EXPLORATIONS BY COLLETTE



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This is Small Group Travel, Reinvented

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.

Spark YOUR SENSE OF WANDER





When you travel, you open yourself up to new experiences. That's part of what makes exploring the world so special — doing and seeing things you never have before. We put that at the heart of Explorations experiences when we built them.

We want to get travellers into the small local spots away from the crowds. We want to show you how locals live. That's why, when creating Explorations, we made sure that we kept the groups small and the experiences authentic. Experiences you couldn't get if you were travelling on your own.

Come with us, step off the well-beaten path, and explore.



Jackyn J. Cote

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THE EXPLORATIONS TRAVELLER

- You are an individual and value your independence.
- You're pretty **active**. You enjoy walking, hiking and the occasional bike ride.
- You have an **adventurous spirit.** You find that your best stories are from when you said "yes" to something new.

- You **discover new destinations** best by getting to know the people who call it home.
- You like the thrill of planning travel, but aren't a fan of logistics. You want to focus on making the trip **memorable**, not getting wrapped up in the details.
- Social butterfly? Perfect. Engaged observer? No problem. No matter which way you lean, Explorations experiences will fit you.

Small Group Travel is About Travelling in a More Authentic Way

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 traveller is unique, but you all share a similar agenda — **to authentically travel and connect to the world.**



ACTIVITY LEVELS

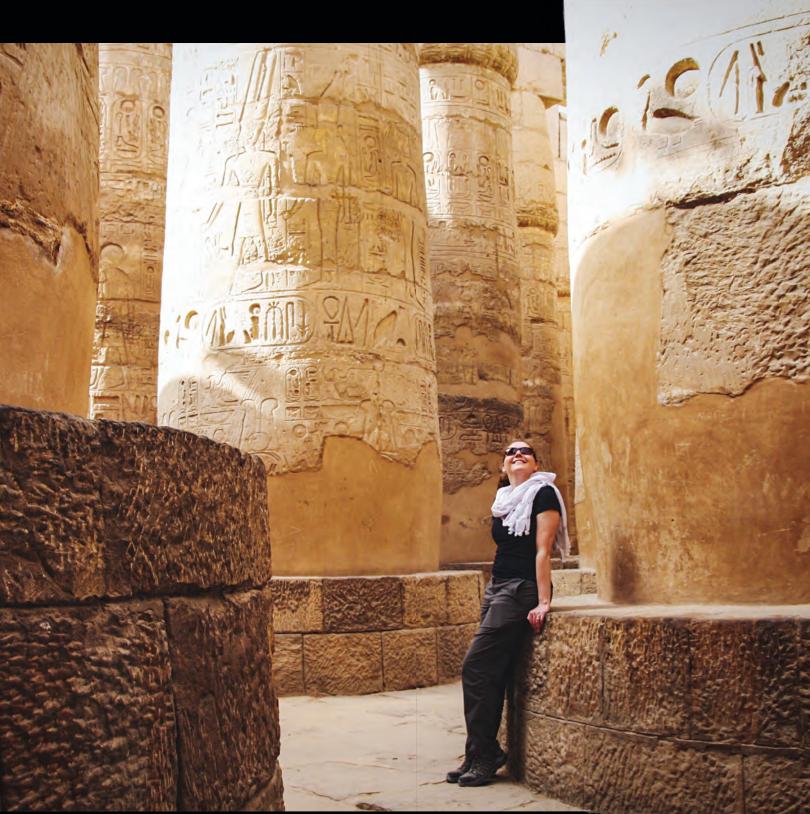
As part of the Collette family, we share **5 activity levels** across more than 160 tours. On Explorations, you'll find our tours scale a bit more active to allow for the most immersive experience possible.



You're a leisurely traveller. You like to discover the energy of a new place, but typically take it easy. You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.

LEVEL 2

You like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestones streets to easy straight paths to a couple of hills or flights of stairs. You're comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time, but need some time to unwind and relax.



Karnak Temple, Egypt



You enjoy a blend of longer days, shorter days, and leisure time. Plan for some walking tours, walking slightly longer distances, up stairs, or on uneven walking surfaces.

LEVEL 4

You're comfortable with a mix of longer days and some evening or early-morning activities. You can expect longer walking tours, traversing uneven terrain, climbing stairs, and periods of standing.



You're in good health and able to handle activities like: extensive walking tours, transfers over uneven or dusty terrain, high altitudes, early-morning departures, latenight activities, or extreme temperatures. This tour is not appropriate for individuals who use walkers or wheelchairs.



WHAT YOU'LL DO

unique experiences

It's often said that experience is the best teacher and we couldn't agree more. We've built Explorations experiences entirely around this philosophy, and that's why the number of travellers is always less than 19, or less than 25 on some tours. These smaller group sizes allow for possibilities you can't get with a bigger group.

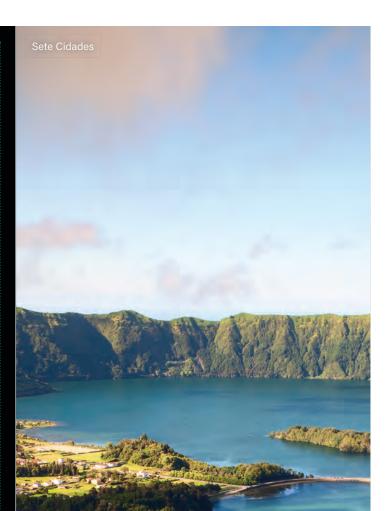
Collette's tour design team built experiences that will educate us as travellers about cultures, traditions, and the human spirit. Some experiences are active and even a little adventurous, some are designed to reveal the heart of a culture, and some may even have the power to change your life.

Hard to replicate, and impossible to forget, these experiences will help shape your understanding of a destination, and shape your vision of the world.



We visited many interesting sites, but probably my favourite thing about the tour was that I felt like I learned a lot about the culture and the people as well as the country. We visited three homes and I loved the experience of seeing what their homes look like and what their daily life is truly like."

EXPLORATIONS TRAVELLER ON COLOURS OF MOROCCO



THE AZOREAN ISLANDS

WALK ATOP A SLUMBERING VOLCANO

From the top of the long-dormant caldera's rim, you feel as though you can see to the ends of the earth. As far as your eyes can make out, it's glimmering blue water and lush green nature, swept into peaks and valleys by the awesome power of mother nature a millenia ago. From atop this vantage point, there's no question as to why the Azores are called the "jewels of Portugal." From your vantage point, everything shimmers in the golden sun.

The Azores: Jewels of Portugal, pp. 26-27



ESTONIA ST. PETERSBURG

FINLAND

STROLL THE HALLS OF THE TSARS

In St. Petersburg, iconic architecture seems to be around every corner. A favourite stop is to gaze on the lavish robin's egg blue exterior of the lavish Catherine Palace, the former summer escape for Russian aristocracy. But, there's no need for us to simply peer through the golden gates of this place. Step through the archways for an exclusive tour of this magnificent palace.

>> The Baltics Revealed, pp. 28-29

WITNESSING THE GRANDEUR OF Jaipur

Jaipur, the "Pink City," comes alive as the sun sets over the elegant stone architecture. The pinkish hue of the stone, the colour the city gets its eponymous name for, captures the reds and oranges of the sunlight, setting the buildings aglow. There is a regal grandeur to this place that can be found in the craftmanship of the palaces, temples, and buildings here. You get to explore these streets from your hotel, located in the heart of the city.

>> Mysteries of India, pp. 62-63







WHO WILL JOIN YOU

Your travels are often made more memorable by the people you meet and the connections you make along the way. Explorations does more than show you a new place. It connects you to new cultures and shows you a fresh perspective of the world. This approach to travel wouldn't be possible without a little help from the people who will share the adventure with you.



Part friend, part historian, and a total virtuoso with logistics, it takes a special type of person to be a Tour Manager. From recommendations for free time to introducing you to new foods, people, and experiences, our Tour Managers are your go-to expert for everything while you're travelling. They make every part of your trip seamless.



Collette's local experts know more than just the lay of the land. They reveal the spirit of their hometown. Maybe they'll point out their childhood home on a walking tour. Maybe they'll tell you a story you won't find in a travel guide. You won't find a more authentic way to see the local sights than with our local experts.



You'll travel with a small group of 14-24 (or less) who all share a passion for travel. And while every traveller is unique, Explorations travellers have many similar interests and a shared desire to travel in a deeper, more meaningful way.



You won't just see locals going about their everyday lives, you'll experience life right alongside them. Cook a meal together. Share a few stories. Learn about traditions. Collette wants you to truly come to understand a destination by connecting with the people who call it home.



YOUR TIME IS VALUABLE WHILE YOU'RE TRAVELLING.

Make the most out of it by getting local recommendations from your **Tour Manager**. They know just where to go (and not to go) so you can spend more time making memories and less time planning for them.

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We really didn't know exactly what to expect. Well, you certainly exceeded any expectations we had. You created a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience for us. From the lodging to the daily game drives, we saw incredible glimpses of life in Kenya...both human and animal. We would highly recommend this safari to anyone considering this type of experience."

EXPLORATIONS TRAVELLER ON THE PLAINS OF AFRICA





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 savour the many local flavours your destination has to offer.



HUNTING FOR TRUFFLES IN \ensuremath{FRANCE}

Delight in the "thrill of the hunt" on an epicurean adventure through the forests of Southern France. Led by a local chef and his keen-sensed dogs, this culinary experience on **Journey Through Southern France** will have you searching for coveted black truffles where they naturally grow.

>> Journey Through Southern France, pp. 36-37

We *loved* the smaller group focus on small hillside towns!

Highlights include the visit to the olive oil farm, Carletti, where the intimate setting was as marvellous as was the olive oil. The cooking class in Vallo di Nera was a lot of fun and laughs."

EXPLORATIONS TRAVELLER ON TUSCAN & UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE





THE BOUNTY OF MAINE

Set out to the rocky coasts of Maine and taste the bounty of the ocean. Feast on freshly caught Maine lobster before setting out in a Downeast-style lobster boat to see traps hauled from the cold Atlantic waves.

» Roaming Coastal Maine, pp. 40-41



WHERE YOU'LL STAY anthentic 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.

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These are but a few of the types of places you can expect to stay with Explorations. Visit goollette.com.au/explorations to see specific hotel details for your trip.

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All the hotels, the tours, the people on our tour and the people that we met, to the bus driver Luigi and the local guides, it was a win-win tour. No wonder Collette is celebrating 100 years in the travel business."

EXPLORATIONS TRAVELLER ON TUSCAN & UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE



CASTLES & CHATEAUS

You'll truly live like a royal on some of our European Explorations. Walk the halls and grounds where royals once reigned and take time to appreciate the history that surrounds you.



LODGES

At a lodge, the environment is key. Lodges are often built so that you never feel detached from the stunning natural surroundings you've found yourself in, and the safari lodge in South Africa is no exception. With some luck, you'll be able to see the animals of the savannah right outside your window.



MOROCCAN RIAD

A *riad* — a large traditional home or palace built around a central courtyard — is perfect for soaking in the cultural ambiance of Morocco. Steeped in history and heritage, staying in a *riad* is a must to connect with Morocco's storied past.

FEEL THE FREEDOM TO <u>explore</u>

No one has travelled 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.

Sometimes with a guide by your side, and others with no other agenda other than to explore, these included and optional experiences mean you'll come to understand a destination on your own terms.

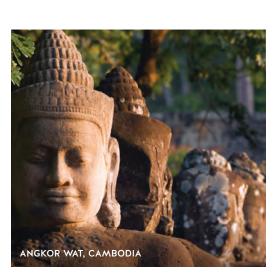
included on EXPLORATIONS

It's Your Choice 💙

Zip lining or hiking, walking or biking, leisure time or guided sightseeing — it's all up to you. Collette's tour designers build these choices into Explorations to allow you to tailor your experience. All you have to do is choose which included option best suits your interests.

Plenty of You Time

To truly feel the pulse of a new destination, you need time to set off on your own. We incorporate the right mix of guided experiences and time to independently explore on every tour we craft.



























Excursions

Bringing you one step deeper into the culture, our **optional excursions** will provide you with new experiences and perspectives. From expert-led walking tours to exotic cruises and cultural connections, there's a little something for every type of traveller.

Add a Day (or two, or more!)

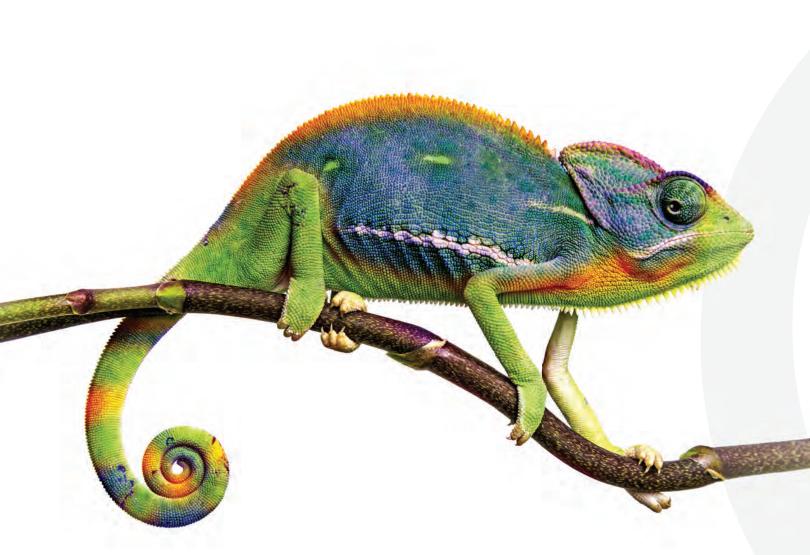
Ideal for independent explorers who want to spend even more time in the city where their tour begins or ends. **Start early, stay longer**, and let the adventure unfold.

Extensions

Ready to experience more of the world? Extend your Explorations experience by adding an extension. These **pre-** and **post-tour** adventures include experiences, meals, hotels, transportation, and more.

Back-to-Back

Want a grand adventure? **Combine two tours into one** unforgettable trip. Many of our Explorations and Collette tours match up perfectly to create the ultimate travel experience.



REWARD YOUR LOYALTY

Get yourself one step closer to your next destination with the Collette Passport Club. **Automatically earn a \$150 credit every time you travel** along with various other benefits. Credits can be used for any future Explorations or Collette tours. The world is yours! *See page 73 for more details.*

WANDER THE WORLD WORRY-FREE

With an **industry-leading travel protection plan** (cancel for any reason right up to the day prior to departure) and 24/7 support, we are here to take the worry out of booking your trip. No one likes when things go wrong, but when they do, you want someone in your corner to handle things the right way. *See page 75.*

MAKE AN IMPACT

We are committed to making our world a better place to live, work, and travel. We **help sustain and preserve communities, cultures, and traditions** on our travels and offer plenty of ways to make a positive impact while travelling with us.

THE DETAILS? WE HAVE THEM



Explorations is a proud member of the Collette family. That means we are backed by Collette's 100 years of expertise and travel insight. It also means that while you're travelling with us, every detail is covered.

PUT YOUR TRIP IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND

Don't tap into your expensive international data plan. Use the **Collette Compass** app and **your trip info is just a tap away**. Your itinerary, maps, travel tips, and more are stored in this easy-to-use tool that doesn't need data to operate.

GET THERE AND BACK WITH EASE

Forget about the hassle of coordinating logistics. Add airfare to your booking and let us work with the airlines. Not only will we plan all the details of your travel and handle any challenges, we'll also include private transportation from your home to the airport.* Choose from three great options for what best fits your travel preference and budget. *Restrictions apply. See full details on page 74.

GO AHEAD, SAVE THE DATE

Many of our Explorations **departures are guaranteed**, so once you book, it's time to start getting excited for what's to come.



OUR COMMITMENT TO CARBON NEUTRAL TRAVEL

All Explorations tours are now carbon neutral.

How? First off, we started by measuring the amount of carbon we emitted on each Explorations tour. From there, we offset that same amount of carbon by investing in different environmentally friendly projects.

What does it mean to be "carbon neutral," exactly?

Every time you take a flight, eat at a restaurant, drive a car, or use your laptop, you're using energy from fossil fuels, which emit carbon dioxide. This carbon dioxide makes its way into the atmosphere, polluting the air and contributing to global climate change. To counter this release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, we invest money in projects that lessen the amount of carbon dioxide in the air, like wind farms and reforestation efforts.

We're taking action now, to benefit the future of the planet.

By partnering with a company that helps track and measure our carbon dioxide output as a company, we are offsetting our carbon emissions. When we add all of those travel-related activities up, the carbon footprint we leave behind as travellers can be substantial. That's why we're doing something about it.

HOW YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT EVERY DAY,

AT HOME OR WHILE TRAVELLING:



DITCH SINGLE USE PRODUCTS

Use reusable water bottles and straws at home or on the road.



TURN THE LIGHTS OFF

When not in use, turn unnecessary lights off and use LED bulbs – they're 80% more efficient than traditional lighting.

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PRINT LESS, WASTE LESS

50% of waste produced by business is comprised of paper. Send documents electronically if you can.



ALWAYS RECYCLE

Don't contribute to your local landfill – recycle plastic and glass bottles, aluminum cans and paper products.

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LOVE THY FARMER & EAT LOCAL

It is estimated that a large amount of greenhouse gas emissions are caused by the production and transportation of food. Buying local significantly reduces the transportation of food products, which reduces the carbon footprint of your meal.

THE EDGE OF THE ORLD

THIS IS PATAGONIA.

The only sounds you hear are the wild winds across the steppe. The only sights you see are jagged mountain peaks and still, silver lakes. You are in the heart of a rugged wilderness carved by eons of slow-moving ice you can feel the timelessness of the landscape. The natural beauty before you is the same that nomadic tribes looked upon thousands of years ago. This upcoming Explorations experience to Patagonia will take you through this stark and stunning region that both Chile and Argentina share. Venture across lakes set like jewels in the Andes Mountains, and witness sights like the Perito Moreno Glacier. There, massive shards of ice break free from the glacier with a sound like rolling thunder, plunging into the waters below.

EXPLORE PATAGONIA ON OUR NEW TOUR PATAGONIA: EDGE OF THE WORLD PP. 46, 47

HARRING AND

ITALY'S TREASURES

11 DAYS · 17 MEALS FROM ^{\$}4249

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

HIGHLIGHTS

Italian Lakes Region • Stresa • Italian Riviera • Cinque Terre • Lucca • Florence • Siena • Tuscan Countryside • Wine Tasting • Italian Cooking Class • Bologna • Venice

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Lake Orta, one of Italy's hidden treasures.
- Discover colourful Cinque Terre, a
 UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Embark on a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.



 Day 5 — Discover Lucca on foot or on bicycle.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- · 10 breakfasts 1 lunch 6 dinners
- Journey by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a lovely welcome dinner.
- Learn the art behind Tuscan cuisine during a cooking lesson with an expert chef.
- Indulge in local delicacies during a cocktail party in Stresa.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Regina Palace Hotel or Zacchera Hotels, Stresa

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE During your stay you may choose to enjoy views of Lago Maggiore by upgrading your accommodations to a lake view room. CALL FORDETAILS

- Days 3, 4 Grand Hotel dei Castelli, Grande Albergo or Hotel Due Mari, Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera
- Days 5 8 Villa Lecchi, Tuscany or Villa Sanpaolo, San Gimignano
- Days 9, 10 Hotel Ca' dei Conti, NH Venezia Rio Novo Hotel or Hotel Santa Marina, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Vineyards, olive groves, and cities that float. Incredible history, indelible culture, and unforgettable cuisine. This is *l'Italia* at its most iconic.

Day 1: Stresa, Italy - Tour Begins

Discover Italy and begin on the arresting shores of Lake Maggiore, surrounded by the peaceful beauty of the Alpine lakes region. Visit a wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party with some antipasto snacks. Cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands, where you'll engage with new friends at a dinner welcoming you to Italy. (D)

Day 2: Stresa

In an ancient village nestled in the mountains, a local family welcomes you to sample their very own artisanal cheeses, paired with the region's best wines. The remainder of the day in Stresa is at your leisure. Explore the piazzas, flowerlined cobblestone streets, and lakeside promenades. Or, perhaps relax and enjoy the breathtaking surroundings during an optional cruise of this scenic lake region. (B)

Day 3: Stresa - Orta - Italian Riviera

Witness picture-perfect views from Lake Orta, the ancient glacial lake in the Alpine foothills. A boat delivers you to Isola di San Giulio, dominated by its working convent. Journey to the Italian Riviera and discover its immeasurable grandeur along the Liguria coast. (B, D)

Day 4: Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre - Italian Riviera

Travel by rail to spend your day discovering colourful Cinque Terre (UNESCO), a string of medieval villages perched on the edge of the sea. Feel like you have stepped back in time as you traverse the rugged coastal area dotted with terraced vineyards. Spend an afternoon independently exploring this awe-inspiring landscape. (B)

Day 5: Italian Riviera - Lucca - Tuscany 😵

Visit Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Old storefronts and busy piazzas offer a glimpse into the city's medieval past, which have served as local gathering spots for more than 2,000 years. This afternoon, it's your choice! Discover Lucca on foot -OR- pedal the city via bicycle. Whatever you choose, you'll see historic marvels including the Cathedral of San Martino and the Piazza dell'Anfiteatro. After you've worked up an appetite, tour Lucca's speciality food shops and sample the region's seasonal delicacies. Stop at a family-owned leather shop and learn the traditional Italian techniques of leather making. End the day in a historic Tuscan villa for a rejuvenating 4-night stay. (B, D)







ACTIVITY LEVEL

1 2 3 4 5 SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS



MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:



PRE: LAGO MAGGIORE POST: VENICE CALL FOR DETAILS CHOOSE FROM: London, Amsterdam, Paris, Frankfurt CALL FOR DETAILS

EVEN MORE TIME? Combine Italy's Treasures with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 6: Tuscany - Florence -Tuscany

Welcome to Florence – the birthplace of the Renaissance and the beloved home of the Medici family, Galileo, Botticelli and da Vinci. Set out on a walking tour and see medieval Florence's treasures and monuments, including the Piazza del Duomo – the centre of religious life in medieval Florence – and the Piazza della Signoria. Visit the world-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's unparalleled statue of *David*. Enjoy time to explore Florence independently before returning to your villa. (B)

Day 7: Tuscany - Siena - Tuscany

Travel south to Siena, where Romanesque and Gothic architecture surround you within this UNESCO World Heritage site. Walk the narrow medieval streets on a guided tour. Visit the Gothic cathedral, an architectural marvel featuring frescoes by Pinturicchio and masterpieces by Pisano, Donatello, and Michelangelo. Retreat to your Tuscan villa for a relaxing afternoon. (B, D)

Day 8: Tuscan Countryside

Take in Tuscany's landscape, a spectrum of verdant vineyards and endless groves. In the heart of the countryside, a family-owned wine estate welcomes you. After a tour of the wine cellar, the estate, the vineyards and the olive groves, engage in a lunchtime cooking lesson and meal with the estate's chef. Return to your villa for some leisure time in the afternoon. Continue your culinary journey tonight at a traditional Tuscan restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Tuscany - Bologna - Venice

On a walking tour, discover the culture of Bologna, a city barely changed since the time of the Renaissance. Browse the city's speciality food shops and sample local delicacies along the way. Arrive later in Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic," and settle in for a 2-night stay in one of the most romantic cities in the world. (B)

Day 10: Venice

Spend the day in Venezia, the floating city home to lavish art collections, wonders of architecture, and where marbled palaces tower over gondolaladen canals. Travel by boat to Murano for an expert glass-blowing demonstration. Journey back to St. Mark's Square, Venice's iconic main square. A local guide takes you on a tour of its incredible sites, including the Bridge of Sighs, the Clock Tower, and St. Mark's Basilica. Say *arrivederci* to Italy at a savoury farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Venice - Tour Ends

Wake up in Venice and depart for home. (B)

DOUBLE SOLO STARTING AT STARTING AT Prices based on 8 November 2020 departure. Land only, per person, double occupancy.

March - April 2020

(different itinerary - see note) 8, 15 March 5, 14, 19, 21, 26 April Itinerary featured is for May 2020 - April 2021 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please

confirm at time of reservation

May 2020 - April 2021 (*featured itinerary*) 3, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 31 May

 6 April
 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 28 June

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Milan and depart from Venice. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The dinner at Isola dei Pescatori is held from April to October; from November to March, dinner will be in the town of Stresa. On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice.

Everything we hoped for! Driver and tour guide were exceptional, and the experiences were fun and educational at the same time. **99**

-Collette Traveller

TUSCAN & UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

10 DAYS · 16 MEALS FROM \$3799

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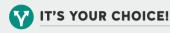
HIGHLIGHTS

Rome • Orvieto • Spoleto • Cooking Class • Montefalco • Wineries • Bevagna • Olive Oil Farm • Assisi • Home-Hosted Lunch • Florence • Siena • Monteriggioni • Volterra • Guarnacci Museum • San Gimignano



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- See Spoleto on a guided walking tour.
- Behold the magnificent Ponte delle Torri, a 13th-century aqueduct.
- Marvel at the ornate Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta.



 Day 8 – Explore Siena's beautiful Gothic cathedral at your own pace or join a guide and immerse yourself in local life in a contrada, one of many small, close-knit neighbourhoods.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- 9 breakfasts 3 lunches 4 dinners
- Participate in a cooking class in a 16th-century Umbrian farmhouse.
- Experience a home-cooked meal at one of Umbria's country homes.
- Sample Umbria's most prized wine.



ACCOMMODATION

Day 1 Hotel Kolbe, Rome

- Days 2 5 Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca, Trevi, Umbria or Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto, Umbria
- Days 6 9 UNA Palazzo Mannaioni, Montaione, Tuscany or Park Hotel Le Fonti, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

SMALL GROUP TRAVEL, reinvented



Venture off the beaten path in Italy as you travel along country roads in Umbria and Tuscany.

Day 1: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

On a journey through Italy's roads less travelled, discover its unique charms from Rome to Umbria to Tuscany, and experience all of the wine, cuisine, culture, and history in between. Start your journey at a delicious welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Rome - Orvieto - Umbria

Olive and cypress trees accent the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto. Stroll the historic streets as a local expert points out the city's many treasures and visit the prominent Gothic cathedral to gaze at a remarkable Signorelli fresco. Discover Orvieto independently this afternoon. Spend the next four nights in a pristine Umbrian hill town. (B, D)

Day 3: Umbria - Spoleto - Cooking Class - Umbria

Medieval palaces command the foreground of ancient Spoleto. In the shadow of the Apennines, a walking tour through the city's streets reveals centuries of architectural history, from the Ponte delle Torri aqueduct to the gilded elegance of the Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta. Explore Spoleto's many shops and cafes during time on your own this afternoon. Sit down to a once-in-a-lifetime meal inside a 16thcentury farmhouse nestled in the Italian countryside. There, you can stroll the herb garden (weather permitting), and learn how cheese is made on the farm. Your journey continues as you join the chef for a handson Umbrian cooking lesson followed by your early dinner in the countryside. (B, D)

Day 4: Umbria - Montefalco - Winery -Bevagna - Olive Oil Farm - Umbria

Explore the charming medieval town of Montefalco, and step back in time in the place they call the "Balcony of Umbria." Sagrantino is this region's most-prized wine; head to a local winery to see why during a tasting before sampling a variety of authentic Umbrian dishes at lunch. In Bevagna, marvels of Roman and medieval archaeology are the highlights of an impressive walking tour. Cap the day off learning about local olive oil at a family-run *frantoio* or olive presser. (B, L)

Day 5: Umbria - Assisi - Home-Hosted Lunch - Umbria

Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Set out on a walking tour of the old city with a local guide. Learn all about its history as you stroll the medieval streets, pausing along the way to see its famed Basilica of St. Francis. Later, a local family welcomes







you to their country home for lunch as their honoured guest. (B, L)

Day 6: Umbria - Winery - Tuscany

Time slows down among the sunflower-covered hills and villages of Tuscany's Val d'Orcia region. Among the vineyards and olive groves of this UNESCO World Heritage site, tour a winery's family estate and cellar before indulging in an authentic Tuscan lunch. Created by the winery's chef, this meal is expertly paired with the vineyard's very own wines. Retire afterwards to a restored Tuscan palazzo. (B, L)

Day 7: Tuscany - Florence -Tuscany

Get at a glimpse at another age on a locally guided walking tour of Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." Behold the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore in the religious centre of the Piazza del Duomo and the Palazzo Vecchio, and tap in to Florence's creative side at a local artisan's workshop. After, take some time on your own to explore the city's treasures, both historic and modern. (B)

Day 8: Tuscany - Siena -Monteriggioni - Tuscany 😵

Siena is medieval Italy at its most visually striking. Take a guided walking tour of the city, and learn about the world-renowned Palio Horse Race, held twice a year at the historic Piazza del Campo. Then, **it's your choice!** Explore Siena's beautiful Gothic cathedral at your own pace **-OR-** join a guide and immerse yourself in local life in a contrada, one of many small, closeknit communities, each one unique with traditions all its own. In the walled town of Monteriggioni, wander its quaint streets, seemingly frozen in time. (B)

Day 9: Tuscany - Volterra - San Gimignano - Tuscany

Country roads lead to Volterra, the "City of Alabaster." A former Etruscan city, this walled town perched high above the countryside boasts a history that dates back to the 7th century B.C. Spend time inside the Guarnacci Museum, one of the oldest public museums in Europe, built in 1761. Witness a live alabaster-carving demonstration at a local workshop. Travel later to the "City of Beautiful Towers," San Gimignano. Stroll the Piazza del Duomo and Piazza della Cistema, and marvel at a skyline dotted with more than a dozen 13thcentury medieval towers. Tonight, gather together for a farewell dinner with an entertaining interactive presentation on wine. (B, D)

Day 10: Tuscany - Tour Ends

Your comes to a close today. (B)

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Porto • Port Wine Tastings • Guimarães • Braga • "Green Wine" Tasting • Santiago de Compostela • León • Douro River Valley • 3-Night *Quinta* Winery Stay • Pinhão • Douro River Cruise • Cooking Class • Vista Alegre Factory • Aveiro

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Call a picturesque *quinta* estate in the Douro River Valley your home for 3 nights.
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 Day 4 – Choose how you uncover the legends of Santiago de Compostela – with a walk along the *camino* or on a walking tour that glimpses into the city's myths.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- · 9 breakfasts 1 lunch 4 dinners
- Enjoy wine tastings of northern Portugal – including vinho verde, port wine, and Douro River Valley grapes.
- Look out onto the vineyard from your immersive cooking class.

ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Pestana Porto Goldsmith, Porto

- Days 3, 4 Hotel Monumento San Francisco, Santiago de Compostela
- Day 5 AC Hotel by Marriott Leon San Antonio, Leon
- Days 6 8 The Wine House Hotel Quinta da Pacheca, Douro River Valley ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE During your stay at the Wine House Hotel, you may choose to upgrade your room to a unique wine barrel for 3 nights. CALL FOR DETAILS
- Day 9 Eurostars Porto Douro, Porto

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NEW TOUR

Day 1: Porto, Portugal - Tour Begins

Vibrant tiles, sparkling coastlines, and aromatic wines – all this and more awaits you in Northern Portugal and Spain. Say olá to Porto, a coastal Portuguese city whose robust spirit far outshines its modest size. Breathe in the captivating energy of the scenic Ribeira waterfront before getting a taste of the culture at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Porto

Pass by the neighbourhood's friendly faces as you discover the city's hidden secrets on a walking tour with a local expert. The bright blue-and-white tiles of Carmo Church contrast with the overcast grey lining, creating a larger-than-life painting that appears to be lifted straight out of a storybook. Marvel at the intricate ironwork of the iconic Dom Luís I Bridge. Spanning the River Douro, this double-decker structure was constructed by a protégé of Gustave Eiffel, famed creator of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Watch the famous rabelo boats coast by as you gain insight into this city's history of transport and port wine. The rest of the day is yours to spend as you wish; you may choose to take a scenic stroll across the river to Vila Nova de Gaia and visit one of the many port wine cellars for a tour and tasting. (B)

Day 3: Porto - Guimarães - Braga - Ponte de Lima - Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Venture into Guimarães, the legendary birthplace of Portugal. Allow the city's old world charm to envelop you as you explore the grounds of a 10th-century castle. Continue to Braga and visit the revered Bom Jesus. The church invites you to climb its zigzagging staircase, providing views of the town that are worth the twisting ascent. Take a sip of the crisp flavours of vinho verde (green wine) and explore a family owned quinta in Ponte de Lima. Get a glimpse into the source of this fresh, lightly sparkling wine as you are led through the vineyards. The day ends in Santiago de Compostela, whose history is deeply rooted in superstitions, legends, and faith. (B, L)

Day 4: Santiago de Compostela 😵

Choose how you delve into the lore of the city because today, **it's your choice!** Engage with one side of the city's beliefs on a tour focusing on the myths and legends of Santiago **-OR-** connect with centuries of travellers and walk a portion of the city's famous pilgrimage path, reflecting as a local guide leads you along the urban camino. Breathe in tranquility as you admire the view of the town and end at the cathedral to learn the origins of the



world-renowned pilgrimage. Stop at Mercado do Abastos, wander along the colourful stalls, admiring the fresh produce, warm pastries and savoury cheeses. Take advantage of a free afternoon to explore the city on your own. Perhaps you'll join an optional dinner at a local restaurant, featuring mouthwatering seafood. (B)

Day 5: Santiago de Compostela -Leon

Your journey continues in Leon, a city of indescribable energy and mesmerising architecture. On a city tour with a local guide, pass by the Casa Botines, a work by the eccentric Antoni Gaudi, and take in the imposing Leon Cathedral, whose gothic towers appear to reach straight into the sky. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy this town at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Leon - Braganca, Portugal -Douro River Valley

Explore Braganca, an isolated medieval town located near the Spanish border. Wander among the clustered stone houses and gaze at the 12th-century castle, rising above the city skyline. Continue to the Douro River Valley, a region of Northern Portugal known for its lush, serpentine hillsides and delicious port wine grapes. Be welcomed to the Quinta da Pacheca, an estate that has been actively producing wine since the 1700s. Settle in for a leisurely 3-night stay in the midst of the vineyard's scenic paths and warm hospitality. After touring the grounds, enjoy a wine tasting and dinner made up of fresh Portuguese ingredients. For true connoisseurs of wine, consider raising your accommodations to the next level with an innovative wine barrel room, allowing you to admire the vineyard rows from the comfort of your own bed. (B, D)

Day 7: Douro River Valley

Discover Pinhão, a charming town along the Douro River featuring tranquil vistas, sloping hills, and delicious port wine. Wander the vineyards and olive groves on your own. Learn about the harvesting and production processes of worldrenowned port brands. Navigate along the most picturesque landscapes of the Douro River on a traditional wooden *rabelo* boat. Marvel at the rows of twisting vines, lush trees, and colourful houses from a different perspective. (B)

Day 8: Douro River Valley

With vineyards by your side and endless beauty ahead, enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps you'll picnic in the vinevards, meander along the green hills, or venture into the nearby town of Regua. Or, consider an optional tour to Lamego where you'll travel to the peak of the town via coach before hopping on a bike and exploring; coast down the winding streets, perhaps stopping for a delicious bola sandwich, and enjoy the downhill ride back to the quinta. No matter how you choose to spend your time, close out the day with a cooking class at your winery home. The fresh air floats around you as the kitchen walls slide open, creating the feeling that you are preparing food directly in the vineyard. Indulge in traditional Portuguese recipes - all paired with enticing vintages from the estate. (B, D)

Day 9: Douro River Valley - Aveiro -Porto

Leave the wines and vines behind as you depart the Douro River Valley. Take a peek into the process of creating Portuguese porcelain at the Vista Alegre Factory and Museum; here you'll get to observe workers creating exceptional ceramic pottery. Your journey then takes you to Aveiro, a stunning waterfront town where hand-painted boats pass through the canal. Allow your eyes to drift along the nouveau architecture of this quaint fisherman village; perhaps you'll pause for a bite of an ovos moles, a "soft egg" pastry that the city is known for. Head back to Porto for your farewell dinner and toast to a trip well-travelled. (B, D)

Day 10: Porto - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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THE AZORES: JEWELS OF PORTUGAL

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Off Road Sete Cidades Experience • Lagoa do Canario Viewpoint • Furnas Valley • Terra Nostra Botanical Garden • Natural Thermal Pools • Serra do Cume • Angra do Heroísmo • Algar do Carvão • Capelinhos Volcano Interpretation Center • Volcanic Stone House Stay • Pico Wine Museum • Wine Collaborative



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Traverse the rim of the Sete Cidades caldera and gaze upon the twin lakes from Lagoa do Canario viewpoint.
- Delight in an exclusive visit to the Terra Nostra Tea House for lunch.
- Spend 2 nights in the eco-friendly lava stone houses of Aldeia da Fonte.

V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- Day 5 Swim in Biscoitos natural volcanic pools or hike along the lava fields and vineyards.
- Day 7 In Lajes, visit the whaling museum or take advantage of free time in town to explore the area independently.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

· 8 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 4 dinners

- Experience a truly unique *Cozido* das Furnas lunch in Furnas valley.
- Sample cheeses and get an inside look into production at a familyowned cheese factory.
- Visit a local bakery that makes *queijadas*, a pastry made with egg yolks.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 3 The Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico, Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- Days 4, 5 Hotel Cruzeiro, Terceira
- Days 6, 7 Aldeia da Fonte Nature Resort, Pico
- Day 8 The Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico, Ponta Delgada, São Miguel ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

You may choose to upgrade your standard room at The Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico to an ocean view room. CALL FOR DETAILS

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Enter an untouched paradise on an adventure through the Azores, the archipelago gems of Portugal.

Day 1: São Miguel, Açores, Portugal - Tour Begins

This is the Azores. A set of islands virtually untouched by urban development. Your adventure begins on São Miguel, the largest of the nine volcanic islands. Sit along the seaside promenade and breathe in the mild air of the Atlantic. Get to know Ponta Delgada, the capital city of the Azores, on a brief walking tour of the area. Celebrate the beginning of your journey with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: São Miguel

Leave the main road behind and embrace an off-road adventure on the "Green Island." Traverse the dirt roads and pass by dairy farms before pausing at the highest point of the island, taking in the all-encompassing natural beauty at your feet. Venture to Sete Cidades, the striking blue and green mirror lakes, where you'll navigate the rim of the entire crater. As you circle these bodies of water, gaze down upon the dazzling blue lake (reflecting the sky) and the adjacent green lake (reflecting the earth). Take a short hike to emerge at the peak of the island and take in the astounding viewpoint of Lagoa do Canario, the island's most recognised landscape. Return to Ponta Delgada with free time to relax in a local

café or meander through the streets. Or, continue your exploration with an optional tour...perhaps you'll choose to swim with a pod of dolphins or embark on an intimate whale watching excursion. (B)

Day 3: São Miguel

On your way to the dynamic volcano complex of Furnas, get a glimpse of Portugal's sweet side at a family run queijadas (pastry) bakery. Trading the warm aroma that wafts through the air of the bakery for the encompassing scent of floral splendour, wander through the organic paradise of Terra Nostra Botanical Garden on a guided tour. Immerse yourself into a heated pool of rejuvenation in the natural thermal waters of the Furnas valley. Watch as your lunch is raised out of the heat of the volcanic earth and served as a traditional Cozido das Furnas meal. As you dig into your food, admire an exclusive viewpoint of Furnas Lake from the Terra Nostra Tea House. Continue on to the pastures of Porto Formosa, home to one of the only European tea plantations. Enjoy an evening of leisure in São Miguel. (B, L)

Day 4: São Miguel - Terceira

Wish São Miguel goodbye and fly to the colourful island of Terceira. Stand along



the edge of the crater at Serra do Cume viewpoint and take in the island's patchwork of infinite green. Continue your journey and swap the grassy fields for sandy shores at Praia Victoria, or "Beach of Victory." Get to know Angra do Heroismo as you walk the streets this afternoon with a quide. Recently restored in traditional style, admire the white facades and colourful trims of the iconic buildings in this UNESCO World Heritage site. Get a taste of Azorean culture during dinner at a local restaurant where you're invited to try alcatra, the savoury meat stew Terceira is known for. (B, D)

Day 5: Terceira 😵

Enjoy a free morning to choose how you experience Terceira. Maybe you'll decide on an optional tour to a dairy farm, where you'll get to milk a cow and taste the dairy products. Or perhaps strapping on your hiking boots and embarking on an adventurous travel along two volcanoes at Misterios Negros Nature Reserve is more to your liking. Next we gather and head underground to experience the ethereal Algar do Carvao, the "Cavern of Coal," with an expert guide. Feel the guiet stillness around you as you descend into this ancient lava tube, gazing up at the looming stalactites hanging above

you. Then, **it's your choice!** Choose to swim in the natural volcanic pools of Biscoitos **-OR-** hike along lava fields and vineyards. Enjoy leisure time in Angra afterwards or entice your taste buds on an optional Portuguese wine and tapas experience. (B)

Day 6: Terceira - Faial - Pico

Say bom dia (good morning) to Faial, the "Blue Island" of the Azores, with a flight this morning. With hydrangeas as far as the eye can see and stunning coastlines, discover the remarkable beauty of this island. Peek into the daily life of dairy production when you drop by the family-owned Morro cheese factory, where you'll sample the fruits of their production. Encounter the volcanic vitality of Faial when you take in the collapsed Caldeira and the ash hills of the Capelinhos Volcano Interpretation Center. Your exploration continues as you embark on a ferry ride to Pico, the nearby island known for its lava fields and vinevards. Make a stop at Lagoa do Capitao, your eyes following along the landscape to spy Sao Jorge Island in the distance. Settle in amongst the lava stone houses of Aldeia da Fonte. Here, overlooking the sea, the sounds of rolling waves will serenade you to sleep for the next two nights. Enjoy dinner at this innovative cliff-side abode, stroll through the luxurious gardens, and let the incomparable view of the Atlantic wash over you. (B, D)

Day 7: Pico 🕥

Walk along the surreal landscape of grapes that grow between plots of rocky stone walls as you explore Pico vineyards (UNESCO). In the centre of the vineyard, climb the bright red windmill and take in a new perspective of the stretching fields, lava rocks, and vines. Introduce yourself to the history of this island's vineyards at the Pico Wine Museum. Next, taste these exclusive wines of limited production at a wine collaborative. Then, it's your choice! In Lajes, choose to visit the whaling museum highlighting the historical ties of the industry to the culture of the islands -OR- take advantage of free time in town to explore the area independently. (B)

Day 8: Pico - São Miguel

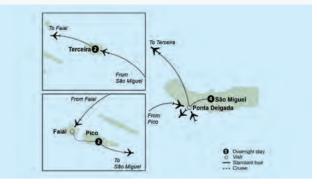
Fly from Pico to São Miguel and enjoy some time at leisure. Relax on the sandy shores, wander the streets of the capital city, or get one last taste of Portuguese pastries. Tonight, toast to the end of your Azorean adventure with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: São Miguel - Tour Ends

Say *adeus* (goodbye) to the Azores as you depart this Atlantic archipelago. Today breakfast will be included.

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from João Paulo in Ponta Delgada. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights from São Miguel to Terceira (30 minutes), Terceira to Faial (30 minutes), and Pico to São Miguel (30 minutes) are included in the price of this tour. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required (at an additional cost). Please enquire at time of booking.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Vilnius • KGB Museum • Trakai Island Castle • Hill of Crosses • Riga • Art Nouveau Museum • Latvian Cooking Class • Pärnu • Bogging Adventure • Tallinn • Medieval Dinner • Estonian Open Air Museum • St. Petersburg • Hermitage Museum • Catherine Palace • Traditional Georgian Dinner

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a bogging adventure with a local naturalist.
- Walk into a snapshot of the rural past at the Estonian Open Air Museum.
- Impact Moment: Support a local organization that empowers young Lithuanians to learn about their heritage and honour people that were relocated during the Soviet occupation.

V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- **Day 2** Stroll through Vilnius with a local **or** explore the neighbourhoods by bike with a local guide.
- Day 5 Wander through the wetland with a pair of bog shoes or walk above the shrubs on a boardwalk.
- Day 6 Paint your own Marzipan sculpture or visit Europe's oldest continuously working apothecary. (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 9 breakfasts 5 dinners
- Prepare traditional ingredients with a modern twist in a Latvian cooking class.
- Dig into authentic medieval cuisine at a candlelit dinner in a merchant's home.
- Indulge in exotic comfort food at a Georgian restaurant.

ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Artagonist Hotel, Vilnius
Days 3, 4	Neiburgs Hotel, Riga
Days 5, 6	Hotel Palace, Tallinn
Days 7 - 9 Pushka Inn Hotel,	
	St. Petersburg

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



NEW TOUR



From the Middle Ages to the height of the Russian Empire, experience the influences in Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Russia.

Day 1: Vilnius, Lithuania - Tour Begins

Step into another time in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. Stay in the heart of medieval Old Town (UNESCO) – where cobblestone streets lead through a seamless mosaic of cultures. The city's stunning architecture of Baroque arches paired with neoclassical siding and 300-year-old frescoes adorning even older buildings creates an indescribable charm. Joining new friends tonight, get a taste of the culture at a local restaurant where you will excite your palate with warm and hearty comfort food. (D)

Day 2: Vilnius 😵

Today, discover Vilnius University, the oldest in the Baltic states. Then, **it's your choice** how you get to know the city. Stroll the winding streets with a local expert, getting a glimpse into Vilnius's deep Jewish heritage, Bohemian lifestyle, and its budding art district **-OR-** explore the neighbourhoods by bike with a local guide; as you coast along, let the vibrant colours of imaginative street murals catch your eye. Next, gather to uncover the nation's dark past at the Museum of Occupations and Freedom Fights, better known as the KGB Museum, located in the former Nazi and Soviet headquarters. (B)

Day 3: Vilnius - Trakai - Riga, Latvia

Embrace the fairy-tale aura around you at the Trakai Island Castle. Enjoy free time to explore the castle grounds and village. Make sure to stop in one of the cosy restaurants for a bite of a *kybyn* – a traditional Karaim dumpling. Continue on to the Hill of Crosses, a mystical shrine from the 1800s that has been rebuilt and expanded continuously over time. Cross over the Latvian border to Riga, the country's capital and the largest city in the Baltic region. With an evening at leisure, enjoy Riga's opulent Old Town, the setting for your centrally located Art Nouveau hotel. (B)

Day 4: Riga

Discover the capital's hidden secrets and neoclassical architecture as you walk the streets with an expert guide. Get a glimpse into the past as you venture along the historic squares and streets, reflective of German and Russian tastes. Take a ride through the Art Nouveau district, where you'll see the stately apartments and elegant façades. Experience the Art Nouveau museum, located inside the former home of Latvian architect K. Pekšens. Marvel at the iconic spiral staircase, adorned with unexpected artistic



touches. Become awestruck at Riga's famous central market, where flowers, fruit and pastries overflow the stalls of this converted aeroplane hangar. Take advantage of an afternoon to yourself before an interactive cooking class where you'll use traditional ingredients with a modern twist. Enjoy the fruits of your labour as you dig into the flavourful feast. (B, D)

Day 5: Riga - Pärnu, Estonia -Tallinn 🕜

Journey to Pärnu, Estonia's sunny seaside resort town. Then, join a local naturalist for a true Estonian tradition - a bogging adventure. Choose how you explore the area because it's your choice! Traipse through the wetland with a pair of bog shoes, trekking over the sodden moss while scooping the berries out of the water for a taste -OR- walk above the shrubs on a boardwalk, winding your way across the bog. Gather and continue on your way to Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. Settle into Hotel Palace, built in 1937 and located next to the city's main square. This evening, feel the city's history at a medieval restaurant set in a wealthy merchant's house. Enjoy authentic food and traditional music as you are transported back in time to a night in the 15th century. (B, D)

Dav 6: Tallinn 🚱

The day begins at the Estonian Open Air Museum which you can explore on foot or by horse and carriage. Wander by preserved houses, wooden churches, and timeworn windmills. Discover Tallinn's cobblestone streets with an expert guide, feeling as if you've ventured into another world where the Middle Ages live on. As you discover the lower and upper towns, choose how you connect with the city's culture because it's your choice! Experience Tallinn's age-old tradition of Marzipan, which has been used for both medicinal practices and as delectable desserts; paint vour own edible sculpture to take home as a tasty souvenir -OR- visit Raeapteek, Europe's oldest continuously working apothecary, where you can learn about the intriguing range of herbal remedies. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore at leisure. (B)

Day 7: Tallinn - St. Petersburg, **Russia**

Head east through the Baltic region and make your way to St. Petersburg, Russia's Imperial capital. Full of regal beauty and layers of history, the city is considered to be the "Venice of the North." To start your 3-night stay in Russia, delve into the country's rich culture at a dinner featuring Russian specialties. (B, D)

Day 8: St. Petersburg

Head to the Winter Palace, a vibrant dwelling that served as the former home of Russian tsars. Wander into the glory of Russian aristocracy as you make your way through this lavish green-and-white complex. Inside, experience the Hermitage Museum with an expert quide. Gaze in wonder at the collection of paintings, the second largest in the world, containing pieces by Monet and Matisse. The rest of the day is yours to explore captivating St. Petersburg on your own. Perhaps you will go on an optional excursion to Peterhof, an estate known to be the "Russian Versailles." (B)

Day 9: St. Petersburg

Continue your Imperial odyssey at the Catherine Palace - a monumental manor that functioned as the Russian tsars' ornate summer home. Let your eyes drift along the iconic exterior, in its signature shade of robin's egg blue. Welcome the feeling of royalty as you gain exclusive early access into the palace. Tonight, treat your taste buds to traditional Georgian cuisine at a farewell dinner featuring an exotic spin on savoury comfort food from the neighbouring country. Toast the end of your whirlwind adventure as you reflect on your excursion through the Baltics and Russia. (B, D)

Day 10: St. Petersburg - Tour Ends

As your tour draws to a close, say goodbye to winding medieval villages and stately royal palaces. (B)

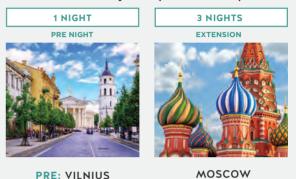






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This trip requires a passport and a visa. A visa is required for travel to Russia. It is the passenger's responsibility to obtain any required visa and/or documents prior to departure. Please allow a minimum of approximately 6 weeks for processing your Russian visa. All guests should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for additional entry requirements. All document fees are at the expense of the traveller. Our air passengers will arrive into Vilnius and depart from St. Petersburg. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Bog shoes are not permitted certain times of the year (typically mid-April to mid-June) during bird-nesting season. During this period, all guests will have to utilize the wooden boardwalk but will have the added benefit of seeing more bird species than in other seasons

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

7 DAYS · 11 MEALS FROM ^{\$}4684

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

HIGHLIGHTS

Helsinki • Senate Square • Helsinki Cathedral • Lapland Region • Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort • Finnish Sauna • Meet & Greet with Santa • Reindeer Safari • Northern Lights Searches • Husky Safari • Glass Igloo Accommodation

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Introduce yourself to majestic Lappish reindeer and meet Santa Claus himself.
- Lead your very own dog sled team.
- Spend the night in a glass igloo amid the Lappish wilderness.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 breakfasts - 5 dinners

- Indulge in Finnish cuisine at Helsinki's local restaurants.
- Sip warm berry juice, a Finnish winter tradition.



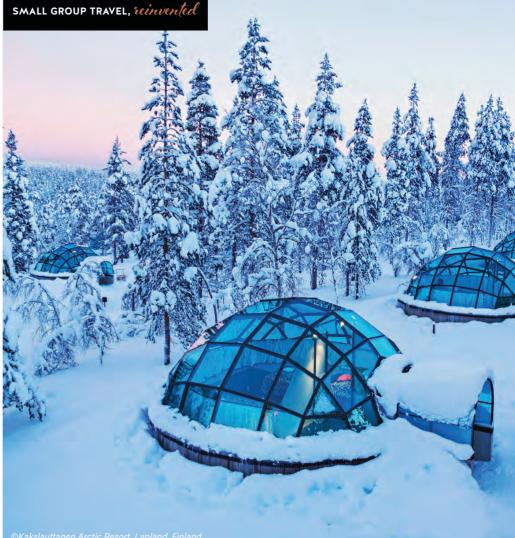
ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1 Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki
- Days 3 5 Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort -West Village, Kakslauttanen

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE Upgrade your stay to a Kelo glass igloo for all 3 nights.

Day 6 Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



akslauttanen Arctic Resort, Lapland, Finland

Hunt for the elusive northern lights and discover fascinating Finland, "Daughter of the Baltic."

Day 1: Helsinki, Finland - Tour Begins

On an adventure to the top of the world, experience a side of life that feeds the imagination and leaves you forever enchanted with Finland, "Daughter of the Baltic." *Hei* Helsinki! Finland's vibrant capital, where history converges with architectural style and combines with a laid-back vibe across beautiful islands and pristine public parks, welcomes you. This evening, gather with new friends for a welcome dinner in the city centre. *Hyvää ruokahalua*! (Bon appetit!) (D)

Day 2: Helsinki

Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. If Finland's heart beats in Helsinki, then Helsinki's core is in Senate Square, home of Helsinki Cathedral, the city's most iconic building. Walk the streets of empiricdesigned Tori Quarters before enjoying some free time in Market Square, the city's most famous international market. Become transfixed by the sprawling lawns, rocky cliffs, and ornate villas of Kaivopuisto Park. During your leisure time, explore more of Helsinki independently. (B)

Day 3: Helsinki - Kakslauttanen -Northern Lights Search

Escape to northernmost Finland's winter wonderland on board a flight to Ivalo and magical Lapland. Like a storybook come to life, Lapland's culture is steeped in myth and legend. Relish encounters with reindeer and unspoiled views of the northern lights. At the breathtaking Kakslauttanen Resort, spend two nights in your very own Finnish log cabin indulging in your personal Finnish sauna and other unique fixtures. Travel north towards Inari on a chase for the northern lights. Stops along the pursuit allow you the chance for a front-row seat at nature's dazzling, electric light show. (B, D)

Day 4: Kakslauttanen - Santa Claus' Home - Reindeer Safari - Northern Lights Hit the snow and mush to breakfast

aboard an authentic Finnish sleigh. From Kakslauttanen, head to the home of Santa Claus, an epicentre of Christmas cheer. Among prancing reindeer, learn about Santa's origins during a meet and greet at his house. Under the Arctic moonlight, a reindeer farmer introduces you to some



friendly Lappish reindeer that will escort you on an exhilarating reindeer safari through remote Kakslauttanen. Gain insight into the importance of reindeer herding to the Sámi indigenous culture. Sip warm berry juice, a Finnish tradition, under the cover of blankets in the surround of northern Finland's unspoiled wilderness as you continue the search for the elusive northern lights. (B, D)

Day 5: Kakslauttanen - Husky

Safari - Northern Lights Search Breathe in the fresh Arctic air this morning and step into the role as leader of your own dog sled team. Zoom through the wilderness on a husky safari, driving your husky guides that are as fast as they are adorable. Spend some time getting to know these amazing dogs and learn about their different commands. You'll also be introduced to the equipment you'll need to experience this incredible Arctic adventure at its best. Enjoy your last night in the heart of the Lappish wilderness, nestled in your private glass igloo. You may even see the northern lights dancing overhead. (B, D)



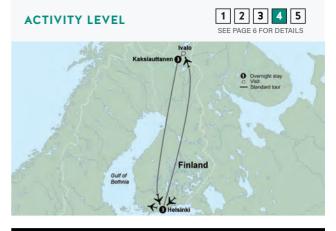


Day 6: Kakslauttanen - Helsinki

Say goodbye to enchanting Lapland and fly back to Helsinki. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Explore the city's central squares and get in tune with the latest Finnish trends at a collection of charming shops. Tonight, in downtown Helsinki, toast to grand adventures and new friends. (B, D)

Day 7: Helsinki - Tour Ends

Set out for home with incredible memories and a longing to return. (B)



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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Helsinki. Rates include the internal flights on tour. This tour is not wheelchair accessible due to Arctic terrain. Outdoor activities in early November or April may vary depending on snowfall. If there is not enough snowfall, the husky safari will be substituted for a husky meet and greet and hike experience. The reindeer safari will be substituted with a horse drawn carriage northern lights search. 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.

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MOST unique trip I've ever taken, and I've been to lots of places. Very few people have been north of the Arctic Circle to stay in a glass igloo and sleep under the stars while searching for the Northern Lights. 99

-Collette Traveller

ICELANDIC ADVENTURE

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS FROM ^{\$}5714

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

HIGHLIGHTS

Reykjavík • Golden Circle • Thingvellir National Park • Gullfoss Waterfall • Akureyri • Húsavík • Whale Watching • Diamond Circle • Lake Mývatn • Snæfellsnes Peninsula • Vatnshellir Cave Tour • Exclusive Icelandic Delicacy Tasting • Blue Lagoon



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Learn about the tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark.
- Relax in the geothermal Mývatn Nature Baths.
- Explore Snæfellsjökull glacier aboard an Icelandic mountain truck.



- Day 3 Explore the countryside on horseback or take a photography tour featuring Icelandic horses.
- **Day 7** Embark on a guided hike to a glacier **or** venture on a walk through a rugged lava field.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 breakfasts - 5 dinners

- Taste hákarl cured shark meat.
- Indulge in Icelandic-inspired cuisine at a local restaurant.
- Experience Icelandic delicacies during an exclusive tasting at the Snæfellsjökull glacier.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2 CenterHotel Arnarhvoll, CenterHotel Plaza or CenterHotel Midgardur, Reykjavik
- Days 3 5 Raudaskrida Hotel & Guesthouse, Husavik
- Days 6, 7 Fosshotel Stykkishólmur, Stykkishólmur
- Day 8 CenterHotel Arnarhvoll, CenterHotel Plaza or CenterHotel Midgardur, Reykjavik

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From ethereal lava fields to thundering waterfalls, fuel your sense of adventure and explore the remarkable landscapes of Iceland.

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

Icelandic culture and epic history greet you this morning in the country's capital: Reykjavik. Explore the old section of the city on a walking tour where you'll discover the towering Hallgrimskirkja church, the harbour, city hall, and Reykjavík's oldest building, now home to the Kraum Icelandic Design Centre. The Harpa Concert Hall is a true marvel of modern architecture in Reykjavik, as is the hall's famous glass façade. Tonight, make friends with your travelling companions during a traditional Icelandic dinner at a distinctive local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Reykjavík - Golden Circle -Reykjavík

A journey along the spectacular Golden Circle is your gateway to Iceland's most incredible natural wonders. Stop at a familyowned dairy farm and enjoy a mélange of cheeses that are produced onsite. Journey onward to the otherworldly Thingvellir National Park, where you can walk between two continents as you stand at the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (UNESCO). Get lost in the beauty of the Gullfoss' (Golden Falls) 100-foot double cascade waterfall, and see Strokkur, the fountain geyser with an explosive, 90 foot vertical spout. (B)

Day 3: Reykjavík - Akureyri - Goðafoss -Húsavík 🔇

This morning, fly to Akureyri. Then, it's your choice! Saddle up and immerse yourself in the tranquility of the countryside on a horseback riding excursion -OR- grab your camera for a photo tour with Icelandic horses. Learn about these friendly animals as you walk with them alongside beautiful vistas. En route to Húsavík, stop at one of Iceland's most historic waterfalls, Goðafoss. Later, settle into your farmhouse in the Icelandic countryside. This family-owned property holds an environmental gold certification. Savour the reflective stillness of its rural surroundings during a 3-night stay. This evening, enjoy the true essence of farm-to-table as locally sourced ingredients are incorporated in your dining experience. (B, D)

Day 4: Húsavík

After a continental breakfast made with farm-sourced ingredients, the day begins at Grenjaðarstaður, a fascinating collection of Icelandic turf settlement homes. Afterward, venture into the town of Húsavík. Ancient tales say this was the first place in Iceland settled by the Norse. Your adventure starts with a visit to the town's whaling museum. Then take to the sea! Gear up in thermal wear because you'll be joining expert



whale watchers on Skjálfandi Bay. Aboard specialized zodiacs, get as close as you can to whales in northern Iceland. You may see the humpback, minke, fin or harbour porpoise, and possibly the orca or giant blue whales that frequent these waters. This afternoon enjoy some leisure time and meet the people who call this town home. (B)

Day 5: Húsavík - Diamond Circle -Dettifoss - Lake Mývatn - Húsavík

Spend today exploring the highlights of the Diamond Circle. Begin with the powerful Dettifoss waterfall, known to be one of the strongest waterfalls in all of Europe due to its volume. Then visit Lake Mývatn, a volcanic lake surrounded by volcanic and geothermal phenomena. During your time here you will have a chance to explore the Dimmuborgir lava formations, a field of ethereal rock structures. Continue on to Skútustaðagígar and get up close to rootless cones, or pseudo-craters, which were formed by lava coming in contact with Lake Mývatn's waters rather than a volcanic eruption. Next, reflect on the sights of the day while taking a relaxing soak in the Blue Lagoon of the north, the Mývatn Nature Baths. This evening enjoy another farm-totable inspired dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Húsavík - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Stykkishólmur A scenic drive takes you to Stykkishólmur, the gateway to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. The sparkling fjords, volcanic peaks, and the Snæfellsjökull ice cap (immortalised in Jules Verne's *Journey to the Center of the Earth*) are just some of the sights you'll see in this otherworldly landscape. Stop at a wool factory and discover how they've modernised production while staying true to the traditional patterns of the past. This afternoon, enjoy some time on your own to explore the quaint fishing town of Stykkishólmur. (B, D)

Day 7: Stykkishólmur - Vatnshellir Cave - Snæfellsjökull Glacier Experience 🕥

Today, continue your journey through the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, with its black sand beaches, stunning cliffs, volcanic craters, rocky coastlines, and tiny fishing villages. Journey 100 feet below the ground to an 8,000-year-old lava tube on a thrilling tour of Vatnshellir Cave. See amazing rock pigments, lava formations, stalagmites, and get to experience total and absolute darkness. Back in the light of day, gear up to ascend the captivating Snæfellsjökull glacier via mountain truck! Under a tented venue surrounded by Iceland's natural splendour, join your mountain quides for an exclusive tasting of local epicurean specialities. Then, it's your choice! Gear up with crampons and an ice pick and join an expert on a hike that brings you to nearly 3,000 feet onto a glacier, where breathtaking ice formations, moulins, and crevasses reside in full view -ORventure alongside a guide for a hike through lava fields, showcasing the landscape's myriad of textures and pigments. (B)

Day 8: Stykkishólmur - Borgarnes -

Blue Lagoon - Revkiavík Head south on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula where you'll embark on a true Icelandic cultural adventure. Learn about a 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark. Before leaving, test your culinary courage and try the local speciality, hákarl (cured shark meat). Dive into the origins of Icelandic heritage, including the works of the famous Viking poet, Egill Skallagrímsson, on a visit to the Settlement Museum. Embark on a drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, best known as the home of the Blue Lagoon. You can't leave Iceland without taking a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of this geothermal wonder, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Come together this evening for a farewell dinner at a restaurant featuring Icelandic-inspired cuisine. (B, D)

Day 9: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

Head for home having uncovered Iceland's adventurous side. (B)







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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 pre or post night may be required in some Icelandair gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please enquire at time of reservation. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 10:00 a.m. The internal flight is included in the land cost of your tour. This flight needs to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air.

Brilliant tour of Iceland. Ticked all my boxes. Went to all the important sites at the right pace. Knowledgeable tour guide, and good standard of hotels throughout. **99**

-Collette Traveller

COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE

9 DAYS · 12 MEALS FROM \$3549

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

HIGHLIGHTS

Dublin • Cooking Class • Irish National Stud • Distillery Tour • Kinsale • Diner's Choice • Garnish Island • Dingle Peninsula • Cliffs of Moher • Aran Islands

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey.
- Overnight on the enchanting Aran Islands and jump head-first into Irish culture.



- Day 4 Choose to join a local expert on a historic tour of Cobh port or spend a leisurely day in Kinsale and enjoy its many galleries, shops and cafes.
- Day 6 Explore Dingle's country lanes on foot or spend time in Dingle Town where the Guinness is always freshly tapped.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

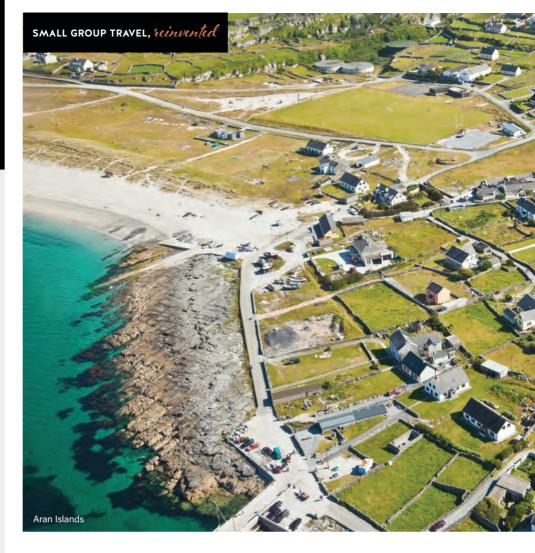
8 breakfasts • 4 dinners

- Enjoy a welcome reception in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral.
- Put a modern twist on Irish cuisine during a cooking class at a premier culinary institution in Dublin.
- Enjoy Diner's Choice in Ireland's gourmet capital of Kinsale.



- Days 1, 2 Hampton Hotel, Dublin
- Days 3, 4 Actons Hotel, Kinsale
- Days 5, 6 Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney
- Day 7 Tigh Ruairí, Inisheer, Aran Islands
- Day 8 Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From remote islands and historic Dublin, to less-travelled roads and charming villages, discover the best of the Emerald Isle.

Day 1: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

This is your chance to experience a seldomexplored side of Ireland. From the vaults of Christ Church Cathedral to the rolling hills of Dingle, we'll bring you back to your Irish roots (even if you don't have any). *Fáilte* and welcome to Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a private tour and welcome reception in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral. Within the medieval walls of the city's oldest structure, surrounded by nearly 1,000 years of Irish myths and legends, toast the start of an incredible adventure.

Day 2: Dublin

A local expert escorts you through Dublin's magnificent sights. Exalt in the culture and colour of Ireland's world-famous shopping thoroughfare, Grafton Street. Get lost inside the gardens of St. Stephen's Green, and marvel at the electric green expanse of the largest enclosed city park in all of Europe, Phoenix Park. This evening, enjoy some good *craic* - Gaelic for fun - as we put a modern twist on Irish cuisine during a cooking class at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions. (B, D)

Day 3: Dublin - Irish National Stud -Midleton - Kinsale

Take to Ireland's country roads. Stop in

County Kildare for some scrumptious homemade treats at a café that employs individuals with intellectual disabilities. Tour the Irish National Stud, an area of incredible natural beauty that's home to regal thoroughbreds and opulent gardens. Head south to the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey. Give it a go with a tasting of the distillery's production. Continue on to the quaint coastal village of Kinsale. This evening, it's Diner's Choice in Ireland's gourmet capital! Choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Kinsale's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 4: Kinsale 😵

Start your day with by joining a local expert on a leisurely walking tour. Then, **it's your choice!** Visit the seaside town of Cobh, the last stop of the *RMS Titanic*; circuit this historic port alongside a local expert - this is the place where 2.5 million Irish people left their native land for new frontiers **-OR**spend a leisurely day in Kinsale and enjoy its many galleries, shops and cafes. (B)

Day 5: Kinsale - Garnish Island - Killarney

Embark on the drive of a lifetime on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way. You'll fall in love with the quaint towns and charming villages that inhabit this iconic coastal route. Board a ferry and sail to a place







that must be seen to be believed, Garnish Island. Sheltered in the Glengarrif harbour of Bantry Bay, this hidden island is home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens. Continue over the Cork and Kerry mountains to Killarney via the breathtaking Caha Pass. (B)

Day 6: Killarney - Dingle -Killarney 😵

Not far from the spirited pubs of Killarney await the enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs of Dingle. Travel through a maze of green to Ireland's most westerly point, Slea Head, where the locals will remind you that, "the next parish over is Boston." Then, it's your choice! Explore Dingle's country lanes on foot -OR- enjoy time at leisure in Dingle Town, a place where pubs double as hardware stores and the Guinness is freshly tapped. (B)

Day 7: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher -Aran Islands (Inisheer)

Leave the rugged southern coast behind and embark on an adventure, the likes of which you've never seen. Board a ferry bound for Inisheer, the smallest of the three Aran Islands. Take in unrivalled views while sailing beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher. Upon arriving in Inisheer's ethereal landscape, take a private tour through the labyrinth of stone walls blanketing

the island. Learn about the island's 250 inhabitants, their livelihoods and devotion to traditional culture and customs. As the last ferry leaves for mainland Ireland, settle into your island abode amid desolate yet striking beauty for an experience that's totally unparalleled. (B, D)

Day 8: Aran Islands (Inisheer) -Ennis

Enjoy a morning to sleep in, or wake early for a sunrise hike to O'Brien Castle. Greet the sun as it rises over the Irish mainland and illuminates Inisheer's picturesque stone walls. Later, dive into local culture during a knitting workshop and learn traditional methods and stitches used to make the famous Aran sweaters. Don't worry if you're not a knitter, you'll be a pro before you know it! Next, experience the traditional craft of making the St. Brigid's Cross. Throughout Ireland you will see these crosses affixed to homes to ward off evil and danger. This evening, after ferrying back to the mainland, toast the end of an incredible adventure! (B, D)

Day 9: Ennis - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today, leaving you with the spirit of Ireland in your heart forever. (B)

ACTIVITY LEVEL





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DOUBLE STARTING AT \$35 Land only, per person, double occupancy STARTING AT \$4049 SOLO Prices based on 29 March 2021 departure. March - April 2020 May 2020 - April 2021 7, 14, 20 September (different itinerary - see note)

30 March 13, 20 April Itinerary featured is for May 2020 - April 2021 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation. (featured itinerary) 4, 11, 18, 25, 31 May

8, 15, 22 June

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3, 17 August

21, 28 September 5.12 October 29 March 12, 19, 26 April

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

> Too many favourite experiences! From lodging in a B&B to a castle to first-rate hotels, then to great cities and lovely villages encompassed with storybook landscapes. Every day was a favourite! 99

-Collette Traveller

JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN FRANCE

9 DAYS · 12 MEALS FROM ^{\$}4699

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

HIGHLIGHTS

Saint-Rémy • Provence • Truffle Hunting • Gordes • Avignon • The Popes' Palace • Pont du Gard • Carcassonne • Choice on Tour • Saint-Émilion • Winery Tour • Bordeaux • La Cité du Vin - Wine Museum

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Hunt for truffles with a local chef and his truffle-sniffing dogs.
- Venture to Gordes and explore its vibrant local market.
- Get an up-close look at the Pont du Gard aqueduct during an exclusive bridge crossing.



 Day 5 — Enjoy leisure time to explore Carcassonne on your own or embark on a medieval themed walking tour with a gallant knight or noble lady.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- · 8 breakfasts 1 lunch 3 dinners
- Indulge in the wines of Bordeaux, Saint-Émilion and the Dordogne Valley.
- Revel in a wine-paired, multicourse dinner.
- Savour farm tastings throughout the French countryside.



- Days 1 3 Hotel Le Vallon De Valrugues, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence
- Day 4 Hotel de La Cité MGallery by Sofitel, Carcassonne
- Days 5, 6 Chateau des Vigiers, Monestier
- Days 7, 8 Intercontinental Le Grand Hotel, Bordeaux

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Journey through some of the world's most decadent wine regions and discover the flavour, colour, and culture of France.

Day 1: Saint-Rémy, France - Tour Begins

Allons-y! Ignite the senses on a journey to chromatic Provence. Then, continue through the French countryside to the Dordogne Valley and Bordeaux – two of the world's most decadent wine regions. Welcome to the historic village of Saint-Rémy. Settle in for a 3-night stay in this quaint provincial town with pretty, narrow streets and charming boulevards. Tonight, meet your fellow explorers over dinner as you toast to the beginning of a grand adventure. (D)

Day 2: Saint-Rémy

Join your Tour Manager this morning for a short orientation of Saint-Rémy. Next, let an unforgettable epicurean adventure commence with a truffle hunt led by a local chef and trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. *Avant* hunt, savour the unique experience of a farm tasting in the countryside, among landscapes said to have inspired Van Gogh, Picasso, and Renoir. (B, L)

Day 3: Saint-Rémy - Gordes - Saint-Rémy

Depart this morning for the picturesque town of Gordes. Along the way, visit the lavender museum and learn the origin of this beautiful, fragrant flower that the village is famous for. Then, enjoy some free time in Gordes to explore its vibrant local market. The afternoon is yours to explore Saint-Rémy at leisure or you may choose an optional tour to the hilltop town of Les Baux-de-Provence where you will experience one of the world's most impressive multimedia presentations: the *Carrières de Lumières*. Making use of a former quarry, iconic works of art are projected onto the surrounding rock and the images are accompanied by stirring music. (B)

Day 4: Saint-Rémy - Avignon - Pont du Gard - Carcassonne

Today you travel to the incredible village of Avignon (UNESCO), often called the "City of Popes." Gain an inside look at all this village has to offer during a walking tour with your local expert guide. End with a visit to the dramatic Popes' Palace, the seat of the European papacy from 1309 to 1377. Next, depart for Carcassonne. En route, marvel at the Pont du Gard, a surviving stretch of aqueduct built in the 1st century A.D. Get an up-close look at the ancient structure with an exclusive bridge crossing before enjoying some free time for lunch. Later, we arrive in Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site and virtual storybook replete with drawbridges, towers and cobblestone streets. (B)

Day 5: Carcassonne - Dordogne Valley 😵

This morning, **it's your choice!** You can enjoy leisure time to explore the city as you wish, perhaps visiting the 12th-century castle on your own **-OR-** you may embark on a medieval themed walking tour with a gallant knight or noble lady who will highlight the legends, mysteries, and



architecture of the Middle Ages. After enjoying free time for lunch, we continue our journey to the Château Des Vigiers, known as "Petit Versailles." Tonight, enjoy a fine dining experience in this 16thcentury estate. (B, D)

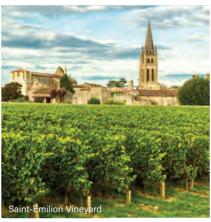
Day 6: Dordogne Valley

Venture to the countryside to explore some of the Dordogne Valley's quaint villages. Make your first stop at the inspiring village of Issigeac; then it's off to Eymet, one of Southern France's iconic "bastides" (fortified towns). Next, you are in for a treat when you visit a wine cooperative and symbol of the Bergerac region since the 16th century – best known for its dessert wine. This afternoon, explore the château grounds at leisure. Perhaps vou will take in a round of golf or relax and enjoy the luxurious spa. (B)

Day 7: Dordogne Valley - Saint-Émilion - Bordeaux

Travel to Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of France's largest winemaking areas. Take a guided walking tour of the Old Town featuring a visit to the underground Monolithic Church. Once you are acquainted with the village, enjoy time to take in this perfectly compact French village. Complete your Saint-Émilion adventure with a walk through a winery to absorb the atmosphere of the vineyards, discover its coveted grapes, and taste this highly prized wine. Bid *adieu* as you depart for





your hotel in Bordeaux, a region known as much for its vibrancy and dynamism as its world-renowned wine. Enjoy the evening at leisure to take in the sights and sounds of Bordeaux. (B)

Day 8: Bordeaux

This morning, discover a local's perspective of Bordeaux during a guided walking tour. Embark on an interactive journey through a world of wine and culture at La Cité du Vin. Referred to as the "Guggenheim of wine," this sensory adventure takes you on a fascinating discovery of wine, culture and history. Then enjoy some free time to explore the city on vour own. A local restaurant famous for its sélection de vins and regionally sourced meat invites you to a culinary adventure expertly pairing locally sourced foods and wine. Compare notes and experiences with fellow travellers as you say au revoir to the magic of Southern France. (B, D)

Day 9: Bordeaux - Tour Ends

Your tour of Southern France comes to an end today. (B)

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April 2020

(different itinerary - see note) 21, 28 April Itinerary featured is for May 2020 - April 2021 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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6, 20 September 4, 11 October 18, 25 April

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Marseilles and depart from Bordeaux. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Guest accommodations are not in the main chateau.

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The variety of experiences in the many towns we visited were wonderful — well beyond what we had expected. **99**

-Collette Traveller

SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS & MAJESTIC PEAKS

9 DAYS · 12 MEALS FROM \$4699

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

HIGHLIGHTS

Swiss Travel Pass • Neuchâtel • Walking Tour of Neuchâtel's Historic Quarter • Local Wine Cooperative • Bern • Zermatt • Lake Geneva • Vevey • Chocolate Workshop • Lavaux Terraced Vineyards • Wine Tastings

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover Neuchâtel's historic quarter and the treasures of the Belle Époque period.
- Explore the vineyards of Swiss wine country on foot.
- Use your 1st Class Swiss Travel Pass as an all-access entry to museums and more.



 Day 8 — Enjoy a full day of leisure in Vevey or discover Montreux and Chateau de Chillon then travel back to Vevey via Lake Geneva.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 8 breakfasts - 1 lunch - 3 dinners

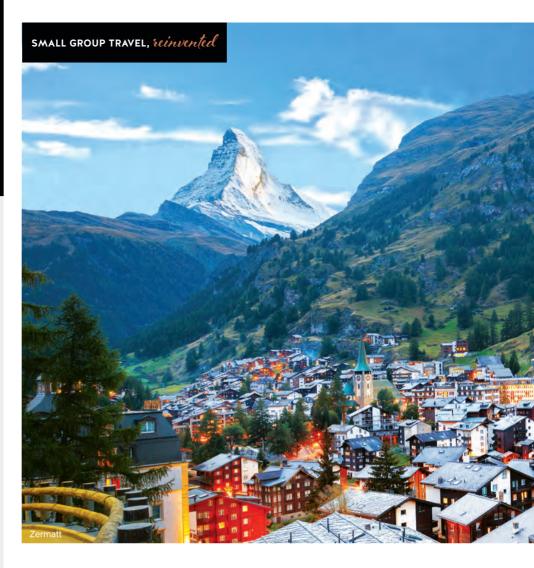
- Participate in an immersive chocolate workshop.
- Savour lunch at a family-owned restaurant in Lavaux.
- Enjoy a wine tasting at a UNESCO World Heritage site.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 3 Best Western Premier Hotel Beaulac, Neuchâtel
- Days 4, 5 Unique Hotel Post, Ambassador Hotel or Hotel Alex, Zermatt
- Days 6 8 Astra Hotel, Vevey

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the soaring Alps to the picturesque Swiss Riviera – set your sights on an active journey across Switzerland by train.

Day 1: Neuchâtel, Switzerland - Tour Begins

You're on your way to a world wedged between Germany, Austria, France and Italy -- the country of four languages that's one of the most heralded destinations in Europe. Your journey through Switzerland will be entirely by train, offering an up close and personal rendezvous with the best the country has to offer from the Alps to the historic villages of the Swiss Riviera. Get ready to experience the culture, history and lifestyle of Switzerland firsthand. Willkkommen! Bienvenue! Board a Swiss Rail train to Neuchâtel, where Gothic landmarks and sandstone grandeur beckon you to discover the abundant history of this medieval waterfront city. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner at a local brasserie. Retire to your lakefront room with incredible views of Lake Neuchâtel. (D)

Day 2: Neuchâtel - Auvernier - Neuchâtel

Good morning, Neuchâtel a la Belle Époque! Set out on a walking tour and discover the treasures of Neuchâtel's historic quarter with its unique architecture and structures from the Belle Époque period. Next, it's on to the village of Auvernier. Visit a local wine cooperative, where a tour of the cellars demands a tasting of their everlasting vintages and a chance to learn how nature, soil and tradition converge to create a vintage's character and flavour. (B)

Day 3: Neuchâtel

Enjoy a day of leisure in Neuchâtel. You may use your Swiss Travel Pass to explore the surrounding areas or just relax and stroll this charming place. Perhaps you will choose an optional e-biking excursion on Switzerland's Absinthe Trail to Maison de l'Absinthe to learn the history of production and enjoy a private tasting and cooking experience. (B)

Day 4: Neuchâtel - Bern - Zermatt

From Neuchâtel, travel via train to Bern, the Swiss capital city. Enjoy time at leisure to discover Bern's enthralling blend of influences - old and new. Then it's on to the striking resort village of Zermatt nestled against the backdrop of the Matterhorn. (B, D)

Day 5: Zermatt

Zermatt's modern holiday amenities steeped in traditional Alpine roots make







this pedestrian city a truly peak experience. Today is yours to explore all this village has to offer. Consider using your Swiss Travel Pass to ascend the Gornergrat Railway to take in breathtaking views of the famed Matterhorn. (B)

Day 6: Zermatt - Vevey

Say goodbye to Zermatt and head to the north shore of Lake Geneva to Vevey, one of the "Pearls of the Swiss Riviera," with awe-inspiring views of the Alpine panorama. Whilst the city's promenades and majestic hotels are classic reminders of the Belle Époque, its modernity is characterised by its art and music festivals, and the everpresent memory of Charlie Chaplin, who spent the last quarter of his life as a resident. Enjoy a walking tour before paying a visit to Läderach. Switzerland is world-famous for its chocolate, and Läderach chocolate is Swiss perfection. Participate in an immersive tasting workshop that reveals a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the artistry behind the handmade Swiss chocolate. (B)

Day 7: Vevey - Lavaux - Vevey A relaxed morning in Vevey preludes your journey to the terraced vineyards of Lavaux. Begin with lunch at a family-owned restaurant before visiting with our friends, Jacques and Aurelia, for a wine tasting nestled amongst the vines. Traipse the Lavaux vineyards (UNESCO) on foot before enjoying another tasting of the region's finest varieties. (B, L)

Day 8: Vevey 😵

Today, **it's your choice!** Enjoy a full day of leisure in Vevey. Take advantage of your Swiss Travel Pass and discover the city's museums, including the Swiss Camera Museum, Charlie Chaplin Museum, and the Nestle Foundation's Nest **-OR**discover Montreux and Château de Chillon, then travel back to Vevey on Lake Geneva. Gather in the evening for a farewell dinner at one of Vevey's best local restaurants. (B, D)

Day 9: Vevey - Tour Ends

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Prices	based on 23 May 2020) departure.
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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Zurich, Switzerland. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 12:00 p.m. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. Upon arrival, a representative will meet you at the Zurich airport to secure luggage transfer; then accompany you via train to Neuchâtel - using the Swiss Travel System - and escort you to the hotel. Transfer times will be provided closer to departure. For departure transfers, you will independently make your way to the Zurich airport with your luggage using the Swiss Travel System. Your Tour Manager will provide you with train schedules for the most convenient routing and timing. Your System. Porterage service for luggage is included between hotels.

Everything was wonderful, from the transportation to the hotels and food offerings. Our tour included great options and included amazing experiences. **99**

–Collette Traveller

ROAMING COASTAL MAINE

7 DAYS · 9 MEALS FROM ^{\$}3099

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

HIGHLIGHTS

Portland • Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens • Bar Harbor • Acadia National Park • Lobster Trap Pull Demonstration • Wine Tasting at Cellardoor Winery • Camden • Rockport • Damariscotta • Oyster Farm



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Watch as traps are hauled from the ocean onto a working lobster boat.
- Lose yourself in the natural beauty of Acadia National Park, either by bicycle or scenic drive.
- Take in the picturesque Portland Head Light, Maine's oldest lighthouse.



- Day 4 Admire the landscape as you drive scenic Park Loop Road with a local guide or traverse Acadia's pathways on a guided bicycle tour of the famous Carriage Roads.
- Day 6 Peruse the 150 antique automobiles of Owl's Head Transportation Museum or meander through the vast collection at the Farnsworth Art Museum.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- · 6 breakfasts 1 lunch 2 dinners
- Enjoy lunch at a traditional Maine lobster shack.
- Participate in an oyster shucking lesson before digging into the local delicacies.
- Sample the vintages during a wine tasting at Cellardoor Winery.

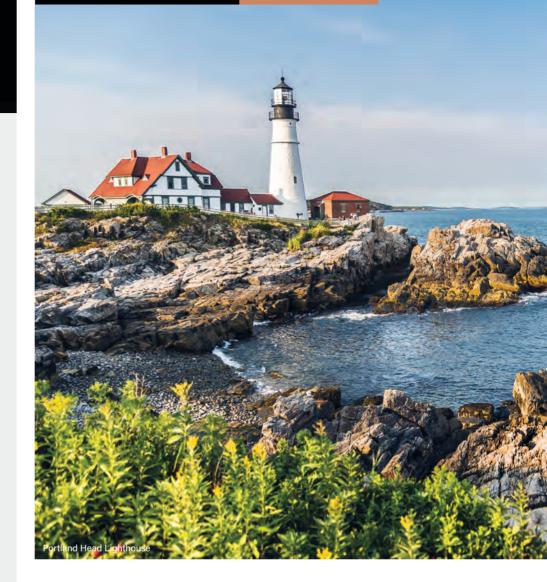


- Days 1, 2 Hyatt Place Old Port, Portland
- Days 3, 4 Bar Harbor Grand Hotel, Bar Harbor
- Days 5, 6 Samoset Resort, Rockport

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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NEW TOUR



This is Maine, where rocky shores, infinite nature, and endless lobster forge a coastal New England classic.

Day 1: Portland, Maine - Tour Begins

Welcome to Maine, a "Vacationland" of intricate coastlines and all-encompassing natural beauty that serves as the perfect getaway. From charming towns and scenic ocean overlooks to oyster shucking and lobster hauling, experience the best of this New England retreat. Tonight, connect with your new travel companions and prepare for the start of an unforgettable sojourn.

Day 2: Portland

Discover the essence of this vibrant harbour city by means of a true New England classic – a trolley. From the opulent Victoria Mansion to the hum of the Old Port, your guide will introduce you to Portland's hidden gems. Trade in the charming streets of the city for the rugged coastline, stopping at the picturesque Portland Head Light. Get a chance to delve into the culture of Portland with free time to explore this seafaring city on your own. (B, D)

Day 3: Portland - Boothbay Harbor - Bar Harbor

Head north to Boothbay Harbor, the maritime haven that is home to little shops, picture-perfect boats, and local artists. Enter the natural wonderland of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, nearly 300 acres of grassy fields and woodland trails overflowing with floral hues. Your scenic journey continues with a stop at a lobster shack to indulge in a Maine lobster roll. Later, arrive in Bar Harbor, an iconic holiday spot featuring rich blue waters and home to Acadia National Park. With an evening at leisure, explore the bustling downtown, full of cosy cafes and indulgent ice cream shops just steps from your hotel. (B, L)

Day 4: Bar Harbor - Acadia National Park - Bar Harbor 😵

This is Acadia National Park. Breathe in the crisp, fresh air and allow the nature around you to captivate your senses. Choose how to explore Acadia because today, **it's**

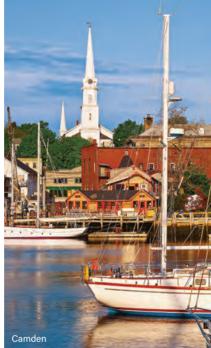


your choice! Admire the striking mountains, towering forests, and rocky shorelines as you drive scenic Park Loop Road with a local guide -OR- traverse Acadia's winding pathways on a guided bicycle tour of the famous Carriage Roads. Then, dive into the cuisine and culture of Maine when you join a local lobsterman on a lobster boat. See how lobster traps are retrieved from the ocean and watch the cages get pulled to the surface. (B)

Day 5: Bar Harbor - Lincolnville -Camden - Rockport

Your travel along the coast continues in Lincolnville, where you'll soak in the rustic appeal of Cellardoor Winery's 200-year-old barn and sip the local wines – a rarity in the New England climate of the "Pine Tree State." Head to Camden for some time at leisure, giving you the perfect opportunity to explore this quintessential Maine town. Later, arrive at the oceanfront Samoset Resort in Rockport, your home for the next two nights. Enjoy an evening at leisure; perhaps you'll stroll along the Granite Breakwater





of Rockland Harbor to get a different perspective of the lapping waves. (B)

Day 6: Rockport - Damariscotta -Rockport 😵

Welcome to the Damariscotta region, a stunning peninsula full of fresh seafood straight out of the water. Get an intimate look at a working oyster farm on the Damariscotta River and learn how to dig into these local delicacies with an oyster shucking lesson. Then, it's your choice! Cruise through a collection of 150 antique automobiles at Owl's Head Transport Museum, containing vintage aircraft, motorcycles, bicycles, and more -ORmeander through the vast selection of American artists at the Farnsworth Museum of Art, home to over 15,000 works. Tonight, toast to the end of your seaside sojourn and bid Maine farewell over dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Rockport - Portland - Tour Ends

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







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May - October 2020 10, 31 May 14, 21 June	12, 26 July 9, 23 August	13, 20 September 6, 11 October

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Portland. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 12:00 p.m. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The lobster shack lunch is seasonal and may be replaced on departures prior to late May and after 15 October. An ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) visa is required for all Australian passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense. This visa may apply due to your airline scheduling. Most other passport holders will also require an ESTA visa to travel to or via the US. To check, visit https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/ or contact CIBT at www.cibtvisas.com.au/collette; alternatively check with your consulate for more information.

COSTA RICA: A WORLD OF NATURE

12 DAYS · 24 MEALS FROM \$3799

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

HIGHLIGHTS

Tortuguero National Park • Sarapiquí • Tirimbina Rainforest Center • Chocolate-Making Demonstration & Tasting • River Safari • Finca Experience • Culinary Demonstration • Arenal Volcano • Hanging Bridges • Jungle Crocodile Safari & Bird Watching • Manuel Antonio National Park

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Learn about Costa Rica's ecosystem and local culture.
- Visit the world's first sea turtle research station in Tortuguero National Park.
- Explore Arenal during a captivating 3-night stay.



- Day 5 Explore the nearby rainforest during a locally guided horseback riding excursion or enjoy a leisurely guided hike through the nearby forested area of the hotel.
- Day 7 Embark on a thrilling zip line experience through the Arenal rainforest or enjoy a moderate hike along the trails of Arenal Volcano National Park.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- · 11 breakfasts 5 lunches 8 dinners
- · Enjoy a traditional Costa Rican dinner.
- Taste for yourself why cacao is called "food of the gods" and observe the process of converting this magical seed from bean to bar.
- Explore a family owned finca and have a farm-to-table experience, complete with culinary demonstration.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1 DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San José
- Days 2, 3Evergreen Lodge, TortugueroDays 4, 5Tilajari Hotel Resort,
- San Carlos Days 6 - 8 Arenal Springs Resort
- & Spa, Arenal Days 9, 10 Parador Resort and Spa,
- Manuel Antonio
- Day 11 DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San José
 - On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From thrilling water journeys to ethereal jungle expeditions, discover what *pura vida* means to you when you explore the essence of Costa Rica.

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins *Pura Vida.* In English, it translates to "the

simple life." But *pura vida* is so much more: it's an attitude; a celebration of life in the moment. It's time to experience what *pura vida* means to you. You're on your way to explore a place that's unlike anywhere else in the world, where *pura vida* is an unofficial motto and a way of life. Welcome to the emerald of Central America: Costa Rica.

Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park

Seemingly endless mountain horizons. Complex evergreen forests. These are the wonders of Tortuguero National Park. Head down the rivers and canals to the world's first sea turtle research station and go behind the curtain of this jungle paradise. Later, get away from it all and relax at your incredible lodge, an oasis in the middle of the jungle. From the dynamic calls of the monkeys to the gentle chatter of the birds, settle into your new home and listen to the active sounds of the rainforest around you. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tortuguero National Park

Begin the day on an excursion to spot the elusive green macaw and other unique

winged creatures that flock to Tortuguero. If you've ever wondered what life was like on the other side of a rainforest's lush green walls, a nature cruise through the park is your special glimpse. To float on these waters is to live a day in the life of the jaguars, manatees, ocelots, and more. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - San Carlos

Cut through the mists of the rainforest on a languid boat ride towards Sarapiquí and Tirimbina Rainforest Centre. On land, an experience for the senses awaits at a cacao plantation. Observe the process of converting this magical seed from bean to bar, and taste for yourself why cacao is called "food of the gods." Later, arrive at your secluded nature resort, nestled on the edge of the San Carlos River. Stroll the butterfly and botanical gardens lined with fruit trees, including lemon, soursop, guava, mango and tangerine. (B, L, D)

Day 5: San Carlos 😵

Explore the beauty of your surroundings on a Peñas Blancas River Safari. Paddle and float down the river on a peaceful adventure, taking in the sights and sounds



of the rainforest as your naturalist guide describes the intricacies of the wildlife around you. Visit the farm of a local family and try speciality snacks such as banana bread, gourmet Costa Rican coffee and more. Then, it's your choice! Continue to explore the lush landscape on horseback -OR- participate on a guided walk through a private, primary forest reserve. Either way, you'll get an intimate look at the various flora and fauna that populate the trails and hear how the native species interact in this rich ecosystem. (B, D)

Day 6: San Carlos - Finca Don Juan - Hanging Bridges - Arenal

Envelop yourself in Costa Rican culture at Finca Don Juan. Explore this family-owned farm during a tour featuring gardens that are organically grown through the concept of sustainability. Taste the exotic fruit harvest and experience the traditional way to process sugar cane. Enjoy a sip of cane liquor before engaging in a culinary demonstration and a farm-to-table lunch. Later, suspended over the rainforest floor, relish a bird's-eye view of the jungle on a guided tour of Arenal's famous hanging bridges. High above the jungle canopies, marvel at a cloud forest taking

shape around you. Settle into your resort where you'll be surrounded by striking views of Arenal's famous volcano for the next three nights. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Arenal 😵

Today, it's your choice! Since Costa Rica is the birthplace of zip lining, glide over the canopies on a mindblowing rip through the jungle -ORmake your way across lava fields for an up-close-and-personal look at the volcano on a moderate hike along the trails formed by lava during the 1968 eruption. The afternoon is at leisure to discover the town of La Fortuna or the naturally heated pools of the hotel. (B, D)

Day 8: Arenal

The Arenal Volcano goes by many names: Pan de Azúcar, Canaste, Volcán Costa Rica. Ultimately, it can be translated to a single declaration: extraordinary. In the shadow of this famous monolith, the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure. If you're feeling adventurous, opt for the Cano Negro Wildlife Refuge cruise or an exhilarating white water rafting experience. Or, simply hang back at the resort, opt for a spa service, explore the grounds, and soak in one of Arenal's famous hot springs. (B)

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

Rendezvous with wild crocodiles among the remarkable mangroves of Tarcoles' Rio Grande. On this exhilarating jungle crocodile safari, you'll float along beneath the towering jungle, looking just below the water's surface for a glimpse of these incredible creatures. This afternoon, check in to your resort, located just outside Manuel Antonio National Park. Before dinner, watch the sun set over the Pacific alongside birds in every colour of the rainbow. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Manuel Antonio National Park

Welcome to the jungle, a truly remote experience with nothing around you except the wonders of Manuel Antonio National Park. The rich idyll of verdant rainforests and white sand beaches is the definition of untouched beauty. In this natural wonderland, traverse the trails where the wild things are, or go for a swim in the turquoise waters as wildlife rummages in the canopies. (B)

Day 11: Manuel Antonio National Park - Coffee Plantation - San Jose

This morning, wake up and smell the coffee at a local coffee farm that produces some of Costa Rica's wellknown beans. Then say goodbye to the coast and hello to San Jose. Toast to the pura vida of Costa Rica tonight over a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends

Bid Costa Rica farewell as your tour comes to an end today. (B)

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5, 19, 21, 26, 28 April	6, 20 September
Itinerary featured is for May 2020 - April 2021 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please	4, 11, 18 October 1, 3, 8, 10 November

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The planned excursions were excellent. I rarely felt rushed. Our full-time guide and bus driver were excellent. 🤊

-Collette Traveller

MACHU PICCHU & GALÁPAGOS WONDERS

14 DAYS · 28 MEALS FROM ^{\$}11419

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

HIGHLIGHTS

Lima • Sacred Valley of the Incas • Cooking Class • Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio • Home Hosted Meal • Machu Picchu • Cuzco • Colonial Quito • "Middle of the World" • 4-Night Galápagos Cruise



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

Y IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

 Day 7 — Visit the Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress or explore the neighbourhood of San Blas.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- · 13 breakfasts 6 lunches 9 dinners
- Master two of South America's classics, ceviche and pisco sours, at an interactive cooking class.
- Indulge in a farm-to-table meal in a local community.



ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Casa Andina Premium Miraflores, Lima
Days 3, 4	Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Yucay
Day 5	Casa del Sol, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7	Casa Andina Premium, Cuzco
Days 8, 9	Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda, Ouito

Days 10 - 13 Galápagos M/Y Passion

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

SMALL GROUP TRAVEL, reinvented NEW TOUR



Journey from the Land of the Incas to the Galápagos archipelago, enjoying a 4-night cruise aboard a personal yacht.

Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

Touch down in Lima, the "City of Kings."

Day 2: Lima

Become fascinated by Lima's history on a tour through the historic center (UNESCO), where the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas stands out among the colonial architecture. Visit the former home of a conquistador and feel the surge of colonial and republican life. Enjoy a menu of artful Peruvian dishes at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

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

Fly to Cuzco. Follow the trails with a local guide to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Learn about centuries-old methods of traditional textiles at Awana Kancha – known as the "palace of weaving." Stop in Pisac village and browse a handicraft market full of vibrant colours. Discover why Peru has consistently been named the world's top food travel destination during a fun-filled interactive cooking class where you will learn how to master ceviche and pisco sours. Settle in to your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. (B, D)

Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas-

Ollantaytambo-Sacred Valley of the Incas Visit the terraced ruins of Ollantaytambo, the only Incan settlement that has remained continually inhabited since its inception. At the ceramic studio of artist Pablo Seminario, see how he utilizes the intricate techniques inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Mix with a nearby community and learn traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving, listen to their music and learn their dances before enjoying a farm-totable meal of local specialties. (B, L)

Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu

Hop aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train, and head toward the "Lost City of the Incas." Wrapped inside a semitropical jungle and hidden by mountains, Machu Picchu is one of the world's most spectacular archaeological sites. (B, D)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

Enjoy some leisure time this morning. You may choose an optional excursion to Machu Picchu at sunrise, or maybe you'll explore the local markets before boarding the Vistadome back to the Sacred Valley. Continue to Cuzco and feel the local culture at a special community dining experience. (B, D)

Day 7: Cuzco

Start your morning with a local guide on your tour of Cuzco, visiting the Koricancha Temple, the Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral. Later, **it's your choice!** Travel above the city to discover the Incan ruins



of Sacsayhuaman Fortress **-OR**embark on a walking tour of San Blas, the traditional old quarter of Cuzco. The rest of the afternoon is yours. This evening, enjoy an authentic dinner with local flavors. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador

This morning, fly to Ecuador's stunning capital city – Quito. The city (UNESCO) is full of lively culture and vibrant history. (B)

Day 9: Quito

Visit the Children International community center, supported by the Collette Foundation. Meet some of the children. In Quito's colonial center, tour the Presidential Palace. After lunch, stand at the "Middle of the World," situated between two hemispheres, at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)

Day 10: Quito - Santa Cruz, Galápagos - Embark Ship

Fly to the gateway of the Galápagos, Santa Cruz. Launch your eco-adventure aboard the M/Y Passion, an exclusive 14-person yacht, your home for the next four nights. After lunch, set sail toward Black Turtle Cove, a lagoon home to rays and turtles. Spot pelicans and herons diving into the water, grabbing fish for an afternoon snack. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Genovesa Island

Head to Genovesa Island and anchor in Darwin Bay. Keep your eyes peeled for red-footed boobies trotting around the prickly pear cacti. The afternoon brings you to El Barranco where lava cliffs shelter tropical birds and a colony of seals. Hike along a trail to the edge of a cliff before trekking further inland,. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Marchena Island - Santiago Island

Grab your snorkel and jump into the water at Punta Espejo, a marine hotspot off Marchena Island. Home to pods of dolphins, sharks and coral, this is the perfect spot to enjoy two morning snorkeling excursions. Continue to Santiago Island and walk across a hardened lava flow in Sullivan Bay. Look for ethereal bubbles, where crystallized minerals poke out among the plant fossils. Along the coast you might find some Galápagos penguins waddling around, dipping into the water for some tasty fish. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Bartolome Island - Santa Cruz Island

Start the day at Bartolome, named after one of Darwin's friends and fellow researchers. Ascend the wooden stairs to the island's summit, providing an incomparable vista spread out before you. Climb back down to the white sand beach frequented by nesting sea turtles. Don your snorkel and float in the clear water, keeping your eyes peeled for diving penguins. After lunch, continue on to the island of Santa Cruz. Head toward Cerro Dragon (Dragon Hill) and spend time in its saltwater lagoon, where flamingoes and black-necked stilts wade through the water. Venture further onto the island and discover an iguana nesting site. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Santa Cruz Highlands -Disembark Ship - Quito - Tour Ends

After breakfast, disembark your yacht in Puerto Ayora. Continue on toward the Santa Cruz Highlands, where you will visit a ranch that hosts giant tortoises in their natural habitat. Bid the Galápagos goodbye and return to Quito, where a day room will be available close to the airport before your flight home. (B)

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Machu Picchu & the Galápagos Islands featuring a 3-night Cruise &

1-night Island Stay STARTING AT \$10319 per person, double, land only

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This trip requires a passport. Complete passport information is required 60 days prior to departure to book train tickets to Machu Picchu and to confirm flights to the Galapagos Islands. If passport information is incomplete or inaccurate within 60 days, there is a strong possibility that we will be unable to confirm you on the same travel schedule as the rest of your group. You will be subject to any additional charges incurred from failing to provide passport information within the designated time frame. Our air passengers will arrive into Lima and depart from Quito. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program in Peru and Ecuador are included in the land price. Interflights include four segments: Lima-Cuzco, Cuzco-Quito, Quito-Baltra Island, Baltra Island-Quito. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 8:00 p.m. on the last day. Rates include the approximate \$165 AUD Galápagos National Park and Galápagos National Institute entrance fees. The currency in Ecuador is the US dollars. In general, hotels in Peru (outside of Lima) are small with one or two levels and do not have elevators which may require you to climb 10-15 steps to get to/from the room. Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Suggested tipping on board cruise: \$15 - \$20 US dollars per person, per day, for the on-board crew and \$10 - \$15 US dollars per person, per day, for the naturalist guides. Gratuities should be paid in US dollars. The yacht has a limited quantity of cabins available in each cabin category, and some cabins may only have one bed. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. If the cabin category preferred is not available at the time of booking, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply. Every sailing will have a maximum of 14 passengers: however, if we are unable to fill the minimum capacity of 9 on the yacht, inventory will be opened to the general public. This tour may require a certificate of Yellow Fever inoculation if you have travelled to Brazil, Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo or Uganda prior to arrival in Ecuador. These fees are at your own expense. Visitors are required to have valid travel/health insurance to travel to Ecuador. The health insurance must cover medical services abroad. If you have purchased our Travel Protection Plan, your coverage meets this requirement. We will attach a document for proof of coverage that you are required to keep with you while on tour. If you opted not to purchase our travel protection, you will be required to have proof of your own coverage. We assume no responsibility for any expense associated with your failure to obtain coverage or provide proof of this required coverage. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/ or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. Tour prices may change due to the unique nature of the government restrictions on the Galapagos Islands. The normal daily schedule on board the ship consists of breakfast immediately followed by a shore excursion, lunch aboard the ship, and then an afternoon shore excursion. Transfers to/from the boat are by small boats called "pangas." Landings are either "dry" or "wet," and you might have to wade ashore in shallow water. At all times you are accompanied by your naturalist guide. Shore excursions normally last 2 - 2.5 hours each. In some cases, the terrain can be a little strenuous. Passengers should consult their physician if they have any concerns regarding their physical condition. Temperatures on this tour can be very high, so bring adequate sun protection. At the Mercure Hotel Alameda, Quito, our guests will be staying in the Deluxe room category.

PATAGONIA: EDGE OF THE WORLD

13 DAYS · 24 MEALS FROM ^{\$}8494

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

HIGHLIGHTS

Buenos Aires • Ushuaia • Tierra del Fuego National Park • 4-Night Fjord Cruise • Cape Horn • Wulaia Bay • Pia Glacier • Garibaldi Glacier • Agostini Sound • Aguila Glacier • Condor Glacier • Magdalena Island • Torres del Paine National Park • Patagonian *Estancia* • Perito Moreno Glacier • Tango Show

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Get a glimpse into Argentine culture at a lively tango performance.
- Meet and swap stories with local gauchos (cowboys).
- Embark on a 4-night cruise through the fjords and ethereal wilderness of Patagonia.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

• 12 breakfasts • 4 lunches • 8 dinners

- Spend the day at a Patagonian *estancia* and connect with the locals at a traditional lamb roast.
- Enjoy unlimited wine and beer with every dinner while onboard your cruise ship.



ACCOMMODATION

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta or Hotel Emperador, Buenos Aires
- Day 4 Los Acebos, Ushuaia
- Days 5 8 Stella Australis, Australis Cruises
- Days 9, 10 Remota Patagonia Lodge, Puerto Natales
- Days 11, 12 Esplendor, El Calafate
- Day 13 Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta or Hotel Emperador, Buenos Aires

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Take a step into a world of pure nature in Patagonia, where crystal-clear waters meet mountainside glaciers.

Day 1: Buenos Aires, Argentina - Tour Begins

Snowcapped mountains towering in the distance. Vibrant teal waters lapping against the shore. Glaciers carving their way through the valleys. This is Patagonia – a rugged wonderland of nature nestled along Argentina and Chile. Your journey starts in Buenos Aires. The city radiates a Latin-infused rhythm interwoven with its European heritage. Meet your fellow travellers for a cocktail reception at your hotel, located in the heart of the chic and stylish Recoleta neighbourhood. Head to a local restaurant with your new friends and indulge in savoury Argentine flavours. (D)

Day 2: Buenos Aires

Embark on a panoramic city tour and coast down the famous Avenida 9 de Julio, where Parisian architecture and verdant trees line the world's widest avenue. Discover the city's most well-known sites and stop at the famous Recoleta Cemetery, the final resting place of Eva Peron. Enjoy free time to explore San Telmo, where street performers tango on the sidewalks and vibrant street murals dance along the walls. Return to Recoleta for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Buenos Aires - Ushuaia

Fly to Ushuaia, your gateway to Patagonia's natural splendour. A remote harbour town nestled between the Andes and the Beagle Channel, Ushuaia proudly calls itself "the southernmost city in the world." Get acquainted with the city on a brief walking tour before enjoying free time to explore on your own. (B)

Day 4: Ushuaia - Tierra del Fuego National Park - Board Ship - Chilean Waters

Begin your Patagonian adventure at Tierra del Fuego National Park. With the wind in your hair and fresh air in your lungs, breathe in the peace and serenity around you, intensified by the dramatic landscape of waterfalls, glaciers, and forests. Set sail from the mainland on the *Stella Australis*, your home for the next four nights. Head for one of the most remote corners of the world as you cross into Chilean waters. (B, D)

Day 5: Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay

Disembark* at Cape Horn National Park, home to an archipelago of islands considered to be the "End of the Earth." Anchor at fabled Wulaia Bay and visit the historic radio station, formerly used by the



Chilean Navy. Choose how you explore the area with an expert guide, selecting between three different hikes of varying difficulty. Each choice will offer sprawling vistas of the gentle bay. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Pia Glacier - Garibaldi Glacier

Take a Zodiac to shore and stand in awe before the Pia Glacier, a colossal mass of ice slowly crawling down the mountains, followed by a choice between two hikes. Cruise further down the channel and drop anchor near Garibaldi Glacier one of three Patagonian glaciers that continues to grow rather than shrink. Set off on a challenging hike through the forest to a glacial waterfall with views of the fjord below. If you're not up for the hike, opt to stay onboard the ship and admire the stunning glacier from the upper decks. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Agostini Sound - Aguila Glacier - Condor Glacier

Make your way to shore on a Zodiac for a day by the Aguila Glacier. Start by strolling around a lagoon formed by a melting glacier. As you stand in front of the glacier, feel humbled by its pure immensity and stark white façade, emblematic of the region's untouched nature. Continue by boat to the Condor Glacier – where calving hunks of ice send spine-tingling echoes into the air. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Magdalena Island -Disembark Boat - Punta Arenas, Chile - Puerto Natales

Start your morning on Magdalena Island with a hike through a massive colony of Magellanic penguins to the island's historic lighthouse. Embark on your final sail through Patagonia as you head further into the strait, docking at Punta Arenas. Discover this coastal metropolis with an expert guide, where brightly coloured houses meet modern skyscrapers. As the day draws to a close, continue on to Puerto Natales. (B)

Day 9: Puerto Natales - Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales

Venture into Torres Del Paine National Park, a UNESCO biosphere reserve. Among the jagged mountains, ethereal teal waters, and expansive grasslands, you may spot soaring condors, inquisitive *guanacos* (llamas), and independent felines. Marvel at the cascading waterfalls as you make your way through what is known as South America's most incredible national park. (B, D)

Day 10: Puerto Natales - El Calafate, Argentina

Return to Argentina at El Calafate. En route, stop to spend time with some local *gauchos* at a typical Patagonian *estancia*. Enjoy a traditional lamb roast lunch as you chat and learn about the culture. Make your way through the edge of the Patagonian countryside before settling into your hotel, featuring unparalleled views of Lake Argentino. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Los Glaciares National Park -

Perito Moreno Glacier - El Calafate In Los Glaciares National Park, allow the wonder of Perito Moreno Glacier to take hold of your senses. This gigantic tower of vibrant ice rests against blue-green waters – an awe-inspiring blanket to the natural world. Gaze off the shoreline in search of floating icebergs, listening to the resounding crack of ice sheets breaking free. (B)

Day 12: El Calafate - Buenos Aires

Fly to Buenos Aires and make the most of some time at leisure. Gather for a farewell dinner at La Ventana Tango House, where you'll savour Argentine cuisine before viewing an authentic tango performance. (B, D)

Day 13: Buenos Aires - Tour Ends

Say *adios* to Argentina as your tour draws to a close this morning. (B)

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Buenos Aires. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are included in the land price of your tour. Due to flight schedules, a pre/post night may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please enquire at time of reservation. Port taxes and fees starting from \$95 AUD (subject to change without advance notice), quoted at time of printing, per guest are included in the land only tour cost. Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each category. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking. If the preferred cabin category is not available at time of booking, the next closest category will be offered and a surcharge may apply. Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Suggested tipping on board the cruise is USD \$15 per person, per day for the staff and crew, handed in at the reception desk on the last day of the cruise. Accepted currencies for tipping include: U.S. Dollars, Euro, Argentinian or Chilean pesos. The Cape Horn and all other shore landings are dependent on weather and sea conditions, and at the discretion of the cruise line. Due to unpredictable sailing conditions or National Park directives all of the timing and landing details featured in the cruise portion of your itinerary is subject to change. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. In September and April – when the penguins dwell elsewhere - the Magdalena Island excursion is replaced by a ride aboard Zodiacs to Marta Island to observe South American sea lions. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. All shore landings excursions to/from the ship are by small boats called "zodiacs," which requires a level of fitness to board and disembark these inflatable crafts. At all times you are accompanied by expedition staff. In some cases, the terrain can be a little strenuous. Passengers should consult their physician should they have any concerns regarding their physical condition. It is recommended that you bring hiking boots for specific excursions. Hikes of varying difficulty will be offered during each of the landings. Details of the length, terrain and difficulty will be provided by the ship's crew. Upon entry into and exit from Argentina, all passengers, regardless of their citizenship, are submitted to biometrics checks, such as digital fingerprints and a digital photograph, at the immigration counter. If your journey takes you through the International Airport Arturo Merino Benitez at the city of Santiago - to enter Argentine territory, citizens of Australia and Canada who are embarking with Australis must pay the reciprocity fee online, prior to embarking. This is required to enter Argentina and the document must be handed over to Australis at check-in time, otherwise you will be denied boarding

JOURNEY THROUGH EGYPT AND JORDAN 12 DAYS - 23 MEALS

12 DATS • 23 MEALS FROM ^{\$}6104

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

HIGHLIGHTS

Cairo • Egyptian Museum • Giza Pyramids & Sphinx • Aswan • 3-Night Nile River Cruise • Kom Ombo • Edfu • Luxor • Valley of the Kings • Sound & Light Show at Karnak Temple • Amman • Wadi Rum • Petra • Dead Sea • Arabic Literature Discussion

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river, on a leisurely paced 3-night cruise.
- Enjoy an exclusive viewing of the tombs of King Tut and Ramses VI during a tour of Valley of the Kings.
- Connect with locals at a women's rug weaving cooperative.

W IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

 Day 6 — Behold the Luxor Temple or enjoy high tea where the elite once did at the Old Winter Palace.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

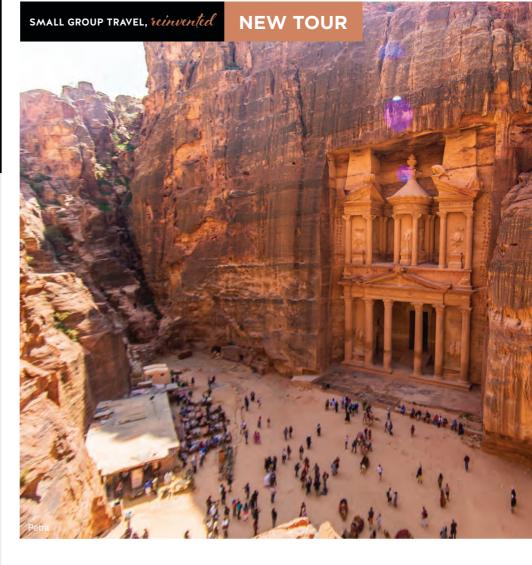
CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 11 breakfasts 5 lunches 7 dinners
- Enjoy a traditional lunch cooked by locals and discuss Arabic literature with a philanthropic entrepreneur.
- Prepare your meal and eat familystyle at an Arabic cooking class.



Days 1 - 3	Kempinski Nile Hotel Garden City, Cairo
Days 4 - 6	Sonesta St. George
Day 7	Marriott Hotel, Amman
Days 8, 9	Movenpick Resort, Wadi Musa, Petra
Days 10, 11	Movenpick Resort and Spa, Dead Sea

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Experience a dramatic world beyond imagination as you enter into lands of legends, relics, and indescribable beauty.

Day 1: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Feel as if you've stepped into another time as you enter a world of legends, relics, and indescribable beauty. Eons of history and iconic wonders, mouthwatering bites of savoury cuisine, and stretching sunsets fading against the desert horizon – discover the essence of Egypt and Jordan. Your adventure starts in Cairo, the capital of Egypt. A constant thrum of energy wrapped around you, feel the ever-present heartbeat of the country in the city streets. Located strategically along the banks of the Nile, generations of wanderers have traversed these grounds just as you do now.

Day 2: Cairo

Spend the morning with an Egyptologist for a lecture on ancient Egypt. Your look into the past continues at the Egyptian Museum, a collection featuring some of the area's oldest artefacts. This evening, connect with your fellow adventurers at a welcome dinner featuring local specialities. (B, D)

Day 3: Cairo - Giza - Cairo

Venture to nearby Giza and embrace the Egypt you have always imagined at the iconic Pyramids. Stand in awe before the

Pyramids of Giza, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the Great Sphinx's stoicism, a colossal structure jutting out of the desert sand, full of mystery and intrigue. (B)

Day 4: Cairo - Aswan - Philae - Board Ship

A 2-hour flight brings you to Aswan, a breathtaking port city up the Nile. You may choose to partake in an optional tour to Abu Simbel and see the extraordinary temples of Ramses II relocated there during the construction of the High Dam. This afternoon, discover the mysteries of Philae's temple. Located on a small island, this complex can only be reached by motorboat. Then, board your cruise ship, your home for the next three nights, and watch the Egyptian landscape slowly drift by you. After a captain's welcome cocktail and dinner, connect with Egypt's culture at an ancient Nubian show. (B, D)

Day 5: Kom Ombo - Edfu - Esna

Coast along to Kom Ombo and visit a rare double temple. Continue on to the mesmerising Temple of Edfu, dedicated to the ancient god Horus and serving as one



of Egypt's best-preserved temples. Sail to Esna before enjoying a festive Galabeya Party, where you might don a traditional Egyptian gown. (B, L, D)

Day 6: West and East Bank of Luxor ♥

Start the day on Luxor's West Bank, trekking along elaborate tombs in the Valley of the Kings. Delve even further into Egyptian legends with an exclusive viewing of the tombs of King Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Continue on to a local farm nestled along the banks of the Nile. At the farm, discuss this Egyptian way of life between sips of freshly brewed tea. This afternoon, it's your choice! Behold the Luxor Temple, a creation of kings Amenhotep III and Ramses II -OR- enjoy high tea at the Old Winter Palace, which hosted esteemed guests such as Winston Churchill, Agatha Christie, and the great Egyptologist Howard Carter, who announced the discovery of King Tut's tomb here. This evening, enjoy the sound and light show at Karnak Temple. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Luxor - Disembark Ship -Amman, Jordan

Say goodbye to the land of the pyramids as you fly from Luxor

to Amman, the capital of Jordan. Get a peek into this innovative city housing both modern technologies and ancient relics. Tonight's street food dinner includes local specialities of hummus, falafel and kunafa. (B, D)

Day 8: Amman - Wadi Rum - Petra

Cross Jordan all the way to the south as you leave Amman for the isolated desert of Wadi Rum. Nicknamed the Valley of the Moon, this ethereal landscape resembles nothing found on earth. Cruise through the reserve on an open-air vehicle tour. Enjoy lunch at a local camp before venturing onward to Petra, the fabled "Rose Red City." In the evening, stroll down the street to an authentic Arabic cooking class. Prepare your meal, featuring fresh ingredients from local markets and traditional Jordanian recipes, before digging in family-style. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Petra

Weave along sandstone carvings as you tour the site with your guide. Serving as a crossroads between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea, Petra contains ages of hidden wonders just waiting to be explored. Enjoy leisure time to discover the site on your own. (B)

Day 10: Petra - Dead Sea

Connect with the local community at a women's rug weaving cooperative, where you'll be able to peruse the rugs designed in traditional styles. Then, arrive at your hotel in the Dead Sea and take advantage of the the luxuries and your direct access to the legendary sea. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Dead Sea - Madaba - Dead Sea

Get a glimpse into the foundation of Christian reverence at Bethany Beyond the Jordan, the venerated site of Jesus Christ's baptism. In Madaba, delve deep into St. George's Church and its famous Byzantine mosaics. Then, connect with an inspiring native who encourages literacy through his bookstore. At the store, you'll enjoy a traditional farewell lunch cooked by locals as you chat with the philanthropic entrepreneur, discussing Arabic literature and culture. Like Moses long before you, gaze upon the Promised Land at Mount Nebo before returning to your hotel. (B, L)

Day 12: Dead Sea - Tour Ends

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



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Prices base	d on 2 March 2021	departure.
September 2020 - April 2021	3, 10 November	9, 16, 23 February

 22, 29 September
 1 December
 2, 9, 16 March

 13, 20, 27 October
 26 January
 6, 13, 20, 27 April

This trip requires a passport and visa. A visa is required for Egypt and Jordan. An Egyptian visa must be obtained at your own expense upon arrival in Egypt, at the approximate cost of 25 US Dollars, paid in cash. You need to purchase the visa before getting in line for immigration. For US, Canadian, UK, EU and Australian citizens, a Jordanian visa is arranged by our local Jordanian agent in advance. The Jordan exit fee is approximately 22 AUD per person, paid in local currency. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details or specific entry requirements for this tour. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time without notice, based on governing authority. Passport numbers are required in advance. Please provide yours at time of booking. Our air passengers will arrive into Cairo and depart from Amman. Airport transfers available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are included in the land price of your tour. The Egyptian Government charges a camera and/or video fee of approximately 18 US Dollars, per camera, for taking photos or video inside any enclosed sites such as tombs. There is an additional cost to enter inside the Pyramids. Rates are subject to change at any time based on governing authority. If you wish to take advantage of any of these extras, your Tour Manager will facilitate the onsite purchase of these tickets by collecting the fees at the beginning of the tour day. The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilise your time on tour. Order of sightseeing on board the ship may vary based on departure and weather conditions and is at the sole discretion of the cruise line. Due to flight schedules, the Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking. Some days will have early departures for excursions to avoid the midday high temperatures. If travelling during Ramadan, please note that the order of some features may vary and that some meal experiences may be replaced with meals in the hotel instead of local restaurants/venues. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Casablanca • Hassan II Mosque • Rabat • Meknes • Fes • Sahara Desert Tented Camp • Oasis Visit • Camel Ride • Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou • High Atlas Mountains • Marrakech • Cooking Class



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of ancient markets and medinas.
- Spend two nights at a tented camp in the Sahara Desert.
- Visit a desert oasis to meet a local farmer.



 Day 8 – Visit the Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum or explore the Musée Yves Saint Laurent and discover how the colours and textures of Morocco inspired this iconic designer.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



- · 9 breakfasts · 2 lunches · 6 dinners
- Experience Moroccan hospitality during a festive dinner at your *riad*.
- Select your own ingredients before a culinary workshop at a local women's cooperative.

ACCOMMODATION

Day 1	Barceló Anfa, Casablanca

- Days 2, 3Riad Yacout, FesDays 4, 5Xaluca Luxe Bivouacs
- Belle Étoile, Sahara Desert, Merzouga
- Day 6 Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades
- Days 7 9 Es Saadi Hotel, Marrakech On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Get to know the vibrant culture and colourful backdrops that are distinctively Morocco.

Day 1: Casablanca, Morocco - Tour Begins

On a captivating adventure through a land of centuries-old culture and customs, discover the "Land of Sunset" and "Gateway to Africa" – the place they call Morocco. Your journey begins in Casablanca. This evening, take in the aromas of coriander, allspice and ginger as you join your fellow travellers for a traditional Moroccan dinner. (D)

Day 2: Casablanca - Rabat - Meknes - Fes

Gaze upon the intricate, colourful artistry of ceramic tile and hand-carved stone during a visit to the breathtaking Hassan II Mosque. Then we're off to Rabat, Morocco's capital, to visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V. The epitome of modern Moroccan design, the mausoleum's ornate woodwork, marble, and bronze ornamentations make this a tomb truly fit for a king. Then, it's on to the imperial city of Meknes (UNESCO) home of the ancient door, the Bab El Mansour, and the historic gate, the Bab El Khamis. Arrive at your *riad*, a traditional Moroccan building (and Arabic for "garden") just in time for dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Fes

Get ready to discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn about its history

as a centre of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion. Step back in time on an eye-opening tour featuring the centuries-old Medersa Bou Inania, the Jewish Quarter, city ramparts, and the palace gates. On a walking tour of the 9thcentury medina, explore the alleyways and stalls of this ancient market. At the famous leather tanneries, watch as craftsmen tan and dye leather among the honeycomb of colourful vats. (B)

Day 4: Fes - Midelt - Erfoud - Sahara Desert

Cross some of Morocco's most breathtaking desert landscapes on the way to the Sahara. En route, pause in Midelt to bask in majestic views of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Arrive in Erfoud, the "Door to the Desert," and make your way by 4x4 jeep to your luxurious tented camp for a magical 2-night stay in the Sahara Desert. (B, D)

Day 5: Sahara Desert Expedition

Begin your day by travelling to a desert oasis. Meet a local farmer to discuss the challenges of survival in the desert before travelling to a village to experience traditional North African Gnawa music. Continue on your desert expedition and meet a nomadic community that travels



across the desert with the changing seasons. Return to your camp as the sun sets over the dunes. This evening, reflect on the serenity and beauty of the desert under a tapestry of twinkling stars. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Sahara Desert - Todra Gorge - Boumalne du Dades

Return to the edge of the desert via camel and marvel at the sunrise as it illuminates the sands. In the new light of day, begin the journey to Todra Gorge, one of the most spectacular canyons in the world. Arrive in Morocco's "Grand Canyon," Boumalne du Dades, where a golden sun lights up the gorge's river valleys, palmeries and burnished mud-brick homes. (B, D)

Day 7: Boumalne du Dades - Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech

Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs," where turreted fortresses rise up like sandcastles. Arrive at the Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou and discover the earthen buildings, defensive walls, and corner towers. Make a stop at a local argan oil cooperative on the drive through the Valley of Roses. Before you reach the exotic city of Marrakech, continue along the Tizi n'Tichka Pass in the High Atlas Mountains, a scenic route through lush oasis valleys, imposing mountains and several Berber

villages, before arriving in the ancient city of Marrakech. (B)

Day 8: Marrakech 😵

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Visit the ancient El Bahia Palace, whose architecture is a distinct blend of both Islamic and Moroccan styles. See the vibrant Jewish Mellah and the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque. Pass the Royal Palace on a tour of the ancient city wall. Then it's your choice! Visit the Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum, two iconic sites that showcase the beauty and ingenuity of Morocco's cultural heritage -OR- explore the Musée Yves Saint Laurent and discover how the colours and textures of Morocco inspired this iconic designer. (B)

Day 9: Marrakech

Today, join a local women's cooperative in an interactive cooking class. Head to le jardin to source your own herbs and vegetables and learn the secret to making the country's most celebrated dish: the tagine. Tonight, an unforgettable dining experience awaits you behind the doors of an opulent palace. Over dinner with new friends, toast the end of your Moroccan journey. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Marrakech - Casablanca -Tour Ends

Board your transfer to Casablanca this morning to connect with your flight home. (B)

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2, 6, 9, 13, 23, 30 November

May 2020 - April 2021 (featured itinerary) 8, 15, 22, 29 May 21, 25, 28 September 2, 5, 9, 12, 16 October 19, 23, 26, 30 October

4,7 December 25, 29 January 5, 12, 19, 22, 26 February 5, 12, 15, 19 March 9, 16, 23, 26, 30 April

Itinerary featured is for May 2020 - April 2021 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Casablanca. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Return flights from Casablanca should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. Due to flight schedules, a post-night may be required in Casablanca (at an additional cost). If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine

The tour was excellent, we saw so much and our guide was very knowledgeable and helpful. 99

-Collette Traveller

THE PLAINS OF AFRICA

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HIGHLIGHTS

Nairobi • Aberdare National Park • Shaba National Reserve • Samburu National Reserve • Sundowner • Lake Nakuru • Masai Mara • Karen Blixen Home • Amboseli National Park • 11 Game Drives • Africa's "Big 5"

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Feed Rothschild giraffes up-close at a sanctuary.
- Learn the traditions of the Samburu people during a visit with a tribe member.
- Enrich yourself in the culture during a visit to a Masai village.
- Impact Moment: Give back to nature with a "seedball," which limits the cost of planting indigenous trees

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- · 12 breakfasts 11 lunches 10 dinners
- Indulge in a traditional dinner in the bush with Masai entertainment.
- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the bush, surrounded by nature.



ACCOMMODATIONS

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Enjoy Kenya's vistas and wildlife as you traverse the African plains on an intimate safari adventure.

Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins

Prepare to see an Africa you've only known in your dreams, and one you never knew existed. Explore Kenya's wildlife, up close and personal, against stunning vistas across the plains of Africa. A continent of adventure stirs the soul in Kenya, the heart of safari country. Spend the night at Nairobi's first luxury hotel, the Sarova Stanley. Complement your journey with an opportunity to give back to nature with a "seedball." The compact balls of seed limit the cost of planting indigenous trees around the world. A moment of impact can grow into a lifetime of change, so toss your seedball out the window anytime during your journey.

Day 2: Nairobi - Aberdare National Park

Set out in the central highlands to the mists of Aberdare National Park. Inside this isolated volcanic range, peaks reach as high as 14,000 feet. Indigenous forests surround you on all sides, and red soil drowns under brilliant waterfalls. Set your eyes on Mweiga Hill, where a welcome party of giraffes wait to greet you at your lodge. Overlooking the park, enjoy the lodge's amenities at leisure this afternoon. Unwind on a nature walk, or tee up for a round of golf – it's up to you. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Aberdare National Park - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba Reserve

Discover the magic of the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves – home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife – particularly two species you can only find north of the Equator: Grevy's zebra and reticulated giraffe. Arrive at peaceful Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. This afternoon, head for Buffalo Springs – a starkly beautiful semi-desert that's a mecca for birds and wildlife. On your game drive in this remarkably serene landscape, see if you can spot the "Big 5" – lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards and rhinos. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Shaba Reserve - Samburu National Reserve - Shaba Reserve

Marvel at the striking contrast of sand, sky, and bush during a morning game drive inside Samburu National Reserve, a tiny gem of Kenya's North Country. Return to Shaba Reserve for lunch before heading out on an afternoon game drive. Bring your camera as you continue searching for the elusive "Big 5." Make sure to look up for the approximately 350 species of birds that call this region home. As the sun sets over the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River, enjoy a traditional Sundowner, and relish the chance to deepen your cultural experience. In the company of a Samburu tribe member, learn about the culture, traditions, and folklore of the Samburu region and its people. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Shaba Reserve - Aberdare National Park

Journey to the forests of Aberdare National Park in the heights of the Aberdare Mountain Range. An amazing experience awaits vou upon arrival to vour lodge, The Ark. This incredible place is an experience all on its own. Surrounded by forest and wildlife, The Ark offers four viewing decks that make it easy to watch the game go by. Tonight, join your Tour Manager for a discussion about conservation efforts and anti-poaching measures in the region. Many animals visit the salt lick and the Ark's floodlit water hole throughout the night. So you don't miss any of the action, you can choose to be notified through the unique buzzer system of any wildlife sightings. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Aberdare National Park -Lake Nakuru

To the middle of the Earth and beyond! Hit the road for a spectacular, mountain-kissed journey on the way to Nyahururu waterfalls. One of the Great Rift Valley's soda lakes, Lake Nakuru is a haven of ecological diversity surrounded by picturesque ridges and wooded, bushy grassland. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Lake Nakuru

Wake up in the embrace of Nakuru's acacia forest. This is one of the continent's more perfect national parks. During this morning's game drive, make sure your binoculars are ready - this is rhino country. Find this park absolutely brimming with wildlife, on the ground and in the air. Regale in a true taste of Africa: a traditional breakfast prepared right in the bush. Unwind at your lodge before continuing your journey through the park on an afternoon game drive. Return just in time to witness one of Nakuru's unforgettable sunsets. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve

Welcome to the Masai Mara Game Reserve, Kenya's spot of spots for game viewing. Your tented accommodations in the Mara provide you with all the deluxe amenities of a proper lodge, with the added adventure of being on level with the wild. Graced with an astounding collection of wildlife including lions, giraffes, zebras and elephants, the Mara offers an unsurpassed safari experience on your game drive this afternoon. Enrich yourself in the culture during a visit to a Masai village (an enkeng in Maa, the Masai language).

Tonight, indulge in a traditional bush dinner, complete with a Masai dance performance. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Masai Mara Game Reserve

Ernest Hemingway said, "I never knew a morning in Africa when I woke up and was not happy." Wake up happy, refreshed, and ready for your morning and afternoon game drives through the grassy plains and rolling hills of the Masai Mara. The Mara thrives in the same ecosystem as the Serengeti and plays host to one of the greatest natural spectacles on the planet; the annual wildebeest migration. This is truly nature's greatest theatre, where savanna, cloud shadows and amazing wildlife spot the horizon. During a picnic stop, take in the vast landscape and discover for yourself why the ancestors described this place as Mara, meaning "spotted" in Maa. After a Mara sunset, head over to your incredible tented camp and be lulled to sleep by the sounds of the animals in the distance, (B, L, D)

Day 10: Masai Mara Game Reserve - Nairobi

Return to Nairobi and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen for a true Out of Africa experience. Have Rothschild giraffes eating right out of your hand (literally!) at the Giraffe Sanctuary. Get an up-close-andpersonal meeting with these fantastic creatures while feeding them from a platform that stretches as far into the sky as they do. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park

Open plains, free-running lions, roaming herds of elephants, and so many other animals take up the majority of the real estate in Amboseli National Park. Take to the plains for an afternoon game drive in the breathtaking aura of snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Amboseli National Park

All of Amboseli is at your feet today during morning and afternoon game drives. Derived from the Masai word meaning "salty dust," this unique corner of Kenya is one of the best places in Africa to see hundreds of elephants up close. Wildebeests and zebras are ever-present, plus there's a good chance you'll see a cheetah and a hyena or two. Today is your last full day on the continent and your last chance to spot some more members of the elusive "Big 5." If you haven't tossed your "seedball" into the wilds yet, now's your chance to make an impact on the continent you've grown to love. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Amboseli National Park -Nairobi - Tour Ends

Return to Nairobi for your departure for home. You may choose to reserve a day room to freshen up prior to your flight. (B)

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EVEN MORE TIME? Combine The Plains of Africa with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

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January - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 24, 31 January 7, 14, 21 February 6, 20 March 17, 24 April Itinerary featured is for May 2020 - April 2021 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please

confirm at time of reservation.

May 2020 - April 2021 (*featured itinerary*) 15 May 5, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 June 10, 17, 24, 31 July 7, 14, 21, 28 August

4, 7, 11, 14, 18 September

21, 25 September

2, 9, 16, 23 October 6, 13 November 22, 29 January 5, 19 February 12 March 23 April

This trip requires a passport and visa. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Nairobi. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 4:00 p.m. If travelling internationally with a child under the age of 18, please check directly with the airline for the legal documentation that is required. It is the sole responsibility of the quest to procure the proper documentation to travel and many requirements vary by airline and destination. We will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. Park fees (approximately \$785 AUD) are included in the land price of your tour. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. Soft duffel bag luggage is required for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs. (approximately 33 pounds). A Kenya visa is required for this tour and must be obtained in advance. To apply for your visa in advance, please go to www.ecitizen.go.ke to submit an application and register yourself as a visitor. You will need a scanned copy of your passport as well as a passport photo to apply for the visa. Please allow for ample time as it may take up to a week or more to process. Bring a printed copy of your visa to present upon arrival in Kenya. The current cost of the single entry visa through this website is \$51 USD, rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Should you wish to use an alternate visa service provider, additional processing fees may apply

EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS, & BOTSWANA

13 DAYS • 28 MEALS FROM \$7269

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

HIGHLIGHTS

Cape Town • Table Mountain • Cape Winelands • Pilanesberg National Park • Victoria Falls • Chobe National Park • 9 Wildlife Safaris



- Head out for an African sundowner via 4x4 and enjoy the sunset.
- Explore the Dutch architecture and vineyards of the Cape Winelands.
- Interact with African elephants.



• Day 12 — Continue the wildlife search by land on a game drive or venture down the river for a different perspective on a safari cruise.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



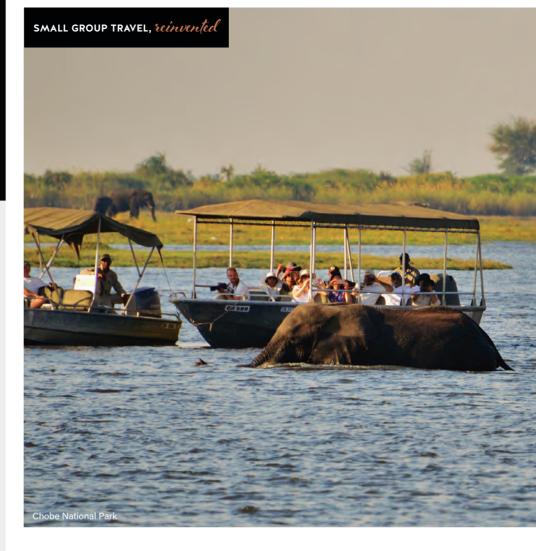
CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- · 12 breakfasts 6 lunches 10 dinners
- Experience an authentic bush dinner under the stars in Pilanesberg National Park.
- Sample South African wines at a vineyard tasting.
- Get to know a Capetonian family over dinner in their home.



- Days 1 3 The Portswood Hotel, Cape Town
- Days 4, 5 Spier Hotel or De Zalze Lodge, Stellenbosch
- Days 6 8 Shepherd's Tree Game Lodge or Ivory Tree Game Lodge, Pilanesberg National Park
- Days 9, 10 The Wallow, Victoria Falls
- Days 11, 12 Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Get ready for an unparalleled journey through the cultural diversity and abundant wildlife of southern Africa.

Day 1: Cape Town, South Africa - Tour Begins

From urban centres to wild safaris, Africa takes you by surprise, delighting you again and again until its unique spirit clams you, heart and soul. Welcome to South Africa's electric cultural mecca of Cape Town. Explore Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, a Cape Town hotspot. From heritage sites to historic landmarks, markets, shops, and restaurants, the waterfront is one of South Africa's most compelling destinations.

Day 2: Cape Town

Rise gently over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain, taking in views of Cape Town, Lion's Head, and historic Robben Island. Return to the city via Table Bay. Pass through the Moorish Malay Quarter and pause at Milnerton Lighthouse. The rest of the afternoon is yours. Take advantage of your hotel's ideal location, just steps from the lively waterfront. Tonight, taste the country's beloved flavours at dinner, starring a host of South African specialities and delicacies. (B, D)

Day 3: Cape Town

Travel to Cape Point, the southwestern tip of Africa. Marvel at the vibrant green foliage blanketing the rocky outcrops, set as a contrast to the bright blue waves below. Set out on an easy hike down the mountain, wandering by diverse patches of native flowers. Stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events – a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Tonight, you're an honoured guest in a Capetonian family's home. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like here in Cape Town. (B, D)

Day 4: Cape Town - Stellenbosch

The winelands of the Western Cape await. See for yourself why this area boasts a reputation as one of the world's most beautiful wine countries. A short drive takes you to the idyllic town of Stellenbosch – one of South Africa's most famous wine regions. Among rolling vineyards and historic Cape Dutch architecture, make the most of free time in the afternoon. This evening, learn about South Africa's renowned varietals during a wine tasting. Cap the evening off with a dinner featuring locally-sourced ingredients. (B, D)

Day 5: Stellenbosch - Franschhoek - Stellenbosch

Sip the South African specialities with a full day exploring the country's winelands. Start in the Stellenbosch Valley and enjoy



a tasting at your first winery of the day. Perhaps you'll try the local favourite, Pinotage, which is a Pinot Noir blend. Travel to the charming village of Franschhoek for lunch. Take advantage of time at leisure before visiting a second winery in the afternoon. (B, L)

Day 6: Stellenbosch -Johannesburg - Pilanesberg National Park

Take to the skies on a flight to Johannesburg. In a place where the lions reign as kings, head to Pilanesberg National Park, a fascinating game reserve set within an ancient crater. This is the wild Africa you've always dreamt of – now laid out before you just waiting to be discovered. Venture out in a 4x4 in search of the "Big 5" across vast marshlands and craggy landscapes. Enjoy a drink at a traditional African sundowner and watch as the sun disappears behind the mountain. (B, D)

Day 7: Pilanesberg National Park

Answer the call of the wild before sunrise. In the open expanse of Pilanesberg, among the pitchperfect sounds of the wild, drive out in your 4x4 on a chase for the elusive "Big 5." Enjoy coffee and tea amongst the wildlife prior to your return. In the afternoon, drive past the big cats preparing for the hunt before you indulge in a bush dinner under the stars. Allow your mind to wander as you stare up at the sky in awe, marvelling at the parade of stars and constellations only seen in the Southern Hemisphere. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Pilanesberg National Park

Discover the wildlife around you with another full day in Pilanesberg. On morning and afternoon game drives, continue your search for the "Big 5" and other local animals, such as giraffes or cheetahs. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Pilanesberg National Park - Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Fly to Victoria Falls today – an aweinspiring Natural Wonder of the World. When you arrive, check in to your lodge – an authentic African tent camp with all of the amenities of a luxury resort. This afternoon, when rainbows are at their best, witness the awesome power of Victoria Falls. As the sun sets and the animals gather around the watering hole, toast the stunning African landscape with a sundowner. Your evening continues with dinner on the shores of the Zambezi River overlooking Victoria Falls. (B, D)

Day 10: Victoria Falls

Embark on an experience of a lifetime. Greet African elephants, spend some quality time interacting with them in their own habitat, and learn some of their unique behaviours. After you've worked up an appetite, join a local Zambian family for a home-hosted lunch. This evening, you might decide to join an optional sunset cruise on the Zambezi River. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana

Cross the border into Botswana and arrive in Chobe – an untamed national park whose namesake river twists its way throughout the area. During a captivating safari cruise along the Chobe River, spot elephants and hippos that linger and swim along the shores, and crocodiles basking in the sun. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Chobe National Park 😵

On a game drive through Chobe National Park, embark on an unforgettable wildlife excursion that features diverse ecosystems and unparalleled biodiversity. After lunch, **it's your choice!** Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon game drive **-OR-** venture down the river again for a different perspective on a safari cruise. Tonight, gather by the river for an unforgettable, chef-hosted farewell dinner. Learn the secret to cooking a traditional *braai*, complete with some local favourites and delicacies. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Chobe - Johannesburg,

South Africa - Tour Ends Fly to Johannesburg today, where your tour comes to a close. (B)

ACTIVITY LEVEL





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Add more time to your trip with these options:



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DUBAI SEE PAGE 56 FOR DETAILS

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DOUBLE SOLO STARTING AT \$7269 STARTING AT \$8669 Land only, per person, double occupancy. Prices based on 22 April 2021 departure.

January - April 2020	May 2020 - April 2021
(<i>different itinerary - see note</i>)	(featured itinerary)
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 January	14, 28 May
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5, 8, 15, 19, 26 March	9, 16, 18 July
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Itinerary featured is for May 2020 – April 2021 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation	3, 6, 13, 17, 20 September 22, 24, 27 September 1, 4, 8, 15, 22 October

25, 29 October 5, 12, 19 November 7, 14, 21, 28 January 4, 11, 18, 21 February 25, 28 February 4, 11, 18, 25 March 1, 8, 15, 22 April

This trip requires a passport and visa. You must have at least 4 blank pages (with visa hologram) remaining in your passport to allow for the entry stamps issued for South Africa and Botswana as well as the visa for Zimbabwe. The 2 pages for South Africa MUST be facing each other. Failure to comply with this law will result in denied boarding of your international flight. Nationals of Australia are eligible to obtain a visa on arrival to Zimbabwe at any major entry point for a stay of up to 30 days. The fee is approximately AUD40 for single entry and AUD60 for a double entry. You must hold sufficient funds to cover the stay and hold proof of onward travel to a third destination. A mandatory tourism levy of 30 USD is required for all travellers upon arrival at the port of entry of Botswana. This levy can be paid by cash or credit card. Fees are subject to change. Park fees are included in the land price of your tour. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Zimbabwe and Botswana. Consult your physician 2-3 weeks prior to departure. Each quest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. For guests transiting via Europe, an additional overnight flight will be required. Day rooms or overnight stays can be arranged for a cost upon request. In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be travelling by custom built safari vehicle which requires climbing in and out frequently and travel on bumpy roads. To experience Africa fully, we recommend that all guests be in reasonably good health and prepare properly. Unfortunately, wheelchairs cannot be accommodated on this trip. In addition, passengers who require assistance walking or who travel with oxygen tanks will not fully enjoy this trip and we strongly recommend a different tour. Our air passengers will arrive into Cape Town and depart from Johannesburg. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, return flights from Johannesburg should not be scheduled prior to 6:30 p.m. The internal flights are included in the land price of vour tour.

TANZANIA 4-NIGHT POST-TOUR EXTENSION

See the unparalleled beauty of the natural world unfold around you in these stunning and rugged African parks – Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater.

\$2615-\$3710* MEALS 12

*Per person, double, land only. Rates include park fees.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Enjoy a full-day game drive in Serengeti National Park, undoubtedly the most famous wildlife sanctuary in the world.
- Safari across the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest intact caldera in the world, teeming with wildlife residing on the lush crater floor.







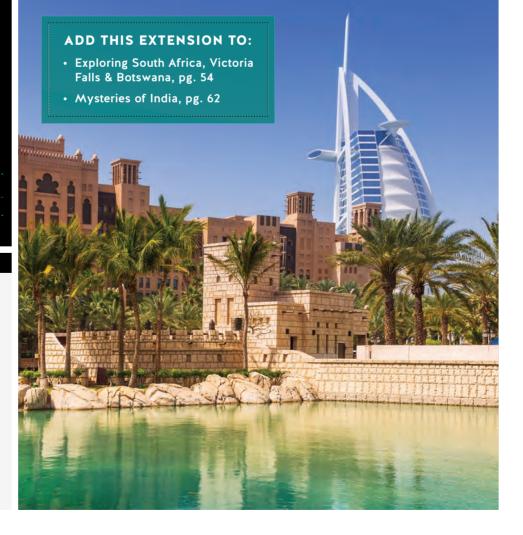
Discover this ultra-modern city before exploring the ancient, alluring charm of the desert.

\$960* MEALS 4

*Per person, double, land only.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Enjoy magnificent views of the worldfamous Burj Al Arab hotel.
- View the Al Bastakiya's old wind-tower houses built by wealthy merchants.
- Travel by abra, a traditional water taxi.
- Embark on an exciting desert safari and ride aboard a 4x4 vehicle over rolling sand dunes through the Dubai desert.
- Arrive at a desert campsite where a feast awaits you and enjoy a belly dancing performance.



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Go looking for luxury shopping, high-end restaurants, and modern architecture in Dubai, and you'll find that and more. But look beyond the city limits, and you'll discover another world.

THE DUBAI YOU KNOW

You've seen it depicted in movies an opulent, hyper-modern city set like a gleaming beacon in the desert. Famous for a recordbreaking skyscraper and cuttingedge architecture, the Dubai skyline feels like a city pulled straight from science fiction. Luxury shopping is a favourite pastime here, and each shopping plaza reflects that by being bigger, more elaborate, and more elegant than the next. Rooftop terrace hars. world-class restaurants, and fashionable beach clubs can be found everywhere. Dubai was designed to be a desert oasis, and you can feel it with every step.



THE DUBAI YOU DON'T

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Away from the gleaming glass of this modern-leaning city is a different world. Rolling dunes stretch out towards the horizon, rippled like water by the warm winds of the desert. Out here, you won't find luxury malls you'll find Bedouin camps. Instead of restaurants, you'll find savoury meats roasted over open flames. Instead of high-end sports cars, you'll find rugged 4x4 vehicles and even camels. Share a meal with locals, listen to rhythmic Berber drums, and even watch a traditional bellydancing show. You'll feel like you're a thousand miles from the paved roads and skyscrapers of the city.

ADD A FEW DAYS IN DUBAI TO YOUR TOUR. SEE OPPOSITE PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND UNCOVERED

20 DAYS · 31 MEALS FROM ^{\$}9614

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

HIGHLIGHTS

Maori Culture • Cook Strait • Nelson • Abel Tasman National Park • Punakaiki Pancake Rocks • Franz Josef • New Zealand's Wild West Coast • Queenstown • Milford Sound • Sydney Opera House • Adelaide Hills • Barossa Valley • Sounds of Silence Dinner at Uluru • Great Barrier Reef

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore New Zealand's pristine wilderness and coastlines on several easy walks.
- Walk amongst the history and heritage of Maori culture.
- Spend the day at the Great Barrier Reef – with included options to snorkel, hike, or chat with a marine biologist.

V IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- Day 6 Walk along the rainforest Truman Track or enjoy a leisurely morning at your hotel.
- Day 7 With a local guide, view the Franz Josef Glacier via an exclusive trail or learn more about Kiwi conservation at the West Coast Wildlife Centre.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

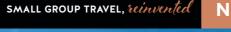
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EXTEND YOUR TOUR WITH 3 NIGHTS **in fiji!**



Escape to a tropical paradise and relax with a fresh fruit drink, read a book, go for a swim, or just bask in the atmosphere of this stunning archipelago.

See page 71 for more information.



NEW TOUR



Uncover Maori culture in New Zealand. Dive into the Outback of Australia. This is Oceania, a paradise in the South Pacific.

Day 1: Wellington, New Zealand - Tour Begins

Delve into the South Pacific heritage and get a close look at New Zealand's Maori lifestyle and the roots of Australia's Aboriginal groups. Your journey starts in New Zealand. Feel the ever-present heartbeat of Maori culture on this set of islands. Comprised of natural beauty and striking contrasts, live the Kiwi lifestyle for the next 10 days. Say hello to Wellington, the colourful capital city of New Zealand. Take in the gourmet eats, seaside charm, and scenic coastline as you feel the warm ocean breeze of the "Windy City."

Day 2: Wellington

Jump right into Maori culture as you are greeted with a traditional *powhiri*, an elaborate ceremony for welcoming guests. Marvel at the carved *wakas*, sleek canoes of intricate design, to get a glimpse into this captivating society at a Maori culture centre. Get exclusive access to an archaeological site not open to the public during a guided exploration of a waterfront pa (Maori for village). Taste Maori heritage in a *Hangi* dish and discover the roots of the culture at the Te Papa Museum. Admire the rolling waves as you share conversation, connecting over dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Wellington - Nelson

Surrounded by green slopes and rolling mountains, the Cook Strait will offer a picturesque landscape as you cruise over the stunning waters on your way to the South Island. Visit Nelson, the oldest city on the island. Enjoy an evening at leisure to experience this coastal hub, full of local works and a trending foodie scene. This local art hub highlights works from the area, artisan food markets, and sparkling waters. (B)

Day 4: Nelson - Abel Tasman National Park - Nelson

Explore the Nelson Market, a bustling open-air market featuring delicious foods and goods from local artists. Chat with





New Zealander artisans as you walk along the spirited stalls and peruse an everevolving library of Kiwi crafts. Venture on to Kaiteriteri, a coastal paradise where you'll set sail through the graceful natural beauty of Abel Tasman National Park. Coast over the crystal clear waters as you pass by verdant swathes of reaching trees huddled along the shoreline. A picnic lunch awaits at the Anchorage, a scenic bay set amongst a backdrop of gentle waves and sandy coasts. (B, L)

Day 5: Nelson - Cape Foulwind Seal Colony - Punakaiki or Hokitika

This morning meet with a local artist at his studio to learn about New Zealand greenstone carving. Then, venture to Cape Foulwind and find yourself set among dramatic ocean overlooks, towering mountains, and rustling foliage. Watch the dynamic colony of fur seals lounging on the sun-soaked rocks and dipping into the crashing waves. Tonight, dine at your beachfront hotel, a natural haven of craggy peaks and lively waterspouts. (B, D)

Day 6: Punakaiki or Hokitika - Franz Josef ♥

This morning, **it's your choice!** Start the day surrounded by ethereal flora as you meander along Truman Track, a path that

weaves through thick rainforest and onto a hidden beach below **-OR-** soak in a bit of coastal serenity and enjoy a leisurely morning at your hotel. Then, we gather to experience the natural phenomenon of Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks. Feel the spray of the ocean crashing against these unique limestone formations with a flapjack façade. On your way to Franz Josef, New Zealand's glacier country, you'll get to experience Hokitika, better known as a "cool little town." Discover the area's seaside allure by combing the beach in search of New Zealand jade or perhaps you'll explore the shops and eateries in town. (B)

Day 7: Franz Josef 😵

Choose how to start your day because it's your choice! View the Franz Josef Glacier with a local guide, traversing an exclusive trail not open to the public -ORget a glimpse of kiwis at the West Coast Wildlife Centre, where you'll learn more about conservation and rehabilitation of this national icon. Enjoy free time to relax. Perhaps you will step into the rainforest and soak in the steamy thermal waters of the Franz Josef Glacier Hot Pools. (B)

Day 8: Franz Josef - Queenstown

Journey through the thick rainforest and

emerge on the "wild" west coast. With cliffs and beaches on your right and the southern snowcapped Alps on your left, there will be no shortage of riveting landscapes to capture your eye. Pause in Wanaka, a slice of tranquility nestled along a mountain-lined lake. Continue to Queenstown, the adventure capital of the world, and settle into your home for the next three nights. (B)

Day 9: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown

Take in the Milford Sound, a surreal fjord stretching through the Southern Alps. En route, enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley and cross through an ancient red beech forest. Take in the natural splendour around you as you cruise along the waters of the dramatic Milford Sound. With cliffs rising up to nearly 4,000 feet, you'll see why this is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, return to Queenstown for an evening at leisure. You may choose to return to Queenstown via

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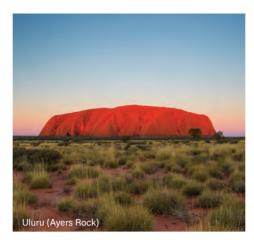
• 19 breakfasts • 5 lunches • 7 dinners

- Taste Maori culture at a *Hangi* lunch.
 Join a local Kiwi family for a home cooked dinner.
- Sip lavender tea and enjoy culinary treats at a lavender farm in Barossa Valley.

ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2	Rydges, Wellington
Days 3, 4	Rutherford Hotel, Nelson
Day 5	Punakaiki Resort, Punakaiki or Beachfront Hotel, Hokitika
Days 6, 7	Rainforest Retreat, Franz Josef
Days 8 - 10	Peppers Beacon, Queenstown
Days 11 - 13	Quay West Suites, Sydney
Days 14, 15	The Manna of Hahndorf, Hahndorf
Day 16	Desert Gardens Hotel, Ayers Rock
Days 17 - 19	Flynn Crystalbrook Collection Hotel, Cairns
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	







a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)

Day 10: Queenstown

Today is yours! Explore the adventure capital whichever way your heart desires. Perhaps you'll choose an optional tour to Mt. Nicholas Farm, where you'll get a hands-on experience with merino wool. Or you might choose to experience the thrill of a jetboat ride on the Shotover River. Tonight, gather around the table as a welcomed guest when you join a local Kiwi family for a home cooked dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Queenstown - Sydney, Australia

Wish New Zealand goodbye and fly to Australia, home to expansive Outback and lively waterfront cities. Start your Aussie adventure in Sydney, the country's largest city. Acquaint yourself with the streets on an orientation tour, gathering your bearings and getting a glimpse at the highlights. As the sun sets, admire the city skyline on a dinner cruise through Sydney Harbour and watch the sky transform into a myriad of pinks and oranges over the iconic Sydney Opera House. (B, D)

Day 12: Sydney

Take a step into the past and explore the historic Rocks neighbourhood, situated along the edge of Sydney Harbour. Continue along to the port Circular Quay before strolling through the winding paths of the Royal Botanical Gardens. Here, you'll



delve into Aboriginal culture by learning about native plants and foraging for traditional foods. Go behind the scenes of the Sydney Opera House on an expert-led guided tour of this legendary venue. (B)

Day 13: Sydney

Make the most of your final day in Sydney with a full day at leisure! You may choose to go on an optional Sydney Foodie Safari or take in a performance at the Sydney Opera House. Included harbour ferry passes will help you get around. (B)

Day 14: Sydney - Adelaide - Hahndorf

Set off on a short flight to Adelaide, the cosmopolitan hub of South Australia. Indulge in a wine tasting at d'Arenberg Cube, home to eccentric architecture and vibrant surroundings, and discover why the wine maker is referred to as the "Willy Wonka of Wines." Visit Hahndorf, a charming village in the Adelaide Hills and the oldest surviving German settlement in Australia. Get a taste of German cuisine and local flavours at tonight's dinner. (B, D)

Day 15: Hahndorf - Barossa Valley -Hahndorf

Treat your taste buds to a full-day exploration of the Barossa Valley's fine food and wine. Breathe in the calming essence of lavender at Lyndoch Lavender Farm, joining an expert on a guided tour of the estate. Savour a light lunch during a lavender tea party, featuring flavourful bites and lavender sweets. Your vintner



voyage continues at the famous Seppeltsfield Winery, one of the oldest in the Barossa Valley. (B, L)

Day 16: Hahndorf - Adelaide -Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Your adventure continues to the mesmerising Uluru (Ayers Rock). After your flight from Adelaide Hills, relish in free time this afternoon before gathering for an unforgettable evening set in the stunning backdrop of this Aboriginal destination. Experience the Sounds of Silence dinner, a gourmet meal overlooking the glowing Uluru. As the sun drops behind the horizon and the Milky Way starts to twinkle, relax as you eat dinner under a bed of stars, overlooking Australia's greatest natural wonder. (B, D)

Day 17: Ayers Rock - Cairns

Get a close look at the iconic, monstrous red rocks emerging from the earth, sprung up as if beckoned towards the clouds. On a guided tour of Uluru's base and the neighbouring Kata Tjuta rock formations, discover the heritage of Australia's Aboriginal people. Fly to Cairns and enjoy an evening at leisure, getting to know this gateway to an underwater paradise. (B)

Day 18: Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns

Board a catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to discover the aquatic realm of the Great Barrier Reef. Spend the day however you please, perhaps choosing from a selection of included activities. Maybe you will soak up the sun and sprawl out on the shore of a tiny sand island, located along the outer reef. Or consider tapping into your adventurous side and go snorkelling in the rolling waves, uncovering an active pod of vibrant sea life. You can also meet with a marine biologist during an informative presentation, gaining insight into this protected habitat. Or maybe you'll choose to join an expert on a heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

Day 19: Cairns

Enjoy a full day at leisure to relax or explore the tropical city of Cairns. Toast to the end of your journey at a farewell dinner, reflecting on your Outback escapade. (B, D)

Day 20: Cairns - Tour Ends

Your tour of New Zealand and Australia comes to a close today. (B)

ACTIVITY LEVEL

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Wellington and depart from Cairns. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are included in the land price of your tour.

MYSTERIES OF INDIA

14 DAYS · 24 MEALS FROM ^{\$}3714

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HIGHLIGHTS

Old Delhi • Rickshaw Food Tour • Jaipur • Hawa Mahal • Amber Fort • Home-Hosted Dinner • Ranthambore Game Drives • Taj Mahal • Chandela Temple Complex • Ganga Aarti Ceremony • Varanasi



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Marvel at the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony.
- Venture through the main streets and back roads of Old Delhi via rickshaw.
- Impact Moment: Enjoy lunch at Sheroes' Hangout – a café that empowers female survivors of violence.



 Day 8 — Return to your hotel to relax or visit Dastkar Ranthambore, a social enterprise dedicated to providing employment and training for local artisans.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

· 13 breakfasts · 5 lunches · 6 dinners

- Learn the secrets to preparing incredible Indian food at a homehosted dinner.
- Indulge during a food tour through Old Delhi.
- Experience an incredible farewell dinner in Varanasi.



ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1 3 The Park New Delhi, Delhi
- Days 4 6 Trident Hotel, Jaipur
- Days 7, 8 Sawai Vilas, Ranthambore
- Days 9, 10 Trident Hotel, Agra
 Day 11 Radisson Jass Hotel,
 Khajuraho
- Days 12, 13 Radisson Hotel, Varanasi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the iconic tigers of Ranthambore to the legendary Taj Mahal, step into a world of captivating mysteries and vibrant colour.

Day 1: Delhi, India - Tour Begins

Discover India's perfect synthesis of nature, spirituality, and regal legacy. From the fabled Taj Mahal to the iconic tigers of Ranthambore, step into a world of captivating mysteries and vibrant colour. A paradise of contradiction, Delhi features a mesmerising modern energy, age-old monuments and an all-encompassing vitality that courses its way through the busy streets. Experience everything this dynamic metropolis has to offer, from modern New Delhi to historic Old Delhi.

Day 2: Delhi

Start your morning at the expansive Humayun's Tomb, one of the bestpreserved Mughal monuments dating back to the 1500s. This sprawling complex inspired countless mausoleums, including the legendary Taj Mahal. Enjoy some free time in the afternoon to explore on your own. Gather with your group in the evening for a memorable dinner featuring Indian specialities. (B, D)

Day 3: Delhi

Cut through Old Delhi's buzzing streets on a rickshaw – your mode of transport for an exhilarating food tour. Down narrow streets and corridors, enjoy bites of local flavour as you meet Delhi's friendly food vendors. Your culinary adventure continues in the sacred Sikh temple, where you'll find a lively communal kitchen. In the afternoon, see the famous monuments of New Delhi such as the India Gate and Parliament building. (B, L)

Day 4: Delhi - Jaipur

A scenic drive through the countryside delivers you to Jaipur, the "Pink City." Your first stop is at the Hawa Mahal, the former home of a maharaja. Marvel at the architectural brilliance of Jaipur as you stroll through the heart of the Old City. Walk the perfumed aisles of a flower market, where garlands are created for traditional Indian ceremonies. (B)

Day 5: Jaipur

Take in the extensive palace complex of Amber Fort, India's former seat of power. Head to the palace by means of a vintage jeep, scaling the hills overlooking Jaipur. This afternoon, experience the vibrancy and aromas of the Jaipur Spice Market. In the evening, get to know a local family as you join them for a hosted dinner in their home. (B, D)



Day 6: Jaipur

Set out to explore the beautiful city of Jaipur, starting with the City Palace. Nearby, take in the impeccable masonry at the Jantar Mantar – the world's oldest stone sundial. The afternoon is yours to discover Jaipur however you please. (B)

Day 7: Jaipur - Ranthambore National Park

The tiger is a creature of unending fascination in India. Seek out tigers in their natural habitat at Ranthambore National Park. Learn about Project Tiger's conservation efforts and the impact the organisation has had on the Ranthambore sanctuary. Connect with a naturalist, introducing you to India's extensive wildlife. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Ranthambore 😵

Surrounded by deep forests and scattered ruins, board a canter (open-air truck) and pass by barking deer, Indian gazelles and exotic birdlife as you follow the tigers' paths in search of the sanctuary's renowned wildlife. Then, **it's your choice!** Return to your hotel to relax **-OR-** visit Dastkar Ranthambore, a social enterprise dedicated to providing employment and training for local artisans. In the afternoon, return to the wild for another opportunity to watch for marsh crocodiles, sloth bears, hyenas and the park's famous tigers. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Ranthambore - Agra

Hop on a train, coasting through tunnels and around bends as you follow the rails to Agra, a city rich with the splendours of the past. Home to stone forts and marble mausoleums, culture comes alive in this animated city. (B)

Day 10: Agra

The Taj Mahal, a stunning vision in white marble and sandstone, was built as an expression of love by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. Experience the romantic spirit of the Taj Mahal at sunrise, when the colours of the sky dance on the bright façade and shimmer in its reflective pool. Later, visit Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire. Enjoy lunch at Sheroes' Hangout – a café that empowers female survivors of violence, allowing them to reclaim their lives and livelihoods through employment and sisterhood. (B, L)

Day 11: Agra - Khajuraho

Start your morning with a train ride to Khajuraho. In the shadow of the Vindhya mountain range, find a city of stone temples and mystifying sculptures. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Khajuraho - Varanasi

Take in the Chandela Temple complex, home to unparalleled temple architecture and intricate stone carvings. Fly to Varanasi – India's holiest city – where spiritual energy radiates from the ground up. Sail along the River Ganges and pass by the *ghats* (banks) where locals wade into the river. From the Dashashwamedh Ghat, enjoy a reserved seat to experience the Ganga Aarti ceremony as it illuminates the night sky. (B)

Day 13: Varanasi

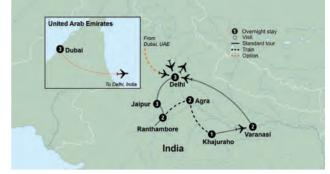
Today, take advantage of a morning boat ride for an opportunity to see the sunrise on the River Ganges. Travel to Sarnath, where Siddhartha Gautama – later known as Buddha – gave his first sermon in the 6th century B.C. Discover this holy site and gain insight into the country's divine past. Celebrate your adventure through India alongside new friends at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour Ends

Enjoy a morning at leisure before flying back to Delhi, where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up before your return flight home. (B)

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September 2020 - March 2021 (featured itinerary)

6, 13, 20 February 13, 20 March ★ 27 March

SPECIAL EVENT



Holi Festival

Participate in Holi - the traditional "festival of colour" - and celebrate the arrival of spring.

5 MARCH 2020; 27 MARCH 2021

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TASTE OF VIETNAM

13 DAYS • 21 MEALS FROM \$2929

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

HIGHLIGHTS

Hanoi • Walking Food Tour • Ha Long Bay • Hue • Hoi An • Cooking Class • Mekong Delta • Reunification Palace

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Hanoi's historic Old Quarter on an exciting walking tour.
- Participate in a lantern-making experience at an organisation that benefits local artisans.



• **Day 5** – Explore a floating village by traditional row boat **or** see it from the seat of a kayak.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



· 12 breakfasts • 4 lunches • 5 dinners

- Learn the secrets of Vietnamese cooking during an interactive class.
- Sample several famous Vietnamese dishes on a walking food tour.
- Savour some of Hanoi's finest food during dinner inside a restored 19thcentury French Colonial mansion.



Days 1 - 3	La Siesta Hotel Trendy or Silk Path Hotel, Hanoi
Day 4	Bhaya Classic, Ha Long Bay
Days 5, 6	Pilgrimage Village, Hue
Days 7 - 9	Hotel Royal Hoi An, Hoi An
Days 10 - 12	Hotel des Arts Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From Hanoi to the Mekong Delta, Vietnam renews the senses and engages you - across bustling cities and rural sanctuaries.

Day 1: Hanoi, Vietnam - Tour Begins

Set out on a journey that reveals the best of Vietnam. Inside the lush valleys and verdant fields of a rural paradise, discover a beautiful country with a long and rich history. Your tour opens in Hanoi, Vietnam's dynamic capital city.

Day 2: Hanoi

Enjoy a walking tour this morning through the French Quarter. You'll also see the infamous Hoa Lo Prison. This historic site, dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" by American POWs, is now a museum which tells the story of Colonial history from the Vietnamese perspective. Later, discover decades of Vietnamese art treasures at the Vietnam National Art Museum. This evening, attend a traditional water puppet show with its incredible display of artistry and folklore. Afterward, dine in one of Hanoi's best restaurants located in a restored Colonial mansion. (B, D)

Day 3: Hanoi

Rise early to circuit the "Lake of the Restored Sword," Hoam Kiem Lake. Become mesmerized by Tai Chi practitioners moving along the waterfront in this peaceful respite as the city comes to life for the day. Later, take a step back to Imperial times on a walking tour through the Old Quarter. Follow the meandering streets, decorated with temples and pagodas, and feast on the history before you. After, enjoy a walking food tour including some of Vietnam's most famous dishes like banh mi and pho. At the end of the tour, enjoy coffee and views of Hoam Kiem at a hidden rooftop café. (B, L)

Day 4: Hanoi - Ha Long Bay

Journey to Ha Long Bay and board a luxury junk boat for an overnight cruise - the perfect vantage point for soaking up the spectacular landscape. Once on board, enjoy a feast of fresh seafood as you sail past vistas of low green mountains, small villages and hundreds of islands and limestone peaks jutting out from the sea. Disembark to discover the wonders of nature, history and archaeology in the mysterious Tien Ong Cave. Back on board, relax as the sounds of the boat lull you to sleep. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Ha Long Bay - Hanoi - Hue 😵

Awaken as the fog gently lifts above the emerald surface of Ha Long Bay. The day begins with a Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck. Here, **it's your choice!** Explore a floating village by traditional row boat **-OR-**



see it from the seat of a kayak! Cruise back to the harbour and return to Hanoi to board your flight to Hue. (B, D)

Dav 6: Hue

A full day of discovery awaits in Vietnam's Imperial capital city of Hue. Stop at the mausoleum of Tu Doc, an elaborate roval tomb dedicated to the former emperor. At the shores of the Perfume River, board a traditional dragon boat and sail to Thien Mu Pagoda. After a thrilling cyclo tour through the city, conclude the day with a tour of Hue's impressive citadel. (B)

Day 7: Hue - Hoi An

On your way to Hoi An, travel the coast and countryside via the breathtaking Hai Van Pass. Pause for a glimpse of the quaint fishing village, Lang Co. Finally, arrive in the trading port of ancient Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage site. On a walking tour of the old town, stroll by such incredible sights as the ornate Chinese-style temple Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, and a 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge. End at the vibrant riverside market on the banks of the Thu Bon. Enjoy another meal tonight at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Hoi An

Explore the flavours of Hoi An

today. Embark on a river basket boat journey along the Thu Bon River to your kitchen for an immersive cooking class! Learn how to catch fish and crabs in the river, and grind rice into flour. Then use your ingredients to cook four classic Vietnamese dishes that you'll enjoy for lunch afterward. Once you've learned the secrets to some of Vietnam's cuisine, embark on a soulful experience at Reaching Out Vietnam. Celebrate the work of a talented team of artisans that create original pieces of sustainable and fairtrade products. Here, amongst new friends and enlightened minds, you'll take part in an immersive lanternmaking experience. A significant part of Hoi An's culture, lanterns symbolise luck, happiness, and wealth. Working together, you'll create colourful beacons of prosperity in a place that is a beacon of hope for the community. (B, L)

Day 9: Hoi An

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the magic of Hoi An. Walk along the canals that cut through Ancient Town and discover an architectural melting pot all around you. You'll find history is very much alive in this beautifully preserved city on the central coast. In the afternoon, consider an optional tour exploring the Hoi An countryside by vintage Vespa. (B)

Day 10: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

Leave Hoi An and fly to Ho Chi Minh City, the energetic urban capital formerly known as Saigon. On an eye-opening city tour, see the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Reunification Palace. Then, head over to explore treasures from local vendors on display at the Old Market in District 1. (B)

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City

Today we take to the waters of the famous Mekong Delta. As you sail along, your guide will delve into the history and culture of the region. Lush tropical gardens and islands, floating markets and the bustling energy of these expansive waterways give an intriguing peek into everyday life. Discover the region's cottage industry with a visit to a coconut candy factory, and learn how this confection is made. Enjoy lunch featuring southern Vietnamese cuisine before travelling back to Ho Chi Minh City. (B, L)

Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City

Embark on a journey to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in metropolitan Ho Chi Minh City before your farewell dinner at a local restaurant - a renovated Art Decostyle villa. (B, D)

Day 13: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end. (B)



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8, 22 February	4, 18, 25 April	website for complete information.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Hanoi and depart from Ho Chi Minh. A visa is required for this tour at your expense. The approximate cost for a one month single entry visa is \$100 AUD and must be obtained prior to departure. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. It is the traveller's responsibility to obtain any required visa and/or documents prior to departure. The passport must be valid for six months beyond the return date of your trip and have two blank facing visa pages. Any additional document/processing fees are at the expense of the traveller. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details or you may like to use CIBTvisa, for your full visa service, at www.cibtvisas.com.au/collette. It is recommended that you bring an overnight bag (rather than your large luggage) on the overnight Ha Long Bay cruise. This will afford you more room to move about your cruise cabin. Your large luggage will be stored on the bus in a secure location. Not all vendors accept credit cards or travellers cheques; therefore, it is recommended you bring small amounts of US dollars which are widely accepted for personal use. Each quest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/ or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal doctor for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. The internal flights on this program are included in the land price of your tour. Internal flights will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. Due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required (at an additional cost). Please enquire at time of reservation.

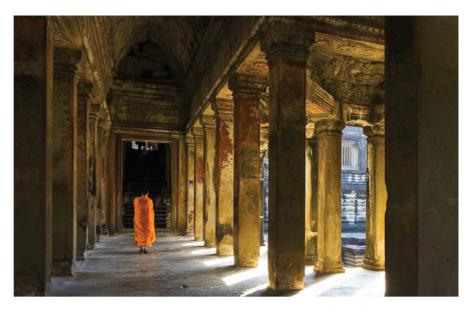
y of temples THE MYTHS AND MAGIC OF ANGKOR WAT

ANCIENT ATMOSPHERE

Deep in the jungles of northwestern Cambodia lies an ancient city that had been abandoned for 700 years. Intricate towers rise above the treetops, spiraling into stone spires. Block walls, twisted by heavy tree roots, lean drunkenly. Ancient stone faces, carved into columns, stare down at the visitors with eyes that have seen a hundred generations pass. This is Ankgor Wat, the City of Temples, and you are walking on sacred ground.

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our hundred acres of ruins and temples sprawl out through the jungle, making Angkor Wat one of the largest holy sites in the world. At its centre is the largest structure, Angkor Wat proper, set beside a calm lake in a wide-open clearing. A stone bridge leads travellers across the waters and inside its walls. It's no wonder that this place evokes so much pride in Cambodia — you can feel a serene power in the air.

HISTORIC GROUNDS

King Suryavarman II ordered the construction of this sacred site as a Hindu place of worship, sometime in the 12th century. It was a massive undertaking, and the king underestimated how long construction would take. He died without seeing the City of Temples completed, and without his grand vision, construction halted.

In the 1800s, famous French explorer Henri Mouhot revealed this incredible temple complex to a "western" audience. In his famous travel journals, he wrote, "One of these temples, a rival to that of Solomon, and erected by some ancient Michelangelo, might take an honourable place beside our most beautiful buildings." This pushed the French government to pour resources into preserving this mythical place.

LEGENDARY STORIES

There is a tale of Angkor Wat, that tells of King Suryavarman II starting his construction with a prayer to the gods. When the king awoke the next day, the temple had been built in the night by the gods themselves. This legend must have come hundreds of years after the construction, when the harsh labour of hundreds of workers had long been forgotten. Angkor Wat started as a holy site for Hindus, but over the decades transformed into a holy site for Buddhists as well. Buddhist pilgrims began to journey to the ancient site in the 17th century, claiming it was thought to be the mystical Jetavana garden of Buddha, where he taught his most important lessons to his students, and created Buddhism as a religion and a philosophy.

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KINGDOMS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

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HIGHLIGHTS

Hanoi • Water Puppet Theatre • Ninh Binh Province • Monk Blessing Ceremony • Pak Ou Caves • Angkor Wat • Ta Prohm Temple • Ho Chi Minh City • Mekong Delta • Cu Chi Tunnels



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

 Day 3 – Enjoy a leisurely bike ride to the ancient temples of Bich Dong Pagoda or travel by coach to the Thung Nham Bird Garden, a sanctuary with more than 40 species of birds.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

· 12 breakfasts - 4 lunches - 4 dinners

- Sample famous Vietnamese dishes on a walking food tour.
- Savour some of Hanoi's finest food during dinner inside a restored French Colonial-style mansion.



- Days 1 3 Silk Path Hotel, Hanoi
- Days 4 6 Sanctuary Hotel or Le Parasol Blanc, Luang Prabang
- Days 7 9 Memoire D'Angkor, Siem Reap
- Days 10 12 Grand Hotel Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Visit Southeast Asia, an ancient and mysterious world where each day paints a new picture of rich cultures, lost civilizations and vibrant cities.

Day 1: Hanoi, Vietnam - Tour Begins

Three extraordinary countries captivate with rich culture and history. Take in the majesty of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia on a journey through these kingdoms of Southeast Asia. Welcome to Hanoi. Known for its French colonial architecture, treelined streets, and vibrant street food scene, Hanoi is Vietnam's capital and second most populous city.

Day 2: Hanoi

Rise early to walk to the "Lake of the Restored Sword," Hoam Kiem Lake. Become mesmerized by Tai Chi practitioners moving along the waterfront in this peaceful respite as the city comes to life for the day. Later this morning, take a step back to Imperial times on a walking tour through the Old Quarter. Follow the meandering streets, decorated with temples and pagodas, and feast on the history before you. After working up an appetite, enjoy a walking food tour which includes some of Vietnam's most famous dishes like banh mi and pho. At the end of the food tour, enjoy a Vietnamese coffee and views of Hoam Kiem at a hidden rooftop café. Admire the lotus-shaped One Pillar Pagoda resting on a single stone pillar emerging from the water. Take in the well preserved

traditional architecture at the Temple of Literature. Tonight, gather with new friends at one of Hanoi's best restaurants in a restored French Colonial-style mansion, followed by a traditional water puppet show that welcomes you to Vietnam with its display of artistry and folklore. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Hanoi 😵

Travel through Vietnam's striking countryside to the province of Ninh Binh, the picturesque setting of northern Vietnam's Red River Delta. In the ancient capital of Hoa Lu, visit the Temple of King Le and learn about the history of his ancient empire. Then, **it's your choice!** Venture to the centuries-old temples of Bich Dong Pagoda on a leisurely bike ride **-OR-** travel by coach to the Thung Nham Bird Garden, a stunning sanctuary boasting more than 40 species of birds. Board a local boat this afternoon and cruise along landscapes bordered by terraced rice paddies and small villages. (B)

Day 4: Hanoi - Luang Prabang, Laos

Enjoy your morning at leisure. Transfer to the airport for your flight to the spiritual capital of Laos, Luang Prabang. When you arrive, embark on an architectural walking tour of the city's old quarter where you'll discover a convergence of heritage and Colonial influences. See the Buddhist temple Wat Xieng and its Tree of Life mosaic that makes this temple one of the city's most beautiful. You'll also visit Wat Visoun, the city's oldest temple. Dine and share stories with new friends in a traditional Laotian village this evening, where a homehosted dinner introduces you to the best of authentic Lao cuisine. (B, D)

Day 5: Luang Prabang

Enter the spiritual heart of Laos this morning via a local tuk-tuk. Visit Luang Prabang's National Museum, formerly the Royal Palace, and marvel at the museum's collection of personal artefacts from the Laotian Royal Family. Chat with young English students at Luang Prabang Library before visiting a Buddhist temple, where you'll take part in an exclusive private blessing ceremony, delivered by one of the monks. Next you'll head to the "Whiskey Village" of Ban Xang Hai, and Ban Thing Thong, a riverside weaving and fishing village where you'll learn about life - and art - in rural Laos. Be welcomed to the village with a special Baci ceremony - a Laotian tradition that brings good luck and vanguishes bad spirits. After visiting Pak Ou Buddha Cave, home to thousands of Buddha statues, you'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Conclude your afternoon with a relaxing cruise down the Mekong in a private boat. (B, L)

Day 6: Luang Prabang

Today, journey out of Luang Prabang through the idyllic Laoatian countryside to a traditional Hmong hill tribe village in Ban Long Lao. Spend time exploring the village and get to know the tribe and their daily way of life. Then, set out on an easy hike through lush jungle and panoramic mountain scenery to the incredible Kuang Si Waterfall. When you arrive, visit the Bear Rescue Centre and discover how the centre is making strides to conserve the black bear population in northern Laos. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure back in Luang Prabang. (B)

Day 7: Luang Prabang - Siem Reap, Cambodia

Enjoy free time on your own this morning before your flight to northwest Cambodia and Siem Reap, gateway to the wonders of Angkor. In this ancient city you'll discover a world where colonial and Chinese architecture combines with a sophisticated urban and culinary scene. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant while enjoying a traditional Apsara show. (B, D)

Day 8: Siem Reap - Angkor Wat -Siem Reap Depart by tuk-tuk for Angkor Wat this morning just in time to see a magnificent sunrise moving over it. A perfect example of classic Khmer architecture, Angkor Wat is the Kingdom of Cambodia's mostheralded treasure. Enter its eastern gate and exit at its west to watch the light of the sun play on its magnificent stones. Have breakfast back at the hotel before returning to Angkor Wat, the largest temple in the world. This afternoon, visit Ta Prohm, a sprawling monastic complex that is partially overgrown with jungle debris. At Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmers, begin your visit at the Terrace of the Leper King, followed by the temples of Baphuon and Bayon, the former a 12th century masterpiece at the very centre of Angkor Thom. (B)

Day 9: Siem Reap

This morning we visit Kampong Khleang, a permanent community built on the floodplain of Tonle Sap Lake. Meet local residents and learn about their fishing-based economy and daily lives. After lunch, continue to Les Artisan d'Angkor Workshop, a development project that teaches the Khmer arts, like stone and wood carving, to young adults. (B, L)

Day 10: Siem Reap - Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Start your day at the JWOC Community Centre and make new friends with the local school children. Next, board a flight to historic Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon. For centuries, the city has been the commercial hub of the region, creating a cultural melting pot. This afternoon you'll get acquainted with the city's colonial landmarks on a tour that features the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Reunification Palace. (B)

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City

Today we take to the waters of the famous Mekong Delta. As you sail along, your guide will delve into the history and culture of the region. Lush tropical gardens and islands, floating markets, and the bustling energy of these expansive waterways give an intriguing peek into everyday life. Travel by sampan deeper into the delta and stop for a lunch of regional cuisine in a lush tropical garden. (B, L)

Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City

This morning, head to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Conclude your day with a farewell dinner in one of the city's best restaurants. (B, D)

Day 13: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends

Return home with a wealth of memories of your journey through the kingdoms of Southeast Asia. (B)



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This trip requires a passport and visas. Our air passengers will arrive into Hanoi and depart from Ho Chi Minh. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Visas are at your expense. The approximate cost for a one month multiple entry Vietnam visa is AU\$140 per person and is valid for the exact entry and exit dates. It is the traveller's responsibility to obtain it prior to departure. You can obtain the visa for Cambodia at the airport upon arrival. The cost is approximately \$30 USD and two complete blank pages are required in your passport along with one passport photo. A Laos visa is also required for this tour at your expense. This can be purchased upon arrival in Luang Prabang, Laos. The approximate cost is \$36 USD. One blank page is required in your passport. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from the date of return home. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal doctor for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. Due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please enguire at time of reservation. The internal flights on this program are included in the land price of your tour. If you'd prefer not to hike on Day 6, a vehicle is available to bring you to the falls.

LISBON 2-NIGHT PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

This is your chance to discover Lisbon, Portugal's vibrant capital. Intrigue awaits around every winding street in this colourful city.

\$650* MEALS 2

*Per person, double, land only.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

Our Lisbon extension includes your hotel, and allows you free time to explore this fascinating city. Here are some incredible sights our design team recommends

- Savour Portuguese cuisine and try some salted cod or a traditional pastel de nata – a Portuguese egg tart.
- Feel like a local and get views of the cityscape when you ride the historic Tram 28, the popular trolley line.
- Visit Belém Tower, a UNESCO World Heritage site and symbol of Portugal's role in Europe's Age of Discoveries.

Please Note: this extension is not guided



MOSCOW 3-NIGHT POST-TOUR EXTENSION

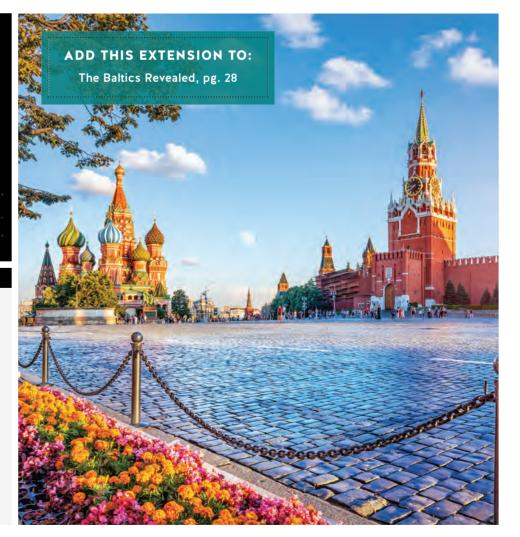
Discover the beguiling Moscow and watch as a complex history, intricate architecture and bustling city life unfolds before your eyes.

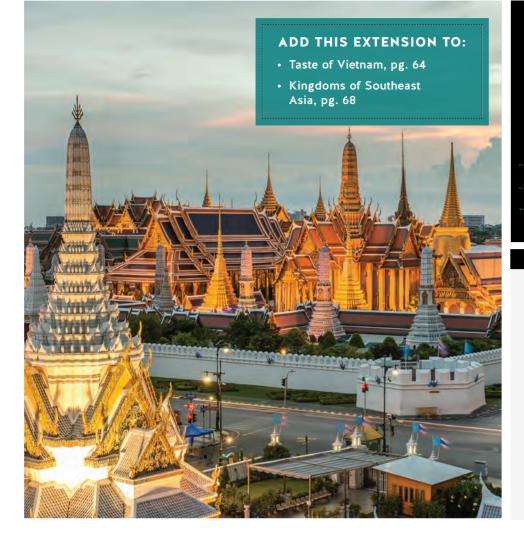
\$1235* MEALS 3

*Per person, double, land only.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Embark on a walking tour of Moscow's historic Kremlin and Red Square where you'll stand in awe of Saint Basil's Cathedral.
- Take the world famous Moscow Metro to the imposing Winter Palace and tour the Hermitage Museum, the second-largest museum in the world which houses over 3 million works of art.
- Enjoy a guided visit of the Armoury Museum, home to a priceless collection of Imperial crown jewels, weaponry, and Fabergé eggs.





BANGKOK 3-NIGHT PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

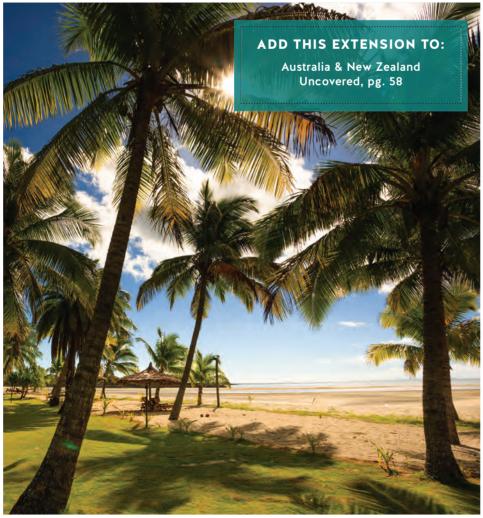
Step into the swirling excitement of Bangkok, a bustling city that blends its cosmopolitan sophistication with strong ties to history and tradition.

\$910* MEALS 5

*Per person, double, land only.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Board a long-tail boat and explore Bangkok's network of canals, learning about daily life along the waterways. Stop at the iconic Wat Arun, the Temple of the Dawn.
- Visit the Golden Buddha and Wat Pho, Temple of the Reclining Buddha. Explore the grounds of the Grand Palace.
- Stop at Wat Phra Kaew, home of Thailand's most sacred temple.
- Visit the Damnoen Saduak floating market.



FIJI 3-NIGHT PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

Escape into a tropical paradise, and relax for three nights on the warm, sandy beaches of Fiji.

\$910* MEALS 4

*Per person, double, land only.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Spend 3 luxurious nights in your Fiji hotel.
- Sit back, relax, and unwind on the resort's private beachfront, or by one of its many pools.
- Take advantage of the world-class spa, with massage services and whirlpool baths.
- Have dinner, or just some cocktails, at the resort's restaurant and bar.

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 6.

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 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. The day-by-day descriptions will provide additional detail about the number of activities included in each day.

The Tour Activity Level Ranking is featured on each tour itinerary in a circle. The definition of each activity level is listed here. If you have additional questions regarding a specific tour, please inquire at time of reservation.

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 also 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.

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.

+ 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 Explorations 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 ³	Premium Economy, Business & First Class⁴
Roundtrip home to airport transfers included ¹	•	•	•
Roundtrip airport to hotel destination transfers included ²	•	٠	•
Dedicated Concierge Service			٠
Lounge Passes ⁵			•
Express Check-In⁵			•
Eligible for Collette's Travel Protection Plan	•		
Benefit from our flexible change and refund policies	٠		1
Deposit now, pay the balance later ⁶	٠		٠
Eliminates future surcharges by locking in price		٠	
All the perks of upgraded air (more space, comfort and servic	e)		•



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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 9, Suite 01, 46 Market Street, 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:

 \cdot 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 non-refundable \$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 the land package deposit noted above, 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:

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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, which excludes 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 airfare 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

Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette) Land Only \$390

\$290

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
- · 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 vou 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, 09/46 Market 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 annoyance 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. 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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EUROPE

ICELAND & SCANDINAVIA

Iceland's Magical Northern Lights, 6 days Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice, 8 days Icelandic Adventure, 9 days The Northern Lights of Finland, 7 days Spectacular Scandinavia, 13 days Norwegian Coastal Voyage, 11 days Greenland & Iceland: A Nordic-Inspired Voyage, 8 days Highlights of Norway, 8 days

IRELAND & THE UNITED KINGDOM

Shades of Ireland, 9 days Shades of Ireland featuring Northern Ireland, 12 days Irish Splendour, 7 days Countryside of the Emerald Isle, 9 days Shrines of Ireland, 8 days Exploring Britain & Ireland, 14 days British Landscapes, 9 days England's Treasures, 11 days Exploring Scotland & Ireland, 12 days Discover Scotland, 9 days Spotlight on London, 6 days

FRANCE

France Magnifique, 14 days Spotlight on Paris, 6 days French Impressions, 10 days Journey Through Southern France, 9 days La Belle Seine, 8 days Spotlight on the French Riviera, 8 days Shrines of France, 10 days

SPAIN & PORTUGAL

Spain's Classics, 10 days Spain's Classics & Portugal, 13 days Spain's Costa del Sol & the Portuguese Riviera, 11 days Spain & Morocco, 12 days Sunny Portugal, 9 days Portugal & Its Islands, 12 days Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes, 9 days Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France, 11 days The Azores: Jewels of Portugal, 9 days Northern Portugal & Spain, 10 days

ITALY

Italian Vistas, 12 days Reflections of Italy, 9 days Rome & The Amalfi Coast, 9 days Tuscany and the Italian Riviera, 7 days Southern Italy & Sicily, 11 days Splendid Sicilia, 9 days Sicily & Malta, 12 days Italy's Treasures, 11 days Rome, Florence & Venice, 7 days Spotlight on Tuscany, 8 days Tuscan & Umbrian Countryside, 10 days Shrines of Italy, 10 days Northern Italy & Its Lakes, 8 days

CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

Imperial Cities, 10 days Exploring the Alpine Countries, 12 days

Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria, 9 days Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains, 9 days Switzerland: Hidden Trails & Majestic Peaks, 9 days Germany's Cultural Cities featuring the Romantic Road, 10 days Magical Rhine & Moselle, 9 days Springtime Tulip River Cruise, 8 days Discover Croatia, Slovenia & the Adriatic Coast, 11 days Croatia & Its Islands, 11 days Magnificent Cities of Central & Eastern Europe, 13 days Classic Christmas Markets, 8 days Magical Christmas Markets, 7 days Discovering Poland, 11 days Classic Danube, 10 days Christmas on the Danube, 8 days Imperial Russia, 8 days The Baltics Revealed, 10 days

GREECE & THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Exploring Greece & Its Islands, 14 days Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle, 10 days Classical Greece, 9 days Greece Island Hopper, 10 days Iconic Israel, 9 days Israel: A Journey of Faith, 8 days Israel: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 8 days

ACROSS EUROPE

London & Paris, 7 days Treasures of Europe, 11 days

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Imperial Cities, 10 days Alpine Explorer & the Glacier Express Train, 11 days Austrian Delight, 9 days Discover Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria, 9 days Exploring the Alpine Countries, 12 days Classic Danube, 10 days Germany's Cultural Cities & the Romantic Road, 12 days Switzerland & Germany, 8 days

USA

ALASKA Alaska & The Yukon, 13 days Alaska Discovery Land and Cruise, 12 days

USA – EAST

Islands of New England, 8 days Colours of New England, 8 days Roaming Coastal Maine, 7 days Autumn in Vermont, 7 days Heritage of America, 9 days Spotlight on New York City, 5 days Spotlight on New York City Holiday, 5 days Spotlight on Washington D.C., 6 days Washington, D.C., Niagara Falls & New York City, 9 days

USA – MIDWEST & WEST

Mackinac Island, 8 days Spotlight on San Antonio, 5 days Spotlight on San Antonio Holiday, 5 days Canyon Country, 8 days Painted Canyons of the West, 9 days National Parks of America, 12 days America's National Parks & Denver, 14 days America's Cowboy Country, 8 days The Colorado Rockies, 9 days Spotlight on South Dakota, 7 days Pacific Northwest & California, 8 days Hawaiian Adventure, 10 days Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, 6 days Spotlight on Santa Fe, 6 days Spotlight on Santa Fe Holiday, 6 days

USA – SOUTH

Southern Charm, 7 days Southern Charm Holiday, 7 days America's Music Cities, 8 days America's Music Cities Holiday, 8 days Spotlight on New Orleans, 5 days Spotlight on New Orleans Holiday, 5 days Bluegrass Country & the Smoky Mountains, 9 days Nashville & the Smoky Mountains Holiday, 8 days

CANADA

CANADA - WEST

Canadian Rockies by Train, 9 days Canadian Rockies with Rocky Mountaineer®, 8 days Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park, 7 days

CANADA – EAST

The Best of Eastern Canada, 9 days Charming French Canada, 9 days Wonders of Newfoundland, 12 days Maritimes Coastal Wonders, 11 days

SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA PLUS ANTARCTICA

Discover Panama, 9 days Tropical Costa Rica, 9 days Costa Rica: A World of Nature, 12 days Peru: From Lima to Lake Titicaca, 11 days Peru: From Lima to the Sacred Valley, 9 days Machu Picchu & Galapagos Wonders, 14 days Journey through South America with Peru, 22 days Journey through South America, 16 days Journey to Antarctica, 14 days Patagonia: Edge of the World, 13 days

ASIA

Cultural Treasures of Japan, 13 days Wonders of China & the Yangtze River, 15 days Mysteries of India, 14 days Kingdoms of Southeast Asia, 13 days

AFRICA

The Plains of Africa, 13 days Spectacular South Africa, 13 days Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana, 13 days Treasures of Egypt, 12 days Journey through Egypt & Jordan, 12 days Colours of Morocco, 10 days

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