obtain a Cuban Tourist Visa. Application for the tourist visa card is at point of exit from the United States to Cuba, provided by the airline at your own cost of approximately $100 USD per person. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. In order to fulfill OFAC's licensing requirements on this tour, you will have a full-time schedule of educational exchange activities that will result in a meaningful interaction between the traveler, you, and individuals in Cuba. The itinerary has been designed with these requirements in mind and there will be no leisure time on this program as on other tours. This is an educational program that requires full-time participation; therefore, we require participants to be at least 15 years of age.

Collette Travel Service, Inc. d/b/a Collette is offering travel services to Cuba intended to meet the "people-to-people" educational activities under the provisions promulgated under title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 515 as issued by the Department of Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). Such travel is permitted by general license. The general license authorizes registered guests of our programs, under the auspices of Collette, to legally travel to Cuba, to participate and engage in a full time schedule of authorized educational exchange activities in Cuba, which will involve meaningful interaction between you and people in Cuba. Prior to departure, Collette will provide you with a Letter of Authorization to confirm your legal travel status, the authorized travel agenda and activities, and your recordkeeping responsibilities. Each guest is required to keep a general written record of each day's activities in Cuba as to the various sites visited and transactions or activities engaged in. Such records shall be kept and retained by each guest to be made available for examination upon demand (by OFAC) for at least five (5) years from the date of each transaction.

REDISCOVER CUBA

8 DAYS · 16 MEALS
FROM $3699

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Interact with local art or theater students and their teachers.
- Learn about the Cuban national dance, "Danzón," along with Salsa and Rhumba lessons.
- Learn about the dramatic evolution of Cuban art at the Cuban Fine Arts Museum.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Spend 3 nights at Cuba's pristine beaches of Cayo Santa Maria.
- Savor a 4-night stay in lively and historic Havana.
- Explore Finca Vigia, or "lookout house," Ernest Hemingway's Cuba home.
- Get an insider's look at the work and life of Cuban artist Jose Fuster.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Meet the owners of a paladar, a small specialty restaurant with its own organic farm.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 – 3 Iberostar Ensenachos, Cayo Santa Maria
Days 4 – 7 Hotel Nacional, Havana

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

experience the power of travel

to unite two peoples in a true cultural exchange

Day 1: Santa Clara, Cuba - Cayo Santa Maria - Tour Begins
Your journey begins as you fly to Santa Clara Airport, Cuba. Transfer to your hotel on the pristine beaches of Cayo Santa Maria, an island off of Cuba's north central coast. En route to your all-inclusive resort, stop at the Che Guevara Memorial & Museum and learn about this polarizing figure and the revolution he helped to spark. (D)

Day 2: Cayo Santa Maria - Santa Clara - Cayo Santa Maria
Embark on a journey to Santa Clara where we will meet local art or theatre students. Learn about the Cuban arts and the techniques of the students and teachers as you interact with them. Spend time with Piquete Melodías Antillanas, one of Cuba's last Piquete bands. Engage with this vibrant community and discover their passion for music, singing and dancing. Learn how this musical genre emerged in Cuba back in the 17th century. Delight in the band's performance of original scores by renowned composers such as Miguel Faildes and Moses Simons. This special performance is conducted on original wind instruments dating back to the 1800s. Learn Cuba's national dance, Danzón, as the abuelos give you a dancing lesson. Return to your hotel for a mojito-making demonstration, rum tasting and dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Cayo Santa Maria - Remedios - Cayo Santa Maria
Journey to the Museo de la Sucre (Sugar Museum). Learn from local producers of the rise and fall of the Cuban region on the back of sugar cane production. Enjoy a walking tour of Remedios, a charming town considered to be the oldest Spanish settlement in the former Las Villas province. Visit San Juan Bautista de Remedios, a 17th-century Baroque church. View the beautiful gold leaf altar made of carved cedar and one of only seven known statues in the world depicting a pregnant Virgin Mary. Later, learn about Cuban cigars - one of the country's most popular products. (B, D)

Day 4: Cayo Santa Maria - Cienfuegos - Havana
This morning we embark on a scenic drive to Cienfuegos Province Botanical Gardens, the oldest of its kind on the island. During a fascinating walking tour, learn about the garden's ties with Harvard University and its founding as a research center (where a sugar mill once stood). Enjoy lunch before exploring the historic Plaza Mayor in the heart of the city. Peruse the shops, converse with the shopkeepers and get a true taste of the local culture.

Havana

Afterwards, sit back and enjoy an amazing a cappella choral performance conducted by the Cantores de Cienfuegos, a local student group gaining worldwide recognition. View the Tomas Terry Theatre, an impressive opera house on Plaza Mayor, before traveling across the countryside to Havana, Cuba's capital. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Havana

This morning you are in for a treat when we visit a local performing arts school and meet its creative students who will showcase their talents. Then enjoy a tour of Old Havana on foot and visit Plaza San Francisco de Asis, Plaza de la Cathedral, as well as many of the city's other historical squares and UNESCO sites, which make Old Havana very special. Complete your day with a visit to Almacenes San José Artisans' Market with free time to shop for a unique Cuban souvenir. (B)

Day 6: Havana - Finca Vigia - Havana

Your day begins with a visit to Hamel Alley, a Havana neighborhood known for its Afro-Cuban murals which artist Salvador González Escalona famously began in 1990. Visit the Revolution Museum, located in what was once the Presidential Palace. Gain insight into Cuban history during the 1950s revolutionary war period. Afterwards, visit a local park where antique car owners gather. Discuss how car ownership in Cuba works, along with the ingenious ways they keep these classics running. Enjoy a farm-to-table lunch at a local paladar where you will meet the proprietors of this family-run, privately-owned specialty restaurant. Tour the grounds which include their own organic farm. We then make our way to Finca Vigia, or Lookout House, Ernest Hemingway's Cuba home located in the small town of San Francisco de Paula. Hemingway wrote two of his most celebrated novels here: For Whom the Bell Tolls and The Old Man and the Sea. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Havana - Casa Fuster - Havana

This morning, walk through the dramatic evolution of Cuban art at the Cuban Fine Arts Museum. Then spend time in Havana interacting with some professional Salsa dancers. Strike up a conversation with the dancers and hear about their lives and Cuba's dance culture while learning some of the basic steps of this remarkable dance. Later, travel to Casa Fuster for an insider's look at the work and life of Cuban artist Jose Fuster, whose artwork was inspired by Spain's famous architect, Antonio Gaudi. This evening, take a trip around Havana in one of the antique American cars that the city is known for. Finally, savor dinner in one of Havana's finest restaurants as you celebrate an amazing journey and your new Cuban friends. (B, D)

Day 8: Havana - Tour Ends

Your Cuba adventure comes to a close today. Return home with vivid memories of this beautiful country and the rich personal experiences you shared with the people of Cuba. (B)

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Cayo Santa Maria

DATES & PRICES

February - April 2018 *(different itinerary - see note)*	Double	Solo
February 7, 14, 21, 28	$4299	$5299
March 7, 14, 21	$4299	$5299
April 4, 11, 18, 25	$4299	$5299

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 2, 9, 16, 30	$3699	$4399
June 6, 13	$3699	$4399
July 11	$3699	$4399
August 22	$3699	$4399
September 5, 12, 19, 26	$3799	$4499
October 3, 10, 17, 24	$3799	$4499
November 7, 28	$4599	$5499
December 5, 12	$4599	$5499
January 9, 16, 23, 30	$4599	$5499
February 6, 13, 20, 27	$4599	$5499
March 6, 13, 20	$4599	$5499
April 3, 10, 24	$4599	$5499

Triple Room Reduction N/A

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

This trip requires a passport. All guests are required to obtain a Cuban Tourist Visa. Application for the tourist visa card is at point of exit from the United States to Cuba, provided by the airline at a cost of approximately $100 USD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. In order to fulfill OFAC's licensing requirements on this tour, you will have a full-time schedule of educational exchange activities that will result in a meaningful interaction between the traveler, you, and individuals in Cuba. The itinerary has been designed with these requirements in mind and there will be no leisure time on this program as on other Collette tours. The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour and to better facilitate meaningful educational exchanges. Due to unforeseen circumstances and schedule changes, educational visits may be interchanged with similar activities. Each passenger is required to keep a general written record of each day's activities in Cuba as to the various sites visited and transactions or activities engaged in. Such records shall be kept and retained by passenger to be made available for examination upon demand (by OFAC) for at least five (5) years from the date of each transaction. On some dates, this tour may operate in reverse.

CULTURES OF PERU & BOLIVIA

14 DAYS · 26 MEALS
FROM $4999

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Learn centuries-old Andean textile methods at a living museum.
- Explore the colorful markets of Peru & Bolivia, including the famous Pisac village market.
- Delight in a Peruvian Paso horse show.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Spend the afternoon with a guide uncovering the mysteries of Machu Picchu.
- Discover Lima & La Paz's fascinating history during a tour of their historic city centers.
- Explore the breathtaking and surreal Uyuni Salt Flats.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 7 | In Cuzco, join a comprehensive tour by coach **or** embark on a walking tour with a local guide.

DAY 10 | Visit the Gold Museum, which houses an collection of pre-Columbian precious metals **or** visit Casa Pedro Murillo, the 19th-century mansion that was once home to the martyr of Bolivian Independence.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a culinary demonstration at your hotel located at the base of Machu Picchu.
- Delight in a home hosted lunch at a local Quechua community.
- Experience the serenity of a picnic lunch on the Uyuni Salt Flats.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2	Casa Andina Premium Miraflores, Lima
Days 3, 4	Aranwa Hotel & Wellness, Sacred Valley
Day 5	Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7	Hotel Aranwa Boutique, Cuzco
Day 8	Libertador Lake Titicaca, Puno
Days 9, 10	Casa Grande Hotel, La Paz
Days 11, 12	Luna Salada Salt Hotel & Spa, Uyuni
Day 13	Casa Grande Hotel, La Paz

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

NEW TOUR

Uyuni Salt Flats

find yourself among archeological wonders

set amidst natural masterpieces including the majestic Andean Mountains and the largest Salt Flat in the world.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Lima: Arrive early to discover a city steeped in history and culture.
CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

Day 2: Lima

Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city center, the San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Center, the Cathedral at Plaza de Armas, and the fashionable suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores. Then it's on to the Archbishop's Palace where we have reserved the balcony exclusively for you to witness the changing of the guard. This evening, visit the Larco Museum, built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple. The museum's collection features over 3,000 years of ceramic, textile and precious metal artifacts. Later, enjoy a sumptuous welcome dinner on the grounds of the museum. (B, D)

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

Fly to Cuzco. From here we travel through the Andes to the Sacred Valley of the Incas, once the agricultural center of their grand empire. Learn the centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving textiles during a visit to Awana Kancha, a living museum of the Peruvian Andes. Stop in Pisac village to browse the colorful handicraft market. Visit a local hacienda for a farm-to-table lunch along with a Paso horse show. The Peruvian Paso has been declared a Cultural Heritage of Peru. Settle in this evening at your hotel in the heart of the Sacred Valley. (B, L)

Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley

This morning, visit the terraced Ollantaytambo ruins, the only Incan settlement continually inhabited since its inception. Then we travel to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get first-hand knowledge of this internationally-renowned artist's techniques. Experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people when you visit a nearby Quechua community and interact with the locals. 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 before enjoying a home-hosted lunch of local specialties. (B, L, 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. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu to further soak

up its atmosphere. Attend an exclusive culinary demonstration before enjoying an award-winning tasting menu at your resort. (B, D)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

During free time this morning you may take an optional tour to Machu Picchu to view the sunrise; or, explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own. Return via Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley and visit the Sacred Valley Brewing Company, a nonprofit brewery created to support a local orphanage. Taste these Andean-inspired craft beers and learn about the brewery's efforts to support the community. Afterwards, continue to Cuzco. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco

The morning is yours to relax and acclimate to the altitude. Then **it's your choice!** Follow 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 trips take you on a journey through this former Incan capital to experience the architectural legacy visible in the Cathedral, Santo Domingo and Plaza de Armas, and 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. Return to Cuzco where you are treated to an authentic dinner highlighting local flavors along with a traditional folkloric performance. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Puno - Uros Floating Islands

This morning, fly to Puno, known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire. Meet the people who call this place home and discover the history of this region. Then, embark on an afternoon cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca. Walk on the spongy surface made from compacted beds of tortora reeds, meet the locals and learn about their lifestyle. Arrive at your lakeside hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 9: Puno- Copacabana - Lake Titicaca Cruise - Sun Island- La Paz, Bolivia

Today your journey to Bolivia begins. Arrive at the lakeside town of Copacabana. Visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Copacabana and see the statue of the patron saint of Bolivia, La Virgen de la Candelaria. Explore the main square and local market before boarding a catamaran cruise to the sacred and legendary birthplace of the Inca Empire, Isla del Sol. The Titicaca region, steeped in tradition and folklore, remains the center of Incan legends which you will experience first-hand upon arriving on the island. Climb the ancient Inca steps and see ruins dating back to the Inca period circa 15th century AD. Walk along agricultural terraces and take in the spectacular views of Lake Titicaca during your visit to the Inti Wata Cultural Complex. Experience a Shaman blessing on a cliff overlooking the lake. Your visit to Sun Island closes with an authentic sailing experience when you board a traditional Titikaka vessel for a panoramic viewing of the ruins of the Pilkokaina Inca Palace. You can even get hands-on and help to row back to your catamaran. This evening, arrive in La Paz, the highest altitude administrative capital city in the world. (B, L)

Day 10: La Paz

Situated at nearly 12,000 feet above sea level, La Paz is located in a valley at the foothills of the Andes mountain range. Today, visit Moon Valley, a maze of canyons and giant spires. Continue to the city center where you will see the main square, Plaza Murillo, surrounded by La Paz Cathedral, the Presidential Palace and the Congress building. **Then it's your choice!** Visit the Gold Museum, with its impressive collection of pre-Columbian precious metals, some dating back 3,000 years **-OR-** visit Casa Pedro Murillo, the former home of the martyr of Bolivian Independence, and see the immense collection of artifacts, colonial art, furniture, and musical instruments. This afternoon take in the magnificent views of La Paz while on an cable car ride high above the city. Venture into the famous Witches Market and mingle with the locals buying supplies for ritual ceremonies and offerings to the Pachamama (Mother Earth). Gather with your fellow travelers this evening for a cocktail reception before enjoying some traditional Bolivian cuisine. (B, D)

Day 11: La Paz - Uyuni

Fly to Uyuni, and be be whisked away in 4x4 vehicles to tour the the largest salt flat in the world. Visit the Train Cemetery where the remains of 19th- and 20th-century steam locomotives have come to rest. Continue to the village of Colchani to meet a local artisanal salt factory owner and observe the traditional methods of salt extraction. At Incahuasi Island, situated in the middle of the salt flat, marvel at the hundreds of cacti, some dating back thousands of years. You are in for a treat when you enjoy a picnic lunch in the middle of the salt flats! Arrive for your 2-night stay in a one-of-a-kind hotel made completely of salt bricks. Your evening is at leisure to enjoy your unique accommodations or perhaps you will select an optional salt flats stargazing experience. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Uyuni

Enjoy a relaxing morning before returning to explore the salt flats this afternoon. Arrive at the village of Chantani, located at the base of Tunupa Volcano, and visit the local museum and ancient burial ground. Your local guide and driver will assist in creating a memorable perspective photo shoot. Toast to the end of your visit to Uyuni with a sunset reception on the salt flats. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Uyuni - La Paz

Fly back to La Paz and spend an afternoon at leisure. Join your fellow travelers this evening for a farewell dinner showcasing Bolivian fusion cuisine. (B, D)

Day 14: La Paz - Tour Ends

As your tour comes to a close, reflect on your amazing Andean adventure. (B)

Machu Picchu

DATES & PRICES

Nov. 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
November 1, 29	$4999	$5999
December 6	$4999	$5999
January 10, 17	$5499	$6649
February 21, 28	$5499	$6649
March 14, 21	$5499	$6649

Nov. 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
April 4, 25	$5499	$6649
Triple Room Reduction	(-) $100	

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

This trip requires a passport and visa. A Bolivian visa is required and can be purchased during your border crossing at an estimated cost of $160 USD. New bills are required along with 2 copies of your passport and a passport photo. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. In general, hotels outside of Lima are small with one or two levels and do not have elevators, which may require you to climb 10-15 steps to get to/from the room. Wheelchairs and walkers cannot be accommodated on this tour.

MACHU PICCHU & THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

15 DAYS · 29 MEALS
FROM $7119

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover centuries-old Andean textile methods at a living museum of the Peruvian Andes.
- Venture through the Andes to Machu Picchu in a domed train.
- Stand at the "Middle of the World" at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Embark on a 5-day cruise of the Galapagos Islands with a naturalist guide.
- Explore the fabled ruins of Machu Picchu.
- Admire the giant tortoises at the Charles Darwin Research Station.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 7 | 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.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor an authentic Pachamanca dinner, where food is buried in the ground to cook.
- Enjoy a culinary demonstration at your Machu Picchu hotel.
- Delight in a home-hosted farm-to-table lunch at a local Quechua community.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2	Casa Andina Premium Miraflores, Lima
Days 3, 4	Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Yucay
Day 5	Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7	Casa Andina Premium, 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 ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

Galapagos Islands

from the Galapagos Archipelago to the Sacred Valley of the Incas

this tour offers a look into mankind's collective history.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Lima: Discover more of Lima's colonial heritage with an extra night.
CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins
Welcome to Peru, one of the treasures of South America. 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. (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. Stop in Pisac village to browse the colorful handicraft market. This evening, settle in 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
This morning you visit the uniquely terraced Ollantaytambo archaeological site, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. Then, head to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get first-hand knowledge on this internationally renowned artist's techniques and designs, inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Later, experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people 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 before enjoying a home-hosted farm-to-table lunch featuring local specialties. Tonight, savor an authentic Pachamanca dinner, a unique process where food is placed on hot stones and buried in the ground to cook. (B, L, 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. Stop at the Sacred Valley Brewing Company for a tasting and learn how this nonprofit brewery was created to support a local orphanage. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco

The morning is yours to relax and acclimate to the altitude. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Explore Cuzco, the former capital of the Incan Empire, with a local guide on a walking tour of the city **-OR-** 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, gather together and travel to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress. Enjoy a toast at sunset overlooking the city before arriving at your authentic dinner and folklore show 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 and 17th-century Church of La Compañía. Savor 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 with tropical cocktails. (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 and meander 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. Try to spot stingrays and reef sharks in the emerald waters. Learn about the ecosystem's unusual plants. You may also observe graceful flamingos or 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 famous 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 savor some organic Galapagos coffee before we embark on a walk inside dormant lava tubes to gain insight on how these pristine islands formed. Enjoy time to explore Port Ayora town. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Carrion Point - Disembark Ship - Baltra Island - Quito

Garner panoramic views as you circumnavigate Carrion Point. Keep an eye out for marine iguanas, fur seals 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 at one of the city's most historic restaurants and sample some of Ecuador's finest cuisine. (B, D)

Day 15: Quito - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary - see note)*	Double	Solo
February 6, 20	$7369	$9969
March 6	$7369	$9969
April 3, 17	$7569	$10169

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 15	$7119	$9569
August 21	$7119	$9569
September 4, 18	$7119	$9569

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
October 2, 30	$7119	$9569
November 27	$7119	$9569
January 8, 22	$7369	$9869
February 5, 19	$7369	$9869
March 5, 19	$7369	$9869
April 2, 16, 30	$7369	$9869

Triple Room Reduction N/A

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

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 Galapagos National Park fees. Pricing is based on Standard Plus Outside cabins, located on the Sea Deck. Call for upgrade rates and availability for Junior Suites (Earth Deck) or Balcony Suites (Moon Deck). Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each cabin category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. 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. 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. The internal flights on this program in Peru and Ecuador are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. In general, hotels in Peru (outside of Lima) are small with one or two levels and do not have elevators which may require you to climb 10-15 steps to get to/from the room.

COLLETTE CARES

Ecuador - In partnership with Children International, our Global Flagship Program aims to end malnutrition in Ecuador by supporting nutritional rehabilitation programs that target undernourished children, giving them a chance at a healthy future.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTH AMERICA

10 DAYS · 13 MEALS
FROM $2999

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Move to the passionate rhythms of tango during a stunning performance.
- Mingle with locals at one of Rio de Janeiro's open-air markets.

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.
- Venture to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 3 | In Buenos Aires, experience the lively capital with a local guide either by bike **or** by bus.

DAY 4 | In San Antonio de Areco, go horseback riding through the countryside **or** take a scenic horse-drawn carriage ride.

DAY 9 | 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*.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Dine on a traditional Argentinian barbecue (*asado*) at a countryside estancia.
- Learn how to craft *caipirinhas* - a Brazilian cocktail with sugar cane liquor and lime.
- Dine in a typical Brazilian *churrascaria*.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	The Brick Hotel MGallery Collection, Buenos Aires
Days 5, 6	Mabu Thermas Grand Resort, Foz do Iguazu
Days 7 – 9	Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort, Rio de Janeiro

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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embrace the captivating sights and sounds of Brazil and Argentina

from thundering Iguazu Falls to colorful Buenos Aires.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Buenos Aires: Have more time to enjoy the vibrant culture of this capital city.
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Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2: Buenos Aires, Argentina - Tour Begins
Welcome to Buenos Aires. Stretching along the banks of the Rio de la Plata, the "Paris of South America" is a mosaic of European-styled architecture and South American spirit. Meet your fellow travelers and enjoy a cocktail at your beautiful hotel located 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, and savor Argentine cuisine and wine before witnessing a stunning tango performance. (D)

Day 3: Buenos Aires
Start your day with a panoramic tour of lively Buenos Aires. Visit the Palermo district and Recoleta Cemetery, where Eva "Evita" Peron rests. Drive along the famous Avenida 9 de Julio; view the Teatro Colon opera house; the Metropolitan Cathedral, the former church of Pope Francis I; and the Presidential Palace - "La Casa Rosada" - at Plaza de Mayo. Explore San Telmo, the oldest neighborhood of the city and the birthplace of tango. Then, **it's your choice!** Continue on your city tour by bus **-OR-** embark on a bicycle tour with a local guide. Either way you will visit La Boca and the Puerto Madero neighborhoods. 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 take the optional Tigre Delta trip where you'll pass by an array of historic mansions before boarding a cruise through the canals. (B)

Day 4: Buenos Aires - San Antonio de Areco - Buenos Aires
This morning we cross the Argentine Pampas, the nation'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. While on the

Rio de Janeiro

ranch, **it's your choice!** Go horseback riding through the countryside **-OR-** take a scenic horse-drawn carriage ride. Meet authentic gauchos who will share stories about what life is like in the countryside. You'll get the chance to relax on the estancia grounds before heading back to Buenos Aires for a free evening. Tonight you may choose an optional home-hosted wine pairing dinner at a local chef's home. (B, L)

Day 5: 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. Cross to the Brazilian side and check into your resort. Cap off your day with a relaxing dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: 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 by making each side a national park. You will see first-hand why Eleanor Roosevelt, upon seeing Iguazu Falls, exclaimed "Poor Niagara." The afternoon is yours to relax and enjoy the many amenities at your resort or you may choose an optional jungle boat ride at the base of the falls. (B)

Day 7: 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. Venture to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain for breathtaking views. Check into your beachfront hotel in the exclusive Leblon neighborhood. Learn how to craft *caipirinhas* – Brazil's famous cocktail made with sugar cane liquor and lime. 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 a night of dinner, music and dancing. (B, D)

Day 8: 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 and 360-degree views around the city. Then spend time with locals at one of the city's open-air markets. Break into small groups with market guides as you discover and taste over a dozen different types of exotic fruits from Brazil. Your afternoon is at leisure. Relax by the beach at your resort or take a shuttle to Copacabana. Or, perhaps take an optional jeep ride through the Tijuca forest followed by a visit to historic Santa Teresa. (B)

Day 9: Rio de Janeiro Y

This morning, **it's your choice!** Step behind-the-scenes 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-** join a local guide for a tour of a *favela*; learn about the unique contrasts and paradoxes of Brazilian society as you stroll through the community and visit a local home; relish some time for coffee, cake and discussion with the humble residents. This evening we gather to enjoy a panoramic city tour that includes a visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral with architecture that was inspired by a Mayan pyramid. Stop by the Maracanã football stadium, which hosted the 2014 World Cup finals, before continuing on to the Carnival parade route, the Sambadrome. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a farewell feast in a typical Brazilian churrascaria. Indulge in wine and meats slow-roasted to perfection. (B, D)

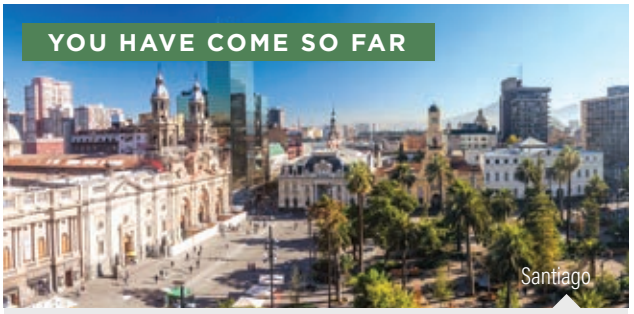
Day 10: Rio de Janeiro - Tour Ends

As your tour comes to a close, transfer to the airport for your flight home. For guests with evening flights, you may choose an optional visit to the Botanical Gardens along with a cruise of Guanabara Bay, or perhaps a historic walking tour of the waterfront district. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Rio de Janeiro: Enjoy more time to enjoy one of the world's most dynamic cities. CALL FOR DETAILS



Santiago

TOUR EXTENSIONS:

Santiago de Chile: Begin your trip with a 3 night extension.
Experience the vibrancy of this cultural hub tucked inside the Andes Mountains. SEE PAGE 97 FOR DETAILS

Brazilian Amazon: Extend your trip with a 3-night extension.
Spend your days exploring the Amazon rainforest's incredible flora and fauna. SEE PAGE 96 FOR DETAILS

Salvador de Bahia: Extend your trip with a 3-night extension.
Witness colonial architecture, a charming fishing village, and a folklore performance. SEE PAGE 97 FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary - see note)*	Double	Solo
February 8, 15, 22	$3299	$4299
March 1, 15	$3299	$4299
April 5	$3299	$4299

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – March 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 6	$2999	$3849
August 26	$2999	$3849

May 2018 – March 2019	Double	Solo
September 9, 23, 30	$2999	$3849
October 14	$2999	$3849
November 4, 25	$2999	$3849
December 2	$2999	$3849
January 6, 20, 27	$2999	$3849
February 3, 10	$2999	$3849
March 3, 17, 31	$2999	$3849
Triple Room Reduction	N/A	

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

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This trip requires a passport and visa. A visa for Brazil (approximate visa cost is $160 USD) is required for this tour at your expense. This tour may require a certificate of Yellow Fever inoculation when applying for your Brazilian visa especially if you have traveled to Peru prior to Brazil. These fees are at your own expense. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Due to flight schedules, a pre/post night may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. Each guest 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 on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

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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.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!
(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 7 | Explore Cuzco, the former capital of the Incan Empire, with a local guide on a walking tour of the city **OR**, board a coach for a comprehensive tour of the city's main sites.

DAY 16| In Buenos Aires, explore the city by bus **or** embark on a bicycle tour with a local guide.

DAY 21 | In Rio de Janeiro, step behind-the-scenes at Carnival and meet the artists who are designing the floats, costumes and dances **or** join a local guide for a tour of a favela, visiting with a local resident in their home.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Relish renowned Chilean wines during a visit to a winery.
- Savor a Brazilian churrascaria featuring an assortment of grilled meats.
- Enjoy a dinner featuring Peruvian cuisine and festive entertainment.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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when you explore Rio de Janeiro, Iguazu Falls, Buenos Aires, Machu Picchu, the Chilean Wine Country and more.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Lima: Travel south a day early with more time to explore this exceptional city.
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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 travelers 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. Stop in Pisac village to browse the colorful handicraft market. This evening, settle in at your hotel nestled in the heart

Machu Picchu

Iguazu Falls

Rio de Janeiro

of the Sacred Valley. The rest of the evening is yours... perhaps you'll take this opportunity to discover your hotel's planetarium to gaze at the stars. (B)

Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley of the Inca

This morning you 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, 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. 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 before enjoying a home-hosted farm-to-table lunch featuring local specialties. Tonight, savor an authentic Pachamanca dinner, a unique process where food is placed on hot stones and buried in the ground to cook. (B, L, 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 experiencing 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. 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 efforts to support their community. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco

The morning is yours to relax and acclimate to the altitude. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Explore Cuzco, the former capital of the Incan Empire, with a local guide on a walking tour of the city **-OR-** board a coach for a comprehensive tour of the city's main sites. Whichever you choose, you will experience the architectural legacy visible in the Cathedral, Santo Domingo and the Plaza de Armas; you'll also stop by the central market. Later, gather together and travel above the city to discover the sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress. Enjoy a toast at sunset while overlooking the city before arriving at your authentic dinner and folklore show 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 walking tour of Santiago's historic city center. View such sights as the La Moneda Presidential Palace, Plaza de Armas and Santiago's Cathedral. Then venture out to Chile's wine region and visit a local winery for lunch. Sample some of Chile's famous cabernet and carmenere wine while a local expert teaches you about winemaking in this part of the world. Next, explore artwork and artifacts from Central and South America during your visit to the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art. Your evening is at leisure to further explore Santiago on your own. (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

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THE COMPLETE SOUTH AMERICA
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ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2	El Pardo DoubleTree by Hilton, Lima
Days 3, 4	Casa Andina Premium, Sacred Valley
Day 5	Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7	Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco
Days 8, 9	Hotel Plaza San Francisco, Santiago
Days 10 – 12	Hotel Costaustralis, 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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Perito Moreno Glacier

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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 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 & 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 landscape during your drive through the countryside before settling into your hotel, perfectly situated 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 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, and savor Argentine cuisine and wine before witnessing a stunning tango performance. (B, D)

Day 16: Buenos Aires

Start your day with a panoramic tour of lively Buenos

Aires. Visit the Palermo district and Recoleta Cemetery, where Eva "Evita" Peron rests. Drive along the famous Avenida 9 de Julio; view the Teatro Colon opera house; the Metropolitan Cathedral, the former church of Pope Francis I; and the Presidential Palace - "La Casa Rosada" - at Plaza de Mayo. Then, **it's your choice!** Continue on your city tour by bus **-OR-** embark on a bicycle tour with a local guide. Either way you will visit La Boca and the Puerto Madero neighborhoods. 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 take the optional Tigre Delta trip where you'll pass by an array of historic mansions before boarding a cruise through the canals. (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 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. Savor lunch featuring some local delicacies and Uruguayan wine before having free time to relax or explore independently. Later we return to Buenos Aires. (B, L)

Day 18: 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. Cross to the Brazilian side and check into your resort. Cap off your day with a relaxing dinner. (B, D)

Day 19: 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 fought to protect the beauty and raw power of the falls by making each side a national park. You will see firsthand why Eleanor Roosevelt, upon seeing Iguazu Falls, exclaimed "Poor Niagara." The afternoon is yours to relax and enjoy the many amenities at your resort or you may choose an optional jungle boat ride at the base of the falls. (B)

Day 20: 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. Venture to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain for breathtaking views. Check into your beachfront hotel in the exclusive Leblon neighborhood. Learn how to craft *caipirinhas* – Brazil's famous cocktail made with sugar cane liquor and lime. Then, cap the night off with a feast in a typical Brazilian *churrascaria*. Indulge in wine and meats slow-roasted to perfection. (B, D)

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 with locals at one of the city's open-air markets. Break into small groups with market guides as you discover and taste over a dozen different types of exotic fruits from Brazil. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Step behind-the-scenes 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-** join a local guide for a tour of a favela; learn about the unique contrasts and paradoxes of Brazilian society as you stroll through the community and visit a local home; relish some time for coffee, cake and discussion with the humble residents. The evening is yours to relax or explore independently. (B)

Day 22: Rio de Janeiro

Your morning 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 take an optional jeep ride through the Tijuca forest followed by a visit to historic Santa Teresa. This afternoon, witness the city of Rio that captivated the world during 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 with architecture that was inspired by a Mayan pyramid. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for an exciting farewell dinner 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 a night of dinner, music and dancing. (B, D)

Day 23: Rio de Janeiro - Tour Ends

As your tour comes to a close, transfer to the airport for your flight home. For guests with evening flights, you may choose an optional visit to the famous Botanical Gardens along with a cruise of Guanabara Bay, or perhaps a historic walking tour of the waterfront district which underwent a fantastic transformation for the 2016 Olympics. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Rio de Janeiro: Enjoy more time to enjoy one of the world's most dynamic cities. CALL FOR DETAILS

TOUR EXTENSIONS:

- **Peruvian Amazon: Begin your trip with a 3-night extension.** Explore the wonders of the Amazon with a naturalist guide by your side. SEE PAGE 98 FOR DETAILS
- **Brazilian Amazon: Complete your trip with a 3-night extension.** Stand in awe of one of the world's seven natural wonders. SEE PAGE 96 FOR DETAILS
- **Salvador de Bahia: Extend your trip with a 3-night extension.** Witness colonial architecture, a charming fishing village and a folklore performance. SEE PAGE 97 FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – March 2018 *(different itinerary - see note)*	Double	Solo
February 15, 22	$7249	$9649
March 1, 8	$7249	$9649

Itinerary featured is for October 2018 – March 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

October 2018 – March 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
October 4, 18	$7499	$9899

October 2018 – March 2019	Double	Solo
November 8	$7499	$9899
January 10, 24	$7499	$9899
February 21, 28	$7499	$9899
March 7	$7499	$9899

Triple Room Reduction (-) $200

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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 artist's techniques and designs at Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Venture through the Andes in a domed train to Machu Picchu.
- Spend the afternoon with a guide uncovering the mysteries of Machu Picchu.
- Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour of the city center.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 7 | 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.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a culinary demonstration at your hotel at the base of Machu Picchu.
- Savor an authentic Pachamanca dinner where food is cooked in the ground.
- Delight in a home hosted farm-to-table lunch at a local Quechua community.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2	El Pardo DoubleTree by Hilton, Lima
Days 3, 4	Casa Andina Premium, Sacred Valley
Day 5	Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7	Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco
Days 8, 9	Libertador Lake Titicaca, Puno

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 105 for details.

Machu Picchu

discover Peru's archeological treasures as you travel

through the soaring Andes to the spectacular Incan city of Machu Picchu.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Lima: Discover more of Lima's colonial heritage with an extra night.

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

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Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley of the Inca

This morning, 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, 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. Experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people and delve into their culture when you travel to a nearby Quechua 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 before enjoying a home-hosted farm-to-table lunch featuring local specialties. Tonight, savor an authentic Pachamanca dinner, a unique process where food is placed on hot stones and buried in the ground to cook. (B, L, 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 take an optional tour to return to Machu Picchu and view the sunrise or explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own. Return by Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley. Visit the Sacred Valley Brewing Company, a nonprofit brewery created to support a local orphanage. Taste these Andean-inspired craft beers and learn about their drive to support their community before continuing to Cuzco, a city that blends Inca and Spanish colonial influences. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco

The morning is yours to relax and acclimate to the altitude. Then **it's your choice!** Follow a local guide on a walking tour of the city from your hotel **-OR-** choose to board your coach for a comprehensive tour of the city's main sites. Both tours will take you on a journey through this former capital of the Incan Empire to experience the architectural legacy visible in the Cathedral, Santo Domingo and Plaza de Armas, and 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 the heart of Cuzco where you are treated to an authentic dinner highlighting local flavors. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Puno

This morning, fly to Puno, hugging the shores of Lake Titicaca. Known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire, ancient legends say that life began here. 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

The Titicaca area, steeped in tradition and folklore, is the center of Incan legends. 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 an authentic 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

As your tour comes to a close, 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. After this incredible trip through history, your tour concludes with a sumptuous farewell dinner on the grounds of the museum. Then we depart for Lima's airport and your connecting flight home. (B, D)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Lima: Spend one more day exploring or resting before your journey home.

CALL FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary – see note)*	Double	Solo
February 3, 17, 24	$2999	$3849
March 3, 10, 17	$2999	$3849
April 7, 21	$2999	$3849

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 12, 19, 26	$2999	$3949
June 9, 23	$2999	$3949
August 11, 25	$2999	$3949

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
September 1, 15, 22	$2999	$3949
October 6, 13, 20, 27	$2999	$3949
November 3, 10	$2999	$3949
January 12, 19, 26	$2999	$3949
February 2, 16, 23	$2999	$3949
March 9, 16, 23, 30	$2999	$3949
April 6, 27	$2999	$3949

Triple Room Reduction (-) $50

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

COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Peru: Ancient Land of Mysteries and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tour:** ❶ Highlights of South America

CALL FOR DETAILS

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. Each guest 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 on the destinations you are traveling to and from. In general, hotels outside of Lima are small with one or two levels and do not have elevators, which may require you to climb 10-15 steps to get to/from the room. In order not to miss any tour inclusions on Day 10, departure flights should be booked for very late evening that same day or the early morning hours of Day 11. Passengers arranging their own transfers from Lima's Jorge Chavez International Airport should use a secure taxi service to go into the city.

JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

14 DAYS · 33 MEALS
FROM $14299

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Get the chance to see incredible Antarctic wildlife like seals, whales, and penguins.
- Enjoy nearly 24 hours of sunlight as you relax on the ship's observation decks.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Visit the "Paris of South America," Buenos Aires, and tour this wonderful city.
- Set out on a fully equipped polar expedition ship, and cruise the waters of Antarctica.
- Like many previous explorers, cross Drake's Passage, a milestone for any adventurer.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor your meals like never before – aboard an expedition ship, admiring the stunning scenery of one of the most wild and magnificent places on earth.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Alvear Art Hotel or similar, Buenos Aires
Days 3 - 12	*National Geographic Explorer*
Day 13	Alvear Art Hotel or similar, Buenos Aires

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

join us on the expedition of a lifetime

with an experienced crew of naturalists, seasoned Antarctic explorers, and National Geographic experts.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

In association with Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic, we proudly offer an active, immersive expedition adventure exploring Antarctica in an authentic expedition style. See more of the legendary landscapes and habitats – encounter iconic penguins, leopard seals, and marine mammals; kayak among icebergs and zodiac cruise past resting leopard seals; and hike on the continent with the best ice team on Earth. Through the efforts of an undersea specialist, you will also experience the seldom-seen Antarctic undersea. Your adventure begins with an overnight flight to Buenos Aires.

Day 2: Buenos Aires, Argentina - Tour Begins

Arrive in cosmopolitan 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-style architecture and South American spirit. In the afternoon, enjoy a panoramic city tour seeing its Beaux-Arts palaces, grand boulevards, and the famous balcony forever associated with Eva Peron. In the early evening, gather for an informal reception at the hotel. (L)

Day 3: Fly to Ushuaia - Embark Ship - At Sea

This morning we fly over Patagonia before landing in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery. Enjoy lunch while cruising the Beagle Channel. Later, embark the *National Geographic Explorer*, an authentic expedition ship uniquely equipped with an ice-strengthened hull and advanced navigation equipment for polar expeditions. With just 81 cabins and a maximum capacity of 148 passengers, the spacious and modern *Explorer* offers a roster of tools for exploration and a variety of public rooms that offer astounding views of the passing landscape, including a dramatic window-lined library and plentiful observation decks, plus one perched at the very top of the ship and the forward facing chart room, offering a 24-hour beverage station. In the ship's spacious lounge you will have informative presentations and a nightly recap of the day's activities. Shipboard services also include a state-of-the-art fitness center, laundry, and public-area Wi-Fi. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Drake Passage - At Sea

Cruise south through the fabled Drake Passage, named for the explorer Sir Francis Drake. Lying between Cape Horn and the Antarctic Peninsula, crossing the legendary Drake Passage is unforgettable - a milestone in any adventurer's personal travel history. Warmer waters of the north meet the colder, denser waters of the south

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here in the Antarctica Convergence, making the area rich in marine life. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Antarctica
The next six days are filled with discovering 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 6: Antarctica
The voyage keeps a flexible schedule (daily activities are contingent on weather conditions) to take advantage of the unexpected. With nearly 24 hours of daylight, make the most of your days with daily explorations. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Antarctica
You may take a Zodiac foray amid towering icebergs under a bright sun, walk along the shoreline amid a huge penguin colony, hike to a summit for a breathtaking view, or kayak along a cliff-side rookery in search of blue-eyed shags. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Antarctica
Today you could have the thrill of watching the ship crunch through the packed ice or step ashore to the cries of thousands of Gentoo penguins. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Antarctica
Learn from the experts how to identify different penguin species and get photo tips from a National Geographic photographer while watching those same penguins. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Antarctica
Onboard, the undersea specialist may present video from that day's dive with rare images taken up to 1,000 feet below the surface. The expert staff will craft an expedition where you will learn more, see more and experience more. (B, L, D)

Day 11: At Sea
Leave Antarctica and sail back to Ushuaia, crossing the southern waters of the Drake Passage. The ship's spotters will keep an eye out for marine life, albatross and seabirds that cross the ship's bow. (B, L, D)

Day 12: At Sea
You may want to enjoy a wellness treatment, spend time in the gym, catch up on the book you haven't had a minute to read, or participate in on board discussions reflecting on all you have seen and learned. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Ushuaia - Disembark Ship - Fly to Buenos Aires
After breakfast, disembark in Ushuaia with time for independent exploration before proceeding to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires for an overnight stay. (B)

Day 14: Buenos Aires - Tour Ends
Your tour ends today. (B)

DATES & PRICES

January – February 2019	Double	Solo
January 15, 25	$14299	$19249
February 4	$14299	$19249

Triple Room Reduction N/A

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

This trip requires a passport. The Ushuaia airport departure tax is included in the cost of your tour. Park fees and permits are included in the base price of the tour. Pricing is based on Inside Cabin Category 1. Please call for rates for other cabin categories. Order of sightseeing on board the ship may vary based on departure and weather conditions and is at the sole discretion of the cruise line. Special clothing is required for the shore landings; please refer to your pre-departure documents for important details. Transfers to/from the boat are by small Zodiac inflatable boats. Landings are either "dry" or "wet" and you might have to wade ashore in shallow water. In some cases, the terrain can be somewhat strenuous. In accordance with IAATO and Lindblad Expeditions, all guests traveling 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 and returned to our office 120 days prior to your tour's departure. Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each cabin category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. If the cabin category preferred is not available, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply. Prior to full payment for the program, the cruise line reserves the right to impose a supplemental fuel charge. Should this occur, you will be notified of the additional charges. This tour is operated by Lindblad Expeditions and will have Lindblad representatives accompanying you throughout the program until your final night in Buenos Aires. This program is not Collette exclusive and a Collette tour manager will not be accompanying you. Internal flights are not included in the tour cost. All air, including internal air, must be booked through us.

COSTA RICA: A WORLD OF NATURE

12 DAYS · 23 MEALS
FROM $2649

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Join an expert guide to learn about the local culture and ecosystem.
- Visit the world's first green turtle research station in Tortuguero National Park.
- Explore Arenal during an extended 3-night stay.

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.
- Hop aboard a river boat for a jungle crocodile safari and bird watching excursion.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 7 | Embark on one of Costa Rica's most thrilling zip lining experiences **or** enjoy a moderate hike along the trails of Arenal Volcano National Park.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a traditional Costa Rican dinner complete with a cooking demonstration.
- Indulge in the sweet taste of chocolate at a cacao plantation.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose
Days 2, 3	Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero
Days 4, 5	Selva Verde Eco-Lodge & Rainforest Reserve, Sarapiquí
Days 6 – 8	Mountain Paradise Hotel, Arenal
Days 9, 10	Parador Resort and Spa, Manuel Antonio
Day 11	Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

discover the national parks and rainforests of Costa Rica,

one of the world's most popular eco-destinations.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

San Jose: Arrive early to discover a city steeped in history and culture.
CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins
Discover the fascinating ecosystems of Tortuguero National Park, Arenal Volcano and Manuel Antonio National Park.

Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park
Today brings dormant volcanos and crater lakes as we journey through Braulio Carrillo National Park en route to the Caribbean lowlands. Along the way, take in mountain vistas and Caribbean-style villages. Later, discover the wonders of Tortuguero National Park's rainforest as you cruise the rivers and canals with an expert guide. Enjoy a 2-night stay at an eco-lodge surrounded by lush tropical forest and an array of wildlife. Learn more about your surroundings during a visit to the world's first green turtle research station. Here, dedicated scientists are working to protect the turtle's nesting habitat and eggs. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome reception and dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tortuguero National Park
Get your camera ready. Set out on an early morning bird-watching excursion that explores the myriad of local and migratory birds that flock to this area. Next, embark on a nature cruise through the park – keep an eye out for howler monkeys, sloths, toucans and caimans. Tortuguero National Park, a study in biology, protects over 350 species of birds and mammals. Savor time to seek out green macaws and some of Costa Rica's endangered animals, including jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and even manatees. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - Sarapiquí
Take to the water again and embark on a leisurely boat ride to the mainland as we travel to the Sarapiquí region, one of the world's most important research regions for tropical rainforests. Visit an organic pineapple plantation

Manuel Antonio National Park

to learn about the various types of this exotic fruit and taste why Costa Rican pineapples are among the world's best. Arrive at your eco-lodge nestled in the rainforest and surrounded by towering Almendro trees, howler monkeys and keel billed toucans. Enjoy free time to hike through the deep green forest or simply relax in a hammock and take in the nature around you. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Sarapiquí

Discover the history and continuing importance of cacao to Central America's economy when you visit a cacao plantation. Observe the process of producing chocolate from the cacao bean and sample the delicious finished product. Then, see the region from a different perspective on an exhilarating Sarapiquí River rafting adventure. Return to your rainforest lodge for a traditional Costa Rican dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Sarapiquí - Arenal Volcano

Begin the day engulfed in nature with an early morning bird watching tour along the natural forest trails and nearby stream. Later, behold the spectacular views of Arenal Volcano and absorb the tranquility of your surroundings as you begin a 3-night stay at your resort featuring panoramic views of the volcano. (B)

Day 7: Arenal Volcano

This morning, experience the rainforest from the treetops on a guided walking tour along Arenal's hanging bridges. Then, **the choice is yours!** Embark on one of Costa Rica's most thrilling zip lining experiences and take in one-of-a-kind views of the Arenal rainforest **-OR-** enjoy a moderate hike along the trails of Arenal Volcano National Park; cross lava fields and pause to enjoy spectacular views of the volcano. (B, D)

Day 8: Arenal Volcano

Enjoy a day at leisure. This morning you may take an optional river safari down the Peñas Blancas River. For the more adventurous, an exhilarating white water rafting expedition on the San Blas River is also available. Or, simply explore the resort or relax in the soothing waters of one of the region's hot springs. This evening, roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cooking demonstration; then savor the local flavors of Costa Rica during a traditional dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Arenal Volcano - Tarcoles - Manuel Antonio National Park

Head to the Pacific Coast today. Along the way, stop for a jungle crocodile safari and bird watching excursion. Hop aboard a safari boat to explore the remarkable mangrove ecosystem of the Rio Grande of Tarcoles, home to one of the world's largest wild crocodile populations. View waterfowl, iguanas, and over fifty varieties of native birds, including the very rare scarlet macaw. Later we continue to the world-renowned Manuel Antonio National Park to check into our resort just outside the park. Soak up the sweeping views and take in the sunset overlooking the park and the Pacific Ocean before dining this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Manuel Antonio National Park

Wake up to a cool breeze and spectacular views. The day is yours to relax and enjoy the surrounding beauty. You can enjoy the luxurious amenities of your resort, walk the nearby nature trails that lead to dramatic views of the Pacific, or head to the nearby white sand beaches. (B)

Day 11: Manuel Antonio National Park - San Jose

This morning we explore spectacular Manuel Antonio National Park, known for its pristine beaches and primary forest. Spend your time walking the forest trails in search of the three-toed sloth, agoutis, squirrel monkeys and iguanas; or take a swim in the inviting blue waters. Then, say goodbye to the coast and continue to San Jose and toast to the natural richness that is Costa Rica at a wonderful farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. Head for home with many amazing memories. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

San Jose: Enjoy more time to explore this exciting capital city.

CALL FOR DETAILS

Arenal Volcano

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary – see note)*	Double	Solo
February 1, 4, 8, 11, 15	$2749	$3649
February 18, 22, 25	$2749	$3649
March 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18	$2749	$3649
April 5, 8, 12, 15, 19	$2749	$3649

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May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 12	$2649	$3299
June 2	$2649	$3299
July 14	$2649	$3299

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
August 4, 18	$2649	$3299
September 8, 15	$2649	$3299
October 6, 20	$2649	$3299
November 3, 6	$2649	$3299
December 1, 4	$2649	$3299
January 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26	$2799	$3499
February 2, 5, 9, 12, 16	$2799	$3499
February 19, 23, 26	$2799	$3499
March 2, 5, 9, 16, 23, 26, 30	$2799	$3499
April 2, 6, 27	$2799	$3499

Triple Room Reduction (-) $30

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

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.

TROPICAL COSTA RICA

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS
FROM $1799

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover the charming town of Zarcero and its whimsical topiary garden.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy the breathtaking scenery surrounding Arenal Volcano.
- Spot indigenous wildlife while on a Cano Negro riverboat cruise.
- Learn about Costa Rica's vegetation on a guided walk in the cloud forest.
- Set out on a cruise of Lake Arenal, Costa Rica's largest lake.
- Spend a free day exploring or simply relax by the pool at your resort.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 5 | Climb high into the trees for your choice of a "Hanging Bridges" tour **or** Zip Lining in the cloud forest.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Discover the history of coffee in Costa Rica during your visit to a coffee plantation.

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 Resort or Mountain Paradise Hotel, 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 105 for details.

lush forests and stunning waterfalls

rumbling volcanoes...incredible wildlife and endless coastlines... this can only be Costa Rica.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

San Jose: Enjoy an early start to your adventure in the colonial city of San Jose.
CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in the colorful capital city of San Jose, the perfect place to relax and soak up the sights as your adventure begins.

Day 2: San Jose - Coffee Plantation - Guanacaste
Welcome to the Central Valley. We start with a tour of a local coffee plantation highlighting the history and cultivation of this driver of the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, arrive in breathtaking Guanacaste, known for its fine sandy beaches. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort and take in the mesmerizing ocean views. (B, D)

Day 3: Guanacaste
Fun in the sun is in store. Spend a free day exploring the nearby town and beaches, or simply relax by the pool and take advantage of the resort's lovely amenities. (B)

Day 4: Guanacaste - Monteverde
You won't believe your eyes. It's off to the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Set off on a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem. Along the way you are sure to encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. Keep your eyes peeled and you may be lucky enough to spot the elusive quetzal! (B, D)

Arenal Volcano

Capuchin Monkey

Monteverde

Guanacaste

Day 5: Monteverde

It's your choice! Explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens and a dazzling gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds. Then, join an expert for a leisurely paced "Hanging Bridges" walking tour to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest's lush ecosystem **-OR-** you may take an exhilarating ride on one of the longest canopy zip-line tours in Costa Rica. This evening, take part in an expert-led discussion about the migratory birds that flock to Costa Rica. (B, D)

Day 6: Monteverde - Lake Arenal Cruise - Arenal

Uncover the importance of conservation in Costa Rica during a visit to a tree nursery. Learn about indigenous trees and Monteverde's reforestation efforts. Cross through the beautiful mountainous landscapes to Arenal, where spectacular views of the famous volcano await. Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, the largest and most important lake in Costa Rica. Later, check in for another 2-night stay at a lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. (B, D)

Day 7: Arenal - Cano Negro - Arenal

What's next? Embark on a Cano Negro guided riverboat trip in a panga (covered canoe). These 20,000 acres are home to the largest viewable collection of indigenous wildlife in all of Costa Rica. Go in search of crocodiles, river otters, sloths, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies. Later, we return to Arenal for the chance to relax during an optional spa visit. (B)

Day 8: Arenal - Zarcero - San Jose

Today we get a little whimsical as we journey to the charming town of Zarcero to explore its fanciful topiary garden. Continue to San Jose to see the treasures of the city on a panoramic tour. We will see the bustling Plaza de Cultura and the National Theatre, a magnificent building of post-Baroque splendor. This evening, it's time to say farewell to paradise during a wonderful dinner with your fellow travelers. (B, D)

Day 9: San Jose - Tour Ends

Today you depart for home with fabulous memories of your Costa Rican adventure. (B)

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary - see note)*	Double	Solo
February 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12	$1899	$2449
February 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26	$1899	$2449
March 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15	$1899	$2449
March 17, 19, 22, 24	$1899	$2449
April 2, 5, 7, 9, 14, 16	$1849	$2349
April 21, 23, 28	$1849	$2349

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 5, 12, 26	$1799	$2349
June 9, 16	$1799	$2349
July 21	$1799	$2349

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
August 25	$1799	$2349
September 15, 22	$1849	$2449
October 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22	$1849	$2449
November 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12	$1849	$2449
December 1, 29	$1849	$2449
January 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17	$1949	$2599
January 19, 21, 24, 26, 28, 31	$1949	$2599
February 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16	$1949	$2599
February 18, 21, 23, 25, 28	$1949	$2599
March 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18	$1949	$2599
March 21, 23, 25, 30	$1949	$2599
April 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 25, 27, 29	$1899	$2549

Triple Room Reduction (-) $30

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Tropical Costa Rica and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tour:** ❶ Discover Panama CALL FOR DETAILS

TRAVEL WITH IMPACT

This special tour date blends sightseeing with volunteering. Give back to the local community while having a truly immersive experience. See pages 110-113 for more details..

January 24, 2019

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.

DISCOVER PANAMA

9 DAYS · 15 MEALS
FROM $1999

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Join your guide for a nature walk through the jungle forest.
- Discover the various arts of creating Panamanian hats, masks and dresses.
- Peruse a local handicraft market filled with crafts made by indigenous artisans.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy three nights in a river view room — with a balcony and hammock!
- Travel by dugout canoe to an Emberá village to learn about indigenous culture.
- Traverse the Panama Canal through two locks aboard the Pacific Queen.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 4 | Follow your guide for a walking tour showcasing the Plaza de la Independencia and the National Theater **or** journey through this same neighborhood with a local resident who will take you through the place he calls home, highlighting the incredible revitalization of this historic area.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Sample fresh Panamanian ceviche at the Mercado de Mariscos.
- Taste the sweet sugarcane juice called "guarapa" at a sugar mill.
- Immerse yourself in the local culture at dinner featuring a folklore and dance show.

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

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
Upgrade your room to an Ocean View Suite. CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① **②** ③ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans lies Panama,

a country where bustling cities surround Spanish ruins, and rainforests cradle luxury resorts.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Gamboa: Treat yourself to the tranquility of the rainforest with an additional night.
CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Gamboa, Panama - Tour Begins
Experience a land of contrasts. Remote rainforests, rich history, diverse wildlife and spectacular coastlines abound in Panama. 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 travelers during a welcome breakfast. Then, board dugout canoes and set off on an excursion up the Chagres River to an Emberá indigenous village. As the "Keepers of the Rainforest," the Emberá strive to preserve their heritage and take pride in sharing their traditional techniques of home building and handicrafts – such as basket weaving and tagua nut carving. Join in their dances and partake in a traditional lunch. The remainder of your day is free to enjoy your resort. This evening, you may choose to join your guide on a nature walk through the resort's jungle forest and gardens for a chance to spot unique birds and other wildlife. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Gamboa - Panama Canal Cruise - Gamboa
Today we explore the canal! 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. (B, L)

Day 4: Gamboa - Panama City - Anton Valley Ⓨ
Arrive at Miraflores Locks Visitor Center to view the Panama Canal and learn about its past, present and future as you watch ships traverse the lock system. Continue to Casco Viejo, the Old Quarter (UNESCO). Then, **it's your choice!** Follow your guide for a short walking

Gamboa Rainforest Resort
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tour showcasing the Plaza de la Independencia and the National Theater **-OR-** for a more immersive experience, journey through this same neighborhood with a local resident... hear the story of 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. Visit the Mercado de Mariscos, a seafood market, and try fresh Panamanian ceviche. Drive a short distance on the famed Pan-American Highway before heading to Anton Valley, a community nestled inside the world's second largest volcanic crater. Afterwards, check in to your hotel at the base of the mountains that make up the crater. (B, D)

Day 5: Anton Valley

Delve into history and biodiversity. This morning, visit a frog conservation center that protects critically endangered species, including the emblematic Panamanian Golden Frog, said to bring good luck to anyone who sees it. Then we explore a nonprofit orchid nursery which dedicates itself to conserving regional orchids. We follow that with a visit to the Butterfly Haven exhibit; stroll through the screened tropical displays that are home to over 250 live butterflies. Meet the locals at the handicraft market. Try your hand at negotiations (a local pastime) as you peruse items made by indigenous peoples, including the "mola" embroidery of the Kuna Yala. This afternoon, visit El Chorro Macho waterfall. Embark on a moderate hike along the rainforest trails, crossing several bridges before arriving at the impressive waterfall. You may even take a swim in the natural pool. The evening is yours to continue exploring this charming mountain community. (B)

Day 6: Anton Valley - Chitré

Step into the heartland of Panama as you visit a village of artists. Interact with makers of the famous Panama hat and see firsthand how these wearable works of art come to life. Next, meet the legendary cigar rollers of Panama. Head north to Chitré. Established in 1558, it is one of the first Spanish settlements in Panama. Tonight, immerse yourself in the local culture during dinner. Learn about the various Panamanian drums and how they are incorporated into song and dance during a folkloric dance performance. (B, D)

Day 7: Chitré

Spend the day meeting the people of Chitré, the "folklore capital" of Panama. Talk to a famous local artist whose whimsical masks are used in traditional Panamanian parades. Next, pause to experience the region's pre-Columbian and colonial times at the local museum. Then it's off to spend time with Panamanian women who have dedicated their lives to making the handwoven pollera dress. Your day continues with a visit to one of Panama's famous rum producers. Explore 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 an authentic lunch and finally sample the product for yourself during a tasting session. 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 home; take this opportunity to learn about their lives, culture and food. (B, L)

Day 8: Chitré - Playa Bonita

Before departing Chitré, get to know a traditional way of cooking at a clay oven bakery and sample artisanal bread and sweets along with some sugarcane juice known as *guarapa*. Your journey continues to Playa Bonita, just outside of Panama City. Arrive midday to soak up the sun and ocean views from your beachfront property. 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 journey comes to a close today. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Playa Bonita: Stay another night along the beautiful shore and sandy beaches. CALL FOR DETAILS

Panama Canal

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary – see note)*	Double	Solo
February 1, 15, 17, 22	$2199	$2899
March 8, 15	$2199	$2899
April 5	$2199	$2899
April 19	$2149	$2749

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 24	$1999	$2699
June 7	$1999	$2699

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
September 13	$2099	$2799
October 4, 25	$2099	$2799
November 1	$2099	$2799
December 6	$2099	$2799
January 17, 24, 31	$2199	$2899
February 7, 14, 21	$2199	$2899
March 14, 21	$2199	$2899
April 4	$2199	$2899
April 25	$2149	$2849

Triple Room Reduction (-) $30

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Discover Panama and create one grand experience.

Suggested Tour: ❶ Tropical Costa Rica CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Panama charges an international airport departure tax of approximately $60 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 Atlanta, Georgia or Miami, Florida (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. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

THE PLAINS OF AFRICA

14 DAYS · 33 MEALS

FROM $4649

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- See Rothschild giraffes up-close as you feed them from a platform.
- Learn about the culture and traditions of the Samburu people.
- Get to know the Masai people during a stop at a Masai village.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Set out on numerous game drives in search of lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards and rhinos.
- View wildlife up-close from your treetop lodge, The Ark.
- Explore the farmhouse of Karen Blixen, author of *Out of Africa.*
- Pause at the Equator and perhaps step on the Northern and Southern Hemisphere at the same time.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor a traditional dinner in the bush with Masai entertainment.
- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the bush, surrounded by nature.

ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 105 for details.

scenic vistas and magnificent wildlife surround you

as you traverse the African plains on an intimate safari adventure.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Nairobi: Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime with an extra night to relax.

CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Get ready for an amazing safari adventure as you explore Kenya's wildlife and stunning natural vistas.

Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins
Arrive in Nairobi for an overnight stay at the Sarova Stanley Hotel, the city's first luxury hotel.

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 yours 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
We begin our journey at 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)

Leopard

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. Watch for the spectacular local birds; over 350 species of birds are known to inhabit the reserve. Look for the desert rose plant, splashing color 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 Reserve - 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

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

A taste of Africa. After your morning game drive, savor 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 we travel to the Masai Mara Game Reserve. The Masai Mara – an extension of the great Serengeti Plain – is considered the most 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 to catch the 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

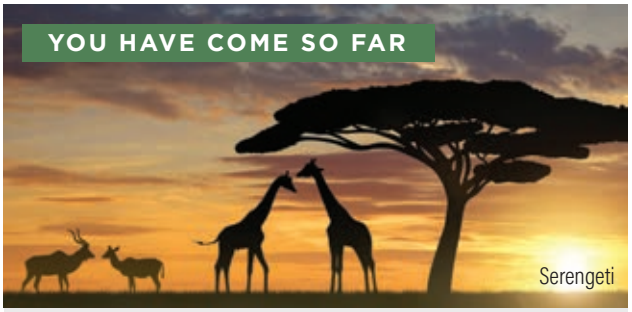
Return to Nairobi where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up prior to your departure for home. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Nairobi: Stay a bit longer to reflect on your amazing adventure in Kenya.

CALL FOR DETAILS



TOUR EXTENSIONS:

- **Nairobi: Begin your trip with an extra night.** Vistit the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage and learn about the efforts to protect and rehabilitate the elephants. SEE PAGE 99 FOR DETAILS
- **Tanzania: Complete your trip with a 4-night extension.** Explore Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater. SEE PAGE 98 FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary – see note)*	Double	Solo
February 8, 22	$5319	$6619
March 8, 15	$5319	$6619
April 5, 19	$4619	$5119

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 17, 24, 31	$4649	$5099
June 7, 10, 14, 21, 28	$4649	$5099
July 5, 12, 19, 26	$5799	$7549
August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	$5799	$7549

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
September 6, 13, 20	$5799	$7549
October 11, 14, 18, 25	$5799	$7549
November 1, 4, 15	$5249	$6499
◆ December 16	$6249	$7949
January 17, 24	$5349	$6549
February 7, 14, 28	$5349	$6549
March 7	$5349	$6549
April 11, 18	$5049	$5549
Triple Room Reduction	N/A	

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

◆ **The Best Christmas Ever!** ◆

Unwrap the Masai Mara!

Awaken on Christmas morning in the Masai Mara ready to explore the most spectacular game viewing spot in all of Kenya. Make lions, giraffes, zebras and elephants your gift this year!

December 16, 2018

This trip requires a passport and visa. A Kenya visa is required for this tour and must be obtained in advance. To apply for your visa in advance, visit www.ecitizen.go.ke to submit an application and register yourself as a visitor. You will need a scanned copy of your passport as well as a passport photo to apply for the visa. Please allow for ample time as 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; rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Should you wish to use an alternate visa service provider, additional processing fees may apply. Park fees of $572 USD are included in the land price of your tour. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Collette will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. Soft duffel bag luggage is required for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs. (approximately 33 pounds). Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 9:00 p.m.

SPECTACULAR SOUTH AFRICA

13 DAYS · 21 MEALS

FROM $2999

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!
- Marvel at the breathtaking Drakensberg Mountains.
- Behold the luxurious mansions of Soweto — South West Township.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 11 | In Franschhoek, tour a local wine cellar **or** embark on a stroll through the winelands.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Join locals for lunch at a 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 or Premier Winkler, Kruger National Park
Days 6 – 8	Log Inn, Knysna
Days 9 - 12	The Commodore Hotel, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② **③** ④ ⑤

See page 105 for details.

tap into South Africa's harmonious mix of cultures

cosmopolitan cities, magnificent wildlife and fertile wine country.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Sandton: Add an extra night in this dynamic 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, a city established in 1969. 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 you 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, made mostly of red sandstone and known as one of Africa's greatest natural wonders. Set against the triple mountain formation of the Three Rondovals, resembling traditional round houses of the indigenous people, the canyon is the third largest in the world. Along this magnificent route you will also see Bourke's Luck Potholes, the dramatic natural cylinders shaped by millions of years of natural erosion caused by fast-flowing sand-filled waters. This evening, enjoy a traditional Boma dinner under the stars where you may sample some local game meat! (B, D)

Cape Town

Day 5: Kruger National Park - Safari Game Drive

Have your camera ready for an unforgettable day of adventure and excitement! 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 - George - Knysna

Travel back to Johannesburg to board your flight to George. Upon arrival, travel to the picturesque resort town of Knysna, in the heart of the Garden Route, to enjoy a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 7: Knysna

Today we 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 – so called because of their white latex sap – before your return cruise. This afternoon, visit Plettenberg Bay, a tranquil and charming town originally known as "Bahia Formosa" (or "Beautiful Bay.") Enjoy views of beaches, dramatic rock formations and lagoons. Later you return to Knysna.(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, after which you can catch a glimpse of ostriches big and small while on a tractor safari through the Lucerne fields. An outdoor barbecue lunch adds to an amazing day. Upon your return to Knysna, enjoy some time to independently explore the waterfront area. (B, L)

Day 9: Knysna - Cape Town

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. Later this afternoon, arrive in the beautiful harborside city of Cape Town. (B)

Day 10: Cape Town

Enjoy a panoramic tour of lovely Cape Town, celebrated for its architecture that fuses the traditions of the French, German and Dutch. 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 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 11: Cape Town - Franschhoek - Cape Town Y

Journey to the beautiful winelands region, known for its colorful mountains and endless vineyards. Visit a local winery for a wine tasting, followed by lunch overlooking the vineyards. After lunch, **it's your choice!** Take a tour of the wine cellar and learn about the different vintages and blends created at the winery **-OR-** embark on a scenic walk through the winelands along the Franschhoek River. (B, L)

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. This evening, experience a unique farewell to Africa as you enjoy a lesson on the djembe drums and a soothing hand washing ceremony before a communal African dining experience! (B, D)

Day 13: Cape Town - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today in Cape Town. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Cape Town: Delight in another night to explore this vibrant coastal city. CALL FOR DETAILS

Victoria Falls

TOUR EXTENSIONS:

- **Dubai: Begin your trip with 3 nights in Dubai.** Visit one of the world's most exciting, must-see destinations.
- **Victoria Falls: Complete your trip with a 3-night extension.** Stand in awe of one of the world's seven natural wonders.

SEE PAGE 100 FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary – see note)*	Double	Solo
February 8, 15	$2899	$3599
March 1, 8, 15	$2899	$3599
April 12, 26	$2899	$3599

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September 4, 6, 13, 20	$2999	$3699

September 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
October 4, 11, 18, 25	$3099	$3749
November 1, 8, 29	$3099	$3749
January 10, 17, 31	$3149	$3799
February 7, 14, 21	$3149	$3799
March 7, 14, 21	$3149	$3799
April 4, 25	$3149	$3799

Triple Room Reduction N/A

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♥ TRAVEL WITH IMPACT ♥

This special tour date blends sightseeing with volunteering. Give back to the local community while having a truly immersive experience. See pages 110-113 for more details.

13 days • From $3099
November 8, 2018

This trip requires a passport and visa. You must have at least 2 blank pages (with visa hologram) remaining in your passport to allow for the entry stamp issued for South Africa. 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. If you choose to continue on with the Victoria Falls extension, you must have at least 2 additional blank pages remaining in your passport. If you have questions please see your travel professional. We will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation. For guests transiting via Europe, an additional overnight flight will be required. Our air passengers will arrive on Day 2 into Johannesburg. All of our transfers on Day 2 will be from Johannesburg to Sandton. Day rooms or overnight stays can be arranged for a cost upon request. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Each guest 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.

SPECTACULAR SOUTH AFRICA FEATURING SWAZILAND

15 DAYS · 25 MEALS
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Watch local residents create beautiful blown glass pieces at Ngwenya Glass in Mbabane.
- 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

- Watch for unique wildlife on a full day safari in Mkuze Game Reserve.
- Immerse yourself amongst locals at the Mbabane Market.
- Behold the luxurious mansions of Soweto — South West Township.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Join locals for lunch at a Shebeen, or house tavern.
- Experience an unforgettable African "Boma" dinner.
- Enjoy a picnic lunch in the Mkuze Game Reserve.

ACCOMMODATIONS

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Days 4, 5	Protea Hotel Kruger Gate, Kruger National Park
Day 6	Mountain Inn, Mbabane
Days 7, 8	Ghost Mountain Inn, Mkuze
Days 9 – 11	Log Inn, Knysna
Days 12 – 14	Commodore Hotel, Cape Town

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② **③** ④ ⑤
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NEW TOUR

Mkuze wildlife

breathtaking mountain scenery, winding coastlines,

remarkable cultural diversity and abundant wildlife in its natural habitat comprise this incredible experience.

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Day 5: Kruger National Park - Safari Game Drive
Have your camera ready for an unforgettable day of adventure and excitement! 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 - Mbabane, Swaziland
Journey to the Kingdom of Swaziland, an independent nation landlocked by South Africa and Mozambique. Small and peaceful, Swaziland boasts some of the most beautiful mountain scenery in Southern Africa. Visit Ngwenya Glass, a success story for Swaziland and the environment, employing local residents to create spectacular glassworks made from 100% recycled glass. Watch the artisans blow their glass and create beautiful pieces before your eyes. (B)

Day 7: Mbabane - Mkuze, South Africa
This morning, immerse yourself in the local Swazi culture during a visit to the Mbabane Market. This bustling market is home to vendors selling items from local crafts, textiles and handmade masks to herbs, fruits and vegetables. Return to South Africa this afternoon as you cross into the KwaZulu-Natal region. The land of the Zulu people is iconic to the traditions of South Africa. (B, D)

Day 8: Mkuze Game Reserve - Safari Game Drive
Depart early this morning for a full-day safari game drive in Mkuze Game Reserve. Keep your eyes peeled for wildebeest, eland, kudu and several other species in this diverse landscape, especially around the waterholes. Enjoy a picnic lunch in the reserve before continuing on your game drive. The reserve is home to over 420 species of birds. Return to the hotel for time to relax before dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Mkuze - Durban - George - Knysna
Travel to Durban and board your flight to George. Upon arrival, travel to the picturesque resort town of Knysna, in the heart of the Garden Route, to enjoy a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 10: Knysna
Today we 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 – so called because of their white latex sap – before your return cruise. This afternoon, visit Plettenberg Bay, a tranquil and charming town originally known as "Bahia Formosa" (or "Beautiful Bay.") Enjoy views of beaches, dramatic rock formations and lagoons. Later we return to Knysna. (B, L, D)

Day 11: 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, after which you can catch a glimpse of ostriches big and small while on a tractor safari through the Lucerne fields. An outdoor barbecue lunch adds to an amazing day. Upon your return to Knysna, enjoy some time to independently explore the charming waterfront area. (B, L)

Day 12: Knysna - Stellenbosch - Cape Town
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. Continue to the beautiful winelands region, known for its colorful mountains and endless vineyards, where you will enjoy a wine tasting at a vineyard. Later this afternoon, arrive in the beautiful harborside city of Cape Town. (B)

Day 13: Cape Town
Enjoy a panoramic tour of this lovely city. Cape Town celebrates its noted architecture that fuses the traditions of the French, German and Dutch. 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 14: 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. This evening, experience a unique farewell to Africa as you enjoy a lesson on the djembe drums and a soothing hand washing ceremony before a communal African dining experience! (B, D)

Day 15: Cape Town - Tour Ends
Your tour ends today in Cape Town. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Cape Town: Delight in another night to explore this vibrant coastal city. CALL FOR DETAILS

TOUR EXTENSIONS:

- **Dubai: Begin your trip with 3 nights in Dubai.** Visit one of the world's most exciting, must-see destinations.
- **Victoria Falls: Complete your trip with a 3-night extension.** Stand in awe of one of the world's seven natural wonders.

SEE PAGE 100 FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

May - August 2018	Double	Solo
May 17	$2999	$3699
June 21	$2999	$3699
July 19	$3199	$3849
August 16	$3199	$3849

Triple Room Reduction N/A

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

This trip requires a passport and visa. 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 and Swaziland. 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. If you choose to continue on with the Victoria Falls extension, you must have at least 2 additional blank pages remaining in your passport. If you have questions please see your travel professional. We will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation. For US, UK. Australia and Canadian citizens, no advance visa arrangement is required to visit Swaziland. For other passport holders, you are urged to check with the appropriate consulate as additional requirements may be necessary. Our air passengers will arrive on Day 2 into Johannesburg. All of our transfers on Day 2 will be from Johannesburg 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. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. The internal flight between Durban and George operates via Johannesburg. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Kruger National Park and Mkuze Game Reserve. Consult your physician 2-3 weeks prior to departure. Each guest 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.

COLLETTE CARES

South Africa - We partner with Knysna Education Trust on a nutritious meal program, and provide 30 schools with running water, classroom materials and more.

EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA

14 DAYS · 23 MEALS

FROM $4846

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- 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.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 13 | In Chobe National Park, search for wildlife on a game drive by land **or** embark on a safari cruise.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor a true African dining experience including a hand-washing ceremony.
- Sample a variety of South African wines during a wine tasting.
- Dine under the stars during your stay in a nature conservancy.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Commodore Hotel, Cape Town
Days 5, 6	Spier Hotel or Devon Valley Hotel, Stellenbosch
Days 7, 8	Hanglip Mountain Lodge, Entabeni
Day 9	Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton
Days 10, 11	Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Victoria Falls
Days 12, 13	Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ **④** ⑤

See page 105 for details.

EXPLORATIONS
SMALL GROUP TOUR
TRAVEL WITH NO MORE THAN 20 GUESTS

epic scenery, abundant wildlife, winding coastlines and

remarkable cultural diversity come together in an incredible adventure.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Cape Town: Take an extra day in this beautiful harborside 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 harborside 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, savor 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. En route, 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)

Chobe Safari Cruise

Day 5: Cape Town - Stellenbosch

After a leisurely morning, a short drive brings you to the beautiful winelands of the Western Cape. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. This evening, learn about the varieties of wines South Africa is known for during a wine tasting; then savor a delicious dinner created with locally-sourced ingredients. (B, D)

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. Alternatively, you may choose to stay in Stellenbosch and explore the winelands region independently or just relax in the beautiful setting. (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, get out of your 4x4 and gaze over the land as the sun drops behind the mountains and enjoy a traditional African sundowner. (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 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. Keep an eye out for the big cats preparing to hunt. Return to the lodge for dinner under the stars. (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. 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 the stunning Victoria Falls. Later you may enjoy a sundowner poolside and the spectacular African sunset while the animals gather at the watering hole. Tonight's dinner is a fun and interactive experience with traditional dancers and drummers. (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. This evening you may wish to partake in an optional sunset cruise on the Zambezi River. (B)

Day 12: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana

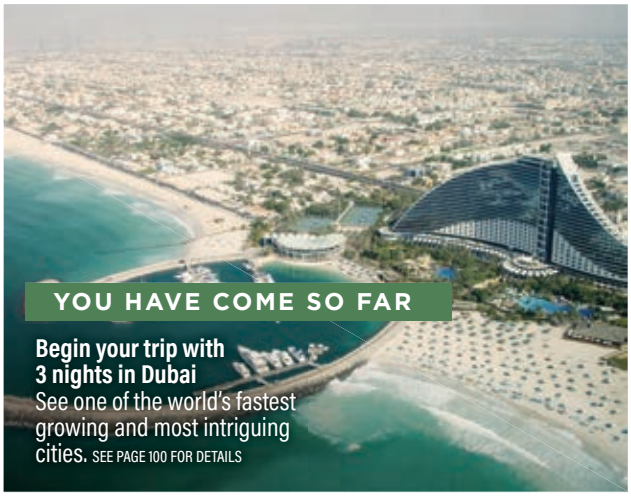
Watch for bushbuck (African antelope) as well as birdlife during a nature walk with a local guide. Cross the border as you travel to Chobe, Botswana. An exciting safari cruise awaits. Spot wildlife along the water's edge, find hippos swimming along the shores, and crocodiles basking in the sun. (B, L,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

Day 13: Chobe National Park Ⓨ

This morning, venture into Chobe National Park on a one-of-a-kind game drive. After lunch, **it's your choice!** Continue to search for wildlife by land on an afternoon game drive **-OR-** get a different perspective from the river on a safari cruise. Tonight'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 favorites 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

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary – see note)*	Double	Solo
February 7, 12, 14, 21, 24, 28	$4846	$5846
March 7, 14	$4846	$5846
April 4, 11, 14, 18, 25	$4746	$5746

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 9, 30	$4846	$5996
June 6, 20	$4846	$5996
July 4, 11	$4846	$5996
August 8	$4846	$5996

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
August 29	$4946	$6196
September 1, 5, 12, 19, 26	$4946	$6196
October 3, 10, 13, 17, 24, 31	$4996	$6346
November 7	$4996	$6346
January 9, 16, 19, 23	$4996	$6346
February 6, 13, 16, 20, 27	$4996	$6346
March 6, 13, 20, 27	$4996	$6346
April 3, 10, 17, 24	$4896	$6146
Triple Room Reduction	N/A	

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Suggested Tours: ❶ The Plains of Africa ❷ Treasures of Egypt CALL FOR DETAILS

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TREASURES OF EGYPT

13 DAYS · 22 MEALS

FROM $2199

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a leisurely paced 4-night cruise and discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river.
- Dress up and join the fun during a traditional galabaya party.
- Take in a sound and light show at Karnak Temple.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore the expansive Karnak Temple, dating back to 2000 B.C.
- Visit the pyramids of Giza, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world.
- Explore the Valley of the Kings.
- Discover the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 10 | In Aswan, board a felucca (wooden sail boat) and sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island **or** experience Nubian culture past and present during a visit to a fascinating museum.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a special welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Fairmont Nile City Hotel, Cairo
Days 4, 5	Sonsesta St. George Hotel, Luxor
Days 6-9	Movenpick *Royal Lily*
Day 10	Movenpick Hotel, Aswan
Days 11, 12	Intercontinental Citystars Hotel, Cairo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 **3** 4 5

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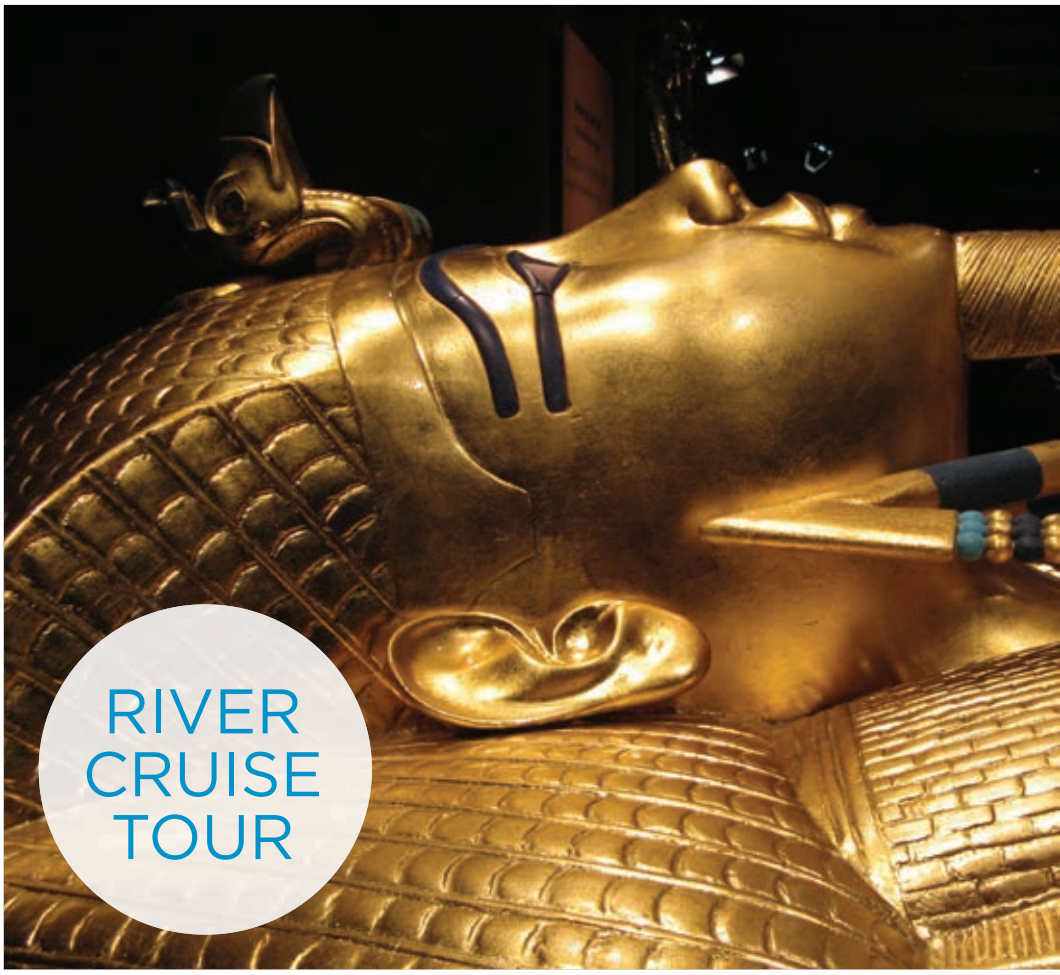

RIVER CRUISE TOUR

travel to the ancient land of Egypt to discover the beauty

and legends of the Nile River and the wonders that line its shores.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Cairo: Step into the sands of time a day early with another night in the capital.

CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend and lore as you view Egypt's timeless wonders.

Day 2: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Begin your journey in Cairo, an ancient city with an intriguing past.

Day 3: Cairo - Giza - Sakkara - Memphis - Cairo

This morning we travel to nearby Giza where we'll meet a local archaeologist who will lead us on a visit to the Pyramids of Giza, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the oldest and largest monuments in the world. This afternoon, travel south to Sakkara. Explore the site of ancient Memphis, home to a nearly 40-foot statue of Ramses II, and 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. See the statues, reliefs, sarcophagi and the treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun himself. Later, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Luxor. (B)

Day 5: Luxor

Travel thousands of years into the past. Cross over to the West Bank of the Nile to begin your day in ancient Thebes. Explore its remarkable sights – the Valley of the Kings and Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El 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 Ramses II. (B)

Day 6: Luxor - Board Cruise Ship

We return to the West Bank this morning and head to 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)

Tutankhamun tomb

Royal Lily

Day 7: Luxor - Esna - Edfu

This morning, explore the expansive Karnak Temple, dating back to 2000 B.C. Then we begin our 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 to Aswan, the Nubian city. Discover the Philae Temple. Relocated and preserved by a special UNESCO project, this structure remains an architectural wonder. Later, enjoy a free afternoon to explore Aswan. (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. **The choice is yours!** You may choose to board a felucca (wooden sail boat) and sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island for a short stroll through the botanical garden. **- OR -** perhaps you would prefer to experience Nubian culture past and present during a visit to a fascinating museum. (B, D)

Day 11: Aswan - Cairo

Return to Cairo. After our flight, the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 12: Cairo

Venture to the Citadel, a medieval fortification resting on a hill overlooking the city. It's the perfect place to take in grand views. Learn about the city's rich history on a walking tour of Old Cairo before enjoying some free time to shop in the world-famous souk of Khan el Khalil. Perhaps you'll stop for a traditional cup of tea. Join your fellow travelers this evening for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Cairo - Tour Ends

Your epic adventure comes to a close today. Return home with a new understanding of this mystical land. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Cairo: Take another night to explore more of Egypt's mysteries.
CALL FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary - see note)*	Double	Solo
February 7, 21	$2249	$2899
March 7, 14	$2249	$2899
April 4, 18	$2199	$2849

Itinerary featured is for October 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

October 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
October 24	$2199	$2899
November 7	$2249	$2949

October 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
December 5	$2249	$2949
January 9	$2249	$2949
February 6, 27	$2249	$2949
March 6, 20	$2249	$2949
April 3, 17	$2199	$2899
Triple Room Reduction	N/A	

Rates are land only, per person, and do not include the internal flights. Call about additional dates.

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Suggested Tours: ❶ Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana ❷ Iconic Israel CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport and visa. Passport numbers are required in advance. An Egyptian visa is required for this tour and costs approximately $28 USD. 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. Due to flight schedules, the Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking. Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. 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. 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.

COLORS OF MOROCCO

11 DAYS · 18 MEALS

FROM $2749

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stroll the cobbled alleyways and ancient market of the Medina in Fes.
- Experience a Moroccan tradition at a henna workshop.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore Fes, one of the holiest Muslim cities in the world.
- Board a camel to your desert camp and overnight in the Sahara Desert.
- Jump into a 4x4 and make your way to a nomadic village.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 10 | Choose to visit the gardens of Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum, **or** tour Marrakech by horse-drawn carriage.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Learn how madfouna (stuffed bread with potato, meat, onion and Moroccan spices) is made.
- Experience Moroccan hospitality during lunch with a local family.
- Select your own ingredients before a culinary workshop at a local riad.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Kenzi Basma 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

See page 105 for details.

Sahara Desert

take in the vibrant surroundings and dazzle your senses

as you are immersed in the unique atmosphere that is Morocco.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Casablanca: Begin your adventure with more time in this cultural mecca.

CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embark on a captivating Moroccan adventure featuring centuries-old customs and colorful culture.

Day 2: Casablanca, Morocco - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Casablanca. See the city by night on your drive along the seashore to a welcome dinner at Rick's Café, the mythical saloon from the film *Casablanca*. (D)

Day 3: Casablanca - Rabat - Meknes - Fes

This morning, tour the impressive Hassan II Mosque, a stunning, high-tech, architectural masterpiece. Then we are off to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, to visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and explore the Oudaya Kasbah. Continue to the imperial city of Meknes (UNESCO). Lush rolling hills studded with ancient olive groves await you in this cultural city where you will see Bab El Mansour and Bab El Khamis. Arrive in Fes in time for dinner prepared by local women, known as "dadas." Taste traditional Moroccan delights passed down from generation to generation. (B, D)

Day 4: Fes

Discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn of its historical importance as a center of government, philosophy, medicine and religion during a fascinating panoramic tour, including the Medersa Bou Inania, built in 1325. See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the palace. Set out on a walking tour in the Medina. Founded in the 9th century, it is home to one of the world's oldest universities. 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 brilliant colors. (B)

Day 5: Fes - Ifrane - Erfoud

Continue towards Erfoud. Along the way we pause in Ifrane for excellent views of the Middle Atlas Mountains and the surrounding villages. Overnight in a kasbah. (B, D)

Day 6: Erfoud - Rissani - Sahara Desert Expedition - Merzouga

Your day begins at Erfoud's fossil factory and museum where they turn fossil rocks into decorative items. Next, travel to the Saharaoui town of Rissani. Enjoy a true taste of the region as you learn how *madfouna* (homemade stuffed bread with potato, meat, onion and Moroccan spices) is made. Jump into a 4x4 vehicle and stop in one of the nomadic villages of the Sahara before arriving at the edge of the dunes. Board your camel for a ride to a desert camp. Cross the stunning fine sands of Merzouga while the red sun slips toward the horizon. As night falls, listen to intoxicating Berber drums during the traditional pouring of mint tea followed by a delightful Moroccan feast. Sleep in a fully equipped Berber-style tent and experience an unrivaled sense of tranquility in the serene desert. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Merzouga - Todra Gorge - Boumalne du Dades

Enjoy amazing views of the sunrise as you return to the edge of the dunes via camel. Then, begin the journey to Todra Gorge. Spend time in the Jewish quarter where you may sample some local favorites at a bakery. Arrive in vibrant Boumalne du Dades. Along its river valleys, palmeries and burnished mud-brick homes light up in the desert sun. (B, D)

Day 8: Boumalne du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech

Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs." These fortress-like structures rise up like turreted sandcastles along the ancient trading route. Drive through the Valley of Roses, stopping en route at a local cooperative. 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, imposing mountains and several Berber villages before you reach the exotic city of Marrakech. (B)

Day 9: Marrakech

Explore Marrakech and its ancient El Bahia Palace where today you'll find a sentry of nesting storks standing 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. Savor lunch and tea in the home of a local family and get a true taste of Moroccan hospitality. Then, enter the 9th-century walled Medina and enjoy time to mingle with locals and artisans as you shop at the ancient market. This evening enjoy time on your own to explore the city. Or, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional excursion and dinner at Jemaa el Fna, Marrakech's main square. (B, L)

Hassan II Mosque

Fez Market

Day 10: Marrakech

This morning, select the ingredients for your culinary workshop that takes place at a local riad, a traditional Moroccan house. After lunch, experience another local custom at a henna workshop. Then **it's your choice!** Visit Jardin Majorelle, one of the most beautiful gardens in Morocco; enjoy a tour of the gardens and the Berber Museum **-OR-** tour Marrakech by horse-drawn carriage. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for an unforgettable farewell dinner in a palace. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Marrakech - Casablanca - Tour Ends

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

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Casablanca: Explore more of this Moroccan port city.

CALL FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary - see note)*	Double	Solo
February 8	$2449	$3149
March 15	$2449	$3149
April 5	$2449	$3149

Itinerary featured is for October 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

October 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
October 3, 17, 24, 31	$2749	$3449
November 7	$2749	$3449
December 5	$2749	$3449
January 9	$2749	$3449
February 6, 13	$2749	$3449
March 6, 27	$2749	$3449
April 3, 24	$2749	$3449

Triple Room Reduction (-) N/A

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Colors of Morocco and create one grand experience.

Suggested Tour: ❶ Spain's Costa del Sol & the Portuguese Riviera

CALL FOR DETAILS

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).

DUBAI, OMAN & ABU DHABI

12 DAYS · 19 MEALS

FROM $3999

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the history of falconry and get up close to this majestic bird.
- Delight in an exhilarating "dune bashing" by 4x4.
- Take a short camel ride during a visit with a nomadic Bedouin Wahiba tribe.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Ascend the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building.
- Stand in awe of the impressive Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque.
- Explore Al Ain, an oasis town dotted with abundant groundwater springs.
- Discover Masdar City, a sustainable eco-community.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 10 | In Dubai, choose to sail on a dhow (traditional boat) along the Dubai Creek **or** explore Dubai Marina by metro where you can enjoy a leisurely walk along the water.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a desert dinner with traditional Arabic cuisine and traditional dances.
- Savor dinner with views of Dubai's well-known fountain show.
- Be treated to traditional Omani cuisine at a seaside home.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Radisson Blu Yas Island, Abu Dhabi
Days 5 – 7	Radisson Blu Hotel, Muscat
Day 8	Hilton, Al Ain
Days 9 – 11	Sheraton Dubai Creek Hotel & Towers, Dubai

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ **④** ⑤

See page 105 for details.

embark on an adventure to this captivating region

that blends luxurious cities with vast deserts and old-world traditions.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Abu Dhabi: Arrive early to experience more of this ultramodern city.

CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Overnight Flight

From today's immeasurable opulence to the ancient culture of the past, uncover the treasures 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. Explore at leisure as you settle into this lavish metropolis and enjoy the amenities of your hotel.

Day 3: Abu Dhabi

Prepare to be dazzled. This morning, enjoy a panoramic tour of Abu Dhabi, stopping at the famous Emirates Palace and Corniche. Visit a bustling fish market where you will see the colorful array of seafood. Then we'll experience a lively date market where you will learn about the region's many varieties of dates. Early this evening, visit the impressive Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque, a sprawling structure initiated by the late president of the UAE. Created in hopes of uniting the cultural diversity of the Islamic world, it's a prominent place of worship. This evening, join your fellow travelers 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 that takes you through the history of falconry and take advantage of this rare opportunity to see these majestic birds up close. Step into the examination room to perhaps witness a falcon checkup or a pedicure. You might even have a falcon sit on your arm! Next, travel to Masdar City, a sustainable eco-community relying on solar power and renewable energy. Ride aboard a driverless car to the city center to enjoy a walking tour and learn about futuristic initiatives. The remainder of the afternoon is yours. (B)

Day 5: Abu Dhabi - Muscat, Oman

Fly to Oman, a mystical land of contrasts with deep traditions and friendly people. Discover the port city of Muscat, the capital and heart of Oman. Your afternoon city tour reveals Old Muscat and the Corniche before arriving at Mutrah Souq, the oldest bazaar in Oman. Wander and browse the souq's narrow lanes and colorful

displays. Tonight, enjoy traditional Omani cuisine at a seaside home. (B, D)

Day 6: Muscat - Wadi Bani Khalid - Wahiba Sands - Muscat

Buckle up today! Board a 4-wheel drive vehicle for your journey to Wadi Bani Khalid. Pass through the striking Western Hajar Mountains with their colorful rock formations before arriving at the stunning wadi (valley floor). Stroll through the wadi before pausing to relax and enjoy a picnic lunch. Continue to 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 favorite 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. Step back in time as you walk through the impressive 17th-century fort before exploring the souq, famous for Bedouin silver and beautifully crafted clay items. Next, discover Jabrin's late 17th-century Jabreen Castle, the finest in all of Oman. 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

As we head back to the UAE we will stop en route to 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 its hot springs. Crossing the border into the UAE, we will do as thousands of desert travelers have done before us and arrive at Al Ain...a lush oasis of palm trees, flowers and fountains. (B, L, 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. This afternoon, arrive in the epic city of Dubai, known for its beautiful coasts and magnificent man-made wonders. (B, L)

Day 10: Dubai

This morning, **the choice is yours**. Will you sail on a dhow (traditional boat) along the Dubai Creek? **-OR-** travel to Dubai Marina, one of the "newest" sections of Dubai, by metro where you can enjoy a leisurely walk along the water? Following your walk, set out for Palm Jumeirah, one of Dubai's many man-made islands. This evening, enjoy a desert dinner with traditional Arabic cuisine and traditional dances. (B, D)

Day 11: Dubai

We start our day with a visit to the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding, located in the oldest traditional Emirati neighborhood, Bur Dubai. Walk among the neighborhood's narrow sikkas (alleyways) and gaze at the beautiful wind towers that adorn the original residences along Dubai Creek. 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. Enjoy a walk through the famous gold souk where you learn firsthand why Dubai has earned its title as "The City of Gold" and enjoy the aroma of traditional spices as you walk through the spice market. Later this afternoon, ascend the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa. Enjoy magnificent views of the city from the tallest observatory in the world. Descend from the tower and join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner with views of Dubai's well-known fountain show. (B, D)

Day 12: Dubai - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to a close today. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Dubai: Explore more of the city's beautiful coasts and man-made wonders. CALL FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary – see note)*	Double	Solo
February 14	$3999	$5249
March 14	$3999	$5249
April 18	$3999	$5249

Itinerary featured is for October 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

October 2018 – April 2019 Double *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
October 24	$3999	$4999
November 7	$3999	$4999
December 5	$3999	$4999
January 9, 23	$3999	$4999
February 6, 20	$3999	$4999
March 6, 20	$3999	$4999
April 3	$3999	$4999

Triple Room Reduction N/A

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

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 $52 USD, payable in cash. The internal flights are not included in the tour cost. 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.

ICONIC ISRAEL

10 DAYS · 16 MEALS

FROM $2499

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Venture to the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great around 22 B.C.
- See a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee approximately 2,000 years ago.
- Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Discover the ancient cities of Nazareth and Bethlehem.
- Explore the oldest city on earth – the ancient ruins of Jericho.
- Enjoy the wonder of the Dead Sea.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 5 | Choose to explore the AHAVA Visitors Center to learn about the Dead Sea cosmetics **or** "float" in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead Sea.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor dinner at one of Jerusalem's most popular restaurants.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Isrotel Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv
Days 3, 4	Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Tiberias
Day 5	Isrotel Ganim, Dead Sea
Days 6 – 9	Dan Boutique, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ **④** ⑤

See page 105 for details.

discover the legendary stories

of mankind's collective history in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and the ruins of Jericho

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Tel Aviv: Begin your exploration with more time on Israel's Mediterranean coast. CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us as we explore Israel, an ancient land rich in tradition and home to some of the world's most important historic treasures.

Day 2: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins - Jaffa - Tel Aviv

Welcome to Tel Aviv, a bustling city on the Mediterranean coast. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the ancient port city of Jaffa. (D)

Day 3: Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Haifa - Acre - Tiberias

Today we follow the coast to the ruins of the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great around 22 B.C. Marvel at its Roman theater, aqueduct and fortress. Travel the Valley of Armageddon to the excavation site of Tel Megiddo, which dates back to the Bronze Age. Next, take in the breathtaking panorama of Haifa and the Baha'i Shrine and Gardens on Mount Carmel (UNESCO World Heritage site). Step back in time in the ancient Crusader city of Acre (UNESCO). Your day comes to a close in Tiberias. (B, D)

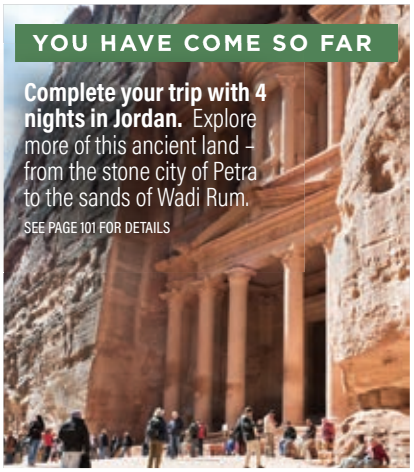
Day 4: Tiberias - Cana - Nazareth - Tabgha - Capernaum - Sea of Galilee

Set off for Cana, considered to be the site of the First Miracle – where Jesus turned water into wine. In Nazareth, visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. Continue to Mt. of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount; and Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Make a stop at the ancient fishing village of Capernaum before exploring the Galilee Boat Museum. See a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee approximately 2,000 years ago before boarding a boat for your ride on the Sea of Galilee. Get a taste of the local flavor during lunch at a communal settlement, known as a kibbutz. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tiberias - Beit Shean - Jericho - Qumran - Dead Sea Y

Peek into Roman times at Beit Shean's well-preserved ancient theater. Continue along the Jordan River Valley

Jerusalem



Masada

to Jericho, considered to be the oldest city on earth. Journey to Qumran, the location of one of the most important archaeological finds of all time – the discovery of the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls. Proceed to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea. Then **it's your choice!** Stop in the AHAVA Visitors Center and learn about the world-famous cosmetics that come from the Dead Sea **-OR-** take the opportunity to "float" in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead Sea... experience the natural buoyancy due to its high salt concentration and the benefits of its minerals to beauty and health. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, D)

Day 6: Dead Sea - Masada - Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Travel to the former palatial fortress of Masada (UNESCO). Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car to Herod's Palaces, the Roman Camp and the Synagogue. A stop in the city of Bethlehem, spread along the Judean Hills, brings you to the Church of the Nativity – the birthplace of Jesus and the first church ever built. Tonight you arrive in one of the most captivating cities in the world, Jerusalem. (B, D)

Day 7: Jerusalem

Drive to Mount of Olives to take in the panoramic view of Jerusalem and the surrounding area. See the Church of Ascension and the Garden of Gethsemane. Discover the Kidron Valley and the tombs of Mary, Absalom, Zachariah and James. Continue to St. Peter in Galicantu and Mt. Zion to discover the room of The Last Supper and the tomb of King David. Marvel at the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum, home to a selection of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Conclude your day at the Garden Tomb. (B)

Day 8: Old City, Jerusalem

Come to know the Holy City of Jerusalem on a walking tour of the old walled city (UNESCO). See the Western (Wailing) Wall, the Temple area, the Dome of the Rock (outside view only), the Pool of Bethesda, and the Church of St. Anne. Next, walk the path of the Stations of the Cross as you traverse the Via Dolorosa, beginning at Pilate's Judgment Hall and ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Later, continue exploring the city independently or peruse the sights and sounds of the world-renowned Mahane Yehuda Market, known as the shuk (open-air market). (B, D)

Day 9: Jerusalem

Your day is at leisure to explore independently or simply relax. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner at one of Jerusalem's most popular restaurants. (B, D)

Day 10: Jerusalem - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary – see note)*	Double	Solo
February 7, 14*	$2349	$3099
March 7, 14	$2699	$3599
April 11, 18, 25	$2749	$3699

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 9, 23	$2849	$3799
June 6, 20	$2849	$3799
August 29	$2799	$3749
October 3, 17, 31	$2849	$3799

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
January 30*	$2499	$3249
February 20*	$2499	$3249
February 27	$2849	$3799
March 20, 27	$2849	$3799
April 3, 10	$2899	$3899

Triple Room Reduction (-) $30-$50

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

***Value Season Departures:** These select dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.

COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Iconic Israel and create one grand experience.

Suggested Tours: ❶ Treasures of Egypt CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day (Day 10). Travel distance from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. It is recommended that you arrive at Ben Gurion airport approximately 3 hours prior to departure. Our air passengers will depart from Tel Aviv airport and all of our transfers will depart from Jerusalem for Tel Aviv airport.

MYSTERIES OF INDIA

15 DAYS · 26 MEALS

FROM $2799

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- 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.

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.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 5 | Participate in a relaxing yoga class and learn basic exercises and breathing techniques from a local expert **or** enjoy a morning walking tour of Udaipur just as the city is waking up.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 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

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Vivanta by Taj Dwarka, New Delhi
Days 4, 5	Lalit Laxmi Vilas, Udaipur
Days 6, 7	The Lalit, Jaipur
Days 8, 9	Juna Mahal, Ranthambore
Days 10, 11	Radisson Blu Taj East Gate, Agra
Day 12	Radisson Jass Hotel, Khajuraho
Days 13, 14	Radisson Hotel, Varanasi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 105 for details.

unravel the mysteries of this vast and diverse country

through its natural wonders, magnificent palace and flavorful cuisine.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY — **Delhi:** Arrive early to discover India's capital city. 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
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
It's your choice! Participate in a relaxing yoga class and learn basic exercises and breathing techniques from a local expert **-OR-** enjoy a morning walking tour of Udaipur just as the city is waking up. Later, we visit the exquisite City Palace – its main entrance, Tripolia, was built in 1725. Stop at Sahelion-ki-Bari, the Garden of the Maids of Honor, 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
Depart for 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,

River Ganges

home to a former Maharaja, with 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

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 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 ceremonies. Delve deeper into Indian culture during 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 National Park

Travel to Ranthambore National Park to learn about Project Tiger's efforts at 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 neighboring 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 continue your journey to Agra, a city rich with the splendors of the past, where you will enjoy a relaxing lunch. (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. Later, 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 Siddarth 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 travelers for a farewell dinner this evening. (B, D)

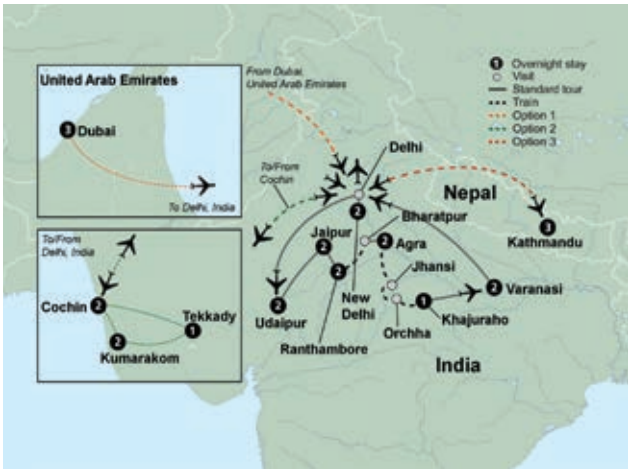
Day 15: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour Ends

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)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Delhi: Enjoy more time to explore this exciting cultural melting pot.
CALL FOR DETAILS



TOUR EXTENSIONS:

- **Dubai: Begin your trip with 3 nights in Dubai.** Visit one of the world's most exciting, must-see destinations. SEE PAGE 100 FOR DETAILS
- **Nepal: Complete your trip with a 4-night extension.** Head to the Himalayas and the legendary city of Kathmandu. SEE PAGE 101 FOR DETAILS
- **South India: Complete your trip with a 6-night extension.** See how ancient and colonial influences have come together along the seacoast. SEE PAGE 102 FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary - see note)*	Double	Solo
February 8, 15, 22	$3199	$4349
March 1, 8	$3199	$4349
April 5, 19	$2749	$3599

Itinerary featured is for September 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

September 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
September 27	$2999	$3999
October 4, 18, 25	$2999	$3999
November 1, 8, 15, 29	$2999	$3999
January 10, 17, 24, 31	$2999	$3999
February 7, 21	$2999	$3999
March 7, 21	$2999	$3999
March 28	$2799	$3799
April 4, 25	$2799	$3799

Triple Room Reduction N/A

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

This trip requires a passport and visa. The approximate visa cost is $135 USD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. 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. 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. 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 tour cost. All air, including internal air, can be purchased through us. 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).

COLLETTE CARES

India - At a local school, see the efforts of the Akshaya Patra Foundation, which distributes healthy meals to the children.

INDIA'S TREASURES

10 DAYS · 17 MEALS

FROM $1799

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Behold the stunning Taj Mahal at sunrise.
- Discover the holy shrine of Sikhs, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib.
- Spend 3 nights in the vibrant "Pink City" of Jaipur.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- 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.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 10 | Participate in a relaxing yoga class and learn basic exercises and breathing techniques from a local expert **or** enjoy a morning walking tour of Agra just as the city is waking up.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Experience 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	Vivanta by Taj, Dwarka, New Delhi
Days 5 – 7	Radisson Blu, Jaipur
Days 8, 9	Radisson Blu Taj East Gate, Agra

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ **④** ⑤

See page 105 for details.

delve into the cultural mosaic that is India

experiencing the Golden Triangle's culinary and cultural wonders.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Delhi: Arrive early to discover India's capital city.

CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover the rare beauty and vibrant culture of India as you travel from lively Delhi to colorful 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

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 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

Taj Mahal

Amber Fort

Henna

Nepal

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 colorful 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 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 splendors 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 travelers for a special farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Agra - Choice on Tour - Delhi - Tour Ends

It's your choice! Participate in a relaxing yoga class and learn basic exercises and breathing techniques from a local expert **-OR-** enjoy a morning walking tour of Agra just as the city is waking up. 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)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Delhi: Enjoy more time to explore this exciting cultural melting pot.
CALL FOR DETAILS

TOUR EXTENSIONS:

- **Dubai: Begin your trip with 3 nights in Dubai.** Visit one of the world's most exciting, must-see destinations. SEE PAGE 100 FOR DETAILS
- **Nepal: Complete your trip with a 4-night extension.** Head to the Himalayas and the legendary city of Kathmandu. SEE PAGE 101 FOR DETAILS
- **South India: Complete your trip with a 6-night extension.** See how ancient and colonial influences have come together along the seacoast. SEE PAGE 102 FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary – see note)*	Double	Solo
February 14	$1999	$3319
March 7, 28	$1999	$3319
April 11	$1799	$2799

Itinerary featured is for September 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

Sept 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
September 26	$1999	$2599
October 10	$1999	$2599
November 7, 28	$1999	$2599
December 5	$1999	$2599
January 16, 23	$1999	$2599
February 6, 20	$1999	$2599
March 27	$1999	$2599
April 3, 24	$1799	$2299

Triple Room Reduction N/A

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

This trip requires a passport and visa. The approximate visa cost is $135 USD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. 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. 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. 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).

COLLETTE CARES

India - Visit a local school to see the efforts of the Akshaya Patra Foundation, which distributes healthy meals to the children.

KINGDOMS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

20 DAYS · 36 MEALS
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Meet the monks of a local monastery and participate in a private blessing ceremony.
- Journey to the famous Pak Ou Caves, home to hundreds of Buddhas.
- See the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground Viet Cong passageways.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore famous Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious structure.
- Cruise overnight on a luxury junk boat in Halong Bay.
- Board a traditional riverboat for a cruise down the Mekong River.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!
(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 13 | Come to know life in Ky Son on a stroll **or** bike ride through the village.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Learn to prepare traditional Vietnamese dishes at a cooking class.
- Enjoy lunch at a nonprofit restaurant that employs underprivileged children.
- Learn about locally made rice wine called "lao lao" in Ban Xang Hai.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 - 4	New World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City
Days 5 - 7	Le Meridien 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	Pilgrimage Village, Hue
Days 16 - 18	Almanity Hoi An Resort and Spa, 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 105 for details.

Angkor Wat

explore an ancient and mysterious world

where each day paints a new picture of the rich cultures, lost civilizations and vibrant cities of Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

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 during the Vietnam War. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon 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 travelers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City
Explore the famous Mekong Delta, rich with natural and cultural 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. (B, L)

Day 5: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap, Cambodia
Fly to Cambodia and the village of Siem Reap, a town 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 famous 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 an opportunity to see a spectacular sunset over the monuments. Dinner this evening is accompanied by an Apsara show. (B, D)

Day 7: Siem Reap
Set out to see three impressive Hindu temples: the towering 11th-century pyramid-shaped Temple of Shiva; Banteay Srei Temple with its remarkably intricate carvings; and the well-preserved Banteay Samre Temple. This afternoon, spend time at a local monastery where you'll meet the monks who reside there and participate in a private blessing ceremony. Then we continue to the

mystical Buddhist temple Ta Prohm, overgrown by the creeping jungle. (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, 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. Return to town in time to gaze over Luang Prabang from atop Mount Phousi. Later, immerse yourself in the Night Market to browse for items made by local residents. (B, D)

Day 10: Luang Prabang
Board a traditional riverboat for a cruise down the Mekong River. Our first stop is to see the Wat Xieng Thong temple with its colorful 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." The 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 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 honor 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 nonprofit restaurant that empowers underprivileged children by training them with new skills. Then, set out on a cyclo tour of Hanoi that takes you through its old quarter where you'll see traditional Vietnamese architecture. End the day with a traditional water puppet performance. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Hanoi - Ky Son - Hanoi
Venture through 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, head to Duong Lam village. Along the way, meet villagers and see their unique historic homes. Enjoy a visit to the Mia Pagoda. Stop at the humble Ngo Quyen and Phung Hung temples. Return to Hanoi for an evening at leisure. (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 of the bay. 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. Cruise through the emerald waters of Halong Bay back to the harbor. Then we return to Hanoi to board a flight to Hue, the Imperial capital city. (B)

Day 16: Hue - Hoi An
Travel to the Perfume River and embark on a cruise that reveals Hue's Imperial past. Stop at Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the oldest and 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. Pause to see the quaint Lang Co fishing village before arriving in Hoi An, an ancient merchant trading port and a UNESCO World Heritage site. (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 your class. Then, visit one of Hoi An's famous 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 before free time to explore. (B, L)

Day 18: Hoi An
Catch a glimpse into the Champa Kingdom at the remarkable ruins of My Son Sanctuary, a UNESCO World Heritage site situated in a remote jungle valley. This once thriving epicenter of religion and politics has more than 20 well-preserved monuments to explore. 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 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 19: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City
Fly to Ho Chi Minh City this afternoon. Tonight, toast to the end of a remarkable trip while savoring your farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 20: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends
Return home with a wealth of incredible memories. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Ho Chi Minh City: Relax after your adventure or enjoy more time to explore. CALL FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary – see note)*	Double	Solo
February 5, 12, 19, 26	$3549	$4549
March 5, 19, 26	$3549	$4549
April 2, 16	$3549	$4549

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 7, 14	$2999	$4099
June 11	$2999	$4099
July 9	$2999	$4099
August 6, 27	$2999	$4099

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
September 3, 10, 17, 24	$2999	$4099
October 1	$3249	$4349
October 22	$3549	$4849
November 12, 26	$3549	$4849
January 14	$3549	$4849
February 18, 25	$3549	$4849
March 4, 18, 25	$3549	$4849
April 8, 15	$3549	$4849

Triple Room Reduction N/A

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

This trip requires a passport and visas. The approximate cost for a one month multiple entry Vietnam visa is $135 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. 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. Each guest 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. 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.

COLLETTE CARES

Cambodia - Through Journeys Within Our Community (JWOC) we have funded the building of a community center which provides children a safe place to learn, develop and grow.

TASTE OF VIETNAM

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit a local residence to learn about their traditional way of life.
- Try your hand at lantern making at a famous lantern workshop.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Get acquainted with Ho Chi Minh City on your sightseeing tour.
- Cruise along the famous Mekong Delta, a place rich with wonders.
- Overnight on a luxury junk boat cruise in Halong Bay.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 7 | Come to know life in Ky Son on a stroll **or** bike ride through the village.

DAY 8 | Explore the floating fishing village by traditional row boat **or** by kayak!

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration.
- Visit a home where coconut candy is made.
- Savor a lunchtime seafood feast aboard your luxury junk boat.

ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② **③** ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

NEW TOUR

Halong Bay

delve into an ancient and mysterious world

as you explore Vietnam's rich culture and complex history.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

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, formerly known as Saigon. 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. After lunch at a local restaurant 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 Old Market in District 1. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for 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 is 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
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 enthralls visitors. (B, D)

Day 6: Hanoi

Begin your day in Ba Dinh Square, home of the mausoleum built to honor Ho Chi Minh, a revered figure in Vietnam. 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 traditional architecture at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, founded in the early 11th century. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Then, set out on a cyclo tour of Hanoi that takes you through its Old Quarter. Catch a glimpse of ancient Hanoi and see the traditional Vietnamese architecture including the "long house." (B, L)

Day 7: Hanoi - Ky Son - Hanoi

Venture to the countryside to Ky Son village. **It's your choice!** Come to know life here as you embark on a stroll **-OR-** a bike ride through the village. Next, learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration with a local chef before a lunch highlighting regional cuisine. En route to Duong Lam village, 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 honor 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. This afternoon **it's your choice!** Explore the floating fishing village by traditional row boat **-OR-** by kayak! 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 harbor. We then return to Hanoi to board a flight to Hue, the Imperial capital city. (B)

Day 10: Hue

Travel to the shores of the Perfume River and embark on a cruise that reveals Hue's Imperial past. Our first stop is 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 witness or partake in the timeless art of bartering. Later, savor the local flavors 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

Explore Hoi An during a morning tour. 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 colorful 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 at 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 savoring your farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 15: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends

Return home with a wealth of incredible memories. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Ho Chi Minh City: Relax after your adventure or enjoy more time to explore. CALL FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary – see note)*	Double	Solo
February 1, 8, 22	$2749	$3449
March 1, 15, 22	$2749	$3449
April 5, 12, 19	$2749	$3449

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 10, 24	$2599	$3599
June 14	$2599	$3599
July 12	$2599	$3599
August 23	$2599	$3599

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
September 13, 27	$2599	$3599
October 11, 18	$2599	$3599
December 6	$2799	$3799
January 10, 17, 24, 31	$2799	$3799
February 28	$2799	$3799
March 7	$2799	$3799
April 4, 11, 18	$2799	$3799

Triple Room Reduction N/A

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

This trip requires a passport and visa. The approximate cost for a one month single entry visa is $80 USD and must be obtained prior to departure. 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. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Each guest 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. 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.

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MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Walk on the Juyongguan section of the Great Wall.
- Explore Old Town Shanghai and tranquil Yuyuan Garden.
- Enjoy a relaxing 4-night upstream cruise on the Yangtze River.
- Visit a Panda Breeding Sanctuary.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor traditional Chinese food including dumplings, noodles and Peking Duck.
- Meet a local family and enjoy a dumpling-making class.
- Partake in a traditional tea ceremony.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 5	Grand Gongda Jianguo Hotel, Beijing
Days 6, 7	Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel, Xian
Days 8 – 11	Victoria Cruises
Days 12, 13	Tianfu Sunshine Hotel, Chengdu
Days 14 – 16	Lijiang Waterfall Hotel, Guilin
Days 17, 18	Jinjiang Huating Hotel & Towers, Shanghai

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 **3** 4 5
See page 105 for details.

Great Wall of China

experience China's marvels, ancient and modern,

rural and cosmopolitan, on an epic journey that features a scenic cruise along the Yangtze River.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Beijing: Arrive early to enjoy China's ancient capital city.
CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Set out on a journey that takes you to Beijing, Xian, Chengdu, Guilin and Shanghai. Your adventure also includes a 4-night cruise on the captivating Yangtze River.

Day 2: Beijing, China - Tour Begins
Arrive in the ancient capital of China. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Beijing
We begin our day with a stroll through iconic Tiananmen Square. Afterwards, set out to discover the Forbidden City, an awe-inspiring 15th-century complex of palaces, courtyards and gardens that was once the home of the Ming and Qing emperors. Enjoy special access to the Treasure Hall. Its three palaces have been turned into exhibition rooms that now contain an array of imperial treasures. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4: Beijing
Today's destination is the Great Wall of China, one of the world's most incredible wonders. Learn about the wall's history before taking a memorable walk on the Juyongguan section, one of the most famous passes along this epic structure. After this bucket list event, visit a jade museum to learn about the jade-making process. Finally, return to the city, driving past the Olympic Village. (B, L)

Day 5: Beijing
Your day begins at the spiritual Temple of Heaven (a UNESCO World Heritage site), a complex of buildings that symbolizes the connection between the earth and heaven. Afterwards take a rickshaw ride through the hutongs, the traditional alleys of Beijing. Meet a local family and enjoy a dumpling-making class before a traditional calligraphy lesson. Then, share a simple

lunch with them. Later, take part in a traditional Chinese tea ceremony. Tonight, dine on delicious Peking Duck, a favorite of the emperors. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Beijing - Xian

Fly to the ancient city of Xian. Tonight, celebrate during a traditional Xian dumpling banquet. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Xian

Today, explore the incredible excavation site of the Terracotta Warriors. This vast clay army of 8,000 soldiers was created to guard China's first emperor in the afterlife. You'll be amazed at the detail – each statue has a different face. Next, visit the Xian Arts and Ceramic exhibition center to see life-sized models of the warriors being made. At lunch enjoy a Xian specialty – hand-pulled noodles. The rest of the day is yours to explore. (B, L)

Day 8: Xian - Yichang - Board Cruise Ship

After a short flight to Yichang, board your ship for a 4-night cruise up the Yangtze River. Relax as this exciting leg of your journey begins. (B, D)

Day 9: Cruising - Three Gorges Dam - Xiling Gorge

Begin your day with a tai chi lesson on the sundeck as we sail towards the dramatic Xiling Gorge, the longest section of the Three Gorges. Discover the state-of-the-art site Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest hydroelectric project. Tonight, enjoy the Captain's welcome dinner and cabaret. (B, L, D)

Day 10: 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 the ship, enjoy the majestic vistas as we sail through Wu Gorge, known for its 12 forest-covered peaks. This afternoon, continue on past the dramatic cliffs that surround the Qutang Gorge. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Cruising - Shibaozhai

Arrive at Shibaozhai (Precious Stone Fortress). This imposing hill along the banks of the river is adorned with a 9-story red pagoda. You may climb the stairs to the top for a picture perfect view of the river and surrounding countryside. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Chongqing - Disembark Cruise Ship - Chengdu

We 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. Come to know the leisurely lifestyle and teahouse culture that make this city so captivating. Tonight, sample the fresh, bold flavors of the local Sichuan cuisine. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Chengdu

Your morning begins with a visit to the Panda Breeding Sanctuary. Learn how China's national treasure is being brought back from the edge of 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 rare Red Panda. Enjoy an afternoon visit to the Du Fu Thatched Cottage, the former home to the poet known as the "Shakespeare of China." End your day by exploring Jinli Ancient Street with its traditional-style buildings. (B, L)

Day 14: Chengdu - Guilin

Board a flight to Guilin to begin a 3-night stay. This evening, take a walking tour around Ronghu Lake and enjoy the stunning night skies. (B, L)

Day 15: Guilin

Enjoy a full-day visit to the Longji Rice Terraces. Known as the Dragon's Backbone for its scaly appearance, the terraces are actually rows and rows of stunningly colorful rice paddies. Walk through the fields and the nearby villages, meeting local residents along the way. (B, L)

Day 16: Guilin

Set out on a Li River cruise that takes you from Guilin to Yangshuo and past some amazing karst limestone scenery. Be sure to look out for cormorant fishermen and water buffalo. Upon arrival in Yangshuo, visit West Street, home to a number of shops selling traditional paintings, calligraphy and more. There will be time at leisure to relax at one of the many outdoor cafés. (B)

Day 17: Guilin - Shanghai

Welcome to Shanghai, the economic capital of the People's Republic of China. This bustling city's futuristic skyline will leave you speechless. Experience the modern side of China as you take the super-fast Maglev train into central Shanghai. Then explore the past as we visit a silk museum. This evening, take a cruise on the mighty Huangpu River. (B, L)

Day 18: Shanghai

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 returned to 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. Then, visit the imposing Urban Planning Center, the nerve center of the city. Finally, celebrate you adventure during your farewell dinner before enjoying a marvelous acrobatics show. (B, L, D)

Day 19: Shanghai - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to an end today. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Shanghai: Enjoy more time to explore this bustling waterfront city.

CALL FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

April – October 2018	Double	Solo
April 11	$3599	$4999
May 2, 16	$3599	$4999
June 13	$3599	$4999
September 5, 19, 26	$3599	$4999
October 3, 10, 31	$3599	$4999

Triple Room Reduction N/A

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

This trip requires a passport and visa. The approximate visa cost is $140 USD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Visit www.travel.state.gov (the U.S. State Department) for the latest details with regard to passports and visa requirements. The internal flights are not included in the land price of the tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. All guests will be confirmed in balcony cabins during the cruise portion of the tour.

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- Explore the famous Ginza district where skyscrapers and neon lights meet high fashion.
- Cruise the deep blue waters of Lake Ashi.
- Travel by express train and the famous Shinkansen bullet train.
- Meet the locals during various included experiences, including a tea ceremony.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Explore Nijo Castle, home of the first Shogun.
- Take in magnificent views of Mt. Fuji from the Kachi Kachi Ropeway.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Stop for a sushi lunch in Tokyo's famous fish market.
- Taste the local culture during a variety of included local meals.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Grand Prince Hotel New Takanawa, Tokyo
Day 5	Odakyu Hotel de Yama, Hakone
Days 6, 7	Hida Plaza Hotel, Takayama
Days 8, 9	ANA Crowne Plaza, Kanazawa
Days 10 – 13	Westin Miyako, Kyoto

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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discover the intriguing Japanese culture

and the country's distinctive architecture and unparalleled natural beauty.

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Tokyo: Arrive early to begin your adventure in the "Land of the Rising Sun." CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Come to know Japanese culture — both ancient and modern. Discover its timeless temples, unimaginable natural beauty, and technological marvels.

Day 2: Tokyo, Japan - Tour Begins
Welcome to "the Land of the Rising Sun." Your tour opens in Tokyo where rich traditions and pop culture thrive side by side. This evening, meet your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Tokyo
Excitement builds this morning as you explore the famous Ginza district where skyscrapers and neon lights meet high fashion. Traverse Shibuya Crossing, the busiest intersection in the world! Find peace and harmony at Meiji Shrine, which rests amid a forest in the shadow of the city. See the Imperial Palace, a fine example of traditional Japanese architecture. Next, it is time for a true taste of Japan; a sushi lunch in Tokyo's famous fish market. (B, L)

Day 4: Tokyo
This morning join the locals to experience a tea ceremony in an authentic setting. Next have free time to explore the Nakamise Shopping Arcade, the best place to find a souvenir of your trip. Later, travel to

Asakusa, Tokyo's oldest Geisha district. See its famous Senso-ji, a Buddhist temple dedicated to the Bodhisattva Kannon. Soak in the relaxed atmosphere and old-world Japanese architecture. Return to Tokyo by boat on a cruise down the Sumida River. (B, D)

Day 5: Tokyo - Hakone

Today we head to the lakeside resort of Hakone. Renowned for its hot springs and spas, this scenic town hugs the shores of Lake Ashi. With magnificent Mt. Fuji (UNESCO) rising in the distance, sit back, relax and soak up the incredible setting. Take to the deep-blue waters of Lake Ashi on a cruise featuring epic views of the mountain and stops at some of the lakeside towns. Tonight, gather for a leisurely walk to the charming town of Moto-Hakone. (B, D)

Day 6: Hakone - Matsumoto - Takayama

This breathtaking day begins in the Kawaguchi's "Five Lakes" area. Climb aboard the Kachi Kachi Ropeway which ascends over 1,300 feet and affords you a glorious panorama of Mt. Fuji and the surrounding lakes. Next, stop in Matsumoto for a traditional Japanese lunch. Then it's on to see Matsumoto Castle, known as the "Crow Castle" due to its striking black exterior. Later, step back in time in Takayama, a rural Edo period town nestled in the Japanese Alps. Well known to the locals for its connection to sake, this is the perfect place to gather for a visit to one of Japan's last family-owned sake breweries. You are in for a treat as we sample some traditional rice wine. In the old city, a special Hida beef dinner is on tonight's menu. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Takayama

Embrace the ancient culture of Takayama as you explore its historic district. Next, head to the bustling open-air markets that date back over 600 years. Catch a glimpse of the past at the 19th-century Jinya government building. Explore the winding streets lined with charming traditional inns and houses. Your afternoon is free to explore however you like, including joining your local guide at a nearby nature park. (B)

Day 8: Takayama - Shirakawa-go - Kanazawa

Today we cross the mountainous Shokawa Valley on our way to Shirakawa-go (UNESCO). Uncover the unique charm of this village with gassho-zukuri-style (resembling two hands joined in prayer) thatch-roofed houses. The adventure continues as we travel to the scenic town of Kanazawa. Once one of the country's richest regions, gold leaf-making began here in the 16th century. Explore at your leisure and enjoy the timeless feel of this special place. Tonight we gather in town for dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Kanazawa

Adventure awaits as we travel as the locals do - aboard a local transport. We will make our way through the Omicho market, the Samurai district, Higashi tea district, and Kenroku-En (Garden of Six Qualities), one of Japan's most beautiful gardens. Then it is time for your hands-on gold leaf class. Dive deep into this ancient craft as you create your own bento box to take home. Once again you have a free afternoon to independently experience this dynamic culture. (B)

Day 10: Kanazawa - Thunderbird Express Train - Kyoto

Board an express train bound for Kyoto. This former Imperial capital of Japan (784 – 1868) is now one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the nation. Even as it has taken its place as an international city, it remains true to the past and is home to a staggering 2,000 temples and shrines. Next, head to the Gion (Geisha) district. Along its narrow lanes you will find teahouses and women in traditional dress. Dine tonight in the heart of the city at a traditional yakitori (grilled chicken) restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Kyoto

Explore Nijo Castle (UNESCO), home of the first Shogun. See elaborate woodcarvings, wall paintings, and the Ninomaru Garden, designed by Kobori Enshu, a landscape architect and tea master. Travel to Kodai Yuzen-en Gallery for a lesson in the art of stenciling. Ascend the hillside to Kiyomizu temple and take in a wonderful view of the city. Then, it's on to the Fushimi Inari Taisha for a tour of the most revered shrine of Inari. Find yourself strolling along its spectacular rows of orange Torii (made famous in the movie Memoirs of a Geisha) as they weave through the forest and lead you to the inner shrine. (B)

Day 12: Kyoto - Bullet Train - Hiroshima - Kyoto

Board the Shinkansen bullet train to travel to Hiroshima. Pause to see the ruined building known as the Atomic Dome (UNESCO) before visiting the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and park. After lunch in the city we will make our way south to board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, "Shrine Island." See the iconic Torii gate which appears to be floating on the water. As this moving day comes to a close, return to Kyoto by Shinkansen bullet train for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 13: Kyoto

Relax or set out to explore Kyoto on your own. Tonight, experience Japanese culture during a special farewell dinner that features a Geisha show. (B, D)

Day 14: Kyoto - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in this fascinating land. As you depart, reflect on its beauty and all you have learned about its rich history and culture. (B)

Mt. Fuji

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary – see note)*	Double	Solo
February 24	$4499	$5799
March 3, 10, 17, 24	$4699	$5999
April 7, 14, 21	$4999	$6299

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 19, 26	$5849	$7149
June 9	$5849	$7149
July 7	$5849	$7149
August 4	$5849	$7149

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
September 1, 15, 22	$5999	$7299
October 6, 13, 20, 27	$5999	$7299
November 3, 10, 17	$5999	$7299
January 26	$5599	$6899
February 23	$5599	$6899
March 2, 9, 16, 23	$5999	$7299
March 30	$6199	$7499
April 6, 13	$6199	$7499
April 20, 27	$5999	$7299

Triple Room Reduction N/A

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

This trip requires a passport. Each guest 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 on the destinations you are traveling to and from. Flights arrive into Tokyo and depart from Osaka.

FROM THE OUTBACK TO THE GLACIERS

21 DAYS · 29 MEALS
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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, an architectural wonder.
- Visit Hartley's Croc Farm for a chance to get up-close and personal with crocodiles.
- Access the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour."
- Watch a skilled New Zealand "strong eye" sheep-herding dog at a working farm.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the fascinating underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef
- Explore Kata Tjuta and the base of Ayers Rock (Uluru).

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 12 | Choose to experience the area on a 24-hour hop-on hop-off Sydney Harbour cruise pass **or** visit two attractions – the Sydney Tower Eye and Sea Life Sydney Aquarium.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Behold 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.
- Enjoy a tasting and tour at one of New Zealand's famous wineries.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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ADD A DAY

Cairns: Take more time in this sunny gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.
CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1 – Day 2: Depart from Home
Cross the International Dateline (skipping a day ahead) for an adventure discovering the treasures of Australia and New Zealand, including its unparalleled beauty and captivating culture.

Day 3: Cairns, Australia - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions – the Great Barrier Reef (UNESCO World Heritage site). 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
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 opt to join an expert for a beach and heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

Day 5: Cairns
The morning is yours to explore the town at your own pace or simply relax and soak up the tropical atmosphere. Perhaps you will take an optional tour on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an unforgettable

Sydney Harbour

Great Barrier Reef

Mount Cook

experience that takes you above the rainforest canopy for a bird's-eye view of unspoiled natural beauty. This afternoon, visit Hartley's Croc Farm for a chance to get up-close with crocodiles in their natural habitat. Boardwalks take you on a path of adventure through rainforests and woodlands to see animals such as wild birds, reptiles and wallabies. You may meet some of the local koalas and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these cuddly creatures. (B)

Day 6: Cairns - Melbourne

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)

Day 7: Melbourne

Set out on a city tour and see Fitzroy Gardens, valued for their historic and horticultural significance, and the bustling "laneways" of Melbourne. Later you may participate in an optional tour 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

It's on to the vast landscapes and tranquility of the Outback. Your flight takes you to Alice Springs, the perfect place to begin exploring this unique land. A special experience is in store this evening 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 9: Alice Springs

Access the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour." A specialist guide shares Aboriginal creation stories and explains everyday life. This afternoon, 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. Later, tour the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill with its excellent views of Alice Springs and the surrounding area. (B)

Day 10: Alice Springs - Uluru

Traverse 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. Learn about their geology and significance to Aboriginal culture. Prepare for a truly majestic sunset as you witness the changing colors 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

Join a local resident for a tour of Sydney. Begin on a driving tour of the landmarks of Sydney before disembarking for a walking tour. See Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and fashionable Paddington. Then it's time for a stroll through the Rocks, Sydney's oldest district. Next, discover one of the world's most fascinating architectural sights on a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then you're in for a unique experience as you learn firsthand about opals

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2	Overnight Flight
Days 3 – 5	Pullman International, Cairns
Days 6, 7	Mercure Melbourne Treasury Gardens, Melbourne
Days 8, 9	Doubletree by Hilton, Alice Springs
Day 10	Desert Gardens, Uluru
Days 11 – 13	The Tank Stream Hotel, Sydney
Day 14	Pavilions Hotel, Christchurch
Day 15	Scenic Franz Josef Glacier Hotel, Franz Josef
Days 16 – 18	Novotel Lakeside, Queenstown
Day 19	The Hermitage, Mount Cook
Day 20	Pavilions Hotel, Christchurch

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

COLLETTE CARES

Australia - Drum Atweme was formed in the early '90s as an answer to the needs of the aboriginal at risk youth, particularly girls ages 6- 13 years old. The focus of the program is to create a positive influence and healthy atmosphere through cultural immersion and musical engagement. The group was originally established as an attendance-raising program but later grew into a performance group providing an environment for confidence and education. The at-risk youth are also active in the decision-making of the group regarding performances, creativity and budgeting which ultimately results in giving the girls a strong sense of self-worth and esteem.

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during a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. This afternoon **the choice is yours!** Experience the area at your own pace with a Sydney cruise pass. Travel by high-speed boat to a variety of spots on Sydney Harbour. Visit the famous beach resorts of Manly and Watson's Bay, historic Fort Denison or Taronga Zoo. Hop off to explore places of interest or stay on and relax during a narrated cruise **-OR-** choose to ascend the Sydney Tower Eye for incredible views and then explore the renowned Sea Life Sydney Aquarium. (B)

Day 13: Sydney

Deepen your exploration of Sydney's many wonders with a day at leisure. Tonight, say your farewell to Australia by chatting with new friends and taking 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

Leave Australia behind and fly to the historic city of Christchurch, New Zealand. 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 marvelous snowcapped peaks, rugged mountains, and beautiful river gorges as you cross the Southern Alps. You may choose to take the TranzAlpine train (optional) for a truly inspiring train ride through this glorious scenery. Arrive in the Franz Josef Glacier Region, which offers travelers 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. Tonight, ascend the mountainside on a cable car for dinner at the Skyline Restaurant. Enjoy sweeping views of the valley. (B, D)

Day 17: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown

Journey to Milford Sound. Soak in 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

Queenstown ©*Skyline Queenstown, New Zealand*

Ayers Rock Sunset Champagne Toast

YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

Complete your trip with a 3-night stay in Fiji:
Set out for your corner of paradise. Take time after your adventure to relax and explore Fijian culture.

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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

Enhance your free day with a variety of optional activities. 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

Set off for the beautiful 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. Savor some free time in this Alpine paradise. 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 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 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 comes to a close, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful vacation. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Christchurch: Enjoy the chance to relax in the most English city outside of Britain. CALL FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary – see note)*	Double	Solo
February 5, 12, 19, 25, 26	$5149	$6949
March 5, 12, 19, 26	$5149	$6949
April 2, 8, 9, 16, 23	$4999	$6499

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 7	$4999	$6799
May 28	$5499	$7249
June 4, 25	$5499	$7249
July 9, 23	$5499	$7249

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
August 6, 20	$5499	$7249
September 3, 10	$5499	$7249
September 24	$5799	$7849
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	$5799	$7849
November 5, 12	$5799	$7849
January 14, 21, 28	$5799	$7849
February 4, 11, 18, 25	$5799	$7849
March 4, 11, 18, 25	$5799	$7849
April 7, 8, 15	$5599	$7499

Triple Room Reduction (-) $100

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

This trip requires a passport and visa. 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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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Tour the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta at the base of Ayers Rock.
- Feel at home when overnighting at a New Zealand family's home.
- See koalas in a natural setting during a stop at a koala conservation center.
- Visit Te Puia, a Maori cultural and geothermal experience.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Board a catamaran to explore the Great Barrier Reef.
- Explore the beauty of Mt. Cook National Park.
- Witness the Little Penguins on the beach at Phillip Island.
- Take a guided tour of Tasmania's Port Arthur Historic Site.
- Marvel at the wonders (and wildlife) of Kakadu National Park.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!
(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 15 | Experience Sydney on a 24 hour hop-on hop-off Sydney Harbour cruise pass, or visit two attractions – the Sydney Tower Eye and Sea Life Sydney Aquarium.

DAY 17 | Experience life in Queenstown. Attend a cultural show, go stargazing with a naturalist, or give the luge at try!

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Savor a memorable bush dinner in the Australian Outback.
- Take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
- Choose from a variety of local restaurants along bustling Darling Harbour.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤
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the Down Under that dreams are made of

a sweeping, grand tour of Australia and New Zealand's best.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

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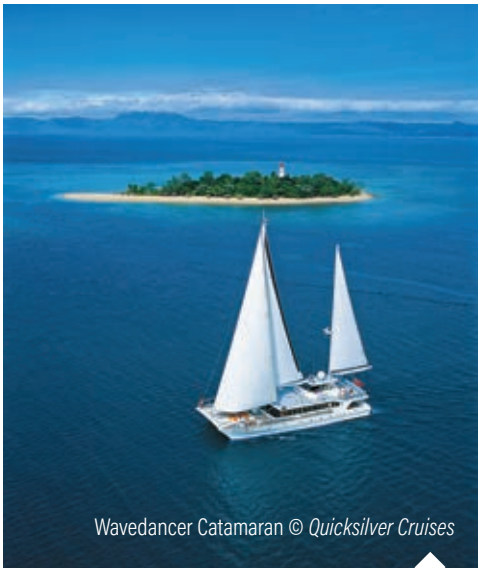
Day 3: Cairns, Australia - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Cairns, the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions – the Great Barrier Reef (UNESCO). Established as a marine park in 1975, the reef is a haven for thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. (D)

Day 4: Great Barrier Reef
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
Rise high on 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)

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

Melbourne



Wavedancer Catamaran © *Quicksilver Cruises*

Tasmanian Devil

Day 7: Uluru - Alice Springs

Hop over the "Red Centre" on a short flight to Alice Springs. Tour the area and learn how people once communicated in the remote Outback 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 even 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." A specialist guide shares Aboriginal creation stories and explains everyday 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

Soak in the natural beauty of the "Top End." Kakadu National Park is home to crocodiles, wallaroos and wallabies, monitors and lizards, 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

Set out on a city tour and see Fitzroy Gardens, the Shrine of Remembrance and bustling "laneways" of Melbourne. There is time at leisure to explore the city independently. Later, see koalas in their natural setting during a stop at a koala conservation center before arriving at 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

Brace yourself for the Tasmanian Devil! Visit the Tasmanian Devil Conservation Center and 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. This evening it's Diner's Choice as you choose from a variety of local restaurants along bustling Darling Harbour. (B, D)

Day 15: Sydney

Join a local resident for a tour of Sydney. Begin on a driving tour of the landmarks of Sydney before disembarking for a walking tour. See Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and fashionable Paddington. Then it's time for a stroll through the Rocks, Sydney's oldest district. Next, discover one of the world's most fascinating architectural sights on a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Next, you're in for a unique experience as you learn firsthand about opals during a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. This afternoon **the choice is yours**! Experience the area at your own pace with a 24 hour hop-on hop-off Sydney Harbour cruise pass...hop off to explore places of interest or stay on and relax during a narrated cruise **-OR-** you may choose to visit two of Sydney's unique attractions...ascend the Sydney Tower Eye for incredible views before exploring the renowned Sea Life Sydney Aquarium. (B)

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THE COMPLETE SOUTH PACIFIC
(CONTINUED)

27 DAYS · 38 MEALS
FROM $6999

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	Hyatt Regency Darling Harbour, Sydney
Days 17 – 19	Crowne Plaza, Queenstown
Day 20	The Hermitage (Mt. Cook Region), Mount Cook
Day 21	Novotel Hotel Cathedral Square, Christchurch
Days 22, 23	Amora Hotel, Wellington
Day 24	Home Stay or Millennium Hotel, Rotorua
Day 25	Millennium Hotel, Rotorua
Day 26	Rydges Hotel, Auckland

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

COLLETTE CARES

Australia - Drum Atweme was formed in the early '90s as an answer to the needs of the aboriginal at risk youth, particularly girls ages 6- 13 years old. The focus of the program is to create a positive influence and healthy atmosphere through cultural immersion and musical engagement. The group was originally established as an attendance-raising program but later grew into a performance group providing an environment for confidence and education. The at-risk youth are also active in the decision making of the group regarding performances, creativity and budgeting which ultimately results in giving the girls a strong sense of self-worth and esteem.

Queenstown

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Day 16: Sydney
Enjoy a day at leisure. This evening, say your farewell to Australia while taking in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas of the harbour showcasing Sydney's magnificent skyline, the iconic Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

Day 17: Sydney - Queenstown, New Zealand Y
Fly to one of the world's best-kept secrets – New Zealand! Arrive in gorgeous Queenstown. Dinner is at the famous Skyline restaurant overlooking Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkable Mountains. After dinner this evening **the choice is yours!** Take a seat at a cultural show, enjoy star gazing with a naturalist **-OR-** if you are feeling more adventurous, give the luge a try! (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)

Day 19: Queenstown
A free day in 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. Or, 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. (B)

Day 20: Queenstown - Arrowtown - Mt. Cook National Park
Set out for the beautiful turn-of-the-century gold rush settlement of Arrowtown. Take time to explore independently and stroll its quaint, historic streets. 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
Travel to the historic city of Christchurch, the "Garden City". Enjoy some free time to explore. Stroll the city's magnificent gardens or view cutting-edge examples of post-earthquake architecture in the central district. (B)

Mount Cook

Aboriginal Culture

YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

Complete your trip with a 3-night stay in Fiji:
Set out for your corner of paradise. Take time after your adventure to relax and explore Fijian culture.

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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
Come to know Wellington on a tour viewing the Beehive, New Zealand's Parliament; historic St. Paul's Church; and the Old Government Building – the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. Explore 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
Drive to Rotorua with its dramatic geothermal landscape. Over one-third of its population boasts Maori roots making it known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. You'll feel 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
Discover 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 see the Kiwi bird and learn about the preservation efforts being made to remove this marvelous creature from the endangered species list. Next, meet the skilled carvers who work with pounamu, New Zealand greenstone, at a jade factory. At the Agrodome, see 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 travelers 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 comes to a close in Auckland. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Auckland: Reward yourself with another night to enjoy the "City of Sails." CALL FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary - see note)*	Double	Solo
February 3, 10, 17, 24	$6999	$9399
March 3, 10, 17	$6999	$9399
April 7, 14	$6999	$9399

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 26	$6999	$9999
June 16, 23	$6999	$9999
July 7, 21	$6999	$9999
August 18	$6999	$9999

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
September 1	$7499	$10299
September 15	$7749	$10549
September 22, 29	$7999	$10799
October 6, 13, 20	$7999	$10799
November 3, 10	$7999	$10799
January 12, 19, 26	$7999	$10799
February 2, 9, 16, 23	$7999	$10799
March 2, 9, 16	$7999	$10799
April 6, 25, 27	$7999	$10799

Triple Room Reduction (-) $100 - $200

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

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.

SOUTH PACIFIC WONDERS

15 DAYS · 20 MEALS

FROM $3599

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Come to know the history of Australia's original inhabitants at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Center.
- Get up close and personal with cuddly koalas and native crocodiles at Hartley's Croc Farm.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Board a catamaran for an exciting excursion to the Great Barrier Reef.
- Take a guided tour of the fascinating Sydney Opera House.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 7 | Ascend to the top of the Sydney Tower Eye and then visit the Sea Life Sydney Aquarium **or** explore the best spots of Sydney Harbour in a high-speed boat.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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- A New Zealand family welcomes you into their home for dinner!
- Visit a local winery in Queenstown to taste some of their famous wines.

ACCOMMODATIONS

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Days 3 – 5	Pacific Hotel, Cairns
Days 6 – 8	Novotel Rockford Darling Harbour, Sydney
Days 9, 10	Pavilions Hotel, Christchurch
Days 11 – 14	Millennium Hotel, Queenstown

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① **②** ③ ④ ⑤

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Sydney Skyline

natural wonders, vibrant cities, culture and koalas...

the must see sights you don't want to miss.

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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. Browse the renowned art gallery and interpretation center's artifact collection. At Hartley's Croc Farm, get up-close with crocodiles in their natural habitat! Boardwalks take you on a path of adventure through rainforests and woodlands, home to birds, reptiles and wallabies. You may meet some of the local koalas and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these cuddly creatures. Take an exciting cruise on the lagoon and watch for crocodiles before enjoying a delicious Aussie barbecue. (B, D)

Day 6: Cairns - Sydney

This morning, create 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

Tour Sydney and discover where the original English colonists first settled in 1788. Other highlights 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 on a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on

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Day 9: Sydney - Christchurch, New Zealand

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. Make new friends, learn about the customs of the "Kiwis," and enjoy a home-cooked meal. (B, D)

Day 10: Christchurch

Delight in some leisure time to explore Christchurch on your own. You may wish to visit the informative and interactive International Antarctic Centre to learn about the 7th continent, or simply relax and enjoy what the city has to offer. (B)

Day 11: Christchurch - Mt. Cook Region - Queenstown

Traverse the spectacular countryside. Stop at a Canterbury farmyard for the rare opportunity to learn how a New Zealand family farm operates – you may even catch a sheep shearing demonstration. Continuing to Queenstown, savour the chance to spot the highest peak in the Southern Alps, Mt. Cook, before stopping at a local fruit stand for an inside look at the produce of New Zealand. Arrive in Queenstown and have time to explore before dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 12: Queenstown - Arrowtown - Queenstown

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)

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Day 15: Queenstown - Tour Ends

(B)

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Triple Room Reduction (-) $50

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Auckland

a one of a kind adventure

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Fly to one of the world's most sought after destinations due to its clean air, stunning scenery, and friendly culture – New Zealand. Arrive in Auckland, the "City of Sails." Auckland has the highest Polynesian population in the world, imbuing its chic atmosphere with the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands. The evening is yours to explore New Zealand's largest city. (B)

Day 10: Auckland - Rotorua

Get to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour 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 about the warm-hearted Maoris and their lives before European colonists arrived in Aotearoa (New Zealand) and since. 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. Witness a landscape of erupting geysers, bubbling mud pools and other geothermal wonders. 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 fun sheep shearing demonstration and learn about the importance of agriculture to the nation. Tonight, relax or explore this lovely city on your own. (B, D)

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This morning, traverse the spectacular countryside and visit a Canterbury farmyard for a fantastic opportunity to learn how a New Zealand family farm operates; you may even catch a sheep shearing demonstration. Continuing to Queenstown, don't miss the chance to spot the highest peak in the Southern Alps, Mt. Cook, before a stop at a local fruit stand to gain an inside look at the produce of New Zealand. You will have free time in Queenstown to explore before dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 15: Queenstown - Arrowtown - Queenstown

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)

Day 16: 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. 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)

Day 17: Queenstown

A free day offers a variety of optional activities to enhance your tour. Shop or people-watch in the village; partake in an optional, exhilarating jet boat ride on the Shotover River; or join the optional "Journey through Middle Earth" tour which takes you through the majestic Remarkable Mountains showcasing many of the spots where *The Lord of the Rings* movies were filmed. This evening, take in the city of Queenstown from above. A breathtaking gondola ride takes you to dinner at the Skyline Restaurant overlooking Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkable Mountains. (B, D)

Day 18: Queenstown - Tour Ends

Your adventure ends, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful adventure. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Queenstown: Relax after your tour in this most 'English' of cities.

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Maori Entertainment

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary – see note)*	Double	Solo
February 5, 12	$4249	$5699
March 5, 12	$4249	$5699
April 16, 23	$4099	$5399

Itinerary featured is for September 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

September 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
September 25	$4899	$6749
October 16, 23	$4899	$6749
November 13	$4899	$6749
February 5, 12	$4899	$6749
March 5, 12	$4899	$6749
April 16, 23	$4699	$6399

Triple Room Reduction (-) $50-$100

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

This trip requires a passport and visa. Due to frequent flight schedule changes, 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.

EXPLORING AUSTRALIA

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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 Uluru (Ayers Rock).

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Hop aboard a catamaran to explore the Great Barrier Reef.
- Experience Australia's most famous wine region, Barossa Valley.
- Tour Sydney, the birthplace of modern-day Australia.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 16 | Travel to the stunning Blue Mountains of New South Wales **or** explore Sydney at your own pace with a Sydney cruise pass.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Enjoy a delightful dinner in the bush in the Australian Outback.
- Dine at the famous Colonial Tramcar Restaurant.
- Take in the sights during a dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
- Visit the Hutton Vale Farm, home to a winery set on 2,000 picturesque acres.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2	Overnight Flight
Days 3, 4	The Swanston Hotel Grand Mercure, Melbourne
Days 5, 6	Novotel Barossa Valley Resort, Barossa Valley
Days 7, 8	Doubletree by Hilton, Alice Springs
Day 9	Desert Gardens, Uluru, Ayers Rock
Days 10 – 13	Pacific Hotel, Cairns
Days 14 – 17	Hyatt Regency Darling Harbour or The Tank Stream Hotel, Sydney

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② **③** ④ ⑤

See page 105 for details.

Australian Outback

Australia's iconic experiences

tour the Sydney Opera House, sip Barossa's wine, snorkel the Great Barrier Reef and soak in Ayers Rock's dramatic sunset.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Melbourne: Settle into your hotel in this lively seaside city as you get ready for the adventure of a lifetime. CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 1 – Day 2: Depart from Home

The adventure of a lifetime awaits. Cross the International Dateline, skipping a day ahead as you set out to see Australia's vibrant cities, coastal gems, captivating Outback, and so much more!

Day 3: Melbourne, Australia - Tour Begins

Arrive today in Melbourne, a Victorian city with an energetic modern vibe. You're in for a treat tonight as you dine aboard the famous Colonial Tramcar Restaurant, the first traveling tramcar restaurant in the world! (D)

Day 4: Melbourne

Get to know Melbourne on a tour that features the historic Fitzroy Gardens. Later, you may join an optional tour 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. 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 5: Melbourne - Adelaide - Barossa Valley

Fly to Adelaide and explore this lovely coastal city before proceeding to the Barossa Valley, Australia's most famous wine region. Renowned among connoisseurs, the valley's award-winning winemakers attract visitors from around the world. Tonight, enjoy a scenic dinner overlooking the vineyards. (B, D)

Day 6: Barossa Valley

Set out for the 19th-century Hutton Vale Farm, an 8th generation working farm and winery set on 2,000 acres of picturesque countryside. Caretakers John and Jan Angas will welcome you and share their family's story that extends back to the founding of Australia. Tour the farm's historic buildings, see their livestock and one of the many vineyards before partaking in some tea and homemade specialties. Perhaps you'll give their sweet crisp Riesling a try. Next, travel to the Seppeltsfield winery for a private tour, followed by a tasting of their world-class wines. Quench your palate with varietals

ranging from fruit-forward Chardonnays to earthy Pinot Noirs. (B)

Day 7: Barossa Valley - Alice Springs

Welcome to the Outback. Your Alice Springs tour highlights the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill, with amazing panoramas of the area. Gain insight into the educational system in the Outback at the School of the Air; you may even see a class in session. Meet the young Aboriginal group, Drum Atweme. Supported by the Collette Foundation, Drum Atweme is a musical organization comprised of at-risk youth from the local community. Tonight, savor a memorable bush dinner set against the desert backdrop. (B, D)

Day 8: Alice Springs

Come to know the history and culture of the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a "Dreamtime Tour." A specialist guide shares Aboriginal creation stories and explains everyday life. Take the rest of the day to explore this quintessential Outback town. (B)

Day 9: Alice Springs - Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Traverse the "Red Centre" as you drive to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock). This huge monolith and the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta were created through the process of upheaval and erosion. Prepare for a truly majestic sunset as you witness the changing colors of Uluru while enjoying a champagne toast. (B)

Day 10: Uluru - Cairns

Set off in the cool of the morning for Kata Tjuta and the base of "The Rock" to learn about its geology and significance to Aboriginal culture. Later, fly to Cairns – the tropical gateway to one of the world's most spectacular natural attractions – the Great Barrier Reef (UNESCO World Heritage site). 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. (B, D)

Day 11: Cairns

Board the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway for an unforgettable ride above the rainforest canopy. There are two stops where you may get off and experience the forest floor's diversity of plants, birds and animals from specially designed boardwalks. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the tropical surroundings. (B)

Day 12: Great Barrier Reef

Hop aboard a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to explore the reef's fascinating underwater world. Relax and independently explore the pristine shores of this tiny sand island located on the outer reef. Or, for the more adventurous, go snorkeling, revealing a wealth of vibrant sea life. You also have the opportunity to learn from a marine biologist. Maybe you will opt to join an expert for a beach and heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

Day 13: Cairns

This morning, explore the town at your own pace or simply relax. Later, set out for Hartley's Croc Farm. Get up close and personal with crocodiles in their natural habitat! Boardwalks take you on a path of adventure through rainforests and woodlands, home to birds, reptiles and wallabies. You may meet some of the local koalas and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about these cuddly creatures. Then, take an exciting cruise on the lagoon and watch for crocodiles before enjoying an authentic Aussie barbecue. (B, D)

Day 14: Cairns - Sydney

After a leisurely morning, fly to Sydney, Australia's largest city, where British settlers first dropped anchor in 1788. This evening it's Diner's Choice as you choose from a variety of local restaurants along bustling Darling Harbour. (B, D)

Day 15: Sydney

Join a local resident for a tour of Sydney. Begin on a driving tour of the landmarks of Sydney before disembarking for a walking tour. See Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens and fashionable Paddington. Then it's time for a stroll through the Rocks, Sydney's oldest district. Next, discover one of the world's most fascinating architectural sights on a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. Then you're in for a unique experience as you learn firsthand about opals during a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. Later, uncover the wonders of Sydney during free time. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. (B)

Day 16: Choice of the Blue Mountains or Sydney by Sea Y

The choice is yours! Travel to the stunning Blue Mountains of New South Wales (UNESCO). Come to know its countless geological wonders – sandstone plateaus, rich valleys, river gorges and endless pristine wilderness. See the Three Sisters sandstone rock formations, the region's most notable attraction **-OR-** further experience Sydney at your own pace with a Sydney cruise pass. Travel by high-speed boat to a variety of spots on Sydney Harbour. Visit the famous beach resorts of Manly and Watson's Bay, historic Fort Denison or Taronga Zoo. Hop off to explore places of interest or stay on and relax during a narrated cruise. (B)

Day 17: Sydney

Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps you will explore more of Sydney's fascinating attractions, do some shopping or find yourself relaxing at a local café. This evening, say farewell to Sydney and take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the scenic vistas of the harbour showcasing Sydney's magnificent skyline, the iconic Sydney Opera House, and the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

Day 18: Sydney - Tour Ends

You depart for home with wonderful memories of this inspiring country. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Sydney: There's always more to do in exciting Sydney. Reward yourself with one more day 'Down Under.'
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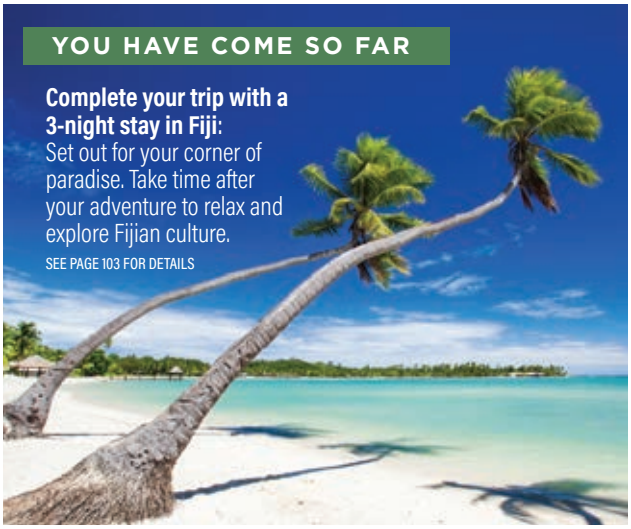

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary - see note)*	Double	Solo
February 2, 16	$4299	$5699
March 2, 9	$4299	$5699
April 6, 13	$4299	$5699

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May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 4	$3999	$5699
June 8	$3999	$5699
July 13	$3999	$5699
August 10	$3999	$5699

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
September 7	$4649	$6349
September 14	$4899	$6599
October 12, 19	$4999	$6699
November 2	$4899	$6599
January 18, 25	$4899	$6599
February 1, 15	$4899	$6599
March 1, 8	$4899	$6599
April 26	$4799	$6299

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

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CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Get to know a local New Zealand family during dinner with the opportunity for an overnight home stay.
- Explore Te Puia, a Maori cultural and geothermal experience.
- Visit the Royal Albatross Centre.
- Stop at the Kauri Museum where you will come to know the stories surrounding the giant kauri tree.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Cruise through the Bay of Islands' famous Hole in the Rock.
- Relish a breathtaking cruise through Milford Sound fjord.
- Explore spectacular Mt. Cook National Park.
- Watch the Queenstown landscape unfold, passing through the rainforest bordered by the Southern Alps and twisting coastline.
- Spend two nights in the beautiful Bay of Islands.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE
(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 15 | Experience life in Queenstown. Attend a cultural show, go stargazing with a naturalist, **or** give the luge at try!

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① **②** ③ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

the ultimate New Zealand adventure

an epic tour of the North and South Island. Modern cities, rugged coastline, fjords, glaciers, and Maori culture.

START EARLY

ADD A DAY

Auckland: Upon arrival you'll be glad you have more time in this stunning "City of Sails." 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: 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 travelers 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, and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. 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 that features the bay's famous Hole in the Rock and a stop off at picturesque Urupukapuka Island. Relax on the beach or walk to a higher elevation to enjoy 360° views. Look out at 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)

Day 6: Bay of Islands - Matakohe - Home Stay
Leave the sparkling waters of the Bay of Islands behind

Mount Cook

Hole in the Rock © InterCity Group

Blenheim

and head to Matakohe in the heartland of the North Island. Make a stop at the Kauri Museum where you will come to know the stories surrounding the giant kauri tree that 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 marvelous 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

This morning we embark on a walking tour of Wellington. See 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. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

Day 11: Wellington - Picton - Blenheim, Marlborough

Board a ferry and sail across Cook Strait. This has been called "the most beautiful ferry ride in the world." Arrive in Picton on the South Island where you will have free time for lunch. Next, drive along the coast to the picturesque village of Havelock where you will have free time to enjoy the quaint colonial buildings in a town that bills itself as the "green-lipped mussel capital of the world." Upon arrival in Blenheim, relax at your hotel before heading to a local winery where you will see the vineyard, enjoy a tasting, and dine at the cellar door bistro. (B, D)

Day 12: Blenheim

The morning is yours to enjoy the town of Blenheim. Next, we continue our introduction to the world-famous wine region of Marlborough with a visit to another of the family-owned wineries in the region for a tasting and tour. The area is famous for its Chardonnays, Pinot Noirs, and late harvest Riesling wines, all of which you will taste today. (B)

Day 13: Blenheim - Punakaiki

Today we drive through the heart of the South Island and further along the rugged coast to Punakaiki. Stop and gaze in wonder at the Punakaiki Pancake Rocks and blowholes. Here columns of water shoot skyward from rocks that resemble giant stacks of hotcakes. Upon arrival at your hotel you will have free time to explore the area before dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Punakaiki - Franz Josef Region

We continue our journey along the stunning coastline. Our destination is the glacially carved landscape of the Franz

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- Experience an authentic Hangi dinner and learn about Maori culture.
- In Blenheim, enjoy a local winery where you will see the vineyard, enjoy a tasting, and dine at the cellar door bistro.
- Celebrate during a farewell dinner at Riccarton House, the region's earliest home.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2	Overnight Flight
Day 3	Rydges, Auckland
Days 4, 5	Scenic Bay of Islands, Paihia or Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands, Waitangi
Day 6	Home Stay or Millennium Hotel, Rotorua
Day 7	Millennium Hotel, Rotorua
Day 8	Scenic Te Pania, Napier
Days 9, 10	Amora Hotel, Wellington
Days 11, 12	Scenic Hotel Marlborough, Blenheim
Day 13	Punakaiki Resort, Punakaiki
Day 14	Scenic Franz Josef Glacier, Franz Josef
Days 15 – 17	Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown
Day 18	Distinction Hotel & Villas, Te Anau
Days 19, 20	Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, Dunedin
Day 21	The Hermitage Hotel, Mount Cook or Mackenzie Country Hotel (Mt. Cook Region), Twizel
Days 22, 23	Pavilions Hotel, Christchurch

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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Josef Region. Along the way, make a stop in Hokitiki to meet the skilled carvers who work with the West Coast pounamu – New Zealand greenstone – at a local jade shop. (B, D)

Day 15: 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. After crossing the Haast Pass, arrive in Queenstown, one of the country's prettiest towns. Tonight is sure to be a highlight as you board the cable car for a ride up to the Skyline restaurant where you will enjoy dinner and fantastic views of Queenstown. After dinner this evening, **the choice is yours!** Take a seat at a cultural show; enjoy star gazing with a naturalist **-OR-** if you are feeling more adventurous, give the luge a try! (B, D)

Day 16: Queenstown

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 17: 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 18: 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 19: Te Anau - Dunedin

Travel to Dunedin, on the southeast coast of New Zealand.

Milford Sound

Maori carving

YOU HAVE COME SO FAR

Complete your trip with a 3-night stay in Fiji:
Set out for your corner of paradise. Take time after your adventure to relax and explore Fijian culture.

SEE PAGE 103 FOR DETAILS

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 20: 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)

Day 21: 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 22: Mt. Cook - Christchurch

As you travel 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-made morning tea. Stroll the city's magnificent gardens or view cutting-edge examples of post-earthquake architecture in the central district. (B)

Day 23: Christchurch

This morning enjoy a short tour of Christchurch. Afterwards, you have free time to enjoy the sights on your own or perhaps join in an optional excursion. Tonight, visit the region's earliest home, Riccarton House, and enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 24: Christchurch - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to a close, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful trip. (B)

STAY LONGER

ADD A DAY

Christchurch: Enjoy a bit more of this 'English' city tucked away in the South Pacific. CALL FOR DETAILS

DATES & PRICES

February – April 2018 *(different itinerary - see note)*	Double	Solo
February 3, 17, 24	$5499	$7099
March 3	$5499	$7099
April 21	$4999	$6599

Itinerary featured is for May 2018 – April 2019 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2018 – April 2019 *(featured itinerary)*	Double	Solo
May 19	$4999	$7199
June 23	$4999	$7199
July 28	$4999	$7199

May 2018 – April 2019	Double	Solo
August 25	$4999	$7199
September 22	$5999	$8199
October 27	$6499	$8799
November 3, 17	$6499	$8799
January 12, 26	$6499	$8799
February 2, 16, 23	$6499	$8799
March 2, 23	$6499	$8799
April 27	$5999	$8199

Triple Room Reduction (-) $100

Rates are land only, per person. Call about additional dates.

COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Exploring New Zealand and create one grand experience. **Suggested Tour:** ❶ Exploring Australia CALL FOR DETAILS

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.

extend YOUR TOUR

Optional Extensions

OTAVALO 3-night pre tour

ADD TO: Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands (pg. 32)

Extension Day 1: Quito - Peguche - Otavalo
This morning, travel north across the colorful 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, savor a typical dinner in the charming hacienda restaurant. (L, D)

Extension 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 towering volcanoes and through 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 travelers can learn about their culture. (B, L, D)

Extension 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. Then it's off to La Compañía Hacienda, where you'll visit greenhouses full of some of the most magnificent varieties of roses. Arrive in Quito and enjoy the city during your last night in Ecuador. (B, L)

Extension Day 4: Quito - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close today in Quito. (B)

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. 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.**

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3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATIONS
Hacienda Pinsaqui or
La Magdalena, Otavalo
Mercure Grand Alameda, Quito

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ③ **④** ⑤
See page 105 for details.

BRAZILIAN AMAZON 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Highlights of South America (pg. 34), Complete South America (pg. 36)

Extension Day 1: Manaus - Amazon
This morning, fly from Rio de Janeiro to Manaus, the gateway to the Brazilian Amazon. Upon arrival, travel by boat to the Amazon Ecopark Jungle Lodge. Located in the middle of the Amazon rainforest the ecotourism lodge rests on the banks of the Rio Trauma. Visit the Monkey Jungle Reserve, a rehabilitation center for rescued primates until they can be reintroduced to the forest. After dinner, set out on a canoe and do some caiman spotting! (L, D)

Extension Day 2: Amazon
Learn about the Amazon's diverse flora and fauna on a nature trek before visiting the Botanical Garden, an orchidarium housing 1,000 plants of 87 different species. 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 over dinner in the peaceful, tropical setting. (B, L, D)

Extension 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. Through the lodge you may purchase an optional canoe ride and piranha fishing excursion. 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)

Extension Day 4: Amazon - Manaus - Tour Ends
Sip tropical fruit juices at breakfast before enjoying some leisure time. Head back to Manaus by boat and then on to your final destination. (B)

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 traveling 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 Brazilian Amazon and Salvador de Bahia extension operate concurrently. Only one extension may be booked. The internal flights are not included in the extension land cost. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

9 MEALS - $1049*
3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners

ACCOMMODATIONS
Amazon Ecopark Lodge, Manaus

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ③ ④ **⑤**
See page 105 for details.

SALVADOR DE BAHIA 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Highlights of South America (pg. 34), Complete South America (pg. 36)

Extension Day 1: Rio de Janeiro - Salvador de Bahia

Continue exploring Brazil in Salvador de Bahia, known for its Portuguese colonial architecture, Afro-Brazilian culture and tropical coastline. Tour the Pelourinho neighborhood (UNESCO), the historic heart of the city, with cobblestone pathways opening onto large squares, colorful buildings and Baroque churches. Visit the stunning São Francisco Church and Convent, featuring Baroque gilt woodwork. Later, enjoy a traditional Bahian meal. (L, D)

Extension Day 2: Salvador de Bahia - Praia do Forte - Salvador de Bahia

Travel along the Coconut Coast to Praia do Forte, the most charming fishing village of Bahia. You will see some of the most beautiful beaches in the area. Next, visit the ruins of Garcia D'Ávila Castle as well as the Projeto Tamar, a project to preserve sea turtles. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon in Praia do Forte before returning to your hotel. (B)

Extension Day 3: Salvador de Bahia

Embark on a panoramic city tour of Salvador highlighting the Barra Lighthouse, the Lower City (Cidade Baixa), and the traditional neighborhood of Ribiera. Your tour includes a visit to the Bonfim Church. Explore the Mercado Modelo, the largest handicraft center in Bahia. Evenings in Bahia are a real spectacle. Cap off your last evening with a visit to one of the most traditional show houses in Salvador. Savor a wide variety of Bahian cuisine while watching a folkloric performance showcasing Afro-Bahian cultural expressions such as samba-de-roda, maculelê, hauling of the fishnet, candomblé and capoeira. This is truly a fascinating show and the perfect end to your Salvador de Bahia visit. (B, D)

Extension Day 4: Salvador de Bahia - Tour Ends

Transfer to the airport as your tour ends today. (B)

The Brazilian Amazon and Salvador de Bahia extensions operate concurrently. Only one post extension may be booked. The order of sightseeing may be altered due to weather conditions or flight schedules. 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 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

6 MEALS
$1499 - $1599*
3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATIONS
Fera Palace Hotel, Salvador

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ❸ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

SANTIAGO 3-night pre tour

ADD TO: Highlights of South America (pg. 34)

Extension Day 1: Overnight Flight

Extension Day 2: Santiago, Chile - Tour Begins

Welcome to Santiago de Chile. Take in the views of this cultural hub tucked inside the Andes Mountains and witness the vibrancy of one of South America's most modern cities. Embark on a walking tour of the historic city center. View La Moneda Presidential Palace, Plaza de Armas, the Metropolitan Cathedral and many other Neoclassical buildings. Visit the Museo Chileno de Arte Pre-Colombino, a museum dedicated to the study and display of pre-Columbian artwork and artifacts from Central and South America. Peruse the shops and interact with handicraft vendors on the Paseo Ahumada pedestrian avenue. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers over sumptuous food and wine in the trendy neighborhood of Bella Vista. (D)

Extension Day 3: Santiago - Viña del Mar - Valparaiso - Santiago

This morning, venture out to the coastal resort city of Viña del Mar, known for its gardens, beaches and high-rise buildings. You will also visit Valparaíso, a port city on Chile's coast with charming and colorful clifftop homes. (B, L)

Extension Day 4: Santiago - Casablanca - Santiago

Complete your Chilean experience with a visit to the wine region of Casablanca. Your visit includes touring local vineyards and tasting popular Chilean wine. Cap it all off with a sumptuous lunch overlooking the vineyards before returning to Santiago for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Extension Day 5: Santiago - Depart for Buenos Aires, Argentina

Bid farewell to Santiago and transfer to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires. (B)

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. The order of sightseeing may be altered due to weather conditions or flight schedules. 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.**

6 MEALS - $1099*
3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATIONS
Hotel Plaza San Francisco, Santiago

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ❸ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

*USD, per person, land only, double occupancy. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Your extension may require 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

PERUVIAN AMAZON 3-night pre or post tour

ADD TO: Complete South America (pre-tour - pg. 36), Peru: Ancient Land of Mysteries (post-tour - pg. 40)

Extension Day 1: Lima
Your extension begins with an overnight stay in Lima.

Extension 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 impact 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, you'll enjoy a delightful dinner in the Casa Grande's dining room. (B, L, D)

Extension Day 3: Lake Sandoval - Canopy Walkway and Anaconda Walk - Hidden Rainforest
After an early breakfast, your naturalist guide will lead you on a trek through Tambopata National Reserve. Arrive at pristine Lake Sandoval and board a dugout canoe. Glide along taking in your peaceful surroundings. 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 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, taking in the breathtaking panoramas and discovering the wildlife that surrounds you. This evening, explore the Amazon rainforest by moonlight and listen to the unique nocturnal sounds of the rainforest. Your day concludes with a wonderful dinner. (B, L, D)

Extension Day 4: Puerto Maldonado - Lima - Extension Ends
After breakfast, take a scenic boat ride back to Puerto Maldonado. Arrive at the Inkaterra Lounge (Butterfly House) where you may wait for your flight back to Lima. The remainder of the day is at leisure to shop or visit one of Lima's many fine museums. (B)

When traveling in the Amazon you will encounter full days of sightseeing, frequently in warm temperatures. The lodge does not have air conditioning. Wifi is free in the main area when electricity is running. Electricity will only be available between 4:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. 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. In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be walking on nature trails which may be muddy and over one mile in length. To experience the Amazon fully, we recommend that all travelers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly. Unfortunately, wheelchairs cannot be accommodated on this trip. In addition, guests 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. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Guests may leave any large luggage at their Lima hotel during the extension. A minimum of 2 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. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

7 MEALS - $649*
3 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATIONS
El Pardo Doubletree by Hilton, Lima
Inkaterra Hacienda Conception, Peruvian Amazon

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ③ ④ **❺**
See page 105 for details.

TANZANIA 4-night post tour

ADD TO: The Plains of Africa (pg. 50)

Extension Day 1: Amboseli - Arusha, Tanzania - Karatu
Depart Amboseli for the border town of Arusha, Tanzania. After clearing border crossing formalities, enjoy lunch in Arusha. Then continue to your hotel in Karatu. (L, D)

Extension Day 2: 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)

Extension Day 3: Serengeti National Park
Today you will enjoy a full day game drive in the park. (B, L, D)

Extension Day 4: Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Conservation Area
After breakfast, begin your 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)

Extension Day 5: Ngorongoro - Arusha - Tour Ends
Drive through Arusha on the way to the Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) for your departure flight home. (B)

Park fees (approximately $366 USD) are not included in the land price of your extension. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. A day room in Arusha is available for purchase before your departure for home. 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. 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. Soft duffel bag luggage is required for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs. (approximately 33 pounds). 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 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.

12 MEALS
$1849 - $2449*
4 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners

ACCOMMODATIONS
Country Lodge, Karatu
Serengeti Sopa Lodge, Serengeti National Park
Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge, Ngorongoro

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ③ **❹** ⑤
See page 105 for details.

JUNGLE ADVENTURE 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Tropical Costa Rica (pg. 46)

Extension 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)

Extension 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. (B, L, D)

Extension 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)

Extension Day 4: San Jose - Tour Ends (B)

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. 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. 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.

8 MEALS
$499 - $549*
3 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATIONS
Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero National Park
DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ❷ ③ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

NAIROBI WITH ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE

1-night pre tour

ADD TO: The Plains of Africa (pg. 50)

Extension Day 1: Overnight Flight

Extension Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya - Extension Begins

Your extension begins with an overnight stay in Nairobi.

Extension Day 3: Nairobi - Elephant Orphanage Visit

This morning we 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. You may even choose to foster your own elephant! After lunch, visit Kazuri, which means "small and beautiful" in Swahili. This workshop creates handmade and hand-painted jewelry, ceramic beads and pottery. Return to your hotel early this evening where you will join the remainder of your traveling companions. (B, L)

A minimum of 2 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.

2 MEALS - $349*
1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch

ACCOMMODATIONS
Sarova Stanley, Nairobi

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ③ ❹ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

*USD, per person, land only, double occupancy. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Your extension may require 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.

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Optional Extensions

VICTORIA FALLS 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Spectacular South Africa (pg. 52), Spectacular South Africa featuring Swaziland (pg. 54)

Extension Day 1: 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.

Extension Day 2: 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)

Extension Day 3: Victoria Falls
Your day is free to explore independently. Or, take an optional full day excursion to Chobe National Park in Botswana. (B, D)

Extension Day 4: Victoria Falls - Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Ends
Fly back to Johannesburg to prepare for your international flight home. (B)

A mandatory tourism levy of $30 USD is required for all travelers upon arrival at the port of entry. This levy can be paid by cash or credit card. Fees are subject to change. Park fees (approximately $40 USD) 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. The internal flight is not included in the land cost of your tour. For this extension, you must have at least 2 additional blank pages remaining in your passport. A visa is required for Zimbabwe at an approximate cost of $30 USD. A multiple-entry visa is required if you wish to purchase the optional Chobe day trip. Visa cost is approximately $45 USD. Passports must have an additional 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. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

5 MEALS - $1299*
3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

ACCOMMODATIONS
Victoria Falls Hotel

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① **②** ③ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

DUBAI 3-night pre tour

ADD TO: Spectacular South Africa (pg. 52), Spectacular South Africa featuring Swaziland (pg. 54), Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana (pg. 56), Mysteries of India (pg. 66), India's Treasures (pg. 68)

Extension Day 1: Overnight Flight
Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Dubai.

Extension Day 2: Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Tour Begins
Arrive in Dubai, one of the world's most exciting destinations. The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or explore this dynamic and cosmopolitan city independently. 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.

Extension 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)

Extension Day 4: Dubai
Your morning is at leisure. This afternoon your safari guide will take you into the golden sand dunes of Arabia on a 4-wheel drive vehicle. 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)

Extension Day 5: Dubai - Extension Ends
You will board your flight to begin your tour. (B)

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. 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. Simply disembark your flight at Dubai International Airport and proceed to Immigration where your passport will be stamped with a 30-day visit visa free of charge. Rates can be changed at any time based on governing authority. The flight from Dubai on the last day is not included in the land-only cost of your tour. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

4 MEALS - $649*
3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

ACCOMMODATIONS
Sheraton Dubai Creek, Dubai

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ③ **④** ⑤
See page 105 for details.

JORDAN 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Treasures of Egypt (pg. 58), Dubai, Oman & Abu Dhabi (pg. 62)

Extension Day 1: Amman, Jordan - Madaba - Mt. Nebo - Petra
Fly to Amman, the capital of Jordan. Travel to the city of Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." Visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, one of the oldest in existence, and the museum where many other spectacular mosaic examples are on display. Also visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land – present day Israel – and is believed to be laid to rest. Continue to the ancient city of Petra for a 2-night stay.

Extension Day 2: Petra
Enjoy a full day tour of the remarkable stone-carved city of Petra (UNESCO), one of the new Wonders of the World. Explore this breathtaking city, carved from sandstone by the Nabataeans, with an expert guide and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, the history of its prominence and decline, its rediscovery, and efforts at preservation. (B, D)

Extension Day 3: Petra - Wadi Rum - Amman
This morning depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, stunning in its natural beauty and home of the famous film, *Lawrence of Arabia*. Experience desert life and learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. Later, return to Amman, known as the "White City" because of the white limestone used to construct the majority of the buildings. (B, D)

Extension Day 4: Amman - Tour Ends (B)

Please Note: All services are provided by a local representative. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. 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 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. The internal flight to Amman is not included in the land price of your extension. This flight needs to be arranged and purchased directly from us. A Jordanian visa is required and can be purchased at the Amman Airport upon arrival at an approximate cost of $57 USD, paid in local currency (40 Jordanian dinar). Money can be exchanged at the airport prior to arriving at the visa desk. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

5 MEALS - $1099*
3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATIONS
Movenpick Nabatean Castle, Petra
Le Meridien Amman, Amman

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ❸ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

JORDAN 4-night post tour

ADD TO: Iconic Israel (pg. 64)

Extension Day 1: Jerusalem - Border Crossing - Madaba, Jordan - Mt. Nebo - Petra
This morning you travel to the Jordan Valley, crossing the border into Jordan. Travel the Desert Highway to the city of Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." Visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region, one of the oldest in existence, and the museum where many other spectacular mosaic examples are on display. You will also visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land – present day Israel – and is believed to be laid to rest. Continue to the ancient city of Petra for a 2-night stay.

Extension Day 2: Petra
Enjoy a full day tour of the remarkable stone-carved city of Petra (UNESCO), one of the new Wonders of the World. Explore this breathtaking city, carved from sandstone by the Nabataeans, with an expert guide and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, the history of its prominence and decline, its rediscovery, and efforts at preservation. (B, D)

Extension Day 3: Petra - Wadi Rum - Amman
This morning depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, stunning in its natural beauty and home of the famous film, *Lawrence of Arabia*. Experience desert life and learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. Later, return to Amman, known as the "White City" because of the white limestone used to construct the majority of the buildings. (B, D)

Extension Day 4: Amman - Jerash - Jordan Valley Border Crossing - Tel Aviv, Israel
Travel the quiet valley among the mountains of Gilead to the city of Jerash – the "Pompeii of the East." Step back in time as you tour the ruins with a local guide. Walk through columned streets, hilltop temples, public squares and plazas. Later, travel to the Jordan Valley Border Crossing, and continue to Tel Aviv. (B)

Extension Day 5: Tel Aviv - Tour Ends (B)

Please Note: When using the shuttle buses at the border crossings, a $3 USD fee per person, paid in local currency or USD, is collected on the bus by each driver. Israel exit fee is approximately $32 USD per person, paid in local currency when crossing the border into Jordan. A Jordanian visa is required and can be purchased at the Sheik Hussein (Jordan Valley) border crossing at an approximate cost of $57 USD, paid in local currency (40 Jordanian dinar). Money can be exchanged at the border crossing. When returning to Israel, the Jordan exit fee is approximately $15 USD per person, paid in local currency, subject to change without advance notice. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.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.

6 MEALS - $1499*
4 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATIONS
Movenpick Nabatean Castle, Petra • Le Meridien Amman, Amman • Isrotel Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ❸ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

NEPAL 4-night post tour

ADD TO: Mysteries of India (pg. 66), India's Treasures (pg. 68)

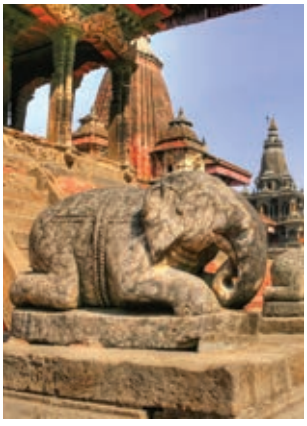
Extension Day 1: Delhi
Overnight in Delhi before traveling to Nepal in the morning.

Extension Day 2: Delhi - Kathmandu, Nepal
Board a flight to Kathmandu and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Patan city, the old Newar city. See the Patan Durban Square, listed as a World Heritage site. The complex is the center of Patan's religious and social life. (B)

Extension Day 3: 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 temple of the living goddess; and Kasthmandap – a wooden temple built from a single tree. See the Shiva Paravati, Seto Bhairav and Kal Bhaira temples. Head to Swoyambhunath, a Buddhist temple, and take in views of the entire Kathmandu valley. Tonight, enjoy a Nepali dinner and cultural dance performance at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Extension Day 4: 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)

Extension Day 5: Kathmandu - Delhi - Tour Ends
Fly to Delhi where you may have leisure time at an airport hotel before transferring back to the airport 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. A day room in Delhi is available for purchase before your departure flight home from Delhi Airport. If you choose to purchase this day room, you must obtain a multiple-entry visa for India, prior to departure. 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 as oftentimes change is not available. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

5 MEALS - $949*
4 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

ACCOMMODATIONS
Vivanta by Taj Dwarka, Delhi
Soaltee Crowne Plaza, Kathmandu

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ③ ❹ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

*USD, per person, land only, double occupancy. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Your extension may require 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

SOUTH INDIA 6-night post tour

ADD TO: Mysteries of India (pg. 66), India's Treasures (pg. 68)

Extension Day 1: Delhi
Enjoy your overnight stay before departing for South India in the morning.

Extension Day 2: Delhi - Cochin
Take a flight to Cochin and transfer to your hotel. This evening, witness the "Kathakali," a special dance form of Kerala, with its origins in the "Theyyam" – a ritual tribal dance of North Kerala. (B, D)

Extension Day 3: 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. Walk through the narrow cobbled streets of Jew Town, lined with antique and handicraft shops, to the Jewish Synagogue, the oldest active synagogue in the commonwealth countries. 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 harbor cruise. (B, L)

Extension Day 4: Cochin - Thekkady
Begin your day with a visit to a plantation house in Kanjirapally to witness rubber tapping and enjoy lunch with the family. Continue to Thekkady, an unending chain of hills dotted with spice and tea plantations. Here, in the crisp, cool air of the Western Ghats, learn about the local agriculture during a guided visit to a spice garden led by its caretaker. (B, L)

Extension Day 5: Thekkady - Kumarakom
This morning, continue to Kumarakom, and enjoy some leisure time to explore. (B, D)

Extension Day 6: 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)

Extension Day 7: Kumarakom - Cochin - Delhi - Tour Ends
A morning drive returns you to Cochin. Stop at a small local village to witness daily activities. Fly to Delhi where you may have leisure time at an airport hotel before transferring to the airport 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. Maximum elevation is 4,400 feet. Day rooms are not included on the last day at Delhi airport on return from Cochin, but are available for purchase. This extension is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. The flights from Delhi to Cochin are not included in the land-only cost of your tour. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 9:00 p.m. on the last day. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

11 MEALS
$1299 - $1499*
6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATIONS
Vivanta by Taj Dwarka, Delhi
Le Meridien Cochin, Cochin
Cardamom County, Tekkady
Kumarakom Lake Resort, Kumarakom

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ②③ ❹ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

BANGKOK 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Kingdoms of Southeast Asia (pg. 70), Taste of Vietnam (pg. 72)

Extension Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City - 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 Dawn. The boat trip ends at Chang pier. Explore the grounds of the Grand Palace and marvel at the grandeur of this royal residence. Stop at Wat Phra Kaew, home of the Emerald Buddha and Thailand's most sacred temple. Enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant. Afterward, 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, purported to be the largest pagoda in Southeast Asia. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Extension Day 4: Bangkok - Tour Ends
Board your flight home. (B)

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.**

4 MEALS - $749*
3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch

ACCOMMODATIONS
Rembrandt Hotel, Bangkok

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ❷ ③ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

HONG KONG & MACAU 4-night post tour

ADD TO: Wonders of China (pg. 74)

Extension Day 1: Shanghai - Hong Kong
Fly from Shanghai to Hong Kong. Upon arrival you will be met by your local representative who will help you transfer to your hotel. The rest of your day is at leisure.

Extension Day 2: Hong Kong
This morning embark on a Hong Kong Island city tour. Start by traveling up Victoria Peak for panoramic views of Victoria Harbour and the Hong Kong skyline. Continue exploring and browse the stalls at Stanley Market before seeing traditional fishing junks at the Aberdeen Fishing Village. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Extension Day 3: Hong Kong - Macau
Travel to the ferry terminal in Hong Kong for your ferry to Macau. Upon arrival, partake in a tour of the Macau Peninsula. Visit the ruins of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, sections of the Old City Wall, and the Temple of A-Ma before heading to the Museum of Macau. Next, go up the Macau Tower, the tallest building in the region, before trying your luck at gambling at one of Macau's exciting casinos. Return to the pier where you will board the shuttle to your hotel. (B, L)

Extension Day 4: Macau
Enjoy a day on your own to relax or explore the former Portuguese colony of Macau independently. (B)

Extension Day 5: Macau - Tour Ends
Transfer to the Macau pier by shuttle for your ferry which takes you directly to Hong Kong International Airport. (B)

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. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

5 MEALS
$999 - $1199*
4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch

ACCOMMODATIONS
Dorsett Wanchai Hotel, Hong Kong
Holiday Inn, Macau

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
① ② ❸ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

FIJI 3-night post tour

ADD TO:

From the Outback to the Glaciers (pg. 78),
The Complete South Pacific (pg. 82),
South Pacific Wonders (pg. 86),
South Pacific Wonders including New Zealand's North Island (pg. 88),
Exploring Australia (pg. 90),
Exploring New Zealand (pg. 92)

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
Your time in Fiji comes to an end today. (B)

Due to flight schedules, on some departures the optional Fiji extension is 2 nights and is slightly lower priced. 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 6 passengers is required for this extension to operate. The internal flights are not included in the extension land cost. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

4 MEALS - $599*
3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

ACCOMMODATIONS
Sofitel Fiji Resort

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
❶ ② ③ ④ ⑤
See page 105 for details.

*USD, per person, land only, double occupancy. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Your extension may require 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.

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 U.S. 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? Normal check-in time is late afternoon in most locations. 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 travelers 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 105) for details.

Can you tell me more about the safaris? In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be traveling 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 travelers 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 theater performances suitable for children? Some theater 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 the USA. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements. We recommend that your passport has six months validity, and at least 3 blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each client.

International Borders Any child under age 16 (traveling without a parent or legal guardian to Canada) must have written permission from a parent or legal guardian.

Please be advised that if you have been convicted of an offense, or have committed a criminal act that is an offense under the laws where it occurred and would be an offense in Canada, you may be inadmissible into Canada. You will need to apply for a Minister's Permit of Approval of Rehabilitation at a Canadian Consulate. All other travelers should contact the appropriate consulate for entry requirements in other international destinations.

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 canceled while on tour are nonrefundable.

What do these symbols mean?

L — 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.

CL — 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.

RC — 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 counselors 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 counselors 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 transfers (for the first and last day of the tour) at an additional cost of $100 per person, roundtrip. 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 in many U.S. cities within a 50 mile radius from more than 90 airport gateways.* Service is available between 51 and 75 miles for a small fee. Not valid on group travel.

*One transfer per room booking. Additional stops are not permitted on route.

The Collette Passport Club

What is the Collette Passport Club? Formerly known as Travel Loyalty by Collette (TLC), Collette has relaunched a new, more inclusive loyalty program called the Collette Passport Club. For guests who are already enrolled in TLC no action is required. New guests who complete a trip that departs on or after 9/4/17 will automatically be enrolled in the program. Collette Passport Club members receive a $150 travel credit for each trip they take* along with various other benefits.

*Full credit is valid for your next tour when travel is completed within 12 months of the original trip. $100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months. Credit expires 24 months after the original trip.

Our Awards

2016 TRAVVY AWARD WINNER

2016 Travel Weekly Magellan Awards Gold Award

2016 Travel Weekly Magellan Awards Silver Award

2017 Travel Age West wave Award — Best Tour Operator, U.S. National Parks — Collette

Partnerships

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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[3]	Elite Airfare[4]
Receive roundtrip home to airport sedan service – your journey begins at home![1]	●	●	●
Free roundtrip airport to hotel transfers included[2]	●	●	●
Dedicated Concierge Service			●
Lounge Passes[5]			●
Express Check-In[5]			●
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)			●

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[1]This roundtrip home to airport sedan service is included in many U.S. cities within a 50 mile radius from more than 90 airport gateways when you purchase an air-inclusive tour. Service is available between 51 and 75 miles for a small fee. One transfer per room booking. Additional stops not permitted on route. Not valid on group travel. [2]These transfers are available on the first and last day of the actual tour dates and when you are traveling 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. [3]Instant Purchase Airfare is offered on select dates; consult your booking agent. [4]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; only on the international/long-haul portion of your journey. [5]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 per person, double occupancy, unless otherwise noted. Availability of departures at the prices noted in the brochure is limited. For current prices, please see our website. Government taxes and fees are additional. Land rates are guaranteed at time of deposit.

The land price includes those land based items delineated as included in the package itinerary and does not include any other items such as 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.

Payments

Land Package Deposit

- A $250 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica, Cruises only and Oberammergau reservations, a non-refundable $500 deposit is required. An additional $1000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. An additional $1500 is due one year prior to departure for Oberammergau.

Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- A $500 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation.
- For Antarctica, Cruise and Oberammergau air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable $750 deposit is required. An additional $1000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. An additional $1500 is due one year prior to departure for Oberammergau.

Instant Purchase Air

- If you have selected Instant Purchase Air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airfare plus a $500 deposit, all of which is non-refundable

Should you decide to purchase our per-person 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).

Final Payment

Unless otherwise noted, the balance is due 60 days before departure on all tours, except cruises, Antarctica, Galapagos and Oberammergau. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises, Antarctica, Galapagos and Oberammergau. Payment may be made by charging to clients' Mastercard, Visa, American Express, or Discover (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a check or money order. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit. Payment may also be made online at https://reservations.gocollette.com/payment.aspx.

TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:
Collette: 1-800-611-3361

PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO:
Collette Travel Service, 162 Middle Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attn: Accounts Receivable

Revision Fees

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 departure will be treated as a cancellation, and cancellation charges will apply.

Cancellation Charges

Cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates both 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 land or cruise price
- 15 - 1 day prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- Day of departure and after: 100% of land or cruise price

Exceptions:

Ocean Cruises:

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 35% of land or cruise price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 85% of land or cruise price
- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

Galapagos & Antarctica:

- More than 120 days prior to departure: nonrefundable deposits will be retained.
- 120 - 90 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 89 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

Oberammergau

- More than 120 days prior to departure – a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 120 - 91 days prior to departure - 75% of total price
- 90 days - 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 customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%.

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 inclusive 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). Instant Purchase nonrefundable airfare requires full payment at the time of booking. 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, and 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.

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.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made.* Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler 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 traveler 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.

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.

Seat Rotation

Seats are rotated onboard the coach for all Collette tours under the direction of the tour manager. So that we do not show partiality among passengers, exceptions cannot be made.

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 and the conditions you experience may be different than depicted in the photograph(s).

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 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.

There are limitations by coach and air carrier as to the number and size of bags which can be carried onboard and in bulk storage. Be sure to ask your travel professional about such restrictions before departing for your tour.

Checked Baggage Charges:
Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any 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.

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. If you decide to make a reservation, you acknowledge and agree that you are physically well enough to travel and understand that medical facilities may not be similar to what you are accustomed to at home. You must bring enough medication with you for the trip. 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, including for tours designated as "guaranteed departures." 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 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 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 105 and supersede any other previously printed policies relating to these same charges.

GENERAL DISCLAIMER
Collette montiors security situations around the world as well as government travel advisories. Conditions may require Collette to change or even cancel trips. You accept the risks involved in travel, both foreign and domestic, and accept responsibility for your own travel decisions. Guests may be required to review and sign a participation agreement prior to engaging in certain activities on the trip.

Neither Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively "Collette"), own or operate any person or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for these trips. You agree to be bound by the conditions of carriage for all transportation providers. Collette does not maintain control or operate the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers it uses and as such Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any 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 other employees or agents, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any of these suppliers, or (3) any wrongful, willful or negligent act or omission on the part of any other party.

Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, agents, shareholders, officers, successors and assigns (collectively "Collette"), from all suits, actions, losses, damages, claims or liability for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity which is occasioned by any negligent acts or omissions of Collette arising out of any goods or services provided for this or these trips.

Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, war, terrorism, computer problems, or other such causes. Other risks may arise such as, but not limited to, hazards of traveling in foreign countries including undeveloped areas, the hazards of travel by aircraft, bus, van, train, automobile or other motorized vehicle, differing safety standards, sickness, criminal acts committed by others, allergic reactions, and/or animal encounters. You are voluntarily participating in the tour and Collette, and as lawful consideration for the agreement to travel with Collette, you agree not to make a claim against Collette, its related companies, officers and employees for injuries, death, or any other claim and agree to release Collette, its related companies, officers and employees from any such claim. This release is binding on all members of your traveling party, as well as your Estate and heirs and this provision shall be enforceable even after your trip has ended. If you make your own air reservations, Collette is not responsible and shall provide no refund if your flight schedule changes so that you are not able to enjoy the entirety of your tour. All services and accommodations are subject to 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 Collette deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. Collette reserves the right to withdraw any tour announced. Collette reserves 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. If you are traveling with children, you are solely responsible for their behavior and monitoring them throughout the tour. 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.

Collette is not responsible, and will not be bound by, representations made by third party representatives, travel agents, unaffiliated websites, or any other party.

Participants may be photographed for the promotional purposes of Collette. In addition, any comments that you submit as a review or your social media posts may be used for Collette's promotional purposes.

Payment of the deposit to Collette constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Collette reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions at any time, without notice.

FORUM SELECTION AND CHOICE OF LAW
THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED AND INTERPRETED PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES HERETO AND THE FEDERAL AND STATE COURTS IN RHODE ISLAND SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE AND SOLE JURISDICTION OVER ANY DISPUTE, CONTROVERSY OR SUIT ARISING RELATIVE TO THIS AGREEMENT.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS
While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of information in our brochures, on our website or communicated by our reservation staff, errors or omissions are possible and Collette is not responsible for such error. If a mistake is made in billing, we reserve the right to correct the invoice and you will be responsible for proper payment.

SEVERABILITY
In the event that any clause in this agreement is determined to be invalid, the remaining provisions are valid and enforceable. The invalid provision shall be replaced by Collette by a clause as similar as practicable.

Consumer Protection Plans

Collette is a member of the following organizations: the National Tour Association, the United States Tour Operators Association, 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.

Collette is proud to be a member of USTOA (United States Tour Operators Association), an association that represents the tour operator industry. The USTOA logo on our brochures signifies that Collette is a member in good standing and is backed by their $1 Million Travelers Assistance Program. Collette, as an Active Member of USTOA, is required to post $1 million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program, the advance payments of Collette customers in the unlikely event of Collette's bankruptcy, insolvency or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the $1 million posted by Collette may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by Collette. Complete details of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program may be obtained by email to information@ustoa.com or by visiting their website at www.USTOA.com.

Collette is pleased to give this additional protection to our clients.

Collette's Travel Protection Plan

Following is an outline of the Non-Insurance Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver, Insurance Benefits and non-insurance assistance services that make up the Travel Protection Plan.

Part A Waiver Only provided by Collette Travel Service, Inc.: The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company. Payment of a per person Travel Protection Plan fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan fee itself, made to Collette 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 you have purchased from Collette.

Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, this Part A Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, 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).

The Part A Waiver portion of 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. The Part A Waiver portion of the 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.

Collette's Part A Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of 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 this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement.

Payment of the Travel Protection Plan Fee (if chosen) must be received by Collette with your deposit. The fee is nontransferable and valid for each applicant only.

Collette can assume no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any wrongful, negligent or unauthorized acts or omissions of any travel agent or travel agency other than that of Collette Travel Service, Inc. itself, and its own employees.

Where to Present Part A Claims

To request a refund under the Part A Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan, please call Collette and send any unused airline tickets to:

Collette
ATTN: Customer Service Department
162 Middle Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

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.

Following is an outline of the Services and Insurance Plan Benefits provided.

PART A – Benefits Provided By Collette:
Pre-departure Cancellation Fee Waiver up to Trip Cost

The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company.

Part B Insurance Benefits provided by United States Fire Insurance Company: On tour, insurance benefits are provided if you: must interrupt your trip or return home early for a covered reason; incur medical expenses for a covered sickness or injury; need medical assistance or evacuation; suffer a baggage loss or delay of more than 24 hours; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS	MAXIMUM BENEFIT AMOUNT
• Trip Cancellation	Amount Purchased*
• Trip Interruption	150% of Trip Cost
• Single Supplement	$1,000
• Missed Connection	$1,500
• Travel Delay (Up of $100 per Day)	$1,500
• Medical Expense/Emergency Evacuation	
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	$25,000
Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation	$50,000
• Accidental Death & Dismemberment	$25,000
• Baggage and Personal Effects	$1,500
• Baggage Delay	$200

*This benefit is only applicable to Instant Purchase (nonrefundable) air tickets and does not cover any other land, air or water travel arrangements.

PART B Insurance Benefit Exclusions & Limitations

1. suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; 2. an act of declared or undeclared war; 3. participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; 4. riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; 5. mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); 6. participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; 7. participating in skydiving or parachuting except parasailing, hang gliding, bungee cord jumping, extreme skiing, skiing outside marked trails or heli-skiing, any race, speed contests, spelunking or caving, or scuba diving if the depth exceeds 120 feet (40 meters) 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 defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; 10. the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; 11. normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; 12. dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); 13. due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Plan. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; 14. any amount paid or payable under any Worker's Compensation, Disability Benefit or similar law; 15. a loss or damage caused by detention, confiscation or destruction by customs; 16. Elective Treatment and Procedures; 17. medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment; 18. failure of any tour operator, Common Carrier, or other travel supplier, person or agency to provide the bargained-for travel arrangements for reasons other than Bankruptcy or Default; 19. a mental or nervous condition, unless hospitalized for that condition while the Plan is in effect for You; or 20. a loss that results from a Sickness, Injury, disease or other condition, event or circumstance which occurs at a time when the Plan is not in effect for You.

The Part B Insurance Benefits are underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, 5 Christopher Way, 2nd Flr, Eatontown, NJ 07724 under Policy Form Series T-210 MP.

Non-Insurance Services	
One Call 24-Hour Assistance Services	Included
Global Xpi Medical Records Services	Included

Non-Insurance Services: are not insurance benefits underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company. One Call 24-Hour Assistance Services are provided by: One Call Worldwide Travel Services Network, Inc. and Global Xpi Medical Records Services are provided by Trip Mate.

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW: Benefits on this page are described on a general basis only. There are certain restrictions, exclusions and limitations that apply to all insurance coverages. This advertisement does not constitute or form any part of the Plan Description or any other contract of any kind. Plan benefits, limits and provisions may vary by state jurisdiction. To review full plan details online, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF430C.

Plan Administrator: Trip Mate, Inc. (in CA & UT, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency) 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64114, 1-800-888-7292.

Collette's Travel Protection Plan Pricing (per person)

The Cost of the Travel Protection Plan includes a Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver Provided By Collette Travel Service, Inc., insurance benefits underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, as well as non-insurance assistance services provided by One Call Worldwide Travel Services Network, Inc. and Trip Mate.

Land Only Clients:

- $99 adult/$99 child for all domestic escorted tours under 6 days
- $235 adult/$135 child for all domestic escorted tours of 6 days or more
- $295 adult/$160 child for all international tours not otherwise listed below
- $335 adult/$195 child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- $450 adult/$225 child for Galapagos tours
- $450 adult/child for Oberammergau tours (**must** accompany 1st deposit)
- $925 adult/$425 child for Antarctica 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 cost. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

Air-Inclusive Clients (Collette Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)

- $110 adult/child for all domestic tours under 6 days
- $275 adult/child for all domestic tours of 6 days or more
- $315 adult/child for all international tours not otherwise listed below
- $385 adult/child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- $500 adult/child for Galapagos tours
- $500 adult/child for Oberammergau tours (**must** accompany 1st deposit)
- $975 adult/child for Antarctica 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 may be 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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Take giving back one step further on an Impact Travel program, a new tour style. Blend sightseeing with giving back on these meaningful journeys. Explore the must-sees, take in the beauty of the destinations and take time to volunteer. Work alongside the local community toward sustainable changes and community betterment. **Share our passion for giving through travel.**

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> ***Doing our** little part to improve the lives of communities around the world was so rewarding, we really feel this is just the beginning for us!*
>
> — Chris & Dottie Carey, Impact Tour travelers

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SOUTH AFRICA IMPACT TOUR

NOVEMBER 8, 2018 • 13 DAYS • 20 MEALS

$3099
PER PERSON
DOUBLE, LAND ONLY

South Africa awaits, greeting you with breathtaking mountain scenery, winding coastlines, remarkable cultural diversity and abundant wildlife. Embrace the opportunity to give back to this truly unique country while experiencing the best South Africa has to offer.

DAY 1 Overnight Flight

DAY 2 Sandton, South Africa - Tour Begins

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, take 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, made mostly of red sandstone and known as one of Africa's greatest natural wonders. Set against the triple mountain formation of the Three Rondovals, resembling traditional round houses of the indigenous people, the canyon is the third largest in the world. Along this magnificent route you will also see Bourke's Luck Potholes, the dramatic natural cylinders shaped by millions of years of natural erosion. 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
Have your camera ready for an unforgettable day of adventure and excitement! 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 giraffes in the natural beauty of Kruger National Park. (B, L, D)

DAY 6 Kruger National Park - Johannesburg - George - Knysna Travel back to Johannesburg to board your flight to George. Upon arrival, travel to the picturesque resort town of Knysna, in the heart of the Garden Route, for a 3-night stay. (B)

DAY 7 Knysna Embark on a tour of the Knysna Township, which highlights the diversity of this community. Then, spend your day at a school funded by The Knysna Education Trust. Learn how the children benefit from the trust and the Collette Foundation. Choose your volunteer activity today! Perhaps you would like to take part in a reading activity, assist with a lesson plan or help the children with an educational craft. In addition, you might choose to get your hands dirty by helping to paint a school mural to brighten up the classrooms, or assist in some maintenance in one of the vital eating gardens that the children of Knysna depend on daily. This evening, enjoy some time to independently explore. (B, L)

DAY 8 Knysna Today, visit the Featherbed Nature Reserve. Set off on a lagoon cruise 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 to Knysna. This afternoon, travel to a village to present Hippo Water Rollers to villagers on behalf of the Collette Foundation. Hippo Water Rollers were created to make the labor-intensive task of collecting clean water in more remote South African villages vastly easier and much more efficient. These water vessels change lives and meeting the community that benefits from them will be an experience you won't soon forget. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 Knysna - Cape Town 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. En route to Cape Town, stop at a wine farm to sample the local offerings of this famous wine producing region. Later, arrive in the beautiful harborside city of Cape Town. (B)

DAY 10 Cape Town Enjoy a panoramic tour of this lovely 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.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Choose your volunteer activity in the Knysna Township, at a school funded by the Knysna Education Trust.
- Present Hippo Rollers to villagers on behalf of the Collette Foundation.
- Volunteer in Stellenbosch for a program that helps the local children and community.

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 11 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. This afternoon, explore Cape Town at your leisure. (B)

DAY 12 Cape Town - Stellenbosch - Cape Town This morning, visit the Western Cape region of Stellenbosch to volunteer for the Pebbles Project that helps the local children and community. Help decorate classrooms and prepare and distribute lunch to the children. This afternoon, set out on a walking tour of Stellenbosch with a local expert. This evening, experience a unique farewell to South Africa as you enjoy a cultural lesson on the djembe drums and a soothing hand washing ceremony before a communal African dining experience! (B, D)

DAY 13 Cape Town - Tour Ends (B)

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COSTA RICA IMPACT TOUR

JANUARY 24, 2019 • 9 DAYS • 14 MEALS

$1949
PER PERSON
DOUBLE, LAND ONLY

Lush rainforests, stunning waterfalls, exotic wildlife, and endless coastlines welcome you to Costa Rica. On this special program, roll up your sleeves and give back to local communities, engage in the culture and soak up the "Pura Vida" lifestyle.

DAY 1 San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in Costa Rica's colorful capital city, San Jose.

DAY 2 San Jose - Coffee Plantation - Guanacaste
Welcome to the Central Valley. Kick off your day with a tour of a local coffee plantation and gain insight into the history and cultivation of this driver of the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, arrive in breathtaking Guanacaste, known for its sandy beaches. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort and take in the mesmerizing ocean views. (B, D)

DAY 3 Guanacaste - Huacas - Guanacaste
Today, embrace the opportunity to give back through our partnership with the CEPIA organization, a nonprofit that promotes culture, health and education for impoverished children and their families in the communities in Guanacaste. Take part in "Going Local", a sustainable voluntourism endeavor created by the local youth that highlights the town of Huacas during a walking tour. This afternoon, participate in hands-on activities at CEPIA or help at the community center and learn about the Collette Foundation's support of CEPIA. (B, L)

DAY 4 Guanacaste - Monteverde After some leisure time in Guanacaste, it's off to the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Set off on a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem. Along the way, you may encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. Keep your eyes peeled and you may be lucky enough to spot the elusive quetzal! (B, D)

DAY 5 Monteverde It's your choice! Explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens and a dazzling gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds before joining an expert for a "Hanging Bridges" walking tour to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest's lush ecosystem. Or you may take an exhilarating ride on one of the longest canopy zip line tours in Costa Rica. This evening, take part in an expert-led discussion about the importance of conservation to the local flora and fauna. (B, D)

DAY 6 Monteverde - Lake Arenal Cruise - Arenal
Learn about the importance of indigenous trees and actively take part in Monteverde's reforestation efforts during a visit to a tree nursery. Cross through the beautiful mountainous landscapes to Arenal, where spectacular views of the famous volcano await. Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, the largest and most important lake in Costa Rica. Later, check in for your 2-night stay at a lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. (B, D)

DAY 7 Arenal This morning, roll up your sleeves and make a positive impact on the local community during some volunteer time. Projects may include beautification of schools or parks where the children learn and play. Later we return to Arenal for the chance to relax and take in the breathtaking views. (B)

DAY 8 Arenal - Zarcero - San Jose Journey to the charming town of Zarcero to explore its fanciful topiary garden. Continue to San Jose to see the treasures of the city on a panoramic tour. See the bustling Plaza de Cultura and the National Theatre, a magnificent building of post-Baroque splendor. This evening, say farewell to paradise during a wonderful dinner with your fellow travelers. (B, D)

DAY 9 San Jose - Tour Ends Today you depart for home with fond memories of your Costa Rica impact tour. (B)

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Volunteer in Guanacaste with CEPIA, an organization that works to promote health and education for youth and families from impoverished backgrounds.
- Enjoy a youth-led walking tour through Huacas that is part of a sustainable voluntourism program.
- Learn about Costa Rica's conservation efforts.
- Give back in beautiful Arenal.

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To learn more about our Centennial, visit Collette100.com

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