

# This travel guide could find its way into your hands, anywhere and anytime.

Maybe you're sitting down in your office, with a stack of mail in your hand, ready to start the day. Maybe you're sitting on the couch with a cup of tea in your hand, idly flipping through the pages. Maybe you just picked it up off a coffee table, because the picture on the cover caught your attention.

Travel can take you somewhere that feeds your soul, or shows you new experiences. Opening up this cover, and flipping through these pages, could start a chain reaction that takes you across the globe, seeing new sights, tasting new foods, and meeting people you never thought you would. This travel guide could help you discover your reason for travel, that deep-down feeling that pushes you out the door and on to a new city, a new culture, a new friend.

We've been inspiring and guiding people to journey across this big, beautiful world for a hundred years now. From our humble beginnings as a motor coach tour company, to today, where we offer tours worldwide, we've learned that travel feeds soul. And it fulfills different people in different ways, but we've learned that it always means something. Something special.

We don't know where you're reading this travel guide right now, but we do know this — this is the beginning of something wonderful.



Daniel Vullian J

Daniel J. Sullivan, Jr. Chief Executive Officer



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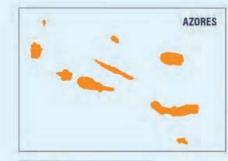


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# TOURING FOR **TODAY'S TRAVELLER** With 100 years of guided travel experience, FINLAND Collette can help you navigate Europe. NORWAY COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE SWEDEN Stockholm Many of our European tour dates line up so you can go from one experience to another. It's a great way to explore more of the continent's distinctive regions. NETHERLANDS Manchester INITED KINGDOM Warsaw | Berlin 📑 POLAND London S **GERMANY** Southern Italy & Sicily **Discover Croatia** Frankfurt **CZECH REPUBLIC** Paris (S) Munich | FRANCE SLOVENIA CROATIA ITALY Madrid 🔠 Tel Aviv Cairo

# CHOICE AND PERSONALISATION

Our industry-leading tour managers draw on their rich backgrounds and extensive training to enhance your journey. Choices of dining, superior hand-picked hotels and 'It's Your Choice' are all part of the Collette experience.



Churchill Museum

# TIME BETWEEN TOURS

Whether it's a rail journey across the United Kingdom or a few nights in Barcelona, Collette and your travel agent can help you make the most of the time you spend between tours.



View maps for each tour itinerary online at collette.com.au



# Access thousands of honest, first-hand reviews

The best descriptions of what it's like to travel with Collette come directly from our own travellers. We've heard from so many of you, online, on social media, through our feedback on Feefo, and through letters and surveys. Not only do your reviews help us improve tours and your overall experience, but they also provide key insights for new guests.



# Collette is proud to be a Feefo Trusted Service Award Winner in 2018.

That means you, our trusted travellers, gave us a Feefo service rating of over 4.0, and we couldn't be prouder. Feefo, an independent review platform, allows us to collect feedback while being 100% transparent and open. Our commitment to giving you the best travel experience possible is always important to us.

So keep giving us feedback!

The selection of all the places we visited, the quality of the hotels we stayed in, all the restaurants included in the tour, and the expertise, friendliness, sense of humor, and endless patience of the tour manager made this one of

— COLLETTE TRAVELLER
ON THE BEST OF EASTERN CANADA

the very best tours I have ever been on! ??



We have used Collette several times before, and have become accustomed to their great service.

We did not have to worry about anything from start to finish, which

is what we like. From booking to travelling - all A+. >>

 COLLETTE TRAVELLER ON EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA



66 I definitely will recommend

**Collette**, in fact already have...The tour was perfectly paced, the tour guide and driver were compatible and enjoyed each other which made the travellers enjoy our trip even more.

We are already talking about "where to next"!

- COLLETTE TRAVELLER ON ELEGANT IRELAND



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As we celebrate 100 years in business, we think back to that first jitney bus carrying New Englanders from Boston 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 travellers navigate all seven continents in style.

# JOUR 100 YEAR JOURNEY

(1918)

# OUR STORY begins

Jack Collette establishes Collette and runs a 21-day trip from Boston to Florida for \$68.50.



# **NEW DESTINATIONS**

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



# **CHANGING THE STORY**

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



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 travellers.

Our experts are always looking ahead, carving out new paths just as Jack Collette did a century ago.

# THANK YOU

Our 100-year travel journal could never be written without you, our travellers. 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

Follow along and join the conversation as we celebrate our centennial:

#Collette100



# **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.



# **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 throughout Europe from
Switzerland to Scandinavia make Collette a
leader in guided tours worldwide.



# 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.



# Designing experiences

Our tour designers dedicate themselves to bringing you the best experiences in travel, every single year. Whether you're looking to see all the classic sights, or seeking an immersive cultural adventure, there's always something fresh and new for our travellers to see. We've designed travel experiences for 100 years now, and we never get tired of seeking out the extraordinary.



# LA BELLE SEINE

Climb aboard your ship for a relaxing 7-night cruise that takes you to the charming towns, intriguing art, and coastal landscapes of the Normandy region. (SEE PAGE 124)



# TREASURES OF EUROPE

Be whisked away on a romantic journey via rail and encounter some of the most quintessential sights of Europe – from the Eiffel Tower to Michelangelo's *David*. (SEE PAGE 70)

# new this year

# **MEMORIALS OF WORLD WAR II**

A JOURNEY OF HISTORY AND REVERENCE Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day on this sojourn dedicated to remembering a major milestone in history - the Second World War. (SEE PAGE 72)



# **CLASSICAL GREECE**

Learn the history of this fascinating country from local experts as you explore Athens, Meteora, Delphi, Olympia and Corinth. (SEE PAGE 94)



# **SPAIN & MOROCCO**

The resplendent charm of Spain and the unique tapestry of Morocco combines on this spellbinding tour. (SEE PAGE 90)



# EXPLORATIONS BY COLLETTE



### **ITALY'S BELLA VITA**

Isn't it time you lived the good life? Uncover the culture, cuisine, and charms of la bella vita.

(SEE PAGE 144)



# **SWITZERLAND:** HIDDEN TRAILS & MAJESTIC PEAKS

Idyllic beauty nestled in the mountains. Set your sights on an active journey across Switzerland. (SEE PAGE 150)

# Introducing a new Explorations experience



# THE NOVELTIES OF NORTHERN SPAIN

Take a note from Hemingway. A feast of flavours, sights and sounds await in Northern Spain. (SEE PAGE 136) Explorations gives travellers access to the world in a new way, venturing with a small group of like-minded travellers on immersive adventures.

Lace up your sneakers and prepare to walk, bike, hike, and explore on these active and engaging journeys.

Turn to page 128 or visit EXPLORATIONS.COM for a deeper look into Explorations.



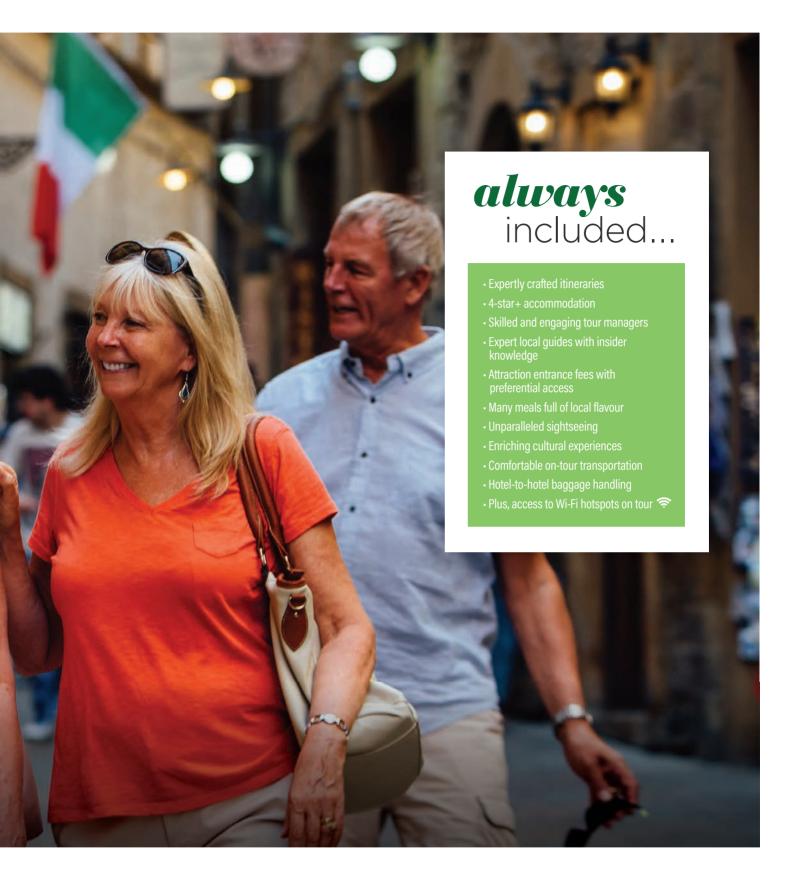
# MORE PEACE OF MIND

Every single moment of your travel experience is important, big and small. We want you to sit back and enjoy the entire journey. Whether it's selecting a destination, getting you to and from the airport, our unrivalled Travel Protection plan, or our 24/7 support, we're always there to keep your mind at ease.

SEE PAGE 12 TO LEARN MORE.

# **MORE EXPERTISE**

Collette is a family-owned, award-winning leader in travel, with 100 years of experience behind us. Our passionate tour design team is constantly keeping their finger on the pulse of the travel world, staying ahead of what's trending. Plus, with a professional Tour Manager and local guides by your side, you'll never miss a thing. **SEE PAGE 14 TO LEARN MORE.** 



# **MORE FLEXIBILITY**

Everyone travels differently, and Collette wants to craft the perfect travel experience for you. That means offering options like pre- and post-night stays in the world's greatest cities, tour extensions, built-in free time, and It's Your Choice excursions. More customisation makes every moment feel like your own personal adventure.

SEE PAGE 16 TO LEARN MORE.

# MORE ON TOUR

We don't just try to meet your expectations, we seek to exceed them. Including more iconic must-sees and cultural immersion is just the beginning. We also include more meals at local restaurants, more authentic dining experiences, and more menu choices. Add in carefully selected 4-star+ accommodation and the stage is set for a truly amazing journey. **SEE PAGE 22 TO LEARN MORE.** 



# By your side 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 with a new experience in front of you and do it all without having to worry about a thing.

# relax, we're on it...

# **UNPACK LESS, ENJOY MORE**

## PERFECTED TOUR PACING

More than 40 of our tours feature zero one-night hotel stays. It means you'll spend the right amount of time in each destination and less time packing and unpacking.

(SEE PAGE 191)



# **GUARANTEED TO GO**

### **BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE**

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



# 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 CHAUFFEUR SERVICE**

# **INCLUDED PERSONAL TOUCHES**

Leave the hassle of getting to the airport behind. Enjoy roundtrip home to airport chauffeur service with the purchase of international air. It's the perfect way to begin (and end) your journey. (SEE PAGE 191)





# THE Collette Passport CLUB

# **RECOGNISING OUR LOYAL GUESTS**

Travel with Collette to become members of Collette's loyalty program, the Collette Passport Club (formerly Travel Loyalty by Collette or TLC). Members automatically earn a \$150 credit every time they travel along with various other benefits. Former TLC members with existing credits will have them automatically applied to their account. (SEE PAGE 191 FOR MORE DETAILS)



# 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.



# **TOUR DESIGN TEAM**

It all starts with perfectly planned itineraries. Our design team travels the globe, seeking out new and authentic inclusions. Along the way they vet each element of their tours – from the accommodation 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.

# every traveller is different, so make your trip your own







# START EARLY AND/OR STAY LONGER

Spend more time in the city that starts or ends your tour by adding a pre-night or post-night stay to your trip. Arrive earlier, stay longer, and see the city's great sights.

# **STOPOVER**

When you book airfare with Collette, you have the option to add a stopover city en route to your tour or on your way home. How long you stay and explore is up to you. Available stopover cities are listed on select itineraries.

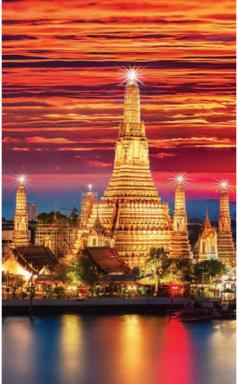
# **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

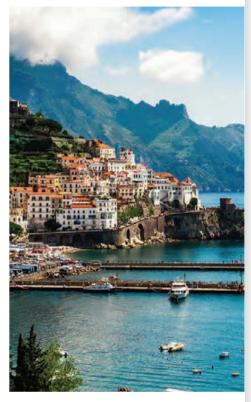
Enhance your experience by choosing from our optional excursions. Each one is carefully selected to offer you a deeper perspective on your destination.

# more flexibility

There is a menu of options for you to choose from to make your tour perfect. With features such as pre and post nights stays, tour extensions, and on-tour options, you can make every day a personal adventure.







# **DINING EXPERIENCES**

On select tours, our Diner's Choice feature allows you to choose where to enjoy your included dinner for that evening. Find just the right spot from a list of local restaurants.

# **TOUR EXTENSIONS**

Add an extension to the beginning or the end of your tour to ensure that you'll make even more unforgettable memories while exploring the world.

SEE PAGES 188-189 FOR FULL LISTING.

# **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.

# TAILOR HOW YOU GET THERE AND BACK



# **ELITE AIRFARE**

Land rested, refreshed, and ready when you book a business, premium economy, or first-class ticket with Collette.

SEE PAGE 192



# PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR SERVICE

Start your trip off right – get picked up and dropped off at the airport by our Private Chauffeur Service when you reserve an international air-inclusive tour.

SEE PAGE 191



# Variety is the spice of life

No matter how you want to see the world, Collette has a perfect travel style for you. Whether you want to travel across an entire country, dive into a local culture, or come to know one of the world's greatest cities, Collette has the travel experience to match.



# CLASSIC COLLETTE'S FLAGSHIP

Collette's **Classic** 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.



# 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.



# 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.



# 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.



**FAITH**SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS

Collette's collection of **Faith** tours has been created with our religious travelers in mind. The focus is on creating inspiring travel experiences in world-famous spiritual locations.

# **Oberammergau** 2020 PASSION PLAY

Choose from 8 tours, including a once-a-decade performance of the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. SEE PAGE 176





# It's Your Choice

Everyone's road is different, and that's why Collette offers It's Your Choice excursions. Many of our itineraries now feature different paths you can take. Before your departure, simply select the included excursions that best suit your interest. On select days, you'll set out on these customised included experiences.





# WITH IT'S YOUR CHOICE,

choose an excursion before departure, and personalise your

# adventure!

# **POETRY IN MOTION**

Visit Rydal Mount, the home of poet William Wordsworth **OR** soak up some poetic inspiration on a guided hike through glacial valleys and along lakeside trails.

**ENGLAND'S TREASURES - PAGE 62** 





# INVIGORATING SPIRITS & LUXURIOUS CASTLES

Visit the Old Midleton Distillery where a guided tour and tasting will showcase the extraordinary story of Jameson Irish Whiskey **OR** choose to stay behind to stroll Castlemartyr's 220 stunning acres and enjoy its amenities.

**ELEGANT IRELAND - PAGE 54** 





# ANCIENT ARCHITECTURE

Join a local expert on a panoramic tour of Madrid's architectural treasures followed by a visit to the Prado Museum **OR** take a walking tour featuring sites of the Hapsburg era.

**MADRID & BARCELONA - PAGE 82** 

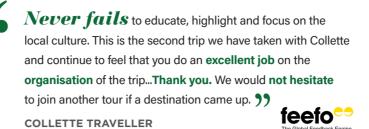


# more on tour



# Must-sees

**THE EIFFEL TOWER. BIG BEN. THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA.** Our carefully crafted itineraries include the iconic, must-see sights for each destination. Seeing the grand iconic sights of the world in person creates a richer portrait of each incredible destination.









# Cultural experiences

**SAVOURING SPANISH TAPAS. SEEING THE MONA LISA. TAKING A DIP IN THE BLUE LAGOON.** These cultural experiences, selected by our experts, allow you to truly come to know both the destination and the people who call it home.

# more on tour



# **MEALS BECOME MEMORABLE MOMENTS**

Inspire your taste for other cultures with authentic cuisine in authentic settings. Our culinary experiences allow you to explore new cultures in an engaging and flavourful way.



# faith tours: we're listening

On our **Faith** tours, our travellers are focusing on their faith and their sanctimonious surroundings. To match that, we try to reflect a humble spirit without sacrificing comfort, staying at 3-star and above accommodation.



# Accommodation

# **4-STAR AND ABOVE ACCOMMODATION**

Whether it's the amenities, the history, the view, or the location, your accommodation becomes a highlight all its own. We enhance your travel experience by strategically selecting hotels that truly capture the destination.



# Caring for the places we live, work & travel

At Collette, we believe that social responsibility betters us all. From implementing education and nutrition initiatives on a local and global scale, to empowering our employees with learning opportunities and personalised growth plans, to reducing our environmental footprint, we are committed to making our world a better place to live, work, and travel.

# corporate

# social responsibility

These social responsibility pillars influence every decision we make as a company and as human beings. They aren't just a priority – they are the Collette way of life.



# PEOPLE

# Fostering Growth, Opportunity, and Well-Being

Our people are our most valuable asset. We invest in our employees by providing wellness, education, and volunteering programs, ensuring they have the tools they need to be happy, healthy, and successful.



# COMMUNITY

# Giving Back to the World That Gives Us So Much

Giving back is woven into our DNA. From serving food at a local soup kitchen, to building a new school for children in Kenya, we are passionate about caring for those who need it the most—in our back yard and around the world.



# **TRAVEL**

# Making the Journey Mindful, Immersive, and Responsible

We help sustain and preserve communities, cultures, and traditions on our travels, allowing our guests to responsibly discover the world.



# **PLANET**

# Working to Reduce Our Carbon Footprint

The earth is filled with awe-inspiring natural wonders. That's why we make responsible decisions to care for it today and improve it for tomorrow.

# **ITALIAN VISTAS**

12 DAYS · 17 MEALS FROM \$3999

land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Get an in-depth tour of the famous Colosseum
- · Relax on a scenic boat ride to the enchanting Isle of Capri.
- · Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Visit the Academy Museum in Florence to see Michelangelo's famous statue of David.
- · Stroll the streets of Verona the backdrop for Romeo and Juliet.
- · Enjoy the magic of the Italian lakes in the captivating resort of Stresa.



# **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 9 | Enjoy a walking tour which includes St. Mark's Square, the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs or experience the Castello Sestiere district as you walk by canals through the narrow streets of this unique city.



# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 11 breakfasts 1 lunch 5 dinners
- · Visit a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample the local wines.



# **ACCOMMODATION**

- Days 1 3 Grand Hotel Palatino, The K Boutique Hotel, Mediterraneo Hotel or Kolbe Hotel, Rome
- Days 4, 5 Towers Hotel or Michelangelo Hotel, Sorrento
- Davs 6, 7 Grand Hotel Baglioni or Starhotels Michelangelo, Florence
- Days 8, 9 B4 Bellini Venezia, Venice
- Days 10, 11 Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 12345 See page 191 for details.



# From the ancient ruins of Pompeii to the chic charm of Capri, this is one spectacular Italian getaway.

# **START EARLY**

Rome: Spend an extra evening in the historic "Vatican City." CALL FOR DETAILS.

## Day 1: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Welcome to Rome. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and Italian wines. (D)

Day 2: Rome - Classical Rome City Tour

A locally guided tour of Classical Rome features such sights as the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus and the Arch of Constantine. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. The catacombs, burial place of early Christians, the mythic Pantheon, and Piazza Navona are also featured. (B)

### Day 3: Rome

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Rome's cultural treasures. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, will be on your personal sightseeing list. (B)

# Day 4: Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento Coast

Journey south towards the brilliant Bay of Naples where charming villages are built into hillsides above a sparkling blue sea. Soak in 2,000 years of history during your discovery of the excavated ruins of Pompeii. A local guide provides an in-depth view of this remarkably preserved archaeological site. Continue to the scenic resort town of Sorrento and take some time to explore the city independently. You may wish to visit the Duomo, a Romanesque cathedral with inlaid woodwork, a famous local Sorrento craft. End your day on the breathtaking Sorrento Coast. (B)

## Day 5: Sorrento Coast - Isle of Capri -Sorrento Coast

A scenic boat ride brings you to the enchanting Isle of Capri. Upon arrival, take a panoramic ride to the island's highest town, Anacapri. Spend time in Capri town with its world-famous piazzetta and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation and outdoor cafés before returning to the Sorrento Coast. (B, D)

# Day 6: Sorrento Coast - Florence

Tuscany unfolds with its panorama of vineyards and olive groves. Florence, the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance," awaits and offers Italy's best art and architecture.







# **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Rome • Colosseum • Ruins of Pompeii • Sorrento Coast • Isle of Capri • Florence • Statue of David • Leaning Tower of Pisa • Tuscan Winery • Venice • Murano Island • Verona • Stresa





Visit the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's magnificent sculpture of David. Tonight, enjoy regional Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

# Day 7: Florence

A locally guided tour highlights the Piazza del Duomo, with its Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery of St. John. You also view the magnificent Piazza della Signoria with its imposing Palazzo Vecchio. (B)

## Day 8: Florence - Pisa - Venice

Visit the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa to discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli, the Duomo (Cathedral), and the famous Leaning Tower. A special stop is made at a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample local wines and specialities. Next, cross the Apennine Mountains en route to Venice where 117 islands are connected by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L)

## Day 9: Venice - Murano Island -Venice

Embark on a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. Then we make our way to St. Mark's Square where it's your choice! Join a local expert who will take you on a walking tour of this famous square to view the Basilica and visit the impressive

Doge's Palace along with the legendary Bridge of Sighs -OR- step off the beaten path and explore the Castello Sestiere district with a local expert; see for yourself how the locals live as you walk canal by canal through the narrow streets lined with churches and historic buildings. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

# Day 10: Venice - Verona - Stresa

Depart Venice for Verona to stroll the streets that were the backdrop for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Arrive in the resort town of Stresa in the breathtaking Italian Lakes District, your home for the next two nights, and admire the beautiful views of Lago Maggiore. (B, D)

## Day 11: Stresa - Locarno, Switzerland -Isola dei Pescatori, Italy - Stresa

Today, cross into Switzerland and the picturesque lakeside resort of Locarno for magnificent views, excellent shopping and charming cafés. Tonight, we travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a farewell dinner while surrounded by beautiful scenery. (B, D)

# Day 12: Stresa - Tour Ends

Your Italian adventure comes to a close today. (B)



Experience more with a **POST-TOUR EXTENSION to:**  **DOUBLE** SINGLE

Starting at \$3999 Starting at \$4999

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 3 December 2019 departure

# January - April 2019

(different itinerary - see note) 23 January 25 February 11, 13, 18, 27 March 1, 3, 8, 24, 29 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

7, 14, 19, 21, 28 May 4, 11, 16, 23, 25 June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 July 6, 13, 20, 27 August 1, 3, 8, 10, 15 September 17, 19, 22 September 24, 29 September 1, 6, 8, 13, 15 October 20, 22, 27 October

5, 10, 12 November 3 December 28 January 18, 25 February 10, 17, 24, 29 March 7, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 April

### VISIT

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### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Italian Vistas and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Rome and depart from Milan. Our air transfers will depart from Stresa to Milan. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

66 Italian Vistas was a wonderful way to see a lot of Italy in a short time. We saw just about everything you can think of when you think of Italy.

# **REFLECTIONS OF ITALY**

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS FROM \$3099

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### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Step to the front of the line to see Michelangelo's famous statue of David.
- · Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Behold medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria.
- · Enjoy a scenic journey through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills.
- · Set out on a locally guided panoramic tour of Rome.



### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 7 In Venice, explore St. Mark's Square and visit the Doge's Palace along with the Bridge of Sighs or stroll through the Castello Sestiere district.



# **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 1 lunch 4 dinners
- · Enjoy a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines.
- · Visit a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region and enjoy a chef-led cooking class with lunch.



# **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Mediterraneo Hotel or The K Boutique Hotel, Rome Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia Day 3

Hotel Albani or Starhotels Days 4, 5 Michelangelo, Florence

Hotel Carlton on the Grand Days 6, 7 Canal, Venice

Day 8 Crowne Plaza Milan Malpensa, Malpensa

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.





Italy shines on this enchanting journey that takes you from the historic piazzas of Rome to the storied canals of Venice and everywhere in between.

# **START EARLY**

Rome: Give yourself more time to be acquainted with Italy's magical capital city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

# Day 1: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Welcome to Italy, a land rich in history, culture, art and romance. We begin in Rome, the "Eternal City." This evening, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. (D)

# Day 2: Rome

This morning you'll come to know the history and traditions of Rome while on a locally guided panoramic tour featuring the impressive Piazza Venezia, the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Constantine, the famous Piazza Navona, and a visit to the Colosseum. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, will be on your personal sightseeing list. (B)

### Day 3: Rome - Assisi - Perugia/Assisi

Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key Italian phrases. Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take in the old-world atmosphere on a guided walking tour of the old city, including the Basilica of St. Francis. Then you're off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. Behold one of the grandest squares in Italy - the Piazza IV Novembre – and delight in the medieval palaces and ornate cathedrals. (B)

# Day 4: Perugia/Assisi - Siena - Florence

A scenic journey through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills brings you to the mystical city of Siena. Delight in its narrow Gothic streets, magnificent palaces and historic Piazza del Campo. After a walking tour with a local expert, take some time to explore the medieval corners of Siena. You are sure to find many surprises among its shops and outdoor cafés. Later, arrive in Florence - the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance" - visit the world-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's incredible statue of David. Tonight, gather for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)







# we make our way to St. Mark's Square where it's your choice! Join a local expert on a walking tour of this famous square to view the stunning Basilica and visit the impressive Doge's Palace and the legendary Bridge of Sighs -OR- go off the beaten path to explore the Castello Sestiere district with a local expert; get to know authentic Venice and see for yourself how the locals live as you walk canal by canal through the narrow streets lined with churches and historic buildings. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently. (B)

# Day 8: Venice - Milan Malpensa

Today you travel to Milan. Take in some of the city's amazing sights on a locally guided walking tour: view the Opera House La Scala and Vittorio Emanuele Gallery, and visit the Duomo - this magnificent Gothic cathedral is the third largest church in Europe. Later, perhaps you will indulge in some shopping at the "Quadrilatero della Moda," Milan's high-fashion district. Continue to Milan Malpensa for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of

Malpensa this morning. (B)

## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Rome - Colosseum - Assisi - Perugia - Siena - Florence -Chianti Winery & Cooking Class • Venice • Murano Island •





# Day 5: Florence

This morning, during your cultural tour of Florence enjoy views of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Palazzo Vecchio and the Church of Santa Croce. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this fascinating city on your own. (B)

### Day 6: Florence - Venice

Start your day with a visit to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region. In the shadow of its 12th-century castle, learn about the winery's famed Tuscan wines and enjoy a chef-led cooking class. Next, sit back and savour regional delicacies during a delicious lunch. This afternoon, journey through central Italy, crossing the wooded Apennine Mountains towards the Valley of the Po. Enchanting Venice awaits with 117 tiny islands and its latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L, D)

# Day 7: Venice - Murano Island -Venice

See Venice from the water as we board a boat bound for Murano Island for an up-close glassblowing demonstration. Discover the secrets of this ancient art and marvel at the intricate designs of each one-of-a-kind piece. Then

an unforgettable trip. (B, D)

# Day 9: Milan Malpensa - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close in Milan

### **DOUBLE** SINGLE

Starting at \$3099 Starting at \$3749

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 26 November 2019 departure

### January - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 25 January 15 February

5, 8, 12, 14, 19, 21, 28 March 4, 9, 11, 25 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May

6.13.20.27 June 9, 16, 25 July 8, 22 August 5, 10, 12 September 19, 26 September 3, 8, 10, 15, 22 October 24, 31 October 5, 7, 12, 14, 26 November

3 December

20 January 11, 13 February 3, 10, 12, 17 March 19, 26, 31 March 2, 14, 21, 23, 28, 30 April

### VISIT

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## **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Reflections of Italy and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Rome and depart from Milan/Malpensa. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

66 The cities we toured were outstanding, but I must say my favourite was Venice. There was something magical about those canals!



# **ROME & THE AMALFI COAST**

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS FROM \$3649

land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Discover the amazing mountaintop monastery of Montecassino.
- · Tour a buffalo milk mozzarella factory.
- · Visit the fascinating National Archaeological Museum in Naples.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Take a panoramic tour of Classical Rome featuring an in-depth, guided visit of the spectacular Colosseum.
- · Visit the seaside resort town of Sorrento.
- · Discover the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 1 lunch 4 dinners
- · In Minori, sample some of the local specialties at a family-owned limoncello
- · Enjoy a tasting and lunch at a local winery at the foot of Mount Vesuvius.



# **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Hotel Imperial, Rome

Hotel Raito, Vietri-sul Mare Days 3 - 7 or Hotel Graal, Amalfi Coast

# **ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE**

During your stay at the Raito Hotel you can choose to enjoy a sea view by upgrading your accommodation to a Superior room, call for Details

A.Roma Lifestyle Hotel Day 8 or Donna Laura Palace, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Art, food, wine, culture, and history: indulge in the finer things in life across Rome and the Amalfi Coast.

# START EARLY

Rome: Begin your journey and say "ciao" to beautiful Roma. CALL FOR DETAILS.

# Day 1: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Journey through southern Italy and experience its rich scenery, art, culture, food and wine. Your tour opens in the "Eternal City" of Rome! Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring wines and local delicacies. (D)

This morning you may join an optional tour to the magnificent treasures of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. Later, we set out on a panoramic tour of Classical Rome featuring the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine, followed by an in-depth, guided visit of the spectacular Colosseum. Then, contemporary Rome is

highlighted through the legendary Piazza Navona. (B)

Day 3: Rome - Montecassino - Amalfi Coast

Journey to the Amalfi Coast. En route, make a stop at the Benedictine monastery of Montecassino which is perched on a mountaintop south of Rome. Discover its rich history while exploring the monastery's ornate chapel, peaceful courtyards and fascinating museum. (B, D)

## Day 4: Amalfi Coast - Sorrento - Amalfi -Minori - Amalfi Coast

Begin your day exploring the popular and charming seaside resort town of Sorrento. This afternoon you'll do a double-take as you travel to one of Italy's most-spectacular destinations, Amalfi. Spend some time on your own to explore this stunning seaside town before continuing on to Minori, where you'll get to sample some of the local specialities at a family-owned limoncello factory. Savour a traditional Italian afternoon break at a local café and pastry shop, then enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.









# ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. See the preserved original buildings of a typical Roman town from 2,000 years ago as a local guide provides you with an in-depth historical tour of this remarkable archaeological site. At the foot of Mount Vesuvius, stop at a local winery to savour the famous Lacryma Christo wines and enjoy a typical Neapolitan lunch. (B, L)

# Day 8: Amalfi Coast - Naples - Rome Bid addio to the Amalfi Coast and head to colourful and vibrant Naples. Enjoy a visit to the fascinating National Archaeological Museum, one of the finest in the world. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner and salud to the completion of a marvellous visit to Italy. (B, D)

## Day 9: Rome - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

The recent trip we took with Collette to Rome and the Amalfi Coast was wonderful. Everything was well planned and done with taste. Our guide was wonderful, the accommodation was nice, and the bus driver was super.

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Rome - Colosseum - Montecassino - Amalfi Coast - Sorrento -Buffalo Milk Mozzarella Factory - Paestum - Capri - Pompeii -Winery Visit • Naples • National Archaeological Museum





### Starting at \$3649 Starting at \$4499 **DOUBLE** SINGLE

Land only, per person,

Prices based on 6 December 2019 departure

May 2019 - April 2020

January - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 25 January 22 February 15, 22 March 5, 8, 26, 28 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

(featured itinerary) 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 May 7, 14, 21, 28 June 12, 19, 26 July 2,16 August 6, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 September 4, 11, 18, 25 October 8 November 6 December

24 January 21 February 13, 20, 27 March 17, 19, 24, 26 April

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# **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Rome & the Amalfi Coast and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Rome. Airport transfers are available for purchase. During your stay on the Amalfi Coast, standard accommodation at the Raito Hotel is limited and available on a first come, first served basis for departures utilizing that hotel. Upgrades to superior rooms with sea view are available at an additional cost. Please enquire at time of booking. For departures utilising the Graal Hotel, please note that while this hotel offers amazing coastal views, your daily driving times will increase by approximately 45 - 60 minutes each way.

# local restaurant. (B, D) Day 6: Amalfi Coast - Capri - Amalfi Coast

Greece. Enjoy dinner at a popular

Day 5: Amalfi Coast - Paestum -

After breakfast, discover one of

Italy's most surprising products

during a tour of a local buffalo milk

mozzarella factory. Visit Paestum

next, where a local guide escorts

preserved Greek temples outside of

you through some of the best-

Amalfi Coast

Explore a Mediterranean paradise on the sparkling Bay of Naples when you embark from the port of Salerno and cruise to the wonderful Isle of Capri. Pass the hill towns, colourful homes, lush gardens, and architectural marvels that dot the dramatic Amalfi Coast. On Capri, enjoy a locally guided minibus tour before setting out on your own to admire the charming town of Anacapri and its grand views of the island and the Bay of Naples. Afterward, ride the funicular back towards the Marina Grande, where the ferry waits to return you to the Amalfi Coast. (B)

# Day 7: Amalfi Coast - Pompeii -Winery - Amalfi Coast

Today, experience the excavated

# **TUSCANY & THE ITALIAN RIVIERA**

7 DAYS · 10 MEALS FROM \$2449

land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Step to the front of the line to see Michelangelo's famous statue of David.
- · Experience a guided tour including a visit to the beautiful Cathedral of San Martino
- · Marvel at the magnificent architecture of the Piazza Dei Miracoli.
- · Spend 3 nights in a beautiful Tuscan Estate.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Journey to Florence for a tour of the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."
- · Explore the medieval city of Siena.
- · Stop in the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century walls.



### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 2 | Join a Florentine guide and choose between seeing the city's iconic sites or Florence's lesser-known treasures.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 6 breakfasts 4 dinners
- · Enjoy an authentic Tuscan dinner expertly paired with locally produced wines.
- Partake in an interactive pasta-making demonstration.
- Savour regional wines with every included dinner.



# **ACCOMMODATION**

- Hotel Paggeria Medicea or Fattoria degli Usignoli, Tuscany
- Grande Albergo Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 12345 See page 191 for details.





# From the rolling hills of Tuscany to the sun-soaked coast of the Italian Riviera. a romantic rendezvous with Italia awaits.

# Day 1: Tuscany, Italy - Tuscan Estate - Tour **Begins**

Experience the romance of travel among the rolling hills of Tuscany and along the colourful coast of the Italian Riviera. Welcome to Tuscany. Settle in for a relaxing 3-night stay at a traditional Tuscan estate. Your journey begins with an interactive pasta-making demonstration with the winery's on-site chef. Then take your seat for an authentic Tuscan dinner. (D)

## Day 2: Tuscan Estate - Florence - Tuscan Estate 🕜

How will you experience the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance?" It's your choice! Join a local Florentine guide to see the city's iconic sites: view the remarkable Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the impressive gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John, the Piazza della Signoria and Piazza Santa Croce -OR- join your local guide and see Florence's lesserknown treasures - the Piazza Santa Maria Novella, the Orsanmichele Church; see San Lorenzo Church and admire

historic Ponte Vecchio, the oldest bridge in Florence. Afterwards, gather together to visit the world-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's incredible statue of David. Delight in leisure time to relax or discover this dynamic city on your own. En route to your hotel, visit a family-owned leather shop and learn the traditional Italian techniques of leather making. (B)

## Day 3: Tuscan Estate - Siena - Tuscan Winery - Tuscan Estate

A scenic journey through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills brings you to the lovely medieval city of Siena. Delight in its narrow Gothic streets, magnificent palaces and historic Piazza del Campo. After a walking tour with a local expert, take some time to explore the medieval corners of Siena with its small speciality shops and outdoor cafés. Then it's on to one of the oldest wine estates in the Siena region. Sit down with a family member to hear about their wine and taste their creations along with other local products. Return to your countryside estate. Perhaps you'll explore its Medici Villa. Tonight, a local musician







#### Day 6: Italian Riviera-Santa Margherita Ligure-Portofino-Italian Riviera

Travel to the seaside resort of Santa Margherita Ligure. Board a boat to glamorous Portofino. Soak in the view of the town's colourful harbour, dotted by fishing boats and vachts, set against a backdrop of pastel-coloured buildings. Return to Santa Margherita Liqure for free time to peruse its charming streets and boutiques. Tonight, cap off an unforgettable journey at a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Italian Riviera - Tour Ends

Today your journey comes to a close.

#### Day 5: Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre -Italian Riviera

will serenade you at dinner, expertly

Day 4: Tuscan Estate - Lucca - Pisa -

paired with wines. (B, D)

As you head towards Italy's

picturesque Riviera, make a

stop in the medieval city of

Lucca, encircled by 16th-century

Renaissance walls. Join a local

guide for a tour showcasing the

Cathedral of San Martino and the

in the ancient maritime Republic

(Cathedral) and, of course, stand

before its famous Leaning Tower.

Continue on to the spectacular Italian Riviera and check in for your

3-night stay. (B, D)

of Pisa. Discover the Piazza

Dei Miracoli, view the Duomo

Piazza Napoleone. Next, spend time

Italian Riviera

Spend the day exploring the colourful cliff-side villages of the Cinque Terre with a local guide. Take in the picturesque, rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards as you travel by rail. We make our way through this seemingly inaccessible string of fishing villages, nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. (B)



The pace was good, the sites chosen for us to tour were outstanding, Collette took care of all the details, our Tour Manager was outstanding and took good care of all of us. What a wonderful experience!

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Tuscan Estate • Florence • Siena • Tuscan Winery • Lucca • Pisa • Italian Riviera • Cinque Terre • Portofino





#### **DOUBLE** Starting at \$2449 Starting at \$2699 SINGLE

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#### March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note)

23 March 6, 13 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour

departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) 4, 11, 18, 25 May

1, 8, 15, 22 June 20 July 31 August

7, 14, 21, 28 September 5.12.19 October 2 November

14, 28 March 18, 25 April

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Book a Stopover Spend some time in a new city en route to your tour or on your way home. How long is up to you. Choose from: Madrid - London -Paris • Frankfurt • Munich • Zurich

#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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# ROME, VENICE & FLORENCE

7 DAYS · 9 MEALS FROM \$2499

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Join a local expert and explore the rich history of Rome's Colosseum.
- · Visit the Academy Gallery to view Michelangelo's extraordinary David.
- · Take in a glass-blowing demonstration on Venice's Murano Island.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Join a local guide on your panoramic tour featuring Rome's treasures.
- · Embark on a walking tour featuring Florence's artistic and architectural
- · Come to know Venice, one of Italy's most unique cities, with a local expert.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 6 breakfasts 1 lunch 2 dinners
- Dine in true Italian-style with wine at your included dinners.
- · Enjoy tastings of cheese, cured meats, bread, chocolate, gelato and more during a Bologna food walking tour.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

The K Boutique Hotel, Rome

Starhotels Michelangelo, Days 3, 4

Florence

Days 5, 6 Hotel Santa Marina

or B4 Bellini, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Traverse this trio of Italian cities as you encounter iconic sites, dine on traditional cuisine and embrace a culture steeped in romance.

#### **START EARLY**

Rome: Spend your first evening getting to know the "Eternal City." CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Welcome to Rome. This evening, meet your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Rome - Classical Rome City Tour

This morning, a locally guided tour of Classical Rome features such sights as the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. The catacombs, burial place of early Christians, the mythic Pantheon, and Piazza Navona are also featured. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, will be on your personal sightseeing list. (B)

#### Day 3: Rome - Florence

This morning we continue to Florence - the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance." Upon arrival, discover the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's magnificent sculpture of David. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Florence's cultural riches independently. (B)

#### Day 4: Florence

This morning, meet a local expert for a walking tour of this city that is a work of art all its own. Your guide will highlight the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Baptistry. You also visit the Piazza della Signoria with its impressive Palazzo Vecchio. (B)





#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Rome • Colosseum • Florence • Academy Gallery • Duomo • Bologna • Food Walking Tour • Venice • St. Mark's Square





#### Day 5: Florence - Bologna - Venice

Today we travel the beautiful Emilia Romagna region to Bologna, Italy's foodie capital. Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour highlighting the culinary side of this historic city. Explore one of Bologna's oldest food markets and check out traditional food shops. Discover Bologna's culture, architecture and history as you enjoy tastings of cheese, cured meats, bread, chocolate, gelato and more. Then sit down for lunch at one of Bologna's traditional restaurants. Later, continue to Venice, often called La Serenissima (the most serene) of cities. The remainder of the day is yours to independently explore the hidden spots of this charming city; perhaps you will take an optional gondola ride. The locals say the best way to get to know Venice is to "get lost" here. (B, L)

#### Day 6: Venice

Explore enchanting Venice with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. Your Venetian journey

opens on Murano Island for a glassblowing demonstration. Then we make our way to St. Mark's Square, the city's lively hub. A local expert will guide you on a walking tour through the area highlighting St. Mark's Basilica and the Clock Tower with its famous Moors. Gather tonight to toast the end of your Italian adventure at your farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Venice - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many fond memories of incredible Italy. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

Venice: Soak up your last night in the "City of Bridges." CALL FOR DETAILS.

# DOUBLE Starting at \$2499 SINGLE Starting at \$3049

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#### February - April 2019

(different itinerary - see note) 25 February 18 March 1, 8 April Itinerary featured is for

May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

3, 17, 31 May 7 21 June 12, 26 July 9, 23, 30 August 6, 20 September

11, 25 October 1, 8, 15 November 6 December

21 February 13, 20 March 17 April

#### VISIT

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#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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# **SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY**

11 DAYS · 16 MEALS FROM \$3049

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Be amazed by the Greek Theatre in Taormina.
- · Sample fine wine during a vineyard tour.
- · Journey to "Sassi di Matera," the ancient town known for its cave dwellings.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Marvel at the Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- · Venture to the breathtaking Amalfi Coast.
- · Experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 5 | Join a local guide in Catania to visit its cathedral, view its many iconic sights, and watch the daily bartering at the local market or explore the Allied Landing Museum, which features exhibits on all the nations involved in the conflict. Both tours conclude at Mt. Etna.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 10 breakfasts 6 dinners
- · Wine is included with every dinner.
- Indulge in a delicious regional dinner inside a winery's "agriturismo" restaurant.
- · Sample some local specialties at a familyowned limoncello factory.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

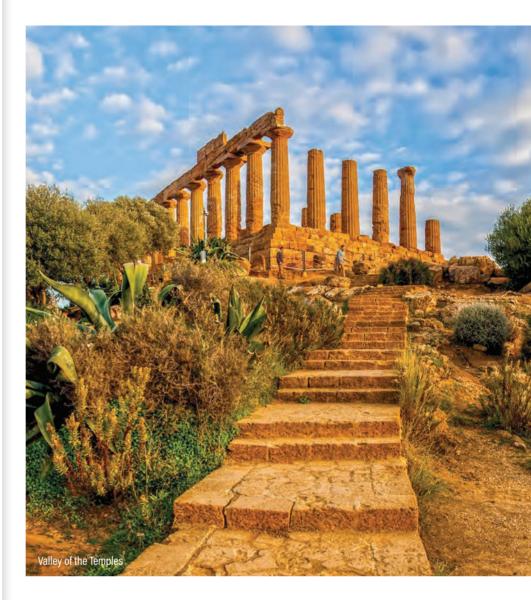
- Hotel Federico II Central Palace Days 1, 2 or Hotel Garibaldi, Palermo
- Hellenia Yachting Hotel or Davs 3 - 5 Diamonds Hotel Taormina, Giardini Naxos
- Days 6, 7 MH Matera Hotel or Hotel Del Campo, Matera
- Days 8, 9 Towers Hotel Stabiae, Michelangelo Hotel or Hilton Sorrento Palace, Sorrento
- Day 10 Donna Laura Palace Hotel, A.Roma Lifestyle Hotel or Hotel Degli Aranci, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.







# Encounter a crossroads of civilisations as you venture from Sicily to the spectacular coastlines of Southern Italy.

#### START EARLY

Palermo: Begin your introduction to Sicily revelling in the food, wine and culture of this gorgeous city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Palermo, Sicily - Tour Begins

The hidden treasures of Southern Italy and Sicily are yours to explore, for it is here that you'll find breathtaking scenery, historic cities, centuries-old hilltop villages and wonderful cuisine. Your tour opens in Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. (D)

#### Day 2: Palermo - Monreale - Palermo

Acquaint yourself with Palermo on a tour of its lovely squares - the Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria and Piazza Bellini - and discover an exotic mix of Moorish, Norman and Spanish Baroque architecture along the way. See the Palace of the Normans, La Martorana church, and the cathedral that houses the Imperial Crown of

Constance of Aragon. In the nearby town of Monreale, visit the 12th-century cathedral with its dazzling interior of multicoloured marbles, paintings, mosaics and cloisters. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure to peruse the city's shops and museums, or simply take some time to relax. (B)

#### Day 3: Palermo - Agrigento - Giardini Naxos

Travel over the countryside's rolling hills, past peaceful farmland towards the town of Agrigento. Explore one of the most important archaeological sites in the world, the stunning Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), where you'll get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, Hercules and Jupiter. Continue on to Giardini Naxos - the "garden of Sicily" for your 3-night stay. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Giardini Naxos - Taormina - Giardini Naxos

Set out for beautiful Taormina with its charming atmosphere, historic monuments and flowering gardens. Alongside an expert local guide, see Corso Umberto and the bountiful public gardens and marvel at



the city's well-preserved Greek Theatre. Enjoy free time to relax or independently explore. (B)

Day 5: Giardini Naxos - Catania -Mt. Etna - Giardini Naxos 😯 Journey to vibrant Catania where it's vour choice! Join a local guide to visit the cathedral and view other iconic sights of this historic Baroque city (UNESCO); then witness the daily spectacle of bartering for fresh fish and produce at the local market **-OR-** explore the Museo dello Sbarco (Allied Landing Museum), an emotionally moving museum that's dedicated to the Allied troops who landed on the southern coast in 1943. Later, gather to discover the impressive Mt. Etna Volcano National Park where a local expert introduces you to the park's spectacular landscapes sculpted by nature. Return to Giardini Naxos for the evening. (B)

#### Day 6: Giardini Naxos - Matera

Venture to Messina for a short ferry ride to Villa San Giovanni on Italy's mainland. Pass through the unspoiled, beautiful region of Calabria into the Basilicata region. Make a stop at one of the area's local wineries where you'll join an expert on a walk through the cellars and vineyards before sampling

wines during a special tasting. Linger over regional cuisine at dinner tonight in the winery's own "agriturismo" restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Matera - Alberobello - Matera

Explore the "Sassi di Matera," an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings. A local guide shares the history of the site and reasons why it has recently caught the eye of many film producers. Continue to a local shop for a chance to sample some regional produce. Enjoy free time in Matera to browse the boutiques or taste the local cuisine before heading to the mystical town of Alberobello. Marvel at some of the town's most uniquely built homes (UNESCO) known as trulli, and their distinct, coneshaped roofs. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Matera - Salerno - Sorrento Peninsula

Travel towards one of the most breathtaking areas of Italy: Campania and the Bay of Naples. Stop in Salerno, where you'll have the chance to explore the historic city centre independently. Remember to take a moment to gaze at Salerno's impressive cathedral, considered to be the most beautiful medieval church in all of Italy. Arrive at the Sorrento Peninsula in the late afternoon, then sit back and take in the views of this magical place. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Sorrento - Amalfi Coast Drive -Amalfi - Minori - Sorrento Peninsula

Savour time this morning in the lovely seaside resort town of Sorrento. Then begin your adventure traversing the breathtaking Amalfi Coast. Stop in the charming town of Amalfi and spend time exploring its striking provincial beauty before heading to Minori. Use this opportunity to sample regional specialities at a family-owned limoncello factory. Later, sit down for a traditional Italian afternoon break at a local café and pastry shop. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

#### Day 10: Sorrento Peninsula - Pompeii -Rome

Drive along the Bay of Naples to the excavated ruins of Pompeii, nestled at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. A local guide gives you an in-depth view of this remarkable archaeologic site, where you'll become immersed in history as you explore the preserved buildings of this 2,000 year-old Roman town. Later, travel to Rome to celebrate the end of your journey with a delightful farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

Rome: Spend one last evening soaking in the charms of the "Eternal City." CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Palermo • Monreale • Agrigento • Valley of the Temples • Giardini Naxos • Taormina • Catania • Mt. Etna Volcano • Matera • Alberobello • Amalfi Coast • Sorrento • Pompeii





# DOUBLE Starting at \$3049 SINGLE Starting at \$3549

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 4 December 2019 departure

## January - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 23 January

20 February 6, 13, 20, 27 March 2, 3, 9, 24 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures

prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020

(featured itinerary) 7. 8. 15. 21. 22. 29 May 12, 19 June 10, 17, 24 July 7, 28 August 4, 10, 11, 17 September 18, 24, 25 September 2, 9, 16, 22 October 23 30 October 6, 12, 13, 19 November 4 December 22 January 19 February 4, 11, 18, 25 March 8, 14, 15, 22, 29 April

#### VISIT

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#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Palermo and depart from Rome. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



The tour was very well organised and it was a treasure to have a local Sicilian Tour Manager. The favourite experience was the Amalfi Coast drive.

# **SPLENDID SICILIA**

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS FROM \$2749

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Explore Corleone and learn about the anti-Mafia movement.
- · Visit a medieval palace where you're welcomed by a countess.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Spend 4 nights in both Palermo and Taormina and explore the island's most impressive sights.
- · Immerse yourself in ancient history with visits to: Palermo, Agrigento, Siracusa, and the cathedrals of Cefalù and Monreale.
- · Journey to the beautiful seaside town of Cefalù.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 7 | Visit the hilltop village of Savoca, one of the settings for the classic film The Godfather or visit the mountaintop village of Castelmola, home to unparalleled views of Mount Etna.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 1 lunch 4 dinners
- · Learn to make ricotta at a family farm in the countryside.
- · Savour an unforgettable homemade farmhouse lunch
- · Sample Sicilian 'street food' at a local market in Palermo.
- · Join a sommelier for a wine pairing dinner.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

- Days 1 4 Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa, Palermo
- Days 5 8 Hotel Villa Diodoro, Taormina **ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE** Upgrade your standard room to an incredible sea view room.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.





# Encounter a fascinating cultural mosaic on this legendary island at the tip of Italy's boot.

#### Day 1: Palermo, Italy - Tour Begins

Welcome to Palermo (UNESCO), Sicily's vibrant and welcoming capital. Bursting with Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces, this island's history is waiting to be discovered. This evening, come to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Palermo - Monreale - Palermo

Set out this morning on a comprehensive panoramic tour of Palermo. See the exotic blend of Moorish, Norman and Baroque styles of the historic squares of Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria and Piazza Bellini. Introduce yourself to the Palace of the Normans and La Martorana Church, and explore the cathedral that houses the Imperial Crown of Constance of Aragon. Afterward, head to nearby Monreale, where the town's 12th-century cathedral dazzles from the moment you step inside. Return to Palermo for a stop at an open-air market for a taste of traditional Sicilian "street food." Later, you are invited to a medieval palace where a countess welcomes you on a tour of her family's home and joins you for an aperitif and hors d'oeuvres in one of the palace's chambers. (B)

#### Day 3: Palermo - Corleone - Palermo

Head to the heart of Sicily. Find a warm welcome in the village of Corleone, the namesake of the family from the movie The Godfather. Here, the villagers have fought the connection to the Mafia for decades, and you'll learn the history behind their struggles as a local resident guides you through the CIDMA (International Documentary Centre of the Mafia and the No-Mafia Movement). Hear tales of the Mafia's past and the plight of the Sicilian people to eradicate the Mafia altogether. Tonight, join a sommelier for a quick wine class before sitting down to a delectable 4-course meal, complete with curated wine pairings. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Palermo - Cefalù - Sicilian Countryside - Palermo

Journey to the countryside and stroll the medieval streets of Cefalù, a seaside town that's home to one of Sicily's most magnificent cathedrals. Then we are off to experience a day on a family farm where Sicilian folk music greets your arrival. Learn about the variety of products they create on the farm and observe how they make a Sicilian favourite - ricotta cheese! Watch







## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Palermo • Monreale • Corleone • Cefalù • Farm Visit • Agrigento Taormina - Siracusa





a chef prepare local specialities before sitting down for a hearty lunch featuring family recipes made from their own products. Return to Palermo for an evening at leisure.

Day 5: Palermo - Agrigento - Taormina Epic history and stunning scenery lie ahead in the Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), a place filled with ancient Greek ruins. Join an expert on a guided tour as you explore this once-prominent Greek colony and the temples of Juno, Concordia, Hercules and Jupiter. Your journey continues past the Erei Mountains to Sicily's stunning Ionian Coast. The gorgeous coastal city of Taormina is your home for

the next four nights. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Taormina

Today explore Taormina, "the jewel of Sicily." A local guide leads you on a tour of this picturesque city where you'll see the well-preserved Greek theatre, the Duomo and the public gardens. Spend the afternoon on your own getting to know this city perched high above the sea. Dine at a sidewalk café, shop in the town's boutiques, or choose to join an optional excursion that gets upclose to majestic Mount Etna. (B)

#### Day 7: Taormina 😯

It's your choice! Visit the hilltop village of Savoca, one of the settings for the classic film The Godfather. Follow the quaint alleyways of this remarkablypreserved settlement, founded in 1134. Journey to the historic Bar Vitelli and the 14th-century church, Chiesa di Santa Lucia (film buffs are sure to recognise these two landmarks) -OR- you may prefer visiting beautiful Castelmola. Resting on a mountaintop above the community of Taormina, this quaint village offers unparalleled views of Mount Etna, Taormina, the Bay of Giardini Naxos, and the Strait of Messina. (B)

#### Day 8: Taormina - Siracusa - Taormina

Reflect on the grandeur of ancient Greece while uncovering its archaeological treasures in historic Siracusa. An expert shares stories of Siracusa's creation while leading you through the Archaeological Park of Neapolis, with its impressive collection of Greek and Roman antiquities. This evening, toast Sicilian culture as you're serenaded by local musicians during your farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Taormina - Tour Ends

Your journey through Sicily comes to a close today. Return home with cherished memories of an unforgettable adventure. (B)

OOUBLE Starting at \$2749 SINGLE Starting at \$3249

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 1 December 2019 departure

January - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note)

20 January 17 February 24, 31 March

7 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation

May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

5, 26 May 16 June 21 July 25 August 15, 22, 29 September 6, 13, 20 October

3 November 1 December

26 January 23 February 15, 29 March 19, 26 April

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#### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Palermo and depart from Catania. Our airport transfers will depart from Taormina to Catania. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

The tour was fabulous! A good mix of activities (farm visit and lunch, winery, duchess' home, rural artist's estate, fresh cannoli at a rest stop, time for shopping, lots of historic ruins, etc.). The last day was the best - with a visit to and free time in seaside Taormina, and a wonderful dinner with musicians back in Catania.

# **ICELAND: LAND OF FIRE & ICE**

9 DAYS · 14 MEALS FROM \$4799

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Learn about the 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving the Greenland shark.
- · Explore Icelandic life at the Skógar Folk Museum.
- · Glide past icebergs on a cruise of the ice-strewn Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Gain a local's perspective of Reykjavík on a walking tour.
- · Travel to the Golden Circle, one of many of Iceland's natural wonders.
- · Journey to the spectacular Gullfoss waterfall.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 4 | Choose between a lava cave adventure or embark on an exploratory lava fields walk.

Day 8 | Choose to explore the Reykjanes Peninsula lava fields and the famous Blue Lagoon or embark on a whale watching adventure.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 6 dinners
- · Savour Icelandic cuisine at a popular local restaurant.
- · Try cured "hákarl," an Icelandic delicacy.
- · Relish Iceland's local cheeses during a visit to a family-owned dairy farm.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 3 Centerhotel Plaza, Centerhotel Arnarhvoll, Grand Hotel, or Centerhotel Midgardur, Reykjavík

Day 4 Fosshotel Stykkisholmur, or Hotel Borgarnes, Stykkishólmur

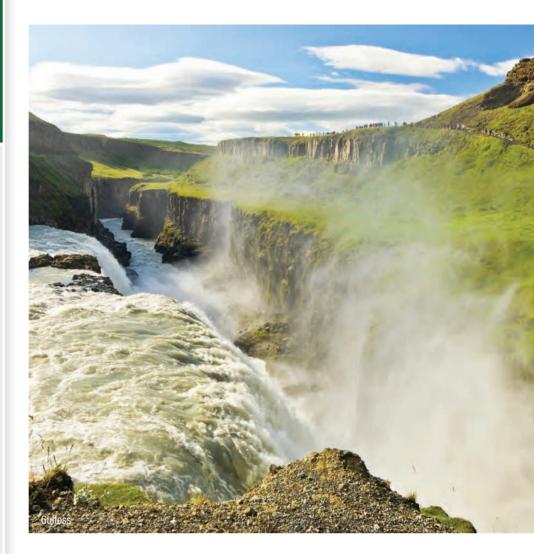
Days 5 - 7 Hotel Katla Hofdabrekku, or Hotel Dyrholaey, Vik

Day 8 Centerhotel Plaza, Centerhotel Arnarhvoll, Grand Hotel, or Centerhotel Midgardur, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 12345 See page 191 for details.





Unearth a paradise forged by ice and fire. Journey to jagged coastlines and volcanic craters, remarkable icebergs and glacial lagoons.

#### **START EARLY**

Reykjavik: Start your trip off right with a pre-night in Iceland's capital city, Reykjavik. CALL FOR DETAILS.

Day 1: Reykjavik, Iceland - Tour Begins Set out on a journey full of dramatic contrasts. Come to know Iceland, a place where steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving behind thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords.

#### Day 2: Reykjavik

Join a local expert for a walking tour of the city's old section featuring Hallgrimskirkja church, city hall, the harbour and Reykjavik's oldest building, home of the Kraum Icelandic design centre. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers during a Icelandic dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Reykjavík - Golden Circle -Reykjavík

Travel the stunning Golden Circle, a route encompassing many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders: waterfalls, glaciers, geysers, lava fields and volcanos.

Your adventure begins with a stop at a local dairy farm. You'll be welcomed in to the family's home to experience what a "day-inthe-life" is like for them and enjoy various cheeses that are made right there on the farm. Continue to Thingvellir National Park, where Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley. This site marks the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the meeting point of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates. Next, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Stop at the famous thermal area of Geysir to admire the hot spring Strokkur's explosive vertical spout that reaches a height of up to 90 feet. Your day concludes with a visit to Friðheimar greenhouse cultivation centre, where you'll learn how the locals grow delicious, pesticide-free vegetables with the aid of Iceland's geothermal energy. You'll also learn about their family tradition of breeding Icelandic show horses. (B)

#### Day 4: Snæfellsnes - Breidafjördur Cruise -Stykkishólmur 😯

Experience the otherworldliness of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Take in the dramatic landscapes of black and white sand beaches and rocky coastlines, soaring waterfalls and volcanic craters, intimate fishing villages, and the remarkable Snæfellsjökull glacier. It's your choice! Select a guided Vatnshellir Cave tour and descend 100 feet below ground to an 8,000-year-old lava tube where you'll experience total darkness and see amazing rock pigments and lava formations -OR- choose to walk the lava field and put your camera to work snapping photos of the varying textures and colours of this dramatic landscape. Next, embark on a true Icelandic cultural adventure as you spend time with a family that keeps alive a 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving the Greenland shark. See the fishing boat that their grandfather used and the tiny farmer's church before exploring the museum, where you'll learn more about Iceland's deep relationship with this trade. Before you go, taste the Icelandic delicacy "hákarl" – cured shark meat. Your day concludes with a private nature cruise of Breidafjördur Bay with Seatours. Whilst cruising, sample fresh scallops and sea urchin roe straight from the ocean waters. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Stykkishólmur - Vík

Continue the adventure travelling along Iceland's south coast. Learn about geothermal renewable energy on a visit to Hellisheiðavirkjun, the largest power station in Iceland, and the second largest geothermal power station in the world. Make a picture stop at Seljalandsfoss, one of few waterfalls providing you with a walkway for views from the inside out. Arrive in Vík, Iceland's southernmost village, and one of the most visited spots in Iceland. (B, D)

Day 6: Vík - Skógar Museum - Vík Drive along the scenic south shore to the Skógar Museum with its turf-built houses and outstanding collection of farm and domestic artefacts that reflect the various aspects of Icelandic life. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Next, view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach scattered with caves and surrounded by basalt columns and cliffs. The beach is also rich with bird life, such as the fulmar, black guillemot, razorbill, gannet, and various types of seagulls. Later, see the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafell - Vík

Set sail among the huge icebergs of the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon. Keep your eyes peeled for possible seal sightings and get to taste the 1,000 year-old ice that surrounds you. Later, stop at Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park, the largest national park in Europe.





Marvel at the vistas of Iceland's highest mountains, as well as the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe's largest. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Vík - Lava Exhibition Centre -Reykjavík 😯

Before departing the south shore, visit the Lava Exhibition Centre, where you'll learn about Iceland's historical eruptions and current lava flows that make the island a showcase of volcanism. Next, it's your choice! Perhaps you'll embark on a drive to the Revkianes Peninsula, known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, and numerous hot springs, including the Blue Lagoon, where you can take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineralrich waters of the geothermal pool located in the middle of a dramatic lava field -OR- you might prefer to further explore the wonders of Iceland's waters during a whale watching adventure in the bay of Faxaflói; have your camera ready for minke and humpback whale sightings, along with white-beaked dolphins and harbour porpoises. Later, gather with your fellow travellers for a local dining experience and share stories of your days in Iceland. (B, D)

Day 9: Reykjavík - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

Reykjavik: Spend an extra night exploring the small, yet lively city of Reykjavik. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Reykjavík • Golden Circle • Thingvellir National Park • Vík • Gulfoss Waterfall • Geysir • Snæfellsnes Peninsula • Breidafjördur Bay • Waterfall Seljalandsfoss • Skógar Museum • Skógafoss • Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon • Vatnajökull National Park • Lava Exhibition Centre





#### DOUBLE Starting at \$4799 SINGLE Starting at \$6099

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Prices based on 19 May 2019 departure April 2019 - April 2020

12, 15, 18, 21, 24 April 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 May 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19 June 23, 26, 30 June 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 July

4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21 August

25, 28 August 1, 4, 8, 11, 15 September 18, 22, 25 September 31 March 2, 5, 8, 12, 13, 16 April 19, 22, 25 April

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#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Reykjavik. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please enquire at time of reservation.

66 Visiting Iceland was a once in a lifetime experience! The scenery was stunning, people were friendly, and almost everyone spoke English. Each day outdid the previous one! The boat ride on the glacial Lagoon was fantastic. A visit to the Blue Lagoon is a must!



# **ICELAND'S** MAGICAL **NORTHERN LIGHTS**

7 DAYS · 10 MEALS FROM \$3549

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Explore Skogar Folk Museum, covering all aspects of Icelandic life.
- · Experience the energy at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur.
- Learn about the volcanic nature of the island of Iceland during a visit to the Lava Exhibition Center.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Search for nature's dazzling display on a northern lights cruise.
- · See Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs.
- · Relax in the warm, mineral-rich water of the Blue Lagoon.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 5 breakfasts 5 dinners
- · Savour gourmet Icelandic cuisine at a popular local restaurant.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1, 2 CenterHotel Plaza, CenterHotel Arnarhvoll, or CenterHotel Midgardur, Reykjavík

Days 3 - 5 Hotel Katla, Hofdabrekka, or Hotel Dyrholaey, Vík

CenterHotel Plaza, CenterHotel Day 6 Arnarhvoll, or CenterHotel Midgardur, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# There's something magical in the air. Chase the aurora borealis across this ethereal wonderland.

#### START EARLY

Reykjavík: Start you trip off right with a night in Iceland's capital city, Reykjavík. CALL FOR DETAILS.

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins Welcome to Iceland, a land and culture

forged by fire and ice. Where steaming lava fields and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. In this land of many natural wonders, enjoy the rare opportunity to see the aurora borealis one of nature's most dazzling light displays, also known as the northern lights.

#### Day 2: Reykjavík

Get acquainted with old town Reykjavík on a walking tour featuring Hallgrimskirkja church, city hall, the harbour, and Reykjavík's oldest building, now home to the Kraum Icelandic design centre. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers at a popular restaurant for dinner featuring Icelandic cuisine. Then, take an exhilarating northern lights cruise. Leave behind the bright city lights and sail into the darkness

of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis - or northern lights - one of nature's wonders. When revealed, you'll be dazzled by the flickering light display of bursting colour that unfolds before your eyes. (D)

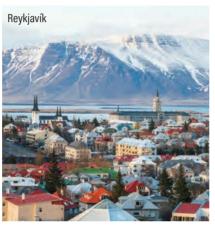
Day 3: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Vík

Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area, where Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established what is considered one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley. This UNESCO World Heritage site marks the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Experience the eruptive energy of the Icelandic landscape with a stop at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur. Then, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Continue southeast to Vík, the southernmost village in Iceland, surrounded by beautiful valleys, beaches, cliffs and mountains. After dinner amidst the

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.







# Skaftafell National Park - Lava Exhibition Centre - Blue Lagoon 2 Reykjavík Atlantic Ocean



**KEY HIGHLIGHTS** 

Reykjavík • Northern Lights Cruise • Golden Circle • Thingvellir National Park - Geysir - Gullfoss - Vík - Seljalandsfoss - Skogar Folk Museum • Skógafoss • Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon •

Gevsir

Center

Iceland

Gullfoss Waterfall

peace and stillness of rural Iceland, search for the aurora borealis - the elusive northern lights. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Vík - Seljalandsfoss - Skogar Museum - Vík

Journey to the mesmerising Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous and picturesque waterfalls with a walkway behind it. Visit Skogar Folk Museum with its turf-built homes and outstanding collection of artefacts covering all aspects of Icelandic life. Nearby, view the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. Later, see Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations, cliffs scattered with caves, and rich bird life including the Fulmar, Black Guillemot, Razorbill, Gannet and various types of seagulls. See the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. After dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights, a truly spectacular sight. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon -Skaftafell National Park - Vík

Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and perhaps see seals swimming in Arctic waters. Travel to Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park, the largest national park in

Europe. Vatnajökull is known for having Iceland's highest mountains, an Alpine environment, and the Vatnaiökull glacier, Europe's largest. After dinner, continue searching for the northern lights dancing across the night sky. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Vík - Lava Exhibition Centre -Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík

Drive along the south shore towards the Reykjanes Peninsula, stopping at the Lava Exhibition Centre to learn about Iceland's historic eruptions and current lava flows that make the island a showcase of volcanism. Known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, and numerous hot springs, the peninsula is home of the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavík for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today leaving you with many incredible memories. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

Reykjavík: Spend an extra night exploring the small, yet lively city of Reykjavík. CALL FOR DETAILS.

DOUBLE Starting at \$3549 SINGLE Starting at \$4399

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Glacial Lagoon

Nat. Park

Overnight stay Visit

Prices based on 14 October 2019 departure

# January - March 2019

(different itinerary - see note) 3, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15, 22 January 20, 25, 26, 30, 31 January 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, February 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, February 21, 22, 24, 27 February 1, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, March 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23, March 25, 26, 28, 30 March Itinerary featured is for Sept. 2019 - March 2020 tour departures, Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### Sept. 2019 - March 2020 (featured itinerary) 30 September

2, 4, 7, 9, 11, October 14, 16, 18, 21, October 23, 25, 28 October 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, November 15, 18, 20, 22, November 25, 29 November 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, December 13, 16, 27 December 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, January 15, 17, 20, 22, January 24, 29, 31 January 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, February

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### VISIT

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This trip requires a passport. The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. As this tour is weather dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Reykjavík. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at additional cost). Please enquire at time of reservation.

fixed the same of a lifetime! I loved the glacial lagoon. To watch the pieces of glaciers swirling around, knocking into each other, heading out into the ocean in so many shades of blue is an experience I won't forget. "

# **NORWEGIAN COASTAL VOYAGE**

11 DAYS · 24 MEALS

FROM \$5889

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Travel the breathtaking Bergen Railway through fjords and mountains.
- · Travel on the famous Flam Railway, a masterpiece of engineering.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Cruise the stunning Nærøyfjord, the narrowest fjord in Europe.
- · Explore Bryggen, Bergen's old Hanseatic wharf, and a UNESCO site.
- · Unpack once for a truly unforgettable 6-night Norwegian cruise.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 10 breakfasts 5 lunch 9 dinners
- Enjoy the freshest culinary products on board the ship with most ingredients locally sourced.
- · Dine in Bergen's historic neighbourhood.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Hotel Bristol, Oslo Days 1, 2 Day 3 Scandic Neptun, Bergen Hurtigruten Cruise Ship **Days 4-9** Day 10 Hotel Bristol, Oslo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Journey across Norway by land and sea to discover stunning fjords, breathtaking mountains and Viking legends.

#### Day 1: Oslo, Norway - Tour Begins

Welcome to Norway, one of the world's most incredible regions, Scandinavia. In this land of intense natural beauty and famous for its deep fjords, Viking legends, and well-preserved historical sites you'll see majestic mountains, fishing villages, historic towns, and experience a true milestone as your ship sails across the Arctic Circle to the very top of Europe. This evening in Oslo, Norway's fascinating capital city, gather with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant. (D)

#### Day 2: Oslo

This morning set out on a tour of regal Oslo featuring the remarkable Viking Ship Museum, Karl Johan Street, a view of the Royal Palace, City Hall and the new Opera building. Then it's on to Vigeland Park where you will find the collection of statues and sculptures that comprise Gustav Vigeland's life's work. (B)

#### Day 3: Oslo - Myrdal - Flåm Railway -Gudvangen - Voss - Bergen

Today you embark on the legendary "Norway in a Nutshell" tour! All aboard the Bergen Railway to experience Europe's most scenic rail journey. Have your camera ready as this legendary tour takes you through Norway's most breathtaking fjord and mountainous terrain on its way to Bergen. Switch trains in Myrdal and travel 12 miles on the famous Flåm Railway, a masterpiece of engineering, taking you 2,800 breathtaking feet in 55 minutes to the village of Flam on Sognefjord, Norway's longest (120 miles) and deepest (more than a mile). Next, cruise Nærøyfjord (UNESCO), the narrowest fjord in Europe with stunning views of waterfalls and small farms clinging to the steep mountainsides. In Gudvangen, your journey continues by bus with the breathtaking Stalheimskleiven hairpin road (available May through September only), a thrilling ride around 13 hairpin bends. In Voss, board the train for Bergen, one of Norway's oldest and most iconic cities. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Bergen - Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Board Ship

Join your fellow travelers on a leisurely paced walking tour of Bergen. Explore the picturesque, old Bryggen Wharf (UNESCO) with its tiny wooden houses and narrow streets. Mingle with the locals at the fish market located in the "heart" of the city. Then prepare for your memorable 6-night cruise - the "World's Most Beautiful Voyage" - sailing along the stunning Norwegian coastline. This evening, board your Hurtigruten ship. Sit back and take in the treasure trove of landscapes, scenery, sights and sounds that surround you. (B, D).

#### Day 5: Norwegian Coastal Voyage -Northbound

This morning's view from the ship will be of either the tranquil Stadthavet Sea or the majestic Geirangerfjord as we make our way to the charming village of Alesund. Take a stroll through the fairy-tale streets of Alesund, a vibrant town known for its colourful art nouveau architecture and its stunning setting at the entrance of the Geirangerfjord. Then it's on to Molde for a brief stop at this trading and cultural hub dating back to medieval times. (B, L, D).

#### Day 6: Norwegian Coastal Voyage -Northbound

Today, enjoy some time in the historic city of Trondheim. Founded by Viking King Olav in A.D. 997, it was the location of the first capital of Norway and is still the city where new kings receive their ceremonial blessings. Later, continue toward the Land of the Midnight Sun, passing rugged coastlines en route to Rorvik which sits among 6,000 islands. (B, L, D)

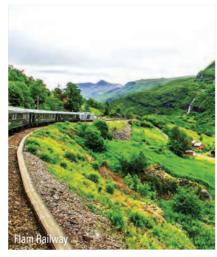
#### Day 7: Norwegian Coastal Voyage -Northbound

Today you become one of a select few as your cruise ship crosses the Arctic Circle on our way to Bodo. Gaze at the distant rugged peaks and to the infinite sky...keep an eye out for white-tailed sea eagles found in this region. Continue sailing, crossing the stunning Vestfjord and past the breathtaking Lofoten Islands before pausing briefly at the villages of Stamsund and Svolvaer. Later, sail on past the majestic Trollfjord. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Norwegian Coastal Voyage -Northbound

Take in the serenity as we sail past a chain of islands on our way to the small town of Harstad. Stop here for a moment before continuing on to Tromso, capital of the Arctic. Find yourself immersed in beautiful fjords and mountains. Located 220 miles north of the Arctic Circle, Tromso is home to the world's northernmost university, botanical garden and cathedral. (B, L, D)





#### Day 9: Norwegian Coastal Voyage -Northbound

Your voyage continues along Norway's northernmost region, pausing briefly along the way at sleepy villages and busy ports surrounded by breathtaking panoramas. Have some time in the peaceful town of Honningsvag, the capital of North Cape, situated closer to the North Pole than it is to Oslo. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Norwegian Coastal Voyage -Kirkenes - Disembark Ship - Oslo

Early this morning we arrive in Kirkenes, home to the Sami people who have herded reindeer for centuries. Disembark your ship and fly\* back to Oslo. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip filled with the breathtaking scenery and cultural treasures of Norway. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Oslo - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



#### Experience more with a **POST-TOUR EXTENSION to:**

Iceland

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Oslo • Viking Ship Museum • "Norway in a Nutshell" Experience • Flåm Railway • Nærøyfjord Cruise • Bergen • 6-Night Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Northbound - Alesund - Trondheim - Arctic Circle • Tromso • Kirkenes





**DOUBLE (INSIDE CABIN) SINGLE** (INSIDE CABIN) DOUBLE (OUTSIDE CABIN) Starting at \$6279

Starting at \$5889 Starting at \$7189 SINGLE (OUTSIDE CABIN) Starting at \$7839

Land only. occupancy.

Prices based on 13 October 2019 departure

March 2019

(different itinerary - see note) 15 March

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

May - October 2019 (featured itinerary) 11, 17 May

24 lune 5, 27 July 2,18 August 23 September 13 October

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This trip requires a passport. Specific cabin categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Cabins are assigned by Hurtigruten; stateroom numbers will be supplied upon arrival at the ship in Bergen, Norway. Call for rates for Superior Cabins. The internal flight from Kirkenes to Oslo is included in the price of your tour. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Oslo. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Hurtigruten's ships are working vessels operating a regular service to a set timetable. The ships carry goods, vehicles and passengers between ports, by night and day, as an integral part of Norwegian daily life. The ships are calling at ports around the clock.

66 Everything about the trip was very well planned. We enjoyed cruising along the coast and visiting the fishing villages



# **SPECTACULAR** SCANDINAVIA

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Stop at the Vasa Ship Museum to learn of the vessel's shocking maiden voyage.
- · Visit the intricately-designed Borgund Stave Church, erected in 1180.
- · Witness scenic wilderness along the Flåm Railway.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Enjoy a remarkable guided walk along Bergen's harbour front.
- · Immerse yourself in Oslo's rich history on a city tour.
- · Join a local expert for an engaging city tour of Copenhagen.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 5 In Stockholm, choose from a walking tour of Gamla Stan (Old Town) or seeing the city on a panoramic coach tour.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 12 breakfasts 7 dinners
- · Savour Swedish cuisine in Stockholm's Old Town.
- Eniov a local dining experience highlighting New Nordic Cuisine in Copenhagen.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Copenhagen Admiral Hotel, Days 1, 2

Copenhagen

Day 3 PM & Vänner Hotel, Växjö Scandic Grand Central Hotel, Days 4, 5

Stockholm

Hotel Bristol, Oslo Days 6, 7 Day 8 Fretheim Hotel, Flåm Alexandra Hotel, Loen Days 9, 10

Days 11, 12 Scandic Neptun, Bergen

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.







Three countries. Infinite intrigue. Watch a Nordic postcard unfold before your eyes and discover the lands where Vikings reigned.

#### **START EARLY**

Copenhagen: Kick off your journey taking in the colourful "City of Spires." CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Copenhagen, Denmark - Tour Begins

Set out to explore Scandinavia by land and experience one of the world's most incredible regions. Your tour opens in the beautiful city of Copenhagen. Take some time to venture out on your own and come to know this cosmopolitan capital, dubbed the "gastro capital of Scandinavia." Tonight, meet your fellow travellers during a dining experience highlighting the New Nordic Cuisine movement of Copenhagen. (D)

#### Day 2: Copenhagen

Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. See Christianborg, Denmark's centre of Parliament, and Amalienborg Palace, the residence of the Danish royal family, as well as the Royal Theatre. You'll also get to see the Little Mermaid Statue, a 1913 sculpture honouring Hans Christian Andersen's famous fictional character. This afternoon, enjoy some free time on your own. Perhaps you'll join us for an optional excursion to Frederiksborg Castle, the former residence of the Danish royal family which begins with lunch at a local restaurant featuring seasonally-inspired cuisine. (B)

#### Day 3: Copenhagen - Växjö, Sweden

Cross the famous Oresund Bridge into Sweden. Stop at the Ikea Museum and become immersed in the history behind this world-famous furniture brand. Later, travel to Växjö, gateway to Sweden's famous "glass kingdom" and home to the well-known brand, Kosta Boda. Discover the genuine Swedish tradition of glassblowing at Sweden's oldest operating glassworks factory, established in 1742. (B)

#### Day 4: Växjö - Stockholm

Continue north to Stockholm, Sweden's capital city. Explore the one-of-a-kind Vasa Ship Museum. You'll learn about the vessel's shocking maiden voyage, when it sank in a single nautical mile. The ship, commissioned in the 1600s by King Vasa, was raised 334 years later from the bottom of the harbour. Perfectly preserved, the ship offers a rare glimpse into the amazing craftsmanship of the 17th century. Tonight, enjoy Swedish cuisine in the old town at Fem Sma Hus. Capture the flavour of a bygone era at this stunning restaurant that's comprised of five connected timberframed houses from the 17th century. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Stockholm 😯

Today, it's your choice! Explore the narrow streets of Gamla Stan (Old Town) during a guided walking tour -OR- see the city on a coach tour that highlights the Riddarholm

Church, the Royal Palace and the Parliament, as well as a visit inside Stockholm's beautiful city hall. Explore Stockholm on your own for the rest of today. Perhaps you will choose to join an optional excursion that offers a privately-guided tour of Stockholm's spectacular archipelago. (B)

#### Day 6: Stockholm - High Speed Train - Oslo, Norway

All aboard! Sit back, relax and enjoy as you travel through Sweden's picturesque countryside aboard its high-speed train. Cross the Norwegian border and arrive in Oslo, one of Europe's fastestgrowing cities, nestled between the Oslofjord and forested hills. Norway's capital since 1814, Oslo is the centre of Norwegian government and home to the royal family. Here, you'll find a vibrant, cosmopolitan hub with an abundance of world-class museums, restaurants and art. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Oslo

A tour of Oslo begins at the remarkable Viking Ship Museum, home of three ancient Viking vessels. View the Royal Palace and city hall in quaint downtown Oslo. Next, visit Vigeland Park, home to the collection of statues and sculptures that comprise Gustav Vigeland's life's work. Later this afternoon, enjoy some free time to explore. (B)

#### Day 8: Oslo - Flåm

Travel north from Norway's capital to the majestic fjord region. Visit the Borgund Stave Church, the intricate structure built in dedication to the Apostle, Andrew in 1180, Arrive next in the quaint village of Flåm, nestled at the entrance to the stunning Aurlandsfjord. Embark on the renowned Flam Railway, one of the world's steepest train rides, and ascend 3,000 feet past mighty waterfalls, towering mountains and amazing valleys. Journey to the mountain plateau of Myrdal and cascade down to the fjord of Flåm, taking in the breathtaking views each way. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Flåm - Loen

Travel across the dramatic Sognefjord to the Briksdal Glacier, considered to be one of the most beautiful glaciers in Norway. Climb the glacier in a traditional "troll" car before arriving in stunning Loen for a relaxing stay in the heart of Norway's fjord region. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Loen - Geiranger - Fjord Cruise - Loen

Spend the day enchanted by the inspiring landscape of the fjord region of Norway. Journey to Geiranger, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise, soaking in some of Norway's





most beautiful scenery along the way. Known to be one of the most famous fjords in the world, Geirangerfjord is where you'll find Norway's mightiest waterfalls: the Seven Sisters, the Bridal Veil and the Suitor, You'll notice that homesteads are a continued presence on the steep sides of the mountains, where these farms have been kept for centuries. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Loen - Bergen

Be inspired by Norway's most impressive landscapes en route to Bergen - the gateway to the fjords. Founded with Viking roots, the Bergen of today is known for its old-world charm and scenic landscapes. (B)

#### Day 12: Bergen

Join a guided walking tour of Bergen. Stroll along the historic and iconic harbour front, known as the Bryggen (UNESCO). Enjoy the afternoon at leisure and reunite with your fellow passengers for an atmospheric farewell dinner in the historic Bryggen neighbourhood. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Bergen - Tour Ends

Depart for home today with incredible memories of your Scandinavian journey. (B)



Iceland

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Copenhagen • Växjö • Swedish Glass Museum • Stockholm • Vasa Ship Museum • High Speed Train • Oslo • Viking Ship Museum - Borgund Stave Church - Flåm Railway - Sognefjord -Briksdal Glacier • Geirangerfjord Cruise • Bergen





**DOUBLE** Starting at \$5249 Starting at \$6949 **SINGLE** 

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Prices based on 3 May 2019 departure

May - October 2019 3 May 14, 28 June 5, 12, 19, 26 July

2, 16, 23 August 13, 27 September 4 October

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#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Spectacular Scandinavia and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Copenhagen and depart from Bergen. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

Well-planned and thoughtful itinerary that showed us the highlights of each stop. We appreciated the ever-helpful and quite humourous tour manager. The hotels were first-rate, the sights fantastic, and the company great. We had a wonderful time.

# **SHADES OF IRELAND**

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS FROM \$2749

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Overnight on the grounds of a regal
- · Experience the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's great coastal roads.
- · See Irish sheepdogs in action when you visit a working farm.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Jump into Ireland's vibrant capital city Dublin.
- · Stand in awe of the stunning 700-foothigh Cliffs of Moher.
- · Kiss the famed Blarney Stone at Blarney



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 2 | See Dublin's highlights by coach with a local guide or take a walking tour of the city's historic centre.
- Day 3 | Tour the Waterford Crystal factory or take a guided tour at the Medieval Museum and enjoy a glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 5 dinners
- · Enjoy a hearty dinner and night of traditional Irish entertainment.
- · Taste the "water of life" during an Irish whiskey tasting.
- · Be treated to a farewell dinner at a castle!



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Days 1, 2 Dublin

Granville Hotel, Waterford Day 3 Killarney Avenue Hotel, Days 4, 5 Killarney Towers Hotel or Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney

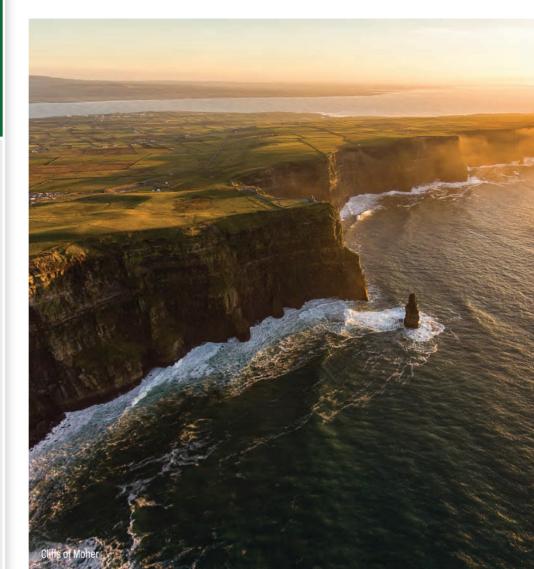
Absolute Hotel, George Hotel Days 6, 7 or Savoy Hotel, Limerick

Cabra Castle, Kingscourt Day 8

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2345 See page 191 for details.





Gradations of green, rolling hills and dramatic, rugged coastline are ripe for exploring in resplendent Ireland.

#### START EARLY

**Dublin:** Kick off your Irish journey early in this exuberant city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Get a taste of old Dublin. Tonight, you and your fellow travellers revel in a traditional Irish evening, including regional cuisine.

#### Day 2: Dublin 😯

Today, it's your choice! Choose to ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, the General Post Office, and the historic Phoenix Park -OR- choose a walking tour of the city's historic centre, exploring St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the River Liffey. Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. (B)

Day 3: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford 😯 Step back in time. Begin the day in the medieval splendour of 12th century

Kilkenny on the River Nore. Then, in Waterford, embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city. It's your choice! Tour the Waterford Crystal factory and learn how exquisite crystal has been made for centuries -OR- visit the Medieval Museum for a guided tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney

Live the legend. The story goes that those who kiss the Blarney Stone gain the gift of eloquence. This morning, give it a shot at historic Blarney Castle. Cross into County Kerry and continue on to charming Killarney. In Killarney's stunning national park, board a traditional boat and sail through the breathtaking lakes in the company of an expert boatman. This evening, it's Diner's Choice...tonight's dinner is included, and you'll choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Killarney's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 5: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney Take in the rugged coastline. Loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry,







#### Day 8: Limerick - Tullamore/Kilbeggan Kingscourt

You don't have to be a connoisseur to appreciate the old-world heritage of Ireland's whiskey territory. Your journey brings you to Tullamore and Kilbeggan in the heart of Ireland, where a superb distillery brings whiskey craftsmanship to life and gives you a taste of the final product. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Kingscourt - Tour Ends Your journey ends in Kingscourt. (B)

**66** The entire tour was well planned. The local guides and our tour director were very knowledgeable on the history of Ireland.

# **STAY LONGER**

Kingscourt: Continue to enjoy the royal treatment and relax for another evening in Cabra Castle. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Dublin • Irish Evening • Kilkenny • Waterford • Blarney Castle • Killarney • Ring of Kerry • Farm Visit • Jaunting Car Ride • Limerick • Cliffs of Moher • Galway • Castle Stay





#### **DOUBLE** SINGLE

Starting at \$2749 Starting at \$3399

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#### March - April 2019

(different itinerary - see note) 3, 5, 19, 21, 24 March 26, 28, 31 March ★ 10, 12, 14, 17 March 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 14, 18 April 23, 25, 26, 28, 30 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

2, 9, 12, 19, 26, 30 May 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 18, 20 June 23, 27, 30 June 2, 4, 7, 18, 21, 25, 30 July 4, 6, 8, 11, 18, 25 August 3, 5, 8, 10, 12 September 13, 15, 22, 24 September 26, 29 September 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 17 October 20, 29 October

3, 5, 7 November ★ 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 March 3, 8, 19, 22 March 26, 29, 31 March 2, 7, 9, 10, 16, 17, 19 April 23, 24, 26, 28, 30 April

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Dublin. Airport transfers are available for purchase. On day 9, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.

#### past pristine beaches, quaint villages and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm. The night is free for reminiscing about the day as you find your own authentic taste of Irish culture. (B)

# Day 6: Killarney - Adare - Limerick

#### Start your day with a traditional jaunting car ride\* through Killarnev National Park. Travel to Adare, Ireland's prettiest village, for some time at leisure. Continue to Limerick where a panoramic city tour showcases King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone. Delve into the fascinating history of the "city of the

#### Day 7: Limerick - Cliffs of Moher -Galway - Limerick

violated treaty." (B)

Today brings you to the dramatic, 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for cinematic views of the mighty Atlantic. Pass through the windswept, limestone landscape of the Burren, known for its stark beauty and Neolithic tombs. Continue on to Galway where a brief tour showcases "The City of Tribes" before relaxing over dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

# SHADES OF IRELAND FEATURING NORTHERN IRELAND

12 DAYS · 17 MEALS FROM \$3449

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Overnight on the grounds of a castle.
- Experience the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's great coastal roads.
- Experience the daily life of an Irish family during a visit to a local farm.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Stand in awe of the Cliffs of Moher.
- See Northern Ireland's spectacular Giant's Causeway.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 2 See Dublin's highlights by coach with a local guide or take a walking tour of the city's historic centre.
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#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin

Day 3 Granville Hotel, Waterford

Days 4.5 Killarney Towers Hotel, Killar

Days 4,5 Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney Plaza Hotel or The Dunloe Hotel, Killarney

Day 6 Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

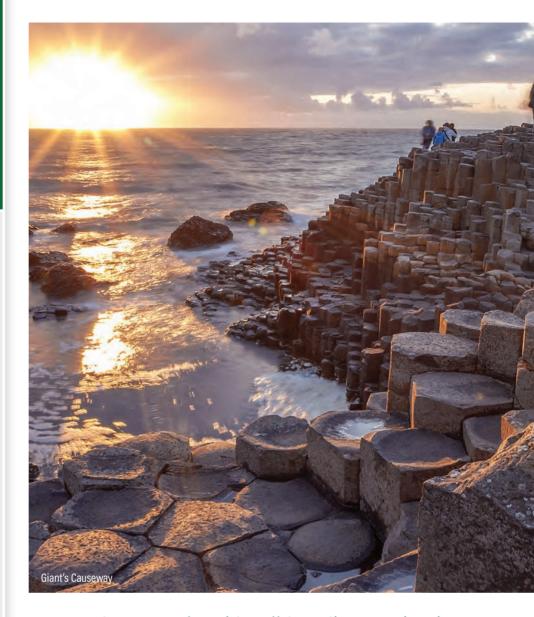
Manor House Country Hotel,
Enniskillen or Markree Castle,
Co. Sligo

Days 8, 9 City Hotel, Derry or Roe Park Hotel, Limavady

Day 10 Europa Hotel, Belfast
Cabra Castle, Kingscourt

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL See page 191 for details. 1 2 3 4 5



Experience Ireland in all its vibrant shades as you travel from the lively city of Dublin to the untamed natural beauty of Northern Ireland.

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CALL FOR DETAILS.

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way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages and



majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisanmade crafts. End your day with a traditional jaunting car ride through one of Ireland's best kept secrets -Killarney National Park. (B)

#### Day 6: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher -Ennis

Bid Killarnev farewell as we travel across the lovely Shannon River into County Clare. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most iconic sites. Walk along the rambling edge, soaking up unparalleled views and snapping incredible photos. Complete your day at the historic Old Ground Hotel, and experience the finest in Irish hospitality. (B)

#### Day 7: Ennis - Galway - Enniskillen, Northern Ireland

Experience the daily life of a traditional Irish family during a memorable farm visit. Then continue on to Galway, where a brief tour showcases "The City of Tribes." Your day ends in the northwest reaches of Eire. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Enniskillen - Donegal Town -Derry

Today you take in the rugged, natural beauty of County Donegal. Stop in Donegal Town and stroll

the town square, enjoying its quaint craft and woollen shops. Next, we travel to Derry, known for its turbulent political history. This afternoon, a local guide leads you on a walk through the old city, including the Craft Village, a charming 19th century Georgian square in the heart of the walled city. Tonight, it's Diner's Choice...you will choose your included dinner from a "menu" of Derry's great restaurants. (B, D)

# Day 9: Derry - Inishowen Peninsula -

This morning, journey to the Inishowen Peninsula and Malin Head. Take in breathtaking scenery as you explore Ireland's northernmost point. Return to Derry, and enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

#### Day 10: Derry - Giant's Causeway -Glens of Antrim - Belfast

See the most famous natural site in Northern Ireland as you visit the magnificent Giant's Causeway. Formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago, the causeway resembles a cobble road leading into the sea. Then lose vourself in the natural beauty of Northern Ireland as you explore the scenic back roads of the Glens of Antrim. (B)

#### Day 11: Belfast - Kingscourt, Ireland

Get ready for a guided tour of Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland. Hear of the struggles in this great city's history as you pass through the different neighbourhoods. See "Samson" and "Goliath," the cranes at the shipyard that built the Titanic, before touring the "Titanic Experience," Northern Ireland's most visited attraction. Next, we cross back into the Republic of Ireland. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Kingscourt - Tour Ends

Your tour ends in Kingscourt. (B)

66 Ireland is beautiful. We saw The Ring of Kerry, Blarney Castle with its famous stone, and the Waterford Crystal factory where we watched items being made. Our trip included a stop at St Patrick's Cathedral, a banquet dinner at a Medieval Castle and a tour of the Guinness brewery where we sampled a pint of Ireland's liquid gold.

#### STAY LONGER

Kingscourt: Continue to enjoy the royal treatment and relax for another evening in Cabra Castle, CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Dublin • Irish Evening • Kilkenny • Waterford • Blarney Castle • Killarney • Ring of Kerry • Jaunting Car Ride • Cliffs of Moher • Farm Visit • Galway • Donegal Town • Derry • Giant's Causeway • Glens of Antrim • Belfast • "Titanic Experience" • Castle Stay





# DOUBLE Starting at \$3449 SINGLE Starting at \$4199

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 8 November 2019 departure

#### March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note)

★ 12 March 19 March 9, 16, 23, 30 April Itinerary featured is for

May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

7, 14, 21, 24, 28 May 4, 11, 18, 25 June 9, 16, 23 July 13, 20, 27 August 6, 13, 17, 20 September 24, 27 September 4, 8, 15, 22 October 8 November

27 March ★ 10, 17 March 7, 14, 21, 24, 28 April

#### VISIT

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**Book a Stopover** Spend some time in a new city en route to your tour or on your way home. How long is up to you. Choose from: London • Amsterdam • Paris • Frankfurt • Munich



#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Shades of Ireland featuring Northern Ireland and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Dublin. Airport transfers are available for purchase. On day 12, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel.

# **ELEGANT IRELAND**

8 DAYS · 12 MEALS FROM \$3699

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Spend two nights at Dromoland Castle, one of Europe's most iconic hotels.
- · Take in an evening of Irish song and
- · Enjoy an evening of storytelling and song at Castlemartyr Resort.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Jump into Ireland's vibrant capital city - Dublin.
- · Kiss the famed Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle.
- · Stand in awe of the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 2 | Take a drive with a local guide to see Dublin's iconic sites or select a walking tour through its historic centre.
- Day 4 | Visit the Old Midleton Distillery for a guided tour and tasting or stay behind to stroll Castlemartyr's grounds or enjoy its amenities.
- Day 5 | Explore the beautiful Ring of Kerry or relax at your five-star resort.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 7 breakfasts 1 lunch 4 dinners
- · Feel like royalty when dining at Dromoland Castle.
- · Enjoy complimentary wine and beer with every dinner.
- · Savour organic Irish ciders and apple syrups with a visit to a family-owned farm.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 InterContinental, Dublin

Castlemartyr Resort, Cork Day 3

Days 4, 5 The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens or The Europe Hotel & Resort, Killarney

Days 6,7 Dromoland Castle, County Clare

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.







Luxury abounds across emerald landscapes. Step back in time to a gentler age and be whisked from grand castles to refined country estates.

#### START EARLY

**Dublin:** Kick off your journey in Ireland by exploring its lively capital city - Dublin. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Enter a refined and gentler age, where Ireland's history weaves its way through natural wonders and luxurious estates... and every step feels like a dream. There is no better place to begin your journey than Dublin, Ireland's dynamic capital city. Discover a city brimming with history and warmth. End your day at a rollicking "Irish Night" complete with traditional entertainment. (D)

#### Day 2: Dublin 😯

It's your choice! Will you set out with a local guide on a drive to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, and the historic Phoenix Park -OR- will you choose a walking tour of the city's historic centre,

exploring Grafton Street, St. Stephen's Green, the General Post Office, and the River Liffey. Either way, what follows your tour is a free afternoon for discovering Dublin's charms on your own. (B)

#### Day 3: Dublin - Kilkenny - Farmhouse Lunch - Castlemartyr

Leave Dublin behind to visit the country's medieval capital - Kilkenny. Meander its historic streets and soak up the unique sights of the city built on both banks of the River Nore. Visit a family-run farm and enjoy lunch while hearing about the traditions of Irish farming. Next, travel south for a relaxing stay at the Castlemartyr Resort, a grand manor house which once belonged to Sir Walter Raleigh. Cap off your evening enjoying Ireland's oldest form of entertainment, storytelling, and explore the legends that shape the country's unique culture. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Castlemartyr - Blarney - Killarney 😵 Enjoy a leisurely morning to relax at your hotel. Then, it's your choice! Visit the Old







#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Dublin • Irish Night • Kilkenny • Farm Visit • Castlemartyr Resort • Storytelling Evening • Blarney • Killarney • Cliffs of Moher • **Dromoland Castle** 





Midleton Distillery where a guided tour and tasting will showcase the extraordinary story of Jameson Irish Whiskey -OR- choose to stay behind to stroll Castlemartyr's 220 stunning acres and enjoy its amenities. Later we travel to historic Blarney Castle and embrace the opportunity to kiss the Blarney Stone. Legend has it that those who kiss the stone are bestowed with the aift of eloquence. Arrive in Killarney, your home for the next two nights. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Killarney 🕜

It's your choice! Join a guide for an adventure on one of the most beautiful coastal routes in the world - the Ring of Kerry; this worldfamous trail is part of an unspoiled region that is home to the types of plunging cliffs and miles of brilliant greenery for which the Emerald Isle is known -OR- you may stay behind to enjoy a relaxing day at your 5-star resort. (B)

#### Day 6: Killarney - Foynes - Cliffs of Moher - Dromoland Castle

Visit the Foynes Flying Boat Museum which recalls the history of aviation travel between North

America and Europe. Foynes is also where Irish coffee was invented, so drink up! Then, journey to the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for aweinspiring views of the mighty Atlantic and the Aran Islands. As you are whisked through gorgeous countryside, arrive at Ireland's iconic Dromoland Castle for a relaxing 2-night stay. (B)

#### Day 7: Dromoland Castle

Live the life of a royal as you enjoy an entire day at leisure at Dromoland Castle. Or, perhaps take an optional excursion which starts at the Burren, Ireland's rocky and windswept region, to experience a traditional sheepdog demonstration before heading to Galway - the ancient "City of Tribes." There, enjoy some free time to explore this historic city before returning to Dromoland Castle. Tonight, enjoy dinner in the castle and toast the end of an unforgettable trip! (B, D)

Day 8: Dromoland Castle - Tour Ends Your journey comes to a close. (B)

Starting at \$3699 Starting at \$4899 **DOUBLE** SINGLE

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Prices based on 1 November 2019 departure

#### March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note)

22, 29 March 1, 12 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

3 May 14 June 25 July 6, 20, 27 September 4, 11, 18 October 1 November 6, 11, 20, 27 March

10, 17, 24 April

#### VISIT

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#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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66 The tour was wonderful. I learned so much about Ireland and the places that we visited. The walking tour of Dublin with our local guide was wonderful. He was so knowledgeable. He would find out where we lived and related it to Ireland in some way. So personable and professional!

# IRISH **SPLENDOUR**

7 DAYS · 8 MEALS FROM \$1899

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Travel the Dingle Peninsula, one of the world's most beautiful coastal routes.
- See the Rock of Cashel, the historic site where St. Patrick preached.
- · Overnight on the grounds of a historic castle.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Dublin, the "Fair City."
- · Explore the charming town of Killarney.
- · Kiss the famous Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 6 breakfasts 2 dinners
- · Enjoy cocktails and canapes in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral.
- · Explore Tullamore and delight in a whiskey tasting.
- · Learn how a traditional Irish farm works over homemade scones and tea.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1 Cabra Castle, Kingscourt

Old Ground Hotel, Ennis Day 2

Days 3, 4 Killarney Avenue Hotel or Killarney Towers Hotel,

Killarney

Days 5, 6 Ashling Hotel, Dublin

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Uncover the charms of the Emerald Isle. From castles to cliffs, rolling green ranges and the "water of life," the splendour of Ireland awaits.

#### **START EARLY**

Kingscourt: Begin your journey by relaxing in this resplendent Irish town. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Kingscourt, Ireland - Tour Begins

Experience a true taste of "Irish Splendour" on a trip that combines fabulous accommodation, stunning scenery and incredible cuisine. Make a return to times past when you join us on an unforgettable tour of the amazing "Emerald Isle." Open your tour on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Kingscourt - Tullamore/Kilbeggan -Cliffs of Moher - Ennis

Start your day with a cross-country journey to Irish whiskey territory. The ancient towns

of Tullamore and Kilbeggan have long been associated with the whiskey industry. During a visit to one of these historic distilleries, learn the process of whiskey making and delight in a tasting of the final product. Continue to the stunning 700-foothigh Cliffs of Moher for awe-inspiring views of the mighty Atlantic and the Aran Islands. End your day in the charming town of Ennis. Enjoy the ambience of your historic hotel, cosy up to its roaring peat fire, and feel the warmth of Irish hospitality. (B)

#### Day 3: Ennis - Killarney

Today, experience the customs and daily life of a traditional Irish family and enjoy homemade scones and tea during a memorable visit to the Molanna Dairv Farm. Continue on to Killarney, your home for the next two nights. This evening, enjoy dinner at one of Killarney's best local restaurants. (B, D)



Day 4: Killarney - Dingle Peninsula -

Set off this morning to follow what

is perhaps Ireland's most majestic

Peninsula. Stop at the Gap of

by local artisans. Travel to the

town of Dingle and then drive

the beautiful Slea Head road,

breathtaking countryside. Visit historic Blarney Castle where you

have the opportunity to kiss the

famous Blarney Stone. Legend

town of Cashel for views of the

End your day in Dublin. (B)

historic Rock of Cashel, the reputed

location where St. Patrick preached

and converted the King of Munster.

has it that those who kiss the stone are bestowed with the gift of eloquence. Next, travel to the

Day 5: Killarney - Dublin Depart Killarney for Ireland's

Dunloe where you can shop for

traditional Irish goods handcrafted

where some of the country's most

spectacular landscapes are found.

coastal route - the stunning Dingle

Killarney

(B)





#### the "Fair City." Take in O'Connell Street, Grafton Street and the city's magnificent rows of stately Georgian town homes. Then, enjoy some leisure time to independently explore the cultural offerings of delightful Dublin. Tonight, tour Christ Church Cathedral, one of Dublin's most historic buildings and toast the end of an incredible journey with canapes and cocktails in the cathedral's crypt. (B)

#### Day 7: Dublin - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end in Dublin. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

Dublin: End your trip by enjoying one final evening in Ireland's lively capital city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

66 My daughter and I had an excellent experience with our Irish Splendour tour. Our tour manager as well as our driver were superb. Our tour guide was very knowledgeable, and the sightseeing was breathtaking.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Cabra Castle • Whiskey Distillery • Cliffs of Moher • Farm Visit • Killarney - Dingle Peninsula - Blarney Castle - Dublin -Christ Church Cathedral





#### **DOUBLE** Starting at \$1899 SINGLE Starting at \$2349

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 6 November 2019 departure

January - March 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 24 January 27 February 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 March 20, 27, 28 March

Itinerary featured is for October 2019 - March 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### October 2019 - March 2020

(featured itinerary) 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 October 6, 7, 13, 14, November 19, 20 November 4, 5, 11, 12 December 29 January 12, 26 February 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 March 25, 26 March

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#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Dublin airport. All of our transfers will arrive into and depart from Dublin airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 2:30 p.m. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.

#### Day 6: Dublin

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Dublin,

# **EXPLORING BRITAIN & IRELAND**

14 DAYS · 20 MEALS FROM \$4449

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Behold the sights of Killarney on a traditional jaunting car.
- · Find inspiration in the Lake District's quintessential English villages.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Ponder ancient mysteries at Stonehenge.
- Overnight in the capital cities of London, Cardiff, Dublin and Edinburgh.
- · Explore the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 5 | Tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory or enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city.
- Day 11 | Explore Edinburgh during a locally guided panoramic coach tour or for a different perspective, join a local expert and explore the city on foot.
- Day 13 | Tour Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage or set out on a leisurely cruise along the Avon River.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 13 breakfasts 7 dinners
- · Give traditional Irish cuisine a modern twist during a cooking class and dinner.
- · Experience a traditional English carvery.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Radisson Blu Edwardian, Grafton, London

Day 3 Radisson Blu, Cardiff Tower Hotel, Waterford Day 4

Scotts Hotel, The Dunloe Hotel Days 5, 6 & Gardens or The Europe Hotel,

Days 7, 8 Crowne Plaza Northwood, Dublin Day 9 Grosvenor Pulford Hotel, Cheshire

Days 10, 11 Apex Grassmarket Hotel, Edinburgh

Day 12 Holiday Inn York City Centre, York Mercure Warwickshire Walton Day 13 Hall Hotel or Welcombe Hallmark Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 12345 See page 191 for details.





This epic journey takes you over fertile farmland and across the Irish Sea, through England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

#### START EARLY

London: Spend your first evening in England taking in the charms of its historic capital city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

Day 1: London, England - Tour Begins

Your journey opens in the regal city of London, A capital of culture and commerce, the city blends traditional with modern. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a traditional English pub for dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: London

Discover the pageantry of London as we join a local guide for a city tour. See Big Ben, Westminster, Whitehall, Hyde Park and Buckingham Palace. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore this iconic city or perhaps partake in an optional excursion to Windsor Castle. (B)

#### Day 3: London - Stonehenge - Bath -Cardiff, Wales

Travel to Stonehenge, the mysterious formation that dates back to the Stone Age. Explore various theories on how the colossal stones arrived at the location and their purpose. Continue to the elegant Georgian town of Bath to visit the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas. Enjoy some time to stroll through Bath's cobblestone streets and soak in its old-world atmosphere. Your day ends in the Welsh capital of Cardiff. (B)

Day 4: Cardiff - Ferry to Ireland - Waterford

Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour of Cardiff. Learn about the city's deep ties to the coal industry, its connection to ancient Rome and its famous Victorian shopping arcades. Take in the beautiful countryside of Wales en route to the coastal village of Fishguard. There we board the ferry for Ireland, crossing the Irish Sea. Upon arrival in Rosslare, travel to Waterford, your home for the evening. (B, D)

Day 5: Waterford - Blarney - Killarney 😯

This morning, it's your choice! Tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory featuring a fascinating visitor's centre and a retail store housing the largest collection of Waterford Crystal in the world -OR- enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city and discover its rich Viking, Norman and Cromwellian history. Later, travel to historic Blarney Castle. Make your way to the top of the castle, lie back and kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that if you do, you will be blessed with the "gift of eloquence." This evening it's Diner's Choice...tonight's dinner is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a 'menu' of Killarney's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 6: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney This morning explore Killarney National Park on a traditional jaunting car ride.\* Then travel along the glorious Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery. Pause for a moment at

the Gap of Dunloe to browse for traditional Irish handcrafted goods. As we continue our journey, marvel at the vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. Later, see border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm. (B)

# Day 7: Killarney - Rock of Cashel -

Today we venture through the "Golden Vale" en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. Tonight, give traditional Irish cuisine a modern twist during a cooking class and dinner at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions. Top off the evening by making your very own Irish coffee! (B, D)

#### Day 8: Dublin

Discover Dublin's past and present on a locally guided tour highlighting the Bank of Ireland, O'Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Later, experience for yourself the welcoming nature of the Irish as you set out to explore the "Fair City" on your own. (B)

#### Day 9: Dublin - Ferry to Wales -Cheshire

Ferry across the Irish Sea to Holyhead, Wales. As you traverse northern Wales, pass Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch, the town with the longest name in the world. Make a stop at majestic Caernarfon Castle, where Charles was crowned Prince of Wales. Then, continue through the Welsh countryside and discover some of the most magnificent scenery in all of Britain. Tonight, experience dinner at a traditional English carvery. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Cheshire - Lake District - Gretna Green, Scotland -Edinburgh

Travel north into England's scenic Lake District. Here you'll feel the inspirational appeal of the region's quintessential English villages, Lake Windermere, Ambleside and Grasmere. Crossing into Scotland, stop in the town of Gretna Green where generations of runaway couples eloped. Continue to Edinburgh, Scotland's majestic capital city. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Edinburgh 😯

It's your choice! Come to know this regal city during a locally guided panoramic city coach tour -OR- for a different perspective, join a local expert and explore the city on foot. Both tours include a visit to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in





Edinburgh and former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or explore the city independently. (B)

#### Day 12: Edinburgh - York, England

En route to England, visit Hadrian's Wall. Construction of this ancient structure began in A.D. 122 and since that time, it has served as the northern border of the Roman Empire. Continue to the historic city of York. Find yourself surrounded by the charms of history as you explore its quaint narrow streets. Walk on the famous "Shambles" and see the magnificent 13th-century Minster. (B)

#### Day 13: York - Stratford-upon-Avon 😵

Journey to charming Stratford-upon-Avon. Step back in time as we visit William Shakespeare's birthplace. Afterward, it's your choice! Tour Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage, the childhood home of the author's wife -OR- set out on a leisurely cruise along the Avon River. This evening we gather to say farewell to this captivating region over dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 14: Stratford-upon-Avon - Tour Ends

Depart today with many fond memories of lovely Britain and Ireland.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

London • Stonehenge • Bath • Cardiff • Waterford • Blarney Castle • Killarney • Diner's Choice • Ring of Kerry • Jaunting Car Ride • Farm Visit • Dublin • Irish Cooking Class • Wales • Lake District • Edinburgh • York • Stratford-upon-Avon





DOUBLE Starting at \$4449 SINGLE Starting at \$5749

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Prices based on 19 October 2019 departure

March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 23 March

5, 6, 13, 26, 27 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) 4, 18 May

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June 6, 13, 20 July

**★** July 27 ★ 3, 9, 10 August 17, 24, 31 August 6, 7, 13, 14 September

20, 21, 27, 28 September 5, 12, 19 October 14, 21 March 3, 17, 18, 24, 25 April

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#### **CELEBRATE TRADITION**

#### **Edinburgh Military Tattoo**

Passengers arriving in Edinburgh from 27 July - 10 August 2019 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show on Day 7.

3-22 August 2019



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Book another tour with Exploring Britain & Ireland and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from London. Our air passengers will depart from Stratford-upon-Avon for London (approximate 2 hour drive). Airport transfers are available for purchase. On day 14, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel. Return flights should not be booked prior to 11:00 a.m.

# **BRITISH LANDSCAPES**

9 DAYS · 12 MEALS FROM \$2599

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Behold the Crown Jewels of Scotland on a guided tour of Edinburgh Castle.
- · Discover the picturesque Lake District.
- · Overnight in a historic Welsh castle.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · See the quintessential sights of London with a local guide.
- · Venture to mystical, ancient Stonehenge.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 5 | Get acquainted with Edinburgh on a locally guided all-encompassing tour of the city via coach or join a local expert and explore the city on foot.
- Day 7 In Stratford-upon-Avon, tour Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage or enjoy a leisurely cruise along the picturesque Avon River.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 4 dinners
- · Enjoy a private dinner at Hall's Croft, a 400-year-old Shakespeare family home.
- · Dine like a Londoner with dinner at an English pub.

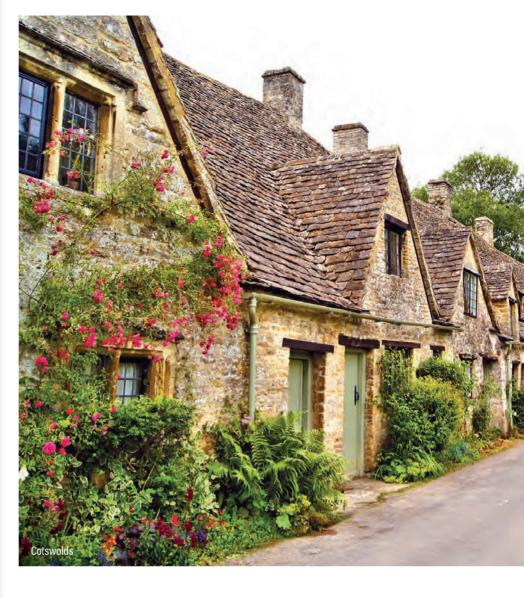


#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Grange City Hotel, London Day 3 Doubletree by Hilton, York Apex Grassmarket Hotel Days 4, 5 or Dalmahoy Hotel & Country Club, Edinburgh Day 6 Ruthin Castle, Ruthin Days 7, 8 The Stratford Hotel or Hotel Indigo, Stratford-upon-Avon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.



An adventure fit for a Shakespearean tale takes you from verdant hillsides and glittering lakes to bustling British cities rich with culture.

#### START EARLY

London: Start off your trip exploring England's sophisticated capital city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: London, England - Tour Begins

Feel the vibrant energy of England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland, and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines dramatic history and natural wonders. Your tour opens in London, the cosmopolitan and historic capital of England. This evening, join your fellow travellers for an ale and pie tasting at a traditional English pub. (D)

#### Day 2: London

London's quintessential sights await you this morning. Alongside a local guide, view the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace. This afternoon, enjoy some time at leisure to explore this iconic city on your own. (B)

#### Day 3: London - York

It's time to say farewell to London and travel to the medieval city of York, stopping in the 800-year-old university town of Cambridge along the way. Upon arriving in York, join your Tour Manager for a brief orientation tour. Or, choose to arrive in York earlier by way of an optional high speed rail; climb aboard at London's King's Cross and sit back and relax as you travel 125mph through England's stunning countryside; arriving in York just over two hours later, meet up with a local expert at York Station and embark on a walking tour of this remarkable city where you'll see its famous Minster and walk the labyrinth of quaint narrow streets that still appear as they did in the Middle Ages. Tonight, stay within the city's historic walls. (B)

#### Day 4: York - Borders Region, Scotland -Edinburah

Enjoy a leisurely morning in York before travelling north through the rolling fields to bonnie ("lovely" in Scottish) Scotland. Stretching across the country you will find Hadrian's Wall, once the mark of the northern border of the Roman Empire. Stop



to see this ancient fortification that

was begun in A.D. 122 to protect

of Scotland. Next, drive through

Scotland's Borders region before

arriving in Edinburgh, the "Athens

of the North." Discover Scotland's

history and culture. Tonight, enjoy

dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

acquainted with this regal city on

a locally guided all-encompassing

tour of the city via coach -OR- join

most beautiful cities, alive with

Today it's your choice! Get

a local expert and explore the

city on foot. Both tours include

the Palace of Holyroodhouse,

the Queen's official residence in

Edinburgh and the former home

of Mary, Queen of Scots. The rest

of today is yours to explore the city

visits to Edinburgh Castle, home

to the Scottish Crown Jewels, and

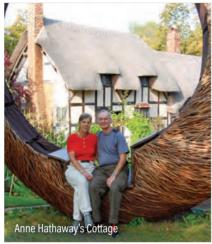
Day 5: Edinburgh 😯

independently. (B)

exciting capital, and one of Europe's

Roman Britain from the tribes





#### visit the charming village of Grasmere, home of the poet William Wordsworth. End your day with an overnight stay in beautiful Ruthin Castle, situated in the north of Wales. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Wales - Stratford-upon-Avon, England

Step back in time to the birthplace of the bard, William Shakespeare, on a journey to Stratford-upon-Avon - your home for the next two nights. Then, it's your choice! Tour Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage, the childhood home of the author's wife -OR- choose to enjoy a leisurely cruise along the picturesque Avon River. (B)

#### Day 8: Stratford - Stonehenge -Cotswolds - Stratford

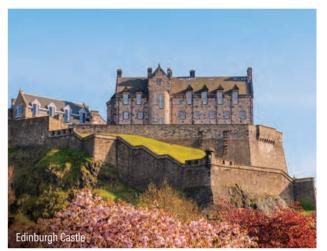
Complete your visit to Britain with a journey to mystical Stonehenge - an incredible entrée to some of England's most gorgeous countryside. Explore the beautiful villages of the Cotswolds region. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a private farewell dinner at Hall's Croft, a 400-year-old Shakespeare family home. Toast the end of a wonderful journey while actors in traditional costume perform some of Shakespeare's most renowned scenes. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Stratford-upon-Avon - Tour Ends Your journey through Britain concludes today. (B)

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

London • York • Edinburgh Castle • Lake District • Castle Stay • North Wales • Stratford-upon-Avon • Stonehenge • Cotswolds





#### **DOUBLE** SINGLE

Starting at **\$2599**Starting at **\$3749** 

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 8 November 2019 departure

February - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 22 February 15, 22 March

5, 6, 7, 12, 26, 27, 28 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures, Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation

May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) 3, 17, 24 May 2, 9, 16, 23 June

5, 14, 19, 26 July \* 4, 9, 16, 18 August 6, 8, 13, 20 September 22, 27, 29 September 11, 20, 25 October

3, 8 November 13, 20 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 26 April

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#### **CELEBRATE TRADITION**

#### **Edinburgh Military Tattoo**

Passengers arriving in Edinburgh from 3-24 August 2019 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show on Day 7. 3-24 August 2019



#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive and depart from London airports, Airport transfers are available for purchase. On day 9, all of our air transfers will depart from Stratford-upon-Avon for London airports. Due to transfer scheduling, flights on the last day of your tour should be scheduled after 11:00 a.m.



Day 6: Edinburgh - Lake District,

England - Ruthin Castle, Wales

through the picturesque Lake

District. Here in the district's heart,

# **ENGLAND'S TREASURES**

11 DAYS · 16 MEALS FROM \$3799

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Spend three nights in the Georgian town of Bath.
- Journey by train from Cornwall to London's Paddington Station.
- Explore the monastic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · See the quintessential sights of London with a local guide.
- · Explore the Roman Bath Museum's 2,000-year-old elaborate spas.
- · Venture to mystical, ancient Stonehenge.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 3 | Soak up the romance of the Lake District with a visit to Rydal Mount, the home of poet William Wordsworth or soak up some poetic inspiration on a guided hike through glacial valleys and along lakeside trails.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 10 breakfasts 6 dinners
- Enjoy a private wine pairing dinner at a Cornish winery.
- Sayour a traditional English roast at one of Kensington's most popular local restaurants.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1 Hotel Indigo, Liverpool

Low Wood Bay Hotel, Lake Days 2, 3 Windermere or The Waterhead

Hotel, Ambleside

Days 4 - 6 Apex City of Bath Hotel, Bath

**Days 7,8** The Cornwall Hotel, Spa & Estate, St. Austell

Radisson Blu Edwardian Days 9, 10 Grafton Hotel, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.



# Experience resplendent countryside, lakeside trails, and majestic locales fit for a poem on this English voyage.

#### START EARLY

Liverpool: Explore the city The Beatles hail from on your first evening. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Liverpool, England - Tour Begins

"Come!-let me see thee sink into a dream." William Wordsworth wrote those words for his poem Travelling over 160 years ago. Yet they still capture the essence of the out-of-the-way places and the contemplative beauty of England. Join us as we take in Stonehenge, Liverpool and London. Along the way we'll stray from the well-travelled path with stays in Bath, Cornwall and Wordsworth's own Lake District. Your tour opens in Liverpool, home to four English lads who changed music forever. Today, this once rough and tumble city is known as much for its unrivalled love of football as it is for The Beatles. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner on the Albert Dock. (D)

#### Day 2: Liverpool - Lake District

This morning, we set out to explore Liverpool with a local guide. Along the way, learn about the rich heritage of this historic port. Later, spend time at the restored Albert Dock complex or perhaps visit The Beatles Story (the world's largest permanent exhibition devoted to

the group), the Maritime Museum or the International Slavery Museum. Then, we travel to the scenic Lake District and settle into our hotel for two nights on the shores of Lake Windermere. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Lake District 😯

Discover a corner of the world that gave inspiration to famed writers such as William Wordsworth, Beatrix Potter and Sir Walter Scott. Set sail on Lake Windermere, England's largest lake. Take in the tranquil backdrop as we cruise into the charming village of Bowness for some leisure time. This afternoon, it's your choice! Soak up the romance of the Lake District with a visit to Rydal Mount, the home of poet William Wordsworth -OR- soak up some poetic inspiration on a guided hike through glacial valleys and along gorgeous lakeside trails.

#### Day 4: Lake District - Worcester - Bath

Today we head south to England's rural heartland. Stop at Worcester Cathedral for a guided tour of this architectural marvel and final resting place of the legendary King John. Next, take a short drive to the ancient Roman town of Bath, your home for the next three nights. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Bath

England is blanketed with beautiful cities, but Bath may just be the jewel in the crown. Enjoy a leisurely morning before joining

your local guide on a walking tour. Follow in the footsteps Jane Austen, Thomas Gainsborough and Charles Dickens as you take in beautiful Georgian façades, manicured parks, and the famous Royal Crescent, a dramatic row of 30 terraced houses. Next, visit the Roman Bath Museum to see these elaborate spas that have been prized since Roman times for their curative properties. The remainder of the day is yours to explore. (B)

#### Day 6: Bath - Stonehenge -Salisbury - Bath

Today we visit one of the world's most iconic sights. Travel to Stonehenge, the mysterious rock formation that dates back to the Stone Age. Explore various theories on how the colossal stones arrived here and try to imagine their true purpose. Then it's off to the medieval market town of Salisbury. Enjoy free time to explore on your own before visiting the famous cathedral that towers above the city. Join a local guide who takes you on a tour through Britain's finest 13thcentury Gothic cathedral. (B)

#### Day 7: Bath - Glastonbury - Cornwall

Today, visit the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, once the richest monastic community in England and the reputed home of the legendary King Arthur. Then travel south to Cornwall, England's remote southwestern peninsula. Cornwall has always danced to its own tune. Passing through rugged moors and lush valleys, it becomes clear why this far-reaching corner of the earth has been a source of inspiration for so many. Stop at Lanhydrock. This picture-perfect country house perfectly pairs great wealth alongside the comfort and familiarity of a family home. The kitchens, nurseries and servants' quarters offer a thrilling glimpse into life 'below stairs', while the spacious dining room and bedrooms remain truly elegant. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Cornwall

Enjoy a leisurely morning before setting out for a day of discovery. See iconic St. Michael's Mount, a monastery turned castle that stands steadfast off the shores of Penzance in the mouth of Mount's Bay. Then, travel along Cornwall's stunning coastal road to Land's End, England's most westerly point. Visit the popular artist colony and resort town of St. Ives for an afternoon at leisure. Tonight we visit a local winery for a farm-to-table dinner and wine pairing. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Cornwall - Great Western Railway - London

All aboard! Bid a fond farewell to Cornwall and board your Great





Western Railway car en route to London's Paddington Station. Sit back, relax and enjoy the stunning English countryside. Your welcome to England's bustling capital begins with a local expert who will show you the quintessential sights, including Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham Palace. (B)

#### Day 10: London

Today is yours to explore London. Or, you may choose to join an optional excursion to Windsor Castle; originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and queens for nine centuries and is one of the oldest royal residences still in use today. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a traditional English roast at one of Kensington's favourite local restaurants and toast the end of a wonderful journey. (B, D)

#### Day 11: London - Tour Ends

Your journey through England comes to a close today. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

London: Take in one more evening of fun in this posh city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Liverpool - Lake District - Choice on Tour - Worcester Cathedral • Bath • Stonehenge • Salisbury • Glastonbury • Cornwall • St. Ives • Wine Pairing Dinner • Great Western Railway • London





#### DOUBLE Starting at \$3799 Starting at \$4849 SINGLE

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

26 March

Prices based on 17 October 2019 departure

#### March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note)

21 March 25 April

Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

16 May 20 June

17 October

18 July 15, 29 August 12, 26 September

16, 23 April

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#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with England's Treasures and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Manchester and transfer to Liverpool, and will depart from London. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



The England's Treasures tour was outstanding. Our tour director was so knowledgeable, personable, enthusiastic, and organised. All we had to do was relax and enjoy the tour, the great meals and very nice accommodation.

# **EXPLORING** SCOTLAND & IRELAND

12 DAYS · 17 MEALS FROM \$4199

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Explore the ruins of historic Urquhart Castle on the banks of Loch Ness.
- · Be transported to a bygone era during a traditional "night on the town" in 20th century Ulster.
- · Embark on a breathtaking rail journey along the Causeway Coast.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Tour the "Fair City" of Dublin with a local auide.
- · Embark on a scenic cruise on beautiful Loch Ness
- · Set out on a walking tour of Derry featuring its medieval city walls.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 2 | Get acquainted with Edinburgh on a locally guided panoramic tour or for a different perspective, join a local expert for an in-depth walking tour of Edinburgh's Old Town.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 11 breakfasts 6 dinners
- Sample the "Water of Life" at a Scottish whisky distillery.
- · Join in the fun during a night of traditional Irish food and entertainment.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Radisson Collection Royal Mile, Days 1, 2 Edinburgh

Day 3 Palace Hotel, Inverness

Ballachulish Hotel, Ballachulish Day 4 or Royal Muthu Hotel, Tyndrum

Hotel Indigo, Glasgow Day 5 Maldron City Center Hotel, Days 6, 7

Belfast Day 8

City Hotel, Derry

Manor House Country Hotel, Day 9

**Enniskillen** 

Days 10, 11 Barberstown Castle, Kildare

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2345 See page 191 for details.





# Regal cities, bucolic countryside and Celtic culture await you on a journey through Scotland and Ireland.

#### START EARLY

Edinburgh: Spend your first evening exploring this regal city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

Day 1: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city. Tonight, experience how traditional Scottish ingredients are getting a modern twist during a welcome dinner at one of the city's popular restaurants. (D)

#### Day 2: Edinburgh 😯

Today it's your choice! Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided panoramic tour; explore both Old Town and New Town before visiting the Palace at Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary Queen of Scots -OR- for a different perspective, join a local expert for an in-depth walking tour of Edinburgh's Old Town; meander the cobbled streets and narrow alleyways before descending

into the city's underground vaults to uncover a world unchanged since the 18th century. (B)

Day 3: Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Inverness

Travel to St. Andrews, the beautiful town in the Kingdom of Fife that gave the world the game of golf - to see the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course. Next, stop at Pitlochry, a vibrant Victorian town. Discover its old-world appeal as you explore this popular resort town on your own. Enjoy a privately guided tour at one of Scotland's renowned whisky distilleries and taste for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world's finest. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Inverness - Loch Ness - Ballachulish or Tyndrum

This morning take a scenic cruise on Loch Ness before disembarking at the base of famed Urquhart Castle. Explore the ruins of this historic stronghold where acts of chivalry and defiance exhibit more than 1,000 years of Scottish history. Continue south through Scotland's stunning Great Glen before arriving at your hotel, located in a charming village in the Highlands. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Ballachulish or Tyndrum -Glasgow

Begin your day with a breathtaking drive in the heart of Scotland as you pass through Glencoe and Rannoch Moor. Arrive in the Victorian metropolis of Glasgow, Scotland's largest city. Take in the sights with a local expert before enjoying an evening at leisure in this bustling city. (B)

#### Day 6: Glasgow - Ferry Crossing -Belfast, Northern Ireland

This morning, travel along the scenic Ayrshire coast to your ferry. Cross the famed Irish Sea as we head for Northern Ireland's capital city of Belfast. Later you are invited to a traditional Irish céilí. This experience takes you back to the cobblestoned streets and Irish fare of turn of the century Ulster. Enjoy a hot toddy or a glass of Guinness as you lose yourself in the rousing music. Then it's time to dance! (B, D)

#### Day 7: Belfast

Enjoy a privately guided tour of Belfast, Northern Ireland's largest city. Learn about the struggles in this great city's history as you pass through its distinctive neighbourhoods. See "Samson" and "Goliath," the massive cranes of the Belfast shipyard. Complete today's tour with a visit to the award-winning Titanic Experience museum. (B)

#### Dav 8: Belfast - Glens of Antrim -Giant's Causeway - Derry

Venture along the stunning Antrim Coastal Route, stopping at the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago, the causeway resembles an old cobbled road leading mystically into the sea. Then, embark on one of the world's most beautiful railway journeys along the Causeway Coast. Soak up the incredible scenery before arriving in the walled city of Derry. Set out on a walking tour featuring the medieval city walls, St. Augustine's Cathedral, and the Guildhall. This evening, perhaps you will discover why Derry is one of Ireland's best kept secrets during an optional evening of storytelling and traditional music at one of the city's best farm-totable restaurants. (B)

#### Day 9: Derry - County Donegal - Glenveagh National Park -Enniskillen

Today's journey showcases the rugged beauty of County Donegal. Visit spectacular Glenveagh National Park, a natural wonderland with 40,000 acres of mountains, lakes and woodland. Enjoy a guided visit to stately Glenveagh Castle, set amidst the colourful splendour of one of the finest gardens in Ireland. (B, D)





#### Day 10: Enniskillen - Barberstown Castle, Republic of Ireland

After a leisurely morning, depart on a journey through the scenic countryside and cross into the Republic of Ireland. We end our day at Barberstown Castle, a regal 13th-century castle and country house hotel in the heart of Ireland's Ancient East. (B)

#### Day 11: Barberstown Castle - Dublin -**Barberstown Castle**

A locally guided tour of Dublin highlights the world-renowned St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park and the city's magnificent rows of lovely Georgian town homes. Spend the rest of your day at leisure as you delve further into Dublin's cultural treasures. This evening, toast the end of an incredible adventure during a farewell dinner at your castle hotel. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Barberstown Castle - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

Barberstown Castle: Enjoy a final evening living like royalty. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Edinburgh • Whisky Distillery • Loch Ness • Urguhart Castle • Glasgow • Belfast • Titanic Experience • Giant's Causeway • The Causeway Coast Rail Journey • Derry • Glenveagh National Park - Dublin - Castle Stay





#### **DOUBLE** SINGLE

Starting at \$4199 Starting at \$4999

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 16 March 2020 departure

March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 4, 11 March 8, 25, 29 April

Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) 6, 13, 20 May 3, 10, 17, 24 lune

8, 15, 22 July ★ 5, 12, 15, 19 August 2, 16, 30 September 7, 14, 21 October

16, 30 March 6, 20, 27 April

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#### **CELEBRATE TRADITIO**

#### **Edinburgh Military Tattoo**

Passengers arriving in Edinburgh from 5-19 August 2019 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show.

3-24 August 2019



#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Edinburgh and depart from Dublin. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

66 Every minute was planned, but with utmost concern for their customers' comfort and wellbeing. Even on long bus rides, our guide provided entertainment with stories and music. My favourite site was Windsor Castle—it was especially interesting because it continues to be the summer residence of the Queen and family.

# **DISCOVER SCOTLAND**

9 DAYS · 14 MEALS FROM \$2849

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Visit a working farm and meet a shepherd and his sheepdogs.
- Reflect at Culloden Battlefield, the site of the half-hour battle that changed history.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Experience the Orkney Islands during a full-day guided excursion.
- · Visit magnificent Edinburgh Castle, a stone fortress perched high above the city.
- · Explore the legendary Isle of Skye while soaking up the dramatic views.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 8 | In Edinburgh, take a locally guided panoramic city tour that includes a visit to the Palace at Holyroodhouse or join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot. Both choices feature a visit to Edinburgh Castle!



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 6 dinners
- · Learn the art of producing Scotch whisky during a distillery tour and tasting.
- · Enjoy an interactive cooking experience at one of Edinburgh's premier culinary institutions.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1 Radisson Blu, Glasgow Days 2, 3 Ballachulish Hotel, Ballachulish

Pentland Hotel, Station Hotel, Days 4, 5 Castletown Hotel, St Clair

Hotel, or Royal Hotel, Thurso

Grant Arms Hotel, Day 6 Grantown-on-Spey

Radisson Blu, Edinburgh Days 7, 8

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 12 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.









# Encounter storybook castles, magical islands, legendary lakes and one mythical sea creature in majestic Scotland.

#### **START EARLY**

Glasgow: Start off your journey in this port city on the River Clyde. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Glasgow, Scotland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Glasgow, Scotland's Victorian capital city. Start your Scottish adventure with a visit to the National Piping Centre. After a demonstration and lesson with a renowned piper, it's your chance to give it a go! Then, join your fellow travellers for a lively welcome dinner at the Centre's farm-to-table restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Glasgow - Glencoe - Ballachulish Today, visit one of Scotland's renowned whisky distilleries. Taste and see for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world's finest. Continue on to the Highlands, through the breathtaking scenery of Glencoe and Rannoch Moor,

before arriving at your hotel situated on lovely Loch Linnhe. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Ballachulish - Isle of Skye -Ballachulish

Take a stunning drive along the "Road to the Isles" and over the Skye Bridge to the legendary Isle of Skye, also known in poetry

and song as Eilean a' Cheò (The Misty Isle). Enjoy dramatic views of the Cuillin Hills. Then, visit Armadale Castle & Gardens and the Museum of the Isles to learn about island life and the history of Skye. Conclude your visit with views of the isle from yet another vantage point during a ferry crossing back to the mainland. Returning to Ballachulish, see Glenfinnan where Bonnie Prince Charlie rallied the clansmen for battle during the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Ballachulish - Loch Ness - Thurso

Today, enjoy stunning and unspoiled landscapes as you journey further into the Highlands. Visit the striking ruins of Urquhart Castle before enjoying a cruise on Loch Ness, one of Britain's most scenic bodies of water. Keep your eyes open you never know when Nessie will appear! Travel through the Great Glen, famous for its many lochs (lakes). Your day concludes in Thurso. (B)

#### Day 5: Thurso - Orkney Islands - Thurso

A day of adventure awaits as you voyage by ferry to the Orkney Islands - once a Viking stronghold off the coast of Scotland. On the crossing you'll see abundant bird life and, if you are lucky, porpoises and seals. A local guide introduces this magical place that very few visitors to Scotland







#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Bagpipe Lesson • Whisky Distillery • Isle of Skye • Armadale Castle • Loch Ness • Orkney Islands • Dunrobin Castle • Sheepdog Demonstration • St. Andrews • Edinburgh Castle • Scottish Cooking Experience





get to experience. Visit Skara Brae where you will discover the remains of a Neolithic village built at the same time as the Great Pyramids in Egypt. Next, pass the prehistoric Ring of Brodgar, reported to be older than Stonehenge. Visit the town of Viking Kirkwall before returning to the mainland. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Thurso - Eastern Highlands

Today you will visit Culloden Battlefield. On this spot in April 1746, a half-hour battle changed the course of Scotland's history. We also stop at the majestic Dunrobin Castle which dates back to the 1300s. Take in the breathtaking views as you drive along the windswept cliffs of Scotland's east coast. Enjoy an overnight stay in the Eastern Highlands. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Eastern Highlands - Pitlochry - St. Andrews - Edinburgh

Begin your day with a visit to a family-run farm set in the heart of the Highlands. See sheepdogs at work while surrounded by the mountain wilderness of Cairngorms National Park. Continue on to the vibrant Victorian town of Pitlochry for some time at leisure before travelling to St. Andrews, the beautiful town in the Kingdom of Fife that gave the world the game of golf. See the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course. End your day in Scotland's

capital city of Edinburgh. (B)

#### Day 8: Edinburgh 🚱

Today it's your choice! Choose to get acquainted with this regal capital on a locally guided panoramic city tour, exploring both the Old and New towns before visiting the Palace at Holyroodhouse. the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary Queen of Scots -OR- for a different perspective you may join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot; descend into the city's vast underground vaults and uncover a world unchanged since the 18th century. Both choices include a visit to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels. This evening, give traditional Scottish ingredients a modern twist. Enjoy a lively and interactive cooking experience at one of Scotland's premier culinary institutions. With a "wee dram" in hand, toast the end of a wonderful journey. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Edinburgh - Tour Ends

Your tour of Scotland comes to a close today. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

Edinburgh: Spend one last evening exploring Scotland's regal capital city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **DOUBLE** Starting at \$2849 Starting at \$3399 SINGLE

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 16 March 2020 departure

#### March - April 2019

(different itinerary - see note) 18 March 1, 2, 8, 9, 29, 30 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of

#### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

6, 13, 20 May 3, 17, 24 June 8, 15, 22 July

★ 29 July

★ 5, 6, 12 August

★ 13, 19, 20 August 2, 3, 9, September

#### 16, 23, 30 September 1, 8, 14, 15 October 16, 30 March 7, 20, 21, 27, 28 April

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Call for additional dates.

# **CELEBRATE TRADITION**

#### **Edinburgh Military Tattoo**

Passengers arriving in Edinburgh from 3-25 August 2019 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show on Day 7. 3-25 August 2019



#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Discover Scotland and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Glasgow and depart from Edinburgh. Airport transfers are available for purchase. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.



One of the best trips we have ever had! The Tour Manager was so knowledgeable about Scotland and history and had so many great stories. The food was fantastic and the hotels were amazing!



# LONDON & PARIS

7 DAYS · 9 MEALS FROM \$3049

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Cruise along the Seine River against a backdrop of Paris' glittering skyline.
- · Enjoy time at leisure in both London and Paris.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · A local expert leads you on a tour of London.
- · Cross the English Channel aboard the Eurostar Train.
- · Get to know the amazing landmarks of



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 2 | Return to wartime Britain while exploring the Churchill War Rooms or tour Westminster Abbey.
- Day 5 | In Paris, see the iconic sites during a panoramic drive and stop at the Notre Dame Cathedral or set out and travel via the Metro.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 6 breakfasts 3 dinners
- · Savour delicious cuisine and breathtaking views when dining at the Eiffel Tower.
- · Dine with the locals at London's Borough Market.
- · Immerse yourself in Parisian culture at dinner at Paris' oldest cabaret theatre.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

- Days 1 3 Grange Tower Bridge Hotel, London
- Days 4 6 Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel,

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.





Cross the English Channel via train as you journey from cosmopolitan London to romantic Paris. taking in their stunning landmarks along the way.

#### START EARLY

London: Begin your tour taking in even more of this regal city's charm. CALL FOR DETAILS.

Day 1: London, England - Tour Begins

Take two! Experience two of the world's most captivating cities: London and Paris! To help you make the most of your getaway, you'll unpack just once in each city. Your tour opens in London, the United Kingdom's cosmopolitan capital. This evening, experience a classic British tradition as you join your new mates for a unique culinary experience in London's famous Borough Market. (D)

#### Day 2: London 😵

Join a local expert for a day in London. Begin with a panoramic tour highlighting the must-sees, including Trafalgar Square, the Tower of London, Big Ben, Kensington and Knightsbridge. Stop by Harrods, the jewel in the crown of London department stores — don't miss the world-famous food hall! This afternoon, it's your choice! Return to wartime Britain while exploring the Churchill War Rooms, the secret underground centre of Britain's government during WWII -OR- tour Westminster Abbey, the coronation church of Britain's monarchs from William the Conqueror to Elizabeth II.

#### Day 3: London

After a hearty breakfast, enjoy a day to explore at your leisure. You may take an optional excursion to Windsor Castle: originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been the home of kings and gueens for nine centuries and is the oldest royal residence still in use today. (B)

# Day 4: London - Eurostar Train - Paris,

Hop the sleek, futuristic Eurostar High Speed Train to Paris. Arrive in the "City of Light," Paris. A sophisticated metropolis





#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Big Ben • Eurostar Train • Paradis Latin Cabaret • Arc de Triomphe • Eiffel Tower Dinner • Seine River Cruise





featuring style, culture and history, its bustling city streets are filled with colourful history, regal pageantry, beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, celebrated monuments and grand theatres. Tonight, celebrate your arrival in Paris with a special dinner at the legendary Paradis Latin, the city's oldest cabaret theatre. Enjoy a sumptuous meal complete with wine, champagne and a delightful show. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Paris 😯

It's your choice! Come to know the highlights of Paris by coach or by Metro! Set out on a splendid panoramic coach tour that includes a stop to explore the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral -OR- for a truly Parisian experience, take in some of the most iconic sights by Metro. Either way you'll see the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde, and the magnificent Place Vendome with a local guide. Write your own story during a free afternoon. You may choose an optional guided tour at the famous Louvre, indulge in some of the world's best shopping on the

Champs-Elysees, or simply do as the Parisians do and sit at a sidewalk café and watch the beauty that is Paris go by. (B)

#### Day 6: Paris

Give in to romance. Today is yours for the taking. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Louis XIV's magnificent Palace and Gardens of Versailles and relive history as you walk through the various rooms of the State Apartments, including the Queen's bed chamber and the famous Hall of Mirrors. Tonight, sample delicious French cuisine and witness breathtaking views during dinner at the Eiffel Tower. End the perfect day with a romantic Seine River cruise set against Paris' glittering skyline. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Paris - Tour Ends

You depart today, but London and Paris will remain in your heart forever. (B)

#### STAY LONGER

Paris: Spend your final evening basking in the glow of "The City of Light."

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#### March - April 2019

(different itinerary - see note)
14, 21, 28 March
4, 11, 25 April
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May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) 2, 9, 16, 23 May 3, 6, 17, 20, 27 June

4, 11, 18, 25 July 8, 22, 29 August 5, 12, 19, 26 September 3, 17, 24, 31 October 7 November 27 February 12, 19 March 2, 16, 30 April

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We enjoyed Paris and to have dinner included at the Eiffel Tower was great. Riding the train from Paris to London was a fun and new experience for us.

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Travel across two countries on highspeed trains.
- · Enjoy free time in Paris and Rome to explore at leisure.
- · Stroll through the floating city of Venice.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Stand in awe in Rome's Colosseum.
- · Cross the majestic Swiss Alps into Italy.
- · See Michelangelo's David.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 10 breakfasts 5 dinners
- · Enjoy an unforgettable dinner at the Fiffel Tower.
- · Sample delectable wines and traditional cuisine at a vineyard in the Chianti region.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Grange Tower Bridge Hotel, London

Hyatt Regency Paris Etoile, Days 3, 4

Waldstaetterhof or Hotel Day 5 Monopol, Lucerne

NH Laguna Palace Venice, Day 6

Starhotel Tuscany, Florence Days 7, 8 Days 9, 10 Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Set your sights on the European journey of a lifetime and discover all the must-sees of England, France and Italy.

#### START EARLY

London: Start your journey early with an extra day to explore England's cosmopolitan capital. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: London, England - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in London, home to Big Ben, Parliament, Harry Potter, and the Queen. Come together with your fellow travellers and toast the start of an incredible journey during a welcome dinner in England's sophisticated capital city. (D)

#### Day 2: London

This morning, check out the quintessential sights of London. Alongside a local guide, see the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, and the Houses of Parliament. Afterward, enjoy some time at leisure to explore this iconic city on your own. (B)

#### Day 3: London - Eurostar Train - Paris, France

Go behind the gothic façade of St Pancras railway station. Inside this masterpiece of Victorian engineering, board the highspeed Eurostar train. Relax in style as you're whisked away to Paris. Arrive in the "City of Light." Famous for its world-renowned art, food and fashion, Paris' history will astound you, and its style will dazzle you. See its best during a panoramic city tour featuring Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Elysees, and more. Enjoy breathtaking views of Paris along with French cuisine during an unforgettable dining experience at the Eiffel Tower! (B, D)

#### Day 4: Paris

Enjoy a full day to explore Paris independently. Perhaps you will have lunch in the Marais, wander the neighbourhood around the Opera Garnier, or head north to Montmartre and watch artists at work. Or, choose to go on a locally-led tour of the Louvre, home to more than a million precious works of art, including the Venus de Milo and Da Vinci's Mona Lisa. (B)



### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

London • Eurostar Train • Paris • Eiffel Tower Dinner • TGV High-Speed Train • Lucerne • Venice • Italian Vineyard Experience - Florence - Michelangelo's David - Rome - The Colosseum



### Day 5: Paris - TGV Train - Lucerne, Switzerland

Embark on a rail journey from Paris to Lucerne on board the TGV. France's high-speed train. Take in magnificent scenery as you bid au revoir to France and cross into Switzerland. Discover why Lucerne has been rated Switzerland's most beautiful city during a leisurely walking tour. Among stunning views of the lake and the mountains, journey through city streets, covered bridges, lakeside promenades, and bustling plazas.

### Day 6: Lucerne - Venice, Italy

This morning, travel south through the pastoral landscapes of Switzerland, Crossing into Italy, traverse through the heart of the Alps, taking in vistas of snow peaked mountains as far as the eve can see. Pass through the bucolic Italian Lake District, a holiday destination since Roman times. (B, D)

### Day 7: Venice - Florence

Embark on a leisurely walking tour of Venice with its collection of 117 tiny islands, surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. In this floating city, see the Clock Tower, St. Mark's Basilica, and marble palaces on gondolaladen canals. Cruise to the island of Murano which is renowned for its long tradition of glass making. This evening, stop at a vineyard in the heart of Chianti for a tour, tasting and traditional fare. Continue to Florence, where you'll spend tonight amongst the beauty of the Tuscan region's capital, home to masterpieces of art and iconic symbols of centuries-old history. (B, D)

### Day 8: Florence

Today you tour Florence, home of the Medici, Gucci, and il Duomo. Stroll the city streets for a real-life history lesson, and discover the four pillars of city life: art, architecture, food, and fashion. Visit the Piazza del Duomo and the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. You'll also visit the Galleria dell'Accademia, home to the greatest collection of Renaissance art - most especially Michelangelo's David. (B)

### Day 9: Florence - Rome

Say addio to Florence, and head for Rome! Arrive in the "Eternal City," and set out for a walking tour of classic Rome with a local guide. Bask in the cultural treasures of the city, where sites include the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. Then, walk in the steps of gladiators at the spectacular, near-mythic Colosseum. (B)

### Day 10: Rome

Enjoy a full day at leisure! Discover more of Rome on your own time. Gaze at the Pantheon, and see the ovalshaped Piazza Navona that's lined with restaurants and souvenir shops. Or, you may choose to join an optional tour to the Vatican, one of the most sacred places on Earth. A UNESCO World Heritage site, discover masterpieces of art and architecture that surround St. Peter's Basilica and St. Peter's Square, where the Pope has addressed thousands of people. Tonight, gather with new friends and toast the end of an epic journey through Europe at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

### **Day 11: Rome - Tour Ends**

Your European adventure comes to a close today. (B)

### **STAY LONGER**

Rome: Take a final evening to soak in this romantic city. CALL FOR DETAILS.



**DOUBLE** 

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September 2019 - April 2020

6, 20, 27 September 4, 18, 25 October

27 March 3, 17, 24 April

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### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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### **MEMORIALS OF WORLD WAR II**

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### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Whisk away from London to Paris on board the high-speed Eurostar Train.
- · Spend 3 nights in the Normandy region.
- · Visit Reims, where the WWII treaty signing took place.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Experience the Memorial Peace Museum that vividly documents the causes and consequences of WWII.
- · Take a journey back in history to Normandy's landing beaches.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 1 lunch 3 dinners
- · Revel in an exclusive dinner inside the Eiffel Tower.
- · Raise a glass during lunch in the Champagne region of France.
- · Experience the cuisine of London's Borough Market.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Grange City Hotel, London Days 1, 2

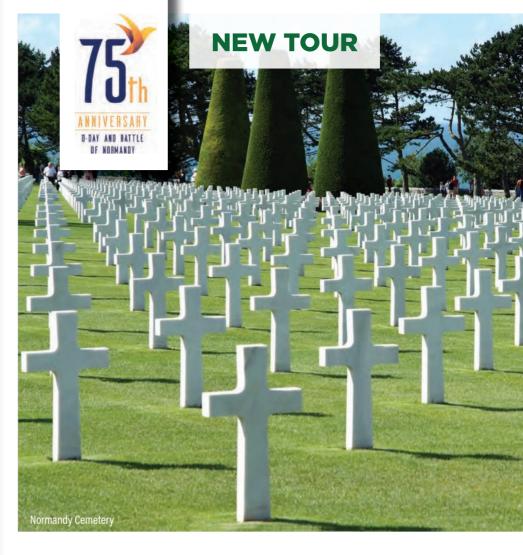
Hotel Mercure Caen City Days 3 - 5 Center-Port de Plaisance, Caen

Day 6 Hotel Mercure Reims Centre

Cathedrale, Reims

Le Meridien Etoile, Paris Days 7, 8

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day on an iconic journey dedicated to remembering a major milestone in history - World War II.

### **START EARLY**

London: Start your trip off right in the lively capital city of England. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: London, England - Tour Begins

Welcome to London! Discover the city's rich historical relationship with World War II. This evening dine amongst history as you meet your fellow travellers for dinner in the iconic Borough Market. (D)

### Day 2: London

Uncover London's myriad connections to WWII on an expert-guided walk. In Westminster, see iconic London sights including Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, 10 Downing Street, and Parliament. Then, go underground to the place history was made: the Churchill War Rooms. Navigate a labyrinth of corridors hidden under the streets of Westminster that sheltered Winston Churchill and his war cabinet from the bombing raids while they planned for victory. This afternoon you may take an optional excursion to Windsor Castle: originally built to guard the city of London, and the home of kings and queens for nine centuries, Windsor Castle was also used as

a secret refuge for the royal family during WWII. (B)

Day 3: London - Paris, France - Caen

Whisk away from London to Paris on board the high-speed Eurostar train. Arrive in Paris and embark on a drive that delivers you to Normandy by way of the French countryside. Stop at Pegasus Bridge, featured in The Longest Day. This vital structure across the Caen Canal was captured by the heroic British 6th Airborne Division in the opening hours of the invasion, making it the most famous mission of Britain's airborne division. (B, D)

Day 4: Caen - D-Day Landing Sites - Caen

Immerse yourself in the history of Normandy's beaches - the site of the largest amphibious invasion in history. Visit Juno and Sword Beach, where Canadian and British soldiers sacrificed their lives among a deluge of air attacks, naval bombardments, and land offenses. Continue on to Arromanche-les-Bains to view the Mulberry Harbour, one of the greatest engineering feats of WWII and a massive coup for the Allies. Visit the Bayeux Cemetery and Memorial - the largest WWII cemetery of Commonwealth soldiers in France. Pay respect to the 1,800 men of the Commonwealth land forces that



Next, explore the Memorial de

post-war transition. (B)

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Caen (Peace Museum) dedicated to

providing a comprehensive history

of the D-Day landings and Europe's

Day 5: Caen - D-Day Landing Sites

Cemetery and visit the cemetery

grounds, the memorial, and the

landing zones of the invasion of

afternoon, Utah Beach. Discover

Omaha beaches from the Allied

the landscape to this day. At the Airborne Museum, learn the unique

history of paratroopers in the city of

invasion, where craters from cataclysmic bombings occupy

Normandy: Omaha Beach and this

Pointe du Hoc, a strategic German battery that defended Utah and

visitor's centre. Visit two U.S.

Set out for the Normandy American



Musée de la Reddition, the former schoolhouse where German officers signed a declaration of unconditional surrender. Afterward, an elevated dining experience highlights the region's reputation for great cuisine and champagne. Raise a glass to Reims before arriving in Paris. Spend the afternoon at leisure and discover for yourself why this is truly one of the world's great cities. (B, L)

### Day 8: Paris

On the streets of Paris this morning, a local expert leads you on a walk through time on a WWII-themed tour of the city. From the Vel d'Hiv, Hôtel de Ville, Grand Palais, Invalides, Ecole Militaire, Panthéon, Luxembourg Gardens and Saint-Germaine-des-Prés, see the sites that tell the story of the liberation of Paris and what life was like under German occupation. This afternoon you may join an optional tour of the Louvre, or spend the afternoon at leisure. Tonight, bid farewell to Paris during an incredible meal inside one of the world's most iconic landmarks, the Eiffel Tower. (B, D)

### Day 9: Paris - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### **STAY LONGER**

Paris: Spend one more night in this romantic European city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

London & Paris WWII Themed City Tours • Churchill War Rooms • Pegasus Bridge • Caen • Arromanche-les-Baines • Bayeux Cemetery & Memorial • Normandy American Cemetery • Pointe du Hoc - Airborne Museum - Memorial of Internment and Deportation • Reims • Musée de la Reddition • Eiffel Tower Dinner





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March - November 2019 7, 14, 21, 28 March 4, 11, 25 April 2, 23 May 6, 20 June

4, 11, 18, 25 July 1, 8, 22, 29 August 12, 26 September 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 October 7 November

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Day 6: Caen - Reims

Saint-Mère-Église. (B)

On a meditative drive to Reims, stop in Compiegne and the Memorial of Internment and Deportation, dedicated to the 40,000 people deported to German camps. Later, arrive in Reims, the city where the World War II treaty was signed. Enjoy some free time, and consider a visit to the Square des Victimes de la Gestapo. (B)

### Day 7: Reims - Paris

Before departing Reims, stop at

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### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the River Seine as you drift past famous
- · Travel back in history when you stand before the UNESCO Bayeux Tapestry.
- · Tour the Les Halles de Lyon market.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Explore Avignon and step inside its 14th-century papal palace.
- · Ponder history at Normandy's Memorial Peace Museum and Omaha Beach Cemetery.



### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 2 | Take a coach tour that includes a stop for a short walking tour inside the Notre Dame Cathedral or join a guide who will take you to some of Paris' most iconic sights by Metro.
- Day 5 | Join a local guide for a walking tour and discover Dinan's fortified walls or gain a different perspective of the city with a ride aboard Le Petit Train.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 13 breakfasts 7 dinners
- · Dine at a local restaurant in Avignon, featuring a crème brûlée demonstration.
- · Delight in a tour and tasting at a local winery
- Enjoy a delightful French dinner at one of Paris' brasseries.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Hyatt Regency Etoile, Paris

Mercure Caen City Center-Port Days 3, 4 de Plaisance, Caen

Days 5, 6 Hotel Oceania, Saint-Malo

Days 7, 8 Chateau Domaine de Beauvois, Loire Valley

Mercure Lyon Centre Saxe Day 9 Lafayette, Lyon

Days 10, 11 Mercure Pont d' Avignon, or Mercure Hotel Cite Des Papes, Avignon

Days 12, 13 Splendid Hotel & Spa, Nice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.





Grab your beret and rendezvous with romantic Paris, picturesque Provence, historic Normandy and stunning Le Mont St. Michel.

### START EARLY

Paris: Enjoy your first evening exploring the romantic French capital. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: Paris, France - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in beautiful Paris. Celebrate the beginning of a fabulous trip with a sunset river cruise past famous glittering landmarks along the River Seine. Then we'll head to one of Paris' brasseries for a delightful French dinner. (D)

### Day 2: Paris 😯

It's your choice! Take a splendid panoramic coach tour that includes a stop for a short walking tour inside the Notre Dame Cathedral -OR- for a truly local experience, join a guide who will take you to some of Paris' most iconic sights by Metro. Either way you'll see the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde, and the magnificent Place Vendome. Write your own story during a free afternoon.

Perhaps you'll take an optional guided tour to the famous Louvre. (B)

### Day 3: Paris - Caen

Set off for the Normandy coast. During WWII, the largest invasion in history took place here. Visit the Memorial Peace Museum, built to commemorate those who died in the epic Battle of Normandy in 1944. Later, see the remains of the artificial Mulberry port built near Arromanche-les-Bains – where the allies resupplied their lines during the liberation of France before making your way to the hotel. (B)

### Day 4: Caen - D-Day Landing Sites - Caen

This morning visit the Omaha Beach Cemetery and stop by the Normandy American Cemetery Visitor Centre. Then, walk through Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial and see where the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled 100-foot cliffs on D-Day to seize the fortified enemy position. Next, make your way to Sainte Mère Eglise, the heart of the American Airborne operations on D-Day, and visit its parachute-shaped Airborne Museum. You will also visit the landing beaches of Utah and Juno. (B, D)

### Day 5: Caen - Bayeux - Dinan -Saint-Malo 😯

Today, stand before the impressive Bayeux Tapestry (UNESCO), a 230-foot embroidered cloth depicting the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England. Next, journey to Dinan, one of the best-preserved medieval villages in France. Then, it's your choice! Join a local guide for a walking tour and discover the city's fortified walls -OR- gain a different perspective of the city with a ride aboard Le Petit Train. Continue exploring as you walk up the famous Rue de Jerzual hill to the town centre. Either way, you'll fall in love with the streets lined with half-timbered houses in this picture-perfect port village. Then it's off to Saint-Malo, Brittany's famous coastal village, where you'll enjoy a local dinner. (B, D)

### Day 6: Saint-Malo - Le Mont St. Michel - Saint-Malo

Travel to the Le Mont St. Michel (UNESCO), the "Wonder of the West." This world-famous pilgrimage site sits on the edge of the sea and becomes an island at high tide. Take in the breathtaking views as you stroll through the old city before exploring one of the most beautiful 11th century abbeys in France. Return to Saint-Malo and enjoy free time to explore. (B)

### Day 7: Saint-Malo - Chinon - Loire

Journey south to the Loire Valley, and arrive in the medieval village of Chinon. Explore the town famed for where Joan of Arc first met young Charles VII and shared her vision that he would defeat the English during the Hundred Years' War. Visit the market, abundant with fresh produce, flowers and local products and take time to enjoy lunch along the banks of the Vienne River. Visit Château de Villandry and explore its exquisite interior. This afternoon, arrive at your 15th century castle accommodations at the Château de Beauvois, once frequented by King Louis XIII. This evening delight in gourmet French cuisine in the dining room of your château. (B, D)

### Day 8: Loire Valley - Amboise - Loire Valley

Embark on a tour of the spectacular Château de Chenonceau. Perched along the banks of the Cher River, it is a jewel of Renaissance architecture. Head to the picturesque centre of Amboise. Enjoy free time for exploring and getting to know the local culture. Tour Château du Clos Lucé - where Leonardo da Vinci spent his last three years - which showcases a display of his early inventions. Next, tour a local winery and discover some of Europe's best wines. (B)

### Day 9: Loire Valley - Lyon

Travel the French countryside to

the gastronomical capital of France, Lyon (UNESCO). The city was once an important area for silk production. This evening experience its world-renowned cuisine when you dine at a bouchon, a local restaurant that serves traditional Lyonnaise fare. (B, D)

### Day 10: Lyon - Avignon

Visit the Basilica of Notre Dame de Fourvier with its amazing views of the city. Tour the historic Vieux Lyon, or Old Quarter, with a local expert, Continue to Les Halles de Lyon - Paul Bocuse market, named after the famous chef. Marvel at its culinary delights as you enjoy free time to explore before continuing to Avignon. (B)

### Day 11: Avignon

This morning come to know the walled city of Avignon during a walking tour led by a local guide. Learn about the historical period when the Papacy moved here in 1309. Then, explore some of the 25 rooms of the 14thcentury papal palace, Palais des Papes, the world's largest Gothic palace. Your evening is capped off with dinner at a local restaurant, complete with a cocktail reception and crème brûlée demonstration. (B, D)

### Day 12: Avignon - Antibes - Grasse -Nice

Travel to Antibes and rub shoulders with Europe's elite in this Riviera getaway. After some free time to explore, continue to Grasse, the centre of the world's perfume industry. Learn the secrets of perfume making, from extraction to distillation, while visiting a famous parfumerie. Then journey to Nice, the renowned playground of the rich and famous. The evening is yours to explore this seaside destination. (B)

### Day 13: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo -Nice

This morning you'll feel like a local as you stroll through the colourful and fragrant flower market in Nice. Then you're off to discover Place Massena and the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais. Your journey then takes you to Monaco, the dazzling gem of the Riviera. A panoramic tour highlights the famous and extravagant Casino of Monte Carlo and the spectacular 13th-century Prince's Palace. Pause to see the Cathedral of Monaco, where Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace are buried. Gather for a farewell dinner tonight to celebrate the end of a fabulous trip to France! (B, D)

### Day 14: Nice - Tour Ends

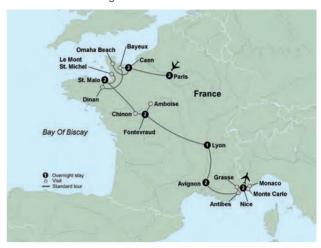
Set out for home with many magnificent memories. (B)

### **STAY LONGER**

Nice: Spend your final night soaking in everything nice about Nice. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Paris • River Seine Cruise • Normandy • Omaha Beach • Le Mont St. Michel • Loire Valley • 2-Night Château Stay • Winery Tour • Lyon • Les Halles de Lyon - Paul Bocuse Market • Avignon • Crème Brûlée Cooking Demonstration • Nice • Monaco





### **DOUBLE** SINGLE

Starting at \$4999 Starting at \$6499

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### March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 22, 29 March

5, 7, 26, 28 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) 10, 17 May

14.28 June 19 July 16 August 13, 20 September 4, 25 October

### 20, 27 March 17, 24 April

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Paris and depart from Nice. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

66 This tour hit all the sites I had on my France bucket list. The hotels were conveniently located near restaurants and within walking distance of sites of interest.

### **FRENCH IMPRESSIONS**

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Whisk through the French countryside aboard the high-speed TGV Train.
- · Tour the atelier (workshop) of the famous painter, Paul Cézanne.
- Stroll through the hillside village of Gordes.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Embark on a walking tour of the historic walled city of Avignon.
- · Come to know the history of the Cannes Film Festival as a local expert guides you along the red carpet.
- · Tour the glamorous Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild and the lush gardens that surround it.



### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 2 | Take a splendid panoramic coach tour and see breathtaking architecture or enter the world of Impressionism with a visit to the Musée D'Orsay.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 9 breakfasts 1 lunch 4 dinners
- Savour French cuisine and enjoy spectacular views while dining at the Eiffel Tower.
- · An expert guide leads a wine and olive oil tour in Aix-en-Provence.
- · Partake in a cooking demonstration of fine French cuisine at a local restaurant.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1-3 Le Meridien Etoile, Paris

Days 4 - 6 Grand Hotel Roi Rene, Aix-en-Provence

Days 7 - 9 Hotel Splendid, Nice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 12345 See page 191 for details.





Come along for a journey that takes you from enchanting Paris to provincial Provence and immerse yourself in France's culture, cuisine and art.

### START EARLY

Paris: Enjoy your first evening exploring the romantic French capital. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: Paris, France - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Paris, the "City of Light." Tonight, sample delicious French cuisine and witness breathtaking views during dinner at the Eiffel Tower. Following dinner, get a different perspective of the city during a Seine River cruise. As you glide along, admire Paris' glittering skyline. (D)

### Day 2: Paris 😯

Come to know Paris your way. It's your choice! Take a splendid panoramic coach tour featuring the breathtaking architecture of the Arc de Triumph, Place de la Concord, Place Vendome, the Champs-Elysees and the Notre Dame Cathedral -OR- enter the world of Impressionism with a visit to the Musée D'Orsay with its magnificent French Impressionist art collection. Live out your own Parisian adventure during a free

afternoon. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to the world-renowned Louvre, home to the iconic Mona Lisa. This evening. an optional dinner and show at Paris' oldest cabaret, the Paradis Latin, is offered. (B)

### Day 3: Paris - Versailles - Giverny - Paris

Explore the history, architecture and gardens of Versailles, one of the world's most magnificent royal palaces. Your local guide will recount the history of the palace and lead you through the State Apartments. Discover its treasures including the Queen's bedchamber and the famous Hall of Mirrors. You then have time to explore the incredible gardens. This afternoon Claude Monet's famous painting "Waterlilies" comes to life with a visit to the artist's lovely home and enchanting gardens in the village of Giverny. The remainder of the evening is at leisure for you to explore Paris on your own. (B)

### Day 4: Paris - TGV Train - Avignon - Aix-en-Provence

Climb aboard the high speed TGV Train and "fly" through the beautiful French countryside on your way to Provence.



Arrive in Avignon for a delightful tour of this historic walled city. Avignon, often called the "City of Popes," acted as a centre of European religion for 70 years when the Popes moved there in 1309. A visit to the Palace of the Popes brings this history to life. Continue to Aix-en-Provence, a town once frequented by Hemingway and the inspiration to many artists. This evening, enjoy fine French dining at your hotel's elegant restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 5: Aix-en-Provence

This morning a local expert takes you on a tour of Aix-en-Provence. Walk in the steps of Cézanne when you visit his atelier (workshop) and enter the artist's most private space. Continue to Mont Sainte-Victoire and see the natural surroundings which are portrayed in the painter's works. Explore the 18th century jewel of Aix-en-Provence with a visit to the Hôtel de Caumont Art Centre. Delve into the intimate atmosphere of a private mansion as you view its works of art and exhibits. The evening is yours to continue to explore the city. (B)

### Day 6: Aix-en-Provence - Luberon -Gordes - Aix-en-Provence

Visit the Musee du Calisson, a confectionery factory where you will discover the unique taste of a calisson, a delicacy that features a mix of almonds, candied melon, orange blossom fragrance and marzipan. Delve into the Provencal landscape during a visit to the picturesque region of Luberon, known for its beautiful lavender fields. Take time in the hilltop village of Gordes to explore its charms. Visit the Lavender Museum and learn about this precious plant. You are in for a treat this evening when you stop at a local vineyard and tour their wine cellar and olive oil mill. Complete your day with a cooking demonstration and a sumptuous Provençal meal paired with local wines, (B, D)

### Day 7: Aix-en-Provence - Cannes - Nice

Journey to Cannes to rub shoulders with Europe's elite. A local expert joins you on a walking tour of Cannes where you will learn about the fascinating history of the city and the Lérins Islands located offshore. Walk in the footsteps of celebrities when you see the Film Festival Palace and the famous red carpet featured during the Cannes Film Festival. Then it's off to Nice, the renowned playground of the rich and famous. (B)

### Day 8: Nice - Eze - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice

Explore the charming hillside village of Eze. Learn the secrets of perfume making while visiting a famous parfumerie. Next, witness the splendour of Monaco, the dazzling gem of the Riviera. A panoramic tour highlights the famous and extravagant Casino of Monte Carlo and the spectacular 13th-century Prince's Palace. Pause to see the Cathedral of Monaco, where Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace are buried. Complete your trip to Monaco with a visit to the fascinating Oceanographic Museum. (B)

### Day 9: Nice - Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat -Nice

This morning you'll feel like a local as you stroll through the colourful and fragrant flower market in Nice. Continue to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat and visit the luxurious apartments of the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Explore the lush gardens with magnificent views of the Mediterranean Sea. Your visit to the villa is complete with lunch served in the charming tea room. The remainder of your day is free to discover Nice's Place Massena and the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais. Partake in world-class shopping, sample the many French delicacies or simply relax. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a quaint restaurant. (B, L, D)

### Day 10: Nice - Tour Ends

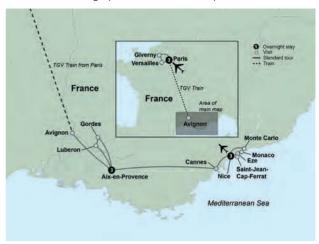
Your tour ends today, leaving you with many wonderful memories. (B)

### **STAY LONGER**

Nice: Spend your final night soaking in everything nice about Nice. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Paris • Eiffel Tower Dinner • Versailles • Giverny • TGV Train • Monte Carlo • Avignon • Palace of the Popes • Aix-en-Provence • Cézanne's Workshop - Gordes - Wine & Olive Oil Tour - Cannes - Nice -Monaco • Oceanographic Museum • Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild





#### **DOUBLE** SINGLE

Starting at \$4349 Starting at \$5349

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 14 February 2020 departure

March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 22 March

5. 26 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) 3, 31 May 7 lune

26 July 20, 27 September 11 October ★ 14 February

20 March 24 April

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### **CELEBRATE TRADITION**

### **Nice Carnival**

Enjoy the elaborate floats, flower parades and electric atmosphere of this exciting event on the French Riviera.

February 2020



This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Paris and depart from Nice. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

• Everything was well planned, and our time was used well. It was a good balance of activities. The Eiffel Tower lived up to its hype. But I really liked the more rural Provence area. Monet's garden was one of the more memorable experiences.

# SPAIN'S CLASSICS

10 DAYS · 14 MEALS FROM \$3049

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### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- In Cordoba, take a walking tour of the Mezquita, a religious marvel.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Step back in time in Toledo, the former capital of the Spanish Empire.
- Join a local expert for a tour of the worldfamous Alhambra palace.
- Explore Madrid's Royal Palace, the official residence of the royal family.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 7 | Set out on a walking tour of historic Valencia or explore the Lladro City of Porcelain and the city of Arts and Science



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 9 breakfasts 1 lunch 4 dinners
- Savour a "paella experience" including a paella-making demonstration and lunch.
- Enjoy local cuisine and regional wines at dinner



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 H10 Puerta de Alcala, Madrid

Days 3, 4 Melia Sevilla, Seville

Day 5 Barcelo Carmen, Granada

Days 6,7 SH Valencia Palace Hotel,

valencia

Days 8, 9 Hotel Colon, Barcelona or H10

Itaca, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.





Embrace Spain's zest for life as you discover architectural masterpieces, grand palaces and sun-drenched Mediterranean coastline.

### START EARLY

Madrid: Start your journey early with an extra day to explore Spain's cosmopolitan capital. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's lively capital city. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

### **Day 2:** Madrid - Royal Palace - Toledo - Madrid

During a locally guided tour of Madrid's historic centre, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. An expertled tour of the monumental 18th-century Royal Palace reveals lavish halls, banquet rooms, the throne room, royal armoury and the impressive courtyard. This afternoon we travel to Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. A comprehensive tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral and the 13th-century synagogue, a testament to Toledo's Jewish heritage. You'll also stop at the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz. (B)

### Day 3: Madrid - Cordoba - Seville

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. You may opt to take the AVE high-speed train to reduce travel time and increase leisure time in Cordoba. Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita. This UNESCO site, an architectural marvel built by the Moors in the 8th century as a magnificent mosque, was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and Jewish Quarter. Later, transfer to Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital." (B, D)

### Day 4: Seville

Today you will see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral, and the Giralda Bell Tower. Enjoy a walking tour of the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with its bright flowers, whitewashed buildings and winding streets; then continue to Plaza de España and the beautiful Maria Luisa Park, one of the loveliest in all of Europe. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B)

### Day 5: Seville - Granada

Travel along the Sierra Nevada to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell in 1492. Join a local expert



for a tour of the world-famous

Alhambra\*, an immense hilltop

palace (UNESCO). Also tour the

architect," where the grounds are

courtyards and gardens. (B, D)

Today you travel through Spain's

hills dotted with picturesque

amazing landscape viewing rolling

olive groves while en route to the

Mediterranean coast. Arrive in the

city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture,

Day 7: Valencia - Paella Experience -

surrounded by citrus groves. (B)

It's your choice! Take a walking

and 15th-century Quart Tower;

then arrive at the bustling central

tour of historic Valencia to see the

ornate 14th-century Serranos Tower

market, one of the largest in Europe,

where you'll shop side-by-side with

the locals before concluding your tour at the impressive 13th-century

Gothic cathedral -OR- explore the

impressive City of Arts & Science,

Porcelain to learn about the history

and creative process of the world-

famous, handmade Lladro figurines.

Later, gather together and travel to

an ultramodern, multi-faceted

educational institution, followed by a tour of the Lladro City of

Valencia 😯

Day 6: Granada - Valencia

Generalife, meaning "garden of the

beautifully designed with waterfalls,





the area where paella cuisine originated. A "paella experience" features a boat ride on the canals surrounding rice field plantations; a visit to a traditional fisherman's home known as a "barraca"; a paella-making demonstration and an authentic paella lunch. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B, L)

### Day 8: Valencia - Barcelona

Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Barcelona's fascinating boulevards including the famous Las Ramblas. (B)

### Day 9: Barcelona

Today, get an in-depth look at vibrant and lively Barcelona. Your panoramic tour showcases the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuic, Antoni Gaudi's UNESCO World Heritage sites including La Sagrada Familia, Batllo House and the unconventional Casa Mila building with a guided visit to Parc Güell. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip to Spain! (B, D).

### Day 10: Barcelona - Tour Ends

You return home with vivid memories of a beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

### **STAY LONGER**

Barcelona: Take a final evening to explore this captivating cosmopolitan city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Madrid - Royal Palace - Toledo - Cordoba - Seville - Flamenco Show • Granada • The Alhambra • Valencia • Paella Experience - Barcelona - La Sagrada Familia - Parc Güell





#### Starting at \$3049 Starting at \$3649 DOUBLE SINGLE

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

### Prices based on 2 February 2020 departure

### February - April 2019

(different itinerary - see note) 24 February 10, 24, 31 March 3, 5, 7, 26, 28 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour denartures, Denartures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

5, 12, 19, 26 May 9.23 June 14, 28 July 18 August 1, 8, 13, 15 September 22, 29 September 6, 13, 20, 27 October 3. 10 November

### 2, 23 February 8. 22 March 19, 26 April

### VISIT

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### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Madrid and depart from Barcelona. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The walking tours of Toledo (day 2) and the Alhambra (day 5) are considered to be more strenuous in nature due to the uneven walkways, number of steps and some uphill walks that are required in order to see the historic sights.

\*If Alhambra Palace is unavailable, a similar top attraction will take its place.



Spain is a beautiful country with very friendly people. Our guide was outstanding. I would recommend this trip to everyone.



### SPAIN'S **CLASSICS WITH PORTUGAL**

13 DAYS · 19 MEALS FROM \$4699

land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- · In Córdoba, take a walking tour of the Mezquita, a religious marvel.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Step back in time in Toledo, the former capital of the Spanish Empire.
- · View three UNESCO World Heritage sites while exploring Portugal's capital
- · Get to know Seville's quaint, old Santa Cruz Quarter.



### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 10 | Set out on a walking tour of historic Valencia or explore the Lladro City of Porcelain.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 12 breakfasts 1 lunch 6 dinners
- · Savour a "paella experience" including a paella-making demonstration and lunch.
- Enjoy local cuisine and regional wines at dinner.
- · Dine on traditional Portuguese cuisine and enjoy Fado music.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1-3 Altis Grand Hotel, Lisbon

NH Collection Abascal or H10 Days 4, 5 Puerta de Alcalá Hotel, Madrid

Barceló Seville Renacimiento, Days 6, 7 Meliá Sevilla or Meliá Lebreros, Seville

Barceló Carmen, Granada Day 8 AC Hotel by Marriott or Days 9, 10

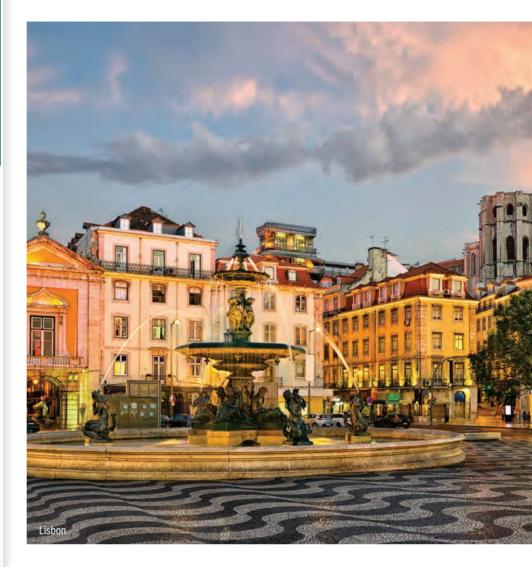
Eurostars Rey Don Jaime, Valencia Days 11, 12 Crowne Plaza Fira Center, H10

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Itaca, or Hotel Colón, Barcelona

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.





### Embark on an Iberian adventure as you take in medieval architecture, idyllic landscapes and delectable cuisine of two countries.

### START EARLY

Lisbon: Start your journey early with an extra day to explore Portugal's exciting capital. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Welcome to Portugal, where quaint farming villages and cork & olive tree plantations dot the landscape. Enjoy Lisbon, Portugal's vibrant capital city. Tonight, begin your journey with a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 2: Lisbon

A tour of Lisbon features the Moorish Alfama Quarter, Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO World Heritage site), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO). Tonight, enjoy a dinner complete with local cuisine, wines and Fado music (UNESCO). (B, D)

### Day 3: Lisbon - Fatima - Nazare - Obidos -

Your day on Portugal's "Silver Coast" begins in the pilgrimage town of Fatima. View the Batalha Monastery (UNESCO), an example of Manueline architecture; then travel to the seaside town of Nazare and the charming medieval walled town of Obidos. (B)

### Day 4: Lisbon - Madrid, Spain

Depart Lisbon and cross the border into Spain. Enjoy your day viewing the countryside of Portugal and Spain before arriving into the capital city of Madrid. (B, D)

### Day 5: Madrid - Royal Palace - Toledo -Madrid

During a locally guided tour of Madrid's historic centre, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. An expert-led tour of the monumental 18th-century Royal Palace reveals lavish halls, banquet rooms, the throne room, royal armoury and the impressive courtyard. This afternoon we travel to Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. A comprehensive tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral and the 13thcentury synagogue, a testament to Toledo's Jewish heritage. You'll also stop at the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz. (B)

### Day 6: Madrid - Cordoba - Seville

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. You may opt to take the AVE high-speed train to reduce travel time and increase leisure time in Cordoba. Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of the

Mezquita. This UNESCO site, an architectural marvel built by the Moors in the 8th century as a magnificent mosque, was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's wellpreserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Later, transfer to Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital." (B, D)

### Day 7: Seville

Today you will see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral (UNESCO), and the Giralda Bell Tower. Enjoy a walking tour of the quaint old Santa Cruz Quarter with its bright flowers, white-washed buildings and winding streets; then continue to Plaza de España and the beautiful Maria Luisa Park, one of the loveliest in all of Europe. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B)

### Day 8: Seville - Granada

Travel along the peaceful Sierra Nevada to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra,\* an immense hilltop palace (UNESCO). Also tour the Generalife, meaning "garden of the architect," where the grounds are beautifully designed with waterfalls, courtyards and smaller secret gardens. (B, D)

### Day 9: Granada - Valencia

Today you travel through Spain's amazing landscape viewing rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive groves while en route to the Mediterranean coast. Arrive in the city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, surrounded by citrus groves. (B)

### Day 10: Valencia - Paella Experience - Valencia 😯

It's your choice! Take a walking tour of historic Valencia to see the ornate 14th-century Serranos Tower and imposing 15th-century Quart Tower; then arrive at the bustling central market, one of the largest in Europe, where you'll shop side-by-side with the locals before concluding your tour at the impressive 13th-century Gothic cathedral -OR- explore the impressive City of Arts & Science, an ultramodern, multi-faceted educational institution, followed by a tour of the Lladro City of Porcelain to learn about the history and creative process of the worldfamous, handmade Lladro figurines. Later, gather together and travel to the area where paella cuisine originated. A "paella experience" features a boat ride on the canals surrounding rice field plantations; a visit to a traditional fisherman's home known as a "barraca"; a paella-making demonstration



### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Lisbon - Fátima - Nazaré - Óbidos - Madrid - Royal Palace • Toledo • Córdoba • Seville • Flamenco Show • Granada • The Alhambra • Valencia • Paella Experience • Barcelona • La Sagrada Família • Parc Güell





and an authentic paella lunch. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, L)

### Day 11: Valencia - Barcelona

Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Barcelona's fascinating boulevards including the famous Las Ramblas, dotted with colourful bird and flower stalls. (B)

### Day 12: Barcelona

Today, get an in-depth look at vibrant and lively Barcelona. Your locally guided tour showcases the Columbus Monument and the Parc de Montjuic, plus Antoni Gaudí's UNESCO sites including La Sagrada Familia, Parc Güell, Batllo House and the unconventional Casa Mila building. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip to Portugal and Spain! (B, D)

### Day 13: Barcelona - Tour Ends

You return home with vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

### **STAY LONGER**

Barcelona: Take a final evening to explore this captivating cosmopolitan city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **DOUBLE** SINGLE

Starting at \$4699 Starting at \$6299

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 29 August 2019 departure

March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 7,14 March 2, 4, 6, 25 April

Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) 2, 9, 16, 30 May 13, 27 June 4, 18 July 27, 29 August 6, 10, 12, 15 September 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 October

7,14 November 12, 26 March 16, 23 April

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### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Spain's Classics with Portugal and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

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\*If Alhambra Palace is unavailable, a similar top attraction will take its place.

### **MADRID & BARCELONA**

7 DAYS · 10 MEALS FROM \$3149

land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Enjoy 3-night stays in captivating Madrid and culturally rich Barcelona.
- · Travel to Toledo, the former capital of medieval Spain and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Journey on the thrilling AVE high-speed
- · Visit La Sagrada Familia, still under construction after more than 100 years.



### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 2 | Embark on an expert-led tour of Madrid's architectural treasures or enjoy a walking tour encountering the Hapsburg era.
- Day 5 | Visit the basilica of Santa Maria del Mar and stroll the medieval streets of the Gothic Quarter or browse the city's largest and oldest openair market before visiting Gaudi's masterpiece, Güell Palace.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 6 breakfasts 4 dinners
- · Enjoy regional wines with every included
- · Experience the culinary delights of Barcelona during an interactive paella culinary class.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1-3 NH Principe de Vergara, Madrid Days 4 - 6 H10 Casanova, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.





### Set out on an in-depth adventure featuring two of Spain's most dynamic cities - this is cultural convergence perfected.

### START EARLY

Madrid: Begin your journey in Spain's elegant capital city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Delve into two of the grandest cities in Spain. You will have plenty of time to explore, get to know their charms and savour the atmosphere of both of these magnificent cities. Welcome to Madrid! Spain's dynamic capital possesses a modern infrastructure which has preserved the look and feel of many of its historic neighbourhoods. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 2: Choice of Prado Museum or Hapsburg Madrid Walking Tour 😵

It's your choice! Join a local expert who introduces you to Madrid's architectural treasures on a panoramic tour before exploring the priceless masterpieces of Madrid's Prado Museum, home to the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya -OR- take a walking tour of Madrid featuring

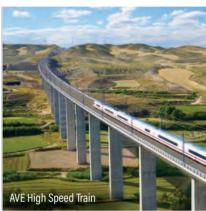
sites of the Hapsburg era; discover the Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor and the famous Andalusian tavern "La Torre del Oro;" Mercado de San Miguel, the last remaining market constructed in forged iron; Arco de los Cuchilleros (the Arch of the Knifemakers); and Plaza de la Villa with its historic Baroque and Mudéjar-style buildings. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

### Day 3: Madrid - Toledo - Madrid

Enjoy the morning at leisure to explore Madrid. This afternoon visit Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. Visit a local damascene artist to see the handson crafting of inlaid metals into jewellery and other products emblematic of Toledo. A comprehensive walking tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral and the 13th-century synagogue, a testament to Toledo's Jewish heritage. We'll also stop at the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz. Enjoy free time in the old town before returning to Madrid for some time at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a locally-inspired dinner. (B, D)







### a beautifully preserved neighbourhood with medieval squares set inside a labyrinth of streets leading to the 13thcentury La Seu Cathedral -OR- meet the locals while exploring La Boqueria, Barcelona's largest and oldest openair market, portions of which date back to the Middle Ages; then head to Las Ramblas Boulevard, the most famous pedestrian street in Barcelona; discover famous landmarks such as Gran Teatre del Liceu, Plaza Real, Palau de la Virreina, before visiting one of Antoni Gaudí's architectural treasures - Güell Palace. Enjoy some free time this afternoon or take an optional excursion to Montserrat, a spectacular mountaintop monastery. Tonight, venture to the city's gourmet quarter where the best Catalan cuisine is right at your fingertips during a paella culinary workshop with locallyacclaimed chefs! (B, D)

### Day 6: Barcelona

Enjoy a day at leisure to create your own adventure in this fascinating city. You may choose an optional excursion to Figueres and the famed Dalí Theatre-Museum for insight into the surrealist world of Salvador Dalí. This evening, toast the end of a memorable trip while enjoying the flavours of regional cuisine. (B, D)

### Day 7: Barcelona - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Madrid • Toledo • AVE High-Speed Train • Barcelona • Parc Güell • La Sagrada Familia • Paella Culinary Class • **UNESCO** World Heritage Sites





### Day 4: Madrid - AVE High Speed Train - Barcelona

Sit back, relax and enjoy the picturesque landscapes of Leon, Castilla and Catalunya as you travel via high-speed train to Spain's modern city of culture and architecture, Barcelona. Get acquainted with one of the liveliest cities in all of Europe on a locally guided tour. Discover Parc Güell, one of the most impressive public parks in the world and one of Antoni Gaudí's masterpieces, where he let loose his imagination with amazing buildings, sculptures and tile work. Next, explore the most popular monument in Spain, Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece La Sagrada Familia, still under construction after more than 100 years. Later, see the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuic, and several UNESCO World Heritage sites linked to Gaudí including the unconventional Casa Mila building and Batllo House. (B)

### Day 5: Barcelona 😯

It's your choice! Take one of two locally guided walking tours. You may choose to begin by visiting the 14th-century basilica of Santa Maria del Mar, created in pure Catalan Gothic style, followed by a leisurely paced walking tour of Barcelona's historic Gothic Quarter,

# DOUBLE Starting at \$3149 Starting at \$3649

Prices based on 1 November 2019 departure

March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 29 March 12 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please

confirm at time of reservation.

May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) 10 May 7 June 19 July 16 August 1, 20 September 4,18 October 1 November

20 March 17 April VISIT

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

6 December

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Madrid and depart from Barcelona. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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### **SPAIN'S COSTA DEL SOL & THE PORTUGUESE RIVIERA**

12 DAYS · 17 MEALS FROM \$3999

land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Journey on the thrilling AVE high-speed
- · Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita, a religious marvel.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Enjoy a day at leisure in the picturesque Costa del Sol.
- · Take a day trip to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors.



### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 2 | Enjoy a coach tour to see Madrid's architectural and artistic treasures or take a walking tour of Madrid.

Day 9 | Join a panoramic Lisbon coach tour or select a walking tour of the Alfama District, Lisbon's most symbolic quarter.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 11 breakfasts 6 dinners
- · Enjoy a tour and tasting of local wines at a centuries-old winemaker.
- · Savour regional wines with every included dinner.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 NH Collection Madrid Abascal,

Days 3 - 5 Parador Málaga Golf, Málaga Days 6, 7 Meliá Sevilla, Seville

Days 8 - 11 Vila Galé Cascais Hotel, Cascais **ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE** 

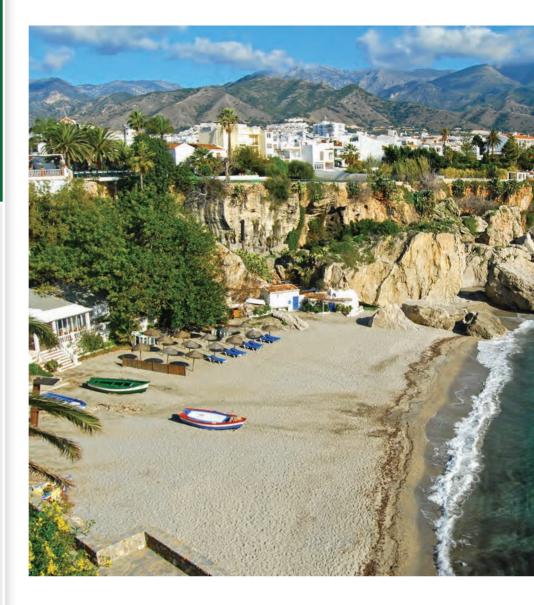
Upgrade to a sea view room at Vila Gale Cascais Hotel. CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.







Encounter the magical charm of the Iberian Peninsula on a journey that allows you to experience the dynamic cultures of Spain and Portugal.

### START EARLY

Madrid: Give yourself more time to experience the vibrancy and charm of Spain's capital. CALL FOR DETAILS.

Day 1: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's dynamic capital city. Tonight, enjoy a charming welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 2: Madrid 😯

Today, it's your choice! Join a local expert who introduces you to Madrid's architectural treasures on a panoramic tour; then, explore the priceless masterpieces of the Prado Museum which boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya -ORtake a walking tour of Madrid featuring sites of the Hapsburg era: discover the Puerta Del Sol, Plaza Mayor and the famous Andalusian Tavern "La Torre del Oro;" the Mercado San Miguel, the last remaining market constructed in forged iron; Arco de los Cuchilleros (the Arch

of the Knifemakers); and Plaza de la Villa with its historic Baroque and Mudéjar-style buildings. The remainder of your day is at leisure or you may choose to purchase an optional tour to Toledo. (B)

### Day 3: Madrid - High-Speed Train -Córdoba - Costa del Sol

Sit back and enjoy stunning landscapes as you travel via high-speed train to the Moorish city of Córdoba. Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita (UNESCO World Heritage site). Originally built as a mosque, it was converted into the city's cathedral when the Christians conquered the region in 1236. Stroll through the streets of the historic Jewish Quarter. Continue on to Spain's Costa del Sol and enjoy a 3-night stay by the sea at Parador Málaga Golf. (B, D)

### Day 4: Costa del Sol

Enjoy a day at leisure to relax and experience your hotel's direct beach access or pristine 18-hole golf course. Or you may choose to purchase an optional tour to Gibraltar. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to help you plan your day. (B, D)



### Day 5: Costa del Sol - Granada -Costa del Sol

Take a day trip to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain. Travel past rolling hills dotted with olive groves, capturing the country's classic beauty. Upon arrival, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra, a hilltop palace and UNESCO site. Tour the Generalife, "Garden of the Architect," and behold the waterfalls, courtyards and secret gardens on its grounds. (B)

### Day 6: Costa del Sol - Ronda -Seville

Head to Ronda, one of the loveliest and most historic towns in Andalucía. Join a local expert exploring Ronda's old town full of twisting narrow streets, the 18th-century Puente Nuevo (New Bridge) over the El Tajo gorge, and La Alameda Park with its wonderful panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and mountains. Then, continue to Spain's "cultural capital" - Seville. (B, D)

### Day 7: Seville

In Seville, see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral (UNESCO), and Giralda Bell Tower. Take a walking tour of the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with its cascading bright

flowers, whitewashed buildings and winding streets. Continue to Plaza de España and Maria Luisa Park - one of the loveliest parks in all of Europe. (B)

### Day 8: Seville - Azeitão, Portugal -

Depart Spain and travel through the Portuguese countryside to Azeitão - an agricultural village known for red wine, olive trees and country estates. Explore the tradition of azulejos (Portuguese tiles), and see how they are created at a local workshop. Enjoy a tour and tasting of local wines when we visit a centuries-old winemaker. Later, arrive in Cascais, the famous and picturesque coastal resort on the Portuguese Riviera, (B)

### Day 9: Cascais - Lisbon - Cascais 😵

Your morning is at leisure in Cascais to relax on the beach, walk the promenade, or sit at an outdoor café. You may choose to purchase an optional tour to Queluz Palace. This afternoon, it's your choice! Join a panoramic Lisbon city tour - via coach - featuring Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO), Belem Tower (UNESCO), and the Monument to the Discoveries, capped off with a visit to the National Museum of Coaches -OR- select a walking tour of the Alfama District, Lisbon's most symbolic quarter; step back in time as you explore this residential neighbourhood which is considered a village within a city; stroll through its medieval alleys, narrow streets, tiny squares, past beautiful churches and whitewashed houses with tile panels and wrought-iron balconies adorned with pots of flowers; then, climb the hill to explore the castle that has the most breathtaking panorama of the city. (B, D)

### Day 10: Cascais - Sintra - Cascais

Visit the impressive Mafra Palace and Monastery, one of Portugal's largest Baroque buildings. A guided tour takes you through the domed basilica, the roval apartments decorated in 18thcentury furniture and paintings, and the magnificent Baroque library, one of the finest in Europe. Continue on to the town of Sintra (UNESCO), a favourite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Here, explore Sintra's National Palace and peruse speciality shops filled with Portuguese handicrafts. (B)

### Day 11: Cascais - Óbidos - Nazaré -Fatima - Cascais

Travel Portugal's Silver Coast, a region filled with sleepy villages, rich vineyards and centuries-old castles. Stop in charming Óbidos, protected by medieval city walls. Continue to Nazaré, a coastal fishing village. Then, visit Fatima, the world-famous Marian pilgrimage site. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a wonderful farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Day 12: Cascais - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Madrid • AVE High-Speed Train • Córdoba • Costa del Sol • Granada • Alhambra • Ronda • Seville • Cascais • Lisbon • Mafra Palace & Monastery • Sintra's National Palace • Óbidos • Fatima





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### February - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 22 February

1.15 March 5, 26 April

Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures, Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

3, 17 May 7.28 June 26 July

13, 20 September 4.18 October

1 November 28 February

13 27 March 3, 17, 24 April

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Spend the night in the Alentejo region among vineyards and farmland.
- Stop in historic Evora, known as the "Museum City of Portugal."
- · Venture to Lagos, where Prince Henry the Navigator began his explorations.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Spend three nights on the sunny coast of the Algarve.
- Stay three nights at a coastal resort on the Portuguese Riviera.
- · Tour Lisbon, Portugal's capital that overlooks the Tagus River.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 2 | Choose between a panoramic Lisbon city coach tour or take a walking tour of the historic Alfama District, Lisbon's most symbolic quarter.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 6 dinners
- · Experience local cuisine and wine and immerse yourself in the moving sounds of Fado.
- · Indulge in a tasting of the Alentejo region's wines during a winery tour.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 3 Hotel Vila Galé, Cascais or Hotel Vila Galé, Estoril

Vila Galé Clube de Campo, Day 4 Alentejo

Hotel Vila Galé Lagos, Algarve Day 8 Turim Marques Hotel, or Turim Saldanha, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5

See page 191 for details.







### Encounter miles of picturesque shoreline as you make your way from the coastal capital of Lisbon to the beautiful Algarve.

Day 1: Cascais, Portugal - Tour Begins Your tour opens in a scenic coastal resort on the "Portuguese Riviera," your home for three nights. The mansions scattered

about Cascais and Monte Estoril hint at its history as a haven for exiled European royals and nobility. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Choice of Lisbon Panoramic City Tour or Alfama District Walking Tour 😵

This morning it's your choice! Join a panoramic Lisbon city tour by coach and uncover sights that include Jeronimo's Monastery (a UNESCO World Heritage site), Belem Tower (UNESCO), and the Monument to the Discoveries, with the tour capping off with a visit to the National Museum of Coaches -OR- embark on a walking tour of the historic Alfama District, Lisbon's most symbolic quarter. Step back in time on an exploration of this residential neighbourhood, which is considered a village within a city. Stroll

the neighbourhood's medieval alleys, narrow streets and small squares, and pass by beautiful churches, colourful houses decorated with tile panels and wrought-iron balconies adorned with pots of flowers. Next, climb the hill to explore the castle, which boasts the most breathtaking panorama of the city. Later, enjoy leisure time in the Portuguese Riviera. Stroll the narrow cobblestone streets, sit in a seaside café, walk wide oceanside promenades, or shop for ceramics, lace, filigree, hand woven works and tapestries. This evening, savour excellent Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform the traditional Fado (UNESCO). (B, D)

### Day 3: Cascais - Sintra - Obidos - Fatima -Cascais

Begin your day exploring the picturesque town of Sintra (UNESCO), the favourite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Journey to Portugal's beautiful "Silver Coast," a spectacular region filled





with sleepy villages, rich vineyards and age-old castles. Travel on to picture-perfect Obidos, where white washed houses are held snug by medieval city walls. Later, visit Fatima, the world-famous Marian pilgrimage site. (B)

### Day 4: Cascais - Evora - Alentejo

Travel the beautiful Portuguese countryside and stop in historic Evora (UNESCO), known as the "Museum City of Portugal." Inside this medieval-walled city stands a 2nd-century Roman temple to Diana and the 16th century Chapel of Bones. Indulge in the full-bodied character of the region's wines during a winery tour and tasting. Tonight, enjoy your stay in the heart of Alentejo's countryside at a country resort set among 3,000 acres of farm land, vineyards, and cork trees. (B, D)

### Day 5: Alentejo - Sagres - Lagos -Algarve

Journey to the famous Algarve and discover the secrets of the 16th-century fortress at Sagres, home of Prince Henry's School of Navigation and the "compass

rose." Garner magnificent views of beautiful Cape of St. Vincente, where 200 foot cliffs plunge into the Atlantic at the most southwesterly point of Europe. Next, explore the historic resort town of Lagos, where Moorish and Renaissance influences abound. Here, the famous voyager, Prince Henry the Navigator, began his explorations and from the harbour where Vasco da Gama sailed in 1499 on his epic voyage of discovery. Stroll through the fortress and historic buildings while taking in the surrounding ocean views during some leisure time, (B, D)

### Day 6: Algarve

The entire day is yours to experience the beautiful Algarve on your own. Geraniums, camellias and oleanders grow alongside fig, orange and almond trees, while brightly coloured fishing boats bob on the seas. Protected by hills to the north and warmed by the sea, the Algarve's mild climate and beautiful beaches attract vacationers from all over the world. (B)

### Day 7: Algarve - Faro - São Brás de Alportel - Algarve

Journey to Faro, gateway to the Ria Formosa protected lagoon landscape. Explore the city's historic centre with 9th-century Roman walls, dramatic golden coastline, and its archaeological and architectural gems. In historic São Brás de Alportel, a presentation by a local liqueur maker is followed by a tasting of some of the many varieties produced in the region. Portugal is the world's number one producer of cork. Visit a local cork factory to learn about its importance to the local economy and its many uses. Complete your day with dinner featuring local delicacies and wine. (B, D)

### Day 8: Algarve - Azeitao - Lisbon

En route to Lisbon, make a stop in Azeitao, a charming agricultural village known for red wine, olive trees and beautiful country estates. Spend time at the centuries-old Jose Maria da Fonseca Winery. Embark on a tour followed by a tasting of local wines, including moscatel. Next, meet local artisans at a family-run shop that demonstrates how azulejos, the famous hand-painted Portuguese tiles, are made. Later, bid Portugal goodbye during a dinner to celebrate the end of a wonderful tour. (B, D)

### Day 9: Lisbon - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)



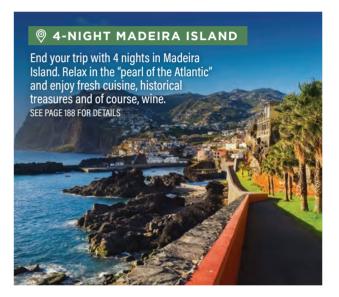
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### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Portuguese Riviera • Lisbon • Fado Dinner Show • Sintra • Óbidos • Fatima • Evora • Alentejo Countryside Stay • Sagres - Lagos - Algarve - Faro - Cork Factory - Azeitão - 2 Winery Tours • 5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites





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### January - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 26 January 16, 23 February 2, 9, 16, 23 March

6, 10, 24, 27 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures, Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### May 2019 - April 2020

(featured itinerary) 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22 May 7, 11, 14, September 18, 21, 25, 28 September 2, 9, 16, 19 October 23, 30 October 2, 6, 13, 16, 23 November 7 December 19, 22, 26 February 4, 11, 14, 18, 28 March 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 April

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Lisbon, Portugal airport. Arrival transfers will depart from Lisbon airport for Cascais (approximately a 40 minute drive). Airport transfers are available for purchase.

• Everything was planned out very well. Getting to and from the airport was easy. The tour guide was excellent, and the local guides were engaging. The hotels were simply magnificent. It was just a great experience over all. 99

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### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Experience the beauty of Portugal's Riviera with visits to Cascais and Estoril.
- · Gaze upon the pristine twin lakes of Sete Cidades.
- · Discover the bountiful crops of the region at pineapple and tea plantations.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Tour Lisbon and uncover its treasures including the impressive Tower of Belem.
- · Explore the island of Madeira, known as the "Pearl of the Atlantic."
- · Discover stunning St. Michael, the largest of the Azorean islands.



### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 4 | Hike Sete Cidades or visit the interpretation center followed by free time in town.
- Day 5 | Stroll through the Terra Nostra Botanical Park or relax in the park's thermal water pool.
- Day 10 | Explore a trout farm at Ribeiro Frio (Cold River) or take an exhilarating levada walk



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 11 breakfasts 1 lunch 6 dinners
- · Experience a "cozido das furnas" lunch in Furnas Valley
- · Learn the secrets of Azorean cuisine during an interactive cooking demonstration.
- · Celebrate your Madeiran adventure with a traditional dinner known as an espetada.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

- Turim Marquês Hotel or Turim Days 1 - 3 Saldanha Hotel, Lisbon
- Days 4 7 Azoris Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel, Azores
- Days 8 10 Pestana Casino Park Hotel, Funchal, Madeira Island
- Turim Marquês Hotel, Day 11 Altis Grand Hotel or Turim Saldanha Hotel, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.





Beauty, history, cuisine and culture. Experience the best of Portugal as you explore its capital city, coastal villages, and remote islands.

### Day 1: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Travel through some of Portugal's most beautiful regions. Experience Lisbon, the Azorean island of St. Michael, and the island of Madeira. Your adventure opens in Lisbon where Old World traditions still thrive. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 2: Lisbon - Sintra - Cascais - Estoril -Lisbon

Set out on a tour of Lisbon featuring the Moorish Alfama Quarter, Jeronimo's Monastery, the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belem. Later, explore the town of Sintra, the summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Enjoy a visit to the National Palace. Continue to the coastal resorts of Cascais and Estoril on the Portuguese Riviera. This evening, indulge in Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform traditional Fado. (B, D)

### Day 3: Lisbon - Fatima - Nazaré - Óbidos -Lisbon

Travel to the "Silver Coast," a region of sleepy villages, vineyards and age-old castles. We visit three distinct villages, each with its own cultural character. Begin in the pilgrimage town of Fatima. Discover the beauty of the famous basilica and see the Batalha Monastery. Continue to Nazaré, a seaside community named for a small wooden

statue of the Virgin Mary that arrived here in the 4th century. Then it is on to pictureperfect Óbidos, where white-washed houses are guarded by a hilltop castle. (B)

### Day 4: Lisbon - St. Michael, Azores - Ponta Delgada 😯

To the Azores! Fly to St. Michael, the largest of the nine islands that form the Azores archipelago. A brief walking tour of Ponta Delgada's town centre highlights the Portas da Cidade (The City Gates), Saint Christ's Church, St. Sebastian Church, and the seashore promenade. Later, gaze at the twin lakes of Sete Cidades (Seven Cities). Composed of two lakes inside a volcanic crater, it is the island's most popular national park. From the edge of the crater, one lake appears blue (reflecting the sky) and the other looks green (reflecting the ground). This afternoon it's your choice! You can take a leisurely hike inside the crater of Sete Cidades and admire the pristine Bay of Silence -OR- you may prefer to explore the interpretation centre of Sete Cidades followed by free time in the town's centre. Our day concludes with a magnificent view of the coastal village of Mosteiros. (B, D)

### Day 5: Ponta Delgada - Terra Nostra Botanical Park - Furnas Valley V

Today it's your choice! You may take a stroll through the Terra Nostra Botanical Park, home to the world's largest collection of camellias -OR- you can choose to rest and relax in the park's mineral rich thermal water pool. In Furnas Valley, experience a cozido das furnas lunch in which meat and vegetables are stewed in the heat of the volcanic earth. Afterward, explore Caldeiras das Furnas, the town's famous hot springs area. The day comes to a close at a tea plantation where you will learn about timeless methods of production. (B, L)

### Day 6: Ponta Delgada - Optional **Tours - Cooking Demonstration**

The morning is yours to explore Ponta Delgada or perhaps take an optional tour...maybe you will choose to swim with dolphins, take a whale watching boat trip, or kayak and hike around Sete Cidades. Later, discover the secrets of Azorean cuisine during an interactive cooking demonstration at one of the island's most popular restaurants. Your evening finishes with an incredible dinner. (B, D)

### Day 7: Ponta Delgada - Lagoa do Fogo - Ribeira Grande - Nordeste

Delve into the art of hand-painted ceramics during a studio visit. Next, take in the beautiful vistas of the mystical Lagoa do Fogo (Fire Lake). Journey to Ribeira Grande, known for its historic 16th- and 17th-century buildings. Visit a family-owned liqueur shop to taste some of the local liqueurs. Continue to the highest part of the island, Nordeste. Here, explore the natural beauty and famous waterfalls of Ribeira dos Caldeiroes. Our final stop of the day is a pineapple plantation where an expert leads you through the farm's greenhouses. (B)

### Day 8: Ponta Delgada - Funchal, Madeira - Monte

Fly to Madeira. The "Pearl of the Atlantic" boasts a subtropical climate, majestic mountain ranges and volcanic caves. Stop in Monte, perched on the hills overlooking scenic Funchal. Visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its collection of more than 2,500 plants from all continents. Discover Madeira's history during a panoramic tour of Funchal's plazas, Colonial mansions, 15th-century cathedral and the local market. (B)

### Day 9: Funchal - Câmara de Lobos -São Vicente - Porto Moniz

We begin our day with a visit to Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village and picture-perfect bay. Along mountain roads, pass banana plantations and vineyards en route to the world's second-highest cliff, Cabo Girão. Stop in São Vicente, a charming agricultural town with dramatic views of the coast. In the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz, enjoy free time for a swim (weather permitting) in the natural volcanic pools. (B)





### Day 10: Funchal - Ribeiro Frio -Santana 😵

Set out on a winding trip through the mountains to Pico do Arieiro, the island's third-highest point. Then it's your choice! At Ribeiro Frio (Cold River), explore the natural beauty of a trout farm -OR- join an exhilarating levada walk and follow the paths that run along the water channels that flow through the mountains. Continue to Santana, a village of small triangular homes thatched with straw. Visit a family-owned embroidery shop and meet local artisans who offer a first-hand look at their delicate craft. Then, it's time to sample some worldfamous Madeira wine. Celebrate with a traditional dinner known as espetada. Folk dancers and music entertain as you feast on a favourite local dish cooked over an open fire. (B, D)

### Day 11: Funchal - Lisbon

Board your flight and return to the metropolitan energy of Lisbon. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Later, bid "adeus" to Portugal during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Lisbon - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

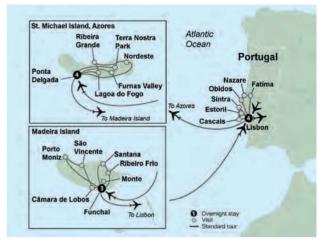
### **STAY LONGER**

Lisbon: Spend your last evening exploring the "City of Seven Hills." CALL FOR DETAILS.

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Lisbon • Portuguese Riviera • Fado Dinner Show • Fatima • Óbidos • St. Michael Island-Azores • Ponta Delgada • Sete Cidades

• Furnas Valley • Plantation Visits • Cooking Demonstration • Madeira Island • Monte • Cabo Girão • Espetada Dinner/Show





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March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note)

23 March 27 April

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May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

4, 25 May 15, 22 June 27 July

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### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Embark on a walking tour of Córdoba's religious marvel, the Mezquita.
- Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of the ancient Medina of Fes.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Visit the final resting place of the Catholic Monarchs.
- Explore Marrakech's ancient El Bahia Palace.
- Visit Chefchaouen, the "Blue City" of Morocco.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 10 | Visit the beautiful botanical gardens of Jardin Majorelle, a colourful oasis in the center of Marrakech or visit the Yves Saint Laurent Museum – a showcase of art, fashion, and design.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 11 breakfasts 1 lunch 6 dinners
- Enjoy a tour and tasting of sherry at a bodega.
- Learn the secrets of paella during a demo in the region of Andalusia.
- Savour traditional Moroccan fare at a family run riad.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Hesperia Madrid, Madrid
Day 3 Barceló Carmen, Granada
Days 4, 5 Barceló Renacimiento, Seville
Day 6 Hilton Tangier City Center,
Tangier

Days 9, 10 Hotel Palais Medina & Spa, Fes

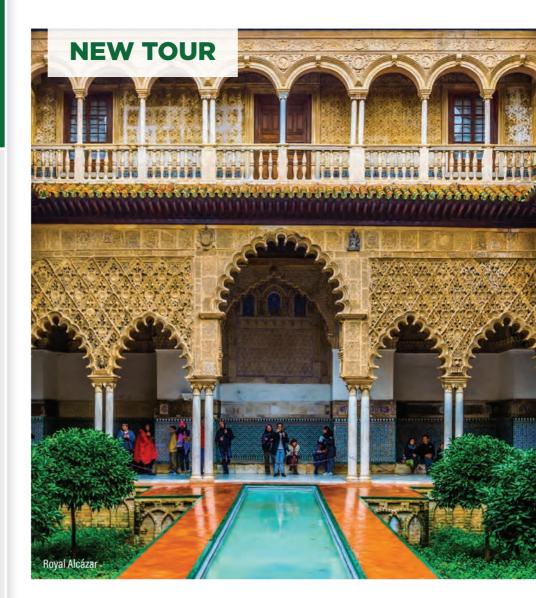
Movenpick Hotel Mansour
Eddahbi, Marrakech

Day 11 Movenpick Hotel, Casablanca

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
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Make your way across two continents and discover a vivid tapestry of cultures, customs, and cuisines on this journey though Spain and Morocco.

### START EARLY

Madrid: Spend your first evening in Spain's colourful capital.

CALL FOR DETAILS.

Day 1: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's dynamic capital city. Gather with new friends tonight for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 2: Madrid

On a local-guided tour of Madrid's historic centre, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor. An expert-led tour of the monumental 18th-century Royal Palace reveals lavish halls and banquet rooms; the throne room, the royal armoury, and the palace's impressive courtyard. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore Madrid, or instead, choose to purchase an optional tour to magnificent Toledo, a 192 B.C. UNESCO World Heritage Site on the Tagus River. (B)

Day 3: Madrid - Córdoba - Granada

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of

Córdoba. Reduce travel time and increase leisure time in Córdoba when you choose to take the optional AVE high-speed train! On arrival, embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita, UNESCO World Heritage site. Originally built as a mosque, it was converted into the city's cathedral when the Christians conquered the region in 1236. Stroll the historic Jewish Quarter, and later, travel to Granada – the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. (B, D)

### Day 4: Granada - Seville

Join a local expert for a tour of the Moorish-influenced city of Granada. Explore the city's main sights; see the hilltop palace of the Alhambra, and enjoy a visit to the Royal Chapel. Get a glimpse of what life was like when the Moors occupied the city during a short walk through the Albayzıı́n neighbourhood; full of rich colour and the aroma of spices. Later, arrive in Seville, Spain's cultural capital. (B)

## Day 5: Seville - Paella Demonstration - Flamenco - Seville

Join a local expert in discovering the city's

historic Mudéjar architecture, and uncover the intriguing myths, stories and legends of Seville. Tour the Royal Alcázar (UNESCO), and walk through its beautifully decorated courtyards. Then, stroll the sprawling and colourful Alcázar gardens to find one glorious garden after another, Next, see the Giralda Bell Tower and the majestic Seville Cathedral (UNESCO). Continue on to the winding narrow streets, quaint courtyards, bright flowers, and whitewashed buildings of Barrio Santa Cruz, the old Jewish Ouarter of Seville, At a local restaurant this evening, learn the secrets of paella. Then, take your reserved seats for an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B, D)

### Day 6: Seville - Jerez de la Frontera -Tarifa - Tangier, Morocco

Depart Seville and journey to Spain's sherry region. Stop at a bodega in Jerez de la Frontera for a tour and tasting before sitting down for locally-curated tapas. After lunch, head to Tarifa. This is where you board the high speed ferry to the incredible continent of Africa! A short ride across the Strait of Gibraltar brings you to Morocco, and the city of Tangier. Enjoy a free evening to explore this revitalized seaside city. Take a stroll along the oceanfront promenade, visit the new marina, do some shopping in the Medina, or simply enjoy the views from any one of the city's many restaurants. (B, L)

### Day 7: Tangier - Chefchaouen - Fes

Journey from Tangier to Chefchaouen - the "Blue City" of Morocco. Take in the beauty of the surrounding mountains, enhanced by the contrast of the brightly painted Medina. Enjoy free time to explore the famous indigo-blue streets of this small town, and stop in one of the many handicraft shops that are known for the wool garments and woven blankets that are unique to this region. This afternoon, arrive in Fes (UNESCO). The "Mecca of the West," Fes has retained its position as a religious capital of the region. This evening, dine at a family run riad in the Medina, and taste traditional Moroccan delights, the recipes of which have been passed down from generation to generation. (B, D)

### Day 8: Fes

Discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn of its historical importance as a centre of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion during a fascinating panoramic tour that includes the Medersa Bou Inania, built in 1325. See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the

Palace. Then, set out on a walking tour in the Medina. Founded in the 9th century, it is home to the world's oldest continuously functioning university. Amid the cobbled alleyways of this ancient market, you'll find donkeys and mules laden with goods walking alongside buyers. Spend time at the famous leather tanneries that date back to the 11th century and are considered to be among the oldest tanneries in the world. View the honeycomb of vats exploding in brilliant colours. (B)

### Day 9: Fes - Meknes - Rabat -Marrakech

This morning, we're off to the imperial city of Meknes (UNESCO). In this cultural city, amongst lush rolling hills studded with ancient olive groves, see the famous ancient door, Bab El Mansour, and the Bab El Khamis flea market. Continue to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, where you'll visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V. and explore the Oudaya Kasbah. This evening, arrive in the exotic city of Marrakech. Choose to explore the city by night during an optional excursion to Jemaa el Fna, Marrakech's main square, complete with a horse and carriage ride and a unique fusion dining experience. (B)

### Day 10: Marrakech 😯

Explore Marrakech and its ancient El Bahia Palace where you will find a sentry of nesting storks standing guard. Visit the vibrant and historic Jewish Mellah, and see the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque. Pass by the Royal Palace during a tour of the ancient city wall. Then, it's your choice! Visit one of the most beautiful botanical gardens in Morocco, Jardin Majorelle, a colourful oasis in the centre of Marrakech with exotic plants, fountains and palm trees designed by French artist Jacques Majorelle -ORvisit the Yves Saint Laurent Museum a showcase of art, fashion, and design by the iconic Algerian designer. Then, enter the 9th-century walled Medina and enjoy time to mingle with locals and artisans as you shop at the ancient market. (B, D)

### Day 11: Marrakech - Casablanca

This morning, venture to Casablanca and tour the Hassan II Mosque, a stunning and impressive high-tech architectural masterpiece. See the city by night on your drive along the seashore to your farewell dinner at Rick's Café, the legendary saloon from the film Casablanca. (B, D).

### Day 12: Casablanca - Tour Ends

Your tour of two continents and two countries with a rich, long-shared history comes to a close today. (B)

### **STAY LONGER**

Casablanca: Enjoy your last evening taking in the romance of this Moroccan city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Madrid • Córdoba • Granada's Royal Chapel • Royal Alcázar of Seville • Paella Demonstration • Flamenco Show • Jerez de la Frontera • Sherry Tasting • Tangier • Chefchaouen • Fes • Meknes • Rabat • Mausoleum of Mohammed V • Marrakech • El Bahia Palace • Koutoubia Mosque Casablanca • Hassan II Mosque





### DOUBLE SINGLE

Starting at \$3899 Starting at \$4899

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 16 February 2020 departure

May 2019 - April 2020

5 May 16 June 1, 15 September 6. 20 October

3, 10 November 16 February

15, 29 March 19, 26 April

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### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Spain & Morocco and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Madrid and depart from Casablanca. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

### **EXPLORING GREECE & ITS ISLANDS**

14 DAYS · 22 MEALS FROM \$4904

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Visit two breathtaking monasteries in Metéora, built over 600 years ago.
- · Experience the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts.
- · Broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek music with a delightful Greek dance class.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Join a local expert to explore Athens and its famed sites.
- · Explore the grandeur of Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games.
- · Have a day to explore Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands.



### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 2 | Choose a comprehensive tour of the Acropolis or a walking tour of some of the city's hidden gems, including Pnyx and the Temple of Hephaestus.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 13 breakfasts 1 lunch 8 dinners
- · Feast on local food and wine at a traditional "tayerna."
- · Partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a Greek lunch.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Crowne Plaza City Centre or Days 1, 2 Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

Day 3 Famissi Eden Hotel, Kalambaka Domotel Anemolia Mountain Day 4

Resort, Arachova Days 5, 6 Europa Hotel, Olympia Day 7 Nafplia Palace Hotel & Villas

or Amphitryon Hotel, Nafplio San Marco Hotel or Myconian Collection K Hotel or Leto Hotel, Mykonos

Days 10 - 12 El Greco Resort, Santorini **Day 13** Crowne Plaza City Center or Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.





### Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece and bask in the brilliance of the Mediterranean.

### START EARLY

Athens: Start your tour with an extra night in Athens, the "cradle of Western civilisation." CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the capital city of Athens. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in Athens' historic Plaka district. In a traditional taverna, feast on local cuisine and wine while enjoying Greek entertainment. (D)

### Day 2: Athens 😯

Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, it's your choice! Choose a comprehensive tour of the incredible Acropolis -OR- embark on a walking tour of some of the city's hidden gems, including Pnyx - where democracy was formed in Greece - and the Temple of

Hephaestus. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

### Day 3: Athens - Thermopylae - Metéora -Kalambaka

Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending the city against the Persians. Arrive in Metéora and visit two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. End your day at a family-owned taverna where you will savour a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

### Day 4: Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova

This morning, visit a local studio to see painters at work creating beautiful Byzantine icons. Continue to the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centres during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit



to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artefacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of Man. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

### Day 5: Arachova - Olympia

Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilisation. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. (B, D)

### Day 6: Olympia

Your guided visit to ancient Olympia includes a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium - where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. - and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek

musical instruments and folkloric dances with a delightful Greek dance class. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Olympia - Mycenae - Nafplio

Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains en route to the ancient city of Mycenae for a guided visit of the excavations featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate. Your day ends in the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio. (B)

### Day 8: Nafplio - Athens - Mykonos

This morning, transfer to the port of Athens for the high-speed ferry ride to Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands. Enjoy magnificent views as you cruise across the brilliant Aegean Sea to this island paradise. (B, D)

### Day 9: Mykonos

Enjoy a relaxing day to independently explore the charms of Mykonos. Don't miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. (B)

### Day 10: Mykonos - Santorini

Cruise to the most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean, the fabled island of Santorini. (B, D)

### Day 11: Santorini - Oia - Santorini

Begin your day with a visit to the excavation site of ancient Akrotiri, the most important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. Known as the "Minoan Pompeii," the flourishing town was at once destroyed and preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1450 B.C. Next, travel through a fascinating landscape of vineyards, whitewashed chapels and volcanic cliffs to the spectacular town of Oia, where the best views of the crater are found. End your day with a visit to a local winery that produces the unique and famous wines of Santorini. (B)

### Day 12: Santorini

Your day is at leisure to relax or independently explore Santorini, considered one of the most stunning landscapes in the world. Shop in Thira's charming town centre, take in the breathtaking scenery, visit a local museum or simply enjoy the amenities of your hotel. (B)

### Day 13: Santorini - Athens

Bid farewell to the Greek Islands and fly back to Athens for your overnight stay. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece with a delightful farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Day 14: Athens - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

### **STAY LONGER**

Athens: End your tour with one more night in historic Athens. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Athens - Taverna Dinner Show - Metéora - Delphi - Olympia • Greek Farm Visit • Cooking Class • Greek Dance Class • Mycenae - Nafplio - Mykonos - Santorini - Ancient Akrotiri





#### **DOUBLE** SINGLE

Starting at \$4904 Starting at \$6354

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 11 October 2019 departure

### March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note)

29 March 5, 12, 18, 26 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) 3, 6, 17, 20 May 7.10 June

5, 8 July 6, 9, 13, 16 September 11, 14, 18, 21 October 30 March

3, 6, 17, 27 April

### VISIT

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Athens. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to the ferry schedule on day 8 of some departures, you may be required to depart the hotel in Nafplio as early as 4:00 a.m. Should this be the case, a boxed breakfast will be provided in place of the regular hotel breakfast. Luggage handling is not available when getting on and off the ferries in Mykonos and Santorini. Rates include the internal flights on tour.



66 The tour was great! It's a lot of early mornings but worth it to see so much in one day. Acropolis was wonderful! Tour in Delphi was great too! My favourite was the islands, more Mykonos. It was so beautiful there and people were so incredibly nice.

### **CLASSICAL GREECE**

9 DAYS · 15 MEALS FROM \$2699

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### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

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Day 2 In Athens join a comprehensive tour of the incredible Acropolis or embark on a walking tour of some of the city's hidden gems, including the Temple of Hephaestus.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 1 lunch 6 dinners
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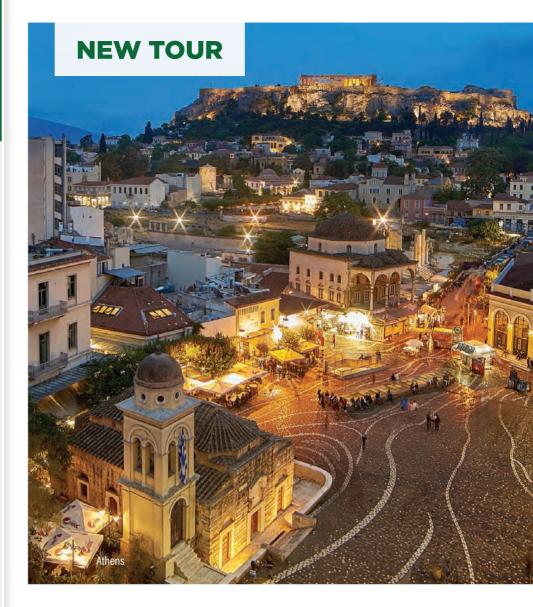


### **ACCOMMODATION**

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On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.



Learn the storied history of Greece as you explore the ancient and modern sites of Athens, Meteora, Delphi, Olympia and Corinth.

### **START EARLY**

Athens: Start your tour with an extra night in Athens, the "cradle of Western civilisation." CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

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### Day 8: Nafplio - Athens

This morning enjoy free time to further explore Nafplio before heading back to Athens. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece with a delightful farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Day 9: Athens - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

### **STAY LONGER**

Athens: End your tour with one more night in historic Athens. CALL FOR DETAILS.



Athens - Taverna Dinner Show - Metéora - Delphi - Olympia • Greek Farm Visit • Cooking Class • Greek Dance Class • Mycenae - Nafplio





Starting at \$2699 Starting at \$3399 **DOUBLE** SINGLE

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Prices based on 11 November 2019 departure

November 2019 - March 2020 4, 11 November 2 December

20 January 3, 17, 24 February 2, 16, 23 March

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(B, D)

Day 5: Arachova - Olympia Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilisation. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances at a delightful Greek dance class. (B, D)

### Day 6: Olympia

Your guided visit to ancient Olympia includes a tour of the sanctuary

### **ICONIC ISRAEL**

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#### **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.
- · Delight in the wonder of the Dead Sea.



(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 4 | Choose to explore the AHAVA Visitors Center to learn about the Dead Sea cosmetics or "float" in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 1 lunch 6 dinners
- · Savour dinner at one of Jerusalem's most popular restaurants.
- · Get a taste of the local flavour at a kibbutz



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1 Isrotel Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Tiberias Days 2, 3 Isrotel Ganim Hotel, Dead Sea Day 4 Days 5 - 8 Dan Boutique, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Travel back in time and discover the ancient world of Israel where legendary stories of mankind's collective history come to life.

### START EARLY

Tel Aviv: Start off your journey in this cool and breezy city on Israel's Mediterranean coast, CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins - Jaffa -

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

### Day 2: Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Haifa - Acre -

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 theatre, 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 3: 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, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. See Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Before exploring the Galilee Boat Museum, make a stop at the ancient fishing village of Capernaum. Discover a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee approximately 2,000 years ago before heading out on a boat ride on those same waters. Get a taste of the local flavour during lunch at a communal settlement, known as a kibbutz. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Tiberias - Beit Shean - Jericho -Qumran - Dead Sea 😵

Peek into Roman times at Beit Shean's well-preserved ancient theatre. Continue along the Jordan River Valley 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 ancient Dead Sea Scrolls. Keep going to the lowest place on earth, the Dead Sea. Then it's your choice!



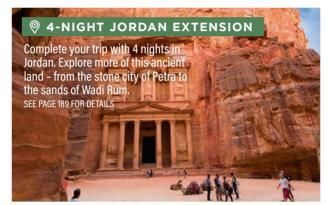




### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Tel Aviv • Jaffa • Caesarea • Tiberias • Nazareth • Galilee Boat Museum • Sea of Galilee • Jericho • Qumran • Dead Sea • Masada • Bethlehem • Church of the Nativity • Jerusalem • Mount of Olives • Mt. Zion • The Western Wall





Stop at the AHAVA Visitors Centre and learn about the world-famous cosmetics that come from the Dead Sea -OR- experience the natural buoyancy of the Sea during a tranguil "float" in its healing waters, rich with salt and minerals. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. (B, D)

### Day 5: 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, along the spread of the Judean Hills, delivers 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 6: Jerusalem

Drive to Mount of Olives for an allencompassing 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. Your day concludes at the Garden Tomb. (B)

### Day 7: 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 on your own or peruse the sights and sounds of the world-renowned Mahane Yehuda Market, known as the shuk, or open-air market. (B)

### Day 8: Jerusalem

Enjoy the day at leisure; explore on your own or relax. Perhaps you'll choose to take an optional tour to the Genesis Land on a jeep ride through the Judean Desert. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at one of Jerusalem's most popular restaurants. (B, D)

### Day 9: Jerusalem - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



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## DOUBLE Starting at \$3199 SINGLE Starting at \$4249

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

### Prices based on 13 February 2020 departure

January - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 31 January 21, 28 February 21, 28 March 4, 11 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please

confirm at time of reservation.

May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) 9, 16, 23 May 13, 27 June 11 July 29 August 5, 12, 19, 26 September 10, 17, 24, 28, 31 October 7 11 14 November 5 December

16, 23 January 6, 13, 20, 27 February 5, 12, 19, 26 March 9, 14, 16, 23, 30 April

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### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Tel Aviv. Our air passengers will depart from Jerusalem for Tel Aviv. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day (Day 9). 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.

# EXPLORING THE ALPINE COUNTRIES

12 DAYS · 17 MEALS FROM \$4149

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Take a cruise along the Danube River.
- Make a stop at the impressive Benedictine Melk Abbey.
- Meet a Passion Play performer in Oberammergau.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Come to know Vienna and its incredible Schoenbrunn Palace.
- Discover the fascinating city of Munich and its world-famous Glockenspiel.
- Walk through Innsbruck's charming pedestrian streets.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 9 | Explore Zermatt on foot during a guided walking tour or independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 11 breakfasts 6 dinners
- Savour a special dinner in the quaint winemaking village of Grinzing.
- Delight in a Mozart Dinner Concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant in Salzburg.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Mercure Grand Hotel Biedermeier, Vienna Days 3, 4 Arcotel Castellani, Salzburg

Days 5, 6 Alte Post Hotel, Oberammergau

Day 7 Hotel Hofgut Sternen, Titisee or Maritim Titisee Hotel, Black Forest

Days 8, 9 Hotel Alex or Ambassador Hotel, Zermatt

Days 10, 11 Ameron Hotel Flora or Hotel Waldstaetterhof, Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) See page 191 for details.



Storybook castles and opulent palaces set amongst Alpine vistas await on this getaway that takes you through Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

### **START EARLY**

Vienna: Spend more time strolling through the "City of Dreams." CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins

Set out to explore three distinct Alpine cultures set amid incredible landscapes. Your tour opens in Vienna. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine in the quaint winemaking region of Grinzing. (D)

### Day 2: Vienna

Come to know Vienna this morning during a locally guided tour that showcases its architectural marvels. You will visit the incredible Schoenbrunn Palace and see the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral. This afternoon enjoy free time to explore on your own. (B)

### Day 3: Vienna - Salzburg

Embark upon a lovely cruise along the Danube, one of Europe's most important waterways. Later, make a stop at the Benedictine Melk Abbey before continuing to the "City of Music," Salzburg. Tonight, transport back in time during a Mozart Dinner Concert in the Baroque Hall of the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 4: Salzburg

Discover the splendour of Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town. Along the way, you will see the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. (B)

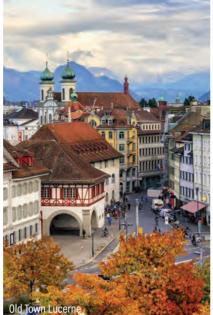
# **Day 5:** Salzburg - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau

Welcome to Germany. In Munich, feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park; the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Later in the day, arrive at your home for the next two nights — the quaint village of Oberammergau, renowned for woodcarvings and the Passion Play. This evening, enjoy a magical dinner and a visit by a local performer from the village. (B, D)

### **Day 6:** Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria - Oberammergau

Take in the scenery of the spectacular Bavarian Alps en route to enchanting







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**KEY HIGHLIGHTS** Vienna - Danube Cruise - Salzburg - Mozart Dinner Concert at St. Peter's Stiftskeller • Munich • Oberammergau • Meet a Passion Play Performer • Innsbruck • Bavarian Castles • Black

Forest - Château de Chillon - Zermatt - Lucerne



Innsbruck, located in Tyrolean Austria. Walk through the charming pedestrian streets and see such landmarks as The Golden Roof on a locally guided tour. As you wind through the narrow cobblestone lanes, it is easy to understand why this city was the centre of European culture and politics during the 14th century. (B)

### Day 7: Oberammergau - Black **Forest**

Today fairytales become reality during a picture stop of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein. Next you are off to the heart of the Black Forest, a region famous for its artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks and Hummels. (B, D)

### Day 8: Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland

Welcome to Switzerland! Your first stop en route to Zermatt is at one of the most photographed castles in the world, the Château de Chillon, located on serene Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn from Tasch to the relaxing pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. Take a stroll and breathe in the fresh Alpine air. (B, D)

### Day 9: Zermatt 😯

All of Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Explore on foot during a guided walking tour -OR- experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum to learn more about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

### Day 10: Zermatt - Grimsel Pass -Lucerne

Views of glaciers, crystal clear rivers and snowcapped mountains will invigorate you as you travel through the spectacular scenery of the Grimsel Pass. Your destination is the beautiful city of Lucerne. (B)

### Day 11: Lucerne

Set out on a scenic walking tour of this picturesque place, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. The remainder of the day is yours to relax or independently explore the best of Lucerne. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialities and toast the end of a wonderful trip. (B, D)

### Day 12: Lucerne - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### **STAY LONGER**

Lucerne: Relax your last evening and bask in the charm of this small, lovely city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **DOUBLE** Starting at \$4149 **SINGLE** Starting at \$4899

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### April 2019

(different itinerary - see note) 5, 7, 26 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

3, 24 May 7, 14, 21, 28 June 12, 19, 26 July 2, 9, 16 August 6, 13, 15 September 20, 27 September

### 4, 11 October 17, 24, 26 April

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### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Exploring the Alpine Countries and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Vienna and depart from Zurich. Our air passengers will depart from Lucerne for Zurich. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m.

66 Well organised, very good group dinners, hotels were very good, and the tour director was excellent. Trip was a great balance of Austria, Southern Germany and Switzerland. There was so much to see and every day was a scenic adventure.

### **ALPINE LAKES & SCENIC TRAINS**

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Cruise Lake Como on a traditional open-air commuter ferry.
- · Stroll the lakeside boulevards of Lucerne, St. Moritz and Como.
- · Journey through the Bernina Pass on one of the world's most scenic railways.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Enjoy stunning Alpine views on the GoldenPass panoramic train.
- · Soak up the mountain air with two nights in the Alpine village of Zermatt.
- · Explore the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake," Lucerne.



### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 4 | Join a walking tour of charming Zermatt featuring its best-known landmarks or enjoy a visit to the **7ermatt Matterhorn Museum to** explore at your own pace.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 1 lunch 3 dinners
- · Savour a wine and cheese pairing at an Italian family farm.
- · Relish a traditional dinner on the Isola dei Pescatori in Italy's Lago Maggiore.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Ameron Hotel Flora Lucerne, Day 1, 2 Hotel Monopol or Hotel Waldstaetterhof, Lucerne

Hotel Alex, Hotel Pollux, or Days 3, 4 Ambassador Hotel, Zermatt

Days 5, 6 Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz

Days 7, 8 Zacchera Hotels, Lago Maggiore

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.





Climb aboard three of the legendary Alpine railways and journey across the captivating landscapes and charming cultures of Switzerland and Italy.

### **START EARLY**

Lucerne: Give yourself the gift of time and explore this Swiss paradise. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: Lucerne, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Breathtaking Alpine vistas await as you travel through Switzerland and Italy. Experience dramatic views while aboard railways and lake cruises, and enjoy cultural experiences in charming villages in the heart of Europe. Arrive in Lucerne and take some free time to explore this lakeside town on your own. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the city. (D)

### Day 2: Lucerne

Today, explore this "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy an Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour that follows the ancient pathways of the city. See the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower that once

served as a prison; the watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the Baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from sandstone to commemorate the heroic soldiers who were protecting King Louis XVI in 1792. (B)

### Day 3: Lucerne - GoldenPass Train -Montreux - Zermatt

This morning, travel to Gstaad and climb aboard the GoldenPass panoramic train to enjoy breathtaking Alpine views along the route to Montreux. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time in this legendary town on the shores of Lake Geneva. Then continue on to the pedestrian village of Zermatt. (B, D)

### Day 4: Zermatt 😯

Today, Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Explore on foot during a guided walking tour -OR- experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum; learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)







### Day 7: St. Moritz - Lake Como, Italy -Lago Maggiore

Today we make our way back to Italy with a drive to Lake Como. A ferry ride across the waters of Lake Como introduces you to its stunning beauty. Drive along the picturesque shores to the town of Como. You will have free time to explore this famous resort before continuing to Lago Maggiore, a tranquil resort area with crystal clear waters against the backdrop of the Alps. (B)

### Day 8: Lago Maggiore

Travel to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm where you will learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Then sample their delicious creations and learn how to pair them with the region's local wines. Return to your hotel for a free afternoon. Our evening begins with a wine tasting before we board a lake boat for a cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands. There we savour a traditional farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Day 9: Lago Maggiore - Tour Ends Your thrilling Alpine journey ends today in Lago Maggiore. (B)

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Lucerne • GoldenPass Train • Zermatt • Glacier Express Train • St. Moritz • Bernina Pass Train • Ferry Ride on Lake Como

• Como • Lago Maggiore • Farm Visit with Wine and Cheese Pairing • Lake Maggiore Cruise • Island Dinner





### OOUBLE Starting at \$4499 SINGLE Starting at \$5099 **DOUBLE**

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Prices based on 8 October 2019 departure

May - October 2019 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 May 4, 7, 11, 18, 25 June 9, 16, 23 July

6, 13, 20, 27 August 10, 13, 17 September 20, 24 September 1, 8, 15 October

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Book a Stopover Spend some time in a new city en route to your tour or on your way home. How long is up to you. Choose from: Madrid • London • Amsterdam • Paris • Frankfurt • Munich

### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Arrival gateway is Zurich and departure gateway Milan. Arrival transfer from Zurich to Lucerne and departure transfer from Lago Maggiore to Milan included with purchase of our air. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive into Zurich prior to 4:00 p.m.

Tour guide was fantastic. She kept us moving and on time providing lots of info and many great comments about the area and sights. The Alps were beautiful and the weather was great.

### Day 5: Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz

Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, gurgling streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. Relax and enjoy a three-course lunch while onboard. Arrive in St. Moritz for your 2-night stay. (B, L)

### Day 6: St. Moritz - Bernina Pass Train - St. Moritz

Embark on a journey through the Bernina Pass while travelling along one of the most scenic railway lines in the world en route to Tirano, Italy. Take in striking views of the Swiss and Italian Alps throughout your adventure, including the famed Morteratsch Glacier. Upon your return to St. Moritz you can relax at your hotel or make use of your included St. Moritz lift pass and take the cable car to the top of Mt. Diavolezza where you can enjoy stunning views of Piz Bernina. (B)

### **DISCOVER** SWITZERLAND, **AUSTRIA** & BAVARIA

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Ride the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad.
- · Walk the halls of the medieval Château de Chillon, located on Lake Geneva.
- · Enjoy a Tyrolean folklore show.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Spend a day exploring Salzburg's historic past and charming old town.
- Enjoy a walking tour of Lucerne's Alstadt (Old Town).
- · Travel to Bavaria and see the famous Neuschwanstein Castle.



### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 5 | In Innsbruck choose between two leisurely walking tours. You may focus on the city's history and popular attractions or explore its unique architecture and structures.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 4 dinners
- · Savour a dinner featuring local cuisine such as traditional cheese fondue.
- · Enjoy traditional cuisine in one of Bern's great restaurants.
- · Delight in dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Hotel Bern, Hotel Baeren or Days 1 - 4 Hotel Ambassador, Bern

Hotel Innsbruck or Hotel Grauer Bar, Innsbruck

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.







### Mozart, Oberammergau, Lucerne, fondue. The hills are alive on an enchanting journey across three Alpine countries.

### Day 1: Bern, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Set out to discover spectacular Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria. Your tour opens in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. This UNESCO World Heritage site rests in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine such as traditional cheese fondue. (D)

### Day 2: Bern

Explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town's skyline. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently or perhaps take a ride in the red carriages of the Gurtenbahn funicular railway, climbing Gurten Mountain to an altitude of 2,574 feet (858 metres) for impressive views of Bern, the surrounding towns and mountains. (B)

### Day 3: Château de Chillon - Montreux -Train Ride - Gstaad - Bern

Travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to the legendary, medieval Château de Chillon. This princely residence faces the lake and puts forth the image of an imposing fortress from the mountains. Later, enjoy inspiring Alpine views with a ride on the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad. Discover the delightful ambience of this world-famous Alpine ski resort with its numerous traditional wood chalets. (B)

### Day 4: Bern - Lucerne - Bern

Set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, exploring the hidden treasures of the city. Lucerne has more than 800 years of history. Explore such medieval treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge (1833); the famous Water Tower which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissancestyle Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. Tonight we dine at one of Bern's great restaurants. (B, D)



Day 5: Bern - Innsbruck, Austria 😯

En route to Innsbruck we make

our way through Liechtenstein,

speaking country in the world

within the Alps. Upon arrival in

the smallest and richest German-

and the only country to lie entirely

Innsbruck, it's your choice! Select

one of two leisurely walking tours:

join a local guide as you discover

popular attractions including Maria Theresien Strasse, the Hofburg and

the "Golden Roof" -OR- embark

on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's

including its famous ski jump. (B)

unique architectural structures

Travel through the picturesque

There, enjoy a leisurely paced

walking tour featuring Mirabell

Gardens (seen in The Sound of

Music); the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart); and many

other highlights of this beautiful

city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to independently explore and

enjoy Salzburg's fabulous sights.

dinner at the 1,200-year-old St.

Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in

Austria and still owned by the

monks. (B, D)

Complete your day with a delightful

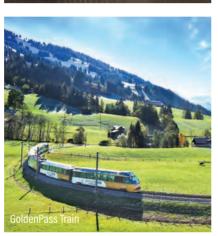
Austrian countryside to Salzburg.

Day 6: Innsbruck - Salzburg -

Innsbruck

the city's history, culture and





### Day 7: Innsbruck

Savour a free day in this beautiful city. You may stroll through Old Town and shop at many of the city's outstanding stores or you may just relax and breathe in the mountain air while enjoying a beverage in one of the many cafés that dot this charming city. Later, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a locally wellknown musical family. (B)

### Day 8: Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany -Oberammergau - Innsbruck

Today fairy tales come to life with a picture stop at Bavaria's famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Visit Wies Church (UNESCO) before heading to the picturesque village of Oberammergau. Enjoy a brief tour and learn more about this charming place, famous for its Passion Play. Performed every ten years to fulfil a pledge made by the villagers to God for sparing their city from the plague in 1633, the Passion Play has grown into an international event. Tonight you are treated to a farewell dinner in one of Innsbruck's most famous traditional restaurants. (B, D)

### Day 9: Innsbruck - Tour Ends

Innsbruck. (B)

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Bern • Château de Chillon • Montreux • GoldenPass Panoramic Train • Gstaad • Lucerne • Innsbruck • Austrian Alps • Salzburg • Mirabell Gardens • St. Peter's Restaurant • Tyrolean Folklore Show • Bavaria • Oberammergau





#### **DOUBLE** SINGLE

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### March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 22 March

5, 10, 24, 26 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) 3, 10, 17, 24 May 7.14.21.28 June 12, 19, 26 July

2, 9, 16, 23 August 2, 6, 13, 16, 20, 27 September 4, 11, 18, 25 October 1 November 20 March 3, 13, 17, 22 April

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### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Zurich, Switzerland airport and depart from Munich, Germany airport. All of our transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m.

♠ This was our fourth tour with Collette and it was, as usual, exceptional. Our tour guide was excellent. The views of Switzerland were spectacular. What an experience - having lunch and a beer outside next to the river in Switzerland with the view of the mountains.



### DISCOVER CROATIA, SLOVENIA & THE ADRIATIC COAST

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Visit Europe's oldest pharmacy at Dubrovnik's Franciscan Monastery.
- Stroll through Split and see the famous Diocletian's Palace.
- Take a Pletna boat ride to the picturesque island in the center of Lake Bled.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Spend three nights in Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic."
- Explore Opatija, "Croatia's Riviera," a retreat for Habsburg Monarchs.
- Experience the wonder of 16 cascading lakes at Plitvice Lakes National Park.



### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 2 | Join a local expert in Dubrovnik's Old Town for a private cruise followed by a visit to Lokrum Island or explore the medieval walls that surround Dubrovnik's old city.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 10 breakfasts 6 dinners
- · Visit a local family for dinner in the Konavle region outside Dubrovnik.
- Sample farm-to-table delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula at a local restaurant.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

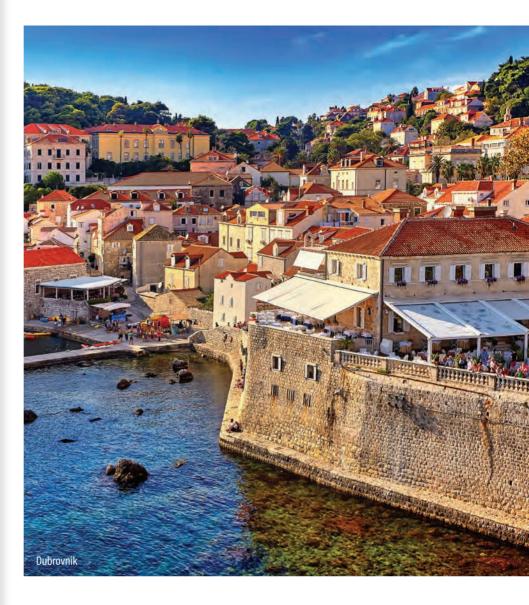
Days 1 - 3 Valamar Lacroma Resort or Hotel Lapad, Dubrovnik

Day 4 Atrium Hotel, Split
Day 5 Jezero Hotel, Plitvice
Days 6,7 Hotel Bristol, Opatija
Days 8,9 Hotel Lev, Ljubljana
Day 10 Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
See page 191 for details.

1 2 3 4 5



# Ancient towns, tranquil lakes, and shining seas. Delight in the old-world charm found in this sunny Adriatic paradise.

### **Day 1:** Dubrovnik, Croatia - Tour Begins Join us and explore Croatia and the

countries of the Adriatic. This is a "must see" region filled with ancient cities, medieval architecture, intriguing cultures, rolling hills and stunning coastal scenery. Your tour begins in the medieval city of Dubrovnik. Get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

### Day 2: Dubrovnik 😵

Join a local guide on a tour of "Old Dubrovnik," a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, where Europe's oldest pharmacy resides, and see Dubrovnik's many historical sites, from Rector's Palace to the City Walls. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Join a local expert in Dubrovnik's Old Town harbour for a private cruise with magnificent views of the medieval city walls before visiting nearby Lokrum Island where you can swim, marvel at exotic plants or take a walk with peacocks **-OR-** receive a ticket to access the walls that contain the old city of Dubrovnik and gain a different

perspective on this remarkable place (this choice gives you more leisure time to explore the city). This evening, travel to Cilipi in the culturally-rich Konavle region, where you'll be welcomed for dinner at a family-owned local restaurant. Visit with the family and learn about life in the Croatian heartland as you sample regional wines. At dinner, servers introduce you to a culinary feast, prepared in the way of their ancestors. (B, D)

### Day 3: Dubrovnik

Spend today at leisure. Relax or independently explore the marble streets and beautiful baroque buildings of Dubrovnik's breathtaking Old Town. Or, you may choose to purchase our optional excursion to Montenegro; if so, leave in the morning to cross the border to Montenegro's Bay of Kotor, or "the Boka." Once known as Europe's southernmost fjord, it is actually a ria (a long, narrow inlet). Your guide will introduce you to the history of the region and share stories of the many cultures and empires that have left their mark here. (B)

### Day 4: Dubrovnik - Split

Savour stunning sea views as you travel up the winding coastal road, hugging the sheer cliffs that drop dramatically into the aquamarine of the Adriatic Sea. Enjoy a stop in a quaint village in the Croatian countryside, where you'll have time to taste some of the local specialities and perhaps take a walk through the village square. Upon arrival in Split, set out on a walking tour featuring the impressive Diocletian's Palace, one of the most significant late-Roman historical monuments and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Also, see the peristyle of the palace and the Temple of Jupiter, (B)

### Day 5: Split - Plitvice Lakes

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Split. This afternoon, travel to Plitvice Lakes, one of the oldest, largest, and most beautiful national parks in Croatia. Inspiring scenery is one of the wonders you'll experience at this designated UNESCO World Heritage site. (B, D)

### Day 6: Plitvice Lakes - Opatija

Travel among the park's dense forests and 16 terraced lakes, where waterfalls and free-flowing cascades connect one lake to the other. Enjoy a short cruise that takes you into the heart of this natural wonder that extends over 73,000 acres. From the forest landscapes of Plitvice Lakes, travel this afternoon to the seaside resort of Opatija, known as "Croatia's Riviera." This fashionable region was once the summer retreat for Roman Caesars and Habsburg Monarchs.

### Day 7: Opatija - Istrian Peninsula -Opatija

Known as "Croatia's Riviera," Opatija was once the summer retreat for Roman Caesars and Habsburg Monarchs. Discover the richness of the Istrian Peninsula with its Italian and Croatian influences. Pay a visit to a local distillery, where the owners use regional plants, fruits, and herbs to produce brandies, snacks and other treats. Discover a picture-perfect example of a rural Croatian town. In the late afternoon, a delightful farm-to-table dinner at a local restaurant lets you sample the regional wines and culinary delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula.

### Day 8: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Travel into picturesque Slovenia, to Ljubljana, a capital city in the midst of a cultural renaissance. Take in the spectacular scenery on the drive, and upon your arrival, an afternoon at leisure lets you relax and explore the city. (B, D)





### Day 9: Ljubljana - Lake Bled - Ljubljana

This morning, meet a local expert who introduces you to this lovely town nestled along the banks of the river. Your tour includes the impressive City Hall and a visit to the magnificent Cathedral of St. Nicholas. After free time for lunch, drive a short distance to tranquil Lake Bled, and experience the old-world charm that comes with taking a Pletna boat to the picturesque island in the centre. Spend time exploring the 17th-century cathedral, St. Mary's Church, and the "wishing bell." Enjoy some time to stroll the quiet paths of this lakeside community at your own pace. (B)

### Day 10: Ljubljana - Zagreb, Croatia

Today we travel to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. Embark on a tour of this fascinating city that has marked the intersection of Eastern and Central Europe for more than 1000 years. After free time this afternoon for independent exploration, celebrate the end of an unforgettable trip with dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 11: Zagreb - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close this morning in Zagreb. (B)

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Dubrovnik • Cilipi Family-Style Dinner • Split • Diocletian's Palace • Plitvice Lakes National Park • Opatija • Istrian Peninsula • Farm-to-Table Dinner • Ljubljana • Lake Bled • Pletna Boat Ride - Zagreb





DOUBLE Starting at \$2999 SINGLE Starting at \$3599

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Prices based on 3 December 2019 departure

### March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 10, 24 March

7, 10, 24, 28 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures, Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

3, 10, 17, 31 May 14, 21, 28 June 12, 19 July 9, 16, 30 August 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, September 20, 26, 27 September 4 October 8, 11, 15, 22 October\*

5,12 November\*

3 December\* 28 January\* 25 February\* 10, 17 March\* 24, 27 March 10, 16, 17, 24 April

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### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Dubrovnik and depart from Zagreb. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Based on return flight options, an early morning departure from the hotel may be required on the last day

\*Departures 8 October through 22 March will begin in Zagreb. The routing will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation. On these dates, due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 4pm.

66 First class experience. Hotels were quality, food was great, tours very informative. Best of all, a very nice pace; with enough time to relax and still get a lot done. Highly recommend them for multistop trips. The family-style dinner in Dubrovnik with folk singers was a highlight. You just can't get that experience on your own.

# IMPERIAL CITIES

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Enjoy a stop in the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov.
- · Tour majestic Prague Castle.
- Get to know Bratislava's history on a city tour with a local expert.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Visit Lobkowicz Palace, home to the largest and finest art collections in the Czech Republic.
- Embark on a Danube River cruise through the historic Wachau Valley.
- Stop in Melk for a visit to the famous Abbey.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

DAY 3 | Enjoy traditional Czech cuisine at one of Prague's popular restaurants or dine and drink at one of Eastern Europe's oldest breweries and take a tour to see how this famous beer has been brewed for 500 years.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 9 breakfasts 1 lunch 5 dinners
- Enjoy dinner and sample regional wine in the picturesque Grinzing region.
- Savour a Renaissance-style dinner at a medieval castle restaurant near Budapest.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1-3 K+K Hotel Fenix, Prague

Days 4 - 6 Grand Hotel Wien, Vienna

Days 7 - 9 NH Budapest, Budapest

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) See page 191 for details.



# Bask in the splendour and storybook charm of Prague, Vienna and Budapest – a trio of cities with infinite majesty.

### START EARLY

**Prague:** Take a day to explore "the City of a Hundred Spires." CALL FOR DETAILS.

### **Day 1:** Prague, Czech Republic - Tour Begins

Set out on a grand cultural adventure through the Imperial Cities of Central Europe. Along the way, enjoy traditional entertainment and a scenic cruise on the Danube River Arrive in Prague, the "City of 100 Spires." Behold ancient landmarks and medieval architecture. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 2: Prague

Feel the magic. Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Explore the "Castle District," including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and the majestic Prague Castle. Next, visit Lobkowicz Palace, the only privately owned building in the sprawling Prague Castle complex, and home to the largest and finest art collection in the Czech

Republic spanning over 600 years of family history. A masterpiece of 16th century Baroque architecture, the aristocratic Lobkowicz family lost it under Communist occupation following World War II and regained control only in 2002. The priceless collection also encompasses one of Central Europe's finest libraries of rare books and a musical archive that includes scores by Mozart, Beethoven and Gluck. After a delightful lunch, gather in the palace's elegant Baroque concert hall for a mid-day Classical music concert featuring the likes of Mozart, Bach, Dvorák and Smetana. Later, proceed to the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. Today (B, L)

### Day 3: Prague 😯

The day is yours to discover Prague on your own. Shop for famous Bohemian crystal or visit one of the city's many outstanding museums, such as the Lapidarium, home to 11th-century stone sculptures. Stroll to the Old Town square, home to the famous Orloj, which functions as a clock, calendar and primitive planetarium. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Prague's Old Jewish Quarter to see its historic Jewish

Museum and Europe's oldest surviving Jewish cemetery, founded in 1478. This evening, it's your choice! Enjoy traditional Czech culture at one of Prague's popular restaurants -OR- tip a pint while dining at one of Eastern Europe's oldest breweries and take a tour to see how this famous beer has been brewed for 500 years. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Prague - Cesky Krumloy -Vienna, Austria

Take a scenic ride through the countryside as we travel from Prague to Vienna. En route, make a stop in the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov to explore the well-preserved streets lined with Baroque architecture before continuing on to the grand city of Vienna where your arrival leads to a free evening to enjoy the city. (B)

#### Day 5: Vienna

This morning, join a local resident for a visit to magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue on to Vienna's centre. Behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks and gothic spires that fill the city. Tonight, return to Schoenbrunn Palace for an unforgettable Classical music performance featuring the works of Mozart and Strauss. (B)

#### Day 6: Vienna - Danube River - Melk - Vienna

Travel along the banks of the Danube, immortalised by Strauss, to the medieval town of Durnstein. Embark on a scenic Danube River cruise through the historic Wachau Valley. Later, visit the 11th-century Melk Abbey, famous for its production and collection of manuscripts. Tonight's dinner is a real treat: a meal showcasing regional wine and the impressive local cuisine of the Grinzing region. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia -Budapest, Hungary

This morning we journey to Bratislava, former Imperial capital of the Hapsburg Empire. Get to know the city's 4000-year-old history on a tour with a local expert. Continue to Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," truly one of the world's most beautiful cities. Upon arrival we drive through this majestic capital on our way to the hotel. Take some time to relax or explore before gathering for tonight's dinner in the city. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Budapest

Capture the true spirit of Budapest. Join a local expert and discover the incredible Neo-Gothic marvel of Matthias Church atop Buda Castle Hill. Next, be enamoured by the Fisherman's Bastion with its white walls, towers and arcades for





spectacular views. Continue to historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, followed by the Parliament. At Heroes Square, admire the imposing Millennium Monument which memorializes the 1000th anniversary of Hungarian dominion. (B)

#### Day 9: Budapest - Visegrad - Budapest

Begin your day with a visit to a school in Budapest where you will get a glimpse into the daily life of the locals while meeting the young students. In the afternoon, venture outside the city to the former Renaissance capital of Visegrad for a magnificent view of the Danube Bend and the Borzsony Mountains. Travel back in time with a visit to a 14th-century castle where knights with colourful costumes and authentic weaponry recreate the days of chivalry. Then, enjoy a special Renaissance-style dinner at the castle restaurant and re-enact the days of medieval times. Revel in this evening of wine and music. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Budapest - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

**Budapest:** Spend another evening absorbing the beauty of the "Queen of the Danube." CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Prague - Prague Castle - Lobkowicz Palace - Cesky Krumlov Vienna - Grinzing Evening - Classical Music Performances -Danube River Cruise • Bratislava • Budapest • Matthias Church • Fisherman's Bastion • School Visit • Visegrad • Renaissance Dinner





DOUBLE Starting at \$3049 SINGLE Starting at \$3899

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Prices based on 5 November 2019 departure

#### March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 26 March

2, 9, 23, 30 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures, Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

7. 21 May 4, 18 June 9, 16 July 6,13 August 10, 17, 24, September 1, 8, 15, 22 October

5 November

#### 31 March 21, 28 April

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Experience the cultures of Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary and Poland.
- · Take a poignant journey through history at the camps of Auschwitz.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · The fairy-tale city of Prague reveals the remarkable Hradcany Castle.
- · Come to know Vienna and its lavish Schonbrunn Palace.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 2 | Choose a city tour that introduces you to Berlin's rich history or you may join a "Cold War"-focused tour.
- Day 3 | Enjoy traditional Czech culture during a folklore show and dinner featuring local drinks; and after, take a private dance lesson or dine and take a tour of one of Eastern Europe's oldest breweries.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 12 breakfasts 6 dinners
- · Dine at one of Vienna's most beloved restaurants



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

- Days 1, 2 Crowne Plaza Potsdamer Platz,
- K+K Hotel Central, K+K Hotel Days 3, 4 Fenix or Hotel Grandium, Praque
- Hilton Vienna, Vienna Days 5, 6
- Days 7, 8 Art'Otel, Budapest
- Days 9, 10 Holiday Inn City Center, Krakow
- Days 11, 12 Mercure Grand Warszawa Hotel, Warsaw

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 12345 See page 191 for details.







#### A blend of world history and fairy-tale charm comes to life in the culturally-rich cities of Central & Eastern Europe.

#### **START EARLY**

Berlin: Begin your time in Germany exploring its storied capital. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins

Set out to experience the very best of Europe's cultural capitals. Arrive in Germany's capital city of Berlin. This city blends a deep history, a modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Berlin 😯

It's your choice! Choose a city tour that introduces you to Berlin's rich history: you'll see Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendam and the Reichstag Building -OR- you may join a "Cold War"-focused tour that includes a visit to the Berlin Wall Museum followed by a walk through the area that was once "Checkpoint Charlie," and see what remains of the Berlin Wall. This afternoon you have the opportunity to join an

optional excursion outside the city to visit Potsdam and the famous Sanssouci Palace. (B)

#### Day 3: Berlin - Dresden - Prague, Czech Republic 😯

Depart Berlin for the "Golden City" of Prague. En route, make a stop in Dresden, the capital of Saxony, with time to explore this lovely town on the banks of the River Elbe. This evening it's your choice! Choose to get to know traditional Czech culture during a folklore show and dinner featuring local drinks; as a special treat, meet the dancers and learn some of the moves yourself during a private dance lesson -OR- dine at one of Eastern Europe's oldest breweries; take in the traditional ambiance as you dine while sipping on a pint; then tour the brewery to see the process of making this famous beer that has been brewed for 500 years. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Prague

Your introduction to this fairy-tale city opens with a visit to the remarkable Hradcany Castle and the haunting St. Vitus Cathedral. Continue with a leisurely walking tour through the Old Town, showcasing

the Golden Lane, the unique Astronomical Clock and the statuelined Charles Bridge. The afternoon is yours to independently explore this great city. (B)

#### Day 5: Prague - Vienna, Austria

Leaving the Czech Republic, arrive in colourful and vibrant Vienna. the "musical city." After a short orientation drive through the city, vour afternoon is at leisure. Later, enjoy an evening in one of Vienna's most beloved restaurants where dinner mixes with local cultural flavour to create an unforgettable night. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Vienna

This morning, experience the city on a tour showcasing some of its architectural marvels, including the lavish Schonbrunn Palace and the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty. The remainder of the day is yours to explore independently. Perhaps you will visit one of the famous museums, sip a Viennese coffee at a local coffee house, or simply relax in this capital of Austria. Tonight you may choose to enjoy an optional Mozart concert and dinner in the city. (B)

#### Day 7: Vienna - Budapest, Hungary

Sit back, relax and enjoy the picturesque Hungarian countryside en route to historic Budapest. Upon arrival, a local expert provides an informative city tour featuring Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, Old Buda, the New Parliament and Gellert Hill. A special stop is made at Heroes' Square, a unique monument to the many diverse leaders of Hungary. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Budapest

The beautiful city of Budapest is often referred to as "the Queen of the Danube." Today is yours to discover this city divided by the Danube with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan Pest on the opposite bank. Relax in the city or perhaps join an optional excursion to a traditional Hungarian horse farm where riders perform amazing feats, followed by a typical lunch in the "Puzsta." (B)

#### Day 9: Budapest - Donovaly, Slovakia - Krakow, Poland

Take in the picturesque landscapes en route to Poland. Make a stop in the hidden village of Donovaly, nestled in the Low Tatras mountain range of Slovakia. Your home for the next two nights is the lively city of Krakow, which still offers an oldworld charm. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Krakow

Discover Krakow's historic Old Town on a city tour featuring stops at the Market Square, St. Mary's Church, and the University; you'll also view Wawel Castle, a former residence of Polish kings. The afternoon is at leisure for you to



# Brandenburg Gate

enjoy the city on your own. (B)

#### Day 11: Krakow - Auschwitz - Warsaw

Today you embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to witness the camps of Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. Afterward, travel through the Polish countryside en route to Warsaw, the reconstructed and modern capital of this rejuvenated country. The evening is yours to relax or explore. Browse one of the city's art galleries or fascinating museums, or simply relax at an outdoor café. (B)

#### Day 12: Warsaw

The moving history of Warsaw, both joyous and tragic, is yours to embrace as you embark on a locally guided tour of this capital city. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Warsaw - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end today. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

Warsaw: Encounter even more of the reconstructed modern capital of Poland. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Germany • Dresden • Czech Republic • Hradcany Castle • Austria - Schonbrunn Palace - Hungary - Matthias Church -Poland • Auschwitz • Warsaw





DOUBLE Starting at \$3699 SINGLE Starting at \$4999

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March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 25 March 5, 24, 29 April

Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures, Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) 6, 20, 27 May

3, 10, 17, 24 June 8, 15, 22 July 5, 12, 19 August

2, 8, 9, 16 September 23, 30 September 7, 14, 21 October

4 November 23 March 6, 20, 27 April

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66 This tour of Central & Eastern Europe had plenty of sights, and was done at just the right pace. Loved all the cities included, and the Tour Manager and Bus Driver were a terrific team.



#### CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MARKETS

8 DAYS · 11 MEALS FROM \$2499

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Experience the 600-year-old holiday spirit of "Christkindlesmarkts" in Germany, France and Austria.
- See historic sites such as the magnificent 18th-century residence of the prince-bishops.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- View the ornate Alte Mainbrucke, the oldest bridge on the River Main.
- · Set out on a panoramic tour of Munich.
- · Enjoy a city tour of Nuremberg.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 6 | Join a local guide for a walking tour to discover Innsbruck's history or embark on a walking tour focusing on its unique architectural structures.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 7 breakfasts 4 dinners
- Enjoy a magical farewell dinner in Oberammergau, featuring a visit by local entertainers.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

- Days 1, 2 Hofgut Sternen, Black Forest
- Days 3,4 Best Western Premier Hotel Rebstock, Wurzburg or Ghotel Hotel, Wurzburg
- Days 5 7 Alte Post Hotel, or Hotel Wittelsbach, Oberammergau

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) See page 191 for details.



Feel the warmth of the holiday spirit as you sip mulled wine, shop for handicrafts and peruse the Christmas markets of Germany, Austria and France.

#### Day 1: Black Forest, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the Black Forest. Here you will relish the peacefulness of the surrounding forested mountains. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel. (D)

#### **Day 2:** Black Forest - Strasbourg, France - Black Forest

Travel the picturesque valleys of the Black Forest and country roads of Alsace to the provincial capital of Strasbourg, France where centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences blend together to lend this city its unique character. Enjoy a guided tour of the Old Quarter, "Petite France," featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame, considered one of the noblest achievements of Western architecture. Mingle with the locals as you explore the Christmas market featuring local crafts and traditional food and drink before returning to Germany. (B)

#### Day 3: Black Forest - Würzburg

Depart the Black Forest for the quaint Franconia region of Germany. Your

destination is Würzburg. Stroll through the streets with your expert local guide and discover the city's history. This ancient wine town is rich in historic sites, including the magnificent 18th-century residence of the prince-bishops, boasting the largest ceiling fresco in the world; and the ornate Alte Mainbrucke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. You will have time to browse for local specialities in the lively Christmas market. (B, D)

# Day 4: Würzburg - Nuremberg - Würzburg Start your day with a city tour of historic Nuremberg. Learn about old town's 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city; the Imperial Castle; and the Justice Palace, where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. Your city tour concludes with a visit to the historic Nuremberg Christmas Market, one of the oldest and most famous markets in Germany dating back to 1628. Here you can spend time sipping Gluwhein and sampling roast sausages. Over 200 wooden stalls have given the Christmas



#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Oberammergau • Innsbruck • Munich • Black Forest • Strasbourg - Nuremberg - Würzburg - Rothenburg -Christmas Markets





market its name - "Little Town from Wood." You can find items like Nuremberg spicy gingerbread, fruit loaves, bakery goods, sweets, Christmas tree angels and toys. (B)

#### Day 5: Würzburg - Rothenburg -Oberammergau

We begin with a stop in lovely Rothenburg, one of the most wellpreserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. After some free time to explore the town, continue on to Oberammergau, a perfect example of a Bayarian Alpine village, Step back in time as you stroll the streets past old-world cottages and shops covered in colourful frescos. It is the ideal place to shop for cuckoo clocks, nutcrackers and Hummel figurines. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria - Oberammergau 😵

Traverse the Bavarian landscape to the Tyrolean town of Innsbruck, nestled in the heart of the mountains. Then, it's your choice! Embark on an incredible walking tour, led by a local expert who highlights the landmarks to Innsbruck's history and culture -OR- choose a tour to see the architectural structures, like its

famous ski jump, that make the city so unique, Either way, you're guaranteed to see Innbruck's Golden Roof.. The remainder of the day is at leisure to shop in the many speciality stores and the cosy Christmas market. (B)

#### Day 7: Oberammergau - Munich -Oberammergau

This morning, travel to Munich and be introduced to this exciting city with a panoramic tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Enjoy leisure time to independently explore Munich's historic area and the Christmas market. Later, return to Oberammergau where you will have time to stroll about the village, perhaps shopping for the intricate woodcrafts the town is known for. This evening, enjoy a magical farewell dinner featuring a visit by local entertainers from this village, famous for its Passion Play. (B, D)

Day 8: Oberammergau - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

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December 2019

1, 8 December

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Zurich and depart from Munich. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. on the first day of the tour. You may require an early morning departure from the hotel on the last day. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. On some dates this tour operates in reverse.

The Christmas Markets were wonderful as always! Got a lot of unique treasures and lovely memories! My daughter thoroughly enjoyed herself, also. The (optional) horse drawn sleigh ride was a real hoot!



#### **MAGICAL CHRISTMAS MARKETS**

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Experience the 600-year-old holiday tradition of the "Christkindlesmarkt."
- Venture by train to Seefeld for a horse-drawn carriage ride and taste of schnapps.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Tour Munich to see the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park.
- · Visit the picture-perfect Bavarian Alpine village of Oberammergau.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 2 | Join a local guide to discover the history, culture and attractions of Innsbruck or embark on a tour focusing on the city's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 6 breakfasts 1 lunch 3 dinners
- Delight in dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.
- Experience a strudel demonstration and learn the history behind the traditional dessert.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 5 Hotel Innsbruck or Hotel Grauer Bar, Innsbruck

Day 6 Movenpick Munich Airport, Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.





#### Get caught up in the holiday spirit as you explore Germany and Austria's traditional Christmas markets, Alpine villages and festive fun.

Day 1: Innsbruck, Austria - Tour Begins Welcome to the town of Innsbruck, capital of the Alps. Spend the next five nights here, nestled in the heart of the mountains. Tonight, accompany your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner to celebrate your arrival in Austria. (D)

Day 2: Innsbruck - Seefeld - Innsbruck 😯 This morning, it's your choice! Embark on an incredible walking tour, led by a local expert who highlights the landmarks to Innsbruck's history and culture -ORchoose a tour to see the architectural structures, like its famous ski jump, that make the city so unique. Either way, you're guaranteed to see Innsbruck's magnificent Golden Roof. Next, journey by train 3,600 feet above sea level to the idyllic village of Seefeld, one of the world's great ski resorts thanks to its miles of lakes and trails. Step off the train in to the pure Alpine air to find an authentic horse-drawn carriage - and a traditional gift of Schnapps - waiting for

you. Don't be shy to belt out a carol or two as you're whisked across the snow to meet our good friend, Peter, who invites you to participate in an interactive demonstration of how to make (and eat!) traditional strudel. Say "Aufweidersehn, Peter!" and glide your way back to Innsbruck. (B)

Day 3: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck Salzburg, a storybook Old Town, waits for you over the mountains and through the woods of the Austrian countryside. Head over to Mirabell Gardens and the iconic "Do-Re-Mi steps" from The Sound of Music. Then, journey through the baroque heart of the Old City, and the famous thoroughfare where Mozart was born. Head off to enjoy a free afternoon with the locals, affectionately known as "Salzburgers." Be sure to enjoy a traditional Mozart chocolate (or two) and do some treasure hunting at any of six Christmas markets. Your day concludes at St. Peter's Skiftskeller, the oldest continuously-serving restaurant in





#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Innsbruck • Seefeld • Carriage Ride • Salzburg • St. Peter's Restaurant • Oberammergau • Christmas Markets • Munich





Europe. Inside this centuries-old gem, indulge in a traditional dessert that's described as "sweet as love and soft as a kiss." (B, D)

#### Day 4: Innsbruck

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Innsbruck. Go treasure hunting at the Christmas markets, brimming with the sights, smells, and sounds of the season. Be on the lookout for St. Nicholas and even Krampus as they march through the market stalls. Revel in good cheer while brass bands play from the towers, and indulge in some gluhwein and stollen, while chestnuts roast on open fires. (B)

#### Day 5: Innsbruck - Neuschwanstein, Germany - Oberammergau -Innsbruck

View the magnificence of Neuschwanstein Castle as you enjoy a photo stop of the fairytale creation of Bavaria's "Mad King." Your journey continues to Oberammergau, where you'll spend some time on your own getting to know this picture-perfect Bavarian village. Tonight, enjoy an unforgettable evening at a familyowned restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Munich

Wilkommen to Munich! Embark on a city tour of this Bavarian capital where Olympic Park and the famous Glockenspiel are just some of the sights you'll see along the way. Your tour comes to an end at the famous Hofbrauhaus, where you may wish to take a seat and enjoy a bier before heading to a jolly farewell lunch! The rest of the day is yours to enjoy. Do some final holiday shopping at the largest Christmas market of the whole tour, and delight in the merriment of the season one last time. (B, L)

#### Day 7: Munich - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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December 2019

1, 8, 15 December

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#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Munich, Germany. All of our transfers will depart from/return to this airport. Approximate travel time between Innsbruck and Munich is 2 hours. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 3:30 p.m.

66 Tour was very exciting and not just because it was Christmas time. We were in a very beautiful part of Europe with lots of history and the Alps.

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Embark on a guided tour of Hamelin with a flute-playing "Pied Piper."
- · Explore the Hanseatic town of Lübeck, famous for marzipan.
- · Join a local guide who leads you on a Beatles tour in Hamburg.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Tour Neuschwanstein Castle right from the pages of a storybook.
- · Tour Berlin and Munich's famed landmarks with a local guide.
- · Discover Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a medieval gem in the heart of Franconia.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 4 | Board a harbor boat for a narrated cruise or enjoy a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake.
- Day 8 | Walk to a local bakery to learn how "schneeball" pastries are made or tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum.
- Day 10 | Join a local guide and tour BMW World; then ride to the top of the Olympic Tower or embark on a poignant journey to the Dachau Memorial-a former concentration camp.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 10 breakfasts 5 dinners
- · Indulge in a wine tasting in a cellar restaurant.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Crowne Plaza Potsdamer Platz, Days 1, 2 Berlin

Reichshof Hamburg, Curio Days 3, 4 Collection by Hilton, Hamburg Hotel Stadt or Schlosshotel Day 5

Münchhausen, Hamelin Day 6 Vila Vita Rosenpark, Marburg

Altes Brauhaus or Hotel Days 7, 8 Goldener Hirsch, Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Days 9, 10 Sheraton Hotel Arabellapark, Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 12345 See page 191 for details.





Lose yourself in classic fairytales, be captivated by historic landmarks and embrace the delightful culture of this charming country.

#### START EARLY

Berlin: Spend your first evening taking in this historic German city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Berlin, Germany's capital. This city blends a deep history, modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Berlin

This morning, enjoy a traditional city tour that features Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendamm, the Reichstag building and a stop at "Checkpoint Charlie," the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. This afternoon you may choose to join an optional excursion outside the city to visit Potsdam and the famous Sanssouci Palace. (B)

#### Day 3: Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg

Travel to Hamburg, "the Venice of the North," with winding canals and an impressive harbour that made it a centre for trade for centuries. En route, make a stop in the medieval Hanseatic League town of Lübeck, the famed birthplace of marzipan and a UNESCO World Heritage site; join a local guide for a tour of the town and have a chance to visit Café Niederegger to shop for the marzipan they have been making for 200 years. Arrive in Hamburg. Tonight, enjoy dinner out on the town. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Hamburg 😯

Come to know the city on a panoramic tour that showcases the Rathaus (Town Hall), the Alster, St. Michaelis church, the city centre, the beautiful Jungfernstieg promenade and, of course, the Port of Hamburg, dubbed "the gateway to the world." Later, it's your choice! Board a harbour boat for a narrated cruise around the massive Hamburg shipping port

highlighting the key maritime sights -OR- embark on a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake to take in stunning views of the shoreline dotted with the homes of Hamburg's elite. Later we gather for a walking tour of the Reeperbahn area, Hamburg's red light district, immortalised as the place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the early 1960s. Join in the fun with your "singing and ukulele-playing local Beatles expert" and travel down memory lane. (B)

#### Day 5: Hamburg - Bremen - Hamelin

Today's first stop is in Bremen, at the beginning of the Fairy Tale Road. Join a local guide for a walking tour of the quaint town featuring the musicians of Brothers Grimm fame, the Town Hall (UNESCO), and ending in the medieval Schnoor district. After free time for lunch, travel to Hamelin, made famous by the Pied Piper legend from the stories of the Brothers Grimm. Feel like you have stepped into a storybook when the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" plays delightful tunes while he leads you on a discovery walk through Hamelin with its charming Tudorstyle architecture. (B)

#### Day 6: Hamelin - Trendelburg and Sababurg Castles - Kassel -Marburg

This morning you are transported back to childhood as you come face to face with the real life places that inspired the fairy tale classics. First, meet a local storyteller at the famed "Rapunzel's Castle" - Trendelburg. Continue on to Reinhardswald, home to Sleeping Beauty's castle - Sababurg. Have time to explore the enchanting grounds before travelling to Kassel, home to the Brothers Grimm Museum. At the museum, an expert will lead you on a tour through the interactive displays that bring you through the life of the Grimm brothers. Journey to the medieval university town of Marburg with its endless alleys and stairways that lead to the castle perched above. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Marburg - Würzburg -Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located in the middle of the famous Romantic Road and in the heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. You will enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your city centre hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local

restaurant where you'll enjoy a tasting of local wines followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colorfully costumed local expert for the famous "Night Watchman" walking tour of the medieval town. (B, D)

Day 8: Rothenburg ob der Tauber 😯 It's your choice! Walk to a local bakery to learn how a local favourite treat, "schneeball" pastries - snowballs are made -OR- tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum. Later, we gather to spend time at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum where you will be treated to a private tour, enjoy an ornament-making demonstration, and shop for handmade Christmas ornaments. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you choose. (B)

#### Day 9: Rothenburg ob der Tauber -Neuschwanstein Castle - Munich

Leave Rothenburg behind and make your way through mountains and along winding country roads for a tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by "crazy" King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, continue to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Your evening is free to explore the city independently. (B)

#### Day 10: Munich 😯

Come to know the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a panoramic walking tour that highlights the worldfamous Glockenspiel and Marienplatz - a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. This afternoon, it's your choice! Join a local guide and venture to the innovative BMW World to learn the history of this dynamic global automaker; then ride to the top of the Olympic Tower to take in stunning views of the Munich cityscape -OR- embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to the Dachau Memorial; a local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. The remainder of your day is at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a beer tasting followed by a farewell dinner in one of Munich's most famous restaurants. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Munich - Tour Ends

This morning your tour comes to a close. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

Munich: Enjoy a final stay in the storied capital city of Bavaria. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg - Hamelin - "Pied Piper" Tour - Fairv Tale Princess Castles • Würzburg • Rothenburg ob der Tauber • Wine Tasting • "Night Watchman" Tour • Neuschwanstein Castle • Munich • Beer Tasting





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Prices based on 7 June 2019 departure

March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 22 March

22, 26 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

10 May 7 lune 12 July 16 August

6, 20 September 11 October 1 November

1, 4, 6 December 20 March 24 April

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Visit the Jasna Góra monastery to witness the world-famous Black Madonna.
- · Explore the poignant history of Auschwitz.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · A journey through Warsaw includes a stop at the remnants of its ghetto.
- · A tour of Wroclaw brings you up-close to this ethnically diverse city.
- · Overnight in medieval Torun, a UNESCO World Heritage site.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 4 | Venture to the resort town of Sopot or enjoy a shopping excursion to learn about Polish amber.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 10 breakfasts 4 dinners
- · Immerse yourself in Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner.
- · Learn how to make gingerbread according to a 500-year-old recipe.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Mercure Warszawa Grand, Days 1, 2 Warsaw

Radisson Blu Hotel Old Town, Days 3, 4 Gdansk

Hotel Bulwar, Torun Art Hotel, Wroclaw Days 6, 7

Days 8 - 10 Holiday Inn City Center Hotel, Krakow

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.





#### Poland's treasures, uncovered. Embark on a poignant, engaging journey from Warsaw to the shores of Gdansk.

#### **START EARLY**

Warsaw: Spend an extra night taking in the history found in Poland's capital city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Warsaw, Poland - Tour Begins

Welcome to Warsaw! The city has a blend of old-world charm and a modern energy. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Warsaw

Embrace the moving history of Warsaw, a city reborn after WWII, as you embark on a locally guided tour. Your journey through this capital city includes a stop at the monument dedicated to the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto. The afternoon is at leisure to take in the alleyways, visit a quaint café in Warsaw's Old Town, explore a museum or simply relax. (B)

Day 3: Warsaw - Malbork Castle - Gdansk Depart for Gdansk this morning. En route, stop in the town of Malbork, home to Malbork Castle, one of the largest castles in the world. A guided tour of this 700-year-old structure introduces you to the world of the Knights of the Teutonic

Order. Continue to Gdansk, stopping at the

Gdansk Shipyards, site of the creation of the anti-Communist Solidarity movement in 1980 that helped liberate Poland from Soviet rule. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Gdansk - Choice on Tour 😵

This morning, join a local expert for an introduction to this strategic and remarkable port city; get to know its deep history during your tour which highlights City Hall and St. Mary's Church. Later, the choice is yours. Join your Tour Manager on an excursion to the seaside resort town of Sopot **-OR**- remain in Gdansk and join a local guide on an educational shopping excursion during which you'll learn about Polish amber at a demonstration, followed by the opportunity to purchase the stone. The evening is at leisure. Take a stroll through a beautiful square, shop for local handicrafts, or soak in the seaside atmosphere. (B)

#### Day 5: Gdansk - Torun

Today you travel to the town of Torun, a UNESCO World Heritage site and birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus, the famous astronomer. Torun remains one of the best-preserved medieval towns in all of Europe and is one of the "Seven Wonders of Poland." On arrival, walk past Copernicus's house before



stepping back into history while

baking and sampling your very

own gingerbread according to a

This morning, join a local expert

for a walking tour of this unspoiled

town. Later this afternoon, arrive in

join your travelling companions for

traditional "home-style" dinner at a

A morning tour of Wroclaw brings

you up close and personal to this

large and ethnically diverse city. It

could be the only location where

you can find a Stare Miasto (Old

church, a Roman Catholic church

and an Eastern Orthodox church

savour Wroclaw's idyllic parks and captivating culture. Be sure to go in

search of the many "dwarfs" hidden

standing near each other. The remainder of the day is at leisure to

Town) with a Synagogue, a Lutheran

some locally-brewed beer and a

the ancient city of Wroclaw. Tonight,

500-year-old recipe. (B)

Day 6: Torun - Wroclaw

local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 7: Wroclaw





#### famous Black Madonna. Housed in the Jasna Góra monastery, journey inside for an up-close look at this miraculous image. Arriving in Krakow, enjoy some free time to get acquainted with the city. (B)

#### Day 9: Krakow

Join a local expert as we explore the city on a panoramic tour that includes Market Square, St. Mary's Church and the university. You will also see the famous Wawel Castle, the former residence of Polish kings. The rest of your day is at leisure. Perhaps you'll stroll the quaint side streets of Krakow's famous Old Town, have coffee in one of the largest squares in Europe, or walk along the river for views of the new sections of the city. You may also visit the Schindler Museum or join your fellow travellers on an optional excursion. (B)

#### Day 10: Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow

Today you embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. This evening celebrate traditional Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner, complete with wine and beer, (B, D)

#### Day 11: Krakow - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Warsaw • Malbork Castle • Gdansk • Solidarity Shipyards • Torun • Gingerbread Baking • Wroclaw • Black Madonna • Jasna Góra Monastery • Krakow • Auschwitz • Folklore Show &





#### **DOUBLE** Starting at \$2749 SINGLE Starting at \$3499

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#### March - April 2019

(different itinerary - see note) 8 March 26 April

Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary . Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

19, 26 May 9, 23 June 28 July 18.25 August 1, 8, 15, 29 September 6, 20, 27 October

22 March

26 April

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Everything was wonderful: the tour manager, the fellow travellers, the local guides, the Polish people, the sights, and the historical buildings. The trip was more interesting and more enjoyable than I would have imagined. I had looked forward to Malbork and was not disappointed!

#### on the streets of the city! (B) Day 8: Wroclaw - Czestochowa -Krakow

This morning we depart for Krakow, an enchanting city famous for its well-preserved town centre. En route, stop in Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland, where each year over 5 million pilgrims journey to pay their respects to the

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Board a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline.
- · Partake in a fun-filled Hungarian folklore show.
- · Take a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Discover Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava.
- · Take a city tour of Munich, featuring the world-famous Glockenspiel.
- · Explore Regensburg, home of the first stone bridge built over the Danube.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 9 breakfasts 6 lunches 9 dinners
- · Enjoy unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard your cruise ship.
- · Attend the Captain's Gala Dinner.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 7 MS Amadeus Silver II

Days 8, 9 Mercure Hotel or Dorint Sporthotel, Garmisch-Partenkirchen

> On some dates alternate hotels/vessels may be used.



Drift blissfully along the iconic Danube River, stopping along the way to admire storybook villages, lively cities and unparalleled scenery.

#### Day 1: Budapest, Hungary - Board Cruise Ship

Sail past breathtaking scenery, pausing along the way in quaint villages and lively cities on a timeless trip down the Danube River. Unpack for a relaxing 7-night Danube River cruise aboard your lovely ship. This vessel offers the newest technology, a panoramic deck, terrace café, panorama salon and bar, excellent cuisine, outstanding service and unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard. After a welcome aboard cocktail reception and dinner, take in the essence of the region during an evening cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline followed by a fun-filled folklore show. (D)

#### Day 2: Budapest

Embark on a tour of Budapest, Hungary's lovely capital, featuring the historic Buda Castle area, Fisherman's Bastion and the 500-year-old St. Matthias Church. Enjoy splendid views of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, nestled on opposing banks of the river. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria Tour Slovakia's remarkable capital,

Bratislava, and discover the city's most celebrated sites including the 13th-century castle, Old Town, St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate, and the Archbishop's palace. This afternoon, sail towards Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Vienna

Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's Baroque elegance, stroll along the Kartner Strasse, or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. If you wish, you may join an optional excursion to the opulent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Emmersdorf - Wachau Valley

View the picturesque landscape as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the scenery. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. (B, L, D)







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#### Day 6: Linz - Passau, Germany

This morning, enjoy an included walking tour of the charming riverside town of Linz. Next, continue on to Passau which is set at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, and St. Stephan's Cathedral, home to Europe's largest church organ. Tonight, you are invited to attend the Captain's Gala Dinner with your fellow passengers. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Regensburg

A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany's grand medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. Some of the architectural highlights you may view include the first stone bridge built over the Danube, a 1,400-foot-long span built in the 12th century; the old Town Hall; and the Porta Praetoria, one of only two remaining Roman gates in Germany, built in A.D. 179. This afternoon, take a stroll through Old Town. Tonight, partake in a delightful Bavarian evening onboard. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Passau - Disembark Ship -Munich - Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Today, disembark your cruise ship and journey to Munich. Feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. After some free time, continue on to the quaint Bavarian ski town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Garmisch-Partenkirchen -Ettal - Oberammergau - Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Travel to Ettal, home of Linderhof Palace. This artistic "Royal Villa" was the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete in his lifetime. Behind its Baroque façade you will find a world rich in Rococo ornamentation, with many sculptural elements that showcase an incomparable artistry. Later, spend time exploring Oberammergau, renowned for wood carvings and the Passion Play which takes place every ten years. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Garmisch-Partenkirchen - Tour Ends

Today your tour comes to an end. (B)

### Germany Slovakia Austria

Hungary

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**KEY HIGHLIGHTS** Budapest • Bratislava • Vienna • Wachau Valley • Linz • Passau • Regensburg • Munich • Garmisch-Partenkirchen • Linderhof

Palace • Oberammergau

DOUBLE Starting at \$4649 SINGLE Starting at \$7449 Land only, per person, double occupancy. Prices based on 26 September 2019 departure.

Sept. - October 2019 17, 26 September 1 October

MS Amadeus Silver II on the Danube

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Staterooms (starting at)	Double	Single
Haydn (lower deck)	\$4649	\$7449
Strauss (middle deck)	\$5349	\$9149
Mozart (upper deck)	\$5999	\$10299
Mozart Suite (upper deck)	\$8249	\$14249

See pages 186-187 for ship deck plans.

This trip requires a passport. Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. Embarkation on day 1 is after 4:00 p.m. Disembarkation on day 8 is normally at 9:00 a.m. Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and wait staff on board the ship are not included and are at your discretion. River cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance. Our air passengers will arrive into Budapest, Hungary airport and depart from Munich, Germany airport. All of our transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. on the last day of your tour. All transfers will depart from Garmisch-Partenkirchen for Munich airport. Travel time between Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Munich airport is approximately 1.5 hours. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:30pm.

#### **CHRISTMAS ON** THE DANUBE

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Browse the famous Christmas markets along the Danube.
- · Join a local expert as you explore Würzburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg and
- · Explore the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Experience the most picturesque region of the Wachau Valley.
- · Explore Regensburg, home of the first stone bridge built over the Danube.
- · Enjoy a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 7 breakfasts 5 lunches 7 dinners
- · Enjoy unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard your cruise ship.
- · Attend the Captain's Gala Dinner.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1

Maritim Hotel, Best Western Premier Hotel Rebstock or Ghotel Hotel, Wurzburg

Days 2-7 MS Amadeus Queen or Brilliant

On some dates alternate hotels/vessels may be used.



See this breathtaking region dressed in its holiday best. Explore charming Christmas markets and relax aboard a cruise along the Danube.

#### Day 1: Würzburg, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in historic Bavaria, in a town along the banks of the Main River. Enjoy the remainder of the day to relax and soak in the charms of Franconia. Meet your fellow travellers at tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Würzburg - Rothenburg -Nuremberg - Board Cruise Ship

This morning, join a local guide on a leisurely paced walking tour of Würzburg, known as "the jewel of the Main River." Würzburg is an ancient Franconian wine town rich in historic sites, including the magnificent 18th-century residence of the Prince-Bishops which boasts the largest ceiling fresco in the world, and the ornate Alte Mainbrucke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. Proceed to lovely Rothenburg, one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. Enjoy free time to explore the town's hidden treasures and its charming Christmas market, plus the chance to visit the Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas store and museum where you

will find a wide range of traditional German Christmas decorations. Late afternoon you arrive in Nuremberg to meet your cruise ship. Unpack once for a relaxing 6-night Danube River cruise aboard your lovely ship. This beautiful vessel offers the newest technology; a panoramic deck terrace café; panorama salon and bar; excellent cuisine including unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks with all dinners; and outstanding service. This evening, enjoy a special dinner onboard. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Nuremberg

A local expert provides an interesting city tour of historic Nuremberg featuring Old Town, the 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city, and the Imperial Castle. Your city tour concludes with a visit to Nuremberg's Christmas market, Germany's most famous and oldest, dating back to 1628. Nuremberg is a toy-making centre and you will have the opportunity to shop for traditional handcrafted nutcrackers and sample its famous "Lebkuchen" (gingerbread). Later, your cruise continues

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
See page 191 for details.





across the continental divide and through the final stretch of the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Regensburg

A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. Some of the architectural highlights you may view include the first stone bridge built over the Danube, a 1,400-footlong span built in the 12th century; the old Town Hall; and the Porta Praetoria, one of only two remaining Roman gates in Germany, built in A.D. 179. This afternoon, take a stroll through Old Town to Regensburg's charming Christmas market and marvel at the festive lights and decorations. Browse and shop at the brightly lit wooden huts that sell Christmas tree ornaments, wooden toys and local handicrafts. Late evening, your ship departs for Passau. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Passau

Amid the early morning light, cruise past scenic valleys and charming riverside towns to Passau, situated at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, St. Stephen's Cathedral - home to Europe's largest church organ - and the charming Christmas market. Then, enjoy free time to explore the town on your own. (B, L, D)

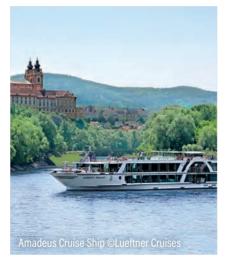
#### Day 6: Wachau Valley, Austria -Emmersdorf - Durnstein - Vienna

View the picturesque landscapes as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the surrounding scenery before joining an excursion to the nearby town of Durnstein and the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of Europe's largest Baroque monasteries. Next, enjoy a Glühwein Party before returning to the ship. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. You arrive in Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city, in the early evening. After dinner you may choose to join an optional excursion in the imperial city to experience the magic of Vienna by night and visit Vienna's most famous Christmas market, located in front of the "Rathaus" (City Hall). (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Vienna

Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace,





the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's Baroque elegance, stroll along the Karntner Strasse, or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. If you wish, you may join an optional excursion to the opulent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty. A wonderful farewell evening of food, music and entertainment awaits you at the Captain's Gala Dinner, After a delightful dinner, the ship's orchestra provides a musical Christmas concert for your enjoyment. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Vienna - Disembark Ship - Tour **Ends**

After breakfast you disembark the ship as your tour comes to an end. (B)



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#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Würzburg • Rothenburg • Nuremberg • Regensburg • Passau • Wachau Valley • Glühwein Party • Vienna • Hofburg Palace • Vienna Opera House • Christmas Markets





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December 2019

3, 4, 9 December

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Staterooms (starting at) **Double** Single Haydn (lower deck) \$4549 \$3249 Strauss (middle deck) \$3769 \$5589 \$6759 Mozart (upper deck) \$4289 Mozart Suite (upper deck) \$4809 \$8059

See pages 186-187 for ship deck plans.

#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Christmas on the Danube and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Set out on a 7-night cruise along the
- · Discover the lovely town of Cochem on a guided tour.
- · Take in the sounds of barrel organs and medieval instruments at Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Set out on a tour of picturesque Rüdesheim.
- Cruise the famous canals of Amsterdam and join a local guide for a city tour.
- Explore Cologne's Old Town during a walking tour.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 8 breakfasts 6 lunches 8 dinners
- Enjoy a Captain's Gala Dinner aboard your ship.
- Visit one of Cochem's renowned wine cellars



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 7 MS Amadeus Silver III Movenpick Hotel, Zurich Day 8

> On some dates alternate hotels/vessels may be used.



Glide along the enchanting Rhine and Moselle rivers on a leisurely journey to the Netherlands. Germany and France.

#### Day 1: Amsterdam, Netherlands - Board Ship - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Amsterdam where you will board your ship for a 7-night cruise along the Rhine River. Your ship offers an array of amenities including outside staterooms, unlimited wine with every dinner, and daily onboard musical performances. This evening, meet in the lounge for a cocktail reception followed by a "welcome aboard" dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Amsterdam

Join a local expert for a city tour of Amsterdam including a cruise along the city's centuries-old canal system. Board your canal boat and cruise by charming cafés and famous 16th-century row houses stacked side-by-side. (B, L, D)

#### Day 3: Cologne, Germany

As you glide down the river this morning, pass through the picturesque German landscape dotted with medieval towns. Your journey brings you to Cologne where you will join a guide for a walking tour of the city's Old Town with its narrow, cobbled streets. Admire the Cologne

Cathedral, as well as the Roman Dionysus mosaic and the Romanesque church of St. Martin, (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Moselle River - Cochem

Set sail on the Moselle River to Cochem where you will join a guided tour through this lovely town and Reichsburg Castle. The castle is set on a precipitous rock high above the town and offers breathtaking views of the Moselle Valley. End your tour of Cochem with an introduction by a local winemaker to one of Cochem's wine cellars where you will taste regional Mosel wines. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Koblenz - Rüdesheim

Continue on to Koblenz and get to know this 2,000-year-old city on a walking tour. See such sights as the town's old quarter, which was badly damaged during World War II and then rebuilt, as well as the Schaengel Fountain at the town hall. Your next stop is Rüdesheim. Set out on a tour of the city and its famous Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett (or Mechanical Music Museum) where you will be treated to the music of barrel





#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Amsterdam • Cologne • Moselle River • Cochem • Wine Tasting

- Koblenz Rüdesheim Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum
- Mannheim Speyer Strasbourg Titisee





organs and medieval mechanical instruments. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Mannheim - Speyer

The river takes you to Mannheim where you will have free time to explore the city on your own. Or, perhaps you will join an optional excursion to the town of Heidelberg. Later, sail to Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities, and step back in time on a walking tour to explore such places as the Old Gate and the Jewish baths. A wonderful evening of food, music and entertainment awaits you at the Captain's Gala Dinner. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Strasbourg, France

Your journey takes you to Strasbourg, a provincial capital of France that blends centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences together, creating a unique character. Discover the history of the city on a guided tour of the old quarter, "Petite France," featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Highlights also include Place de la République and Place d'Austerlitz. You will have free time to explore this perfectly preserved town before returning to your cruise ship. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Disembark - Basel, SW - Colmar, France - Black Forest, Germany -Zurich, SW

Today is filled with exploration! Disembark your ship in Basel, Switzerland and travel to the Alsace wine region to spend time in beautiful Colmar. Step back in time with a local guide on a walking tour of the Old Town highlighting its many architectural landmarks. Enjoy some free time to explore this charming city on your own. Next, drive to Titisee, a German resort town nestled alongside its picturesque lake hidden deep in the Black Forest. Savour some leisure time to browse the shops for the region's famous cuckoo clocks. You'll have an opportunity to meet a local artisan who demonstrates how these cuckoo clocks are made with traditional techniques. Then, enjoy a dinner of Black Forest regional specialities before arriving at your Zurich airport area hotel this evening. (B, D)

Day 9: Zurich Airport Area - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

66 Wonderful experience on a beautiful ship. Food choices and presentations were excellent. Tour guides were knowledgeable, always prepared and flexible.

#### **DOUBLE** SINGLE

Starting at \$4749 Starting at \$7549

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 1 October 2019 departure.

August - Oct. 2019 26 August 1, 24 October

VISIT gocollette.com.au/569 for pricing details. Call for additional dates.

Staterooms (starting at) **Double** Single Havdn (lower deck) \$4749 \$7549 \$5649 \$9299 Strauss (middle deck) Mozart (upper deck) \$5999 \$10199 Mozart Suite (upper deck) \$8649 \$14849

See pages 186-187 for ship deck plans.

#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Magical Rhine & Moselle and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. Embarkation on day 1 is upon arrival; however, cabins will not be ready for check in until after 3:00 p.m. Disembarkation on day 8 is normally at 10:00 a.m. Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and wait staff on board the ship are not included and are at your discretion. River cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance. Our air passengers will arrive into Amsterdam, Netherlands airport and depart from Zurich, Switzerland airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse

#### LA BELLE SEINE

8 DAYS · 20 MEALS FROM \$4799

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Explore Normandy on a full day excursion.
- · View the Gros Horloge, Rouen's astronomical clock.
- · Tour Auvers-sur-Oise, inspiration for many of Van Gogh's paintings and masterpieces.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Tour Giverny, Monet's home and gardens for more than 40 years.
- · Visit Honfluer, a remarkable maritime
- · View some of Paris' famous landmarks during a panoramic coach tour of the city.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 7 breakfasts 6 lunches 7 dinners
- Visit a local distillery for a Calvados (apple brandy) tasting.
- · Celebrate your journey during a Captain's Gala dinner.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1-7 MS Amadeus Diamond

On some dates alternate vessels may be used.



#### Relax and settle in for a tranquil river cruise that takes you from Paris through the resplendent Normandy region.

#### START EARLY

Paris: Kick off your journey taking the many charms of this romantic city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Paris, France - Board Ship - Tour **Begins**

Your journey opens in Paris. Board your ship and unpack once for a relaxing 7-night river cruise. Your beautiful vessel offers the newest technology, panoramic deck, panorama bar, delicious cuisine including regional wines with every dinner, and outstanding service. Tonight, a cocktail is served in the Panorama Bar where you will meet your fellow travellers before a lovely welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Conflans - Auvers-sur-Oise

This morning, arrive in Conflans, situated at the confluence of the Oise and Seine rivers. Visit the town of Auvers-sur-Oise. once home to several 19th-century painters including Paul Cézanne, Charles-François Daubigny, Camille Pissaro, and perhaps most famously, Vincent Van Gogh. Embark on a tour of Auvers-sur-Oise that retraces Van Gogh's time here, including Auberge Ravoux where he rented his room, the idyllic fields that inspired his last masterpiece, and his final resting place. This afternoon, cruise past lovely French

countryside scenery as your journey continues. (B, L, D)

#### Day 3: Rouen

Today your ship docks in Rouen, the historical capital of Normandy. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the medieval city, highlighting its many monuments and architectural treasures. Visit the cathedral and the Church of Joan of Arc before viewing the Gros Horloge astronomical clock. Spend time at leisure to continue exploring the city, perhaps with a visit to Place du Vieux Marché, the site where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in the 15th century. This afternoon, you may take an optional excursion with a local expert along the "Abbey Trail" to the ruins of both St. Wandrille Abbey and Jumièges. Learn about the rich history of the churches, castles and abbeys that once populated this region. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Le Havre - Honfleur - Le Havre

This morning we dock in Le Havre, a city located on the English Channel at the mouth of the Seine River. Perhaps you will join an optional morning sightseeing tour to Étretat, a town situated on the Normandy coast with stunning clifftop views and a charming fishing village where a guided walking tour highlights the various artists who have visited and painted there through the years. This afternoon, enjoy an included

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) See page 191 for details.

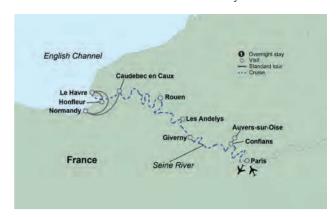






#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Paris • 7-Night River Cruise • Normandy • Auvers-sur-Oise • Rouen • Honfleur • Château Gaillard • Giverny





excursion to Honfleur, a remarkable maritime city. Explore the narrow streets and the old port with a local guide. View the Lieutenancy, the Old Salt Stores and St. Catherine's Church before enjoying time to shop or explore independently. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Le Havre - Normandy Excursion - Caudebec-en-Caux

A full day excursion through Normandy awaits, beginning with a visit to Arromanche-les-Bains to view the Mulberry Harbour, one of the greatest engineering feats of WWII and a massive coup for the Allies. Next, stop in Longues-sur-Mer and see the artillery battery before enjoying a traditional Norman lunch in Bayeux. Then visit a Calvados distillery for a tasting of apple brandy before rejoining the ship in Caudebec-en-Caux. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Les Andelys - Château Gaillard and Giverny

Begin your morning with a stop in Les Andelys to visit Château Gaillard, constructed in the 12th century by Richard the Lionheart. Admire the striking views of French countryside from the château's vantage point on a promontory along the Seine. Next, continue to Giverny, where tranquil gardens combining flora and water elements inspired Monet's greatest works. A guide will share stories of Monet's time here as you tour his home and its surrounding gardens. This afternoon, perhaps you will join

an optional excursion to King Louis XIV's magnificent Palace of Versailles, the largest palace in Europe; visit the grand private apartments and the Hall of Mirrors on a guided tour of the palace; stroll the magnificent gardens which are amongst some of the world's most famous and took over 40 years to complete. Tonight, the captain welcomes you to the elegant Captain's Gala dinner, immediately followed by an evening of dancing. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Paris

This morning, take a splendid panoramic coach tour that features views of the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Les Invalides, the Louvre Museum, the famous Champs-Elysées and the Jardin des Tuileries. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to continue exploring this great city, or join an optional guided walking tour of the Montmartre district highlighting its narrow winding streets that have drawn artists to them for hundreds of years. Your day concludes with a farewell dinner where you will bid adieu to the illuminated "City of Lights." (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Paris - Disembark Ship - Tour **Ends**

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

#### **STAY LONGER**

Paris: Soak in your last evening in the "City of Light." CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### DOUBLE SINGLE

Starting at \$4799 Starting at \$7099

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Single

Double

Prices based on 5 June 2019 departure

June - October 2019 5 June

16 October

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Staterooms (starting at) Haydn (lower deck)

\$4799 \$7099 Strauss (middle deck) \$6099 \$9959 Mozart (upper deck) \$6489 \$10739 Mozart Suite (upper deck) \$8959 \$15679

See pages 186-187 for ship deck plans.

#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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#### **TREASURES OF EGYPT**

12 DAYS · 22 MEALS FROM \$3579

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **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.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 9 You may choose to 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**

- · 11 breakfasts 4 lunches 7 dinners
- · Enjoy a special welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Fairmont Nile City Hotel, Cairo Days 1, 2

Days 3, 4 Sonesta St. George Hotel,

Luxor

Days 5 - 8 Movenpick Royal Lily

Day 9 Movenpick Resort, Aswan

Days 10, 11 Intercontinental Citystars Hotel, Cairo

On some dates alternate accommodation may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5
See page 191 for details.





Follow the allure of the Nile as you retrace the steps of pharaohs in ancient Egypt. Uncover legends, beauty and history on this awe-inspiring journey.

#### START EARLY

Cairo: Start off your journey in Egypt's incredible capital city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend and lore as you view Egypt's timeless wonders. Begin your journey in Cairo, an ancient city with an intriguing past.

#### Day 2: Cairo - Giza - Sakkara - Memphis -Cairo

Fulfil a lifelong dream! 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 3: 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)

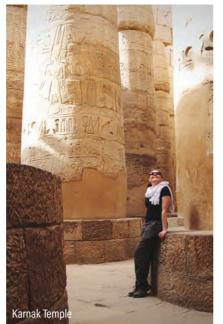
#### Day 4: Luxor

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 5: 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)



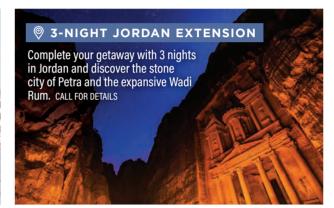




#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Giza - Pyramids - Sphinx - Memphis - Sakkara - Museum of Egyptian Antiquities • Luxor • Valley of the Kings • Deluxe 4-Night Nile River Cruise - Temple of Karnak - Kom Ombo -Aswan - Old Cairo





#### Day 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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 9: 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.

It's your choice! 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 10: Aswan - Cairo

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

#### Day 11: 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 travellers this evening for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Cairo - Tour Ends

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



DOUBLE Starting at \$3579 SINGLE Starting at \$4829

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 26 September 2019 departure

#### January - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note)

10. 24 January 7, 14, 21, 28 February 7, 14, 21, 28 March 4, 18 April

Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures, Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020

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#### VISIT

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#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Treasures of Egypt and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport and visa. An Egyptian visa is required for this tour and costs approximately \$60 AUD. 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. Passport numbers are required in advance, at time of booking. Some days will have early departures for excursions to avoid the midday high temperatures. Single accommodation is limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Due to flight schedules, the Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and vaccinations that may be required and/or recommended. Contact your local travel clinic or personal doctor for specific details. The internal flights on this program are included in the land price of your tour. Our international air passengers will arrive into and depart from Cairo. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, flights arriving into Cairo may arrive very early in the morning on Day 1. A pre night may be required (at an additional cost)





This is your time to head off the well-known path and appreciate all the extraordinary moments held in the everyday. It's time to wander, to wonder, and to awaken your soul. It's time to experience small group travel, reinvented.



# THE NEW EXPLORATIONS EXPERIENCE

# What You'll Do unique experiences

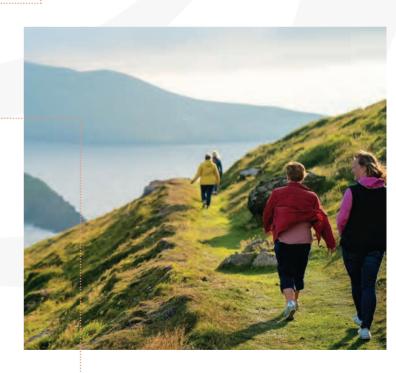
It's often said that experience is the best teacher and we couldn't agree more. Experiences help educate us as travelers about cultures, traditions, and the human spirit. It's why we take the time to include truly exceptional experiences on Explorations. Some experiences are active and even a little adventurous, some are designed to reveal the heart of a culture, and some may even have the power to change your life.

Hard to replicate, and impossible to forget, these experiences will help shape your understanding of a destination, and shape your vision of the world.



# Small Group Travel reinvented

You'll share the road, a few meals, and a variety of special moments with a small, tight-knit group averaging about 15 people. You won't be one of the crowd with Explorations, you'll be an integral part of a cultural expedition. Every Explorations traveler is unique, but you all share a similar agenda—to travel and connect to the world in a more authentic way.



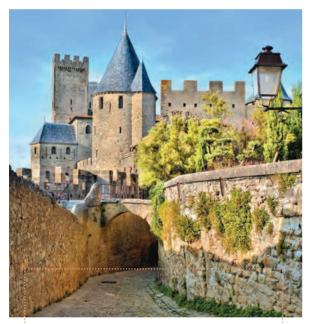


#### Where You'll Stay

#### authentic surroundings

**Explorations includes a variety of unique places to rest up and rejuvenate during your travels.** Each hotel
(4-star and above) is carefully chosen to ensure that your exploration never stops, even while you're relaxing after a full day, or lingering over a morning coffee. Whether it's the history, the view, the location, or the amenities, your hotels will capture the spirit of your destination.

These are but a few of the types of places you can expect to stay with Explorations. Visit explorations.com to see specific hotel details for your trip.



# Feel the Freedom to explore

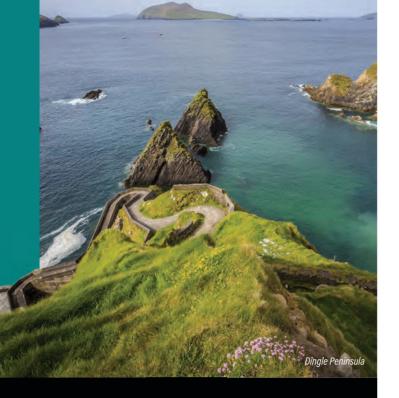
No one has traveled the same path as you. And no one will experience the world just as you do. While there's no "one size fits all" travel experience, the travel experiences we craft include a good balance of unique, hard-to-replicate experiences, cultural connections, and plenty of opportunities for "you" time.



# What's on the Menu culinary adventures

Local cuisine is so much more than taste and texture. It's about the experience and ambiance served up alongside a mouthwatering meal.

Explorations seeks to delight the entire palate, creating an unforgettable and hard-to-replicate epicurean adventure. From home-hosted meals to hands-on cooking classes, intimate local restaurants to street food tours, you will savor the many local flavors your destination has to offer.



# COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE

From ancient castles and historic Dublin to lesstravelled roads and charming villages, this adventure brings together the best of the Emerald Isle.

FROM \$3549\* DAYS

DAYS 9 MEALS 1

Included Meals

8 Breakfasts

**Activity Level** 

1 2 3 4 5

Moderate Physical Activity

See pg. 191 for details on our activity levels.

4 Dinners

\*Price based on 14 October, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

#### Where You'll Stay

#### **Dublin 2 Nights**

Hampton Hotel

#### Kinsale 2 Nights

Actons Hotel

#### Killarney 2 Nights

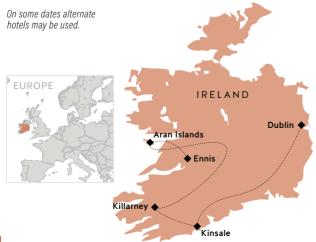
Killarney Plaza Hotel

Inisheer, Aran Islands 1 Night

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#### **Ennis 1 Night**

Old Ground Hotel



# COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE

3 EXPERIENCES

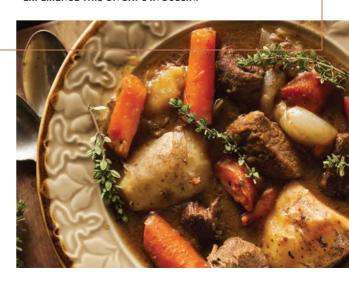
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# 2 LEARN TO COOK WITH A LITTLE IRISH FLAIR

Enjoy putting a modern spin on Irish cuisine during an interactive cooking class at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions. You'll see how to put a distinctively Irish twist on favourites by transforming classic recipes into modern delights using locally sourced ingredients.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 2 IN DUBLIN.



#### ULIVE LIKE A LOCAL IN THE ARAN ISLANDS

Journey to Inisheer, the smallest of the Aran Islands, on a local ferry and take in views of the Cliffs of Moher from a new angle—beneath them. Enjoy a private tour through



the stone walls blanketing the island and learn about its 250 inhabitants. As the last ferry leaves, settle in to your island abode and experience an Ireland few will ever know.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 7-8 IN INISHEER.



#### 3 THE OLDEST STRUCTURE IN DUBLIN IS YOURS FOR EXPLORING

As the sun sets behind the towering Christ Church Cathedral and the last visitors leave, this ancient jewel of Dublin is yours to share with your fellow explorers. Walk the hallowed halls, see famous relics, and learn of the rich history of Christ Church before heading down to the crypts for a cocktail reception like no other.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 1 IN DUBLIN.

#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

#### DAYS 1-2 DUBLIN

#### **Discover Dublin**

- Tour the city with a local expert.
- Tour Christ Church Cathedral before enjoying a private cocktail reception in the crypts.
- Put a modern spin on Irish cuisine during an interactive cooking class at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions.
- Get lost inside St. Stephen's Green, and marvel at the largest enclosed city park in all of Europe, Phoenix Park.

#### DAYS 3-4 KINSALE

#### Get a Taste of Kinsale's Culture

- Tour the Irish National Stud, home to regal thoroughbreds and opulent gardens, and the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey.
- Explore the seaside village of Kinsale on a walking tour with a local expert.
- Select the perfect spot from a "menu" of restaurants in Ireland's gourmet capital of Kinsale. Your dinner is included, but the choice is yours!
- IT'S YOUR CHOICE: Visit the seaside town of Cobh, the last stop of the historic RMS Titanic OR spend a leisurely day in Kinsale.

#### DAYS 5-6 KILLARNEY

#### Uncover the Quaint Beauty Surrounding Killarney

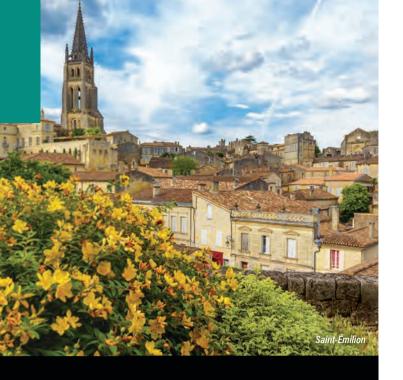
- Fall in love with the quaint towns and charming villages along Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way.
- Board a ferry and sail to stunning Garnish Island, home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens.
- Explore the enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs of Dingle. Walk the country lanes on foot, or spend time in Dingle Town, where the Guinness is always freshly tapped.

#### DAYS 7-9 INISHEER • ENNIS

#### Have an Island (Almost) to Yourself

- Board a ferry bound for Inisheer, where you'll explore the landscapes and culture of this unique island inhabited by just over 250 people.
- Enjoy a morning to sleep in or wake early for a sunrise hike to O'Brien Castle.
- Dive into local culture during a knitting workshop and experience the traditional craft of making the St. Brigid's Cross.
- Sail back to the mainland where you'll toast to adventure and close out your Irish experience in Ennis.

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#### JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN FRANCE

Ignite the senses on a rich and engaging step back into time. Journey through some of the world's most decadent wine regions, explore medieval villages seemingly untouched by time, and discover the flavour, colour, and culture of Southern France.

FROM \$5099\* DAYS 9 MEALS 12

\*Price based on 23 July, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

#### Where You'll Stay

#### **Bordeaux 2 Nights**

Intercontinental Le Grand Hotel

#### Dordogne Valley 2 Nights

Château des Vigiers

#### Carcassonne 1 Night Mercure La Cite

#### Saint-Rémy-de-Provence 3 Nights

Hotel Le Vallon De Valrugues

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### **Included Meals**

- 8 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 3 Dinners

#### **Activity Level**

1 2 3 4 5



See pg. 191 for details on our activity levels...



#### JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN FRANCE

3 EXPERIENCES

beyond expectation

# DISCOVER THE CHARM OF SAINT-ÉMILION

Journey back in the past as a tuk-tuk brings you through the medieval village of Saint- Émilion. Surrounded by towering feats of architecture and miles of world-renowned wineries, you'll get a true taste of local life. Take time to walk the cobblestone streets, peek into centuries-old churches, and taste the wine that shares the town's name.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 3 IN SAINT- ÉMILION.



# 3 FEEL LIKE A ROYAL IN DORDOGNE VALLEY

Tucked away amid vineyards, sleepy medieval towns, and groves of chestnut trees lies a legendary estate fit for royalty. Dubbed "Petit Versailles," Château Des Vigiers is a sprawling 16th-century estate that seamlessly pays homage to the past with luxurious contemporary comforts. You'll spend two nights here amongst the stunning beauty and historic ambiance of this incredible property.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 3 & 4 IN DORDOGNE VALLEY.



#### 2 DELIGHT IN THE "THRILL OF THE HUNT" IN GORDES

Led by a local chef and his keen-sensed dogs, this culinary adventure takes you through the countryside of Southern France on an exciting hunt for black truffles where they naturally grow. Après hunt, savour local farm offerings from throughout the countryside.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 7 IN GORDES.



#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

#### DAYS 1-2 BORDEAUX

#### Drink in the Beauty of Bordeaux

- Enjoy a locally sourced meal paired with the region's famed wines.
- Explore the city with a local guide.
- Embark on a full-bodied exploration of wine culture at La Cité du Vin.
- Walk the grounds of a local winery in Medoc and absorb the atmosphere of the vineyards, smell the grapes, and taste locally grown wine.

#### DAYS 3-4 DORDOGNE VALLEY

#### Be Romanced by Regal Dordogne Valley

- ▼ IT'S YOUR CHOICE: Take a tuk-tuk through Saint-Émilion, one of Bordeaux's largest winemaking areas OR take a guided walking tour of the Old Town.
- See a slice of everyday life with a stop at a lively local market, followed by a visit to Chateau Monbazillac, a wine cooperative known for its signature dessert wine.
- Spend an afternoon relaxing and enjoy your chateau's luxurious spa or explore the grounds at your leisure.
- Spend two nights at a sprawling 16th-century estate nicknamed "Petit Versailles."

#### DAY 5 CARCASSONNE

#### Step into a Storybook in Carcassonne

 Enjoy an independent exploration of the medieval city of Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site replete with drawbridges, towers, and cobblestone streets.

#### DAYS 6-9 SAINT-RÉMY-DE-PROVENCE

#### Peek into Provençal Life

- Gain an inside look at the village of Avignon during a walking tour with a local expert guide, ending with a visit to the dramatic Palace of the Popes.
- Join a local chef and his keen-sensed dogs as you hunt for truffles in the forests of Gordes
- Learn more about Southern France's famed lavender at Musée de la Lavande.
- Enjoy free time to explore the Provençal charm of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence.

Visit explorations.com/568 for complete tour details.



# THE NOVELTIES OF NORTHERN SPAIN

Enliven the senses and engage your sense of adventure on an exploration of Northern Spain's dynamic cultures.

Against a landscape of centuries-old architecture, history, art, gastronomy, and culture, discover the nuances and novelties of Northern Spain.

FROM \$4599\* DAYS 9 MEALS 11

\*Price based on 08 November, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

#### Where You'll Stay

#### Barcelona 2 Nights

H10 Cubik

#### Pamplona 1 Night

Hotel Maisonnave

#### San Sebastian 2 Nights

Barceló Costa Vasca

#### **Burgos 2 Nights**

NH Collection Palacio de Burgos

#### Madrid 1 Night

NH Madrid Nacional

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### Included Meals

- 8 Breakfasts
- **3** Dinners

#### **Activity Level**

#### 1 2 3 4 5

Moderate Physical Activity

See pg. 191 for details on our activity levels.

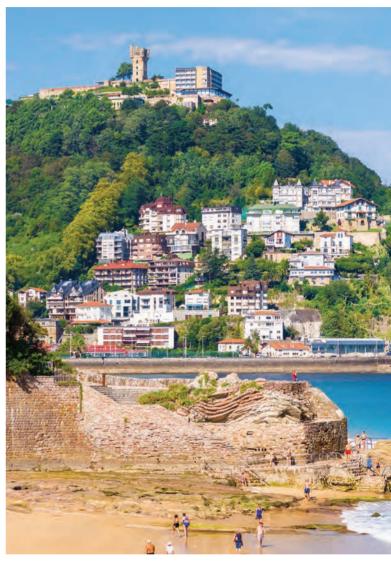




# THE NOVELTIES OF NORTHERN SPAIN

3 EXPERIENCES

beyond expectation



#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

#### DAYS 1-3 BARCELONA • PAMPLONA

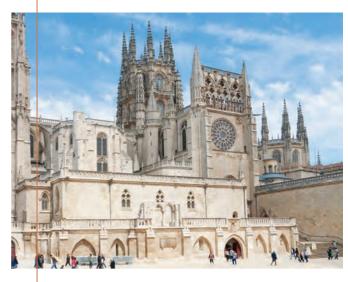
#### Be Enchanted by Barcelona & Pamplona

- Drink in views of a lively Mediterranean port during a cocktail reception.
- Walk the halls of the famous La Sagrada Família Church and Towers.
- Make a few signature Catalan dishes at a hands-on workshop led by locally acclaimed chefs.
- Discover Barcelona on a guided tour of the city, then enjoy free time to explore on your own.
- Learn about Pamplona's history and ties to the San Fermin festival during a discussion with a local expert.

#### 2 EXPERIENCE BURGOS' GOTHIC GRANDEUR

Reminders of Burgos' Gothic past are everywhere you turn, from the impressive Burgos Cathedral to your historic hotel, the NH Collection Palacio de Burgos. The halls of this former convent hold a stunning treasure—an original stone cloister. Settle in for an unrivalled history lesson as you spend two nights in this 16th-century complex.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 6 & 7 IN BURGOS.





# TAKE A FULL DAY TO EXPLORE SAN SEBASTIÁN HOW YOU WISH

The sophisticated coastal city of San Sebastián invites you to indulge in its many charms. Be swept away by the allure of golden beaches and lush hillsides and indulge in its world-class culinary scene. With a full day of leisure, you'll have plenty of time to discover this wonderful city.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN SAN SEBASTIÁN.

# 3 DON AN APRON AND DISH UP SOME CATALAN CUISINE

Head to one of Barcelona's liveliest neighbourhoods and try your hand at making signature Catalan dishes. This hands-on workshop, led by locally acclaimed chefs, puts a world of flavour at your fingertips. Learn the secrets and techniques to crafting regional favourites like paella, and enjoy the fruits of your labour for dinner.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 2 IN BARCELONA.

#### DAYS 4-5 SAN SEBASTIÁN

#### Discover the Seaside Retreat of San Sebastian

- IT'S YOUR CHOICE: In San Sebastían, join a guided tour of the city's old town and ascend Mount Igueldo aboard a funicular OR set out for a guided walk through the farms, vineyards, and villages along the Coastal Camino route.
- Enjoy a full day of leisure to explore San Sebastían on your own terms.

#### DAYS 6-7 BURGOS

#### Walk in the Past in Burgos

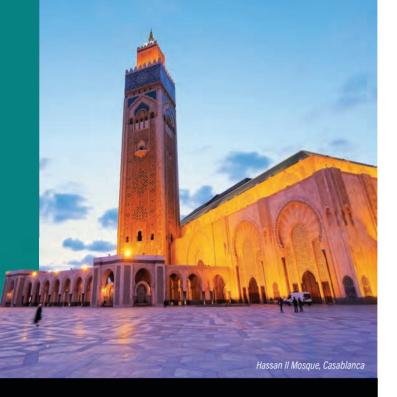
- Witness centuries of history unfold before your eyes during a walking tour of Burgos.
- Enjoy a leisurely afternoon in Burgos to explore how you wish.
- Settle in for an unrivalled history lesson as you spend two nights in a former 16th-century convent.

#### DAYS 8-9 MADRID

#### Experience the Electricity of Madrid

- Shop as the Spaniards would on a visit inside one of Madrid's bustling marketplaces.
- Toast to new friends and many memories as you celebrate your unforgettable Spanish holiday over dinner.

Visit explorations.com/624 for complete tour details.



#### **COLOURS OF MOROCCO**

From vibrant cities to the still of the desert, Morocco will enchant you with its deep history, unique atmosphere and welcoming people.

FROM \$3149\* DAYS 10 MEALS 17

\*Price based on 20 September, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

#### Where You'll Stay

#### Casablanca 1 Night

Hotel Val D'Anfa

#### Fes 2 Nights

Riad Yacout

#### Sahara Desert 2 Nights

Xaluca Luxe Bivouacs Belle Etoile

#### Boumaine du Dades 1 Night

Hotel Xaluca Dades

#### Marrakech 3 Nights

Es Saadi Hotel

hotels may be used.

#### Included Meals

- 9 Breakfasts
- 2 Lunches
- 6 Dinners

#### **Activity Level**

1 2 3 4 5

#### Active

AFRICA

See pg. 191 for details on our activity levels.



#### **COLOURS OF MOROCCO**

**EXPERIENCES** 

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1 LOCAL **LEATHER TANNERIES** CAPTIVATE WITH COLOUR

In the heart of Fes, you'll see merchants selling vibrant leather goods in every shade of the rainbow. You'll get a bird's-eye view of the tanneries where these goods are fashioned and witness an evecatching honeycomb of vats in brilliant colours. Watch as artisans work their craft that's remained virtually unchanged for centuries.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 3 IN FES.

#### 3 EXPERIENCE TWO NIGHTS OF SERENITY OF THE DESERT

A 4x4 jeep provides your transportation to a desert camp in the Sahara. For the next two nights, in the tranquil silence of the desert, you'll drift off to sleep in a fully equipped Berber-style tent. As each morning dawns, enjoy amazing views of the sunrise and the perfect stillness of the desert. Return from the camp via camel, as the morning light greets the dunes.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 5 AND 6 IN THE SAHARA DESERT.





#### PREPARE A LUNCH AND HELP LOCAL WOMEN STAND STRONG.

Gather fresh and local ingredients and prepare for a special culinary workshop at the Amal Centre, a social enterprise benefiting disadvantaged women. Here at Amal, women are trained in every aspect of the restaurant industry to help them secure a job and their own financial independence.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 9 IN MARRAKECH.



#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

#### DAYS 1-3 CASABLANCA • FES

#### We'll Always Have Morocco: Casablanca to Fes

- Gaze upon a rainbow of ceramic tile (called zellij) and the hand-carved stone of the Hassan II Mosque.
- Visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V in Rabat, the capital of Morocco.
- Discover Fes: see the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts, and the gates of the palace, then take a walking tour of the Medina.
- Witness the brilliantly hued honeycomb of vats at Fes' leather tanneries.
- Spend two nights in a traditional riad.

#### DAYS 4-6 SAHARA DESERT • BOUMALNE DU DADES

#### Into the Desert

- Jump into a 4x4 vehicle to explore the Sahara before spending the next two nights in a luxury desert camp.
- Meet a desert farmer, visit a local village, and meet with a nomadic community before watching the sun set over the sands.
- Return from your desert stay via camel.
- Soak in the tranquil silence of the desert, under a stunning blanket of stars.
- Visit and overnight in Morocco's "Grand Canyon," Boumalne Du Dades.

#### DAYS 7-10 MARRAKECH

#### Awaken Your Senses in Marrakech

- Discover the treasures of Marrakech: ancient El Bahia Palace, historic Jewish Mellah, and the majestic 12thcentury Koutoubia Mosque.
- Select fresh and local ingredients for your culinary workshop at a social enterprise benefitting women.
- Wander the expansive labyrinth of souks, homes, and businesses within the 1,000-year-old walls of the Medina.
- In Marrakech, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Tour Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum. OR, explore the Yves Saint Laurent Museum.
- Conclude your journey with dinner in a palace.

Visit explorations.com/564 for complete tour details.



#### **ICELANDIC ADVENTURE**

This is Iceland. A land forged by fire and ice and full of dramatic contrasts-from ethereal lava fields and thundering waterfalls to charming coastal villages.

> FROM \$6214\* DAYS 9 MEALS 13

\*Price based on 25 September, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only. Rates include internal flights on tour.

#### Where You'll Stay

#### Reykjavĺk 2 Nights

Centerhotel Arnarhvoll, Centerhotel Plaza, or Alda Hotel

#### Húsavík 3 Nights

Raudaskrida Hotel & Guesthouse

#### Stykkishólmur 2 Night

Fosshotel Stykkishólmur

#### Reykjavík 1 Night

Centerhotel Arnarhvoll, Centerhotel Plaza, or Alda Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### Included Meals

- 9 Breakfasts
- 5 Dinners

#### **Activity Level**





Active See pg. 191 for details on our activity levels.





#### **ICELANDIC ADVENTURE**

3 EXPERIENCES

### beyond expectation

#### 1 ADVENTURE **HEATS UP ON ICE**

After you've enjoyed a hearty spread of local specialties on the Snæfellsjökull Glacier, your next activity is yours for the choosing. Join an expert guide on a glacial climb that brings you to nearly 3,000 feet -OR- venture alongside a guide for a mountain hike through the otherworldly lava fields.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 7 IN THE SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA.



#### 3 REDEFINE YOUR IDEA OF WHALE WATCHING

Sport some thermal wear (included) and join expert whale watchers on Skálfandi Bay. Get as close as you can to whales in northern Iceland aboard specialised zodiacs that give you the most intimate view possible of humpback, minke, orca, fin, and even the giant blue whales that frequent these waters.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 4 IN HÚSAVÍK.



## 2 SOAK IN THE LOCAL CULTURE

You can't leave Iceland without taking a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon (and you will!), but, you also came to Iceland for an immersive local experience. We'll head to where the locals go for a revitalising soak in mineral-rich geothermal waters—the Blue Lagoon of the North, Mývatn Nature Baths.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN LAKE MÝVATN.





#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

#### DAYS 1-2 REYKJAVÍK

#### Discover Iceland's Cool Vibe

- Explore Reykjavík on a walking tour of the city's old quarter.
- Experience a "day in the life" at a family-owned dairy farm.
- Travel the Golden Circle and visit otherworldly Thingviller National Park, stunning Gullfoss Falls and the Strokkur Geyser.
- Learn about and discover Iceland's farmto-table culture with a visit to Friðheimar Greenhouse Cultivation Centre.

#### DAYS 3-5 HÚSAVÍK

#### Appreciate Natural Wonders in Húsavík

- Stay on a family-owned, Environmental Gold-certified property, where you'll savour locally sourced farm-to-table meals.
- Travel to Húsavík to discover the town's connection to whaling before jumping in a RIB boat seek them out yourself.
- Soak in mineral-rich geothermal waters and witness the power of nature as we take a day exploring the Diamond Circle.

#### DAYS 6-7 STYKKISHÓLMUR

#### Dive Deep into Iceland's Landscapes

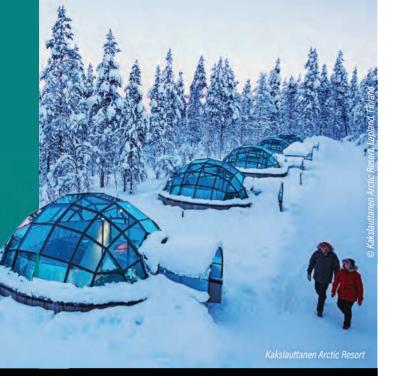
- Journey 100 feet below the ground to an 8,000-year-old lava tube on a thrilling tour of Vatnshellir Cave.
- Capture the beauty of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula during guided exploration.
- Ascend the captivating Snæfellsjökull glacier via mountain truck and enjoy a tasting of Icelandic delicacies.
- Wander around the quaint fishing village of Stykkishólmur.
- ▼ IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Join an expert guide on a glacial climb that brings you to nearly 3,000 feet OR venture alongside a guide for a mountain hike through the otherworldly lava fields.

#### DAYS 8-9 REYKJAVÍK

#### Celebrate Icelandic Heritage

- Meet with a local family that keeps alive a 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark.
- Try a local specialty, hákarl (cured shark meat)
- Dive into the origins of Icelandic heritage during a visit to the Settlement Museum.
- · Take a soak in the Blue Lagoon.

Visit explorations.com/604 for complete tour details.



# THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

This is so much more than a hunt for stunning streaks of colour in the night sky (though it's a pretty amazing part). This is a step into Finland's dynamic and intriguing culture—from Helsinki's cool-casual vibe to the pristine winter wilderness of Lapland.

FROM \$5684\* DAYS 7 MEALS 11

\*Price based on 13 October, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Rates include internal flights on tour.

#### Where You'll Stay

Helsinki 2 Nights Lilla Roberts Hotel

Kakslauttanen, Lapland 3 Nights

Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort -West Village, Lapland

Helsinki 1 Night Lilla Roberts Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### Included Meals

- 6 Breakfasts
- **5** Dinners

**Activity Level** 



Active

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# THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

3 EXPERIENCES
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## 1 SET YOUR SIGHTS ON THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

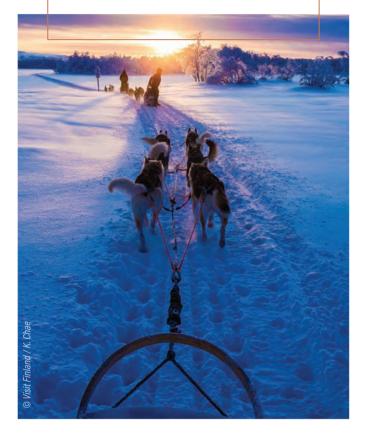
Sometimes a mere whisper of colour, others a symphony of neon hues, the northern lights are spellbinding. While in Lapland, keep a close eye to the night sky. On clear, starry nights, there's a high likelihood that magic will unfold right before your eyes. Experiencing this phenomenon—especially from the comfort of your glass igloo—will truly redefine the word "awesome."

>> SEEK THIS EXPERIENCE THROUGHOUT YOUR TIME IN FINLAND.

# 2 BE THE LEADER OF THE PACK

Arguably one of the best ways to take in the postcard-perfect vistas of Finland's north country is by dogsled. Learn the commands, get acquainted with the dogs and hop on a sled for one unforgettable ride. This charming, high-energy breed is in their element as they dash through the snow, practically smiling as they guide you through the unspoiled wilderness.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN KAKSLAUTTANEN.





# 3 RETHINK YOUR DEFINITION OF SAFARI

While at the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, you'll head out into the wilderness on an evening reindeer safari. Search for the northern lights, warm yourself with a steaming cup of berry juice, and get to know local reindeer herders. This engaging experience, led by the indigenous Sami people, is the ultimate exploration of Lapland's culture and striking natural beauty.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 4 IN KAKSLAUTTANEN.

#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

#### DAYS 1-2 HELSINKI

#### Uncover Helsinki's Charm

 Join a local expert and get to know Finland's vibrant capital city.
 Once you have the lay of the land, Helsinki is yours for the discovering.



#### DAYS 3-5 KAKSLAUTTANEN

#### Wander in a Winter Wonderland

- In addition to included activities like dogsledding, guided aurora hunting, and a reindeer safari, Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort boasts miles of cross-country skiing trails, restorative smoke saunas and ice pools, horseback riding, and more—ideal for exploring during your free time.
- Enjoy one night in a glass igloo (and two in a traditional Finnish log cabin).
- Introduce yourself to Lappish reindeer and meet Santa Claus himself.

#### DAYS 6-7 HELSINKI

#### Seek Out More in Helsinki

- Explore the city's historic squares and trend-wise boutiques and neighbourhoods.
- Gather around the table one last time to share stories and relive your Finnish experiences.

Visit explorations.com/605 for complete tour details.



## ITALY'S BELLA VITA

This is your moment to live the good life. With each day and each destination, immerse yourself in Italy's bella vita. Incredible culture, fantastic cuisine, and captivating landscapes are yours for the discovering.

FROM \$4949\* DAYS 8 MEALS 11

\*Price based on 14 July, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Included Meals

7 Breakfasts

**Activity Level** 

1 2 3 4 5

on our activity levels.

4 Dinners

Active See pg. 191 for details

#### Where You'll Stay

Florence 2 Nights

Hotel Pierre

Bologna 2 Nights

I Portici Hotel

Parma 1 Night

Antico Borgo di Tabiano Castello

Como 2 Nights

Hilton Lake Como



### ITALY'S BELLA VITA

3

**EXPERIENCES** 

beyond expectation

# 1 VENTURE THROUGH TUSCANY ON TWO WHEELS

Olive groves and vineyards stretch for miles as the sun warms your shoulders. This is the magic of Tuscany, and it all unfolds from the seat of a Vespa! Join a local expert on a tour of Tuscany's countryside before relaxing with a glass of wine at a castle. Not feeling that adventurous? Stay back and explore the castle's family-run vineyard on foot.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 2 IN FLORENCE.



# 3 SLEEP AMID HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF HISTORY

The epicentre for wars and sieges, love and betrayal, poetry and legend, Castello di Tabiano is a living connection to Parma's past. Wander the grounds, take a private tour with a local expert, and slowly fall under its captivating spell. Then, retreat to your room on the castle's grounds and soak up the rich history that abounds from this centuries-old defensive monument.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN PARMA.





# 2 INDULGE IN A LITTLE HOME COOKING

There's no match for home cooking, and that rings truest in Italy. In the cozy surrounds of a private apartment in Bologna's historic centre, you'll roll up your sleeves and learn the secrets to making three traditional pasta recipes. Enjoy the fruits of your labour over dinner, paired with local wines and accompanied by espresso with dessert.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 3 IN BOLOGNA.

#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

#### DAYS 1-2 FLORENCE

#### Feel the Renaissance Come Alive in Florence

- Savour a quintessentially Italian experience, the aperitivo, when you learn to craft one of Italy's most famous cocktails, the Spritz.
- Take a walking tour through hundreds of years of Florentine history and discover the city's beating heart.
- Join a local expert for a Vespa tour of Tuscany's countryside before relaxing with a glass of wine at a castle.
- Retreat to the countryside to Castelo di Trebbio, where wine and centuries of history flow plentifully.

#### DAYS 3-5 BOLOGNA • PARMA

# Feast on Bologna & Parma's Unrivalled Flavour

- Take the train to Bologna, where IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Join an expert-guided walk of this medieval city OR pedal the narrow lanes and winding alleys on a bicycle tour.
- Take a full day on your own to feel the unique vibe of Bologna, a city steeped in the past, but very much alive with an eclectic presence.
- Roll up your sleeves and learn the secrets to making three traditional pasta recipes in the cozy surrounds of a private apartment.
- Experience the workings of a local cheese shop and sample the Parmigiano-Reggiano this region is famous for.

#### DAYS 6-8 COMO

# Relax in the Tranquil Beauty of Lake Como

- Cruise to Bellagio. Take a tour of the "Pearl of the Lake," then spend the afternoon independently exploring.
- Join your guide and catch a sunrise funicular ride to watch the lake wake up, then explore Como's lakeside trails and frescoed hamlets on foot, or remain at the hotel to relax.

Visit explorations.com/629 for complete tour details.



# TUSCAN AND UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

Winding country roads bounded by miles of vines, soul-warming meals paired with full-bodied vintages, quiet hill towns and ancient cities—this is a land where time stands still. Fill up your plate, raise a glass, and let Tuscany and Umbria seduce every sense.

FROM \$4049\* DAYS 10 MEALS 16

\*Price based on 03 November 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

#### Where You'll Stay

#### Rome 1 Night

Hotel Kolbe

#### **Umbria 4 Nights**

Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca, Trevi or Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto

#### **Tuscany 4 Nights**

UNA Palazzo Mannaioni, Montaione

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### Included Meals

- 9 Breakfasts
- 3 Lunches
- 4 Dinners

#### **Activity Level**

1 2 3 4 5

#### Active

See pg. 191 for details on our activity levels...



# TUSCAN AND UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

3 EXPERIENCES beyond expectation

# FEEL RIGHT AT HOME IN UMBRIA

Home is where the heart of culture is. Join our local Umbrian friends for a soul-warming meal prepared right in their home and discover that the comforts of a home-cooked meal really do translate across cultures and languages. It will be a meal to remember!

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN UMBRIA.





# 2 AN ITALY FEW GET TO EXPERIENCE

A visit to a country restaurant, sheltered inside a 16th century farmhouse, is a charming step into yesterday. Stroll the herb garden (weather permitting), and learn how cheese is made on the farm. Your palate-expanding journey continues as you join the chef for a hands-on Umbrian cooking lesson.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 3 IN THE UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE.





# 3 TOAST TO TUSCAN HOSPITALITY

Time slows down among the sunflower-covered hills and villages of Tuscany's Val d'Orcia region. Among the vineyards and olive groves, tour a winery's family estate and cellar before indulging in an authentic Tuscan lunch, created by the winery's chef and paired expertly with the vineyard's very own wines.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN TUSCANY.

#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

#### DAYS 1-6 ROME • UMBRIA

#### The Old World is Alive in Umbria

- Kick off your journey with dinner in Rome.
- Join a local expert in the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto, then take the afternoon to explore on your own.
- Enjoy walking tours of ancient Spoleto, medieval Assisi, and the walled town of Bevagna.
- Visit a country restaurant for a chef-led cooking lesson.
- Head to a local winery to sample their vintages and a variety of authentic Umbrian dishes.
- Delight in the comforts of a home-cooked meal in a local Umbrian family's home.
- Pay a visit to a local family-run 'frantoio' or olive presser.

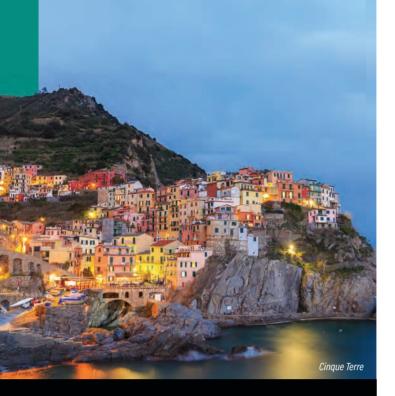
#### DAYS 7-10 TUSCANY

# Step in to a Living Postcard in Tuscany

- Take a locally guided walking tour of Florence, then explore more of the city on your own.
- Tap in to your creative side with visits to local artisans' workshops.
- Tour a winery's family estate and indulge in an authentic Tuscan lunch, created by the winery's chef and paired with the vineyard's own wines.
- Set out on a guided walking tour of Siena.
- ▼ IT'S YOUR CHOICE IN SIENA: Explore the beautiful Gothic cathedral at your own pace OR join a guide and immerse yourself in local life in a Contrada, a small, close-knit community.
- Enjoy dinner paired with an interactive presentation on wine, delivered by the restaurant's own sommelier.

Visit explorations.com/390 for complete tour details.





# **ITALY'S TREASURES**

Vineyards, olive groves, and cities that float. Incredible history, indelible culture, and unforgettable cuisine. This is *l'Italia* at its most iconic. Set off on a journey to make Italy's treasures yours.

FROM \$4849\* DAYS 11 MEALS 17

\*Price based on 03 December, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Included Meals

10 Breakfasts

**Activity Level** 

1 2 3 4 5

Moderate Physical Activity

See pg. 191 for details

on our activity levels.

EUROPE

1 Lunch

6 Dinners

#### Where You'll Stay

#### Stresa 2 Nights

Regina Palace Hotel or Grand Hotel des Iles Barromees

#### Italian Riviera 2 Nights

Grand Hotel dei Castelli or Grande Albergo

#### **Tuscany 4 Nights**

Villa Lecchi, Tuscany or Villa Sanpaolo, San Gimingnano

#### Venice 2 Nights

Hotel Ca' dei Conti or Hotel Bonyecchiati

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# **ITALY'S TREASURES**

3 EXPERIENCES

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#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

#### DAYS 1-2 STRESA

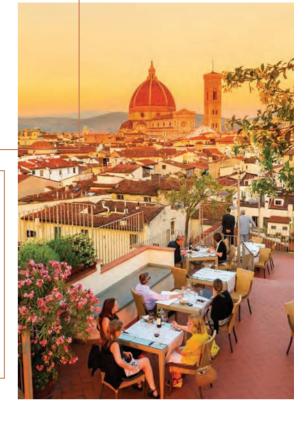
#### Raise a Glass in Stresa

- Visit a wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party with some prima di cena snacks.
- Cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, and get to know new friends over dinner.
- Sample artisanal cheeses, paired with regional wine at an ancient village nestled in the mountains of Stresa.
- Enjoy time to explore Stresa on your own.

# 1 FEAST ON THE WONDERS OF FLORENCE

In the "Cradle of the Renaissance," a treasure trove of culture, cuisine, art, and architecture lays before you. The compact city is easy for exploration, allowing you to make the most of your free afternoon here. We'll show you the way on a guided walking tour of the city, then let you wander through the cobbled streets to find your own memories.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN FLORENCE.



# 2 FILL YOUR PALATE WITH THE FLAVOURS OF TUSCANY

In the heart of the Tuscan countryside, you'll get an intimate look into a family-run wine estate. Tour the wine cellar, vineyards and olive groves, then craft an authentic Tuscan lunch with the estate's own chef. Break bread with new friends and toast with wines produced on-site.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 8 IN TUSCANY.



# 3 EXPERIENCE A CRAFT CENTURIES IN THE MAKING

On a tiny island just off Venice's north coast, the art of glass is alive and well. See this centuries-old artform for yourself during a trip to Murano. In the workshop of a talented artisan, you'll watch molten glass become a work of art right before your eyes. *Bellissimo!* 

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 10 IN VENICE.

#### DAYS 3-4 ITALIAN RIVIERA

# Be Romanced by the Italian Riviera

- Witness picture-perfect views of the lakes region from Lake Orta.
- Sail to Isola di San Giulio to visit this island's working convent.
- Travel to magical Cinque Terre and enjoy free time to uncover the medieval charm of these five villages.

#### DAYS 5-8 TUSCANY

#### Traipse Through Tuscany

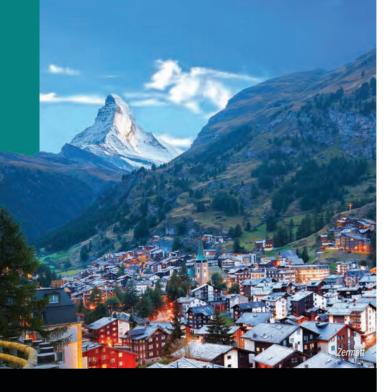
- Choose how you'll spend your afternoon in Lucca. Discover Lucca's old-world ambiance on foot OR by bike.
- Indulge in local seasonal delicacies during a tour of Lucca's specialty food shops.
- Set out on a walking tour of Florence to get the lay of the land, then take the rest of the day to explore on your own.
- Walk the medieval streets of Siena on a guided tour.
- Tour a family-run wine estate, then make lunch with the estate's chef.
- Retreat nightly to your Tuscan villa.

#### DAYS 9-11 VENICE

#### Be Bewitched by Venice

- Enjoy a walking tour of historic Bologna, then take some time to stroll the streets on your own.
- Join a local guide for a tour of Venice's incredible sites.
- Journey to the island of Murano to visit a local artisan's workshop.

Visit explorations.com/304 for complete tour details.



# SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS AND **MAJESTIC PEAKS**

Set your sights on an active, immersive journey across Switzerland from the soaring Alps to the picturesque Swiss Riviera—all while travelling by train.

FROM \$4949\*

DAYS 9

MEALS 12

\*Price based on 05 October, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

#### Where You'll Stay

#### **Neuchatel 3 Nights**

Best Western Premier Beaulac

#### Zermatt 2 Nights

Unique Hotel Post or Hotel Alex

#### **Vevey 3 Nights**

Astra Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### Included Meals

- 8 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 3 Dinners

#### **Activity Level**

1 2 3 4 5

Very Active

See pg. 191 for details on our activity levels.



# **SWITZERLAND:** HIDDEN TRAILS AND **MAJESTIC PEAKS**

**EXPERIENCES** beyond expectation

# TIND AN IDEAL **BALANCE OF GUIDED** AND INDEPENDENT **EXPLORATION**

We've built in extra days just for you in three unique cities. Get the lay of the land first with guided walking tours and experiences, then take time to wander the streets, check out a museum using your Swiss Travel Pass, or get your heart pumping with a little activity. Be sure to turn to your tour LEAD for suggestions!

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 3, 5, AND 8 IN NEUCHATEL, ZERMATT, AND VEVEY.



# 2 DISCOVER **HOW FINE SWISS WINE ACTUALLY IS**

Swiss wine is a true treat. So much so that much of it is kept in country. Meet up with our friends, Jacques and Aurélia, for a wine tasting nestled amongst the vines. Enjoy time at their family-run winery, then continue on with a walk along Lavaux's World Heritage vineyards, complemented by stunning views of Lac Léman.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 7 IN LAVAUX.







# 3 GET AN ALL-ACCESS PASS TO SWISS CULTURE

On this journey, we'll only travel via the brilliantly efficient Swiss Rail Service (and your own two feet!). In addition to being your ticket for travel from city to city, your First Class Swiss Travel Pass includes an all-access entrée into more than 500 museums and cultural exhibitions throughout Switzerland, as well as local ferries, scenic trains, mountain trams, and more.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS THROUGHOUT SWITZERLAND WITH YOUR SWISS TRAVEL PASS.



# impact moment:



The Swiss Rail Service

— the efficient, clean,
and comfortable way
to cross the Swiss Alps

— is the perfect way
to lower your carbon
emissions on tour.

#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

#### DAYS 1-3 NEUCHATEL

#### Let Neuchatel's History Enchant You

- Meet up with your fellow explorers for a reception in the centuries-old cloister of the Collégiale.
- Get to know Neuchatel, a hidden gem of a city totally off the tourist map. Take a walking tour of the city's historic quarter and drink in gorgeous views of Lake Neuchatel from your hotel room.
- Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Neuchatel and its surroundings.

#### DAYS 4-5 ZERMATT

# Stand in Awe Before Zermatt's Zenith

- Spend some time exploring Switzerland's capital of Bern.
- Enjoy a full day to wander pedestrianfriendly Zermatt at your leisure.
   Consider taking the Gornergrat Railway for stunning views of the Matterhorn!

#### DAYS 6-9 VEVEY

#### Indulge Yourself in Vevey

- Stroll the streets of Vevey on a guided walking tour.
- Get a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the artistry of handmade Swiss chocolate during an immersive tasting workshop at Läderach.
- Enjoy time at a family-run winery, then continue on with a walk along Lavaux' World Heritage vineyards.
- ▼ IT'S YOUR CHOICE: After visiting a local vineyard, return to Vevey via rail and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure OR continue your exploration through the miles of Lavaux vineyards to Saint-Saphorin, a medieval village dating back to Roman times.
- Enjoy a full day at leisure in Vevey, one of the "Pearls of the Swiss Riviera."

Visit explorations.com/628 for complete tour details.





## **SPOTLIGHT ON LONDON**

6 DAYS · 8 MEALS FROM \$2299

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

· Explore London's famous Underground, known to locals as "the Tube."

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Experience an eye-opening panoramic tour of London.
- · Enjoy a privately-led tour in Oxford.
- · Take your seat for a London theatre performance.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 3 | Join a local guide to explore the city or visit the Churchill War Rooms.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 5 breakfasts 3 dinners
- · Gather for a special dinner at a traditional English restaurant.
- · Sample British fare on a culinary walking adventure through London's East End.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Radisson Blu Edwardian, Vanderbilt or Grange Tower Bridge Hotel, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.





# London is calling. Answer its call as you encounter majestic pageantry, storied history and grand charm.

#### **START EARLY**

London: Spend your first night exploring this sophisticated capital of England. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: London, England - Tour Begins

Welcome to London, a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own. Its bustling city streets are lined with beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, celebrated monuments and grand theatres - and you'll be a part of it all! This evening, experience a classic British pastime when you join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: London

Join a local expert on a panoramic city tour. See Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace, the London home to Britain's royalty since 1837. At Westminster, see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben. End your city tour with a visit to Harrods, London's most iconic department store. This afternoon, become acquainted with London's trendiest borough on a walking culinary tour of the East End. Discover a world of English cheeses and traditional fish and chips, taste London's Indian influence with a sampling of chicken tikka masala, and more! Finish the day at East London's "pub of the year" for an ale tasting. (B, D)

#### Day 3: London 😯

Start your day like a true Londoner. Hop on the famous Underground, known to locals as 'the Tube.' Opened in 1863, this engineering marvel was the world's first metro system. Next, it's your choice! Join a local guide and explore the neighbourhoods of Kensington and Knightsbridge, known for their iconic shops and famous residents, before a visit to







#### Day 5: London

It's your last day in London. Spend the day independently exploring more of London's treasures. Or perhaps you'll join an optional excursion featuring Bath (UNESCO), one of England's most beautiful cities. Tonight, gather for a special farewell dinner at a favourite London restaurant and toast the end of a wonderful getaway! (B, D)

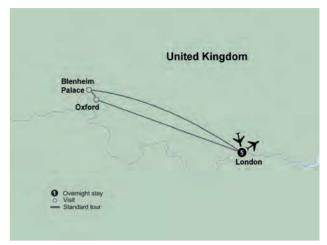
#### Day 6: London - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)

Excellent arrangements in London. Outstanding tour manager. Great location for hotel - close to many attractions and easy access to Tube station.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Buckingham Palace • Big Ben • East End Culinary Tour • London Underground • Kensington Palace or Churchill War Rooms • London Theatre • Oxford • Blenheim Palace





#### **DOUBLE** SINGLE

Starting at \$2299 Starting at \$2949

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### Prices based on 6 March 2020 departure March - April 2019

(different itinerary - see note) 31 March 5 April Itinerary featured is for

May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

3, 24 May 7. 21 June 26 July 23 August 6, 20 September 18 October

#### 6 March 3 April

VISIT gocollette.com.au/545 for pricing details. Call for additional dates.

#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Spotlight on London and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from London. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

#### a local expert on a privately-led walking tour that brings life to this quaint, yet privileged place. Enjoy some free time to explore the city at leisure before setting out to visit Blenheim Palace, one of England's most magnificent homes, for a guided tour. Famous for being the

Kensington Palace, once the home

Diana -OR- travel to Westminster

station and snap a photo in front

of Big Ben before heading north

of Her Majesty's Government;

catch a glimpse of 10 Downing

on Whitehall, known as the centre

Street before visiting the Churchill

performance at a London theatre.

Day 4: London - Oxford - Blenheim

Travel across England's beautiful

city of Oxford, one of the world's

most famous university cities. Join

countryside en route to the historic

War Rooms. Later this afternoon

we gather to enjoy a matinee

(B)

Palace - London

of Queen Victoria and Princess

birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, this UNESCO World Heritage site offers a glimpse into the life of English royalty. (B)

# SPOTLIGHT ON PARIS

6 DAYS · 7 MEALS FROM \$2799

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- See the dramatic highlights of Paris including Notre Dame Cathedral, Place Vendome and more!
- Explore the treasures of the Louvre Museum with an expert.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Glide along and admire Paris' glittering skyline on a Seine River cruise.
- Tour the spectacular Palace of Versailles and its gardens with a local guide.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 2 Set out on a locally guided coach tour that includes a stop to explore the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral or you can travel by the iconic Metro to see some of Paris' most impressive sights.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 5 breakfasts 2 dinners
- Dine on delicious French cuisine and wine at the Eiffel Tower.
- Savour dinner accompanied by French wine at one of Paris' oldest Brasseries.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 5 Le Meridien Etoile, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.



# Be filled with *joie de vivre* as you soak in the romance and unmistakable charm of Paris.

#### START EARLY

Paris: Begin your stay with an extra night to experience the spellbinding beauty of Paris. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Paris, France - Tour Begins

Arrive in the "City of Light." Tonight, your adventure begins with breathtaking views of the city while you enjoy dinner featuring delicious French cuisine and wine at the Eiffel Tower. Following dinner, get a different perspective of the city during a Seine River cruise. Admire Paris' glittering skyline as you glide along. (D)

#### Day 2: Paris 😯

This morning **it's your choice!** Will you choose to take a panoramic locally guided coach tour of Paris that includes a stop to explore the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral **-OR-** for a truly local experience, will you join a local guide who will take

you to some of Paris' most iconic sights by Metro? Either way you'll see such dramatic highlights of Paris as the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde, and the magnificent Place Vendome. The afternoon is at leisure. You may choose an optional tour that takes you to the bohemian neighbourhood of Montmartre; join a local guide on a walking tour and get to know the culture, food and history of this eclectic neighbourhood, and see its crown jewel – the iconic Sacré-Coeur Basilica. (B)

#### Day 3: Paris - Louvre Museum

Join a local expert exploring the priceless treasures of the world-famous Louvre Museum, with a collection of more than one million works of art. Originally a palace and now a landmark of Paris, the Louvre displays an array of works of art ranging from ancient times up to the mid-19th century. Behold some of the museum's most famous pieces by the some of the



greatest artists the world has seen

Titian, and see the renowned statue

of Venus de Milo and Leonardo Da

Vinci's Mona Lisa. The remainder

of the day is at leisure for you

to explore Paris' many hidden

Enjoy a day at leisure to relax or

explore. You may take an optional

excursion to Champagne country

which includes a visit to ancient

Reims for a walking tour; then stop

in Epernay and visit a champagne

cellar for a tour and tasting. Later

tonight we gather to enjoy an

authentic jazz show expressing

treasures on your own. (B)

Day 4: Paris - Day at Leisure

including Raphael, Botticelli and





#### including the Queen's bedchamber and the famous Hall of Mirrors. You then have time to explore the incredible gardens, some of the most famous in the world, which took over 40 years to complete. Tonight, celebrate the end of a fabulous trip with a sumptuous dinner accompanied by French wine at one of Paris' oldest brasseries. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Paris - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. Head home with many wonderful memories of Paris. (B)

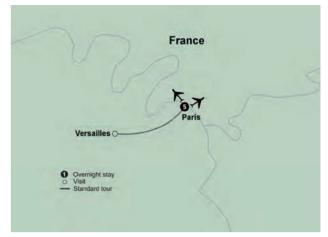
Our tour was superb. Our tour manager was efficient and knowledgeable. She got us places on time, and we never wasted time. The tour was well organised, and

#### **STAY LONGER**

Paris: Spend your final evening basking in the glow of "The City of Lights." CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Eiffel Tower Dinner • Seine River Cruise • Arc de Triomphe • Notre Dame Cathedral • Champs-Elysees • Place de la Concorde • Louvre Museum • Jazz Show • Versailles Palace & Gardens





# DOUBLE Starting at \$2799 SINGLE Starting at \$3799

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

24 March

14 April

Prices based on 25 February 2020 departure

#### February - April 2019

(different itinerary - see note) 20 February 20 March 10 April

May 1

Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures, Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

8 May 11 June 16 July

13 August 17 September

15 October

5 November 25 February

## VISIT

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**Book a Stopover** Spend some time in a new city en route to your tour or on your way home. How long is up to you. Choose from: London - Amsterdam • Frankfurt • Munich

#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

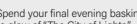
Book another tour with Spotlight on Paris and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Paris. Airport transfers are available for purchase. On occasion, the Louvre Museum may not be available for guests who purchase this tour within 30 days of departure as space is limited at the Louvre. For these guests, alternative sightseeing may be provided depending on availability.

# Day 5: Paris - Versailles

Parisian flare. (B)

Explore the history, architecture and gardens of Versailles, one of the world's most magnificent royal palaces and finest, most complete example of 17th-century architecture. Your local guide will recount the history of the palace and lead you through the various rooms of the State Apartments. Discover its immeasurable opulence and see its treasures



always enjoyable.

## SPOTLIGHT ON **TUSCANY**

8 DAYS · 10 MEALS FROM \$2049

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Step to the front of the line to see Michelangelo's famous statue of David.
- · See the Gothic Line, one of the Germans' last lines of defense during
- · Journey to Florence for a tour of the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Stay in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme for seven nights!
- · Visit the Museum of Liberation and see WWII fortifications and bunkers.
- · Stop in the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century walls.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 5 You can choose to explore the beautiful Siena Cathedral at your own pace or if you prefer, you may join your guide and get to know about local life in a contrada (neighbourhood).



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 7 breakfasts 3 dinners
- · Sample delectable wines during a wine tasting in the Chianti region.
- · Spend time at a cheese farm to taste flavourful pecorino cheese.
- · Learn about Tuscan cuisine during a cooking class.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Hotel Ercolini and Savi or Grand Hotel Francia and Quirinale, Montecatini Terme

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 12345







Embrace vintage Italia as you savour fine wine, blissful countryside and ancient cities that inspired the Renaissance on this Tuscan getaway.

#### Day 1: Montecatini Terme, Italy - Tour Begins

Rolling landscapes, savoury wines, delicious food and stunning architecture... this can only be Tuscany. Unpack once on this journey among Italy's most charming towns. Your tour opens in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of Tuscany. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner where regional foods and Italian wines kick off your adventure. (D)

#### Day 2: Florence

A cultural tour in the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance" showcases the beautiful city of Florence. Join a local Florentine guide who highlights many of the city's priceless treasures including a visit to the Academy Gallery - housing Michelangelo's monumental statue of David. At the Piazza del Duomo, the centre of religious life in medieval Florence, see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John. Take the remainder of your day to explore this unparalleled city as you choose. En route to the hotel, visit a family-owned leather shop and learn

the traditional Italian techniques of leather making. (B)

Day 3: Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano - Gothic Line Set out on a guided visit to Lucca,

Tuscany's best-kept secret. Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, medieval streets flanked by towers, and delightful squares are just some of Lucca's charms. Visit the medieval Basilica di San Frediano. Its otherwise simple façade is adorned with a colourful 13th-century mosaic. Enjoy some time to explore at your own pace. Then set off for Borgo a Mozzano to see the remarkable Ponte del Diavolo (Devil's Bridge). Continue on to the Gothic Line. Built by the Germans, it was one of their last lines of defence during WWII. We will visit the Museum of Liberation and see the actual fortifications and bunkers. (B)

#### Day 4: Pisa

Explore the many historic sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa including the Piazza dei Miracoli, or "Field of Miracles" (UNESCO). Keep your camera handy during our stop at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. You probably won't be able to resist taking a picture that makes it appear as if you are holding this iconic



structure up. Visit the Baptistery, the

largest in all of Italy. This impressive

building of Romanesque and Gothic

architecture is known for its perfect

acoustics. This evening we travel to

secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine.

Partake in a cooking class featuring

culinary techniques that have been

passed down for generations. Then

Welcome to Siena. Discover this charming town with a local guide.

Embark on a walking tour through

its narrow Gothic streets. Take in

stunning palaces, mansions and

the way. Then, it's your choice!

Explore Siena's beautiful Gothic

cathedral at your own pace -OR-

join your guide to get to know local

life in a contrada (neighbourhood).

Next we make our way to a Tuscan

winery and meet the people behind

Learn from experts as you savour

a selection of the local varieties.

You'll also learn about the art of winemaking and the process of

some of Chianti's finest wines.

the historic Piazza del Campo along

labour during dinner. (B, D)

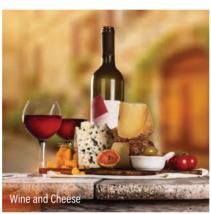
Day 5: Siena 👽

sit down and enjoy the fruits of your

the guiet countryside to learn the

a bounty of local ingredients and





#### experience the local flavour. Take this opportunity to shop at the local boutiques and dine at one of the many fine local restaurants. Or, perhaps you will choose an optional excursion to Cinque Terre with its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards; explore its string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean. (B)

# Day 7: San Gimignano - Cheese Farm

Begin the day travelling to the hilltop village of San Gimignano, one of the most picturesque places in Tuscany. Explore this enchanting medieval town, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking the vineyards of Tuscany. Enjoy free time and perhaps indulge in some gelato. Later, enjoy breathtaking views of the Tuscan hills as we make our way to a cheese farm. Learn how the famous pecorino cheese is made before sampling it for yourself. A delightful experience awaits this evening when you attend a Tuscan feast featuring traditional cuisine and savoury wines in the magical Tuscan countryside. (B, D)

## Day 8: Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. (B)

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Montecatini Terme • Florence • Lucca • Gothic Line • Pisa • Cooking Class • Siena • Winery Tour • Cheese Farm • San Gimignano





DOUBLE Starting at \$2049 SINGLE Starting at \$2449

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 6 December 2019 departure

January - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 18 January

15 February 1, 8, 15, 22 March 5, 7, 12, 24, 26, 28 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures, Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of

reservation.

May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

3, 10, 17, 24 May 7, 14, 21, 28 June 5, 12, 19, 26 July 9, 16, 23, 30 August 6, 13, 20, 27 September

4, 11, 13, 18 October 25, 27 October 1, 3, 8, 10 November 15. 17 November

6 December 24 January 28 February 6, 13, 15, 20, 27 March 10, 17, 19, 24, 26 April

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for pricing details. Call for additional dates.

#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

Book another tour with Spotlight on Tuscany and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Florence or Pisa airports. Airport transfers are available for purchase.



66 We picked this tour because we wanted to see Tuscany and we did. Our tour manager and bus driver were great. The tour was everything we hoped it would be.

#### Day 6: Montecatini Terme The day is yours to relax and

making olive oil. (B)

## **SPOTLIGHT ON ROME**

6 DAYS · 8 MEALS FROM \$2149

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

· Enjoy a guided visit to the Vatican Museums.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Browse the medieval open-air Campo dei Fiori Market.
- · Visit the incredible Colosseum.



(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 4 Choose to discover the beauty of the ancient art of mosaics with a local guide who leads you to some of Rome's churches or join a local expert for a walking tour of the city. Both options include a stop at the famous Fontana di Trevi.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 5 breakfasts 1 lunch 2 dinners
- · Discover the secrets of Italian cuisine during a chef-led cooking class.
- · Enjoy a special farewell dinner on Isola Tiberina - Tiber Island.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1-5 Kolbe Hotel Rome, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



When in Rome, encounter a cosmopolitan city steeped in history, tradition and faith. Immerse vourself in the dolce vita lifestyle.

#### Day 1: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Join us on an adventure through the art, history, and culture of Rome, the "Eternal City." Become captivated by the city's seamless blend of old-world charm and cosmopolitan energy. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Rome

This morning, come to know the history and traditions of ancient Rome. Imagine the energy of 80,000 spectators cheering during your visit to the Colosseum, once home to gladiatorial combat and wild animal fights dating back to the first century A.D. This afternoon, continue exploring Rome's artistic treasures during a guided visit to the Vatican Museums. Find yourself in awe of the opulence at the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. (B)

#### Day 3: Rome

Today, we will explore Rome's culinary treasures. First, set off on a walking tour through the "Eternal City" to the famed Campo dei Fiori Market. Shop side-by-side with the locals as you browse this medieval open-air market. Next, head off to discover the secrets of Italian cuisine during a chefled cooking class, where you'll learn to prepare three types of pasta! Then sit back and savour some regional delicacies during a delicious lunch. (B, L)

#### Day 4: Rome 👽

It's your choice! Discover the beauty of the sophisticated ancient art of mosaics when a local guide leads you to some of Rome's churches, bursting with mosaic masterpieces. Gaze upon amazing works of art inside the Basilica di San Clemente, the Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore, and the Basilica di Santa Prassede -OR- join



a local expert on a walking tour

of the city where you'll see the

incredible facades of the Piazza

Monte Citoria (House of Deputies),

Whatever activity you choose, your

famous Fontana di Trevi - the Trevi

Fountain. Legend holds that if you

return to the city of Roma is certain.

The remainder of the day is yours to

uncover more of the city's treasures

city excursion culminates at the

toss a coin in the fountain, your

Colonna (Government House),

and the legendary Pantheon.





#### garden designers for centuries; take in the local culture during some time on your own, then continue to the sprawling ruins of Villa Adriana and explore the spectacular grounds, inspired by Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans. Tonight, enjoy a special farewell dinner at an old apartment on Isola Tiberina - Tiber Island. Bid farewell for now to new friends and make a toast in Roma's honour. Isola Tiberina is the only island on the Tiber River that's connected by two bridges, and one of them, the Fabricium Bridge, is the oldest in Rome and still exists in its original state. This striking relic of Roman times invites you to take a walk through history after dinner is through. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Rome

on your own. (B)

Today is all about leisure. Relax, shop, or explore the city. Consider a visit to some of Rome's remarkable museums, like the Capitoline or the Borghese Gallery. Or step back in time during an optional tour featuring the neighbouring Sabine Hills and the hilltop town of Tivoli; tour the famed 16thcentury gardens of Villa d'Este, the UNESCO World Heritage site with Renaissance-style fountains and sculptures that have inspired

#### Day 6: Rome - Tour Ends Your tour of the Eternal City comes to a

close today. (B)



Super trip! Rome was beautiful! The tour manager and local guides were great. Would definitely recommend! Ready to go again!

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Cooking Class • Colosseum • Vatican Museums • St. Peter's Basilica - Tiber Island





#### Starting at \$2149 Starting at \$2499 DOUBLE SINGLE

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

### Prices based on 21 February 2020 departure

January - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 18 January 15 February

29 March 12 April

Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures, Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

3 May 7 June 19 July

23 August 13 September 11 October

15 November 6 December

24 January 21 February 20 March 24 April

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Call for additional dates.

#### **COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE**

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Rome. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

# **FAITH** Journeys that incorporate learning and visits to symbolic religious locations have been popular for much of the 100 years Collette has operated tours. As we approach 2020 and the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Bavaria, some of us at Collette recall our involvement with the play some thirty years ago. With our knowledge and experience, we're able to tailor trips ideally suited to extraordinary events like this. Our tours to Fatima, Lutherstadt Wittenberg, the Holy Land, Lourdes, and the World Heritage Site at Phillipi, Greece, represent some of the most spiritual sites, with many including mass and other religious ceremonies. Our highly trained, professional tour managers provide expert information and handle every detail. Collette Faith tours are a rewarding and humbling way to visit revered locations of the world's many religions. Via Dolorosa, Jerusalem



## **PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND**

8 DAYS · 12 MEALS FROM \$2199

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · See the charming wooden Jaszczurówka Chapel and sanctuary dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima.
- · Spend time in worship where Saint Faustina lived and died.
- Travel to Zakopane, Poland's most popular resort town and where Saint Pope John Paul II spent time in reflection.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Visit the Jasna Góra Monastery to gaze upon the world-famous Black Madonna.
- · Learn about the young life of the beloved Saint Pope John Paul II in Wadowice.
- · Celebrate mass in Warsaw and Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 7 breakfasts 5 dinners
- · Enjoy a folklore show and dinner at a traditional Polish restaurant.



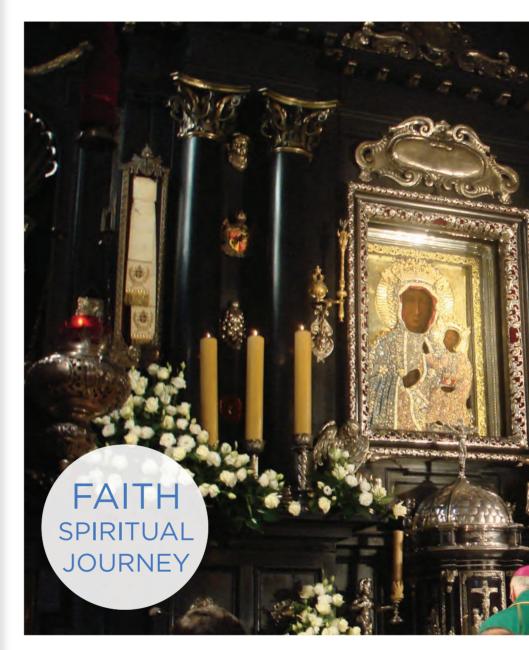
#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Mercure Grand Warszawa, Warsaw

Day 3 Arche Hotel, Czestochowa Days 4 -6 Holiday Inn or Q Hotel Plus, Krakow

Day 7 Mercure Grand Warszawa, Warsaw

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Be moved by the power of grace and the human spirit on this spiritual journey through Poland.

#### Day 1: Warsaw, Poland - Tour Begins

You will come to know the city of Warsaw with its blend of Old World charm and deep history. Tonight, get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner.

#### Day 2: Warsaw

Embrace the moving history of Warsaw, a city reborn after WWII, as you embark on a locally guided tour. Your journey through this capital city includes a stop at what remains of the Warsaw Ghetto. Pause to celebrate mass at 3/9 Zytnia Street Church, home to the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, where Saint Faustina entered the convent. The remainder of the day is free to take in the side streets and quaint cafés in the Old Town, explore a museum or simply relax. (B)

#### Day 3: Warsaw - Niepokalanów -Czestochowa

Journey to Niepokalanów to discover one of the largest Franciscan monasteries in the world (founded by Saint Maximillian Kolbe). Continue south to Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland. Begin your visit by celebrating mass. Then, journey inside the Jasna Góra Monastery to get up close to the famous Black Madonna. Saint Pope John Paul II visited this miraculous image many times during his papacy. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Czestochowa - Wadowice - Krakow

Get a glimpse into the formative years of the beloved Saint Pope John Paul II with a visit to Wadowice, the town where he was born and raised. Step into the past when you see the church where he was baptized. In 1992, the pope gave the church the status of Basilica Minor. Continue to Krakow and explore the city on a tour with a local expert that includes a visit to the







Travel to Zakopane, Poland's most

get up close to nature. The area has

Pope John Paul II would spend time

a stop to see the charming wooden

Jaszczurówka Chapel and sanctuary

built in thanksgiving after Saint Pope

John Paul II's life was saved in 1981.

The remainder of your afternoon is

at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a folklore

show and dinner at a traditional Polish

dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima,

strolling in prayer and reflection. Make

countless nature trails where Saint

popular resort. With its stunning

scenery, it is the perfect place to



## Day 6: Krakow - Zakopane - Krakow

# DOUBLE Starting at \$2199 SINGLE Starting at \$2949

# Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### Prices based on 2 December 2019 departure

#### February - April 2019

(different itinerary - see note) 11 February 11 March

8, 24 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary)

20 May

3 June

8 July

5 August

9, 16, 23 September

7, 14 October

4 November

#### 2 December 24 February

23 March 20 April

#### VISIT

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#### Day 7: Krakow - Warsaw

restaurant. (B, D)

Your journey through Poland comes full circle with your return to Warsaw. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating a fantastic journey. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Warsaw - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close. Depart with new perspectives, a strengthened faith and treasured memories. (B)

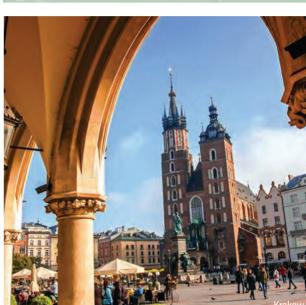
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Zakopane

**KEY HIGHLIGHTS** Warsaw • Niepokalanow Monastery • Jasna Góra Monastery • Black Madonna • Wadowice • Krakow • Auschwitz • Zakopane

Czestochowa

Auschwitz

Wadowice

Poland

human spirit - that occurred within those walls. Return to Krakow to visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy where the tomb of Saint Faustina is located. Spend time in worship and contemplation on the site of the monastery of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy where Saint Faustina lived and

Market Square. Pause for a praver

at St. Mary's Church...be amazed

by its famous wooden altarpiece

one of the best sculptors of the

Middle Ages. You will also see

the impressive Wawel Castle, the

former residence of Polish kings.

Day 5: Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow

Today you embark on a poignant

travel to Auschwitz. A local expert

concentration camp where you will

journey through history as you

guides you through the former

learn firsthand about the terrors

- as well as the resilience of the

(B, D)

died. (B)

created by Wit Stwosz (Veit Stoss),

# ISRAEL: A JOURNEY OF FAITH

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Stroll through the winding alleys of historic Jaffa.
- Visit Capernaum, the centre of Jesus' ministry in Galilee.
- Stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared Christmas night.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Discover the ancient cities of Nazareth and Bethlehem.
- Travel to Tel Megiddo, site of the final battle before the coming of the Messiah.
- Stand in the Upper Room, near the traditional site of the Last Supper.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 7 breakfasts 1 lunch 7 dinners
- Get a taste of the local flavour when you enjoy lunch at a kibbutz.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1 Kfar Maccabiah Hotel, Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv

Days 2, 3 Leonardo Tiberias Hotel,

Days 4-7 Leonardo Jerusalem Hotel, Jerusalem

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Walk in the hallowed footsteps of Jesus Christ and see some of the most ancient cities in the world on this spirited sojourn to Israel.

#### Day 1: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins

Travel to the Holy Land on an inspirational journey that visits some of the most ancient sites in the world. Your tour begins in Tel Aviv, a bustling city brimming with culture and history, situated on the Israeli Mediterranean coastline. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

# Day 2: Tel Aviv - Jaffa - Caesarea - Nazareth - Cana - Tiberias

Journey to the ancient port city of Jaffa for a leisurely stroll through the winding alleys of the historic area. Visit the Roman Aqueduct and Theatre at Caesarea, a centre of the early Christians where Cornelius became the first Gentile convert to the new covenant (Acts 10) by St. Peter; and where Paul was imprisoned before being taken to Rome for trial (Acts 23). In Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home (Matthew 2:23), visit the Church of the Annunciation and the place where Joseph's home and workshop were as well as the site of the fresh water spring used by the Holy Family. Your day continues with a visit to Cana, the site of Our Lord's first miracle. Arrive in Tiberias for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 3: Sea of Galilee - Capernaum - Golan Heights - Caesarea Philippi - Tiberias Cross the waters of the Sea of Galilee aboard a replica of the boat in which Jesus

would have sailed. Travel to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7). Nearby Tabgha is the traditional location for the calling of the disciples and the feeding of the five thousand. Visit the Church of the Fish and the Loaves (Luke 9:10-17). In Capernaum, Jesus performed many miracles and it was the centre of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. Visit the synagogue that stands on the site where Jesus taught and reflect on his teaching and preaching of the gospel of the kingdom (Matthew 4:13, 23). Visit the Chapel of the Primacy where Peter professed his devotion to the risen Christ (John 21) on three occasions. Get a taste of the local flavour when you enjoy lunch at a communal settlement, known as a kibbutz, in the Golan Heights. Visit Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus travelled with His disciples and near where Peter made his great confession to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Your day ends at the River Jordan at the Yardenit Baptismal site. (B, L, D)

# **Day 4:** Tiberias - Tel Megiddo - Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Visit Tel Megiddo (Armageddon), the site of the final battle before the coming of the Messiah. In Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus (Luke 2), enter the Church of the



#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Jaffa • Caesarea • Nazareth • Cana • Tiberias • Sea of Galilee • Mount of Beatitudes • Capernaum • Golan Heights • Caesarea Philippi • Tel Megiddo • Bethlehem • Jerusalem • Mount of Olives • Mount Zion • Ein Karem • Via Dolorosa • Western Wall • Garden Tomb





Nativity, the oldest continuously functioning church in the world. View the cave where Jesus was born. Stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared on that first Christmas night, spreading good tidings of great joy for all the people. Later, arrive in one of the holiest cities in the world. Jerusalem. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Jerusalem - Mount Zion - Ein Karem

Your time in Jerusalem begins with a visit to the Mount of Olives. Afterwards, visit the Church of the Pater Noster, built on the traditional site where Christ taught the Lord's Prayer; its name refers to the "Our Father" prayer. Continue to the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before He was crucified. Nearby is the Tomb of the Virgin Mary and the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Christ's betrayal by Judas. Travel to Mount Zion and stand in the Upper Room, near the traditional site of the Last Supper (Mark 14). Then, continue to Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist and the place to which Mary travelled to share her good news with Elizabeth. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Jerusalem

Today you are free to explore the city on your own. Perhaps you'll choose to take an optional

excursion to the Dead Sea to discover where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found; visit Masada; and perhaps even float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Jerusalem

Your day begins at St. Stephen's Gate where St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death. Continue to the Church of St. Anne, marking the place where the parents of the Blessed Mother lived. Visit the nearby Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic. Then, follow the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion; pass by the Ecce Homo Arch, the site where Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord to the crowds. Next, visit the Western Wall of the Temple before stopping at the Garden Tomb, the possible site of the garden of Joseph of Arimathea and site of the resurrection of Jesus. Enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers to celebrate the end of this unforgettable and holy experience. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Jerusalem - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)



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21, 28 April

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Visit the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before he was crucified.
- · Celebrate daily Mass at several significant religious sites.
- · Visit the Pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralytic.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Visit the ancient cities of Nazareth and Bethlehem.
- · Follow the Via Dolorosa, walked by Our Lord on the way to his crucifixion.
- · Stop at the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Christ's betrayal by Judas.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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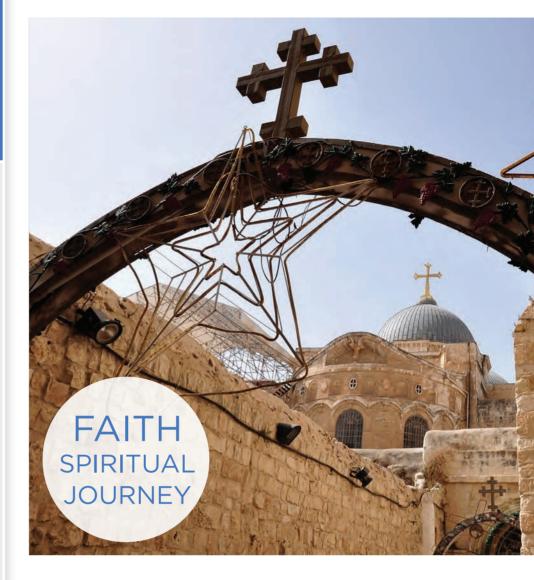
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#### Day 2: Tel Aviv - Jaffa - Caesarea - Nazareth - Cana - Tiberias

Journey to the ancient port city of Jaffa for a leisurely stroll through the winding alleys of the historic area. Celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Church. Travel to the walled city and Roman ruins of Caesarea. It was here that St. Peter converted the first pagan, Centurion Cornelius, to become a Christian, and where St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. In Nazareth, visit the Church of the Annunciation. Your day continues with a visit to Cana, the site of Our Lord's first miracle, at a wedding feast where you can renew your marriage vows. Arrive in Tiberias for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Tiberias - Sea of Galilee - Tabgha -Capernaum - Tiberias

This morning enjoy a special treat when you take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee where many of the apostles were fishermen and where Our Lord preached. Travel to nearby Tabgha and visit the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fishes, built to commemorate the miraculous feeding of five thousand. Stop at the Mount of Beatitudes for a stunning view of the Sea of Galilee. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Beatitudes. Continue to the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter where Our Lord appeared to the apostles after His resurrection. In Capernaum, visit the church built over the ruins of St. Peter's house. Get a taste of the local flavour when you enjoy lunch at a communal settlement known as a kibbutz. Finally, visit Yardenit, the Jordan River baptismal site. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Tiberias - Mount Tabor - Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Travel to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. Proceed to Bethlehem and enjoy a stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared on the first Christmas night. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Nativity, built on the birth site of Our Lord. Later, arrive in one of the holiest cities in the world, Jerusalem. (B, D)



Day 5: Jerusalem, the Old City

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to Caiaphas' Palace - known today

Peter once denied Our Lord in one

of its courts. This afternoon, travel

to Ein Karem to visit the Church

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the Grotto of his birthplace, and

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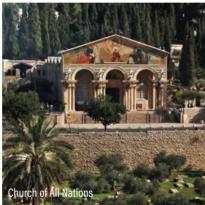
Day 6: Jerusalem

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site where Our Lord wept over the

city, now known as Dominus Flevit.





#### Day 7: Jerusalem - Western Wall

Enter the old city through St. Stephen's Gate where St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death. Continue to the Church of St. Anne, marking the place where the parents of the Blessed Mother lived. Visit the nearby Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic, and see the Ecce Homo Arch, the site where Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord to the crowds. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of His crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Walk through the Muslim, Christian and Jewish quarters to the Western Wall of the Temple. Then, follow the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion. Next, visit the Church of the Dormition (commemorating Our Lady's Assumption) and the nearby Hall of the Last Supper. In Jerusalem, enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers to celebrate the end of this unforgettable and holy experience. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Jerusalem - Tour Ends

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#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Jaffa • Caesarea • Nazareth • Cana • Tiberias • Sea of Galilee • Mount of Beatitudes • Capernaum • Church of the Transfiguration • Bethlehem • Church of the Nativity • Jerusalem • Mount of Olives

• Church of the Holy Sepulchre • Western Wall • Via Dolorosa





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66 The boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and the sites in the old city of Jerusalem were most memorable.

# **GREECE: IN** THE FOOTSTEPS **OF PAUL** THE APOSTLE

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Stop at two monasteries in Meteora and learn about the resident monks.
- · See Mars Hill where Paul delivered his "Men of Athens" speech.
- · Visit the Museum of Byzantine Culture, one of the finest museums of Byzantine

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora.
- · Join a local expert exploring the monuments of ancient Athens.
- · See the Bema where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in Acts.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- . 9 hreakfasts . 3 lunches . 8 dinners
- · Feast on local Greek cuisine and fine wine in a traditional taverna.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Crowne Plaza Athens City Center Day 1 or Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

Days 2 - 4 Olympia, Celestyal Cruises

Days 5, 6 Capsis Hotel, Thessaloniki

Hotel Famissi, Kalambaka Day 7

Domotel Anemolia Mountain Day 8

Resort, Arachova

Day 9 Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**FAITH** SPIRITUAL

Retrace the missionary journey of the Apostle Paul, prolific writer of the New Testament letters, as you enjoy a cruise of the Greek Islands.

#### START EARLY

Athens: Begin early and take more time in the historical capital of Europe. CALL FOR DETAILS.

Day 1: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Paul the Apostle, the prolific writer of the New Testament letters, was one of the first Christian missionaries. Trace his journey through the ancient cities of Greece and Turkey. Your tour begins in Athens, Greece's lively capital. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in Athens' historic district - the Plaka - a lively neighbourhood nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Feast on local cuisine and enjoy fine wine in a traditional taverna while Greek entertainment creates a wonderful ambiance around you. (D)

#### Day 2: Athens - Piraeus (Embarkation) -Mykonos

Embark on a wonderful 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily while on board. Mykonos is your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings and beautiful windmills that dot

its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore. (B, L, D)

**Day 3:** Kusadasi, Turkey - Patmos, Greece Visit the Turkish port of Kusadasi for an included excursion to the ruins of Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where Paul the Apostle spent three years during his ministry and where its inhabitants were the recipients of Paul's famous epistle. Visit the House of Mary, where she is said to have spent her last days. A visit to the ruins includes the Agora, the great theatre, and the stadium where chariot races took place and gladiatorial combats were held. It is said that Paul himself fought here against wild beasts. Continue your cruise to Patmos, the "Jerusalem of the Aegean." Visit the Monastery of John and the Cave of the Apocalypse where John the Evangelist, inspired by God, wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Heraklion (Crete) - Santorini

Arrive early this morning in Heraklion, Crete. Time is allowed for an optional excursion to Knossos, one of the most extraordinary archaeological sites in the western world and



the centre of the 4000 B.C. Minoan civilisation. Later, arrive on the fabled island of Santorini, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Visit the breathtaking Oia Village, perched on the caldera rim. Then, enjoy free time to visit the clifftop village of Fira for one of the world's most breathtaking panoramas. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Piraeus - Disembark Cruise Ship - Thessaloniki

After an early morning disembarkation, travel north and make a picture stop at Thermopylae, famous for its heroic defence by Leonidas and his courageous Spartans against the Persian army. Your day ends in Thessaloniki. Greece's second largest city. Founded in 315 B.C., Thessaloniki was an early centre for Christianity; it is where Paul visited and preached during the winters of A.D. 49-50 and wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. Visit the Museum of Byzantine Culture, one of the finest museums in the world devoted to Byzantine art and civilisation with an impressive collection of many Byzantine and early Christian frescoes, icons and artefacts. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Thessaloniki - Kavala -Philippi - Thessaloniki

Travel to the coastal town of Kavala where Paul, accompanied by Silas,

Luke and Timothy, first set foot on European soil. In nearby Philippi, Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of Christianity. Join a local expert for a guided tour of this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient, Roman and Byzantine eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner and the site where he baptised Lydia, the first Christian in Europe. (B)

#### Day 7: Thessaloniki - Meteora -Kalambaka

Proceed through the fertile Thessalian Valley - the breadbasket of Greece - to spectacular Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage site. These dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the plain of Thessaly, with six historic monasteries perched upon their peaks. Beginning in the 10th century, hermits, monks and ascetics sought solitude and spiritual solace in these dramatic crags. Visit two amazing Meteora monasteries which are renowned for their intricate construction and exquisite Byzantine art. Overnight in Kalambaka. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Kalambaka - Delphi

Travel through scenic mountain terrain to Delphi, one of the most moving sites of the ancient world. Once considered the "navel of the world," Delphi is nestled on the slopes of Mount Parnassus in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty. Pilgrims once came from all over the ancient world to consult its mysterious oracle. A guided tour takes you along the Sacred Way to see the Doric Temple and the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Treasuries, and the intriguing Archaeological Museum with its staggering collection of ancient artefacts including the 5th-century bronzed Charioteer. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Delphi - Corinth - Athens

Travel to Corinth where Paul wrote two epistles, lived and preached for two years. Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora, where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. In Athens, see the hill of Areopagus (Mars Hill) - where Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech - and visit the incomparable Acropolis. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a marvellous trip. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Athens - Tour Ends

You've explored the ancient land where Paul the Apostle made missionary journeys. You've seen the places to which he sent his famous epistles - Thessalonians, Philippians and Corinthians - and seen many of the places described in the Acts of the Apostles. Return home inspired by the incredible, soothing landscapes and the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. (B)

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Athens • Taverna Dinner Show • 3-Night Cruise • Mykonos • Ephesus • Patmos • Santorini • Thessaloniki • Kavala • Philippi • Meteora - Delphi - Corinth - Acropolis





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March - April 2019

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Spend time at the renowned Abbey of Montecassino, founded by St. Benedict.
- · In Pompeii, visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary.
- · Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Attend the weekly papal audience at Vatican City.
- · Stroll through the catacombs where early Christians hid and buried their dead.
- · Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 9 breakfasts 6 dinners
- · Enjoy regional wines with every included dinner.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

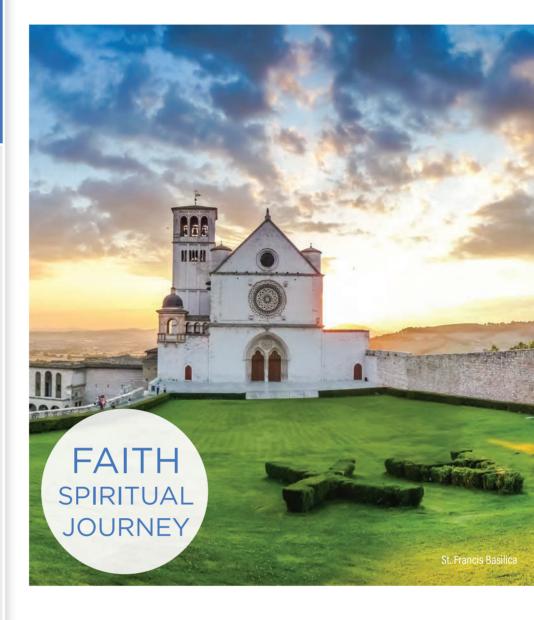
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Giovanni Rotondo

Hotel Scapolatiello, Cava de Tirreni

Days 7 - 9 Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the hallowed Basilica of St. Francis to the glorious Sistine Chapel, discover why Italy is a bastion of Catholicism.

#### **START EARLY**

Rome: Soak up even more of the Eternal City. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Rome. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. (D)

#### Day 2: Day 3: Rome - Assisi

Travel north to Assisi and begin your tour at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, where St. Francis spent most of his life. Pause to reflect at the Chapel of the Porziuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the saint prayed. Later, have time at the Church of St. Clare, who founded the Order of Poor Clares and followed the teachings of St. Francis by living a life of poverty and humility. Kneel before the crucifix from

which Jesus spoke to St. Francis, asking him to rebuild his church. Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi highlighting the huge 13th-century basilica where you can see many of St. Francis' possessions and a series of frescoes depicting his life. Celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis this afternoon. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Assisi - Optional Florence Excursion

Enjoy a full day at leisure to independently explore historic Assisi. Or, join a full day optional excursion to Florence, the "Renaissance City," where a local expert provides a leisurely paced walking tour featuring the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore - one of the largest in the Christian world, and the Baptistery doors. You also view the Palazzo Vecchio and the Ponte Vecchio. Enjoy several hours at leisure in Florence before returning to Assisi. (B)

#### Day 4: Assisi - Loreto - San Giovanni Rotondo

Travel across the Apennine Mountains

Day 6

towards the Adriatic Coast to the Marian shrine of Loreto, Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto where more than 50 popes have made a pilgrimage. You will celebrate Mass before continuing your journey to San Giovanni Rotondo, home of Padre Pio. (B, D)

#### Day 5: San Giovanni Rotondo -Monte Sant' Angelo - San Giovanni

Begin your day with a special visit to Monte Sant' Angelo. Take in the breathtaking views of the Gargano Peninsula and explore one of the most celebrated shrines of early Christianity - the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Many popes and saints have knelt and prayed at this grotto, seeking the protection of Saint Michael. Later, return to San Giovanni Rotondo and celebrate Mass in the sanctuary of Padre Pio. This is followed by a tour of the sanctuary, including the old church and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918, as well as Padre Pio's tomb. Then, visit the new church dedicated in 2004 to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. You will also see the confessional where Padre Pio spent many hours directing pilgrims on their journey towards God. (B, D)

#### Day 6: San Giovanni Rotondo - Abbey of Santissima Trinita -Campania

Journey through the picturesque landscape of the regions of Apulia and Campania to Cava de Tirreni. Be introduced to the Benedictine Abbey of Santissima Trinita, founded in the 11th century by a local saint. After a guided visit to the abbey you will have the option of celebrating Mass. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Campania- Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary- Abbey of Montecassino-Rome

Continue your travels to the town of Pompeii where you will visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary, one of the most famous shrines of Christianity. Later, travel to Montecassino to discover the renowned abbey founded by St. Benedict in the 6th century A.D. This sacred place houses the relics of St. Benedict and his sister, Saint Scholastica. Montecassino also became famous during the battles that took place here during World War II, when the abbey was bombed and destroyed. End your day in Rome. (B)

#### Day 8: Rome - Papal Audience -Vatican Museum

This morning, attend the weekly papal audience at Vatican City to receive the blessing given by His Holiness, Pope Francis. Later, visit the Vatican Museum where you



#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Rome - Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi - San Giovanni Rotondo • Tomb of Padre Pio • Abbey of Santissima Trinita • Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary • Vatican City • Papal Audience • St. Peter's Basilica • Christian Rome City Tour • St. Paul Outside the Walls • St. Mary Major • St. John in Lateran





will view such historical treasures as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's restored mural of the Last Judgment. Then it's on to the breathtaking St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter was martyred. Known as the grandest of the world's churches, St. Peter's is unsurpassed in beauty. (B)

#### Day 9: Rome - Christian Rome City Tour

Begin your day at the Basilica St. Paul Outside the Walls: the remains of St. Paul are located under its main altar. You'll celebrate Mass before making vour way to the catacombs where early Christians fearing persecution hid and buried their dead. Continue on to visit the other major Roman basilicas, St. Mary Major and St. John in Lateran, the former residence of the popes prior to their return to Rome in 1377. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable pilgrimage to Italy. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Rome. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

Rome: Spend one final evening enjoying all the pleasures of this cosmopolitan Italian city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

# DOUBLE Starting at \$3049 SINGLE Starting at \$3549

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 6 November 2019 departure May 2019 - April 2020

(featured itinerary)

January - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) 16 January 20 February 13, 20 March 3, 24 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour

15, 22 May 19 June 10 July 11, 18, 25 September 9, 16, 23, 29, 30 October 5, 6, 12, 13 November departures. Departures prior 25 March to this date will vary. Please 1, 15, 22, 29 April confirm at time of reservation.

## VISIT

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Rome. Airport transfers are available for purchase. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.



Our tour manager was very knowledgeable and shared her experiences with all on the tour. Sites visited were exceptional.



# **PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES WITH BARCELONA**

9 DAYS · 16 MEALS FROM \$2449

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Worship in the most revered basilicas of Fatima and Lourdes.
- · Spend time at the magnificent Cathedral of Burgos.

#### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Visit Gaudi's masterpiece "La Sagrada Familia" and celebrate Mass.
- · Travel back in time in the amazing medieval city of Carcassonne.
- · View the site of the fifth apparition in



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 1 lunch 7 dinners
- · Gather for a memorable farewell dinner in Barcelona.
- · Enjoy regional wine with every included dinner.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Hotel de Fatima, Fatima

Hotel Almirante Bonifaz, Days 3, 4

Burgos

Hotel Alba or Hotel Beau Site, Days 5, 6

Lourdes

Evenia Rossello Hotel, Days 7, 8

Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

explore the basilica and its grounds. (B, D) Day 3: Fatima - Burgos, Spain Attend a morning Mass before travelling east to Burgos, known as the cradle of the Castile region. Situated on the Pilgrim's Road, Burgos stands on the banks of the Rio Arlanzon with the slender, elegant spires of its famous cathedral rising into

the sky. Mass is available this evening. (B, D)



Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour of Burgos' beautiful medieval town centre. Spend time at the Cathedral of Burgos, a masterpiece of Spanish Gothic architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The cathedral, the third largest church in Spain, offers such masterpieces as the filigree work in the spires of the towers; the starry dome; the choir; the sarcophagi and the golden staircase. Next, visit the 12th-century Monastery of Santa María Real de las Huelgas. Founded as a Royal Pantheon and a spiritual retreat for society ladies and royalty, the complex consists of the church, monastery and the enclosed premises of the Cistercian nuns. Mass is available this evening. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Burgos - Lourdes, France

Today, travel northeast through the Pyrenees Mountains to Lourdes. This is where the Virgin Mary appeared in the Grotto of Massabielle to the poor shepherd



Find inspiration on a sojourn of faith. Discover some of Europe's most revered sites and immerse vourself in a coalescence of cultures.

#### Day 1: Fatima, Portugal - Tour Begins

Travel to Portugal, one of Europe's most hospitable countries. Here, you can enjoy a superb climate, historic sites and beautiful scenery. Your tour begins in Fatima, Portugal's world-famous religious centre.

#### Day 2: Fatima - Aljustrel - Batalha - Fatima

You may celebrate Mass before travelling to the original town of Fatima and the parish church where the children Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia were baptised. Continue on to Aljustrel, where the children lived, and view the site of the fifth apparition in Valinhos. Visit the Batalha Monastery, an impressive Dominican convent. Later, return to Fatima to enjoy free time for personal worship and to

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 191 for details.



girl, Bernadette, for a total of 18

times between February 11 and

market town has been a world-

you may wish to partake in a

candlelight procession. (B, D)

After morning Mass, enjoy a

Day 6: Lourdes

today. (B, L, D)

Barcelona, Spain

July 16, 1858. Since then, this little

renowned pilgrimage site. Tonight

walking tour of Lourdes, visiting the

places associated with the life of

St. Bernadette: the "Boly Mill" (site

of the birthplace of St. Bernadette),

the "Cachot," and the parish church

housing the baptismal font of St.

town's rich historical and natural

heritage. Become immersed in the

apparitions and revel in the spirit of brotherhood that is still present

Day 7: Lourdes - Carcassonne -

Celebrate Mass before your

journey through southern France's

Pyrenees to historic Carcassonne.

Feel as though you've travelled

back in time as you explore this

atmosphere that reigned during the

Bernadette. Later, enjoy some

time at leisure to explore the







Celebrate Mass at the crypt of La Sagrada Familia, followed by a visit to the elaborate, expansive basilica. Once completed, Gaudi's masterpiece will have 18 towers: 12 dedicated to the apostles, four to the evangelists, one to Jesus and another to Mary. Later, see more of the city's treasures, including views of Antonio Gaudi's Mila House (UNESCO), the Columbus Monument and Parc de Montjuic. Spend this afternoon at leisure exploring the city further or choose an optional excursion to the quaint mountain village of Montserrat. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a dinner celebrating the end of a memorable tour. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Barcelona - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close leaving you with vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

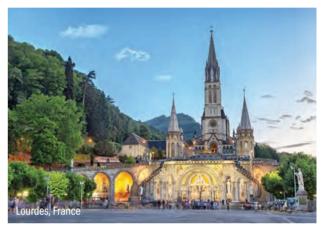
#### **STAY LONGER**

Barcelona: Absorb even more of the beauty found in Spain's vibrant capital city of Catalonia. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Fatima • Aljustrel • Valinhos • Batalha Monastery • Cathedral of Burgos • Monastery of Santa María Real de las Huelgas • Lourdes • Grotto of Massabielle • Carcassonne • Barcelona • La Sagrada Familia





DOUBLE Starting at \$2449 SINGLE Starting at \$2899

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 4 November 2019 departure

#### March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note)

4, 11, 18 March 1, 8, 29 April Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures, Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

#### May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) 6, 20, 27 May

10, 17, 24 June 15 July 19 August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 September 7, 14, 21, 28 October 2 December 3, 17 February 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March 6, 20, 27 April

#### VISIT

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Book a Stopover Spend some time in a new city en route to your tour or on your way home. How long is up to you. Choose from: Amsterdam Frankfurt • Munich

4, 11, 18, 25 November

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66 My wife had always wanted to go to Fatima and this tour was perfect. With knowledgeable guides and perfect hotels, we were able to visit the shrines and have mass every day in locations I could not have imagined. Plenty of information at each stay with



enough free time to explore and participate in special events.

well-preserved medieval city on your own. Later, cross back into Spain and travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most fascinating cities.





# **Imperial Cities**

# Starting at \$5599\*

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Departures May – September 2020

10 Day tour. Includes 16 meals and Category 1 Oberammergau Passion Play ticket





Set out on an exciting cultural experience in the Imperial Cities of Central Europe featuring traditional entertainment and the stunning Passion Play.

# Planned tour itinerary

DAY 1: Budapest, Hungary - Tour Begins
Set out on an exciting cultural experience
in the Imperial Cities of Central Europe
featuring traditional entertainment and the epic
Oberammergau Passion Play. Welcome to
Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," truly one
of the world's most beautiful cities. Enjoy time
at leisure to relax or explore before gathering for
tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2: Budapest Join a local expert who brings the city to life. Discover Matthias Church, site of many coronations of kings. Next, see the Fisherman's Bastion with its white walls, towers and arcades for spectacular views. Continue to historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, followed by the Parliament. At Heroes Square, admire the imposing Millennium Monument, completed in 1904, which memorializes the 1,000th anniversary of Hungarian dominion. (B)

DAY 3: Budapest - Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria This morning we journey to Bratislava, the former Imperial capital of the Hapsburg Empire. During your visit, get to know the city's history on an expert led tour. A scenic ride through the countryside takes you into the grand city of Vienna, the former capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Tonight, enjoy dinner featuring regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine of the quaint winemaking region of Grinzing. (B, D)

DAY 4: Vienna This morning, join a local resident for a visit to magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue to Vienna's city center. En route, behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks and gothic spires that fill the city. End your day with an unforgettable classical music concert featuring many fine melodies from the great composers — Mozart and Strauss. (B)

DAY 5: Vienna - Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic - Prague Depart Vienna, crossing the border into the Czech Republic. Continue to the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov. During some free time you may explore the well-preserved streets lined with Baroque architecture. Arrive in Prague, also known as "The Golden City" and "The City of a Hundred Spires." (B, D) DAY 6: Prague Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Next, explore the majestic Hradcany Castle, including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. Then we stroll down the quaint, colourful Golden Lane. Discover the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. This afternoon enjoy time to relax or explore independently. Perhaps you'll shop for famous Bohemian crystal or visit one of the city's many outstanding museums, such as the Lapidarium, home of stone sculptures dating from the 11th century to the present. (B)

DAY 7: Prague - Oberammergau, Germany Travel the Czech countryside to Bavaria, Germany. Proceed to the picturesque village of Oberammergau, beautifully situated in the Bavarian Alps. (B, D)

DAY 8: Oberammergau - Passion Play This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

DAY 9: Oberammergau - Munich Today we travel to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park; the world-famous Glockenspiel; and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Enjoy leisure time to explore fascinating Munich before gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. (B, D)

DAY 10: Munich - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



# Tour highlights Include

- ✓ Enjoy a visit to the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov
- ✓ Explore Prague's majestic Hradcany Castle
- ✓ Visit the magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace in Vienna
- ✓ Discover Bratislava's history with a local expert
- ✓ Experience the epic Passion Play

Pricing Conditions: \*per person, double, land only



# **ALSO AVAILABLE:**

Austrian Delight with the Oberammergau Passion Play

**9** Day tour. Includes 13 meals and Category 2 Oberammergau Passion Play ticket

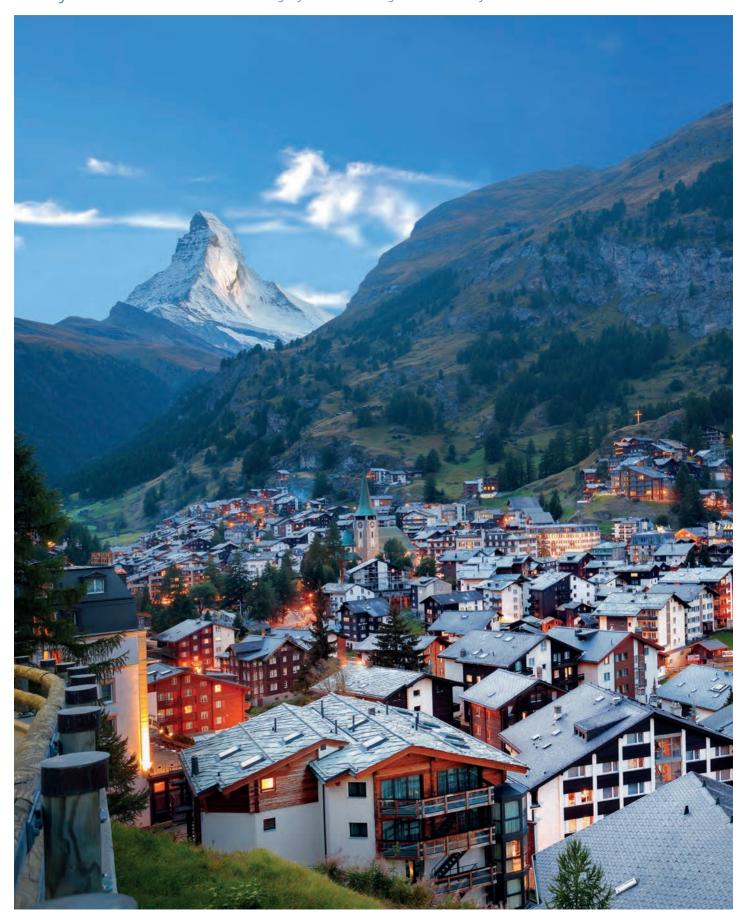


# Alpine Explorer & the Glacier Express Train with the Oberammergau Passion Play

Starting at \$6699\*

Departures May – September 2020

11 Day tour. Includes 18 meals and Category 1 Oberammergau Passion Play ticket





Breathtaking Alpine scenery awaits as you travel through Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. From amazing railways to the dramatic Passion Play, experience wonders only found in the heart of Europe.

# Planned tour itinerary

DAY 1: Stresa, Italy (Lago Maggiore) - Tour Begins Breathtaking Alpine vistas await as you travel through Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. From amazing railways to the thrilling Passion Play, experience the wonders only found in the heart of Europe. Arrive in Stresa (Lago Maggiore) and take some free time to explore this beautiful lakeside town on your own. Your evening begins with a cocktail party in a wine shop before we cruise to our welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands. (D)

DAY 2: Stresa Today we make our way to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm to learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Sample delicious creations and discover how to pair them with local wines. Return to Stresa for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: Stresa - Zermatt, Switzerland
Depart Lago Maggiore for a scenic drive into
the heart of the mountains. The incredible views
of the Italian and Swiss Alps are sure to leave a
lasting impression. Upon arrival in Tasch, board a
local train for a ride to the spectacular pedestrian

village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. (B, D)

DAY 4: Zermatt Today, Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Tour Zermatt's best-known landmarks by foot with a local expert; or, enjoy a visit to the Matterhorn Museum where you'll learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 5: Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. Relax and enjoy a three-course lunch while onboard. Arrive in St. Moritz, playground of the rich and famous. (B. L)

DAY 6: St. Moritz - Innsbruck, Austria

Drive through the picturesque Engadine Valley to Innsbruck, Austria, capital of the Austrian Tyrol. Join a local expert and explore the city's medieval pedestrian streets including Maria Theresian Strasse, the Hofburg and the Golden Roof. (B)

DAY 7: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck
Travel the Austrian countryside to historic

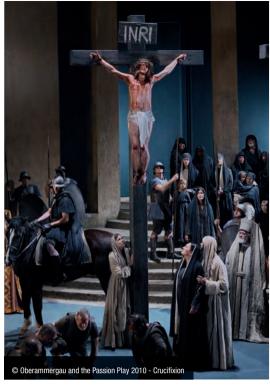
Salzburg, one of Europe's most beautiful and romantic spots. Enjoy a leisurely walking tour of Salzburg's historic Old Town - the Altstadt. See highlights such as the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. Film buffs will be able to pick out locations from *The Sound of Music*. This evening, enjoy a delightful Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest restaurant. (B, D)

DAY 8: Innsbruck - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau Today we head to the frontier of Germany, crossing the border into Bavaria. Arrive in the Bavarian capital of Munich for a walking tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Next, depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. (B. D)

DAY 9: Oberammergau - Passion Play This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B. L. D)

DAY 10: Oberammergau - Linderhof Palace - Füssen - Munich Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation. Next, enjoy free time exploring medieval Füssen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in Sleeping Beauty. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. (B, D)

**DAY 11: Munich - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



# Tour highlights include

- ✓ Journey aboard the famous Glacier Express Train
- ✓ Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau
- ✓ Explore Salzburg on a walking tour
- ✓ Enjoy a two night stay in Lago Maggiore

Pricing Conditions: \*per person, double, land only

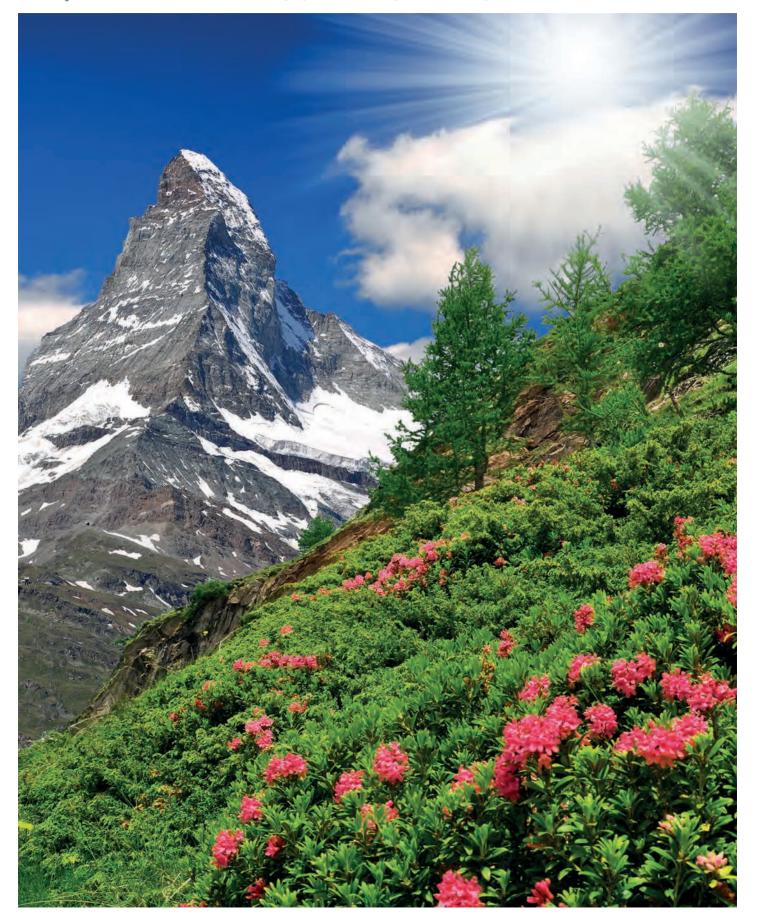




# **Exploring the Alpine Countries** with the Oberammergau Passion Play

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Discover storybook castles and glittering palaces amidst stunning Alpine vistas as you explore Austria, Germany and Switzerland, and experience the epic Passion Play.

# Planned tour itinerary

DAY 1: Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Vienna. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. Enjoy regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine of the quaint winemaking region of Grinzing. (D)

DAY 2: Vienna Begin your day with a locally guided tour of Vienna showcasing its architectural marvels. Visit the incredible Schoenbrunn Palace and see the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral. This afternoon, enjoy leisure time to independently explore the avenues of Vienna or visit one of its many museums. (B)

DAY 3: Vienna - Salzburg After a short journey through the countryside, enjoy a lovely cruise along the Danube, one of Europe's most important waterways. Later, make a stop at the Benedictine Melk Abbey before continuing to the musical city of Salzburg. Tonight, sit down for a Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant. (B, D)

DAY 4: Salzburg Discover the splendour of Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town. Some of the amazing sights you will see along the way include the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. (B)

DAY 5: Salzburg - Munich, Germany Oberammergau Today we travel to Germany.
In Munich, feel the energy of this lively city
during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the
world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz,
a beautiful square surrounded by shops,
restaurants and cafés. Later we arrive at our
home for the next two nights — the quaint village
of Oberammergau, renowned for woodcarvings
and the Passion Play. (B, D)

DAY 6: Oberammergau - Passion Play
This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate

costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

DAY 7: Oberammergau - Black Forest
Today fairy tales become reality at a picture stop
of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's
Neuschwanstein. Next you are off to the heart of
the stunning Black Forest, a region famous for
its artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks,
Hummels and wood carvings. (B, D)

DAY 8: Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland Welcome to Switzerland! Your first stop en route to Zermatt is at one of the most photographed castles in the world, the Château de Chillon, located on serene Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gottard Bahn from Tasch to the relaxing pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. Take a stroll and breathe in the fresh Alpine air. (B, D)

DAY 9: Zermatt Today Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Explore on foot during a guided walking tour. Or, experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum to learn more about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 10: Zermatt - Grimsel Pass - Lucerne Views of glaciers, crystal clear rivers and snowcapped mountains will invigorate you as you travel through the spectacular scenery of the Grimsel Pass. Your destination is Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." (B)

DAY 11: Lucerne This morning, embark on a scenic walking tour of this picturesque city, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. The remainder of the day is yours to independently explore all Lucerne has to offer. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialties and toast the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

DAY 12: Lucerne - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close in Lucerne. (B)



# Tour highlights include

- ✓ Embark on a cruise along the Danube River
- ✓ Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau
- ✓ Visit Vienna and its incredible Schoenbrunn
- ✓ Make a stop at the impressive Benedictine Melk Abbey

Pricing Conditions: \*per person, double, land only



**ALSO AVAILABLE:** Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria with the Oberammergau Passion Play

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This enchanting journey offers the best of Germany. Travel to some of the country's most iconic cities, view its stunning countryside and experience the epic Oberammergau Passion Play.

# Planned tour itinerary

DAY 1: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins
This enchanting journey offers the best of
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iconic cities, view its stunning countryside and
experience the epic Oberammergau Passion
Play. Your tour opens in Berlin. This city blends
a deep history, a modern flare and multi-cultural
influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a
welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2: Berlin This morning enjoy a traditional city tour that features Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendamm, the Reichstag building and a stop at "Checkpoint Charlie," the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. (B)

#### DAY 3: Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg

Your destination is Hamburg with its winding canals and impressive harbour that have made it a center of trade for centuries. En route, make a stop in the medieval Hanseatic League town of Lübeck, the famed birthplace of marzipan and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Join a local guide for a tour of the town and have a chance to visit Café Niederegger to shop for the marzipan they have been making for 200 years. Arrive in Hamburg. Tonight, enjoy dinner out on the town. (B. D)

DAY 4: Hamburg Come to know the city on a panoramic tour that showcases the Rathaus (Town Hall), the Alster, St. Michaelis Church, the city center, the beautiful Jungfernstieg promenade and, of course, the port of Hamburg - dubbed the "gateway to the world." Later, it's your choice! Board a harbor boat for a narrated cruise around the massive Hamburg shipping port highlighting the key maritime sights. Or, embark on a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake to take in stunning views of the shoreline dotted with the homes of Hamburg's elite. Later we gather for a walking tour of the Reeperbahn area, Hamburg's red light district, immortalized as the place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the early 1960s. Join in the fun with your "singing and ukulele playing local Beatles expert" and travel down memory lane. (B)

DAY 5: Hamburg - Bremen - Hamelin
Today's first stop is in Bremen, at the beginning of the Fairy Tale Road. Join a local guide for a walking tour of this quaint town featuring the musicians of Brothers Grimm fame, the Town Hall (UNESCO), and the medieval Schnoor district. Later, travel to Hamelin, made famous by the Pied Piper legend from the stories of the Brothers Grimm. Feel like you have stepped into a storybook when the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" plays delightful tunes while he leads you on a discovery walk through Hamelin with its charming Tudor-style architecture. (B)

DAY 6: Hamelin - Trendelburg and Sababurg Castles - Kassel - Marburg This morning you are transported back to childhood as you come face to face with the real life places that inspired the fairy tale classics. First, meet a local storyteller at the famed "Rapunzel's Castle" Trendelburg. Continue on to Reinhardswald, home to Sleeping Beauty's castle - Sababurg. Have time to explore the enchanting grounds before traveling to Kassel, home to the Brothers Grimm Museum. At the museum, an expert will lead you on a tour through the interactive displays that bring you through the life of the Grimm brothers. Journey to the medieval university town of Marburg with its endless alleys and stairways that lead to the castle perched above. (B, D)

DAY 7: Marburg - Würzburg - Rothenburg ob der Tauber Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located in the middle of the famous Romantic Road and in the heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg. a Bayarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. Enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your city center hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local restaurant where you'll enjoy a tasting of local wines followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colorfully costumed local expert for the famous "Night Watchman" walking tour of this medieval town. (B, D)

DAY 8: Rothenburg ob der Tauber It's your choice! Join in a walk to a local bakery to make "schneeball" pastries – snowballs – a favourite treat of the locals! Or, tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum. Later we gather to spend time at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum where you will be treated to a private tour, enjoy an ornament-making demonstration and shop for handmade Christmas ornaments. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 9: Rothenburg ob der Tauber - Neuschwanstein Castle - Oberammergau Today we make our way through mountains and along winding country roads for a tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by the "crazy" King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, continue to the quaint, picturesque village of Oberammergau. (B, D)

DAY 10: Oberammergau - Passion Play This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plaque and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

DAY 11: Oberammergau - Munich Today we travel to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel; and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Enjoy time to explore Munich before gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of your memorable trip. (B, D)

**DAY 12: Munich - Tour Ends** This morning your tour comes to a close. (B)



# Tour highlights include

- ✓ Tour Berlin's and Munich's famed landmarks with a local guide
- Embark on a guided tour of Hamelin with a flute-playing "Pied Piper"
- ✓ Explore the Hanseatic town of Lübeck, famous for marzipan
- Join a local guide who leads you on a Beatles tour in Hamburg
- ✓ Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau

Pricing Conditions: \*per person, double, land only





# Amadeus Brilliant

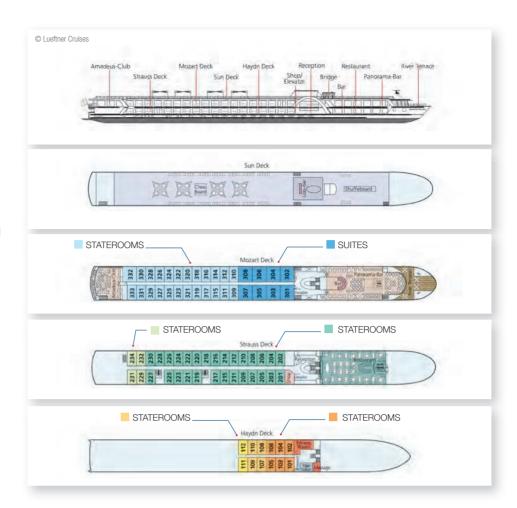
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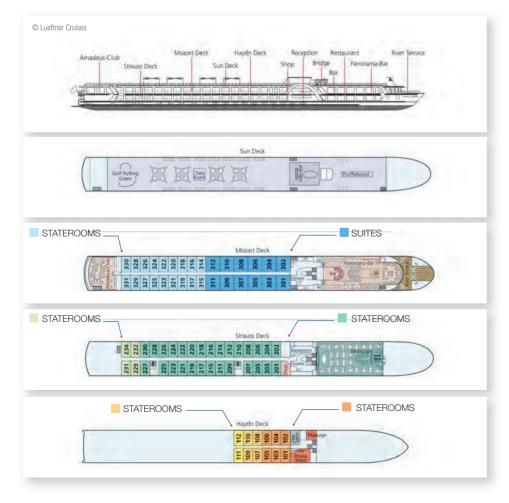
# **ONBOARD FACILITIES**

- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club with internet station
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, lounge chairs, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- · Laundry Service
- Complimentary onboard bicycles
- Wi-Fi available
- Elevator

# **TECHNICAL DATA**

Built: 2011 · Registry: Germany · Height above water: 5.85 m/19.2 feet · Length: 110 m/ 361 feet · Width: 11.4 m/ 37.5 feet · Staterooms/Suites: 68/8 · Speed: 25 km/h/ 15.5 mph · Decks: 4 · Max. passengers: 150 · Crew members: approx. 40





# Amadeus Diamond

This cruise ship will be featured on our La Belle Seine tour.

# **ONBOARD FACILITIES**

- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club with internet station
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, lounge chairs, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- · Laundry Service
- Complimentary onboard bicycles
- Wi-Fi available
- Elevator

# **TECHNICAL DATA**

Built: 2009 • Registry: Germany • Height above water: 5.85 m/19.2 feet • Length: 110 m/ 361 feet • Width: 11.4 m/ 37.5 feet • Staterooms/Suites: 62/12 • Speed: 25 km/h/ 15.5 mph • Decks: 4 • Max. passengers: 146 • Crew members: approx. 40

# Amadeus Silver II & III

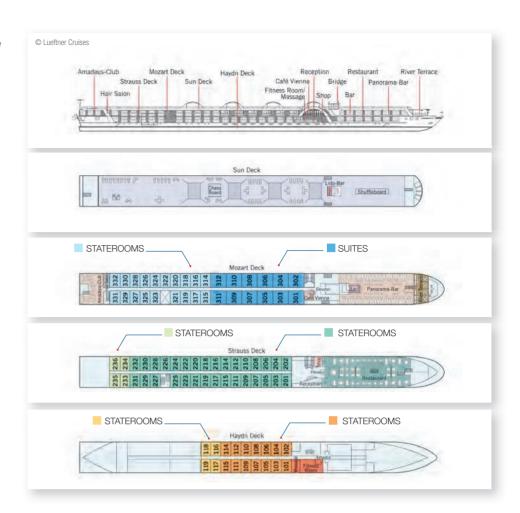
The Silver II will be featured on our Classic Danube tour. The Silver III will be featured Magical Rhine & Moselle tour.

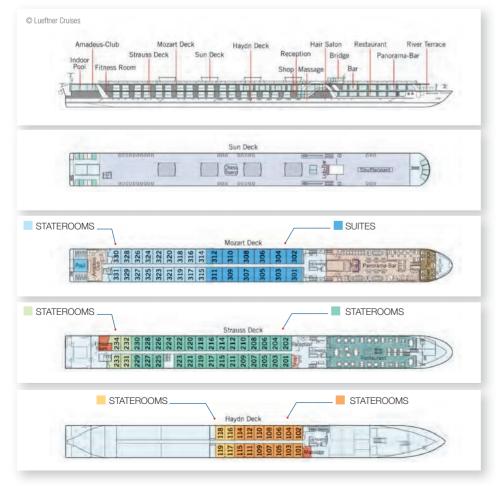
## **ONBOARD FACILITIES**

- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club
- "Café Vienna" with Viennese Coffee specialties
- Outdoor glass-shielded "River Terrace"
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, lounge chairs, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Complimentary onboard bicycles
- Wi-Fi available
- Elevator

# **TECHNICAL DATA**

Built: Silver II 2015/Silver III 2016 - Registry: Germany - Height above water: 6 m/19.8 feet - Length: 135 m/443 feet - Width: 11.4 m/37.5 feet - Staterooms/Suites: 72/12 - Speed: 25 km/h/15.5 mph - Decks: 4 Max. passengers: 168 - Crew members: approx. 46





# Amadeus Queen

This cruise ship may be featured on our Christmas on the Danube tour.

# **ONBOARD FACILITIES**

- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club
- "Café Vienna" with Viennese Coffee specialties
- Outdoor glass-shielded "River Terrace"
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, lounge chairs, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Complimentary onboard bicycles
- · Wi-Fi available
- Elevator

# **TECHNICAL DATA**

Built: 2018 · Registry: Germany · Height above water: 6 m/19.8 feet · Length: 135 m/ 443 feet · Width: 11.4 m/ 37.5 feet · Draft: 1.45 m/ 5ft. · Staterooms/Suites: 69/12 · Speed: 25 km/h/ 15.5 mph · Decks: 4 Max. passengers: 162 · Crew members: approx. 46

# extend YOUR TOUR Extensions

# **Optional**

# MILAN 2-night post tour ADD TO: Italian Vistas (pg. 28)

Ext. Day 1: Stresa - Milan Transfer to Milan, a chic and sophisticated metropolis known for being a hub of high fashion. Milan is filled with historic architecture including the Duomo, its magnificent Gothic cathedral. Upon arrival, receive your sightseeing bus ticket valid for 48

hours...hop-on and hop-off the red. open-top, double-decker buses, and explore this bustling city at your own

Ext. Day 2: Milan Continue your independent exploration of Milan at your leisure. You may choose to visit the Sforza Castle, Sant'Ambrogio Cathedral, Parco delle Basiliche or the Duomo, Milan's most famous landmark. (B)

Ext. Day 3: Milan - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)



Please Note: A minimum of 3 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. This extension is not hosted or guided.

# 2 MEALS - \$880\*

2 Breakfasts

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Doria Grand Hotel, Milan

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

1 2 3 4 5 See nage 191 for details

# ICELAND 3-night post tour

ADD TO: Norwegian Coastal Voyage (pg. 46) Spectacular Scandinavia (pg. 48)

Ext. Day 1: Bergen - Fly to Reykjavik, Iceland Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Enjoy free time to explore the city's old section that features Hallgrimskirkja church, City Hall, the harbor, and the Kraum Icelandic design center.

Ext. Day 2: Reykjavik - Golden Circle - Reykjavik Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders.

**3 MEALS** \$1235 - \$1560 3 Breakfasts

Marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley, a site that marks the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Return to Reykjavik and have time to

explore the city on your own. (B)

Ext. Day 3: Reykjavik Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps you will choose to relax on a scenic whale watching cruise; venture out on a horseback riding excursion; or travel out to the Reykjanes peninsula to spend quality time relaxing in the geothermal waters of the famed Blue Lagoon. (B)

Ext. Day 4: Reykjavik - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)



Please Note: During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services for the Golden Circle A minimum of 2 guests is required for this extension to operate. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost).

Please enquire at time of reservation. Additional air segment purchase required.

# **ACCOMMODATION**

Hotel Alda, Reykjavik

# **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

1 2 3 4 5

See page 191 for details

# MADEIRA ISLAND 4-night post tour

ADD TO: Sunny Portugal (pg. 86)

Day 1: Lisbon - Funchal, Madeira Fly to Madeira Island and experience its subtropical climate, majestic mountain ranges and volcanic caves

Day 2: Monte - Câmara de Lobos - Cabo Girão - São Vicente - Porto Moniz Visit Monte, perched on the hills overlooking Funchal and then travel to Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village with a wonderful bay. Continue along mountain roads, passing banana plantations and vineyards, en route to Cabo Girão,

5 MEALS - \$1005\*

the world's second highest cliff.

Explore the fishing village of Porto

4 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Moniz, renowned for its natural volcanic pools. Conclude the day with a visit to the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its vast collection of plants. Discover Madeira's history during a leisurely paced tour of Funchal's charming plazas, colonial mansions, 15th-century cathedral and local market. (B)

Day 3: Funchal - Ribeiro Frio - Santana Wind through the mountains to Poiso to visit the island's third highest point — Pico do Arieiro. Then, it's your choice! At Ribeiro Frio (Cold River), you may choose to explore a fascinating trout farm

# **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1-3: Pestana Casino Park, Funchal Day 4: Turim Marques, Lisbon

and the surrounding natural beauty -OR- choose to join an exhilarating "levada walk" and follow the paths that run along the water channels that flow through the mountains. Later, continue to Santana, a village characterized by small triangular homes thatched with straw. Visit a family-owned embroidery shop for a look at this delicate craft. Then, enjoy a tasting of world-famous Madeira wine. Celebrate your Madeira adventure with a traditional dinner known as espetada. Folk dancers and music entertain as you feast on a local dish of beef marinated in

# **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

1) 2 3 4 5

See page 191 for details.



herbs and cooked over an open

Day 4: Funchal - Lisbon Return to Lisbon and spend the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Lisbon - Tour Ends Today your journey comes to a close. (B)

Please Note: The levada walk is approximately 45 minutes on a flat surface. 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. Additional air segment purchase required

# **PRAGUE** 2-night post tour

ADD TO: Christmas on the Danube (pg. 120)

Day 1: Vienna, Austria - Prague, Czech Republic This morning you say goodbye to your cruise ship as you board your vehicle for a drive through the lovely European countryside. Your destination is Prague, the cultural capital of Bohemia. Upon arriving in Prague, you will be met by a local representative who will help orientate you to your hotel and the surrounding city sights.

Day 2: Prague Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour as you drive through the city and arrive at the amazing Hradcany Castle where you will stroll down the Golden Lane. Afterwards, enjoy your visit to the beautiful St. Vitus Cathedral as well

as the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. Then, your local guide will introduce you to the magical Christmas markets where you may sample sausages, sip mulled wine, and shop for ornaments. (B)

Day 3: Prague - Tour Ends Your tour ends this morning. (B)

Please Note: Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. A minimum of



15 passengers is required for this extension to operate This extension is hosted by a local representative for the transportation portion and local sightseeing only. Visitors are required to have travel/health insurance to travel to the Czech Republic. The health insurance must cover medical services abroad. If you have purchased our Travel Protection Plan, your coverage meets this requirement. Due to additional airline costs, passengers departing from or arriving into Prague for the extension program will be assessed an additional fee.

# 2 MEALS - \$780\*

2 Breakfasts

# **ACCOMMODATION**

K + K Hotel Central or Phenix, Prague

# TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

1 2 3 4 5

See page 191 for details.

# **JORDAN** 4-night post tour

ADD TO: Iconic Israel (pg. 96), Israel: A Journey of Faith (pg. 166), Israel: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (pg. 168)

## Day 1: Jerusalem - Border Crossing -Madaba, Jordan - Mt. Nebo - Petra

This morning, cross the border into 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 and the museum. Visit a local mosaic school to learn the history of this ancient art and how to create your very own mosaic piece. 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 Petra for a 2-night stay.

Day 2: Petra Enjoy a full day tour of the remarkable stone-carved city of Petra (UNESCO). Petra was "hidden" behind rugged mountains prior to its discovery in 1812. Explore this breathtaking city with an expert guide and learn about Petra's history. This evening, experience the flavors of the region with a delightful dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Petra - Wadi Rum - Amman This morning depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, home of the famous film, Lawrence of Arabia. Learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in this stark and unspoiled desert. Later, arrive in Amman, known as the "White City" because of white limestone used to construct the majority of the buildings. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Amman - Jerash - Jordan Valley Border Crossing - Tel Aviv, Israel

Travel to the city of Jerash - the "Pompeii of the East" and tour the ruins with a local guide. Walk through columned streets, hilltop temples and public squares. Later, travel to the Jordan Valley Border Crossing, returning to Israel.

# **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

See page 191 for details.

Continue to Tel Aviv for your overnight

Day 5: Tel Aviv - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (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 - \$1885\*

4 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

# **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2: Petra Marriott Hotel, Petra Day 3: Marriott Amman Hotel, Amman Day 4: Isrotel Tower Hotel or Kfar Maccabiah Hotel, Tel Aviv

# Day 9: Saint Remy -Avignon - TGV Train - Nice

After a short transfer to Avignon, head to beautiful Nice on the iconic French Riviera via TGV high-speed train\*. This afternoon, explore the highlights of Nice with a hop-on hop-off pass.

Day 10: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice This morning you'll feel

like a local as you stroll through the colorful and fragrant flower market in Nice. Then you're off to discover Place Massena and the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais. Your journey then takes you to Monaco, the dazzling gem of the Riviera. A panoramic tour highlights the famous and extravagant Casino of Monte Carlo

and the spectacular 13th-century Prince's Palace. Pause to see the Cathedral of Monaco, where Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace are buried. Later, stop in the charming village of Eze. Enjoy a visit to the Fragonard perfumery to take in the scents of Southern France. (B)

Day 11: Nice - Tour Ends (B)

Please Note: This extension is independent; quests will not be accompanied by our representative. \*No porterage will be provided on the TGV train from Avignon to Nice; guests will be responsible for their own luggage. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

# 2 MEALS - \$780 - \$845\*

2 Breakfasts

# **ACCOMMODATION**

Hotel Splendid, Nice

# **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**



See page 191 for details.

NICE 2-night post tour ADD TO: Journey Through Southern France (pg. 134)

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

# **Accommodation**

What is the difference between a twin room and a double room? 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 utilised.

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 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 on certain tours only. If you are travelling with a child, it is your sole responsibility to ensure the child follows all safety rules of the tour.

Are single and triple rooms always available? Triple and single rooms 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. If you do have an early arrival, 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.

# **Attractions & Sightseeing**

Are attractions always available? Access to some attractions or Collette Foundation sites may be affected by local holidays, weather conditions or other circumstances. As a result, the days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilise 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? Our itineraries include many activities and some may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict coaches. Some hotels/lodges in remote locations may not have elevators. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. See our "Tour Pacing" and "Tour Activity Level" section on page 191.

Can you tell me more about the safaris? For a fuller wildlife experience you will be travelling by custom-built safari vehicle which requires climbing in and out frequently and sometimes travels on bumpy roads. To experience Africa fully, we recommend a good fitness level and to prepare properly.

**How can I plan for shore landings?** Special clothing is required for the shore landings (Antarctica, Galapagos); please refer to your predeparture documents for important details.

Are all theatre performances suitable for children? Some theatre performances may be unsuitable for children – please consult your tour manager.

# **Documentation**

**Do I need a passport?** A valid passport is required for all trips. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements as well as other laws that may affect your ability to travel. We recommend that your passport has six months validity, and at least three blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each traveller.

# **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 when offered. Extensions may be "hosted" rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will be available on-call during the duration of the stay. 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. Should you purchase additional nights, 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 international air travel from Australia, 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.

# **Gratuities**

Are gratuities included? Gratuities are not included in the tour price and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Customary gratuities have not been included for hotel housekeeping staff, local sightseeing guides, transfer drivers, motor coach drivers and Tour Managers. Gratuities should be given in direct proportion to the level of professionalism and personal service extended to you. With this in mind, we have created a guide for you:

- Tour Manager: 5-8 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Local Guide: 2-3 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per person
- Motor Coach Driver: 3-5 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Hotel Housekeeping Staff: 2-3 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per room per day
- Applicable gratuities for bellmen, doormen and dining room staff for group meals have been included.

# **Late Bookings**

**Do you accept late bookings?** Yes, tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. Late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with full payment if within 60 days of departure date.

# **On-Tour Experience**

Where do I meet my tour manager? Our tour manager will make contact with you at your first hotel. The hotel's address and phone number will be included in your documents.

Can I pre purchase optional excursions/activities? Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase provided that you make your options purchase 15 days or more prior to the tour start date. 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 team. In addition, there are benefits to prepurchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full, so once payment is received in full, your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure. Any presold options cancelled while on tour are nonrefundable.

# **Revisions / Changes**

Would my tour date ever be changed? While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel any 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 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 or tour itinerary 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 activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. For overnight pacing of a tour, please refer to the "Accommodation" section on each tour page and on the tour map. For our Explorations tours, please refer to the "Where You'll Stay" section on each tour page. These describe the number of nights you will stay in each hotel during your tour. Please visit our website for full day by day itinerary information. 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. The definition of each activity level is listed here. If you have additional questions regarding a specific tour, please inquire at time of reservation.

**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 tour 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 customer care agents to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this programme to individuals who are physically fit. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs.

# **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 from \$120 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 the private chauffeur service? It's your ticket to and from the airport if you purchase international air through Collette. This personalised service is included within a 40km radius from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Canberra, Darwin, Cairns and Hobart airport gateways.\* Service is available between 41-70 kms for a small fee. Not valid on group travel. \* One transfer per room booking. Additional stops are not permitted on route. This applies to all bookings made after 1 September 2018.

Visit gocollette.com/chauffeur for a video and more details on this amazing service!

# **Travel Loyalty**

What is the Collette Passport Club? Formerly Travel Loyalty by Collette, the Collette Passport Club recognises past guests and allows you to automatically receive a \$150 travel credit for each trip you take.† It's our way of saying thank you for making us your #1 choice in guided travel.

<sup>†</sup> Full credit is valid for your next tour when you travel within 12 months of the original trip. \$100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months, and the entire credit expires 24 months after the original trip.







# Adding Flights to your Collette tour

Enjoy the benefits of air-inclusive bookings. Allow us to be your liaison with the airlines and to handle all the details.

	Flex Economy Airfare	Instant Purchase Economy Class <sup>3</sup>	Premium Economy, Business & First Class <sup>4</sup>
Roundtrip home to airport transfers included <sup>1</sup>	•	•	•
Roundtrip airport to hotel destination transfers included <sup>2</sup>	•	•	•
Dedicated Concierge Service			•
Lounge Passes <sup>5</sup>			•
Express Check-In <sup>5</sup>			•
Eligible for Collette's Travel Protection Plan	•		
Benefit from our flexible change and refund policies	•		<i>w</i>
Deposit now, pay the balance later <sup>6</sup>	•		•
Eliminates future surcharges by locking in price		•	
All the perks of upgraded air (more space, comfort and service	e)		•



# treat yourself & enjoy

Experience the added comfort and convenience when you upgrade your air. Features such as express check-in, airport lounge access, additional legroom and in-flight services enhance your international flight experience.

Whichever option you choose, you'll enjoy the ease and peace of mind that comes with booking your flights with Collette.

1) Rountrip home to airport transfers included for guests within 40kms of an Australian international airport when you purchase an air-inclusive tour. One transfer per room booking. Additional stops not permitted on route. Not valid on group travel. 2) These are available on the first and last day of the actual tour dates and when you are travelling on select flights (not applicable to pre & post nights). Land only clients may purchase transfers on the first and last day of the actual tour dates for an additional cost (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) Upgrade Your Air 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 flight itinerary. 5) Lounge Passes & Express Check-in are based on airline and airport availability for Business Class and First Class passengers only; Premium Economy tickets do not qualify. 6) Payment date is subject to the airline ticket terms and conditions. 

Not applicable with Instant Purchase Airfare.

# **Reservation Information**

# 1. Booking Conditions

These booking conditions, together with our privacy policy, and any other written information we brought to your attention before we confirmed your booking, form the basis of your contract with Collette Pty Ltd (ACN 600 161 671) of Level 3, 263 Clarence St, Sydney, NSW, 2000 Australia ('we' or 'us'). Please read them carefully as they set out your respective rights and obligations. References to 'you' and 'your' include the first named person on the booking and all persons on whose behalf a booking is made or any other person to whom a booking is transferred. By making a booking, the first named person on the booking agrees on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking that:

- he/she has read these terms and conditions and has the authority to and does agree to be bound by them;
- he/she consents to our use of information in accordance with our privacy policy; and
- he/she is over 18 years of age and resident in Australia and where placing an order for services with age restrictions declares that he/she and all members of the party are of the appropriate age to purchase those services.

## 2. Making A Booking And Paying For Your Holiday

When you confirm your booking you must pay the applicable deposit or full payment detailed in the table below. If the arrangements you wish to book are available we will issue a confirmation invoice and send this to you or your travel agent. A binding contract will come into existence between you and us as soon as we have issued you with this confirmation invoice. Upon receipt, if you believe that any details on the confirmation invoice (or any other document) are wrong you must advise us immediately as changes cannot be made later and it may harm your rights if we are not notified of any inaccuracies in any document within 10 days of us sending it out (5 days for tickets).

The balance of the cost of your arrangements is due in accordance with the table in section 3 below. If we do not receive all payments in full and on time, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you in which case the cancellation charges set out in the tables in section 7 below will become payable.

In the case of international payments you must ensure that the full Australian dollars amount is received by us after all bank charges have been levied.

# 3. Deposits & Balances

Further to section 2, in order to confirm your chosen arrangements, you must pay a deposit. The deposit payable and the time that the balance of the cost of your arrangements (including any surcharge where applicable) will become due will vary depending on the holiday you book.

## Land Package Deposit

- A \$250 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica, Cruises 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.

# Internal Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due with your internal air inclusive reservation.
- For Antarctica, Cruise and Oberammergau internal 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.

# International Flex Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due with your International Flex air inclusive reservation.
- For Antarctica, Cruise and Oberammergau International Flex air inclusive reservations, a nonrefundable \$750 deposit is required. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. An additional \$1,500 is due one year prior to departure for Oberammergau.

# International Instant Purchase Air

- If you have selected International Instant Purchase Air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airfare plus a \$500 deposit all of which is non-refundable.
- For Antarctica, Cruise and Oberammergau International Instant Purchase Air reservations, the full cost of the airfare plus a \$750 deposit is required all of which is non-refundable. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. An additional \$1,500 is due one year prior to departure for Oberammergau.
- International Instant Purchase Non-refundable Airfare includes round trip airport /hotel transfers (excluding pre or post days and extensions). International Instant Purchase, Non-refundable Airfare requires full payment at the time of booking. If you purchase the waiver it does not provide a refund for the airline tickets in the event of a cancellation. Tickets will be issued immediately and, once issued are non-refundable, 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 round trip 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.

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 Direct Credit, bank account details on invoice, charging to clients' MasterCard, Visa, American Express, (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a cheque or money order. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit.

# TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:

Retail phone: 1300 792 195 Email: AUSales@collette.com Groups phone: 1300 062 731 Email: AUGroups@collette.com

# PLEASE SEND CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER PAYMENTS TO:

Collette, Level 3, 263 Clarence Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia

# THE PRICE OF YOUR HOLIDAY

The price of your travel arrangements has been calculated using exchange rates as at the date of advertisement of the holiday.

We reserve the right to amend the price of unsold holidays at any time and correct errors in the prices of confirmed holidays.

The price of your confirmed holiday is subject at all times to changes in transport costs such as fuel, scheduled airfares and any other airline cost changes which are part of our contracts with airlines (and their agents), cruise ship operators and any other transport provider; to cost changes arising from government action such as changes in GST or any other government imposed changes; and to changes in currency exchange rates and to dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports any or all of which may result in a variation of your holiday price. We will absorb and you will not be charged for any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements, which excludes insurance premiums and any amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements. You will be charged for the amount over and above that, plus an administration charge of \$25 per person together with an amount to cover agents' commission. If this means that you have to pay an increase of more than 10% of the price of your travel arrangements (excluding any insurance premiums, amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements), you will have the options set out in section 9 below. There will be no change made to the price of your holiday within 30 days of your departure nor will refunds be paid during this period.

# 4. Cutting Your Holiday Short

If you are forced to return home early, we cannot refund the cost of any services you have not used. If you cut short your holiday and return home early in circumstances where you have no reasonable cause for complaint about the standard of accommodation and services provided, we will not offer you any refund for that part of your holiday not completed, or be liable for any associated costs you may incur. Depending on the circumstances, your travel insurance may offer cover for curtailment and we suggest that any claim is made directly with your insurer.

#### 5. Changes By You

If you wish to alter your booking after your holiday has been confirmed, we will try to make the necessary arrangements provided we receive written confirmation of the change from the person who signed the booking form, or your travel agent, before the date on which the final balance of the cost of your holiday is due. If you are prevented from travelling it may be possible to transfer your booking to another suitable person provided that written notice is given no later than 28 days before you are due to depart.

Whilst we will do our best to assist, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet your requested change. Changes and transfers will be subject to an administrative fee as well as any applicable rate changes or extra costs incurred by ourselves and any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible. Where we are unable to assist you and you do not wish to proceed with the original booking we will treat this as a cancellation by you. A cancellation fee may be payable.

Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements.

# 6. Cancellation Waiver

To assist you to avoid cancellation fees, we offer an optional cancellation waiver policy. Payment of a per person waiver fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except for the waiver fee itself, in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, the cancellation waiver fee does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of a cancellation. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airlare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.

The cancellation waiver protects you from forfeiting payments made in advance if you cancel your entire inclusive holiday package up to the day prior to departure. The cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you elect to partially cancel your holiday, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation.

The cancellation waiver does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the cancelling client, the travelling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement.

Payment of the cancellation waiver fee (if chosen) must be received by us with your deposit. The cancellation waiver is non-transferable and valid for each applicant only.

The prices below include waiver and on-tour insurance; based on a basic cover, for travellers below 69 years, with a \$250 excess, \$3000 cancellation cover (outside of Collette's waiver) and do not allow for any pre-existing medical condition cover or extra item cover. Contact Collette for a full quotation.

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 waiver fees. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

# Collette Waiver with on-tour Insurance - Land Only Clients

- \$235 adult/\$140 child for all tours up to 11 days
- \$285 adult/\$170 child for all tours up to 12-15 days
- \$345 adult/\$205 child for all tours up to 16-21 days
- \$375 adult/\$223 child for all tours up to 22-28 days

(All above rates exclude cruises, Canadian Rockies Train tours, Australia, New Zealand and Oberammergau)

- \$420 adult/\$288 child for all cruises & Canadian Rockies Train tours
- \$550 adult/child for Oberammergau (nonrefundable and must accompany 1st deposit)

# Collette Waiver with on-tour Insurance - Air Inclusive Clients (Collette Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)

- \$335 adult/\$215 child for all tours up to 11 days
- \$385 adult/\$245 child for all tours up to 12-15 days
- \$445 adult/\$277 child for all tours up to 16-21 days

• \$475 adult/\$295 child for all tours up to 22-28 days

(All above rates exclude cruises, Canadian Rockies Train tours, Australia, New Zealand and Oberammergau)

- \$520 adult/\$360 child for all cruises & Canadian Rockies Train tours
- \$650 adult/child for Oberammergau (non-refundable and must accompany 1st deposit)

Air inclusive cancellation waiver can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare. Instant purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% non-refundable. 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.

# **Collette Waiver Only**

Land Only Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette)

• \$95 • \$195

For all cruises and the Canadian Rockies Train tours

Land Only Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette)

• \$290 • \$390

For all Oberammergau tours

Land Only Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette)

• \$450 • \$550

On tour, travel protection benefits may be purchased and can provide coverage if you: must interrupt your trip or return home early for a covered reason; incur medical expenses for a covered sickness or injury; need medical assistance or evacuation; suffer a baggage loss or delay; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason

#### 7. If You Cancel

If you or any other member of your party decides to cancel your confirmed booking you must notify us in writing. Your notice of cancellation will only take effect when it is received in writing or by email by us at our offices. Cancellation charges to compensate us for estimated losses and expenses are calculated from the date we receive your written notification of cancellation and will be payable up to the maximum shown in the tables below (assuming you did not purchase our Cancellation Waiver). The cancellation charge detailed below is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges which are not refundable in the event of the person(s) to whom they apply cancelling:

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 (assuming you did not purchase our Cancellation Waiver). Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full.

More than 60 days prior to departure: a non-refundable 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
- $\bullet$  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 cancelled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%.

Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration or cancellation could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements in addition to the charge above.

You may be able to reclaim these charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. We will deduct the cancellation charge(s) from any monies you have already paid to us. If some, but not all party members cancel, additional charges may be payable by the remaining members, e.g. under occupancy charges or single supplements. No allowance or refund can be made for your meals, rooms, excursions etc., included in the price of your tour but not taken, nor can any refund be made for lost, mislaid, or destroyed travel tickets or vouchers.

If any member of your party is prevented from travelling, that person(s) may transfer their place to someone else (introduced by you and satisfying all the conditions applicable to the arrangements) providing we are notified not less than 28 days before departure and you pay an amendment fee of \$25 per person transferring, meet all costs and charges incurred by us and/or incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers and the transferee agrees to these booking conditions and all other terms of the contract between us. If you are unable to find a replacement, cancellation charges as set out will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

# 8. Alterations And Cancellations By Us

Occasionally, we may have to make changes to or cancel your holiday arrangements and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most of these changes will be minor and we will advise you or your travel agent of them at the earliest possible date. We also reserve the right in any

circumstances to cancel your travel arrangements. For example, if the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached, we may have to cancel it. However, we will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 60 days before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure (as defined in Section 14) or failure by you to pay your final balance. Most changes will be minor and we will advise you or your travel agent of them at the earliest opportunity. Your rights vary depending on whether we make a 'minor' or 'major' change.

Examples of "minor changes" include the following when made before departure. Any change in the identity of the carrier(s), flight timings, and/or aircraft type is deemed to be a minor change. Other examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same standard. Examples of "major changes" include the following when made before departure; a change of accommodation area for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of accommodation to that of a lower official classification for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of outward departure time or overall length of your holiday of 12 or more hours, the closure of the only or all advertised swimming pool(s) at your accommodation for an extended period and, in the case of tours, a significant change of itinerary missing out one or more major destination substantially or altogether.

If we have to make a major change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible and if there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of i) (for major changes) accepting the changed arrangements ii) having a refund of all monies paid or iii) accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from us, if available (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value). You must notify us of your choice within 7 days of our offer. If you fail to do so we will assume that you have chosen to accept the change or alternative booking arrangements.

If we make a major change or cancel, less than 60 days before departure, we will also pay compensation as detailed in section 9 below.

## 9. Compensation For Major Changes & Cancellations

We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any holiday departure in accordance with operational requirements or circumstances beyond our control. If a holiday is cancelled prior to the scheduled departure date, our only responsibility will be to refund the amount received for the reservation. Wherever possible, we will offer the same holiday with a different departure date, or an alternative similar holiday. If there is a difference in cost, it will be your expense. For air-inclusive holidays, we will try to confirm air schedules for the selected new dates, subject to availability. We are not responsible for any additional costs or fees relating to the issuance and/ or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements not made through us.

The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so. We will not pay you compensation where we make a major change or cancel more than 60 days before departure or in the event that we are forced to make a change or cancel as a result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with all due care. All holidays operate subject to a minimum number of bookings. We will not, however, cancel for lack of numbers less than 60 days before departure.

Very rarely, we may be forced by "force majeure" (see section 14) to change or terminate your arrangements after departure. If this situation does occur, we regret we will be unable to make any refunds (unless we obtain any from our suppliers), pay you compensation or meet any costs or expenses you incur as a result.

# 10. Passports, Visas & Health Requirements

Passport and visa requirements vary depending on your destination. The information which we provide is for guidance only, and we cannot accept any liability. We recommend that you contact the relevant consulate to check any restrictions that may apply. Requirements do change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. Please contact your doctor for advice on health requirements. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a proper passport and visa and that no personal circumstances such as a criminal offence or travel to another country will affect your individual visa requirements, and that you have the required vaccinations to gain entry to any country which you are visiting.

Most countries now require passports to be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. If your passport is in its final year, you should check with the Embassy of the country you are visiting. For further information contact the Australian Passport Office (www.passports.gov.au).

Special conditions apply for travel to the USA, and all passengers must have individual machine readable passports. Please check http://canberra.usembassy.gov.

Up to date travel advice can be obtained from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, visit www.dfat.gov.au or smarttraveller.gov.au.

If you fail to take the necessary steps, we have no liability to you and you will have to pay us any costs which we incur through helping you because of such failure on your part. Further, we are not liable to you for any illness or discomfort you suffer through failure to have required vaccinations or to follow medical advice.

# 11. Single Traveller Occupancy

We levy a single traveller supplement for those travelling on their own because our contract with hotels is based on a price per room, while our holidays are sold per person including flights and other elements. Therefore, the per person price for a single traveller includes the entire room cost. It is not our intention to penalise anyone who is under occupying the accommodation we provide and we certainly do not make additional or excessive profits from these sales: the price we charge merely reflects the real cost to us. If a hotel is able to offer accommodation designed for single occupancy only, we will normally charge a reduced supplement, considerably smaller than the one we apply when a single traveller occupies a double room. Allocation of rooms is at the discretion of each individual hotel and not something that we can influence.

# 12. Dealing With Complaints

We will make every effort to make your holiday as enjoyable and trouble free as possible. Most problems can be sorted out straight away if we know about them. If you have a complaint, you must advise our representatives straight away and the supplier of the service(s) in question. Any verbal notification must be confirmed in writing as soon as possible. You may also contact us directly using the emergency telephone number enclosed with your travel documents. That number will put you in touch with one of our employees who will take all reasonable steps to help you.

If you feel that a complaint has not been dealt with satisfactorily, you must write within 28 days of your return from holiday to: Customer Services Department, Collette, Level 3, 263 Clarence Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia, quoting your booking reference number. We will need to

investigate your complaint. An acknowledgement shall be sent no later than 14 days from the date of receipt of correspondence. A detailed reply, or a reply containing a detailed explanation for any delay, shall be sent no later than 28 days from the date of receipt of correspondence. The final date for dealing in full with such correspondence shall be 56 days from the date of receipt of that correspondence. Failure to follow the procedure set out in this section may reduce or even extinguish any right which you may have to compensation.

#### 13. Behaviour

You must not behave in a way which may cause distress or annovance to others. If, in our opinion or the opinion of any airline personnel, accommodations manager or other person in authority, you are behaving in such a way as to cause danger, distress or annoyance to others or damage to property, your holiday arrangements may be terminated by us or the supplier concerned. In this situation, our liability to you and/or your party will cease and you and/or your party will be required to leave your accommodation or other service immediately. We will not be responsible for making any refunds, paying any compensation or meeting any costs or expenses you incur as a result. You and/or your party may also be required to pay for loss and/or damage caused by your actions and we will hold you and each member of your party jointly and individually liable for any damage or losses caused by you or any member of your party. Full payment for any such damage or losses must be paid directly to the hotel manager or other supplier prior to departure from the hotel. If you fail to make payment, you will be responsible for meeting any claims (including legal costs) subsequently made against us as a result of your actions together with all costs we incur in pursuing any claim against you. We cannot be held responsible for the actions or behaviour of other guests or individuals who have no connection with your booking arrangements or with us.

# 14. Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions we will not be liable or pay you compensation if our contractual obligations to you are affected by any event which we or the supplier(s) of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. These events can include, but are not limited to war, threat of war, civil strife, terrorist activity and its consequences or the threat of such activity, riot, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster and adverse weather, sea, ice and river conditions and all similar events outside our or the relevant supplier(s) control. Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure. We will follow the advice given by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

# 15. Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we exclude any liability for any loss, death, injury or damage which you may suffer (directly or indirectly) in connection with or arising out of your participation in a holiday that is caused or contributed by:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected;
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party unconnected with the provision of the services contracted for and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable;
- unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond ours or our supplier(s) control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or
- an event which either ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers and subcontractors could not, even with all due care, have foreseen or forestalled.

You release us and our officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of or in connection with your participation in a holiday.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, any condition or warranty which would otherwise be implied by law into these booking conditions (Implied Warranty), is excluded. Our liability in respect of an Implied Warranty is limited to (in our absolute discretion): (i) providing you with credit for a holiday of an equivalent value; or (ii) a refund of the total amount received by us from you in connection with your booking.

# 16. Prompt Assistance In Resort

If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed as a result of failures attributable to a third party unconnected with the provision of the services, or as a result of failures due to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised, or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall, and you suffer an injury or other material loss, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is reasonable in the circumstances.

## 17. Conditions Of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions which will form part of your contract with us. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable International Conventions. Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

# 18. Delays And Other Travel Information

If you or any member of your party miss your flight or other transport arrangement, it is cancelled or you are subject to a delay of over 3 hours for any reason, you must contact us and the airline or other transport supplier concerned immediately.

Where you experience a delay which is not owing to any failure by us, we will use reasonable endeavours to assist in locating refreshments, accommodation and communications but we will not pay for them on your behalf. Any airline or other transport supplier may however pay for or provide refreshments and/or appropriate accommodation and you should make a claim directly to them.

Subject to the other terms of these conditions, we will not be liable for any costs, fees or charges you incur in the above circumstances, if you fail to obtain our prior authorisation before making your own travel arrangements.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in section 14 of these booking conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on any flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time).

The carrier(s), flight timings and types of aircraft shown in this brochure or on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. We shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become

aware of it. The latest flight timings will be shown on your tickets which will be despatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You should check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. If flight times change after tickets have been dispatched we will contact you as soon as we can to let you know.

This brochure is our responsibility, as your tour operator. It is not issued on behalf of, and does not commit the airlines mentioned herein or any airline whose services are used in the course of your travel arrangements.

## 19. Special Requests

Any special requests must be advised to us at the time of booking e.g. diet, room location, a particular facility at a hotel etc. You should then confirm your requests in writing. Whilst every effort will be made by us to try and arrange your reasonable special requests, we cannot guarantee that they will be fulfilled. We will inform the relevant supplier of such request. The fact that a special request has been noted on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation or that it has been passed on to the supplier is not confirmation that the request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part unless the request has been specifically confirmed. We do not accept bookings that are conditional upon any special request being met

## 20. Disabilities And Medical Problems

We are not a specialist disabled holiday company, but we will do our utmost to cater for any special requirements you may have. If you or any member of your party has any medical problem or disability which may affect your stay, please provide us with full details before we confirm your booking so that we can try to advise you as to the suitability of your chosen arrangements. We may require you to produce a doctor's certificate certifying that you are fit to participate in the tour. Acting reasonably, if we are unable to properly accommodate the needs of the person(s) concerned, we will not confirm your booking or if you did not give us full details at the time of booking, we will cancel it and impose applicable cancellation charges when we become aware of these details.

# 21. Advance Passenger Information

A number of Governments are introducing new requirements for air carriers to provide personal information about all travellers on their aircraft before the aircraft leaves the country of origin. The data will be collected either at the airport when you check in or in some circumstances when, or after you make your booking. Accordingly, you are advised to allow extra time to check in for international flights.

#### 22. DFAT Advice

You are responsible for making yourself aware of warnings issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in regard to the safety of the countries and areas in which you will be travelling and to make your decisions accordingly. Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure (see section 14).

## 23. Law & Jurisdiction

These booking conditions and any agreement to which they apply are governed in all respects by the laws of New South Wales, Australia. We both agree that any dispute, claim or other matter which arises between us out of or in connection with your contract or booking will be dealt with by the Courts of New South Wales only.

# 24. Accuracy Of Prices & Information

We endeavour to ensure that all the information and prices both on our website and in our brochures are accurate, however occasionally changes and errors occur and we reserve the right to correct prices and other details in such circumstances. You must check the current price and all other details relating to the arrangements that you wish to book before your booking is confirmed.

## 25. Insurance

It is a condition of your contract with us that you have adequate insurance in place. You must be satisfied that your insurance fully covers all your personal requirements including medical expenses, repatriation, helicopter rescue and air ambulance in the event of accident or illness. The insurance cover should extend for the planned duration of the holiday and at least an additional day. Details of a policy suitable to cover the arrangements you book are available by contacting us as detailed below. If you choose to travel without adequate insurance cover, we will not be liable for any losses howsoever arising, in respect of which insurance cover would otherwise have been available.

The insurance policy and the receipt of premiums paid there under should be provided to us prior to departure. If you join the holiday without adequate insurance you may not be allowed to continue on the holiday, with no right to refund. If circumstances give rise to a claim the client will forthwith pursue his remedies under such policy(ies).

We will also ask you for details of the name, address and telephone numbers of their next of kin or persons to be notified in the event of an emergency.

# 26. 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

# 27. 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.

# 28. Holiday & 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.

# 29. 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.

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Stepping out of your comfort zone to immerse yourself in a culture that's completely unlike your own. Checking a longstanding bucket list destination off of your list. Savouring your favourite cuisine in the place it was created. Making memories with loved ones and friends to last a lifetime. Whatever your reason for travel, Collette can help you fulfill it.





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