



## **TOURING FOR TODAY'S TRAVELLER**

With over 100 years of guided travel experience, Collette can help you navigate Europe & Africa.

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### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

FRANCE France Magnifique

French Impressions

Spotlight on the French Riviera

Journey Through Southern France

Spotlight on Paris

Many of our tour dates line up so you can go from one experience to another. It's a great way to explore more during your travels overseas.



Reflections of Italy France Magnifique

## CHOICE AND PERSONALISATION

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



in Athens



TIME BETWEEN TOURS

Whether it's a rail journey across the

United Kingdom or a few nights in Barcelona, Collette and your travel agent can help you make the most of

the time you spend between tours.







Travel affords us such enriching experiences. It reveals new cultures. It ignites a sense of adventure within us. And, it has the power to humble us. As you look out over the calm, cerulean waters of the Italian Lakes, spend the day exploring the Souks of Morocco, or savour delicious wine varietals in Stellebosch, South Africa, you'll realize that moments like this are really what matter in travel – and in life.

It's time to make moments like these yours.
The only question is: what are you waiting for?



# KEEPING IT in the family

Collette has been family owned for three generations. Today, Dan Sullivan Jr., CEO, works alongside his daughter and President, Jaclyn Leibl-Cote, to craft the perfect travel experience for each and every guest.



#### "Travel is good for the soul.

Expand your horizons, making new friends and tasting new foods, seeing wonders you've always wanted to see and finding things along the way you didn't even know you were waiting for that's what travel is all about.

So why don't we travel more often?"

Daniel Vullim J

Dan J. Sullivan Jr.





## "We're here to make it simple.

Simple to find the right travel experience for you. Simple to engage with a new culture. Simple to just sit back and truly shift your perspective on the world. Simple to figure out why Collette has been in the travel business for over a hundred years.

We want to make travel simple, so you can make the most out of every moment."

Jaclyn Leibl-Cote
President

### **NEW TRAVEL TRENDS**





#### **COMPLEX HISTORY**

Due to its proximity to the Balkans and Italy, Croatia has been under the rule of several different empires for close to a thousand years. This complicated legacy is something you'll see reflected through the presence of Venetian castles, Slavic churches and socialist realist apartment complexes. One of the most impressive remnants of the Roman empire is Diocletian's Palace. This extensive stone structure located in Split was where Emperor Diocletian retired to after his commanding reign.



#### STUNNING ISLANDS

If you prefer to relax seaside, Croatia boasts over 1,100 miles of shoreline and over 1,000 islands. Cruise aboard your **private**, **19-cabin yacht** to Bol to find the Golden Cape Beach. Relax on its white, pebbly beach and admire the sapphire waters glittering in the sun. On the island of Biševo, you can take a glimpse at the Blue Cave, a stunning grotto with a luminous blue glow. Then, head from western Croatia to Opatija. Amble along the promenade built along the winding waterfront and take in a panorama of secluded bays, posh resorts and azure surf.



#### **DELICIOUS CUISINE**

You also can't miss the cuisine in Croatia. While there is plenty of Mediterranean fare to find here, you should sample Istrian food. Incorporating influences from Italy, Turkey, Austria and Hungary, Istrian cuisine offers a melting pot of delicious flavours. Fresh, seasonal fare reigns supreme here along with reliance on regional farmers and local producers. Standout specialties include wild asparagus, truffles and oysters. *Dobar tek!* 

Croatia & Its Islands is just one of nine **new tours** you'll find in this brochure.

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## traveller insight from around the world

Our travellers mean a lot to us, and a ringing endorsement from our travellers is worth its weight in gold. Across Feefo (an independent, third-party review platform), social media and in letters written to our home office, we've gathered a few of our current favourites.

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The trip was everything Collette promised. Our Tour Manager was one of the best we have had. We hope to travel with him again. If Collette offers a tour we are interested in, they would be our first choice. (As they have been in the past.). We have recommended the company to others.

















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start to finish, we take care of everything

Planning your travel can feel overwhelming, and Collette's here to solve it. Let us focus on the logistics of arranging transportation, accommodation, food, and sightseeing. You want to focus on the incredible times ahead. Collette guided tours are the best way to travel, hands down.







#### all your logistics are handled.

We believe that the only thing you should be planning on is enjoying yourself, so we'll take care of the transportation and logistics all during your tour.



#### your accommodation is arranged.

Stay in 4-star and above accommodation throughout your trip, with expertly paced itineraries keeping one-night stays to a minimum.



#### plenty of meals are included.

To get a true taste of a destination, you need to sample it, which is why each tour includes many delicious meals, along with culinary experiences designed to delight your palate.



#### your travel itinerary is honed to perfection.

Our handcrafted tours are planned by industry experts who walk the streets and experience them. We perfectly balance tours between must-sees, cultural experiences, and plenty of free time.



#### plenty of choices you can make.

With 160+ tours, four different travel styles, and our Explorations small group tours, you can pick your ideal travel experience.



#### for us, social responsibility is a way of life.

We believe that travel should be a force for good and by uniting with our employees, partners and travellers, we can make a positive impact in our local and global communities.



#### flex your creative planning muscles.

Make your trip your own with **It's Your Choice**, optional experiences, pre- and post-night stays, tour extensions, and more.



#### we're in this together.

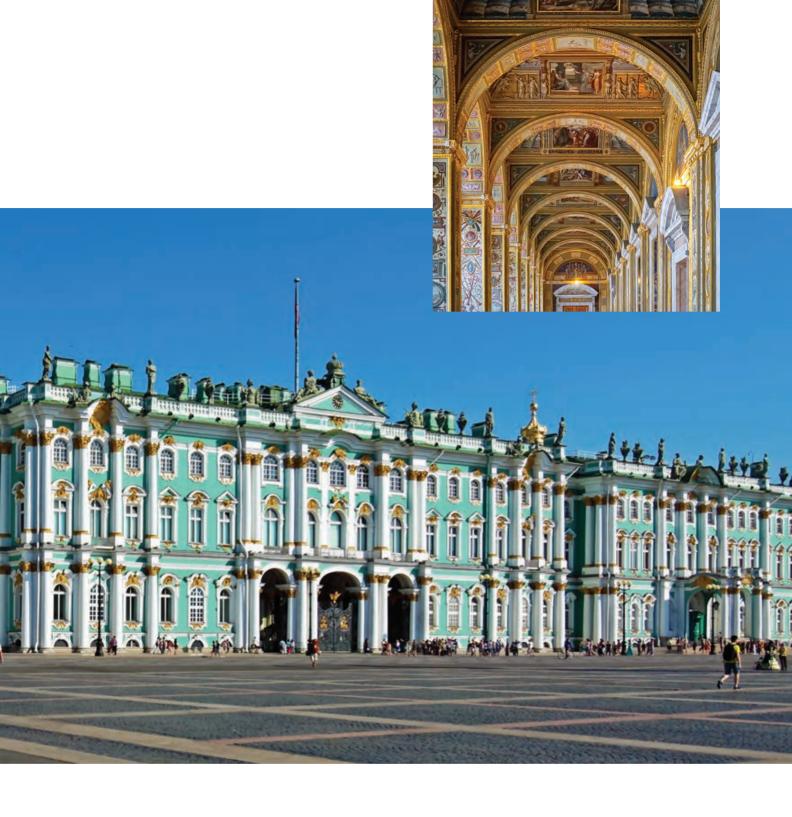
We're all behind you – before your tour, during, and after. Our 24/7 customer support is ready to guide you on your perfect tour.

## DISCOVERING THE HERMITAGE



Catherine the Great's
Most Enduring Contribution
to *russian culture* 

A treasure trove for art lovers and historians alike, the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, Russia is one of the oldest and most expansive museums in the world, second only in size to the Louvre. Contained within the Winter Palace – the former residence of Russian Tsars – the museum started out as the personal collection of Catherine the Great, one of Europe's most imposing monarchs. While perusing the Hermitage's grand halls, it's worth knowing a bit about the museum's extravagant former owner.



Catherine the Great was a powerful empress and provocateur who reigned over her state with tenacity and fervour for 34 years. When not ruling over the Russian empire, Catherine II fancied herself a tastemaker with a deep appreciation for the arts. Under Catherine's direction, St. Petersburg is said to have become Russia's "window on the West." Catherine became close friends with cultural influencers like Voltaire and Denis Diderot and was deeply passionate about acquiring

ancient and contemporary paintings and sculpture.

From 1764 until her death in 1796, Catherine amassed thousands of paintings, drawings coins and medals – even copies of original frescoes from the Vatican. Finally, close to 100 years later, Nicholas I opened the museum to the public.

Today, the Hermitage's complex spans across five linked buildings and features

over 3 million artworks and artefacts ranging in history from ancient Egypt to early 20th century Europe. And while Catherine might not be there to survey the land, her precious collection of refined art is something Russians to this day enjoy.

Discover some of the world's finest masterpieces while being transported to imperial Russia on a guided tour of this spellbinding museum on the new Imperial Russia tour (pg. 122).



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



## unpack less, enjoy more PERFECTED TOUR PACING

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



## travel protection

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



## guaranteed to go

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



## private chauffeur service INCLUDED PERSONAL TOUCHES

Leave the hassle of getting to the airport behind. Enjoy round-trip home to airport chauffeur service with the purchase of international flights with Collette. It's the perfect way to begin (and end) your journey.

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#### the collette passport club

#### **RECOGNISING OUR LOYAL GUESTS**

Travel with Collette to become a member of Collette's loyalty program, the Collette Passport Club. Members automatically earn a \$150 credit every time they travel along with various other benefits.

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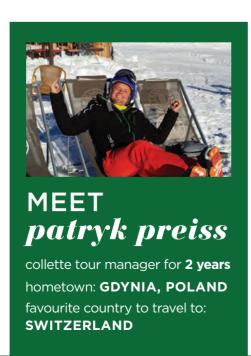
# GET TO KNOW our tour managers

Patryk Preiss, Tour Manager for Central & Eastern Europe, talks about his longstanding **passion** for travel

## What made you choose the adventurous life of a Tour Manager?

I strongly believe I've had the travel bug since childhood. My father used to work in Hamburg, Germany. That was in the mid 80s when Polish people were restricted from working in the western world. He took a risk and I travelled alongside him a few times. Since then, I haven't stopped travelling. I do travel a lot for pleasure. I have put my feet on all continents apart from the white one: Antarctica. It's on my bucket list!

What makes you unique as a Tour Manager? I am a humble man, but I strive to share my passion and sense of humour when showing my guests around Europe.

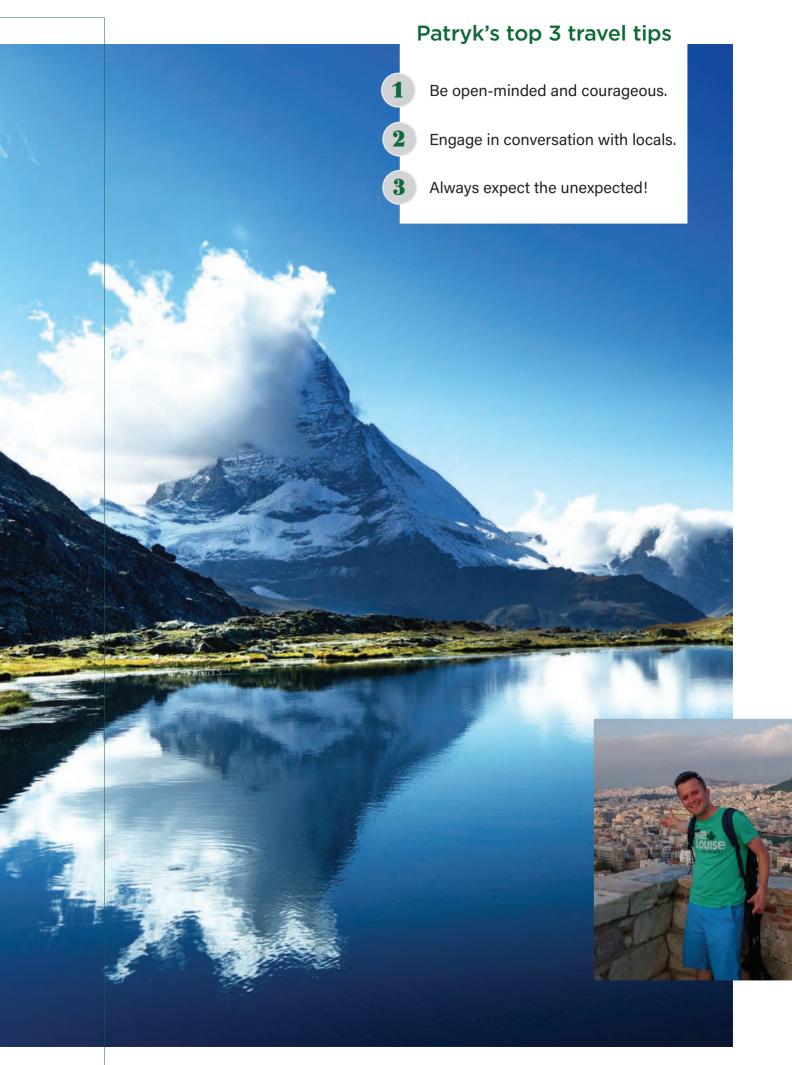


#### What's a must-try experience on tour?

Try to mingle with the locals and engage in conversation. Immerse yourself in the culture of your destination. Sample the local food. Listen to some personal stories from your guides.

#### What's your go-to Tour Manager "fun

fact?" I often tell my guests about my travel experience when I drove with my dad in 1991 from Corpus Christi, Texas to Sarasota, Florida, Unbeknownst to us, it was over 1900 kilometres! As Europeans, we did not have a concept of how vast the United States is, and we set off from Texas to Florida thinking we would make it in one day. As we now know, though - that was wishful thinking! We ended up sleeping in our car. Travelling during the summer, we turned the AC on and left it running overnight. Come the morning, the battery was dead. We couldn't speak any English at all, and no one at the nearby hotel had jumper cables. Finally, a truck driver came to our rescue. It was a travel story I'll never forget.

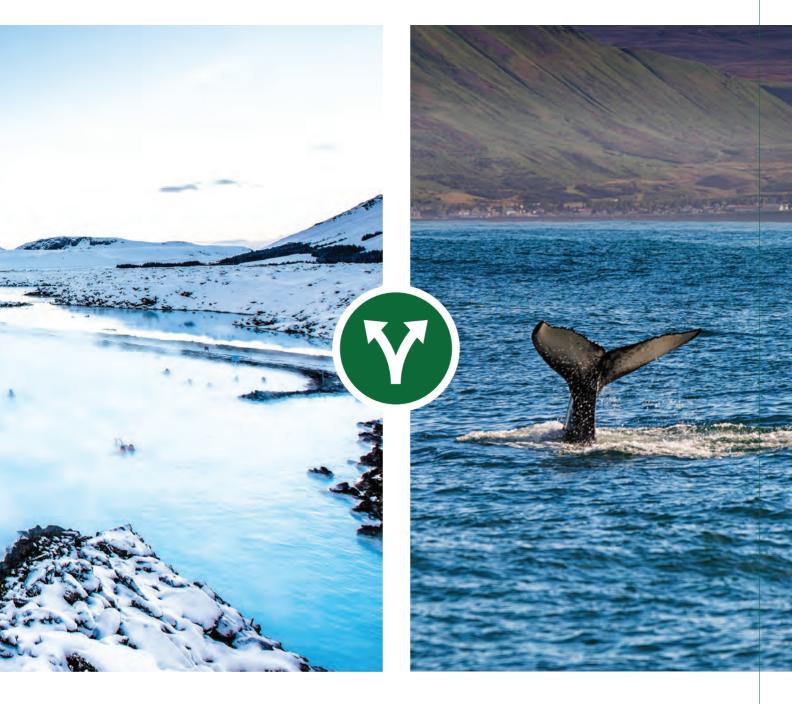




## IT'S YOUR CHOICE

## enjoy more *freedom* to explore

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







Set out on an exhilarating afternoon game drive in search of amazing wildlife **OR** spot amazing fauna from the river while aboard a safari cruise. **EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS** & BOTSWANA - PAGE 196



#### SEE SPAIN'S WORLD OF CULTURE

In Seville, walk along the cobblestone streets of the Santa Cruz Quarter and Plaza de España with an expert guide **OR** get a glimpse into the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River.

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## MORE INCLUDED

## you're not just going on tour you're having a travel **experience**

Every time you set out on one of our travel experiences, we're striving to give you the most inclusive travel experience possible. What does that mean for you? More iconic must-see sights and more cultural immersion selected by our experts. More meals at local restaurants, and more authentic dining experiences. 4-star and above accommodation, strategically selected to capture the destination. We're not just taking you on a tour, we're making it a travel experience you'll never forget.













They're called "must-sees" for a reason. Our carefully crafted itineraries include those iconic, can't-miss, must-see sights for each of our incredible destinations.

#### accommodation

#### Settle in to 4-star+ accommodation.

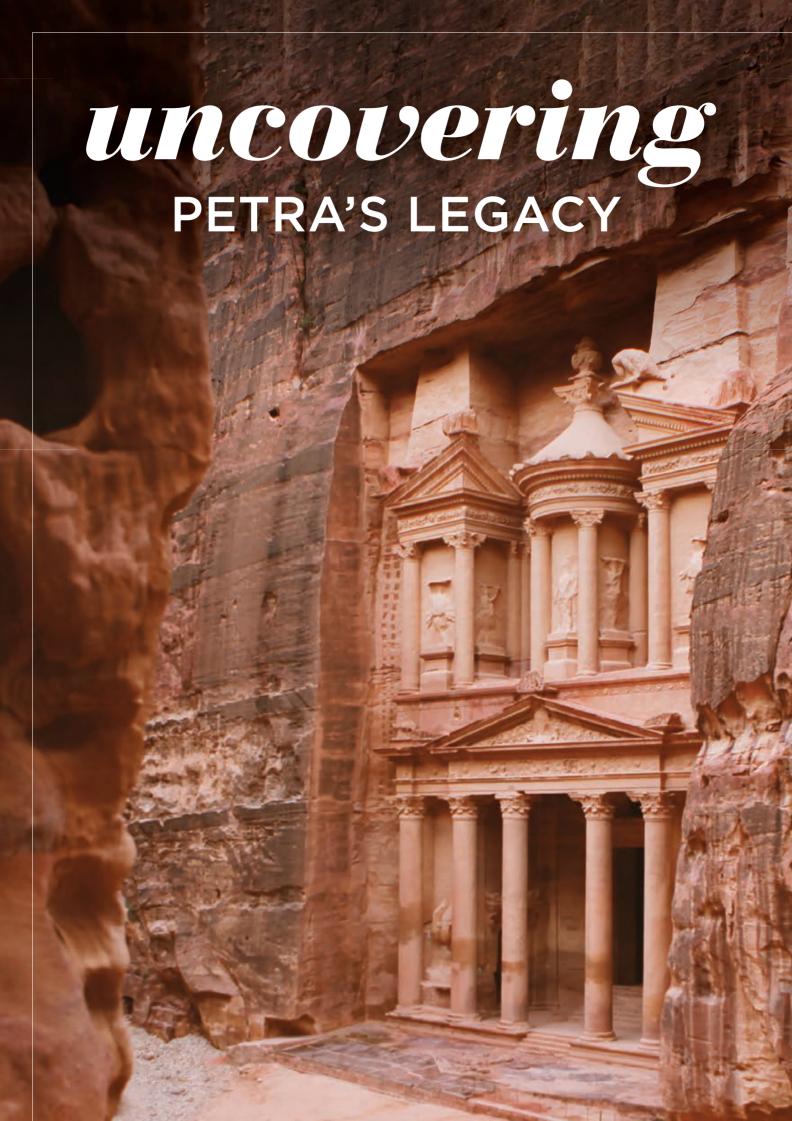
We carefully choose each hotel to enrich your experience, making sure they're located in strategically selected spots that capture the destination.

#### cultural experiences

Liven things up by meeting a new culture. Our cultural experiences, hand-crafted by our experts, allow you to truly get to know both the destination and the people who call it home.

#### culinary inclusions

Meals become memorable moments. Our meals are culinary experiences that allow you to explore new cultures in an engaging, not to mention flavourful, way.





Inhabited since prehistoric times, Petra is an archeological wonder. The city appears as if it had emerged straight from the rock bed - and it practically did. Half built and half carved, Petra's landscape is a perfect union of wind-hewn desert and chiseled feats of architecture. The city has served as a crossroads between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea and has been a part of trade routes since its creation. Within that time, the people of Petra absorbed rich traditions that are as vibrant and storied as the sandstone landscapes it's comprised of.

One such tradition Petra's Bedouin women have kept up over generations is the crafting of kilims, or woven rugs. With homemade looms and wooden spindles, the women weave intricate patterns into functional - and beautiful rugs based on Byzantine designs. On the new Journey Through Egypt & Jordan tour, you'll be introduced to a local women's rug weaving cooperative known as the Bani Hamida Women's Weaving Project, where you'll be able to peruse the rugs and learn about how these women artisans are helping to provide for their family while preserving their unique heritage. It's a way to connect authentically with locals and leave a positive impact on this beguiling place - a travel trend we can all get behind.





discover the otherworldly landscapes, welcoming culture and stunning craftwork of Petra on the Journey Through Egypt & Jordan Tour.

**LEARN MORE ON PAGE 192** 



## **MORE TRAVEL STYLES**

choose a travel style that best suits you



## classic

an easy, inspiring way to see the world.



Ideal for forging new friendships.



**100+ globe-spanning tours:** from close to home to a world away.



Hit all the highlights at a value-minded price.



No time to plan? No problem. We'll handle the details.



## river cruise

exploring the world's scenic rivers.



**Ideal for relaxed travellers:** enjoy a balance of leisure time and guided explorations.



Come full circle with 360° views on open-air panoramic decks.



Say "cheers to free beers" (or regional wine) with dinner.



See port cities from a new perspective aboard intimate 4-star vessels and off the docks with a local expert.



## spotlights

city stays and quick getaways.



**Ideal for urban explorers:** discover the city with plenty of free time.



5-9 day stays make perfect getaways.



**Calling all overpackers:** unpack just once at a centrally located hotel.



Know where the locals go with a guide by your side.



## faith

journeys that inspire.



Ideal for those who wish to connect with their faith on a deeper level.



**Take a personal pilgrimage:** walk in footsteps of your faith's forefathers.

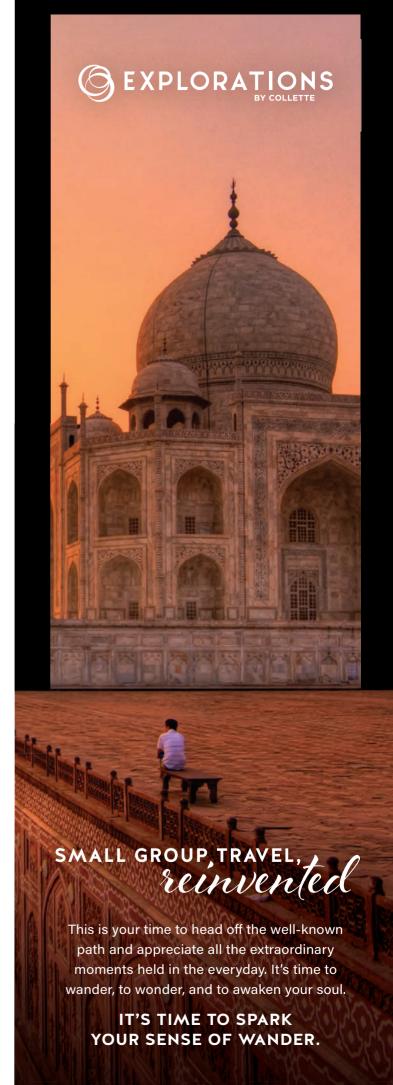


#### **Reverent and reflective:**

from shrines and holy sites to included Mass on many tours.



**Modest accommodation** captures the humble surroundings in which they sit.



#### ITALIAN VISTAS

#### 12 DAYS · 17 MEALS FROM \$4349

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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



 Day 9 — Join a local expert to view the St. Mark's Square Basilica and the impressive Doge's Palace or go 'off the beaten path' and experience the Castello Sestiere district on a walking tour.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

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

  ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

  During your stay at the

  Regina Palace Hotel, you may
  choose to enjoy views of Lago
  Maggiore by upgrading your
  accommodation to a lake view
  room, CALLFORDETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

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

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

Day 2: Rome - Classical Rome City Tour A locally guided tour of Classical Rome will allow you to discover famous sights such as the Baths of Caracalla, the legendary Aventine and Palatine Hills, the ancient Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. The catacombs — burial place of early Christians, the mythic Pantheon, and Piazza Navona are also featured. (B)

#### Day 3: Rome

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

Day 4: Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento Coast Journey south towards the brilliant Bay of Naples where charming villages are built into hillsides above a sparkling blue sea.

Soak in 2,000 years of history during your discovery of the excavated ruins of Pompeii. A local guide provides an in-depth view of this remarkably preserved archaeological site. Continue to the scenic resort town of Sorrento and take some time to explore the city independently. You may wish to visit the Duomo, a Romanesque cathedral with inlaid woodwork, a famous local Sorrento craft. End your day on the breathtaking Sorrento Coast. (B)

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

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

#### Day 6: Sorrento Coast - Florence

Tuscany unfolds with its panorama of vineyards and olive groves. Florence, the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance," awaits and offers Italy's best art and architecture. Visit the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's magnificent sculpture of







#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:

1-2 NIGHTS

PRF NIGHT



PRE: ROME CALL FOR DETAILS



2 NIGHTS

MILAN SEE PAGE 201 FOR DETAILS



UP TO 1 WEEK

CHOOSE FROM: London, Amsterdam, Paris, Frankfurt, Munich

EVEN MORE TIME? Combine Italian Vistas with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

David. Tonight, enjoy regional Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Florence

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

Day 8: Florence - Pisa - Venice Visit the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa to discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli, the Duomo (Cathedral), and the famous Leaning Tower. A special stop is made at a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample local wines and specialities. Next, cross the Apennine Mountains en route to Venice where 117 islands are connected by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L)

#### Day 9: Venice - Murano Island -Venice 😯

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

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

Day 10: Venice - Verona - Stresa Depart Venice for Verona to stroll the streets that were the backdrop for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Arrive in the resort town of Stresa in the breathtaking Italian Lakes District, your home for the next two nights, and admire the beautiful views of Lago Maggiore. (B, D)

Day 11: Stresa - Lugano, Switzerland-Isola Dei Pescatori, Italy-Stresa Today, cross into Switzerland and the picturesque lakeside resort of Lugano for magnificent views, excellent shopping and charming cafés. Tonight, we travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a farewell dinner while surrounded by beautiful scenery. (B, D)

Day 12: Stresa - Tour Ends Your Italian adventure comes to a close today. (B)

**DOUBLE** Starting at \$4349

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 6 December 2020 departure.

January - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 28 January 18, 25 February 10, 17, 24, 29 March 7, 14, 19, 21, 26, 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.

May 2020 - April 2021 (featured itinerary) 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 26 May 2, 7, 9, 16, 23, 30 June 7, 12, 14, 21, 26, 28 July 4, 11, 18, 25, 30 August 1, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15 September 17, 20, 22, 27, 29 September 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 18 October

1, 3, 8, 10 November 1, 6 December 26 January 23, 28 February 2, 9, 16, 21, 30 March 8, 11, 13, 18 April 20, 25, 27 April

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

20, 25, 27 October



Italian Vistas was a wonderful way to see a lot of Italy in a short time. We saw just about everything you can think of when you think of Italy. 99

-Collette Traveller

#### REFLECTIONS **OF ITALY**

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS FROM \$3099

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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



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

- Day 7 - Explore St. Mark's Square and visit the Doge's Palace or go off the beaten path and stroll through the Castello Sestiere district with a local expert.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Mediterraneo Hotel, Rome

Day 3 Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia

Hotel Albani or Hotel NH Davs 4, 5

Firenze, Florence

Hotel Carlton on the Grand Days 6, 7 Canal, Hotel Bellini Venezia or Hotel NH Venezia Rio Novo. Venice

Crowne Plaza Milan Malpensa, Day 8 Malpensa

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



#### Embark on a captivating journey that takes you from the piazzas of Rome to the canals of Venice.

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

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

#### Day 2: Rome

This morning, a locally guided tour of Classical Rome will allow you to discover famous sights such as the Baths of Caracalla, the legendary Aventine and Palatine Hills, the ancient Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, will be on your personal sightseeing list. (B)

Day 3: Rome - Assisi - Perugia/Assisi Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key Italian phrases. Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take in the old-world atmosphere

on a guided walking tour of the old city, including the Basilica of St. Francis. Then you're off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. Behold one of the grandest squares in Italy - the Piazza IV Novembre - and delight in the medieval palaces and ornate cathedrals. (B)

Day 4: Perugia/Assisi - Siena - Florence

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

#### Day 5: Florence

This morning, during your cultural tour of Florence enjoy views of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Palazzo Vecchio







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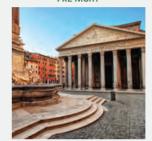


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and the Church of Santa Croce. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this fascinating city on your own. (B)

#### Day 6: Florence - Venice

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

#### Day 7: Venice - Murano Island -Venice

See Venice from the water as we board a boat bound for Murano Island for an up-close glassblowing demonstration. Discover the secrets of this ancient art and marvel at the intricate designs of each one-of-a-kind piece. Then we make our way to St. Mark's Square where it's your choice! Join a local expert on a walking tour of this

famous square to view the stunning Basilica and visit the impressive Doge's Palace and the legendary Bridge of Sighs -OR- go off the beaten path to explore the Castello Sestiere district with a local expert; get to know authentic Venice and see for yourself how the locals live as you walk canal by canal through the narrow streets lined with churches and historic buildings. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently. (B)

#### Day 8: Venice - Milan Malpensa

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

Day 9: Milan Malpensa - Tour Ends Your journey comes to a close in Milan Malpensa this morning. (B)

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



The cities we toured were outstanding, but I must say my favourite was Venice. There was something magical about those canals! 99

-Collette Traveller

## ROME & THE AMALFI COAST

9 DAYS • 12 MEALS FROM \$2899

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 8 breakfasts 1 lunches 3 dinners
- In Minori, sample some of the local specialties at a family-owned limoncello factory.
- Enjoy a tasting and lunch at a local winery at the foot of Mount Vesuvius.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Hotel Imperial, Rome

Days 3 - 7 Hotel Raito, Vietri-sul Mare, or Lloyd's Baia Hotel, Salerno, Amalfi Coast

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Day 8 ARoma Lifestyle Hotel or Donna Laura Palace, Rome

room. CALL FOR DETAILS

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

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

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

#### Day 2: Rome

This morning you may join an optional tour to the magnificent treasures of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. Later, a locally guided tour of Classical Rome will allow you to discover famous sights such as the Baths of Caracalla, the legendary Aventine and Palatine Hills, the ancient Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. (B)

#### Day 3: Rome - Montecassino - Amalfi Coast

Journey to the Amalfi Coast. En route, make a stop at the Benedictine monastery

of Montecassino which is perched on a mountaintop south of Rome. Discover its rich history while exploring the monastery's ornate chapel, peaceful courtyards and fascinating museum. (B, D)

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

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

#### Day 5: Amalfi Coast - Paestum - Amalfi Coast

After breakfast, discover one of Italy's most surprising products during a tour of a local buffalo milk mozzarella factory.



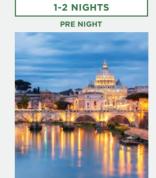




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Visit Paestum next, where a local guide escorts you through some of the best-preserved Greek temples outside of Greece. Enjoy dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Amalfi Coast - Optional Capri

Enjoy a day at leisure to take in the beautiful scenery of the Amalfi Coast. Or, perhaps you will choose to purchase an optional boat trip (weather permitting) to the wonderful Mediterranean island of Capri. Once on Capri, you'll explore this Mediterranean paradise on the sparkling Bay of Naples when you embark from the port of Salerno and cruise to the wonderful Isle of Capri. Pass the hill towns, colourful homes, lush gardens, and architectural marvels that dot the dramatic Amalfi Coast. On Capri, enjoy a locally guided minibus tour with lunch before setting out on your own to admire the charming town of Anacapri and its grand views of the island and the Bay of Naples. Afterwards, ride the funicular towards the Marina Grande, where the ferry waits to return you to the Amalfi Coast. (B)

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

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

#### Day 8: Amalfi Coast - Naples -Rome

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

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

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Rome. Airport transfers are available for purchase. During your stay on the Amalfi Coast: standard accommodations at the Hotel Raito are limited and available on a first come. first served basis for departures utilizing that hotel. Upgrades to superior rooms with sea view are available at an additional cost. Please inquire at time of booking



The tour covered everything and was well organized. The hotels were great. Our bus driver was a marvel on the winding mountain roads. I think Pompeii was the highlight of the tour. 99

-Collette Traveller

## TUSCANY & THE ITALIAN RIVIERA

7 DAYS · 10 MEALS FROM \$2499

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



- Experience a guided tour including a visit to the beautiful Cathedral of San Martino.
- Spend 3 nights in a beautiful Tuscan estate.
- Stop in the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century walls.



 Day 2 — Join a Florentine guide and see the city's iconic sites or see Florence's lesser-known treasures with a local expert.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



- 6 breakfasts 4 dinners
- Partake in an interactive pastamaking demonstration.
- Savour regional wines with every included dinner.



Days 1 - 3 Hotel Paggeria Medicea, Tuscany or Fattoria degli Usignoli, Tuscany

**Days 4 - 6** Grande Albergo Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

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

Experience the romance of travel among the rolling hills of Tuscany and along the colourful coast of the Italian Riviera. Welcome to Tuscany. Settle in for a relaxing 3-night stay at a traditional Tuscan estate. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a lively welcome dinner. (D)

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

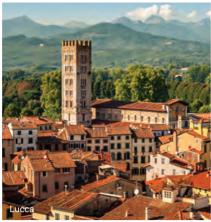
How will you experience the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance?" It's your choice! Join a local Florentine guide to see the city's iconic sites: view the remarkable Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the impressive gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John, the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

Church; admire historic Ponte Vecchio, the oldest bridge in Florence, and visit the Orsanmichele Church. Delight in leisure time to relax or discover this dynamic city on your own. (B)

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

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









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

Today your journey comes to a close. (B)

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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#### Day 4: Tuscan Estate - Lucca -Italian Riviera

As you head towards Italy's picturesque Riviera, make a stop in the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Join a local guide for a tour showcasing the Cathedral of San Martino and the Piazza Napoleone. Continue on to the spectacular Italian Riviera and check in for your 3-night stay. (B, D)

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

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

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

Travel to the seaside resort of

Day 7: Italian Riviera - Tour Ends

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We were able to experience a great deal of Italy in a limited amount of time. Although we have discussed many times the trip and all of the scenic and historical highlights, we are unable to say definitively which part was our favourite. We loved the tour and looked forward to each day's new adventure. 99

-Collette Traveller

## SPOTLIGHT ON TUSCANY

8 DAYS • 10 MEALS FROM \$2299

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Montecatini Terme • Florence • Lucca • Gothic Line • Pisa • Cooking Class • Siena • Choice on Tour • Winery Tour • Cheese Farm • San Gimignano



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Step to the front of the line to see Michelangelo's famous statue of David.
- See the Gothic Line, one of the Germans' last lines of defence during WWII.
- Visit the Museum of Liberation and see WWII fortifications and bunkers.



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

 Day 5 — Explore Siena's beautiful Gothic cathedral at your own pace or join your guide to get to know local life in a contrada (neighbourhood).

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 7 breakfasts 3 dinners
- Sample delectable wines during a wine tasting in the Chianti region.
- Spend time at a cheese farm to taste flavourful pecorino cheese.
- Learn about Tuscan cuisine during a cooking class.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 7 Hotel Ercolini and Savi, Montecatini Terme or Grand Hotel Francia and Quirinale, Montecatini Terme or Grand Hotel Vittoria, Montecatini Terme

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Embrace vintage Italia as you savour fine wine, blissful countryside and ancient cities that inspired the Renaissance on this Tuscan getaway.

### **Day 1:** Montecatini Terme, Italy - Tour Begins

Rolling landscapes, savoury wines, delicious food and stunning architecture... this can only be Tuscany. Unpack once on this journey among Italy's most charming towns. Your tour opens in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of Tuscany. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner where regional foods and Italian wines kick off your adventure. (D)

#### Day 2: Florence

A cultural tour in the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance" showcases the beautiful city of Florence. Start with a visit to the Academy Gallery\* to see Michelangelo's magnificent sculpture of David. Then, join a local Florentine guide who highlights many of the city's priceless treasures. At the Piazza del Duomo, the centre of religious life in medieval Florence, see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John. Take the remainder of your time in Florence to explore this unparalleled city as you choose. Later, while en route to your hotel, visit a family-owned leather shop and learn about the traditional

Italian techniques of leather making. (B)

### **Day 3:** Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano - Gothic Line

Set out on a guided visit to Lucca, Tuscany's best-kept secret. Renaissance walls, Romanesque churches, medieval streets flanked by towers, and delightful squares are just some of Lucca's charms. Visit the medieval Basilica di San Frediano. Its otherwise simple façade is adorned with a colourful 13th-century mosaic. Enjoy some time to explore at your own pace. Then set off for Borgo a Mozzano to see the remarkable Ponte del Diavolo (Devil's Bridge). Continue on to the Gothic Line. Built by the Germans, it was one of their last lines of defence during WWII. You'll visit the Museum of Liberation and see the actual fortifications and bunkers. (B)

#### Day 4: Pisa

Explore the many historic sites in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa including the Piazza dei Miracoli, or "Field of Miracles" (UNESCO). Keep your camera handy during our stop at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. You probably won't be able to resist taking a picture that makes it appear as if you are holding this iconic structure up. Visit the Baptistery, the







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largest in all of Italy. This impressive building of Romanesque and Gothic architecture is known for its perfect acoustics. This evening, travel to the quiet countryside to learn the secrets of traditional Tuscan cuisine. Partake in a cooking class featuring a bounty of local ingredients and culinary techniques that have been passed down for generations. Then sit down and enjoy the fruits of your labour during dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Siena 😯

Welcome to Siena. Discover this charming town with a local guide. Embark on a walking tour through its narrow Gothic streets. Take in stunning palaces, mansions and the historic Piazza del Campo along the way. Then, it's your choice! Explore Siena's beautiful Gothic cathedral at your own pace -OR- join your guide to get to know local life in a contrada (neighbourhood). Next, make your way to a Tuscan winery and meet the people behind some of Chianti's finest wines. Learn from experts as you savour a selection of the local varieties. You'll also learn about the art of winemaking and the process of making olive oil. (B)

#### Day 6: Montecatini Terme

The day is yours to relax and experience the local flavour. Take this opportunity to shop at the local boutiques and dine at one

of the many fine local restaurants. Or, perhaps you will choose an optional excursion to Cinque Terre with its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards; explore its string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean. (B)

#### Day 7: San Gimignano - Cheese Farm Visit

This morning make your way to a cheese farm. Learn how the famous pecorino cheese is made before sampling it for yourself. Soak in breathtaking views of the Tuscan hills as you travel to the hilltop village of San Gimignano, one of the most picturesque places in Tuscany. Explore this enchanting medieval town, from its famous 14 towers to its magnificent vistas overlooking the vineyards of Tuscany. Enjoy free time and perhaps indulge in some gelato. A delightful experience awaits this evening when you attend a Tuscan feast featuring traditional cuisine and savoury wines in the magical Tuscan countryside. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today. Depart with many fond memories of Tuscany. (B)

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This trip requires a passport. Air passengers will arrive and depart from Florence or Pisa airports. Airport transfers are available for purchase



We picked this tour because we wanted to see Tuscany and we did. Our tour manager and bus driver were great. The tour was everything we hoped it would be. 99

-Collette Traveller

## NORTHERN ITALY AND ITS LAKES

8 DAYS · 10 MEALS FROM \$2699

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Padua • Glassblowing Demonstration • Venice • St. Mark's Square • Lake Garda • Sirmione • Lake Maggiore • Lake Como • Bellagio



- See the famous sinking castle in the Sirmione peninsula.
- Witness a glassblowing demonstration on Murano Island.
- Cruise Lake Como, a beloved retreat of the rich and famous.



- 7 breakfasts 3 dinners
- Journey by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a farewell dinner featuring local cuisine.



Days 1 - 3 Methis Hotel and Spa, Padua

Days 4 - 7 Zacchera Hotels, Lago Maggiore

> ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE During your stay at the Zacherra hotels, you may choose to enjoy views of Lago Maggiore by upgrading to a Lake View room. CALL FOR DETAILS

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## Wander along winding canals and cruise on mountain-lined lakes as you take in the essence of Northern Italy.

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

Take the best of Italian culture – savoury cuisine, friendly locals, eons of history – and add the beauty of mystical lakes. Your journey begins in Padua, an ancient city rooted in legend. Set in the picturesque Veneto region, some believe that Padua was founded by war heroes after the fall of Troy. The Bacchiglione River carves its way through the town, resulting in lovely riverside promenades and stone step-bridges. Meet your fellow travellers while enjoying a taste of Italian culture at a welcome dinner. Truly get to know the town's legacy as you settle into your home for the next 3 nights. (D)

Day 2: Padua - Murano - Venice - Padua Start your day with a visit to Murano Island, known for its intricate glass making. Witness a glassblowing demonstration, providing a glimpse into the methods behind this fine art. Feel the grandeur of the past come alive as you make your way to Venice, a floating labyrinth settled on a lagoon. Pass through the sprawling St. Mark's Square with an expert guide and admire the Campanile, a brick bell tower

that rises above the piazza. Step outside the main square and explore the Castello district, making your way past historic buildings and architecture as you walk the narrow streets. Enjoy an afternoon in Venice at leisure. Perhaps you will opt for a gondola ride through the postcard-worthy canals, taking in the city from a different perspective. (B)

#### Day 3: Padua

Start the morning by strolling the streets of Padua with your guide. Make your way inside the Basilica of St. Anthony, a stately cathedral built in the 13th century. Engage with locals and feel the dynamic energy as you walk along open-air markets and street vendors setting up shop in the piazzas. Pass by the ornate Palazzo della Ragione, the former meeting place for the town's council. Feel the history in the air when you see Caffe Pedrocchi, a famous coffee shop frequented by the intellectuals that influenced the Italian Risorgimento of the 19th century. The rest of the day is yours to discover the town however you wish. Perhaps you will choose to go on an exclusive optional tour down the Brenta











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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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1-2 NIGHTS



2 NIGHTS

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PRE: PADUA

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Canal, enjoying an aperitif on your private boat as you admire the opulent homes on the water's edge. (B)

#### Day 4: Padua - Lake Garda - Lake Maggiore

This morning, head to Sirmione, an old village situated on the shores of Lake Garda. Embark on a boat ride through the Sirmione peninsula and see the famous sinking castle. Enjoy time at leisure to discover the narrow streets or simply relax alongside the bright blue waves of the lake. End the day next to Lake Maggiore, a stunning Italian lake, and toast to the start of your leisurely 4-night stay. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Lake Maggiore

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore the nearby lakeside streets. Perhaps you'll take an optional tour and coast along the ethereal water of Lake Maggiore by boat for an up-close look at the Borromean Islands before docking at Isola Bella, known as the "beautiful island." Join an expert guide and venture into the Borromeo Palace, a seaside Baroque beauty with an exotic garden. Then, return to your boat and cruise by the remaining Borromean Islands. (B)

#### Day 6: Lake Maggiore

The entire day is yours. You might soak up the sun on the beach, relax in an outdoor café, or head out on the waves by boat. Perhaps you will take an optional tour to Lugano, Switzerland to see the lake from the other side of the Italian border. (B)

#### Day 7: Lake Maggiore - Lake Como -Lake Maggiore

Indulge in a day of sunshine and scenic peaks at the paradise of Lake Como, nestled against the Alps and a beloved retreat for the rich and famous. Enjoy a guided cruise of the waters before stopping in Bellagio, an ancient peninsula that fosters winding streets and unparalleled views. Enjoy some free time to discover the city's secrets on your own. Return to Lake Maggiore and venture to Isola dei Pescatori by boat, enjoying a farewell dinner of local cuisine to celebrate the end of your trip. (B, D)

Day 8: Lake Maggiore - Tour Ends Wish Italy arrivederci as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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June 2020 - April 2021 16 July

5 November 13 August 10, 24 September 15, 22 April 1.15 October

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Venice and depart from Milan. All arrival transfers will depart from Venice airport for Padua, All return transfers will depart from Lake Maggiore for Milan airport, Airport transfers are available for purchase. Your visit to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice in the event of inclement weather. Due to inclement weather in the winter months, your farewell dinner at Isola dei Pescatori may not be possible. In such an event, your farewell dinner will take place in the town of Lake Maggiore.

### ROME, FLORENCE & VENICE

7 DAYS · 9 MEALS FROM \$2399

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

- Days 1, 2 Hotel Massimo D'Azeglio or Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome
- Days 3, 4 Starhotels Michelangelo, Florence
- Days 5, 6 Hotel Santa Marina, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Dine on traditional cuisine and embrace a culture steeped in romance and three iconic cities.

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

Join us for a fabulous Italian adventure, featuring the magic of Rome, Florence and Venice. Come along with us and embrace the history, culture, art and romance of this incredible country. Welcome to Rome. This evening, meet your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Rome - Classical Rome City Tour This morning, a locally guided tour of Classical Rome will allow you to discover famous sights such as the Baths of Caracalla, the legendary Aventine and Palatine Hills, the ancient Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. The mythic Pantheon and the Piazza Navona are also featured. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and

St. Peter's Basilica, will be on your personal sightseeing list. (B)

#### Day 3: Rome - Florence

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

#### Day 4: Florence

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

**Day 5:** Florence - Bologna - Venice Today, travel the beautiful Emilia Romagna







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

#### Day 6: Venice

Explore enchanting Venice with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. Your Venetian journey opens on Murano Island for a glassblowing demonstration. Then we

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

Day 7: Venice - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many fond memories of incredible Italy. (B)

Starting at \$2899 February - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 21 February 13, 20 March

> 17 April Itinerary featured is for May 2020 - April 2021 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

Prices based on 4 December 2020 departure May 2020 - April 2021 (featured itinerary) 1, 8, 15, 29 May 5, 12, 19, 28 June

> 17, 26 July 9, 21, 28 August 4, 11, 18, 20 September 2, 4, 16, 23 October 3. 6. 13 November

1, 4 December 29 January 26 February 12, 19 March 9, 23 April

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Our tour guide was amazing! Collette had everything planned perfectly. It was fantastic that the tours and a lot of the meals were included. 99

-Collette Traveller







DOUBLE Starting at \$2399

# SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

#### 11 DAYS · 16 MEALS FROM \$3499

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Be amazed by the Greek Theatre in Taormina.
- Sample fine wine during a vineyard tour.
- Experience Mt. Etna Volcano National Park with a local expert.



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

 Day 5 — Join a local guide in Catania and watch the daily bartering at the local market or explore the Allied Landing Museum, which features exhibits on the nations involved in the conflict.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

- Days 1, 2 Hotel Federico II Central Palace or Hotel Garibaldi, Palermo
- Days 3 5 Hellenia Yachting Hotel, Giardini Naxos
- Days 6, 7 MH Matera Hotel, Matera
- Days 8, 9 Towers Hotel Stabiae or Michelangelo Hotel, Sorrento
- Day 10 Donna Laura Palace Hotel or Hotel Degli Aranci, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Palermo, Sicily - Tour Begins
The hidden treasures of Southern Italy
and Sicily are yours to explore, for it is
here that you'll find breathtaking scenery,
historic cities, centuries-old hilltop villages
and wonderful cuisine. Your tour opens in
Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Tonight, join
your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner
featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. (D)

Day 2: Palermo - Monreale - Palermo Acquaint yourself with Palermo on a tour of its lovely squares - the Quattro Canti, Piazza Pretoria and Piazza Bellini - and discover an exotic mix of Moorish, Norman and Spanish Baroque architecture along the way. See the Palace of the Normans, La Martorana church, and the cathedral that houses the Imperial Crown of Constance of Aragon. In the nearby town of Monreale, visit a 12th-century cathedral with its dazzling interior of multicoloured marbles, paintings, mosaics and cloisters. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure to peruse the city's shops and museums, or simply take some time to relax. (B)

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

Travel over the countryside's rolling hills, past peaceful farmland towards the town of Agrigento. Explore one of the most important archaeological sites in the world, the stunning Valley of the Temples

(UNESCO), where you'll get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, Hercules and Jupiter. Continue on to Giardini Naxos – the "garden of Sicily" – for your 3-night stay. (B, D)

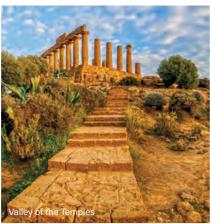
# Day 4: Giardini Naxos - Taormina - Giardini Naxos

Set out for beautiful Taormina with its charming atmosphere, historic monuments and flowering gardens. Alongside an expert local guide, see Corso Umberto, view the public gardens and marvel at the city's well-preserved Greek Theatre. Enjoy free time to relax or independently explore. (B)

# Day 5: Giardini Naxos - Catania - Mt. Etna - Giardini Naxos ♥

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







#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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STOPOVER



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#### Day 6: Giardini Naxos - Matera

Venture to Messina for a short ferry ride to Villa San Giovanni on Italy's mainland. Pass through the unspoiled, beautiful region of Calabria into the Basilicata region. Make a stop at one of the area's local wineries where you'll join an expert on a walk through the cellars and vineyards before sampling wines during a special tasting. Linger over regional cuisine at dinner in the winery's own agriturismo restaurant. (B, D)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Day 11: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

**DOUBLE** Starting at \$3499 Starting at \$4149

Prices based on 2 December 2020 departure

January - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 22 January 19 February

4, 11, 18, 25 March 8, 14, 15, 22, 29 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)

6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 May 3, 10, 17, 24 June 8, 15, 29 July 12, 26 August

2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20 September 23, 27, 29, 30 September 4, 7, 11, 14, 18 October

21, 25, 28 October 1, 4, 8, 11 November 2 December 27 January

24 February 3, 10, 14, 17 March 7, 14, 18, 21, 28 April

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



We were treated to wonderful, delicious and authentic cuisine in every region that we visited throughout Italy. Collette was able to culturally immerse us in the various activities and tour explorations. 99

-Collette Traveller

# SPLENDID SICILIA

9 DAYS • 14 MEALS FROM \$2849

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Palermo • Cefalù • Farm Visit • Erice • Agrigento • Taormina • Siracusa



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Visit a medieval palace where you're welcomed by a countess.
- Journey to the beautiful seaside town of Cefalù and stroll the streets like a local.
- Spend 4 nights in Taormina and explore the island's most impressive sights.



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

 Day 2 — Set out on a panoramic coach tour of Palermo or stroll the streets of the city with a local guide.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 8 breakfasts 2 lunches 4 dinners
- Learn to make ricotta cheese at a family farm in the Sicilian countryside, followed by an unforgettable homemade farmhouse lunch.
- Sample Sicilian "street food" at a local restaurant.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

**Days 1 - 3** Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa, Palermo

Day 4 Baia di Ulisse Hotel, Agrigento ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE During your stay at the Baia di Ulisse Hotel, upgrade your standard room to a frontal sea view room. CALLERGRETAILS

Days 5 - 8 Hotel Villa Diodoro, Taormina
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
During your stay at the Hotel
Villa Dioidoro, upgrade your
standard room to a frontal sea
view room. CALL FOR DEFAULS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Explore the true essence of the Mediterranean as you delve into the fascinating mosaic of Sicily.

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

You are on your way to Sicily. Allow yourself to take in the immersive culture, the layers of ancient history, and the incomparable beauty of this sparkling Mediterranean island. Welcome to Palermo (UNESCO), Sicily's vibrant and welcoming capital. Bursting with Arab-Norman architectural masterpieces, this island's history is waiting to be discovered. This evening, come to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Palermo 😵

Make the most of Palermo this morning because it's your choice! Choose to set out on a panoramic coach tour of Palermo, including stops at the Palace of the Normans, La Martorana Church, and the dazzling Monreale Cathedral -ORstroll the streets of Palermo with a local guide, feeling as if you've stepped back in time as you pass by medieval remnants, picturesque piazzas, and ornate fountains. Make your way inside St. Catherine of Alexandria, a Baroque church where you can sample local pastries baked with the nuns' secret recipe. After your tour, wander through an open-air market displaying traditional Sicilian "street food" before

getting a taste of these classics at a local restaurant. Later, visit a medieval palace where a countess welcomes you on a tour of her family's home, joining you for an aperitif and hors d'oeuvres in one of the palace's stunning chambers. (B, L)

# **Day 3:** Palermo - Cefalù - Sicilian Countryside - Palermo

Journey to the countryside with a local guide and stroll the medieval streets of Cefalù (UNESCO), a seaside town that's home to one of Sicily's most magnificent cathedrals. Embrace Italian country life as you set off to experience a day on a family farm where Sicilian folk music greets you upon arrival. Get a glimpse of the delectable products they make on the farm and observe how they create a Sicilian favourite - ricotta cheese! Watch a chef prepare local specialities before getting a taste of the farm's own products with a hearty lunch made from family recipes. Return to Palermo for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

#### Day 4: Palermo - Erice - Agrigento

Today's journey brings you to Agrigento, a coastal hub of preserved Greek temples. Along the way, meander through the town







**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** 

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of Erice and roam the streets. Admire the town from an aweinspiring lookout point at Venus Castle, built upon an ancient Roman temple. Continue on to Agrigento, where you'll have some free time to explore the resort's amenities. (B, D)

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

#### Day 6: Taormina

Today, discover Taormina, "the jewel of Sicily." A local guide leads you on a tour of this picturesque city where you'll see the wellpreserved Greek theatre, the Duomo and the public gardens. Spend the afternoon on your own in this city perched high above the sea. Perhaps dine at a sidewalk café or shop in the town's boutiques. (B)

#### Day 7: Taormina

The entire day is yours to explore! With free time, you can choose to relax on the coast, dig in to Taormina's mouthwatering cuisine, or even take an optional tour to Europe's largest active volcano -Mt. Etna. (B)

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

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

Day 9: Taormina - Tour Ends Your journey through Sicily comes to a close today. Return home with cherished memories of an unforgettable adventure. (B)

#### DOUBLE

1 2 3 4 5

es based on 28 February 2020 departure

January - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note)

26 January 23 February

15. 29 March 19, 26 April

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May 2020 - April 2021

(featured itinerary) 3, 24 May

14 June 26 July 23 August

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1, 8, 15 November 6 December 31 January

28 February 7. 21 March 11, 18, 25 April

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The tour of Sicily was excellent. We pretty much saw everything one could see, the bus was comfortable, hotels were good, and the food was great. 99

—Collette Traveller

# SICILY & MALTA

12 DAYS • 18 MEALS FROM \$3899

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Palermo • Cefalù • Farm Visit • Erice •
Agrigento • Taormina • Siracusa •
Tas-Sliema • Mdina • Valletta



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Visit a medieval palace where you're welcomed by a countess.
- Journey to the beautiful seaside town of Cefalù and stroll the streets like a local.
- Enjoy a free day in Malta, the island paradise of the Mediterranean.



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

Day 2 — Set out on a panoramic coach tour of Palermo or stroll the streets of Palermo with a local guide.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 11 breakfasts 2 lunches 5 dinners
- Learn to make ricotta cheese at a family farm in the Sicilian countryside, followed by an unforgettable homemade farmhouse lunch.
- Sample Sicilian "street food" at a local restaurant.
- Taste the wines of the region while in Malta.



#### ACCOMMODATION

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Days 9 - 11 The Waterfront Hotel, Tas-Sliema

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Explore the true essence of the Mediterranean as you delve into the fascinating mosaic of Sicily and the island paradise of Malta.

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Today's journey brings you to Agrigento, a coastal hub of preserved Greek temples. Along the way, meander through the town of Erice and roam the streets. Admire the town from an awe-inspiring lookout point at Venus Castle, built upon an ancient Roman temple. Continue on to Agrigento, where you'll have some free time to explore the resort's amenities. (B, D)



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#### Day 9: Taormina - Pozzallo - Tas-Sliema, Malta

Say goodbye to Italy and venture to the island paradise of Malta. Cross the Mediterranean by highspeed ferry to one of the smallest countries in the world. Enter the town of Tas-Sliema, home to breathtaking coasts and deep blue waters. In this fishing village that was transformed into a resort town, you'll find quaint cafés and seaside promenades. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

#### Day 10: Tas-Sliema - Mdina -Valletta - Tas-Sliema

Get an intimate look at Mdina the "Silent City." As there are no vehicles allowed in town, you will join a local guide for a walking tour featuring the medieval architecture and cobblestone streets. Head to a local winery where you'll get a chance to taste the wines of the region. Your adventure continues in Valletta, the capital of Malta. Discover this fortified city on a panoramic coach tour. You'll take in the picturesque Barrakka Gardens overlooking the harbour, featuring a charming blend of natural beauty and terraced arches. The evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure. (B)

#### Day 11: Tas-Sliema

The day is completely yours to experience the island of Malta however you please. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to a temple complex older than Stonehenge, stopping at a vibrant fishing village and natural blue grotto along the way. Enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers as you recount your favourite memories of the Mediterranean islands. (B, D)

Day 12: Tas-Sliema - Tour Ends Say goodbye to Malta and the Mediterranean as your tour comes to a close today. (B)





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3, 24 May 6, 13, 20, 27 September 4. 11. 18 October 14 lune 26 July 1. 8. 15 November 23 August 6 December

28 February 7, 21 March 11, 18, 25 April

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



Well-laid out tour, interesting sites, professional tour manager and guides. It was magical. 99

-Collette Traveller

## ICELAND: LAND OF FIRE & ICE

8 DAYS · 13 MEALS FROM \$4149

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



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



- Day 3 Choose between a lava cave adventure or explorative lava field walk.
- Day 7 Choose between floating in the Blue Lagoon or visiting the Perlan Centre with its interactive exhibits.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

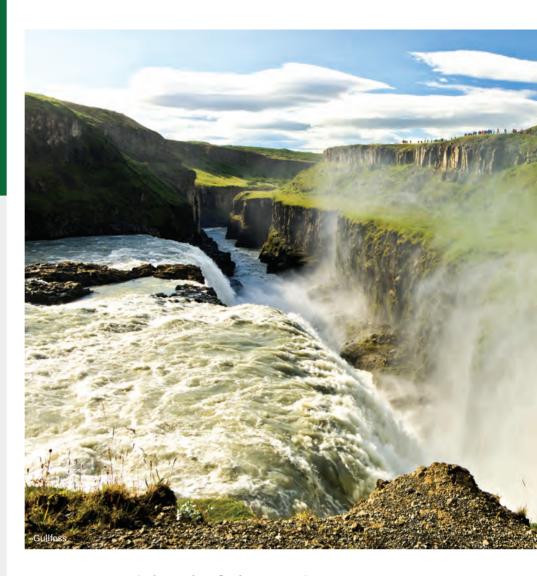
Days 1, 2 Centerhotel Plaza or Centerhotel Midgardur, Revkiavík

**Day 3** Fosshotel Stykkisholmur, Stykkishólmur

**Days 4 - 6** Hotel Katla by Keahotels or Hotel Dyrholaey, Vik

Day 7 Centerhotel Plaza or Centerhotel Midgardur, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# An island of dramatic contrasts, Iceland is a landscape forged by ice and fire.

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins Begin in the capital city of Reykjavík. Join a local expert for a walking tour of the city's old section featuring Hallgrimskirkja church, city hall, the harbour and Reykjavík's oldest building, home of the Kraum Icelandic design centre. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers during a grand Icelandic dinner at a popular local restaurant. (D)

# **Day 2:** Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík

Travel the stunning Golden Circle, a route encompassing many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders: waterfalls, glaciers, geysers, lava fields and volcanos. Your adventure begins with a stop at a family-run dairy farm. You'll be welcomed by one of the family members who will share with you what a "day-in-the-life" is like for them before you enjoy various cheeses that are made right there on the farm together with a taste of their famous ice cream. Continue to Thingvellir National Park, where Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes - Thingvellir's rugged rift valley. This UNESCO site marks the

crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the meeting point of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates. Next, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Stop at the famous thermal area of Geysir to admire the hot spring Strokkur's explosive vertical spout that reaches a height of up to 90 feet. Your day concludes with a visit to Friðheimar greenhouse cultivation centre, where you'll learn how the locals grow delicious, pesticide-free tomatoes and cucumbers with the aid of Iceland's geothermal energy. You'll also learn about their family tradition of breeding Icelandic show horses. (B)

Day 3: Reykjavík - Snæfellsnes Breidafjördur Cruise - Stykkishólmur ♥
Experience the otherworldliness of the
Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Take in the dramatic
landscapes of black and white sand
beaches and rocky coastlines, soaring
waterfalls and volcanic craters, intimate
fishing villages, and the remarkable
Snæfellsjökull glacier. It's your choice!
Select a guided Vatnshellir Cave tour
and descend 100 feet below ground to
an 8,000-year-old lava tube where you'll
experience total darkness and see amazing



rock pigments, lava formations, stalagmites and stalactites -ORchoose to walk the lava field and put your camera to work snapping photos of the varying textures and colours of this dramatic landscape that is truly nature's artwork. Next, embark on a true Icelandic cultural adventure as you spend time with a family that keeps alive a 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving the Greenland shark. See the fishing boat that their grandfather used and the tiny farmer's church before exploring the museum, where you'll learn more about Iceland's deep relationship with this trade. Before you go, taste the Icelandic delicacy "hákarl" - cured shark meat. Your day concludes with a private nature cruise of Breidafjördur Bay with Seatours. Experience countless birds like puffins, cormorants, kittiwakes and the majestic whitetailed eagle soaring amongst basalt rock columns. Whilst cruising, sample fresh scallops and sea urchin roe straight from the ocean waters. Seafood simply doesn't come fresher than this! (B, D)

Day 4: Stykkishólmur - Lava Exhibition Centre - Vík Continue the adventure travelling along Iceland's south coast. Learn about geothermal renewable energy on a visit to Hellisheiðavirkjun, the largest power station in Iceland, and the second largest geothermal power station in the world. Visit the Lava Exhibition Centre where you'll learn about Iceland's historical eruptions and current lava flows that make the island a showcase of volcanism. Arrive in Vík, Iceland's southernmost village, and one of the most visited spots in Iceland. (B, D)

Day 5: Vík - Skógar Museum - Vík Drive along the scenic south shore to the Skógar Museum with its turf-built houses and outstanding collection of farm and domestic artefacts that reflect the various aspects of Icelandic life. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the tallest in Iceland. Next, view Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach scattered with caves and surrounded by basalt columns and cliffs. The beach is also rich with bird life, such as the fulmar, black guillemot, razorbill, gannet, and various types of seagulls. Later, see the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafel - Vík

Set sail among the huge icebergs of the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon. Keep your eyes peeled for possible seal sightings and get to taste the 1,000 year-old ice that surrounds you. Later, stop at Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park, the largest national park in Europe. Marvel at the vistas of Iceland's highest mountains, as well as the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe's largest. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Vík - Seljalandsfoss Waterfall -Blue Lagoon or Perlan Centre-Reykjavík 😯

Before departing the south shore, make a picture stop at Seljalandsfoss, one of few waterfalls providing you with a walkway for views from the inside out. Next, it's your choice! Perhaps you'll embark on a drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, and numerous hot springs, including the Blue Lagoon where you can take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool located in the middle of a dramatic lava field **-OR-** visit the Perlan Centre, where you'll explore the wonder and mystery of Iceland through interactive exhibits; use your pass to delve into the Ice Cave, the Planetarium, the virtual aquarium and more. Later, gather with your fellow travellers for a local dining experience and share stories of your days in Iceland. (B, D)

Day 8: Reykjavík - Tour Ends Depart for home with many incredible Icelandic memories. (B)



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PRE OR POST NIGHT



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April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 1, 3, 6, 9, 13, 14, 17 April 20. 23. 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) 4, 7, 11, 14, 18 May

21, 25, 28 May 1. 4. 8. 11. 15 June 18, 22, 25, 29 June 2, 6, 9, 13, 16 July 20, 23, 27, 30 July 3, 6, 10, 13, 17 August 20, 24, 27, 31 August 3, 7, 10, 14, 17 September 21, 24, 26 September 8, 12, 15, 19 April 22, 26, 29 April

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Reykjavik. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Icelandair gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of  $reservation. \ Puffin\ can\ usually\ be\ viewed\ mid-May\ through\ mid-August.\ During\ the\ months\ of$ April & October, the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon cruise may not operate due to seasonality. The Vatnshellir Cave tour is not recommended for quests who are claustrophobic or have back or knee problems. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive by 10am.



Visiting Iceland was a once in a lifetime experience! The scenery was stunning, people were friendly, and almost everyone spoke English. 99

—Collette Traveller

## ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS

6 DAYS · 10 MEALS FROM \$2899

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Reykjavík • Northern Lights Cruise •
Search for the Northern Lights • Golden
Circle • Thingvellir National Park • Geysir
• Gullfoss Waterfall • Lava Exhibition
Centre • Vík • Seljalandsfoss • Skógar
Museum • Skógafoss • Jökulsárlón Glacial
Lagoon • Skaftafell National Park •
Vatnajökull Glacier • Blue Lagoon



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 5 breakfasts 5 dinners
- Savour gourmet Icelandic cuisine at a popular local restaurant.
- Challenge your taste buds with a sample of traditional hákarl (cured shark meat) and Brennivín (Icelandic schnapps).



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1

CenterHotel Plaza or CenterHotel Midgardur, Revkiavík

**Days 2 - 4** Hotel Katla Hofdabrekka or Hotel Dyrhólaey, Vík

Day 5

CenterHotel Plaza or CenterHotel Midgardur, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Reykjavík, Iceland's capital city. Get acquainted with old town Reykjavík on a walking tour featuring Hallgrimskirkja church, city hall, the harbour, and the Parliament building. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers at a popular restaurant for dinner featuring Icelandic cuisine. Then, take an exhilarating northern lights cruise. Leave behind the bright city lights and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the northern lights - one of nature's wonders. When revealed, you'll be dazzled by the flickering light display of bursting colour that unfolds before your eyes. (D)

# **Day 2:** Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Lava Exhibition Centre - Vík

Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area, where Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established what is considered one of the world's first parliaments. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically

significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley. This UNESCO World Heritage site marks the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Experience the eruptive energy of the Icelandic landscape with a stop at the geothermal fields of Geysir and Strokkur. Then, marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100foot double cascade. Next, stop at the Lava Exhibition Centre to learn about Iceland's historic eruptions and current lava flows that make the island a showcase of volcanism. Continue southeast to Vík, the southernmost village in Iceland, surrounded by beautiful valleys, beaches, cliffs and mountains. For each of your three nights in Vík, weather permitting, you'll set out into the peace and stillness of rural Iceland in search of the aurora borealis - the elusive northern lights. On foot, or with the assistance of our motor coach and driver, you will venture out away from the light pollution to where the views of the sky are ideal. Three nights of searching means three times the likelihood that you'll find this incredible natural light show. (B, D)







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**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** 

Atlantic Ocean

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Iceland

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

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#### Day 3: Vík - Seljalandsfoss -Skógar Museum - Vík

Journey to the mesmerising Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous and picturesque waterfalls with a walkway behind it. Visit Skógar Museum with its turf-built homes and outstanding collection of artefacts covering all aspects of Icelandic life. Nearby, view the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the tallest in Iceland. Later, see Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations, cliffs scattered with caves, and rich bird life including the Fulmar, Black Guillemot, Razorbill, Gannet and various types of seagulls. See the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey. Later this afternoon, challenge your taste buds when you try samples of the traditional Icelandic delicacies hákarl (cured shark meat) and Brennivín (Icelandic schnapps). After dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights, a truly spectacular sight. (B, D)

Day 4: Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafell National Park - Vík Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and perhaps see seals swimming in Arctic waters. Travel to Skaftafell, gateway to Vatnajökull National Park, the largest national park in Europe. Vatnajökull is known for having Iceland's highest mountains, an Alpine environment, and the Vatnajökull glacier, Europe's largest. After dinner, continue searching for the shimmering northern lights dancing across the night sky. (B, D)

Day 5: Vík - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík Drive along the south shore towards the Reykjanes Peninsula. Known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, and numerous hot springs, the peninsula is home of the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineralrich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the middle of a dramatic lava field. Return to Reykjavík for your farewell dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Reykjavík - Tour Ends Depart for home with many incredible memories. (B)

**DOUBLE** SOLO

Starting at \$2899 Starting at \$3549

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

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January - March 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16 January 18, 21, 23, 25, 30 January 1, 4, 6,8,11, 13, 15, 18 February 20, 22, 25, 27, 29 February 3, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19 March 21, 24, 26, 28, 31 March

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

October 2020 - March 2021

(featured itinerary) 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 October 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20 October 22, 23, 25, 26, 28 October 29, 31 October 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 November 13, 15, 16, 18, 19 November 21, 25, 28, 30 November 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 December 10, 12, 13, 15 December

14, 15, 17, 18, 20 January 24, 26, 27, 29 January 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 February 10, 11, 13, 14, 16 February 17, 19, 20, 22 February 24, 27 February 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 March 13, 14, 16, 17, 19 March 20, 22, 23, 25 March

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Reykjavík. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The northern lights cruise is weather dependent and may be cancelled in the event of serious weather. 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. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Icelandair gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 10:00 a.m.

5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12 January



This was a trip of a lifetime! I loved the glacial lagoon. To watch the pieces of glaciers swirling around, knocking into each other, heading out into the ocean in so many shades of blue is an experience I won't forget. 99

-Collette Traveller

# GREENLAND & ICELAND: A NORDIC INSPIRED VOYAGE

8 DAYS · 17 MEALS FROM \$7094

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Reykjavík • Blue Lagoon • Golden Circle • Gulfoss Waterfall • 5-Night Greenland Cruise • Sisimiut • Disko Bay • Traditional Kaffemik Social Gathering • Eqip Sermia Glacier • Ilulissat Icefjord • Itilleq • Kangerlussuaq



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Discover the unique traditions of Greenland's native Iniut during a visit to a remote fishing village.
- Partake in a traditional Greenlandic kaffemik social gathering.
- Soak in the mineral-rich geothermal waters of the Blue Lagoon.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 7 breakfasts 4 lunches 6 dinners
- Try traditional Icelandic cuisine during dinner at a popular Reykjavík restaurant
- Visit a family-run greenhouse and learn how geothermal energy is used to grow vegetables.
- Enjoy daily breakfast, lunch and dinner while aboard the MV Ocean Atlantic.



#### ACCOMMODATION

Day 1

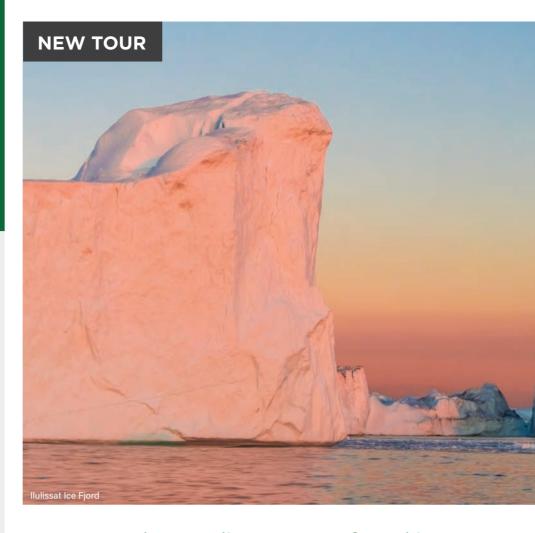
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Days 2 - 6 MV Ocean Atlantic

Day 7

CenterHotel Midgardur, Reykjavik

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Uncover the Nordic treasures found in two captivating island countries - Greenland and Iceland - as you travel by land and sea.

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins Awaken your intrepid spirit as you travel by land and sea on an expedition to two captivating Nordic countries - Greenland and Iceland, Your Nordic tour opens in Reykjavík. Step into Icelandic culture and explore the historic side of this capital city during a guided walking tour. As we make our way through the old section of the city, see the towering Hallgrimskirkja Church, City Hall and the Harpa Concert Hall, with its famous glass façade. Continue on to the Blue Lagoon, located on the rugged lava fields of the Reykjanes Peninsula. Enjoy time at leisure to take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a delectable Icelandic dinner at a distinctive local restaurant. (D)

**Day 2:** Reykjavík - Golden Circle -Kangerlussuaq, Greenland - Board Ship Travel the Golden Circle. This spectacular

Travel the Golden Circle. This spectacular route takes you to many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Begin at Thingvellir National Park, where Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established one of the world's first parliaments. Here, at Thingvellir's Rift Valley, stand at the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Next, lose yourself in the beauty of the Gullfoss Waterfall. Stop at the

famous thermal area of Geysir and see the fountain geyser known as Strokkur. Then visit Friðheimar, a family-run greenhouse cultivation centre. Learn how the Icelanders grow delicious vegetables with the aid of the island's geothermal energy; you'll also learn about their family tradition of breeding Icelandic horses. This evening, board your flight to Greenland and board the MV Ocean Atlantic. Join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner as your ship glides through the frosted blue waters of the Kangerlussuag Fjord. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Sisimiut

Today you'll be introduced to the vibrant town of Sisimiut, where humble wooden homes in a rainbow of hues cling to the craggy terrain. With 5,400 inhabitants, Sisimiut is considered Greenland's secondlargest "city" and an epicentre for education and industry. On a walking tour, discover the historic Colonial Quarter, Sisimiut Museum, the iconic Blue Church and the bustling city centre. This afternoon, you'll return to your ship and continue north of the Arctic Circle into the southern waters of Disko Bay. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 4:** Qeqertarsuaq, Disko Island - Eqip Sermia Glacier

Drop anchor in Qeqertarsuaq, Disko Island (or "The Large Island"). Nestled in Disko Bay, the island's landscape is a delightful









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PRE NIGHT



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combination of steep basalt mountains, verdant swathes of greenery, and glittering glaciers. You'll have time to wander through town, pausing to admire the intriguing Lutheran octagonal church, nicknamed "God's Inkpot." Stop at a local community centre where you'll attend a Greenlandic kaffemik, a traditional celebratory gathering complete with coffee, cake, dancing and music. As the day draws to a close, head back to the ship and venture on to see a magnificent natural highlight - the enormous Egip Sermia Glacier. Situated 50 nautical miles north of Ilulissat, the Eqip Sermia Glacier is one of the most active glaciers in Greenland and renowned for its jaw-dropping beauty. Your ship will sail close to the glacier's face in order to safely discover its brilliant shades of white and blue. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Ilulissat

Today you cruise to the town of Ilulissat - the "Iceberg capital." In the bay, discover massive icebergs floating along the waters - a result of the natural marvel, the Ilulissat Icefjord (UNESCO). The icebergs produced by this glacier represent more than 10% of all icebergs in Greenland. With free time to explore, you may spend the day discovering Ilulissat's array of cultural attractions, or enjoy a leisurely hike to take in incredible views of the surrounding nature. You may also choose to

embark on an optional boat trip to the Icefjord to get an up-close view of this ice-carved marvel, or perhaps take an optional helicopter ride for a bird's-eye view of the stunning glacier from high in the sky. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Itilleq - Kangerlussuaq

Leave Disko Bay behind for the remote settlement of Itilleq. Approximately 100 people live here, making their living off of fishing, trapping and hunting. Take a stroll through this charming hamlet and learn how locals have worked to preserve their unique traditions and Inuit heritage, Board your ship again and make your way to Kangerlussuaq. Along the way, be dazzled by panoramic views of snowcapped mountains, deep valleys and raw tundra. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Kangerlussuaq - Disembark Ship - Reykjavík, Iceland

Disembark your ship and be shuttled to shore by Zodiac. Head off by 4WD tundra coach to Reindeer Glacier. View the colossal walls of ice as your guide talks about the history and folklore of the area. Back in Kangerlussuaq, enjoy time to explore the natural beauty that surrounds you and the rich landscape that has been shaped by glaciers. This evening, bid farewell to Greenland and return to Iceland via charter. (B)

#### Day 8: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

This morning, head home reflecting on the magical natural wonders of two breathtaking Nordic countries. (B)

#### **DOUBLE** Land only, per person, double occupancy. **SOLO**

Prices based on 13 August 2020 departure August 20

<b>August 2020</b> 8, 13, 18 August	Staterooms Inside Cabin Category D, Outside Deck 3 Category C, Outside Deck 5 Category B Suite, Outside Deck 7/8 Category A Suite, Outside Deck 5	\$7094 \$7744 \$8194 \$9954 \$10344	\$010 \$11344 \$12514 \$12989 \$16154 \$16934
	Category A Suite, Outside Deck 5	\$10344	\$16934
	Premium Suite	\$11254	\$18494

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Reykjavík. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Port taxes and fees are included in the land only tour cost. The Reindeer Glacier excursion is included as part of your Collette tour. The cruise line will offer this excursion to other guests on board at an extra cost. Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each cabin category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. If the cabin category preferred is not available, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply. The cruise portion of this tour is operated by Albatros Expeditions and will have Albatros Englishspeaking expedition representatives accompanying you throughout the program. The cruise  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ is not Collette exclusive and a Collette Tour Manager will not be accompanying you for this portion of your tour. A Collette Tour Manager will be with you in Reykjavík on Days 1 and 2 of the program. A Collette representative will assist you during airport transfers on Days 7 and 8 of the program. Swimwear (swimsuits, sandals) must be easily accessible upon arrival to the Blue Lagoon. A carry-on bag is ideal. Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Suggested tipping on board cruise: 13.50 USD per person, per day for the ship's crew. To transfer to and from the ship, travellers will use rafts and/or Zodiac boats. Travellers must be able to sit on the side of the raft (which is an inflatable tube) and hold on to the safety ropes - requiring agility, strength and balance. Due to this agility requirement, a person who uses a wheelchair or walker may be denied boarding by the Captain. If this happens, there are no other suitable options for the traveller's accommodations. The only airplanes in the area are charter flights, which do not arrive every day. There are also no hotels on land where travellers can wait for the cruise to return. Without a charter flight, the traveller would have to be evacuated by helicopter (at their expense). Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights must arrive prior to 9:30 a.m. The roundtrip flight from Keflavik airport, Iceland to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland is included in the cost of the tour. This cruise maintains a high activity level, and should not be viewed as a

## NORWEGIAN COASTAL VOYAGE

11 DAYS · 23 MEALS FROM \$6129

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Travel the breathtaking Bergen Railway through fjords and mountains.
- Travel on the famous Flåm Railway, a masterpiece of engineering.
- Unpack and relax during a truly unforgettable 6-night Norwegian cruise.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 10 breakfasts 5 lunches 8 dinners
- Enjoy the freshest culinary products on board the ship with most ingredients locally sourced.
- Savour Norwegian specialties while dining at a historic restaurant in Oslo.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2

Thon Hotel Europa, Oslo

Day 3

Scandic Neptun, Bergen

Days 4 - 9

MS Midnatsol, Hurtigruten

Cruises

Day 10

Thon Hotel Europa, Oslo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Oslo, Norway - Tour Begins

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

#### Day 2: Oslo

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

**Day 3:** Oslo - Myrdal - Flåm Railway - Gudvangen - Voss - Bergen Today you embark on the legendary "Norway in a Nutshell" tour! All aboard

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

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

Join your fellow travellers on a leisurely paced walking tour of Bergen. Explore the picturesque, old Bryggen Wharf (UNESCO) with its tiny wooden houses and narrow



streets. Mingle with the locals at the fish market located in the "heart" of the city. Then prepare for your memorable 6-night cruise - the "World's Most Beautiful Voyage" - sailing along the stunning Norwegian coastline. This evening, board your Hurtigruten ship. Sit back and take in the treasure trove of landscapes, scenery, sights and sounds that surround you. (B, D)

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

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

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

Today, enjoy some time in the historic city of Trondheim. Founded by Viking King Olav in A.D. 997, it was the location of the first capital

of Norway and is still the city where new kings receive their ceremonial blessings. Later, continue toward the Land of the Midnight Sun, passing rugged coastlines en route to Rørvik which sits among 6,000 islands. (B, L, D)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Kirkenes - Disembark Ship - Oslo Early this morning we arrive in Kirkenes, home to the Sami people who have herded reindeer for centuries. Disembark your ship and fly back to Oslo. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip filled with the breathtaking scenery and cultural treasures of Norway. (B, D)

Day 11: Oslo - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:

3+ NIGHTS

EXTENSION



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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Oslo. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flight from Kirkenes to Oslo is included in the land price of your tour. Hurtigruten's ships are working vessels operating a regular service to  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ a set timetable. The ships carry goods, vehicles and passengers between ports, by night and day, as an integral part of Norwegian daily life. The ships are calling at ports around the clock. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Cabins are assigned by Hurtigruten; stateroom numbers will be supplied upon arrival at the ship in Bergen, Norway. Both Outside and Superior Outside can have obstructed views. May through July affords the opportunity to experience the "midnight sun," offering up to 24 hours of sunlight above the Arctic Circle and giving you more time to enjoy the sights and make new discoveries. The northern lights in the Northern Hemisphere from October through the Norwegian winter months are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. As viewing is weather dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed.



Everything about the trip was very well planned. We enjoyed cruising along the coast and visiting the fishing villages 99

-Collette Traveller

# HIGHLIGHTS OF NORWAY

8 DAYS • 12 MEALS FROM \$3699

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Oslo • Viking Ship Museum • Stave Church • Flåm Railway • Sognefjord • Briksdal Glacier • Geirangerfjord Cruise • Bergen



- Visit the intricately-designed Borgund Stave Church, erected in 1180.
- Travel across the dramatic Sognefjord to the Briksdal Glacier.
- Embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise.



- 7 breakfasts 5 dinners
- Enjoy traditional Norwegian fare in one of Oslo's oldest buildings.
- Dine in Bergen's historic Bryggen neighbourhood.



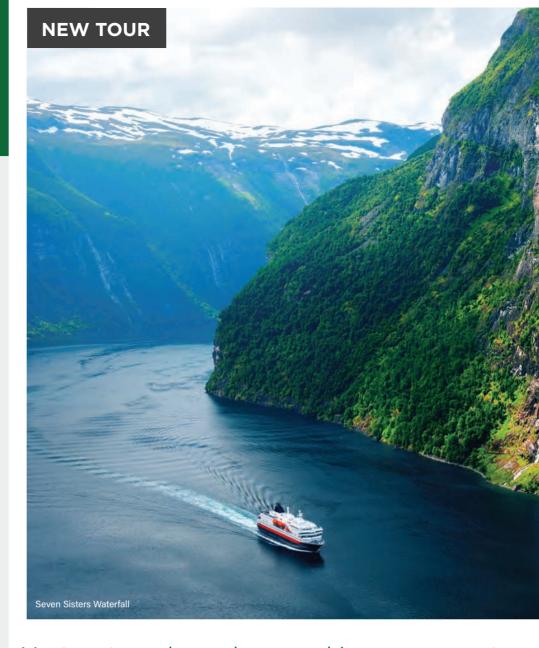
Days 1, 2 Hotel Bristol, Oslo or Thon Hotel Europa, Oslo

Day 3 Fretheim Hotel, Flam

Days 4, 5 Alexandra Hotel, Loen

Days 6, 7 Scandic Neptun, Bergen

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Venture to a place where crashing ocean meets craggy mountains, forging the natural majesty of the Norwegian fjords.

#### Day 1: Oslo, Norway

Begin your journey to a land of mountains, glacial fjords, legends, and charming people, as you set off for Norway. Dive into the culture of the region, connecting with layers of Viking history, attention-grabbing nature, and a sense of refined traditions. Arrive in Oslo, Norway's grand capital. An up-and-coming foodie destination, Oslo combines classic tastes with modern twists. Meet your fellow travellers for a hearty and delicious welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Oslo

Join a local guide and begin your day at the mighty Viking Ship Museum, where three ancient Viking vessels are on grand display. Venture down Karl Johan Street, passing by iconic buildings such as the Royal Palace and city hall as you take in the charming heart of downtown Oslo. Make your way to Vigeland Park, home to a collection of statues and sculptures that the legendary artist Gustav Vigeland constructed during

his life. This afternoon, enjoy free time to relax or continue discovering the hidden secrets of Oslo on your own. (B)

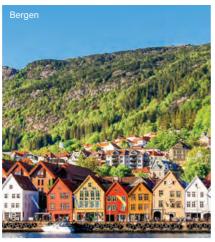
#### Day 3: Oslo - Flåm

Heading north of Norway's capital, enter the majestic and unique landscapes of the fjord region. Visit the Borgund Stave Church, an awe-inspiring building dedicated in honour of the Apostle Andrew in 1180. Continue to the quaint village of Flåm, your gateway to the grandeur of Aurlandsfjord. Traverse the terrain on the renowned Flåm Railway, one of the steepest train rides in the world, and climb 3,000 feet past rushing waterfalls, looming mountains, and picturesque valleys. Admire the scenery along the mountain plateau of Myrdal before descending into the fjord of Flåm. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Flåm - Loen

Immerse yourself in the striking nature of the Sognefjord before traversing the









#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:

PRF NIGHT

1-2 NIGHTS



3+ NIGHTS

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Briksdal Glacier. Surrounded by thundering waterfalls and towering mountains, the glacier is considered to be one of the most awe-inspiring in all of Norway. Climb the glacier in a traditional "troll" car (the park's open-air vehicles), and arrive for a relaxing stay in Loen, a welcoming village situated in the heart of Norway's fjord region. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Loen - Geiranger - Fjord Cruise - Loen

Find yourself immersed in the enchanting landscapes of Norway's fjord region. Soak up the mesmerising landscape on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise in Geiranger (UNESCO). Discover Norway's mightiest waterfalls - the Seven Sisters, the Bridal Veil, and the Suitor. Marvel at the homesteads built along the steep sides of the mountains, where farmland has endured for centuries. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Loen - Bergen

Norway's impressive landscapes continue to weave their spell on you as you travel to Bergen, the

portal from the fjords. The Bergen of today - charming, old-world, and scenic - is much different from when it was founded by the legendary Viking warriors of the past. Enjoy a free evening to uncover the mysteries of this former Viking seaport, nestled against the imposing mountain range. (B)

#### Day 7: Bergen

Stroll along the historic and iconic Bryggen harbour front (UNESCO) on a guided walking tour of Bergen. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before reuniting with your fellow travellers at an atmospheric farewell dinner in the historic Bryggen neighbourhood, home to pleasant little houses stacked side-by-side against the harbour. (B, D)

# Day 8: Bergen - Tour Ends

Say "ha det" to Norway and depart for home with incredible memories of your adventures. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$3699 Starting at \$4549

and only, per person, double occupancy.

May 2020 - April 2021 9, 16 May 6, 20 June

11, 25 July 8, 22 August 12, 26 September 10 October 24 April

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

# SPECTACULAR SCANDINAVIA

13 DAYS • 20 MEALS FROM \$5774

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Copenhagen • Swedish Country
Farmstead • Manor House Stay •
Stockholm • Oslo • Viking Ship Museum •
Stave Church • Flåm Railway •
Sognefjord • Briksdal Glacier •
Geirangerfjord Cruise • Bergen



- Visit a Swedish country farmstead for a traditional fika.
- See the intricately-designed Borgund Stave Church, erected in 1180
- Overnight in a historic manor house in the Swedish countryside.



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

 Day 4 — In Stockholm, choose to explore the Vasa Ship Museum and learn about the vessel's shocking maiden voyage or visit the ABBA Museum, an interactive exhibition about the Swedish pop sensation.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 12 breakfasts 8 dinners
- Savour Swedish cuisine in Stockholm's old town.
- Experience the New Nordic Cuisine movement in Copenhagen.



#### ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Copenhagen Admiral Hotel, Copenhagen

Day 3 Toftaholm Herrgard, Vittaryd

Days 4, 5 Scandic Grand Central, Stockholm or Scandic Hotel Continental, Stockholm

Days 6, 7 Hotel Bristol, Oslo
Day 8 Fretheim Hotel, Flam
Days 9, 10 Alexandra Hotel, Loen
or Hotel Union, Geiranger

Days 11, 12 Scandic Neptun, Bergen

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## Watch a Nordic postcard unfold before your eyes and discover the lands where Vikings reigned.

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

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

#### Day 2: Copenhagen

Join a local expert and set off on an engaging walking tour of Denmark's capital city. Explore Nyhavn, the picturesque harbour lined with colourful facades and charming cafes, as well as Amalienborg Palace, the residence of the Danish royal family. See the Royal Theatre and Marble Church before enjoying some free time to enjoy Copenhagen on your own. (B)

# **Day 3:** Copenhagen - Swedish Countryside

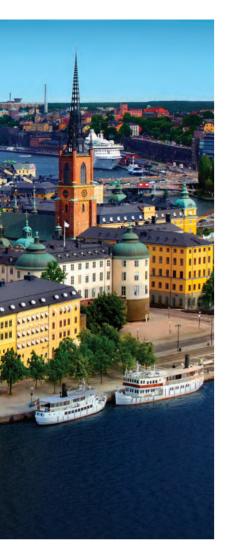
Cross the famous Oresund Bridge into Sweden. Visit an 18th century farmstead and enjoy a traditional fika (coffee break) while learning about life in the Swedish countryside. Continue on to Toftaholm Herrgård, a family-run lakeside manor house and your home for the evening. (B, D)

# Day 4: Swedish Countryside - Granna - Stockholm ♥

Bid farewell to your countryside retreat and travel to Granna, a town situated on the shores of Lake Vättern and famous for its charming wooden houses, cobblestone streets and delectable candy shops. Continue north to Stockholm, Sweden's capital city. Once you've arrived, it's your choice! You may choose to explore the Vasa Ship Museum and learn about the vessel's shocking maiden voyage, when it sank in a single nautical mile; the perfectly preserved ship, commissioned in the 1600s by King Vasa, was raised 334 years later from the bottom of the harbour -OR- visit the ABBA Museum, an interactive exhibition about the Swedish pop sensation. Tonight, enjoy Swedish cuisine in the old town at Fem Sma Hus. Capture the flavour of a bygone era at this stunning restaurant comprised of five connected timber-framed houses from the 17th century. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Stockholm

View Stockholm's greatest vistas and attractions, including Gamla Stan (Old



Town), Riddarholm Church, the Royal Palace and the Parliament. You'll also enjoy a visit inside Stockholm's stunning City Hall which displays towering brick walls paired with an opulent interior. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Stockholm independently. Discover its strikingly colourful architecture and sample its innovative cuisine. Perhaps you will choose to join an optional excursion that offers a privately guided tour of Stockholm's spectacular archipelago. (B)

#### Day 6: Stockholm - Oslo, Norway

Take a quick flight to Oslo, one of Europe's fastest-growing cities. As Norway's capital since 1814, Oslo is the centre of the country's government and the home to the royal family. Here, you'll find a vibrant, cosmopolitan hub with an abundance of world-class museums, restaurants and art. This evening, enjoy traditional Norwegian fare in one of Oslo's oldest buildings. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Oslo

A tour of Oslo begins at the remarkable Viking Ship Museum, home of three ancient Viking vessels. Continue along Karl Johan Street and view the Royal Palace and city hall in quaint downtown Oslo. Next, visit Vigeland Park,

home to the collection of statues and sculptures that comprise Gustav Vigeland's life's work. Later this afternoon, enjoy some free time to relax or explore Oslo independently.

#### Day 8: Oslo - Flåm

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

#### Day 9: Flåm - Loen/Geiranger

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

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

Spend the day enchanted by the inspiring landscape of the fjord region of Norway. Journey to Geiranger, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and embark on an exhilarating Geirangerfjord cruise, soaking in some of Norway's most beautiful scenery along the way. Known to be one of the most famous fjords in the world, Geirangerfjord is where you'll find Norway's mightiest waterfalls: the Seven Sisters, the Bridal Veil and the Suitor. You'll notice that homesteads are a continued presence on the steep sides of the mountains, where these farms have been kept for centuries. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Loen/Geiranger - Bergen

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

#### Day 12: Bergen

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

#### Day 13: Bergen - Tour Ends

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

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Add more time to your trip with these options:

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT



**3 NIGHTS** 

EXTENSION



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Prices based on 2 October 2020 d

May - October 2020 8, 22, 29 May 5, 12, 19, 26 June

10, 17, 24, 31 July 7, 14, 21, 28 August 4, 10, 11, 18, September

24, 25 September 2 October

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



#### This was an incredible trip through Scandinavia.

A perfect balance of large cities (Copenhagen... Stockholm...Oslo) with a lot of natural beauty in western Norway. 99

-Collette Traveller

# SHADES OF IRELAND

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS FROM \$2749

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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



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

- Day 2 Embark on a panoramic tour of Dublin with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral and more or go on a walking tour of the city's historic centre.
- Day 3 Tour the Waterford Crystal factory and learn how crystal is made or visit the Medieval Museum for a guided tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century wine vault.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Herbert Park Hotel, Ballsbridge Hotel or Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge, Dublin

Day 3 Granville Hotel or Tower Hotel, Waterford

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

Days 6, 7 Absolute Hotel or George Hotel, Limerick

Day 8 Cabra Castle, Kingscourt

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From history-filled Dublin to the rolling green hills and dramatic coast, experience Ireland's charm on a journey through the Emerald Isle.

Day 1: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins
Anticipation mounts as you wind your
way toward the Emerald Isle and its many
wonders. Rich history, rolling hills and
warm smiles lie ahead in Dublin, Waterford,
Killarney and Limerick. Get a taste of
old Dublin. Tonight, you and your fellow
travellers revel in a traditional Irish evening,
including regional cuisine. (D)

#### Day 2: Dublin 🚱

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

Day 3: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford Step back in time and begin the day in the medieval splendour of 12th century Kilkenny on the River Nore. Then, in Waterford, embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city. It's

your choice! Tour the Waterford Crystal factory and learn how exquisite crystal has been made for centuries -OR- visit the Medieval Museum for a guided tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault. (B, D)

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

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

Day 5: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney Take in the rugged coastline as you loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of







#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE OR POST NIGHT



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**POST: KINGSCOURT** 

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**UP TO 1 WEEK** 

STOPOVER

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

Day 6: Killarney - Adare - Limerick Start your day with a traditional jaunting car ride through Killarney National Park. Travel to Adare, Ireland's prettiest village, for some time at leisure. Continue to Limerick, where a panoramic city tour showcases King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone. Delve into the fascinating history of the "City of the Violated Treaty." (B)

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

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

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

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

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

The scenery was so different all over Ireland. I liked that we could choose an optional tour. The driver and the tour guide were very professional. 99

-Collette Traveller

DOUBLE Starting at \$2749 SOLO Starting at \$3399

and only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 4 March 2021 der

March - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 3, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 March 19, 22, 26, 29, 31 March 2, 7, 9, 10, 16, 17 April 19, 23, 24, 26, 28, 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.

May 2020 - April 2021 (featured itinerary) 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21 May

24, 28, 31 May 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16 June 18, 21, 23, 25, 28, 30 June 2, 7, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 30 July 2, 6, 7, 9, 13, 16, 20, 21 August 23, 27, 28, 30 August 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 September 11, 13, 15, 17, 18 September 20, 22, 24, 25 September

27, 29 September 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13 October 15, 16, 18, 20, 22 October 23, 25, 27, 29 October 3, 5, 8 November 4, 9, 11, 12, 14 March 16, 19, 21 March 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16 April 18, 20, 22, 23, 25 April 27, 29, 30 April

#### **SPECIAL EVENT**



#### St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate in Ireland in the birthplace of St. Patrick, the "Apostle of Ireland."

11, 12, 13, 14 & 15 MARCH 2020 11, 12, 14 & 16 MARCH 2021

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

# SHADES OF IRELAND FEATURING NORTHERN IRELAND

12 DAYS · 17 MEALS FROM \$4199

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Overnight on the grounds of a historic manor house.
- Experience the daily life of an Irish family during a visit to a local farm.
- Be transported to a bygone era during a traditional ceili in Ulster.



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

- Day 2 Embark on a panoramic tour of Dublin with a local guide or go on a walking tour of the city's historic centre.
- Day 3 Tour the Waterford Crystal factory or visit the Medieval Museum for a tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century wine vault.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 11 breakfasts 6 dinners
- Enjoy a hearty dinner and night of traditional Irish entertainment.
- Choose from a "menu" of Derry's best restaurants.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Ballsbridge Hotel, Herbert Park Hotel or Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge, Dublin

Days 4, 5

Cillarney Towers Hotel,
Killarney Avenue Hotel,
Killarney Plaza Hotel, The
Dunloe Hotel & Gardens or

Great Southern Hotel, Killarney

Day 6 Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

Day 7 Manor House Country Hotel,
Enniskillen

Days 8, 9 City Hotel, Derry

Days 10, 11 Europa Hotel or Grand Central Hotel, Belfast

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

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

Set out on an amazing Irish adventure that tells the complete story of the Emerald Isle. Get a taste of old Dublin. Tonight, you and your fellow travellers revel in a traditional Irish evening, including regional cuisine. (D)

#### Day 2: Dublin 😯

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

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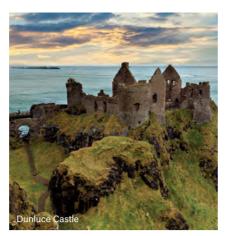
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Day 5: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney Take in the rugged coastline as you loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. End your day with a traditional jaunting car ride through one of Ireland's best kept secrets - Killarney National Park. (B)

Day 6: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis Bid Killarney farewell and travel across the lovely Shannon River into County Clare. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most iconic sites. Walk along the rambling edge, soaking up unparalleled views and snapping incredible photos. Complete your day at the historic Old Ground Hotel and experience the finest in Irish hospitality. (B)





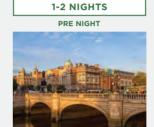






#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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CHOOSE FROM: London, Amsterdam, Paris, Frankfurt, Munich

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UP TO 1 WEEK

STOPOVER

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

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

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

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

#### Day 9: Derry - Inishowen Peninsula - Derry

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

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

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

#### Day 11: Belfast

Begin the day with a guided tour of Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland, and hear of the struggles in this great city's history as you pass through the different neighbourhoods. See "Samson" and "Goliath," the cranes at the shipyard that built the Titanic, before touring the "Titanic Experience," Northern Ireland's most visited attraction. Top your day off with a traditional Irish ceili; an experience that takes you back to the cobblestoned streets and Irish fare in 20th-century Ulster. Enjoy rousing music and dance as your Irish adventure comes to a close. (B, D)

Day 12: Belfast - Tour Ends Your tour ends in Belfast. (B)

**DOUBLE** Starting at \$4199 Starting at \$5099

Prices based on 25 August 2020 departure

March - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) ★ 10, 17 March

27 March 7, 14, 21, 24, 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.

May 2020 - April 2021 (featured itinerary) 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 26 May 2, 9, 12, 16, 23, 30 June

14. 21, 28 July 4, 11, 14, 18, 25 August 1, 8, 11, 15, 18 September 22, 29 September 6, 9, 13, 20, 27 October 3 November

★ 9, 12, 16 March 9, 13, 20, 23, 27, 30 April

#### **SPECIAL EVENT**



St. Patrick's Day Celebrate in Ireland in the birthplace of St. Patrick, the "Apostle of Ireland."

10, 17 MARCH 2020 9. 12. 16 MARCH 2021

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers arrive into Dublin airport and depart from Belfast or Dublin airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Return flights from Dublin airport should not be booked before 11:00 AM. On day 12, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel.

### IRISH SPLENDOUR

7 DAYS · 8 MEALS FROM \$2049

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 6 breakfasts 2 dinners
- Enjoy cocktails and canapes in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral.
- Delight in a whiskey tour and tasting at the home of Tullamore D.E.W.
- Learn how a traditional Irish farm works over homemade scones and tea.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Ashling Hotel, Dublin

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

Day 5 Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

Day 6 Cabra Castle, Kingscourt

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# From the breathtaking sights of County Kerry to the historic Rock of Cashel, savour a true taste of "Irish Splendour."

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

Experience a true taste of "Irish Splendour" on a trip that combines fabulous accommodation, stunning scenery and incredible cuisine. Make a return to times past when you join us on an unforgettable tour of the amazing "Emerald Isle:" Your tour opens in Dublin with a visit to Christ Church Cathedral. Join your fellow travellers for canapes and cocktails in the cathedral's crypt.

#### Day 2: Dublin

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Dublin, the "Fair City." Take in O'Connell Street, Grafton Street and the city's magnificent rows of stately Georgian town homes. Then, enjoy some leisure time to independently explore the cultural offerings of delightful Dublin. (B)

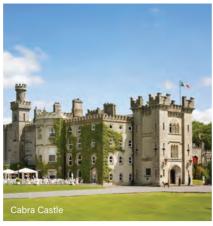
#### Day 3: Dublin - Killarney

Depart Dublin for Ireland's breathtaking countryside. Visit the town of Cashel for views of the historic Rock of Cashel, the reputed location where St. Patrick preached and converted the King of Munster. Next, journey to historic Blarney Castle where you'll have the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that those who kiss the stone are bestowed with the gift of eloquence. End your day in charming Killarney and enjoy dinner this evening at one of Killarney's best local restaurants. (B, D)

# **Day 4:** Killarney - Dingle Peninsula - Killarney

Set off this morning to follow what is perhaps Ireland's most majestic coastal route – the stunning Dingle Peninsula. Stop







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#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:

1-2 NIGHTS

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** 

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at the Gap of Dunloe where you can shop for traditional Irish goods handcrafted by local artisans. Travel to the town of Dingle and drive the beautiful Slea Head road, where some of the country's most spectacular landscapes are found. (B)

#### Day 5: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis

Today, experience the customs and daily life of a traditional Irish family and enjoy homemade scones and tea during a memorable visit to the Molanna Dairy Farm. Continue to the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for awe-inspiring views of the mighty Atlantic and the Aran Islands. End your day in the charming town of Ennis. Enjoy the ambience of your historic hotel, cosy up to its roaring peat fire, and feel the warmth of Irish hospitality. (B)

#### Day 6: Ennis - Tullamore - Kingscourt

Start your day with a cross-country journey to Irish whiskey territory. The ancient town of Tullamore has long been associated with the whiskey industry. During a visit to one of these historic distilleries, learn the process of whiskey making and delight in a tasting of the final product. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle, where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Kingscourt - Tour Ends Your tour comes to an end in Kingscourt. (B)



My daughter and I had an excellent experience with our Irish Splendour tour... Our tour guide was very knowledgeable, and the sightseeing was breathtaking. 99

-Collette Traveller

**DOUBLE** SOLO

Starting at \$2049 Starting at \$2499

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 12 November 2020 departure

January - March 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 29 January 12, 26 February 4, 5, 18, 19, 25, 26 March ★ 12, 16 March

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

October 2020 - March 2021 (featured itinerary)

14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 October 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 November 2, 3, 10 December 21, 28 January

18, 25 February 3. 4. 10. 11 March ★ 16, 17 March 24, 25, 31 March

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Dublin. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights must arrive prior to 2:00 p.m.

#### SPECIAL EVENT



#### St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate in Ireland in the birthplace of St. Patrick, the "Apostle of Ireland."

12, 16 MARCH 2020 16. 17 MARCH 2021

### EXPLORING BRITAIN & IRELAND

14 DAYS · 20 MEALS FROM \$4449

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Behold the sights of Killarney on a traditional jaunting car.
- Find inspiration in the Lake District's quintessential English villages.
- Overnight within the medieval walls in York.



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

- Day 5 Tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory or take a walking tour of Waterford.
- Day 11 Set out on a locally guided coach tour of Edinburgh or take a walking tour of the city.
- Day 13 Tour the childhood home of Anne Hathaway or enjoy a leisurely Avon River cruise.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Radisson Blu Edwardian, Grafton, London

Day 3 Hilton, Cardiff

Day 4 Tower Hotel, Waterford

Days 5, 6 Scotts Hotel, The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens, The Killarney Plaza Hotel or The Great Southern Hotel, Killarney

Days 7, 8 Herbert Park Hotel, Dublin

Day 9 Grosvenor Pulford Hotel,
Cheshire

Days 10, 11 Apex Grassmarket Hotel or Dalmahoy Hotel & Country Club, Edinburgh

Day 12 DoubleTree by Hilton, York

Day 13 Mercure Warwickshire Walton
Hall Hotel, Stratford-upon-

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Travel through the most fashionable cities and historic places of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

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

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

#### Day 2: London

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

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

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

# Day 4: Cardiff - Ferry to Ireland - Waterford

Join a local expert on a leisurely-paced

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

#### Day 5: Waterford - Blarney - Killarney 😵

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

#### **Day 6:** Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney This morning explore Killarney National Park on a traditional jaunting car ride. Then



travel along the glorious Ring of Kerry where you'll find some of Ireland's most magical scenery. Pause for a moment at the Gap of Dunloe to browse for traditional Irish handcrafted goods. As we continue our journey, marvel at the vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. Later, see border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm. (B)

#### Day 7: Killarney - Rock of Cashel - Dublin

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

#### Day 8: Dublin

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

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

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

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

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

#### Day 11: Edinburgh 😯

Todav it's vour choice! Come to know this regal city during a locally guided panoramic city coach tour -OR- for a different perspective, ioin a local expert and explore the city on foot. Both tours include a visit to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels, and the Palace of Holvroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or explore the city independently. (B)

#### Day 12: Edinburgh - York, England En route to England, visit Hadrian's Wall. Construction of this ancient structure began in A.D. 122 and since that time, it has served as the northern border of the Roman Empire. Continue to the historic city of York. Find yourself surrounded by the charms of history as you explore its quaint narrow streets. Walk on the famous "Shambles" and see the magnificent 13th-century Minster. (B)

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

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

# Day 14: Stratford-upon-Avon - Tour

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

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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### **SOLO**

**DOUBLE** Starting at \$4449 Starting at \$5749

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Prices based on 7 November 2020 departure.

March - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 14, 21 March 3, 17, 18, 24, 25 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)

2, 9, 23 May 6, 12, 13, 20, 27 June 11.18 July

★ 31 July ★ 1, 7, 8, 14, 15 August

29 August

5, 11, 12, 18 September 19, 25, 26 September 3, 10, 17 October 7 November 13, 19 March 9, 10, 17, 24, 30 April

#### **SPECIAL EVENT**



#### **Edinburgh Military Tattoo**

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9-25 AUGUST 2020

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

# BRITISH LANDSCAPES

9 DAYS · 12 MEALS FROM \$2699

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

London • York • Edinburgh Castle • Lake District • Chester • Llangollen • Wales • Stratford-upon-Avon



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Behold the Crown Jewels of Scotland on a guided tour of Edinburgh Castle.
- Discover the picturesque Lake District.
- Explore Wales during a tour of Llangollen.



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

- Day 5 Explore Edinburgh by coach or by foot on an allencompassing guided tour.
- Day 7 Embark on a panoramic city tour and walk through Chester's Rows with a local guide or follow in the footsteps of Roman soldiers and walk on the city's ancient walls with a local guide.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 4 dinners
- Enjoy a private dinner at Hall's Croft, a 400-year-old Shakespeare family home.
- Enjoy London's culinary renaissance at a dinner highlighting contemporary British cuisine.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Leonardo Royal Hotel London City, London

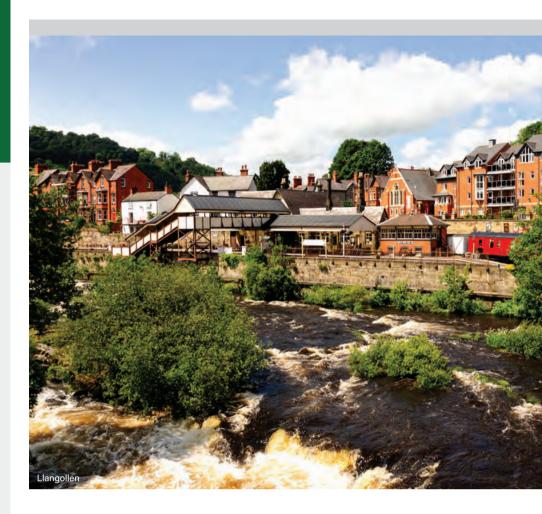
Day 3 DoubleTree by Hilton, York

Days 4, 5 Apex Grassmarket Hotel, Edinburgh or Dalmahoy Hotel & Country Club, Edinburgh

Days 6, 7 Hallmark Hotel Chester The Queen, Chester

Day 8 Hotel Indigo, Stratford-upon-Avon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: London, England - Tour Begins Feel the vibrant energy of England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland, and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines dramatic history and natural wonders. Your tour opens in London, the cosmopolitan and historic capital of England. This evening, get a taste of contemporary British fare as you join your fellow travellers for a meal highlighting London's culinary renaissance. (D)

#### Day 2: London

Start the day with a local guide and view London's quintessential sights. Make your way past famous icons including the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and the Royal Buckingham Palace. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this dynamic city on your own. (B)

#### Day 3: London - York

Say farewell to London and visit the 800-year-old university town of Cambridge en route to the medieval city of York. Upon arrival in York, enjoy a brief orientation tour to get the lay of the land. Or, for a faster journey, choose to arrive in York earlier on your own by way of an optional high speed rail. Climb aboard at London's King's Cross station and navigate the busy British train just as the locals do. Sit back and relax as you travel 125 mph through England's

stunning countryside, arriving in York just over two hours later. After your quick ride, meet up with a local expert and walk the labyrinth of quaint, narrow streets and see the city's famous Minster. Tonight, stay within the historic walled section of the city. (B)

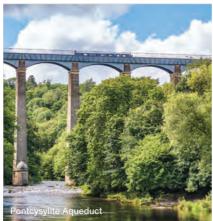
# **Day 4:** York - Borders Region, Scotland - Edinburgh

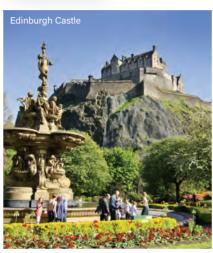
Enjoy a leisurely morning in York before travelling north along the rolling hills to "bonnie" Scotland. Stop to see Hadrian's Wall, built in the 2nd century to protect Roman Britain from the tribes of Scotland. Once the mark of the northern border of the Roman Empire, this ancient fortification stretches across the country. Make your way through Scotland's Borders region before arriving in Edinburgh, where rocky hills tower in the distance and the shadows of history can be seen around every corner. Discover Scotland's capital and see how medieval crossroads blend seamlessly with a vibrant modern energy. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Edinburgh 😵

Today, **it's your choice!** Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided tour of the city via coach **-OR**- join a local expert and explore the city on foot. Both tours include visits to Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels, and the Palace







# England

Scotland Gretna Gree

> Chester Wales

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** 

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of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official Edinburgh residence and the former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. The rest of today is yours to explore the city independently. (B)

#### Day 6: Edinburgh - Lake District, **England - Chester**

Your final stop in Scotland comes at the border town of Gretna Green, where generations of runaway couples came to get married. Return to England and travel through the picturesque Lake District. In the district's heart, visit the charming village of Grasmere, home of the poet William Wordsworth. End the day in Chester, your home for the next two nights, where ancient walls enclose charming Tudor and Victorian houses. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Chester - Llangollen, Wales - Chester, England 😯

Choose how you discover Chester because today it's your choice! Embark on a panoramic city tour and then walk through Chester's Rows to peer into the city's hidden secrets, hopping in and out of these iconic 2-tiered shopping galleries with a local guide -OR- follow in the footsteps of ancient Roman soldiers and medieval archers with an exploratory stroll on the city's ancient walls. Then, cross over into Wales and discover Llangollen, one of the country's most picturesque villages. See the area from a different perspective when you

sail along the top of the Pontcysyllte Agueduct. Admire the view from the tall, bridge-like waterway, towering more than 120 feet above the landscape below. (B)

# Day 8: Chester - Stratford-upon-

Step back in time on a journey to Stratford-upon-Avon and visit the Bard's birthplace - the childhood home of William Shakespeare. After touring the home, enjoy time at leisure to explore on your own. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a private farewell dinner at Hall's Croft, a 400-year-old Shakespeare family home. Toast the end of a wonderful journey while actors in traditional costume perform some of Shakespeare's most renowned scenes. (B, D)

# Day 9: Stratford-upon-Avon - Tour

Your journey through Britain concludes today. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$2699 SOLO Starting at \$3949

Prices based on 26 February 2021 departure

March - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 13, 20 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 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) 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 May 5, 12, 19, 26 June 17, 24, 26, 31 July

★ 7, 9, 14, 21 August 4, 6, 11, 13 September 18, 20, 25 September 2, 16, 30 October 6 November 26 February 12. 19 March 9, 16, 23, 25, 30 April

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North Sea

#### **SPECIAL EVENT**



#### **Edinburgh Military Tattoo**

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7-25 AUGUST 2020

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



Excellent itineraries and guide. Enjoyed all of the dining options and our coach driver was excellent. The Military Tattoo in Edinburgh was beyond description, simply awesome. 99

-Collette Traveller

# ENGLAND'S TREASURES

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS FROM \$3799

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



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



 Day 3 — Experience the romance of the Lake District and visit Rydal Mount or embark on a guided hike through glacial valleys and along lakeside trails.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1 Hotel Indigo, Liverpool

Days 2, 3 Low Wood Bay Resort and Spa, Lake Windermere

Days 4 - 6 Apex City of Bath Hotel, Bath

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

Days 9, 10 Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton Hotel, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



On this English voyage, experience resplendent countryside, lakeside trails, and majestic locales fit for a poem.

Day 1: Liverpool, England - Tour Begins

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

Day 2: Liverpool - Lake District

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

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

Day 3: Lake District 😯

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

Day 4: Lake District - Worcester - Bath Today we head south to England's rural heartland. Stop at Worcester Cathedral for a guided tour of this architectural marvel and final resting place of the legendary King John. Next, take a short drive to the ancient Roman town of Bath, your home for the next three nights. (B, D)



#### Day 5: Bath

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

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

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

you on a tour through Britain's finest 13th-century Gothic cathedral. (B)

Day 7: Bath - Glastonbury - Cornwall Today, visit the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, once the richest monastic community in England and the reputed home of the legendary King Arthur. Then travel south to Cornwall, England's remote southwestern peninsula, Cornwall has always danced to its own tune. Passing through rugged moors and lush valleys, it becomes clear why this farreaching corner of the earth has been a source of inspiration for so many. Stop at Lanhydrock. This pictureperfect country house perfectly pairs great wealth alongside the comfort and familiarity of a family home. The kitchens, nurseries and servants' quarters offer a thrilling glimpse into life 'below stairs', while the spacious dining room and bedrooms remain truly elegant. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Cornwall

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

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

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

#### Day 10: London

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

#### Day 11: London - Tour Ends Your journey through England comes to a close today. (B)



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1-2 NIGHTS

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May 2020 - April 2021

(featured itinerary)

14 May 18 June

9 July 13 August 8 October 18 March 22 April

17 September

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



#### The England's Treasures tour was outstanding.

Our tour director was so knowledgeable, personable, enthusiastic, and organised. All we had to do was relax and enjoy the tour, the great meals and very nice accommodations. 99

—Collette Traveller

# EXPLORING SCOTLAND & IRELAND

12 DAYS · 17 MEALS FROM \$4199

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Explore the ruins of historic Urquhart Castle on the banks of Loch Ness.
- Be transported to a bygone era during a traditional "night on the town" in 20th century Ulster.



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

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

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Radisson Collection Royal Mile, Edinburgh

Day 3 Palace Hotel, Inverness

Day 4 Ballachulish Hotel,

Ballachulish or Royal Muthu Hotel, Tyndrum

Day 5 Hotel Indigo, Glasgow

Days 6, 7 Maldron City Center Hotel,

Belfast

Day 8 City Hotel, Derry

Day 9 Manor House Country Hotel,

Enniskillen

Days 10, 11 Barberstown Castle, Kildare

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city. Tonight, experience how traditional Scottish ingredients are getting a modern twist during a welcome dinner at one of the city's popular restaurants. (D)

#### Day 2: Edinburgh 😵

Today it's your choice! Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided panoramic tour; explore both Old Town and New Town before visiting the Palace at Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary Queen of Scots -OR- for a different perspective, join a local expert for an in-depth walking tour of Edinburgh's Old Town; meander the cobbled streets and narrow alleyways before descending into the city's underground vaults to uncover a world unchanged since the 18th century. (B)

Day 3: Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Inverness
Travel to St. Andrews, the beautiful town
that gave the world the game of golf - to see
the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the
famous Old Course. Next, stop at Pitlochry, a
vibrant Victorian town. Discover its old-world

vibrant Victorian town. Discover its old-world appeal as you explore this resort town on your own. Enjoy a privately guided tour at one of Scotland's renowned whisky distilleries and taste for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world's finest. (B, D)

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

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

Day 5: Ballachulish or Tyndrum - Glasgow Begin your day with a breathtaking drive in the heart of Scotland as you pass through Glencoe and Rannoch Moor. Arrive in the Victorian metropolis of Glasgow, Scotland's largest city. Take in the sights with a local expert before enjoying an evening at leisure in this bustling city. (B)

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

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







# Scotland

#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### 1-2 NIGHTS

PRE OR POST NIGHT



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#### Day 7: Belfast

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Day 12: Barberstown Castle - Tour

Your tour comes to a close. (B)

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and only, per person, double occupancy.

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#### **SPECIAL EVENT**



#### **Edinburgh Military Tattoo**

Travellers arriving in Edinburgh from August 9 - August 25, 2020 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo Show. Please inquire at time of reservation.

9-25 AUGUST 2020

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



Every minute was planned, but with utmost concern for their customers' comfort and well being. Even on long bus rides, our guide provided entertainment with stories and music. 99

-Collette Traveller

# DISCOVER SCOTLAND

9 DAYS • 14 MEALS FROM \$2849

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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



- Visit a working farm and meet a shepherd and his sheepdogs.
- Reflect at Culloden Battlefield, the site of the half-hour battle that changed history.
- Discover the remains of a Neolithic village at Skara Brae.



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

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1 Radisson Blu, Glasgow

Days 2, 3 Ballachulish Hotel, Ballachulish

Days 4, 5 Pentland Hotel, Station Hotel, Castletown Hotel, St Clair Hotel or Royal Hotel, Thurso

Day 6 Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey

Days 7, 8 Radisson Blu, Edinburgh

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Glasgow, Scotland - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Glasgow, Scotland's Victorian capital city. Start your Scottish adventure with a visit to the National Piping Centre. After a demonstration and lesson with a renowned piper, it's your chance to give it a go! Then, join your fellow travellers for a lively welcome dinner at the Centre's farm-to-table restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Glasgow - Glencoe - Ballachulish Today, visit one of Scotland's renowned whisky distilleries. Taste and see for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world's finest. Continue on to the Highlands, through the breathtaking scenery of Glencoe and Rannoch Moor, before arriving at your hotel situated on lovely Loch Linnhe. (B, D)

# Day 3: Ballachulish - Isle of Skye - Ballachulish

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

Day 4: Ballachulish - Loch Ness - Thurso Today, enjoy stunning and unspoiled landscapes as you journey further into the Highlands. Visit the striking ruins of Urquhart Castle before enjoying a cruise on Loch Ness, one of Britain's most scenic bodies of water. Keep your eyes open — you never know when Nessie will appear! Travel through the Great Glen, famous for its many lochs (lakes). Your day concludes in Thurso. (B)

Day 5: Thurso - Orkney Islands - Thurso A day of adventure awaits as you voyage by ferry to the Orkney Islands - once a Viking stronghold off the coast of Scotland. On the crossing you'll see abundant bird life and, if you are lucky, porpoises and seals. A local guide introduces this magical place that very few visitors to Scotland get to









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

Day 6: Thurso - Eastern Highlands Today you will visit Culloden Battlefield. On this spot in April 1746, a half-hour battle changed the course of Scotland's history. We also stop at the majestic Dunrobin Castle which dates back to the 1300s. Take in the breathtaking views as you drive along the windswept cliffs of Scotland's east coast. Enjoy an overnight stay in the Eastern Highlands. (B, D)

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

Begin your day with a visit to a family-run farm set in the heart of the Highlands. See sheepdogs at work while surrounded by the mountain wilderness of Cairngorms National Park. Continue on to the vibrant Victorian town of Pitlochry for some time at leisure before travelling to St. Andrews, the beautiful town in the Kingdom of

Fife that gave the world the game of golf. See the Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and the famous Old Course. End your day in Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh. (B)

### Day 8: Edinburgh 😵

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

Day 9: Edinburgh - Tour Ends Your tour of Scotland comes to a close today. (B)

**DOUBLE** SOLO

Starting at \$3399

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 16 March 2020 departure

March - April 2020 16. 30 March 7, 20, 21, 27, 28 Apri

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



One of the best vacations we have ever had! The Tour Manager was so knowledgeable about Scotland and had so many great stories. 99

## SPOTLIGHT ON LONDON

6 DAYS · 8 MEALS FROM \$2299

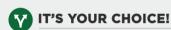
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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Buckingham Palace • East End
Culinary Tour • London Underground •
Kensington Palace or Churchill War
Rooms • Big Ben • London Theatre •
Oxford • Blenheim Palace



- Explore London's famous Underground, known to locals as "the Tube."
- Enjoy a privately-led walking tour of Oxford.



 Day 3 — Explore the neighbourhoods of Kensington and Knightsbridge with a local guide and visit Kensington Palace or travel to Westminster station to snap a photo of Big Ben and then visit the Churchill War Rooms.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 5 breakfasts 1 lunch 2 dinners
- Gather for a special dinner at a traditional English restaurant.
- Sample British fare on a culinary walking adventure through London's East End.



Days 1 - 5 Radisson Blu Edwardian, Vanderbilt, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



### London is calling. Answer its call as you encounter majestic pageantry, storied history and grand charm.

**Day 1:** London, England - Tour Begins London calls. Experience the regal touches

London calls. Experience the regal touches and daily charms of life in this grand city. Welcome to London, a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own. Its bustling city streets are lined with beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, celebrated monuments and grand theatres – and you'll be a part of it all! This evening, experience a classic British pastime when you join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 2: London

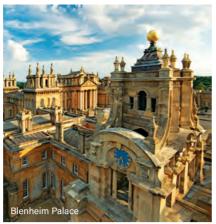
Join a local expert on a panoramic city tour. See Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace, the London home to Britain's royalty since 1837. At Westminster, see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben. End your city tour with a visit to

Harrods, London's most iconic department store. This afternoon, become acquainted with London's trendiest borough on a walking culinary tour of the East End. Discover a world of English cheeses and traditional fish and chips, taste London's Indian influence with a sampling of chicken tikka masala, and more! Finish the day at East London's "pub of the year" for an ale tasting. (B, L)

### Day 3: London 😵

Start your day like a true Londoner. Hop on the famous Underground, known to locals as "the Tube." Opened in 1863, this engineering marvel was the world's first metro system. Next, **it's your choice!** Join a local guide and explore the neighbourhoods of Kensington and Knightsbridge, known for their iconic shops and famous residents, before a visit to Kensington Palace, once









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the home of Queen Victoria and Princess Diana -OR- travel to Westminster station and snap a photo in front of Big Ben before heading north on Whitehall, known as the centre of Her Majesty's Government; catch a glimpse of 10 Downing Street before visiting the Churchill War Rooms. Later this afternoon we gather to enjoy a matinee performance at a London theatre. (B)

### Day 4: London - Oxford -Blenheim Palace - London

Travel across England's beautiful countryside en route to the historic city of Oxford, one of the world's most famous university cities. Join a local expert on a privately-led walking tour that brings life to this quaint, yet privileged place. Enjoy some free time to explore the city at leisure before setting out to visit Blenheim Palace, one of England's most magnificent homes, for a selfguided tour. Famous for being the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill,

this UNESCO World Heritage site offers a glimpse into the life of English royalty. (B)

### Day 5: London

It's your last day in London. Spend the day independently exploring more of London's treasures. Or you may take an optional excursion to Windsor Castle: originally built to guard the city of London, Windsor Castle has been home of kings and gueens for nine centuries and is the oldest royal residence still in use today. Tonight, gather for a special farewell dinner at a favourite London restaurant and toast the end of a wonderful getaway! (B, D)

Day 6: London - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)

**DOUBLE** SOLO

Starting at \$2949

March - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 6 March 3 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) 8, 22 May

5, 19 June 17 July 7, 21 August

4, 18 September 16 October 26 March 30 April

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



Excellent arrangements in London. Outstanding tour manager. Great location for hotel - close to many attractions and easy access to Tube station. 99

## LONDON & PARIS

7 DAYS · 9 MEALS FROM \$3299

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

The Tower of London • Trafalgar Square
• Big Ben • Eurostar Train • Paradis Latin
Cabaret • Arc de Triomphe • Eiffel Tower
Dinner • Seine River Cruise



- Take advantage of a full day of leisure in both London and Paris.
- Cruise along the Seine against a backdrop of Paris' glittering skyline.
- Embark on a tour of London with a local expert.



- Day 2 In London, explore the Churchill War Rooms or tour regal Westminster Abbey.
- Day 5 In Paris, see the iconic sites on a panoramic drive or set out and travel via the Metro.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 6 breakfasts 3 dinners
- Enjoy London's culinary renaissance at a dinner featuring contemporary British cuisine.
- Immerse yourself in Parisian culture with a dinner at the city's oldest cabaret theatre.
- Savour an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring delicious cuisine and breathtaking views.



Days 1 - 3 Leonardo Royal Hotel London Tower Bridge, London

Days 4 - 6 Crowne Plaza Republique, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# From cosmopolitan London to romantic Paris, cross the English Channel via train and take in the best of these iconic cities.

Day 1: London, England - Tour Begins
From cosmopolitan London to romantic
Paris, see the best of the world's most
captivating cities. To help make the most
of your getaway, unpack just once in each
city. Enjoy a leisurely-paced journey with
plenty of time for independent exploration.
Your tour opens in London, the United
Kingdom's dynamic capital. This evening,
get a taste of contemporary British fare
as you join your new mates for a meal
highlighting London's culinary renaissance.
(D)

#### Day 2: London 😯

Join a local expert for a day in London. Begin with a panoramic tour highlighting the must-sees, including Trafalgar Square, the Tower of London, Big Ben, Kensington and Knightsbridge. Stop by Harrods, the most iconic department store in all of London. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Return to wartime Britain while exploring the Churchill War Rooms, the secret

underground centre of Britain's government during World War II -OR- tour Westminster Abbey, the coronation church of Britain's monarchs from William the Conqueror to Elizabeth II. The evening is yours to do as you wish. (B)

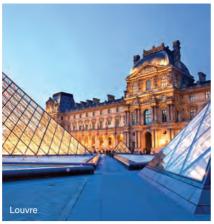
### Day 3: London

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

### **Day 4:** London - Eurostar Train - Paris, France

Today, you're on to Paris! Hop aboard the sleek, futuristic Eurostar High Speed Train to get there in just two hours. A sophisticated metropolis of style and culture, Paris' bustling city streets are







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### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

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1-2 NIGHTS

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** 

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filled with colourful history, fascinating museums, renowned monuments and grand theatres. Tonight, celebrate your arrival in Paris with a special dinner at the legendary Paradis Latin, the city's oldest cabaret theatre. Enjoy a savoury meal complete with wine, champagne and a captivating show. (B, D)

### Day 5: Paris 😯

It's your choice! Come to know the highlights of Paris by coach or by Metro! Set out on a panoramic coach tour -OR- for a truly Parisian experience, take in some of the most iconic sights by Metro. Either way you'll see the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde, and the magnificent Place Vendome with a local guide. Write your own story during a free afternoon. You may choose an optional guided tour at the famous Louvre Museum, indulge in some of the world's best shopping on the Champs-Elysees, or simply do as the Parisians do and sit at a sidewalk café and watch the beauty that is Paris go by. (B)

### Day 6: Paris

Be romanced by Paris - today is yours for the taking. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Louis XIV's magnificent Palace and Gardens of Versailles and relive history as you walk through the various rooms of the State Apartments, including the Queen's bed chamber and the famous Hall of Mirrors. Tonight, enjoy an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring French cuisine and breathtaking views.\* End the day with a romantic Seine River cruise set against Paris' glittering skyline. (B, D)

### Day 7: Paris - Tour Ends

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

Starting at **\$3299**Starting at **\$4399 DOUBLE** SOLO

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

5, 12 November

3 December

Prices based on 20 August 2020 departure

February - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 27 February 12.19 March 2, 16, 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.

May 2020 - April 2021 (featured itinerary) 7, 14, 21, 28 May 4, 11, 18, 25 June 9, 16, 23, 30 July

28 January 6, 13, 20, 27 August 25 February 3, 10, 17, 24, September 11, 18, 25 March 8, 15, 22, 29 April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into London and depart from Paris. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Paradis Latin may be considered unsuitable for children, please consult your Tour Manager. The Louvre and Versailles optional tours must be purchased at a minimum of 45 days prior to departure. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse. \*Depending on availability, the dinner may take place on the Seine River Cruise instead



Paris and London are 2 of our favourite cities in the world and Collette gave us a wonderful experience in both places. 99

## TREASURES OF EUROPE

11 DAYS · 15 MEALS FROM \$4449

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

London • Eurostar Train • Paris • Eiffel Tower Dinner • TGV High-Speed Train • Lucerne • Venice • Italian Vineyard Experience • Florence • Michelangelo's David • Rome • The Colosseum

### (III) CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



### **ACCOMMODATION**

- Days 1, 2 Grange Tower Bridge Hotel, London
- Days 3, 4 Hyatt Regency Paris Etoile, Paris
- Day 5 Waldstaetterhof or Hotel Monopol, Lucerne
- Day 6 NH Laguna Palace Venice, Mestre
- Days 7, 8 Starhotel Tuscany, Florence
- Days 9, 10 Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: London, England - Tour Begins
Your tour opens in London, home to Big
Ben, Parliament, Harry Potter, and the
Queen. Come together with your fellow
travellers and toast the start of an incredible
journey during a welcome dinner in
England's sophisticated capital city. (D)

### Day 2: London

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

### **Day 3:** London - Eurostar Train - Paris, France

Go behind the gothic façade of St Pancras railway station. Inside this masterpiece of Victorian engineering, board the high-speed Eurostar train. Relax in style as you're whisked away to Paris. Arrive in the "City of Light." Famous for its world-renowned art, food and fashion, Paris' history will astound you, and its style will dazzle you. See its best during a panoramic city tour featuring Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, and more. Enjoy breathtaking views of Paris along

with French cuisine during an unforgettable dining experience at the Eiffel Tower! (B, D)

### Day 4: Paris

Enjoy a full day to explore Paris independently. Perhaps you will have lunch in the Marais, wander the neighbourhood around the Opera Garnier, or head north to Montmartre and watch artists at work. Or, choose to go on a locally-led tour of the Louvre, home to more than a million precious works of art, including the *Venus de Milo* and da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*. (B)

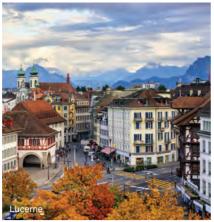
### **Day 5:** Paris - TGV Train - Lucerne, Switzerland

Embark on a rail journey from Paris to Lucerne on board the TGV, France's high-speed train. Take in magnificent scenery as you bid *au revoir* to France and cross into Switzerland. Discover why Lucerne has been rated Switzerland's most beautiful city during a leisurely walking tour. Among stunning views of the lake and the mountains, journey through city streets, covered bridges, lakeside promenades, and bustling plazas. (B)

### Day 6: Lucerne - Venice, Italy

This morning, travel south through the pastoral landscapes of Switzerland. Crossing into Italy, traverse through the









### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE OR POST NIGHT



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heart of the Alps, taking in vistas of snow peaked mountains as far as the eye can see. Pass through the bucolic Italian Lake District, a holiday destination since Roman times. (B, D)

### Day 7: Venice - Florence

Cruise to the island of Murano. which is renowned for its long tradition of glass making. Embark on a leisurely walking tour of Venice with its collection of 117 tiny islands, surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. In this floating city, see the Clock Tower, St. Mark's Basilica, and marble palaces on gondola-laden canals. This evening, stop at a vineyard in the heart of Chianti for a tour, tasting and traditional fare. Continue to Florence, where you'll spend tonight amongst the beauty of the Tuscan region's capital, home to masterpieces of art and iconic symbols of centuries-old history. (B, D)

### Day 8: Florence

Today you tour Florence, home of the Medici, Gucci, and il Duomo. Stroll the city streets for a real-life history lesson, and discover the four pillars of city life: art, architecture, food, and fashion. Visit the Piazza del Duomo and the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, You'll also visit the Galleria dell'Accademia.

home to the greatest collection of Renaissance art - most especially Michelangelo's David. (B)

### Day 9: Florence - Rome

Say addio to Florence, and head for Rome! Enjoy an afternoon at leisure upon arrival. Gaze at the Pantheon, and see the oval-shaped Piazza Navona that's lined with restaurants and souvenir shops. Or, you may choose to join an optional tour to the Vatican, one of the most sacred places on Earth. A UNESCO World Heritage site, discover masterpieces of art and architecture that surround St. Peter's Basilica and St. Peter's Square, where the Pope has addressed thousands of people. (B)

#### Day 10: Rome

This morning, set out for the "Eternal City," and a walking tour of classical Rome. Bask in the cultural treasures of the city, where sites include the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. Later on, walk in the steps of gladiators at the spectacular, near-mythic Colosseum. . Tonight, gather with new friends and toast the end of an epic journey through Europe at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Day 11: Rome - Tour Ends

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

DOUBLE

Starting at \$4449 Starting at \$5749

Prices based on 27 March 2020 departure

March - April 2020 27 March 3, 17, 24 April

This tour may vary for departures after April 2020. Call or visit our website for complete information on tours departing May 2020 - April 2021.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into London and depart from Rome. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The Louvre optional tour must be purchased prior to departure. On occasion, due to inclement weather, your visit to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice.

## FRANCE MAGNIFIQUE

14 DAYS • 19 MEALS FROM \$4699

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Paris • River Seine Cruise • Normandy •
Omaha Beach Cemetery • Le Mont St.
Michel • Loire Valley • 2-Night Château
Stay • Château de Chenonceau •
Winery Tour • Lyon • Avignon • Nice •
Monaco • Monte Carlo



- Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the River Seine and drift past famous landmarks.
- Travel back in history when you stand before the impressive UNESCO Bayeux Tapestry.
- Learn the secrets of perfume making in Grasse, the perfume capital of the world.



 Day 10 — Get to know Lyon with a local expert or embark on an appetizing adventure in Les Halles de Lyon-Paul Bocuse food market.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 13 breakfasts 6 dinners
- Dine at a traditional bouchon where you will sample Lyon's cuisine.
- Delight in a tour and tasting at a local winery.
- Enjoy a delightful dinner at a traditional French restaurant.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Hyatt Regency Etoile or Le Méridien Etoile, Paris

Days 3, 4 Mercure Caen City Center-

Port de Plaisance, Caen

Days 5, 6 Hôtel Oceania, Saint-Malo

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE During your stay at the Hôtel Oceania, you may choose to

Oceania, you may choose to upgrade your room to a Deluxe Sea View room. CALL FOR DETAILS

Days 7, 8 Château de Beauvois, Loire Valley

**Days 9, 10** Mercure Lyon Centre Saxe Lafayette, Lyon

Day 11 Mercure Pont d' Avignon, or Mercure Hotel Cite Des Papes, Avignon

Days 12, 13 Splendid Hotel & Spa, Nice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the enchanting streets of Paris to the seaside paradise of Nice, grab a baguette and rendezvous with the best of France.

Day 1: Paris, France - Tour Begins
Embark on your journey through France.
Bask in the rich history, art, culture and
romance of its celebrated cities and
charming towns. Your tour opens in
beautiful Paris. Celebrate the beginning
of your French voyage with a sunset river
cruise past famous glittering landmarks
along the River Seine, which divides the
north from the south of Paris into what is
known as the Right Bank and the Left Bank.
Head to one of Paris' local restaurants for a
savoury French dinner. (D)

### Day 2: Paris

Start your day by taking in the most iconic sights of Paris on a panoramic coach tour. With your local guide, see the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Notre Dame Cathedral, Place de la Concorde, and the bustling Place Vendôme. Take advantage of a free afternoon to write your own story. Perhaps you'll take an optional guided tour at the famous Louvre. (B)

### Day 3: Paris - Caen

Set off for the Normandy coast, where the largest invasion in history took place during

World War II. Visit the Memorial Peace Museum, built to commemorate those who died in the epic Battle of Normandy in 1944. Later, see the remains of the artificial Mulberry port built near Arromanche-les-Bains, where the allies resupplied their lines during the liberation of France, before making your way to the hotel. (B)

Day 4: Caen - D-Day Landing Sites - Caen This morning visit the Omaha Beach Cemetery and stop by the Normandy American Cemetery Visitor Centre. See the stars and stripes raised over the graves of the valiant soldiers who gave their lives in the Battle of Normandy. Then, walk through Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial and see where the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled 100-foot cliffs on D-Day to seize the fortified enemy position. Next, make your way to Sainte-Mère-Église, the heart of the American Airborne operations on D-Day, and visit its parachute-shaped Airborne Museum. You will also visit the landing beaches of Utah and Juno. (B, D)

Day 5: Caen - Bayeux - Saint-Malo Travel back in history when you stand before the impressive Bayeux Tapestry (UNESCO), a 230-foot embroidered cloth depicting the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England. Enjoy some free time to explore the historic town on your own. Then it's off to Saint-Malo, Brittany's famous coastal village. Immerse yourself in the beautiful beaches, striking blue water, and views of the fortified Old Town. Tonight, enjoy a wonderfully prepared local dinner. (B, D)

### Day 6: Saint-Malo - Le Mont St. Michel - Saint-Malo

Travel to Le Mont St. Michel (UNESCO), the "Wonder of the West." Resting on the border between Normandy and Brittany, this world-famous pilgrimage site sits on the edge of the sea and becomes an island at high tide. Take in the breathtaking views as you stroll through the old city at the base of the village before exploring one of the most beautiful abbevs in France, dating back to the 11th century. Return to Saint-Malo and enjoy time to relax or explore independently. (B)

### Day 7: Saint-Malo - Chinon - Loire Valley

Journey south to the Loire Valley, a UNESCO site brimming with châteaux and parks, once the setting for the French court. Arrive in the medieval village of Chinon. Joan of Arc first met young Charles VII here and shared her vision that he would defeat the English during the Hundred Years' War. Visit the market, abundant with fresh produce, flowers and local products, and take time to enjoy lunch along the banks of the Vienne River. Next, tour a local winery and discover some of the Loire Valley's best wines. This afternoon, feel like royalty when you arrive at your 15th-century castle accommodations at the Château de Beauvois. Delve into the history of this site frequented by King Louis XIII as you enjoy some leisure time to explore the grounds or relax on the château's charming terrace. This evening, delight in gourmet French cuisine in the opulent dining room of your château. (B, D)

### Day 8: Loire Valley - Amboise -Loire Valley

Embark on a tour of the spectacular Château de Chenonceau. Perched along the banks of the Cher River, it is a jewel of Renaissance architecture. Head to the picturesque centre of Amboise. Enjoy free time for exploring and getting to know the local culture.

Day 9: Loire Valley - Lyon Travel the French countryside to the gastronomical capital of France, Lyon (UNESCO). The city was once an important area for silk production. Today it is famous for its worldrenowned cuisine. This evening, experience this cuisine firsthand when you dine at a bouchon, a local restaurant that serves traditional Lyonnaise fare. (B, D)

### Day 10: Lyon 😯

Choose how you spend the day because it's your choice! Get to know Lyon with a local expert, visiting the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière and the historic Old Quarter -OR- embark on an appetizing adventure in Les Halles de Lvon-Paul Bocuse food market, where you'll peruse its many culinary delights and sample some local goods before exploring the area independently. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you wish. (B)

### Day 11: Lyon - Avignon

Get acquainted with the walled city of Avignon on a morning orientation tour. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. With your free time, perhaps you will choose to explore the 14thcentury Palais des Papes, the world's largest Gothic palace, or take a relaxing stroll along the river and see Pont Saint-Bénézet, one of the city's most iconic sites. (B)

### Day 12: Avignon - Antibes - Grasse - Nice

Travel to Antibes and rub shoulders with Europe's elite in this Riviera getaway. After some free time to explore, continue to Grasse, the centre of the world's perfume industry. Learn the secrets of perfume making, from extraction to distillation, while visiting a famous parfumerie. Then journey to Nice, the renowned playground of the rich and famous. The evening is yours to explore this seaside destination.

#### Day 13: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice

This morning you'll feel like a local as you stroll through the colourful and fragrant flower market in Nice. Then it's off to discover Place Masséna and the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais. Your journey takes you to Monaco, the dazzling gem of the Riviera. A panoramic tour highlights the famous and extravagant Casino of Monte Carlo and the spectacular 13th-century Prince's Palace. Pause to see the Cathedral of Monaco, the final burial site of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace, Gather for a farewell dinner tonight to celebrate the end of a magnificent trip to France! (B, D)

### Day 14: Nice - Tour Ends Set out for home with many magnificent memories. (B)

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

Omaha Beach

ont St. Michel Calat Mala

Bay of Biscay

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### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

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Land only, per person, double occupancy.

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17, 24 April

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(featured itinerary) 1 May

19 June 17 July 21 August 4, 11 September 16, 23 October 12, 19 March 16, 23 April

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



The tour hit all the sites I had on my France bucket list. The hotels were conveniently located near restaurants and within walking distance of sites of interest. 99

## FRENCH IMPRESSIONS

10 DAYS · 14 MEALS FROM \$3899

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Paris • Eiffel Tower Dinner • Versailles •
Giverny • TGV Train • Avignon •
Palace of the Popes • Aix-en-Provence •
Cézanne's Workshop • Gordes •
Wine Tasting • St. Paul de Vence •
Nice • Monaco • Monte Carlo •
Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Whisk through the French countryside aboard the high-speed TGV Train.
- Tour the atelier (workshop) of the famous painter, Paul Cézanne.
- Stroll through the hillside village of Gordes.



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

 Day 3 — Take a panoramic coach tour highlighting Paris' most iconic sites or visit the Musée D'Orsay with its magnificent French Impressionist art collection.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 9 breakfasts 1 lunch 4 dinners
- Savour French cuisine and enjoy spectacular views while dining at the Eiffel Tower.
- Enjoy a tasting of Provençal wines while taking in commanding views of Mont Sainte-Victoire at a vineyard in Provence.
- Enjoy a typical French lunch in the tea room of the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 3 Le Méridien Etoile, Paris

Days 4 - 6 Grand Hotel Roi René, Aix-en-Provence

Days 7 - 9 Splendid Hotel & Spa, Nice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Venture from cosmopolitan Paris to provincial Provence to coastal Nice as you take in timeless French art, cuisine and culture.

### Day 1: Paris, France - Tour Begins

Journey through the best of France as you explore lively Paris, romantic Provence and delightful Nice. Your tour opens in Paris, the "City of Light." Tonight, sample delicious French cuisine and witness breathtaking views during dinner at the Eiffel Tower. Following dinner, get a different perspective of the city during a Seine River cruise. As you glide along, admire Paris' glittering skyline. (D)

### Day 2: Paris 😯

Come to know Paris your way. It's your choice! Take a splendid panoramic coach tour featuring the breathtaking architecture of the Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concord, Place Vendome, the Champs-Elysees and the Notre Dame Cathedral **-OR-** enter the world of Impressionism with a visit to the Musée D'Orsay with its magnificent French Impressionist art collection. Live out your own Parisian adventure during a free afternoon. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to the world-renowned Louvre, home to the iconic Mona Lisa. This evening, an optional dinner and show at Paris' oldest cabaret, the Paradis Latin, is offered. (B)

### Day 3: Paris - Versailles - Giverny - Paris

Explore the history, architecture and gardens of Versailles, one of the world's most magnificent royal palaces and finest, most complete examples of 17th century architecture. Your local guide will recount the history of the palace and lead you through the various rooms of the State Apartments. Discover its immeasurable opulence and see its treasures including the Queen's bedchamber and the famous Hall of Mirrors. You then have time to explore the incredible gardens, some of the most famous in the world, which took over 40 years to complete. This afternoon, Claude Monet's amous paintings come to life with a visit to the artist's lovely home and enchanting gardens in the village of Giverny. The remainder of the evening is at leisure for you to explore Paris' many hidden treasures on your own. (B)

### Day 4: Paris - TGV Train - Avignon - Aixen-Provence

Climb aboard the high speed TGV Train and "fly" through the beautiful French countryside on your way to Provence. Arrive in Avignon for a delightful tour of this



historic walled city. Avignon, often called the "City of Popes," acted as a centre of European religion for 70 years when the Papacy moved there in 1309. A visit to the Palace of the Popes brings this history to life. Continue to Aix-en-Provence, a lovely town once frequented by Hemingway and the inspiration to many artists. This evening, enjoy Provençal cuisine at your hotel's elegant restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 5: Aix-en-Provence

This morning a local expert takes you on a tour of Aix-en-Provence. This charming city is full of lively streets, squares and fountains. Walk in the steps of Cézanne when you visit his atelier (workshop) and enter the artist's most private space. The afternoon is yours to continue to discover the city's many secrets. (B)

### Day 6: Aix-en-Provence - Luberon - Gordes - Aix-en-Provence

Visit the Musee du Calisson, a confectionery factory where you will discover the unique taste of a calisson. This delicacy - a mix of almonds, candied melon, orange blossom fragrance and marzipan-is a local speciality. Delve into the Provençal landscape during a visit

to the picturesque region of Luberon, known for its beautiful lavender fields. Take time in the hilltop village of Gordes to explore its charms. Visit the Lavender Museum and learn about this precious plant, its unique distillation process and its uses throughout history. You are in for a treat this evening when you stop at a local vineyard with commanding views of Mont Sainte-Victoire and enjoy a tasting of their delicious wines before indulging in a sumptuous Provençal meal. (B, D)

### Day 7: Aix-en-Provence - Grasse -St. Paul de Vence - Nice

This morning, journey to the world's perfume capital, Grasse, and learn the secrets of perfume making, from extraction to distillation, while visiting one of the region's famous parfumeries. Next, travel to the hilltop village of St. Paul de Vence. Enjoy some free time to explore charming sun-dappled streets. elegant fountains and breathtaking views. Then it's off to Nice, the renowned playground of the rich and famous. (B)

### Day 8: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice

Today, witness the splendour of Monaco, the dazzling gem of the Riviera. A panoramic tour highlights the famous and extravagant Casino of Monte Carlo and the spectacular 13th-century Prince's Palace. Pause to see the Cathedral of Monaco, where Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace are buried. (B)

### Day 9: Nice - Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat - Nice

This morning you'll feel like a local as you stroll through the colourful and fragrant flower market in Nice. Continue to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat and visit the luxurious apartments of the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Explore the lush gardens with magnificent views of the Mediterranean Sea. Your visit to the villa is complete with a light lunch served in the charming tea room. The remainder of your day is free to discover Nice's Place Massena and the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais. Partake in world-class shopping, sample the many French delicacies found in the south of France, or simply relax and take in the laid-back atmosphere along the Riviera. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a quaint restaurant. (B, L, D)

### Day 10: Nice - Tour Ends

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

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

SEE PAGE 207 FOR DETAILS









### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Add more time to your trip with these options:

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

PRE OR POST NIGHT



PRE: PARIS POST: NICE CALL FOR DETAILS

### **UP TO 1 WEEK**

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### **DOUBLE** Starting at \$3899

SOLO Starting at \$4799

Prices based on 5 March 2021 departure

February - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) ★ 14 February

20 March 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) 1, 29 May 5 June

17 July 4, 18 September

16 October ★ 12, 19 February 5 March 16 April

### **SPECIAL EVENT**



### Nice Carnival

A perfect blend of tradition, celebration, and fun, attend one of the most famous carnivals in the world

14 FEBRUARY 2020; 12 & 19 FEBRUARY 2021

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Paris and depart from Nice. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Lavender fields typically bloom during the summer months of June - August and are not guaranteed on any departures.



Everything was well planned, and our time was used well. It was a good balance of activities. 99

## SPOTLIGHT ON PARIS

6 DAYS · 8 MEALS FROM \$2949

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Champs-Élysées • Arc de Triomphe •
Eiffel Tower Dinner • Seine River Cruise •
Montmartre • Louvre Museum •
Parisian Food Tour • Versailles Palace
& Gardens • Musée d'Orsay •
Place des Vosges • Notre Dame



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- See Paris at its best as you uncover the Champs-Élysées, Notre Dame and the Arc de Triomphe.
- Navigate Paris like a local by riding the metro to destinations.
- Feel like a true Parisian when you discover the beloved neighbourhood of Montmartre.



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

 Day 2 — Visit the Musée de Montmartre with a local guide or head inside Sacré-Coeur basilica and look out at the city from above.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

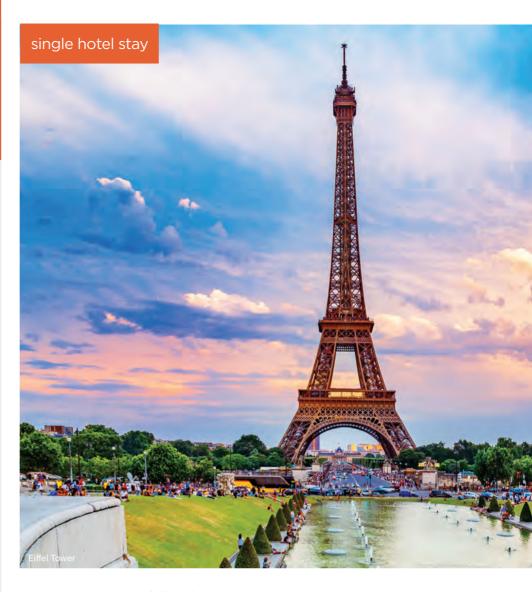
- 5 breakfasts 1 lunch 2 dinners
- Enjoy an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower with unparalleled views of the "City of Light."
- Feel the hustle and bustle of the city with your personal foodie guide and sample French delicacies on a walking food tour.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 5 Le Méridien Etoile, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



### Be filled with joie de vivre as you soak in the romance and unparalleled charm of Paris.

### Day 1: Paris, France - Bonjour!

Iconic skylines of picturesque towers. A trend-setting culinary scene. The inspirational muse for the world's greatest artists. Fashion-forward haute couture. This is the "City of Light." Feel the essence of Paris as the locals do - with its chic cosmopolitan vibe and constant energy. Be swept off your feet as the Paris of your dreams comes alive. Make your way down the iconic Champs-Élysées, the hotspot for Parisian fashion, and marvel at the towering Arc de Triomphe. Words can't do justice to the view from within the Eiffel Tower, where you'll enjoy an exclusive dinner featuring savoury French cuisine. After your meal, cruise the Seine on an evening boat ride, watching the city skyline come to life around you. (D)

Day 2: Montmartre: An Artist's Eden Step into the shoes of a local and navigate Le Métro – your main mode of transportation for the week. Get to know this underground system with a local pro-

transportation for the week. Get to know this underground system with a local pro, giving you the freedom to set off later as you wish. First stop – the hip bohemian neighbourhood of Montmartre. Blending artistic roots and quirky modernity, this 18th arrondissement neighbourhood is home to classical painters and cultural provocateurs. Choose how you discover the area because it's your choice! With a local guide, venture into the Musée de Montmartre and glimpse into the roots of cabaret and the lives of Paris' most famous artists -OR- head inside Sacré-Coeur and take in the city from this iconic hilltop basilica. As your day comes to a close, make the most of an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will enjoy an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin for a champagne-flowing, cancan-kicking, music-driven night at the cabaret. (B)

### **Day 3:** The Louvre, the *Lisa*, and the Local Foodie

The ethereal glass pyramid at the Louvre's entrance serves as your gateway into another realm, where ancient sculptures lead to 19th century canvases. Wander past and marvel at the palette progeny of Raphael and Botticelli before making your way to Da Vinci's renowned *Mona Lisa*. Your cultural lesson continues with a culinary quest through the Montorgueil neighbourhood. Follow a local foodie



through the well-loved streets,

owned stores and cozy cafés.

indulging in specialties from family-

From hot-off-the-griddle crepes to

French cuisine. Enjoy the balance of

buttery pastries that melt in your

mouth, you'll get a true taste of

Day 4: Once Upon a Versailles

Channel your inner royal at

Versailles - an imperial titan

located in the heart of France.

served as a model for countless

discover as you wind your way

international abodes, which you'll

through sprawling green gardens

and palace halls with a local guide.

From the prominent Hall of Mirrors to the opulent bedchamber of the

famous sights. The evening is yours

to do as you please. Perhaps you'll

peruse luxury Parisian retailers and visit the world-famous Fragonard Musée du Parfum to discover the art of perfume making. (B)

gueen, take in the palace's most

join an optional tour of L'Opera guarter, where you'll have time to

There's a reason why Versailles has

your day at leisure. (B, L)





the highly acclaimed Musée D'Orsay and enjoy your included ticket to this former railroad station, which now houses some of the world's best impressionist art. Or maybe you'll join your Tour Manager on a trip to Le Marais, a favourite neighbourhood of the locals; here you'll meander through the flourishing trees and bright grassy patches of Place des Vosges, the oldest town square in all of Paris. Enjoy free time to explore this neighbourhood's popular market and trendy boutique stores. Take a short walk down to Île de la Cité to snap a picture of the awe-inspiring Notre Dame. Tonight, say salut as you toast to the end of your Parisian getaway.

### Day 6: Paris - Tour Ends Au revoir! Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

(B, D)

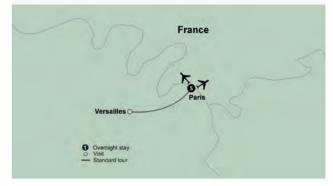












### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

### Add more time to your trip with these options:

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

PRE OR POST NIGHT



PRE OR POST: PARIS CALL FOR DETAILS

### UP TO 1 WEEK

STOPOVER



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DOUBLE

14 April

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

14, 21 October

4 November

24 February

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February - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 25 February 24 March

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6. 13. 27 May 17 June 22 July 5 August 2, 9 September

17 March 14, 28 April

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Paris. Airport transfers are available for purchase. On occasion, the Louvre Museum may not be available for guests who purchase this tour within 45 days of departure as space is limited at the Louvre. For these guests, alternative sightseeing may be provided depending on availability. You will be travelling by metro throughout Paris for majority of this tour and should be reasonably fit in order to get on and off this mode of transportation.



Our tour was superb. Our tour manager was efficient and knowledgeable. She got us places on time, and we never wasted time. 99

-Collette Traveller

Day 5: Paris as You Please It's your last day in Paris - how will you spend it? Perhaps you will visit

For pricing details and to see this tour online: gocollette.com.au/533 85

### SPOTLIGHT ON THE FRENCH **RIVIERA**

8 DAYS · 11 MEALS FROM \$2699

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Nice - Antique Market - Grasse -Fragonard Perfumerie Workshop • St. Tropez • Vineyard Tour & Wine Tasting • Monaco - Monte Carlo Casino - Cannes -Antibes • St. Paul de Vence • Nice Flower Market • Eze • Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat • Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Visit the stunning seaside palazzo Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild and its
- · Explore the ancient port town of Antibes.
- · Learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop.



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

- Day 2 Visit the Marc Chagall Museum, featuring paintings and stained-glass windows or visit the Matisse Museum, highlighting this painter's modern artwork.
- Day 3 Enjoy leisure time to explore the iconic open-air market on the Place des Lices or experience St. Tropez by sea on a boat cruise.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



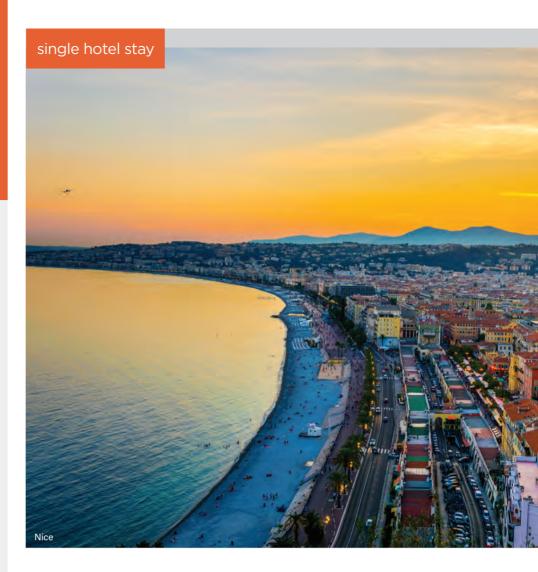
### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 7 breakfasts 1 lunch 3 dinners
- Savour a wine-paired tasting menu featuring flavours of the South of France.
- · Visit a vineyard for a tour and tasting of local rosé wines.
- · Enjoy a typical French lunch in the tea room of the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 7 Splendid Hotel & Spa, Nice On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



### Uncover the chic resorts, sun-soaked beaches, and elegant allure that attract the rich and famous to the exquisite French Riviera.

### Day 1: Nice (French Riviera), France - Tour **Begins**

Your tour commences in the stunning city of Nice, a coastal pearl of the Mediterranean known for its legendary opulence and balmy beaches. With an average of 300 sunny days per year, Nice is a seaside paradise. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring delightful French cuisine artfully presented. (D)

Day 2: Nice - Grasse - Nice 😯

Get to know Nice while on a tour of the city.

Explore the antique market and hunt for local treasures. Visit the Cathedral of Sainte Reparate, an architectural gem located in the centre of the Old Town, or Vieille Ville. This Baroque cathedral is one of France's national monuments known for its extravagant interior and expansive artwork collection. Then it's your choice! Visit the Marc Chagall Museum and walk its halls to find the largest public collection of the artist's outstanding paintings, his stainedglass windows adorning the concert hall and a fascinating mosaic, which Chagall created specifically for the building

-OR- visit the Matisse Museum, devoted

to the modern art of French artist Henri Matisse, best known for his revolutionary use of brilliant colour and exaggerated form to express emotion. Continue to Grasse and learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop and tour of the Fragonard Perfumerie where fragrant formulations have been prepared since 1782. Spend time soaking up the atmosphere of this charming town before returning to Nice for an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will take a stroll along the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais or visit Place Massena, the town's centre of activity. (B)

Day 3: Nice - St. Tropez - Nice 😯

Continue to explore France's Côte d'Azur on a full day trip to St. Tropez, the most famous destination on the French Riviera. Travel along the spectacular Corniche coastal road and marvel at the views of idyllic beaches, seaside cliffs and hilltop towns before arriving in St. Tropez. Then, it's your choice! Enjoy leisure time at the iconic open-air market on the Place des Lices. Your senses will be tantalized by an array of foods including breads, pastries, cheeses, olives, spices, fruits and



vegetables. Shop a myriad of stalls filled with quality home accessories, paintings, handmade crafts and typical French Riviera-style fashion -OR- experience St. Tropez by sea on a boat cruise as you take in the old village, sunny beaches and spectacular "millionaire's bay" where celebrity homes dot the coastline. Before returning to Nice, visit a local vineyard for a tour and tasting of wines synonymous with the region including the Côte d'Azur's famous rosé wines. (B)

### Day 4: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice

Travel the spectacular coastline and pass the charming town of Villefranche-sur-Mer on your way to the Principality of Monaco. A tour of Monaco will introduce you to the Place des Armes, Avenue des Beaux Arts, and the Cathedral of Monaco, the permanent resting place of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace. View the changing of the guards at the Prince's Palace before continuing to the famous Casino of Monte Carlo. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure in Nice to peruse the local shops or take in the scenery at a sidewalk café. This evening, savour a wine-paired tasting menu highlighting the epicurean delights of the South of France. (B, D)

### Day 5: Nice

The day is yours to create your own adventure. Relax by the sea, take in a museum or venture into the old city and window shop at the fashionable boutiques. Alternatively, perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Aix-en-Provence: visit the Musee du Calisson, a confectionery factory, to discover the unique taste of this local speciality; explore Paul Cézanne's atelier (workshop) and enter the French artist's most private space, frozen in time since his death in 1906; join a local expert on a guided tour of charming Aix-en-Provence's bustling streets, romantic squares and marvellous fountains on market day.

### Day 6: Nice - Cannes - Antibes -St. Paul de Vence - Nice

Journey to Cannes and rub elbows with Europe's elite. A local expert joins you on a walking tour of Cannes where you will learn about the fascinating history of the city and the nearby Lérins Islands. Walk in the footsteps of celebrities when you see the Film Festival Palace and the iconic red carpet featured during the Cannes Film Festival. Visit charming Antibes to enjoy the typical Provençal market and explore this ancient port town, a favourite of Picasso and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Marvel at historic St. Paul de Vence, situated atop a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside. This walled medieval village is full of traditional buildings, hidden alleyways, incredible restaurants and several speciality shops. As you explore, soak in its distinctive light, said to have inspired Matisse, Braque, Chagall and many other artists. (B)

### Day 7: Nice - Eze - Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat - Nice

This morning discover Nice's famed flower market and be enchanted by brightly coloured blooms and other enticing delicacies. Venture into the hilltop village of Eze, situated in the Alpes-Maritimes. From there, you'll head to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, referred to as the crown jewel of the French Riviera, where you'll visit the impressive Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Uncover the lush gardens replete with jaw-dropping views of the Mediterranean Sea. Your visit to the villa is complete with lunch served in the charming tea room overlooking the Bay of Villefrance. Enjoy free time to relax and take in the laid-back atmosphere along the Riviera. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Nice - Tour Ends

Depart for home with many wonderful memories of your journey through the Cote d'Azur, (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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### **DOUBLE**

s based on 25 October 2020 departure

February - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 9 February

★ 16, 23 February 15, 29 March

5. 19 April Itinerary featured is for September 2020 - April 2021 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

### September 2020 - April 2021

(featured itinerary) 13, 27 September 11, 25 October 1. 8 November 7 February

★ 14, 21 February 14, 21 March 11, 25 April

### SPECIAL EVENT



#### Nice Carnival

Enjoy the elaborate floats, flower parades and electric atmosphere of this exciting event on the French Riviera.

FEBRUARY 16 & 23, 2020; FEBRUARY 14 & 21, 2021

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



Great trip. Just enough of a mix between group touring and free time. 99

## SPAIN'S CLASSICS

10 DAYS · 14 MEALS FROM \$3349

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Madrid • Royal Palace • Toledo • Córdoba • Seville • Flamenco Show • Granada • The Alhambra • Valencia • Paella Experience • Barcelona • La Sagrada Família • Park Güell



- Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- In Córdoba, take a walking tour of the Mezquita, a religious marvel.



 Day 4 — Walk along the cobblestone streets of the Santa Cruz Quarter and Plaza de España with an expert guide or get a glimpse into the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 9 breakfasts 1 lunch 4 dinners
- Savour a "paella experience" including a paella-making demonstration and lunch.
- Enjoy local cuisine and regional wines at dinner.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 H10 Puerta de Alcalá, Madrid

Days 3, 4 Melilá Sevilla, Barceló Sevilla Renacimiento or Hesperia Sevilla, Seville

Day 5 Meliá Granada, Granada

Days 6, 7 SH Valencia Palace Hotel, Valencia

Days 8, 9 Hotel Colón, Evenia Rosselló or H10 Casanova, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Embark on a Spanish adventure as you take in medieval architecture, idyllic landscapes and delectable cuisine.

Day 1: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's lively capital and largest city. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Madrid - Toledo - Madrid

During a locally guided tour of Madrid's historic centre, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. An expert-led tour of the monumental 18th-century Royal Palace reveals lavish halls, banquet rooms, the throne room, royal armoury and the impressive courtyard. This afternoon, travel to Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. A comprehensive tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral and a visit to the Church of Santo Tomé to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz.* (B)

**Day 3:** Madrid - Cordoba - Seville Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. You may opt to take the AVE high-speed train to reduce travel time and increase leisure time in Cordoba.

Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour

of the Mezquita. This UNESCO site, an

architectural marvel built by the Moors in the 8th century as a magnificent mosque, was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Later, transfer to Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital." (B, D)

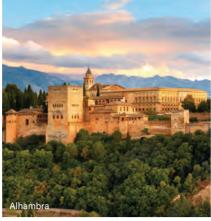
Day 4: Seville 😵

Decide how you see Seville today because it's your choice! Walk along the cobblestone streets of the Santa Cruz Quarter with an expert guide, admiring the white washed houses and aromatic orange trees before continuing to the stunning Plaza de España -OR- get a glimpse into the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River, gently drifting by timeworn bridges and towers. Later, visit the ornate Seville Cathedral (UNESCO), the largest gothic church in the world, and see Columbus' tomb and the Giralda Bell Tower. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B)

### Day 5: Seville - Granada

Travel along the peaceful Sierra Nevada to Granada, the last great capital of the









### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:

PRE OR POST NIGHT

1-2 NIGHTS

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



**UP TO 1 WEEK** 

STOPOVER

(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)

PRE: MADRID **POST: BARCELONA** CALL FOR DETAILS

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Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Upon arrival, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra (UNESCO), a stone fortress overlooking the entire city and serving as a mesmerising example of Islamic architecture. (B, D)

### Day 6: Granada - Valencia

Travel through Spain's amazing landscape, viewing rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive groves, while en route to the Mediterranean coast. Arrive in the city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture. surrounded by citrus groves. (B)

### Day 7: Valencia - Albufera -Valencia

See the City of Arts and Sciences: an ultramodern, multi-faceted educational institution, on your way to Valencia's historic old town where you will enjoy a walking tour guided by a local expert. View the ornate 14th-century Serranos Tower and imposing 15th-century Quart Tower; then arrive at the bustling central market, one of the largest in Europe, where you'll shop side-by-side with the locals before concluding your tour at the impressive 13th-century Gothic cathedral. Later, travel to Albufera, the area where paella cuisine originated. A paella experience

awaits you. Enjoy a boat ride on the canals surrounding rice field plantations, a visit to a traditional fisherman's home known as a barraca, a paella-making demonstration and an authentic paella lunch. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, L)

### Day 8: Valencia - Barcelona

Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Barcelona's fascinating boulevards including the famous Las Ramblas, dotted with colourful bird and flower stalls. (B)

### Day 9: Barcelona

Today, get an in-depth look at vibrant and lively Barcelona. Your panoramic tour showcases the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuic, Antoni Gaudi's UNESCO World Heritage sites including La Sagrada Família, Batllo House and the unconventional Casa Mila building with a guided visit to Parc Güell. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip to Spain! (B, D)

### Day 10: Barcelona - Tour Ends

You return home with vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

**DOUBLE** Starting at \$3349

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 6 December 2020 departure.

February - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 2, 23 February 8, 22 March 17, 19, 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, 17, 31 May 7, 21 June 19. 26 July 2, 23, 30 August

1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 27 September 4, 11, 18, 25 October

1, 3, 8, 29 November 6 December 7.28 February 7, 14, 21 March 11, 18, 20, 25 April

This trip requires a passport. This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Madrid and depart from Barcelona. Airport transfers are available for purchase. If the Alhambra Palace is not available, another top Spanish attraction will take its place. The walking tours of Toledo (day 2) and the Alhambra (day 5) are considered to be more strenuous in nature due to the uneven walkways, number of steps and some uphill walks that are required in order to see the historic sights.



Spain is a beautiful country with very friendly people. Our guide was outstanding. I would recommend this trip to everyone. 99

# SPAIN'S CLASSICS & PORTUGAL

13 DAYS · 18 MEALS FROM \$4449

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Lisbon • Jerónimos Monastery • Belém • Nazaré • Óbidos • Madrid • Royal Palace • Toledo • Córdoba • Seville • Flamenco Show • Granada • The Alhambra • Valencia • Paella Experience • Barcelona • La Sagrada Família • Park Güell



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Step back in time in Toledo, the former capital of the Spanish Empire.
- Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- Take in Portugal's stunning "Silver Coast."



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

 Day 7 — Walk along the cobblestone streets of the Santa Cruz Quarter and Plaza de España with an expert guide or get a glimpse into the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 12 breakfasts 1 lunch 5 dinners
- Savour a "paella experience" including a paella-making demonstration and lunch.
- Enjoy local cuisine and regional wines at dinner.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 3 Altis Grand Hotel, Lisbon

Days 4, 5 NH Collection Abascal,

Days 6, 7 Meliá Sevilla, Barceló Sevilla Renacimiento, Hesperia

Sevilla or NH Sevilla Plaza de Armas, Seville

Day 8 Barcelo Carmen, Granada

Days 9, 10 Eurostars Rey Don Jaime or SH Valencia Palace, Valencia

Days 11, 12 H10 Casanova or Hotel Colón, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Embark on an Iberian adventure as you take in medieval architecture, idyllic landscapes and delectable cuisine.

### Day 1: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Welcome to Portugal, where quaint farming villages and cork and olive tree plantations dot the landscape. Begin your journey in Lisbon, Portugal's vibrant capital city. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 2: Lisbon

A tour of Lisbon features the Moorish Alfama Quarter, Jerónimos Monastery (a UNESCO World Heritage site), the Monument to the Discoveries and the Tower of Belém (UNESCO). The afternoon is yours to enjoy. Or, perhaps you will join an optional tour of Portugal's Estoril Coast. (B)

Day 3: Lisbon - Nazaré - Óbidos - Lisbon Your day on Portugal's "Silver Coast" begins with the quaint seaside town of Nazaré, famous for its dramatic cliffs. Continue on to the charming medieval walled town of Óbidos. You will have free time to explore each town independently and take in their beauty. (B)

**Day 4:** Lisbon - Madrid, Spain
Depart Lisbon and cross the border into
Spain. Soak in the countryside before

arriving into Spain's capital city – Madrid. (R. D.)

Day 5: Madrid - Toledo - Madrid

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the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Córdoba in the city's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter, Later, transfer to Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital." (B, D)

#### Day 7: Seville 😯

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### Day 8: Seville - Granada

Travel along the peaceful Sierra Nevada to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Upon arrival, join a local expert for a tour of the worldfamous Alhambra (UNESCO), a

stone fortress overlooking the entire city and serving as a mesmerizing example of Islamic architecture. (B, D)

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### Day 11: Valencia - Barcelona

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### Day 12: Barcelona

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### Day 13: Barcelona - Tour Ends

You return home with vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** (1)(2)(3)(4)(5) SEE PAGE 207 FOR DETAILS Spain Portugal 2 Madrid 2 Valencia Lishor

### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:

### 1-2 NIGHTS

night stay

PRE OR POST NIGHT



PRE: LISBON **POST: BARCELONA** 

#### **UP TO 1 WEEK**

Mediterranean Sea

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#### DOUBLE **SOLO**

Starting at \$4449 Starting at \$5499

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5, 12 November

Prices based on 12 November 2020 departure

March - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 12, 26 March 16, 23, 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.

May 2020 - April 2021 (featured itinerary)

7.14, 21, 28 May 11, 25 June 9, 23 July 6, 13 August

25 February 4 18 March 8, 15, 29 April 3, 10, 13, 24 September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Lisbon and depart from Barcelona. Airport transfers are available for purchase. If the Alhambra Palace in Granada is not available, you will instead visit another top Spanish attraction. The walking tours of Toledo (day 5) and the Alhambra (day 8) are considered to be more strenuous in nature due to the uneven walkways, number of steps and some uphill walks that are required in order to see the historic sights.



### Our tour director was excellent. Very

knowledgeable about the history and culture of locations, and very attentive to the needs of participants. In the time we had, we saw and learned a great deal. 99

### SPAIN'S COSTA DEL SOL & THE PORTUGUESE RIVIERA

11 DAYS • 15 MEALS FROM \$3549

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Madrid • AVE High-Speed Train • Cordoba • Málaga • Costa del Sol • Granada • Alhambra • Ronda • Seville • Cascais • Lisbon • Sintra's National Palace



- Journey on the thrilling AVE highspeed train.
- Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita, a religious marvel.
- Travel to Ronda, one of Spain's loveliest and most historic towns.



 Day 3 — Delve into Madrid's artistic side during a panoramic tour and visit to the Prado Museum or take a walking tour of Madrid featuring sites of the Habsburg era.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- · 10 breakfasts 1 lunch 4 dinners
- Enjoy the fresh flavours of Málaga's coastal cuisine with a dinner in the Costa del Sol.
- Savour regional wines with every included dinner.



Days 1, 2 Hotel Riu Plaza España, Madrid

Days 3 - 5 NH Málaga, Málaga

Days 6, 7 Melia Sevilla, Seville

Days 8 - 10 Vila Gale Cascais Hotel, Cascais

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

During your stay at Vila Gale Cascais Hotel you can choose to upgrade your standard room to a seaview room. CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



### From bustling capital cities to peaceful stays on the Mediterranean coast, get a true taste of the Iberian Peninsula.

**Day 1:** Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins Enjoy a true taste of the Iberian Peninsula. Welcome to Madrid, Spain's dynamic

capital city. Tonight, enjoy a charming welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Madrid 😯

Today, it's your choice! Join a local expert who introduces you to Madrid's architectural treasures on a panoramic tour; then, explore the priceless masterpieces of the Prado Museum which boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya -OR- take a walking tour of Madrid featuring sites of the Habsburg era: discover the Puerta Del Sol, Plaza Mayor and the famous Andalusian Tavern "La Torre del Oro;" the Mercado San Miguel, the last remaining market constructed in forged iron; Arco de los Cuchilleros (the Arch of the Knifemakers); and Plaza de la Villa with its historic Baroque and Mudéjar-style buildings. The remainder of your day is at leisure or you may choose to purchase an optional tour to Toledo. (B)

### Day 3: Madrid - AVE High-Speed Train - Cordoba - Málaga

Sit back and enjoy stunning landscapes as you travel via AVE high-speed train to

the Moorish city of Cordoba. Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita (UNESCO World Heritage site). Originally built as a mosque, it was converted into the city's cathedral when the Christians conquered the region in 1236. Stroll through the streets of the historic Jewish Quarter. Continue on to Spain's Costa del Sol and enjoy a leisurely 3-night stay in beautiful southern Spain. (B, D)

### Day 4: Málaga

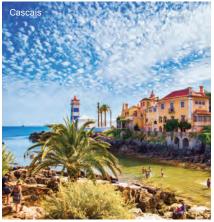
Today is yours! Enjoy time to relax and experience the beauty of coastal Andalusia. Or, you may choose to purchase an optional tour to Gibraltar. (B)

**Day 5:** Málaga - Granada - Málaga Take a day trip to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain. Travel past

capital of the Moors in Spain. Travel past rolling hills dotted with olive groves, capturing the country's classic beauty. Upon arrival, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra (UNESCO), a stone fortress overlooking the entire city and serving as a mesmerising example of Islamic architecture. (B)

**Day 6:** Málaga - Ronda - Seville Head to Ronda, a stunning historic town perched upon a cliff in Andalusia. Explore







## **Portugal** Spain

### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

Add more time to your trip with these options:



1-2 NIGHTS



**UP TO 1 WEEK** STOPOVER

(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)

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the old town full of twisting narrow streets, the 18th-century Puente Nuevo (New Bridge) over the El Tajo gorge, and La Alameda Park with its wonderful panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and mountains. Then, continue to Spain's "cultural capital" - Seville. (B, D)

### Day 7: Seville

In Seville, see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral (UNESCO), and Giralda Bell Tower, Take a walking tour of the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with its cascading bright flowers, whitewashed buildings and winding streets. Continue to Plaza de España and Maria Luisa Park one of the loveliest parks in all of Europe. Your afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps you will attend an optional tapas market tasting and flamenco show at one of Seville's most famous tablaos (flamenco club). (B)

### Day 8: Seville - Estremoz, Portugal - Cascais

Depart Spain and travel through the Portuguese countryside to Estremoz – a historic town whose marble can be found in Portuguese monuments throughout the country. Spend the morning exploring this hilltop town on your own before gathering for a lunch full of local flavours. Continue on to Cascais,

the picturesque resort town situated along the coast of the Portuguese Riviera. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 9: Cascais - Lisbon - Cascais Your journey takes you to Lisbon, Europe's second oldest capital city. Embark on a panoramic city tour that takes you through the postcardworthy streets of the Alfama District. Take a step into the past and tour the medieval St. Jorge Castle, the sprawling Jeronimos Monastery (UNESCO), and the seaside Belem Tower (UNESCO). The rest of the day is yours to explore independently. (B)

Day 10: Cascais - Sintra - Cascais Head to the town of Sintra (UNESCO), a favourite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Explore Sintra's National Palace and peruse speciality shops filled with Portuguese handicrafts. Enjoy leisure time to discover the storybook streets on your own. Travel back to Cascais and indulge in savoury Portuguese flavours at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Cascais - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B) DOUBLE Starting at \$3549 Starting at \$4699 **SOLO** 

Prices based on 26 February 2021 departure.

February - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 28 February 13, 27 March 3, 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, 19 June 17 July

6 November 26 February 12 19 March 4, 11, 18, 25 September 9, 16, 30 April 9, 23 October

This trip requires a passport. This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Madrid and depart from Lisbon. Due to tour scheduling, passengers should arrive no later than 4:00pm. All of our transfers will depart from Cascais to Lisbon airport (approximately a 40 minute drive). Airport transfers are available for purchase. On the rare occasion that the Alhambra Palace in Granada is not available, our quests will instead visit another top attraction.



This was our 3rd Collette trip, and we will be back again soon. Thoroughly enjoyed it! 5 Stars to our Tour Manager, he was great! 99

### SUNNY PORTUGAL

9 DAYS · 12 MEALS FROM \$2249

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Portuguese Riviera - Lisbon - Óbidos -Sintra - Arraiolos - Cork Factory - Évora - Alentejo - Lagos - Algarve - Faro -Tavira - Winery Visit - 5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites - Sagres



- Spend the night in Évora, known as the "Museum City of Portugal."
- Enjoy a leisurely three-night stay on the sunny coast of the Algarve.
- Admire the stunning Cape of St. Vincent, where 200-foot cliffs plunge into the ocean.



 Day 3 — Explore Sintra independently and wander through the winding streets or venture into the National Palace of Sintra.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 1 lunch 3 dinners
- Taste the wines of the Alentejo region during a winery tour.
- Savour the flavours of the Algarve with a tasting menu featuring local dishes, liquors and pastries.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 3 Hotel Vila Galé, Cascais

Day 4 Vitoria Stone Hotel, Évora

Days 5 - 7 Hotel Vila Galé Lagos,

Algarve

Day 8 Turim Marquês Hotel or Turim Avenida da Liberdade

Hotel, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# From the coastal capital of Lisbon to the sunny cliffs of the Algarve, venture along Portugal's stunning shoreline.

Day 1: Cascais, Portugal - Tour Begins
Ancient castles and Roman ruins,
groves of lemon and almond trees, quiet
whitewashed villages, and welcoming
locals - Portugal is waiting for you. Say
hello to the Portuguese Riviera, your home
for the next three nights. With mansions
scattered about Cascais and Monte Estoril
- all hinting at its history as a haven for
exiled European royals and nobility embrace the feeling of luxury. Tonight, join
your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner.
(D)

Day 2: Cascais - Lisbon - Cascais Embark on a panoramic Lisbon city tour and uncover the city's most famous sights. You'll see the Alfama District - Lisbon's oldest quarter - along with the Belém Tower (UNESCO World Heritage site), and the Monument to the Discoveries. Step into the past at the 16th-century Jerónimos Monastery (UNESCO) and Lisbon's Maritime Museum, which offers a glimpse into the country's naval achievements. Enjoy some time to discover the narrow cobblestone streets, meandering past seaside cafés or pausing to shop for ceramics, lace, and hand-woven works. You're on your own for the remainder of

the day. You may choose to join an optional experience to savour Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform traditional Fado (UNESCO). (B)

Day 3: Cascais - Óbidos - Sintra - Cascais ♥

Explore the picture-perfect city of Óbidos, where white-washed houses sit snug within medieval city walls. Continue on to Sintra (UNESCO), a breathtaking coastal hub that served as the summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Then, it's your choice! Explore this quaint hilltop village independently and wander through the winding streets lined with cork products and pastries -OR- venture into the National Palace of Sintra. (B)

Day 4: Cascais - Arraiolos - Évora Make your way through Portugal's charming countryside. Visit Arraiolos, known as the "village of rugs," and delve into the history and art of Portuguese tapestries. Visit a local cork factory, where you'll learn about the product's importance to the local economy and why Portugal is the world's top cork producer. Your journey then takes you to Évora (UNESCO) – the "Museum City of Portugal." In addition to









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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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Évora's 2nd-century Roman temple to Diana, this medieval walled city is also the home to the mysterious 16th-century Chapel of Bones. Indulge in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region during a winery tour and tasting. (B)

Day 5: Évora - Monsaraz - Lagos Journey to the stunning coasts of the Algarve – the southernmost region of Portugal. On the way, pause to take in the dramatic vistas from the village of Monsaraz. Then, explore the historic resort town of Lagos, where Moorish and Renaissance influences meet towering seaside cliffs. From this bustling port city, many celebrated voyagers began their explorations and it was the home to the first school of the navigators. Stroll through the fortress and historic buildings as you take in the surrounding views of the Atlantic. (B, D)

### Day 6: Lagos

The entire day is yours to experience the incomparable Algarve on your own. Geraniums, camellias, and oleanders grow alongside fig, orange, and almond trees, while brightly coloured fishing boats bob on the seas. Protected by hills to the north and warmed by the sea, the Algarve's mild climate

and beautiful beaches attract visitors from all over the world. (B)

Day 7: Lagos - Faro - Tavira - Lagos Journey to Faro, the gateway to the Ria Formosa lagoon landscape. Explore the city's historic centre and see the 9th-century Roman walls and its sought-after golden coastline. During lunch, discover the flavours of the region as a local chef highlights Algarve gastronomy during a cooking demonstration. Enjoy a tasting menu featuring iconic dishes of the region complete with local liquors and pastries. Continue to Tavira, an ancient Moorish city that blends traditional architecture with sandy beaches and a modern atmosphere. Return to Lagos for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 8: Lagos - Sagres - Lisbon Discover the secrets of the 16thcentury fortress at Sagres, home of Prince Henry's School of Navigation and the "compass rose." Stand in awe before the stunning Cape of St. Vincente, where 200-foot cliffs plunge into the Atlantic at the most southwesterly point of Europe. Bid Portugal goodbye during a dinner in Lisbon and celebrate the end of your unforgettable journey. (B, D)

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

**SOLO** 

DOUBLE Starting at \$2249 Starting at \$2849

Prices based on 2 December 2020 departure

February - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 19, 22, 26 February 4, 11, 14, 18, 28 March 15, 18, 22, 29 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, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24 May 3, 10, 17 June 8, 15 July 26 August 6, 9, 13, 16, 20 September 23, 27, 30 September 4, 7, 11, 14, 18 October

21, 25, 28 October 1, 4, 8, 11 November 15, 29 November 2. 6 December 27 January 3, 10, 17, 24 February 3, 10, 17, 21, 24 March 7, 14, 18, 21, 28 April

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Lisbon. Portugal airport. All transfers will depart from Lisbon airport for Cascais (approximately a 40 minute drive). Airport transfers are available for purchase



The tour guide was excellent and the local guides were engaging. The hotels were simply magnificent. It was just a great experience over all. 99

## PORTUGAL & ITS ISLANDS

13 DAYS · 18 MEALS FROM \$ 4139

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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Lisbon • Portuguese Riviera • Fado Dinner Show • Batalha • Óbidos • St. Michael Island-Azores • Ponta Delgada • Plantation Visits • Furnas Valley • Sete Cidades • Cooking Demonstration • Madeira Island • Monte • Botanical Garden • Espetada Dinner/Show • Cabo Girão



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Experience the beauty of Portugal's Riviera with visits to Cascais and Estoril.
- Discover the bountiful crops of the region at pineapple and tea plantations.
- Gaze upon the pristine twin lakes of Sete Cidades.



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

- Day 5 Stroll through the Terra Nostra Botanical Park or relax in the park's mineral rich thermal water pool.
- Day 7 Explore the interpretation centre at Sete Cidades or take a leisurely hike.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 11 breakfasts 1 lunch 6 dinners
- Experience a truly unique cozido das furnas lunch in Furnas Valley.
- Learn the secrets of Azorean cuisine with an interactive cooking demonstration.
- Celebrate your Madeiran adventure with entertainment and a traditional dinner known as an espetada.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

- Day 1 3 Eurostars Lisboa Parque, Lisbon
- Days 4 7 Azoris Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada, São Miguel,
- Days 8 10 Pestana Casino Park Hotel, Funchal, Madeira Island
- Day 11 Eurostars Lisboa Parque,

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Experience the best of Portugal as you explore its capital city, coastal villages, and remote islands.

### Day 1: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Your adventure opens in Lisbon. Experience medieval towns, coastal villages, and regional wines. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 2: Lisbon - Sintra - Cascais - Estoril - Lisbon

Set out on a tour of Lisbon featuring the Moorish Alfama Quarter, Jerónimos Monastery (UNESCO), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belém (UNESCO). Later, explore the town of Sintra (UNESCO), the summer residence of kings for six centuries. Enjoy a visit to the National Palace. Continue to the coastal resorts of Cascais and Estoril on the Portuguese Riviera. This evening, indulge in Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform the traditional Fado. (B, D)

### **Day 3:** Lisbon - Batalha - Nazaré - Óbidos - Lisbon

Travel to the "Silver Coast," a region of sleepy villages. Venture to Batalha to see the magnificent Batalha Monastery (UNESCO), built to commemorate the Portuguese victory over the Castilians in 1385. Experience Nazaré, a seaside community named for a small wooden statue of the Virgin Mary that arrived in the 4th century. Continue to picture-perfect Óbidos, where whitewashed houses are guarded by a hilltop castle. Return to Lisbon and enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

### **Day 4:** Lisbon - St. Michael, Azores - Ponta Delgada

Fly to St. Michael, the largest of the nine volcanic islands that form the Azores archipelago. A brief walking tour of Ponta Delgada highlights the Portas da Cidade (The City Gates), Saint Christ's Church, and the seashore promenade. Later, take in the beautiful vistas of the mystical Lagoa do Fogo, and visit a pineapple plantation, where an expert leads you through the farm's greenhouses. (B, D)

### Day 5: Ponta Delgada-Terra Nostra Botanical Park-Furnas Valley-Ponta Delgada **♥**

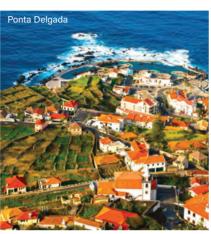
Today, it's your choice! Take a stroll through Terra Nostra Botanical Park, home to the world's largest collection of camellias -OR- relax in the park's mineral rich thermal water pool. In Furnas Valley, experience a cozido das furnas lunch in which meat and vegetables are stewed in the heat of the volcanic earth. Explore Caldeiras das Furnas, the town's famous hot springs area. Afterwards, head to a tea plantation where you will learn about methods of production. Delve into the art of hand-painted ceramics during a studio visit. (B, L)

#### Day 6: Ponta Delgada

The morning is yours to explore Ponta Delgada or perhaps take an optional tour...maybe you will choose to swim with dolphins, take a whale and dolphin watching boat trip, or kayak and hike







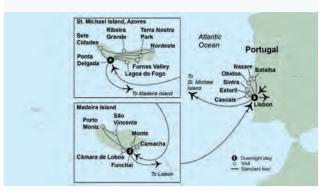
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POST NIGHT



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around Sete Cidades, Later. discover the secrets of Azorean cuisine during an interactive cooking demonstration at one of the island's most popular restaurants. (B, D)

### Day 7: Ponta Delgada-Sete Cidades-Ribeira Grande-

Nordeste-Ponta Delgada 👽 Gaze at the twin lakes of Sete Cidades, composed of two lakes inside a volcanic crater. From the edge of the crater, one lake appears blue (reflecting the sky) and the other looks green (reflecting the ground). At Sete Cidades, it's your choice! Explore the Sete Cidades Interpretation Centre -OR- take a leisurely hike inside the crater and admire the pristine Bay of Silence. Afterwards, journey to Ribeira Grande, known for its historic buildings. See City Hall, the Church of Our Lady, and the eight-arch bridge, a symbol of the town. Visit a family-owned liqueur shop to taste some of the local liqueurs. Continue to the highest part of the island, Nordeste. Here, explore the natural beauty and famous waterfalls of Ribeira dos Caldeiroes. (B)

### Day 8: Ponta Delgada - Funchal, Madeira - Monte - Funchal

Fly to Madeira. The "Pearl of the Atlantic." Visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its collection of plants from all continents. Stop in Monte, perched on the hills overlooking scenic Funchal. Discover Madeira's history during a panoramic tour of plazas, mansions, and the local market. Celebrate with a traditional dinner known as espetada. Folk dancers entertain as you feast on a favourite local dish cooked over an open fire. (B, D)

Day 9: Funchal - Câmara de Lobos -São Vicente - Porto Moniz - Funchal Begin your day with a visit to Câmara de Lobos, a traditional village and picture-perfect bay. Along mountain roads, pass banana plantations and vineyards while en route to the world's second-highest cliff, Cabo Girão. Stop in São Vicente, a charming agricultural town with dramatic views of the coast. In the lively fishing village of Porto Moniz, enjoy free time for a swim (weather permitting) in the natural volcanic pools. (B)

#### Day 10: Funchal - Camacha -Funchal

Set out on a winding trip through the mountains to Camacha and Pico do Arieiro, the island's third-highest point. Visit a family-owned embroidery shop and meet local artisans. Then, it's time to sample some world-famous Madeira wine. This afternoon you may choose to join a local guide on an exhilarating optional levada walk and follow the paths that run along the water channels that flow through the mountains. (B)

### Day 11: Funchal - Lisbon

Board your flight and return to Lisbon. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Later, bid adeus to Portugal during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Lisbon - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

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March - Aoril 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 21, 28 March 18, 25 April

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May 2020 - April 2021 (featured itinerary)

3, 24 May 7. 21 June 19 July 16 August 6, 13, 27 September 4, 18 October 1 November 14 21 March 8, 11, 18, 25 April

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Lisbon. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights are included in the land price of this tour. The levada walk is approximately 45 minutes on a flat surface.



Our tour guide was excellent. She was helpful with all situations that came up. 99

## SPAIN & MOROCCO

12 DAYS · 18 MEALS FROM \$3949

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Madrid • Córdoba • Granada's Royal Chapel • Seville • Paella Demonstration • Flamenco Show • Jerez de la Frontera • Sherry Tasting • Tangier • Chefchaouen • Fes • Rabat • Mausoleum of Mohammed V • Marrakech • El Bahia Palace • Koutoubia Mosque • Casablanca • Hassan II Mosque



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Embark on a walking tour of Córdoba's religious marvel, the Mezquita.
- Visit the final resting place of the Catholic Monarchs at the Royal Chapel of Granada.
- Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of the ancient Medina of Fes.



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

 Day 10 — Visit the Jardin Majorelle Botanical Gardens and the Berber Museum or visit the Yves Saint Laurent Museum.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 11 breakfasts 1 lunch 6 dinners
- Enjoy a tour and tasting of sherry at a bodega.
- Learn the secrets of paella in the region of Andalusia.
- Savor traditional Moroccan fare at a family run riad.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Riu Plaza Espana, Madrid
 Day 3 Barceló Carmen, Granada
 Days 4, 5 Eurostars Torre Sevilla, Seville

Day 6 Hilton Tanger City Center,

Tangier

Days 7, 8 Barceló Fès Medina, Fes

Days 9, 10 Radisson Blu Marrakech Carre Eden, Marrakech

Day 11 Mövenpick Hotel, Casablanca

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



### Make your way across two continents and discover a vivid tapestry of cultures, customs, and cuisines.

### Day 1: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Visit two continents and enjoy a true taste of Spain and Morocco's centuries. Welcome to Madrid, Spain's dynamic capital city. Gather with new friends tonight for an enjoyably charming welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Madrid

On a locally guided tour of Madrid's historic centre, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor. An expert-led tour of the monumental 18th-century Royal Palace reveals lavish halls, the royal armory, and the palace's impressive courtyard. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure or purchase an optional tour to magnificent Toledo, a 192 B.C. UNESCO site on the Tagus River. (B)

Day 3: Madrid - Córdoba - Granada

Travel to the Moorish city of Córdoba. Reduce travel time and increase leisure time in Córdoba when you choose to take the optional AVE high-speed train! On arrival, embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita (UNESCO). Originally built as a mosque, it was converted into the city's cathedral in 1236. Stroll the historic Jewish Quarter. Later, travel to Granada – the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. (B, D)

### Day 4: Granada - Seville

Join a local expert for a tour of Granada. Explore the city's main sights and enjoy a visit to the Royal Chapel. Take a short walk through the Albayzín neighbourhood, full of rich colour and the aroma of spices. Later, arrive in Seville, Spain's cultural capital. (B)

### **Day 5:** Seville - Paella Demonstration - Flamenco - Seville

Join a local expert and uncover the intriguing myths, stories and legends of Seville. Tour the Royal Alcázar (UNESCO) and walk through its beautifully decorated courtyards featuring columns and exquisite plasterwork. Then, stroll the sprawling and colourful Alcázar grounds to find one glorious garden after another. Next, see the Giralda Bell Tower and the majestic Seville Cathedral (UNESCO). Continue on to the winding narrow streets, quaint courtyards, bright flowers, and whitewashed buildings of Barrio Santa Cruz, the old Jewish Quarter of Seville. At a local restaurant this evening, learn the secrets of paella. Then, take your reserved seats for an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B, D)



### Day 6: Seville - Jerez de la Frontera - Tarifa - Tangier, Morocco

Depart Seville and journey to Spain's sherry region. Stop at a bodega in Jerez de la Frontera for a tour and tasting before sitting down for locally-curated tapas. After lunch, head to Tarifa and board the high speed ferry to the incredible continent of Africa! A short ride across the Strait of Gibraltar brings you to Morocco and the city of Tangier, Enjoy a free evening to explore this revitalized seaside city. Take a stroll along the oceanfront promenade, visit the new marina, do some shopping in the Medina, or simply enjoy the views from any one of the city's many restaurants. (B, L)

### Day 7: Tangier - Chefchaouen - Fes

Journey from Tangier to Chefchaouen - the "Blue City" of Morocco. Take in the beauty of the surrounding mountains, enhanced by the contrast of the brightly painted Medina. Enjoy free time to explore the famous indigo-blue streets of this small town and stop in one of the many handicraft shops that are known for the wool garments and woven blankets that are unique to this region. This afternoon, arrive in Fes (UNESCO). The "Mecca of the West," Fes has retained its position as a religious capital of the region. This evening,

dine at a family run riad in the Medina and taste traditional Moroccan delights, the recipes of which have been passed down from generation to generation. (B, D)

### Dav 8: Fes

Discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn of its historical importance as a centre of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion during a fascinating panoramic tour that includes the Medersa Bou Inania, built in 1325, See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the Palace. Then, set out on a walking tour in the Medina. Founded in the 9th century, it is home to the world's oldest continuously functioning university. Amid the cobbled alleyways of this ancient market, you'll find donkeys and mules laden with goods walking alongside buyers. Spend time at the famous leather tanneries that date back to the 11th century and are considered to be among the oldest tanneries in the world. View the honeycomb of vats exploding in brilliant colours. (B)

### This morning, it's off to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, where you'll visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and explore the Oudaya Kasbah. This

Day 9: Fes - Rabat - Marrakech

evening, arrive in the exotic city of Marrakech. Choose to explore the city by night during an optional excursion to Jemaa el-Fna, Marrakech's main square, complete with a horse and carriage ride and a unique fusion dining experience. (B)

### Day 10: Marrakech 😵

Explore Marrakech and its ancient El Bahia Palace where you will find a sentry of nesting storks standing guard. Visit the vibrant and historic Jewish Mellah and see the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque. Pass by the Royal Palace during a tour of the ancient city wall. Enter the 11thcentury walled Medina and enjoy time to mingle with locals and artisans as you shop at the ancient market. Then, it's your choice! Visit one of the most beautiful botanical gardens in Morocco, Jardin Majorelle, before venturing to the Berber Museum -OR- visit the Yves Saint Laurent Museum - a showcase of art, fashion, and design by the iconic Algerian designer. Tonight, an unforgettable dining experience awaits you behind the doors of an opulent palace. (B, D)

### Day 11: Marrakech - Casablanca

This morning, venture to Casablanca and tour the Hassan II Mosque, a stunning and impressive high-tech architectural masterpiece. See the city by night on your drive along the seashore to your farewell dinner at Rick's Café, the legendary saloon from the film Casablanca. (B, D)

Day 12: Casablanca - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL









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PRE OR POST NIGHT



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**DOUBLE** Starting at \$3949

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March - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 15, 29 March

19, 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, 31 May

1 November 7 June 28 February 6, 20, 27 September 7.14 March 11. 18 April 4, 18 October

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Madrid and depart from Casablanca. Airport transfers are available for purchase. At times, without advance notice, the Royal Palace in Madrid may be closed due to official government business. When this happens. the Royal Palace will be substituted with a visit to the Prado Museum or the Modern Art Museum. Should the Royal Alcázar of Seville close for a government function, it will be replaced with a visit to the Seville Cathedral.

# DISCOVER CROATIA, SLOVENIA AND THE ADRIATIC COAST

11 DAYS · 16 MEALS FROM \$3249

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Dubrovnik • Čilipi Family-Style Dinner •
Split • Diocletian's Palace • Plitvice Lakes
National Park • Opatija • Istrian Peninsula
• Farm-to-Table Dinner • Ljubljana • Lake
Bled • Pletna Boat Ride • Zagreb



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Visit Dubrovnik's Franciscan Monastery, where Europe's oldest pharmacy lies.
- Stroll through Split and see the famous Diocletian's Palace.
- Experience old-world charm with a Pletna boat ride to the picturesque island in the centre of Lake Bled.



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

Day 2 — Join a local expert in Dubrovnik's Old Town harbour for a cruise followed by a visit to Lokrum Island or access the walls that contain the old city of Dubrovnik.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 10 breakfasts 6 dinners
- Visit a local family for dinner in the Konavle region outside Dubrovnik.
- Sample farm-to-table delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula during dinner at a local restaurant.



### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 3 Valamar Lacroma Resort,

Dubrovnik

Day 4 Atrium Hotel, Split

Day 5 Lyra Hotel, Plitvice

Days 6, 7 Grand Hotel 4, Opatija

Days 8, 9 Hotel Lev or Austria Trend

Hotel, Ljubljana

Day 10 Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



### Dive into centuries of Croatian history as you explore its medieval cities, tranquil lakes, and quaint local villages.

Day 1: Dubrovnik, Croatia - Tour Begins Explore Croatia and the countries of the Adriatic, a "must see" region filled with ancient cities, medieval architecture, intriguing cultures, rolling hills and stunning coastal scenery. Your tour begins in the medieval city of Dubrovnik. Get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome

dinner this evening. (D) **Day 2:** Dubrovnik

Join a local guide on a tour of "Old

Dubrovnik," a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, where Europe's oldest pharmacy resides, and see Dubrovnik's many historical sites, from Rector's Palace to the City Walls. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Join a local expert in Dubrovnik's Old Town harbour for a cruise with magnificent views of the medieval city walls before visiting nearby Lokrum Island where you can swim, marvel at exotic plants or take a walk with peacocks **-OR-** receive a ticket to access the walls that contain the old city of

Dubrovnik and gain a different perspective

on this remarkable place with leisure time to explore the city. This evening, travel to Čilipi in the culturally-rich Konavle region, where you'll be welcomed for dinner at a family-owned restaurant. Visit with the family and learn about life in the Croatian heartland as you sample regional wines. At dinner, servers introduce you to a culinary feast, prepared in the way of their ancestors. (B, D)

### Day 3: Dubrovnik

Spend today at leisure. Relax or independently explore the marble streets and beautiful baroque buildings of Dubrovnik's breathtaking Old Town. Or, perhaps you'll embark on an optional culinary excursion where you will journey along the Pelješac Peninsula and sample local wines paired with fresh oysters plucked from the sea. (B)

### Day 4: Dubrovnik - Split

Savour stunning sea views as you travel up the winding coastal road, hugging the sheer cliffs that drop dramatically into the



aquamarine of the Adriatic Sea. Enjoy a stop in a quaint village in the Croatian countryside. You will have time to taste some of the local specialities and perhaps take a walk through the village square. Upon arrival in Split, set out on a walking tour featuring the impressive Diocletian's Palace (UNESCO), one of the most significant late-Roman historical monuments, and also see the peristyle of the palace and the Temple of Jupiter. (B, D)

### Day 5: Split - Plitvice Lakes

Enjoy a relaxing morning at leisure. You might consider an optional trip to Trogir, a city of medieval walls, towering cathedrals, and captivating Venetian architecture. This afternoon, travel to Plitvice Lakes, one of the oldest, largest, and most beautiful national parks in Croatia. Inspiring scenery is one of the wonders you'll experience at this designated UNESCO World Heritage site. (B, D)

### Day 6: Plitvice Lakes - Opatija

Travel among the park's dense forests and 16 terraced lakes, where waterfalls and free-flowing cascades connect one lake to the other. Enjoy a short cruise that takes you into the heart of this natural wonder that extends over 73,000 acres. From the forest landscapes of Plitvice Lakes, travel this afternoon to the seaside resort of Opatija, known as "Croatia's Riviera." This fashionable region was once the summer retreat for Roman Caesars and Habsburg Monarchs. Get acquainted with this coastal town on a brief walking tour. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

### Day 7: Opatija - Istrian Peninsula -Opatiia

Discover the richness of the Istrian Peninsula with its Italian and Croatian influences. Pay a visit to a local distillery, where the owners use regional plants, fruits, and herbs to produce brandies, snacks and other treats. Discover a picture-perfect example of a rural Croatian town, In the late afternoon, a delightful farmto-table dinner at a local restaurant lets you sample the regional wines and culinary delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula. (B, D)

### Day 8: Opatija - Ljubljana, Slovenia

Travel into picturesque Slovenia, arriving in Ljubljana, a capital city in the midst of a cultural renaissance. Upon your arrival, meet a local expert who introduces you to this quaint town, nestled gently along the banks of the river. Your tour includes the impressive City Hall and a visit to the magnificent Cathedral of St. Nicholas. The evening is yours to relax and explore the city. (B)

### Day 9: Ljubljana - Lake Bled -Ljubljana

Surround yourself with the tranquility of Lake Bled. You'll experience the old-world charm that comes with taking a Pletna boat to the picturesque island in the centre. Spend time exploring the 17thcentury cathedral, St. Mary's Church, and the "wishing bell." Enjoy some time to stroll the quiet paths of this lakeside community at your own pace. (B)

### Day 10: Ljubljana - Zagreb, Croatia Today we travel to Zagreb, the capital

of Croatia. Embark on a tour of this fascinating city that has marked the intersection of Eastern and Central Europe for more than 1000 years. After free time this afternoon for independent exploration, celebrate the end of an unforgettable trip with dinner at one of the oldest restaurants in Zagreb. (B, D)

### Day 11: Zagreb - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close in Zagreb this morning. (B)

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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#### Add more time to your trip with these options:

1-2 NIGHTS

POST NIGHT



2 NIGHTS

EXTENSION



MONTENEGRO **POST: ZAGREB** SEE PAGE 203 FOR DETAILS

**EVEN MORE TIME?** Combine Discover Croatia, Slovenia and the Adriatic Coast with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

#### DOUBLE **SOLO**

Starting at \$3249 Starting at \$3899

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 23 February 2021 departure

January - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 28 January 25 February 10, 17, 24, 27 March 10, 16, 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) 1, 8, 15, 22, 28, 29 May 5, 12, 19, 26 June 10, 17, 24, 31 July 7.14.21.28 August 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 September 19, 24, 25 September

2, 6, 13, 20, 27 October 3, 4, 10 November 1 December 26 January 23 February 9, 16, 17, 23 March 9, 15, 16, 23, 30 April

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Dubrovnik and depart from Zagreb. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Based on return flight options, an early morning departure from the hotel may be required on the last day. Departures 6 October through 24 March will begin in Opatija and end in Zagreb. For these dates our air passengers will fly into Zagreb. The routing will vary, and the Montenegro pre-extension is not offered on these dates. Please confirm at time of reservation.



First class experience. Hotels were quality, food was great, tours very informative. Best of all, a very nice pace; with enough time to relax and still get a lot done. 99

## CROATIA & ITS ISLANDS

11 DAYS · 19 MEALS FROM \$4049

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Zagreb • Stone Gate • Šibenik •
Cathedral of St. James • Krka National
Park • Split • 7-night Adriatic Cruise •
Diocletian's Palace • Trogir • Bol • Hvar •
Biševo Blue Cave • Vis • Korcula • Mljet
National Park • Slano • Dubrovnik



- Stand before the breathtaking waterfalls in Krka National Park.
- Partake in traditional Croatian entertainment.
- Explore the Old City of Dubrovnik with a local expert.



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

 Day 4 — Visit Split's Archaeological Museum and see a diverse range of artifacts or visit the Meštrovic Gallery and admire works by sculptor Ivan Meštrovic.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 10 breakfasts 6 lunches 3 dinners
- Dine on Continental and Istrian cuisine at a favourite local restaurant in Zagreb.
- Enjoy traditional Dalmatian delicacies prepared according to ancient recipes.
- Experience a Captain's welcome dinner upon arrival in Split.



### ACCOMMODATION

Day 1

Sheraton Hotel

or The Westin Hotel, Zagreb

Days 2, 3

Amadria Park Hotel Ivan,

Sibenik

Days 4 - 10 MS San Spirito

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# From medieval architecture to ethereal waterfalls, coast along the sparkling Adriatic Sea and experience the best of Croatia.

**Day 1:** Zagreb, Croatia - Tour Begins Welcome to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia! Settle into your hotel amidst the vibrant cafes and cobblestone streets before meeting your fellow travellers over dinner featuring Istrian cuisine. (D)

### Day 2: Zagreb - Šibenik

Step right into the history and culture of everyday life in Zagreb as you tour the city with a local guide. Become acquainted with the city as you see the main sights of the capital, including the Croatian National Theatre and Opera House, the Croatian Parliament building, the illustrious Zagreb Cathedral, and the legendary Stone Gate. Then, it's off to Šibenik! Make the most of your free evening and get to know this Dalmatian town's historic architecture and striking coastline. (B)

### **Day 3:** Šibenik - Krka National Park - Šibenik

Set off on a walking tour through the ancient alleyways and roads of Šibenik where you'll get a chance to see the Cathedral of St. James, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Then, venture to the breathtaking Krka National Park, where waterfalls tumble through dramatic gorges. Meander along the trails that surround

the falls before embarking on a boat ride that takes you along the river to Skradin. Tonight, embrace the culture of Croatia and become captivated by authentic traditional entertainment with dinner. (B, D)

Day 4: Šibenik - Split - Board Ship 😵 Your adventure continues in Split! Discover Split, one of the oldest cities in this historic region. In this bustling port, explore Diocletian's Palace, the city's famous ancient fortress. One of Croatia's UNESCO World Heritage sites, Emperor Diocletian chose the palace to be his retirement home because of the incomparable beauty of Split. A guided tour takes you through the mysterious passageways and into the lower levels of this massive structure. Then, it's your choice! Visit the oldest museum institution in Croatia, Split's Archaeological Museum, founded in 1820; marvel at a diverse range of artefacts from the Paleolithic to the Iron Age -ORadmire the works of 20th-century sculptor Ivan Meštrovic during a guided tour. The Meštrovic Gallery features an array of the artist's creations including sculptures, drawings and architecture. The museum itself is considered an art monument. In this classical city, you'll board the 4-star MS San Spirito this afternoon. Settle into your new



home for the next seven nights and revel in all of the luxuries of a small cruise ship. Later, relax onboard before experiencing a Captain's welcome dinner. Enjoy your meal accompanied by live Klapa music, the traditional Croatian style of singing. (B, D)

### Day 5: Split - Trogir

Enjoy a morning at leisure to discover Split on your own. Then it's off to Trogir, a coastal gem renowned for its picturesque Venetian architecture. Stop for a quick swim along the way before arriving in this charming town. Admire the striking stone houses and towering cathedral as you tour the city with a guide. (B, L)

### Day 6: Trogir - Bol - Hvar

Start your day in the town of Bol. located on the picturesque island of Brac. With free time this morning, perhaps you'll choose to swim along the shore of the "Golden Cape," known to be one of the most popular beaches in Croatia. Return to the ship for lunch, then cruise to the sunny island of Hvar. Along the way, you'll coast by quaint coves and bays tucked along the Adriatic Sea. Upon arrival in Hvar, get acquainted with the area when a local guide introduces you to the history, culture, and lifestyle of the city. Discover how lavender was

traditionally grown in the region for centuries and take a closer look at the custom. Enjoy an evening at leisure and perhaps you'll dine in one of the many local, family-owned restaurants that Hvar is known for. (B, L)

### Day 7: Hvar - Biševo - Vis

Embark on a morning cruise to the island of Biševo. This island is home to the Blue Cave, a stunning grotto with a luminous blue glow. Cruise on to Vis, a small island practically untouched by tourism and overflowing with Renaissance architecture and beautiful beaches. With free time this afternoon, relax onboard the ship or choose to go on an optional tour of the island ending with a farm-to-table dinner. (B, L)

### Day 8: Vis - Korcula

This morning, it's on to Korcula, debated home to one of the world's most famous explorers: Marco Polo. Decide for yourself if he was born in Korcula or Venice as you tour his alleged home and take in the fantastic sea views from its tower. Join a local guide and make your way along the narrow stone streets while you wander among the medieval buildings and vibrant houses in the town known as "Little Dubrovnik." Enjoy the afternoon and evening at leisure to discover the charms of this age-old city. (B, L)

### Day 9: Korcula - Mljet National Park - Slano

This morning, arrive in Mljet National Park. Stroll around the Large and Small lakes before exploring the Islet of St. Mary, home to a Benedictine Monastery from the 12th century. Don't miss out on a chance to take a swim in the strikingly blue waters. Then, your journey continues to Slano, a port city just outside of Dubrovnik. Your afternoon and evening are at leisure...consider an optional excursion to Ston, a nearby fortified city known for its decadent oysters and seafood. (B, L)

### Day 10: Slano - Dubrovnik

This morning, cruise past the Elaphiti Islands and be welcomed into Dubrovnik. You'll see why the city is called the "Pearl of the Adriatic" when you take in the medieval stone walls, iconic Baroque rooftops, and winding cobblestone streets. Embrace the unspeakable feeling that you've stepped into another time as you explore the Old City with a local guide. Enjoy outstanding views of the city during your farewell lunch onboard. With free time in the evening, perhaps you'll visit the famous City Walls or ride a cable car to the top of the Mount Srd for awe-inspiring views of Dubrovnik. (B, L)

### Day 11: Dubrovnik - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Croatia as your tour of the Adriatic Coast comes to a close today. (B)

#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

### Add more time to your trip with these options:

#### 2 NIGHTS

EXTENSION



### DUBROVNIK

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**DOUBLE** Starting at \$4049 Starting at \$6399 Land only, per person double occupancy.

Prices based on 29 April 2020 departure

April - October 2020 29 April 9, 13, 23, 27 May 6, 24 June 4, 22 July 1, 19, 29 August

16, 26, 30 September

10 October

Staterooms (starting at) Standard Deck Main Deck

Double Solo \$4049 \$6399 \$4699 \$7699

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Zagreb and depart from Dubrovnik. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Both the boat ride to Skradin and the Blue Cave operate on a weather-permitting basis and depending on water conditions. Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Embarkation on day 4 is after 1:00 p.m. On the last day, disembarkation is no later than 10:00 a.m. Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at time of booking. If the cabin category preferred is not available, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.

# EXPLORING GREECE AND ITS ISLANDS

14 DAYS • 22 MEALS FROM \$5114

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Athens • Taverna Dinner Show •
Metéora • Delphi • Olympia • Greek
Farm Visit • Cooking Class • Greek Dance
Class • Mycenae • Nafplio • Mykonos •
Santorini • Ancient Akrotiri



- Come to know two breathtaking Byzantine monasteries in Metéora, built over 600 years ago.
- Experience the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts.
- Broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek music with a delightful Greek dance class.



 Day 2 — Take a comprehensive tour of the Acropolis or embark on a walking tour of some of Athens's hidden gems, including the Temple of Hephaestus.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 13 breakfasts 1 lunch 8 dinners
- Feast on local food and wine at a traditional *taverna*.
- Partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch.
- Sample the finest wines in Greece during a winery tour in Santorini.



Days 1, 2 Crowne Plaza City Center or Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

Day 3 Grand Hotel Meteora, Kalambaka

Day 4 Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort, Arachova

Days 5, 6 Europa Hotel or Amalia Hotel, Olympia

Day 7 Nafplia Palace Hotel & Villas, Amphitryon Hotel or Amalia Hotel, Nafplio

Days 8, 9 San Marco Hotel, Mykonos

Days 10 - 12 Aegean Plaza, Costa Grand
Hotel, Santorini Palace or El
Greco Resort, Santorini

Day 13 Crowne Plaza City Center or Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece and bask in the brilliance of the Mediterranean.

Day 1: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins
Discover the beauty and timeless wonder
found only in Greece. Your tour begins in
the capital city of Athens. This evening,
join your fellow travellers for a welcome
dinner in Athens' historic Plaka district.
In a traditional taverna, feast on local
cuisine and wine while enjoying Greek
entertainment. (D)

Day 2: Athens 😯

Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, it's your choice! Choose a comprehensive tour of the incredible Acropolis -OR- embark on a walking tour of some of the city's hidden gems, including Pnyx – where democracy was formed in Greece – and the Temple of Hephaestus. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

**Day 3:** Athens - Thermopylae - Metéora - Kalambaka

Travel north through central Greece to

Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending the city against the Persians. Arrive in Metéora and visit two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. End your day at a family-owned *taverna* where you will savour a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

Day 4: Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova
This morning, visit a local studio to
see painters at work creating beautiful
Byzantine icons. Continue to the ancient
city of Delphi, one of Greece's most
important religious centres during Classical
times. A local expert guides you on a
visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric
Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi
Museum with its priceless collection of
ancient artefacts. It was here that the
famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the
destiny of Man. Continue on to charming



Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

### Day 5: Arachova - Olympia

Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilisation. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. (B, D)

### Day 6: Olympia

Your guided visit to ancient Olympia includes a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium - where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. - and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch. This evening, broaden vour knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances with a delightful Greek dance class. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Olympia - Mycenae -

Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arcadian Mountains en route to the ancient city of Mycenae for a guided visit of the excavations featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate. Your day ends in the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio. (B)

Day 8: Nafplio - Athens - Mykonos This morning, transfer to the port of Athens for the high-speed ferry ride to Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands. Enjoy magnificent views as you cruise across the brilliant Aegean Sea to this island paradise. (B, D)

### Day 9: Mykonos

Enjoy a relaxing day to independently explore the charms of Mykonos. Don't miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. (B)

Day 10: Mykonos - Santorini Cruise to the most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean. the fabled island of Santorini. (B, D)

Day 11: Santorini - Oia - Santorini Begin your day with a visit to the excavation site of ancient Akrotiri, the most important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. Known as the "Minoan Pompeii," the flourishing town was at once destroyed and preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1450 B.C. Next, travel through a fascinating landscape of vineyards, whitewashed chapels and volcanic cliffs to the spectacular town of Oia, where the best views of the crater are found. End your day with a visit to a local winery that produces the unique and famous wines of Santorini. (B)

### Day 12: Santorini

Your day is at leisure to relax or independently explore Santorini, considered one of the most stunning landscapes in the world. Shop in Thira's charming town centre, take in the breathtaking scenery, visit a local museum or simply enjoy the amenities of your hotel. (B)

### Day 13: Santorini - Athens

Bid farewell to the Greek Islands and fly back to Athens for your overnight stay. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece with a delightful farewell dinner. (B, D)

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

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE OR POST NIGHT



EXTENSION

3+ NIGHTS



PRE OR POST: **ATHENS** 

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**ISTANBUL** 

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#### **DOUBLE** SOLO

Starting at \$5114 Starting at \$6264

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 19 October 2020 departure

March - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 30 March 3, 6, 17, 27 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) 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 29 May 1, 5, 8, 30 June 10. 28 July 25, 28 August

4, 8, 11, 14, 15 September

18, 21, 25, 28 September

2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19 October 29 March 2, 9, 12, 13 April 16, 26, 29 April

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Athens. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are included in the land price of your tour. Many activities in this itinerary include walking on uneven terrain, or require significant walking at times. 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 tour. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.



It was the third time I used Collette, this was a good trip. An excellent tour guide and great group. Collette always has you stay on wonderful places and it did that again. Best tour guide I've ever had. 99

## CLASSICAL GREECE

9 DAYS · 15 MEALS FROM \$2849

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Athens • Taverna Dinner Show • Metéora • Delphi • Olympia • Greek Farm Visit • Greek Dance Class • Cooking Class • Mycenae • Nafplio



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Come to know two breathtaking Byzantine monasteries in Metéora, built over 600 years ago.
- Experience the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artefacts.
- Broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek music with a delightful Greek dance class.



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

 Day 2 — Take a comprehensive tour of the Acropolis or embark on a walking tour of some of Athens' hidden gems, including the Temple of Hephaestus.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 1 lunch 6 dinners
- Feast on local food and wine at a traditional taverna.
- Partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch.



Day 7

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Crowne Plaza City Center,

Day 3 Grand Hotel Metéora,

Kalambaka

Day 4 Domotel Anemolia Mountain

Resort, Arachova

Days 5, 6 Europa Hotel, Olympia

Amphitryon Hotel or Amalia

Hotel, Nafplio

Day 8 Crowne Plaza City Center,

Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece in their tranquil Mediterranean settings.

**Day 1:** Athens, Greece - Tour Begins
Discover the beauty and timeless wonder
found only in Greece. This fascinating

tour of Greece begins with an overnight flight. Your tour begins in the capital city of Athens. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in Athens' historic Plaka district. In a traditional taverna, feast on local cuisine and wine while enjoying Greek entertainment. (D)

### Day 2: Athens 😯

Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, it's your choice! Choose a comprehensive tour of the incredible Acropolis -OR- embark on a walking tour of some of the city's hidden gems, including Pnyx – where democracy was formed in Greece – and the Temple of Hephaestus. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

### **Day 3:** Athens - Thermopylae - Metéora - Kalambaka

Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending the city against the Persians. Arrive in Metéora and enjoy guided tours of two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. End your day at a family-owned *taverna* and savour a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

### Day 4: Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova

This morning, visit a local studio to see painters at work creating beautiful Byzantine icons. Continue to the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centres during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric









### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

PRE OR POST NIGHT



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Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artefacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of mankind. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

### Day 5: Arachova - Olympia

Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilization. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances at a delightful Greek dance class. (B, D)

### Day 6: Olympia

Your guided visit to ancient Olympia includes a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium -

where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. - and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch. (B, L D)

#### Day 7: Olympia - Mycenae - Nafplio

Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains en route to the ancient city of Mycenae for a guided visit of the excavations featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate. Your day ends in the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio. (B)

### Day 8: Nafplio - Athens

This morning, enjoy free time to further explore Nafplio before heading back to Athens. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece with a delightful farewell dinner. (B, D)

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

**DOUBLE** SOLO

Starting at \$2849 Starting at \$3499

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on 8 February 2021 departure

January - March 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 20 January 3, 17, 24 February 2, 16, 23 March

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

November 2020 - March 2021 (featured itinerary)

2, 9, 30 November 8, 15, 22 February 1, 8, 15 March 7 December 25 January

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# GREECE ISLAND HOPPER

10 DAYS • 13 MEALS FROM \$3864

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Athens • Taverna Dinner Show • Acropolis • Mykonos • Santorini Island Tour • Ancient Akrotiri • Oia

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Join a local expert in Athens and explore the city's world-renowned sites.
- Enjoy 3 days at leisure in Mykonos, the whitewashed island in the Aegean Sea.
- Take a peek into the 15th century BC at the excavation site of Akrotiri.



- 9 breakfasts 4 dinners
- Indulge in local food and wine accompanied by traditional music.
- Sample the finest wines in Greece during a winery tour in Santorini.



Days 1, 2 Crowne Plaza City Center, Holiday Inn Attica or Airotel Stratos Vassilikos, Athens

Days 3 - 5 San Marco Hotel, Mykonos

Days 6 - 8 Aegean Plaza, Costa Grand, Santorini Palace or El Greco, Santorini

Day 9 Crowne Plaza City Center, Holiday Inn Attica, Airotel Stratos Vassilikos, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# In Greece, discover a place where age-old legends and monuments intertwine with warm sunshine and island-style living.

### Day 1: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

You're on your way to Greece – where Mediterranean sunshine and bright blue waters meet eons of creative ingenuity and an everlasting legacy. Feel the energy of the past and allow the ocean breeze to ruffle your hair – this is the picture-perfect getaway you've always dreamt of. Begin your journey in Athens, the immortalised capital of Greece. Meet your fellow travellers at a local *taverna* in the city's historic district, indulging in local cuisine and wine with traditional Greek entertainment. (D)

#### Day 2: Athens

See the best of Athens with a local expert who highlights the city's ancient roots on a comprehensive panoramic tour. Make your way along the world-renowned monuments, including the towering Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Olympic

Stadium. Step into the past on a tour of the legendary Acropolis, an ancient complex housing a collection of temples. Admire the breathtaking view of the city below and discover the country's beloved icon: the illustrious Parthenon. Make the most of an evening at leisure. Perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of this capital city. (B)

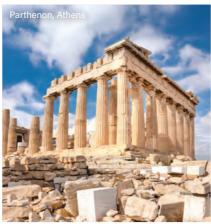
### Day 3: Athens - Mykonos

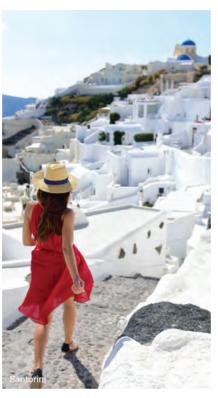
Start your day aboard a sleek, high-speed boat ride to Mykonos, an island paradise surrounded by the crystal-clear Aegean Sea. From sandy beaches and seaside cafes to street musicians and a neverending nightlife scene, Mykonos offers limitless opportunities to kick back and enjoy the island's irresistible lifestyle. (B, D)

### Day 4: Mykonos

The day is yours! Take time to explore on your own and discover this trendy destination however you'd like. (B)







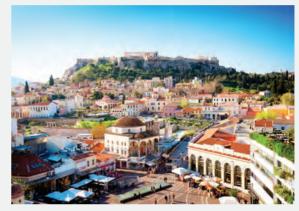


#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE OR POST NIGHT



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#### Day 5: Mykonos

Enjoy another day at leisure. Perhaps you will head down to the beach to soak up some sun, sip a cup of coffee on the waterfront promenade, or explore the town's winding streets as you weave in and out of whitewashed buildings. (B)

#### Day 6: Mykonos - Santorini

Your journey continues to Santorini, the Eden-like island where bluedomed rooftops and gentle ocean waves complement the bright white buildings and rocky hillsides. A picturesque landscape and iconic destination, Santorini's charms reveal themselves during your 3-night stay. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Santorini - Oia - Santorini

Uncover the past at Akrotiri, an ancient city buried and preserved in volcanic ash that is commonly referred to as the "Minoan Pompeii." Take a peek into the 15th century BC and explore the town. Head through a landscape of vineyards and volcanic cliffs to Oia, a

seaside village with the island's best viewpoints. End the day with a visit to a local winery and enjoy the famous wines of Santorini. (B)

#### Day 8: Santorini

Make the most of a day at leisure. Relax, shop in the island's charming town centre, or even visit a local museum. (B)

#### Day 9: Santorini - Athens

Depart the islands and fly back to Athens for your final night in Greece. Toast to the end of your sun-filled getaway at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Athens - Tour Ends

Wish the Mediterranean goodbye as your tour draws to a close today. (B)

**DOUBLE** 

and only, per person, double occupancy.

May 2020 - April 2021

2, 9, 16, 23 May 13, 27 June 11 July

22 August 5, 11, 12, 18 September 19, 26 September

3, 10, 17, 24 October 18, 21, 24, 27 April

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Athens. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flight is included in the land price.

### EXPLORING THE ALPINE COUNTRIES

12 DAYS · 16 MEALS FROM \$4199

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Vienna • Danube Cruise • Salzburg •
Mozart Dinner Concert at St. Peter's
Stiftskeller • Munich • Oberammergau
• Meet a Passion Play Performer •
Innsbruck • Bavarian Castles •
Black Forest • Château de Chillon •
Zermatt • Lucerne

### **OULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Take a lovely cruise along the Danube River.
- Make a stop at the impressive Benedictine Melk Abbey.
- Meet a Passion Play performer in Oberammergau.



 Day 6 — Walk through the charming streets of Innsbruck on a locally guided tour or visit the Museum of Tyrolean Regional Heritage and see traditional costumes and handicrafts.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 11 breakfasts 6 dinners
- Savour a special dinner highlighting local cuisine in the heart of Vienna.
- Delight in a Mozart Dinner Concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant in Salzburg.



#### ACCOMMODATION

Days 1, 2 Mercure Grand Hotel
Biedermeier, K+K Hotel Maria
Theresia or Grand Hotel Wien,
Vienna

Days 3, 4 Arcotel Castellani, Salzburg

Days 5, 6 Alte Post Hotel, Oberammergau or Riessersee Hotel, Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Day 7 Hotel Hofaut Sternen, Titisee

Days 8, 9 Hotel Alex or Ambassador

Hotel, Zermatt

Days 10-11 Ameron Hotel Flora, Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## Discover storybook castles and opulent palaces amidst stunning Alpine vistas in Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

**Day 1:** Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins
Set out to explore three distinct Alpine
cultures set amid incredible landscapes.
Your tour opens in Vienna. This evening,
meet your fellow travellers for a welcome
dinner featuring regional wine and a meal
highlighting the local cuisine.

#### Day 2: Vienna

Come to know Vienna this morning during a locally guided tour that showcases its architectural marvels. You will visit the incredible Schönbrunn Palace and see the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore the avenues of Vienna or visit one of its many museums. (B)

#### Day 3: Vienna - Salzburg

After a short journey through the countryside, embark upon a charming cruise along the Danube, one of Europe's most important waterways. Later, make a stop at the Benedictine Melk Abbey before continuing to the "City of Music," Salzburg. Tonight, transport back in time during a Mozart Dinner Concert in the elegant Baroque Hall of the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Salzburg

Discover the splendour of Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town. Some of the amazing sights you will see along the way include the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. (B)

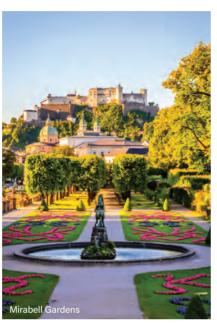
Day 5: Salzburg - Munich, Germany Oberammergau/Garmisch-Partenkirchen Welcome to Germany. In Munich, feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Later in the day, arrive at your home for the next two nights — the quaint village of Oberammergau, renowned for woodcarvings and the Passion Play. This evening, enjoy a magical dinner and a visit by a local performer from the village. (B, D)

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Take in the scenery of the spectacular Bavarian Alps en route to enchanting Innsbruck, located in Tyrolean Austria.







#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** SEE PAGE 207 FOR DETAILS









#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

PRE OR POST NIGHT



PRE: VIENNA **POST: LUCERNE** CALL FOR DETAILS

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Then, it's your choice! Walk through the charming streets of Innsbruck on a locally guided tour and take in landmarks such as the Golden Roof -OR- visit the Museum of Tyrolean Regional Heritage, getting a glimpse into this historic region through traditional costumes and handicrafts. (B)

#### Day 7: Oberammergau/Garmisch-Partenkirchen - Black Forest

Today fairytales become reality during a picture stop of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein. Next you are off to the heart of the Black Forest, a region famous for artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks and Hummels. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland

Welcome to Switzerland! Your first stop en route to Zermatt is at one of the most photographed castles in the world, the Château de Chillon, located on serene Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn from Tasch to the relaxing pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. Take a stroll and breathe in the fresh air. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Zermatt

All of Zermatt is at your fingertips. Enjoy a full day at leisure or perhaps you will set out on a one-of-a-kind adventure on a leisurely guided hike through the very heart of the Swiss Alps. (B)

#### Day 10: Zermatt - Grimsel Pass -Lucerne

Views of glaciers, crystal clear rivers and snowcapped mountains will invigorate you as you travel through the spectacular scenery of the Grimsel Pass. Your destination is the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake," the city of Lucerne. (B)

#### Day 11: Lucerne

Set out on a scenic walking tour of this picturesque city, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. The remainder of the day is yours to relax or independently explore the best of Lucerne. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialities and toast the end of a wonderful trip. (B, D)

Day 12: Lucerne - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B) **DOUBLE** Starting at **\$4899** SOLO

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

based on 23 October 2020 departur

April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 17, 24, 26 April

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

May 2020 - April 2021 (featured itinerary) 1, 3 May

9.16.23 October

9, 23 April

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Vienna and depart from the Zurich, Switzerland airport. All transfers will depart Lucerne for Zurich. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. Danube River Cruise is available mid-April to mid-October.



Well organized, very good group dinners, hotels were very good, and the tour director was excellent. Trip was a great balance of Austria, Southern Germany and Switzerland. 99

## ALPINE LAKES & SCENIC \_\_\_TRAINS

8 DAYS · 11 MEALS FROM \$4249

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Lucerne • GoldenPass Train • Zermatt
• Glacier Express Train • St. Moritz •
Bernina Pass Train • Como •
Lago Maggiore • Farm Visit with Wine
and Cheese Pairing • Lake Maggiore
Cruise • Island Dinner



- Board a lake boat and cruise to the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands.
- Stroll the lakeside boulevards of Lucerne, St. Moritz and Como.
- Journey through the Bernina Pass on one of the world's most scenic railways.



 Day 4 — Explore on foot during a guided walking tour or experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum to explore at your own pace.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 7 breakfasts 1 lunch 3 dinners
- Savour a wine and cheese pairing at an Italian family farm.
- Relish a traditional dinner on the Isola dei Pescatori in Italy's Lago Maggiore.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Ameron Hotel Flora Lucerne, or Hotel Waldstaetterhof, Lucerne

Days 3, 4 Ambassador Hotel, ZermattDay 5 Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz

Days 6, 7 Zacchera Hotels, Lago Maggiore

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## Climb aboard legendary Alpine railways and set out on a journey across the captivating landscapes of Switzerland and Italy.

Day 1: Lucerne, Switzerland - Tour Begins
Breathtaking Alpine vistas await as you
travel through Switzerland and Italy.
Experience dramatic views while aboard
railways and lake cruises, and enjoy cultural
experiences in charming villages in the
heart of Europe. Arrive in Lucerne and take
some free time to explore this lakeside
town on your own. Tonight, join your fellow
travellers for a welcome dinner in the city.
(D)

#### Day 2: Lucerne

Today, explore this "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy an Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour that follows the ancient pathways of the city. See the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower that once served as a prison; the watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the Baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from sandstone to commemorate the heroic soldiers who were protecting King Louis XVI in 1792. (B)

## **Day 3:** Lucerne - GoldenPass Train - Montreux - Zermatt

This morning, travel to Gstaad and climb aboard the GoldenPass panoramic train to enjoy breathtaking Alpine views along the route to Montreux. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time in this legendary town on the shores of Lake Geneva. Then continue on to the pedestrian village of Zermatt. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Zermatt 😯

Today, Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Explore on foot during a guided walking tour -OR- experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum; learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

## Day 5: Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz

Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in









#### Add more time to your trip with these options: 1-2 NIGHTS **UP TO 1 WEEK** STOPOVED PRE OR POST NIGHT



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, gurgling streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. Relax and enjoy a three-course lunch while onboard. Arrive in St. Moritz and enjoy the evening at leisure to relax or stroll the lakeside boulevard. (B, L)

#### Day 6: St. Moritz - Bernina Pass Train - Lake Como, Italy - Lago Maggiore

Embark on a journey through the Bernina Pass while travelling along one of the most scenic railway lines in the world en route to Tirano, Italy. Take in striking views of the Swiss and Italian Alps throughout your adventure, including the famed Morteratsch Glacier. Then drive along the picturesque shores to the town of Como. You will have free time to explore this famous resort and take in the magnificent views of Lake Como before continuing to Lago Maggiore, a tranquil resort area with crystal clear waters against the backdrop of the Alps. (B)

#### Day 7: Lago Maggiore

Travel to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm where you will learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Then sample their delicious creations and learn how to pair them with the region's local wines. Return to your hotel for a free afternoon. Your evening begins with a wine tasting before boarding a lake boat for a cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands. There you savour a traditional farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Lago Maggiore - Tour Ends Your thrilling Alpine journey ends today in Lago Maggiore. (B)

**DOUBLE** Starting at Starting at

Prices based on 30 April 2021 departure

September 2020 - April 2021 2, 6, 13, 16 October 29 September 30 April

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Zurich and depart from Milan. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive into Zurich prior to 4:00 p.m.



Tour guide was fantastic. She kept us moving and on time providing lots of info and many great comments about the area and sights. The Alps were beautiful and the weather was great. 99

## DISCOVER SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA & BAVARIA

9 DAYS · 12 MEALS FROM \$3299

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Bern • Cheese Making Demonstration •
Montreux • GoldenPass Panoramic Train
• Gstaad • Lucerne • Austrian Alps •
Innsbruck • Salzburg • Mirabell Gardens •
St. Peter's Restaurant • Tyrolean Folklore
Show • Bavaria • Neuschwanstein Castle
• Oberammergau



- Ride the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad.
- Witness the musical tradition of Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show.
- Discover Oberammergau and the rich history of the Passion Play.



 Day 5 — In Innsbruck, choose between two leisurely walking tours: focus on the city's history and popular attractions or focus on its unique architectural structures.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 4 dinners
- Savour a dinner featuring local cuisine such as traditional cheese fondue.
- Delight in dinner at the 1,200-yearold St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.
- Glimpse into the cheese production of Gruyères and sample these dairy delights.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 4 Hotel Bern, Hotel Baeren, The Hotel Bristol or Hotel Ambassador, Bern

**Days 5 - 8** AC Hotel by Marriott or Hotel Grauer Bar, Innsbruck

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## Journey through spectacular mountain scenery and picturesque cities as you experience three Alpine countries.

Day 1: Bern, Switzerland - Tour Begins Discover spectacular Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria on a tour featuring 4-night stays in two cities. Your journey begins in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. This UNESCO World Heritage site rests in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine such as traditional cheese fondue. (D)

#### Day 2: Bern

Explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town's skyline. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently or perhaps take a ride in the red carriages of the Gurtenbahn funicular railway, climbing Gurten Mountain to an altitude of 2,574 feet (858 metres) for impressive views of Bern, the surrounding towns and mountains. (B)

Day 3: Bern - Gruyères - Montreux -Panoramic Train Ride - Gstaad - Bern Travel to Gruyères, famous for its creamy

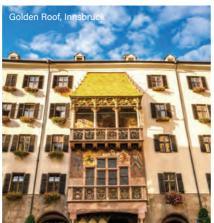
cheeses. Sample some of these delectable dairy treats during a cheese making demonstration. Later, enjoy inspiring Alpine views with a ride on the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad. Discover the delightful ambience of this world-famous Alpine ski resort with its numerous traditional wood chalets. (B)

Day 4: Bern - Lucerne - Bern

Set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy a leisurely paced *Altstadt* (Old Town) walking tour, exploring the hidden treasures of this 800-year-old city such as the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. Tonight, dine at one of Bern's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 5: Bern - Innsbruck, Austria ♥ En route to Innsbruck, make your way through Liechtenstein, the smallest







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STOPOVER



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German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. Upon arrival in Innsbruck, it's your choice! Select one of two leisurely walking tours: join a local guide as you discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions including Maria-Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the "Golden Roof" -OR- you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. (B)

#### Day 6: Innsbruck - Salzburg -Innsbruck

Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. Enjoy a walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in The Sound of Music), the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart), and many other highlights of this beautiful city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to independently explore and enjoy Salzburg's fabulous sights. Complete your day with a delightful dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Innsbruck

Savour a free day in this beautiful city. You may stroll through Old Town and shop at many of the city's outstanding stores or you may just relax and breathe in the mountain air while enjoying a beverage in one of the many cafés that dot this charming city. Later, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a well-known local musical family. (B)

#### Day 8: Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany - Oberammergau - Innsbruck

Today fairy tales come to life with a tour of Bavaria's famous castle, Neuschwanstein. Built by King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, continue on to the picturesque village of Oberammergau. Enjoy a brief tour and learn more about this charming place, famous for its Passion Play. Performed every ten years to fulfil a pledge made by the villagers to God for sparing their city from the plague in 1633, the Passion Play has grown into an international event. Tonight you are treated to a farewell dinner in one of Innsbruck's traditional restaurants. (B, D)

Day 9: Innsbruck - Tour Ends Your tour comes to an end in Innsbruck. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$3299 Starting at \$3949 SOLO

Prices based on 19 March 2021 departure

March - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 20 March 3, 13, 17, 22 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) 1, 2, 4, 8 May

9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 30 October 6.7 November

19 March 9, 16, 23, 24, 30 April

This trip requires a passport. Air passengers will arrive into Zurich, Switzerland airport and depart from Munich, Germany airport. All transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m.



This was our fourth tour with Collette and it was, as usual, exceptional. Our tour guide was excellent. The views of Switzerland were spectacular. 99

## IMPERIAL CITIES\_

10 DAYS · 14 MEALS FROM \$3249

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Prague • Prague Castle • Cesky Krumlov • Vienna • Schönbrunn Palace • Classical Music Performance • Danube River Cruise • Bratislava • Lunch with Locals • Budapest • Matthias Church • Fisherman's Bastion • Visegrad • Renaissance Dinner



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Get a glimpse into Hungary's communist past during an exclusive talk with a local.
- Enjoy a stop in the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov.
- Tour the majestic Prague Castle.



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

 Day 8 — Enjoy a panoramic tour of Budapest with a local guide or take in the city from a different perspective on a walking tour.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 9 breakfasts 1 lunches 4 dinners
- Savour a Renaissance-style dinner at a medieval castle restaurant near Budapest.
- Join local residents for a community hosted lunch in Dunaalmas.
- Enjoy traditional Czech culture and cuisine at a folklore show in Prague.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

- Days 1 3 K+K Hotel Fenix, Prague
- Day 4 6 K+K Hotel Maria Theresia, Vienna
- Days 7 9 The Aquincum Hotel, Budapest

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## Bask in the splendour, history, and romance of Europe's regal capital cities of Prague, Vienna, and Budapest.

## **Day 1:** Prague, Czech Republic - Tour Begins

Set out on a grand cultural adventure through the Imperial Cities of Central Europe – Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Along the way, enjoy traditional entertainment, local cuisine, and a glimpse into this region's eminent history. Arrive in Prague, the "City of 100 Spires." Behold ancient landmarks and medieval architecture. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

#### Day 2: Prague

Feel the magic and wonder of Prague. Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Explore the "Castle District," including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and the majestic Prague Castle. Next, take in the iconic, statue-lined Charles Bridge, a picturesque structure stretching over the VItava River. This evening, perhaps you will take an optional tour and join a local expert to discover the city through its craft beer and food scene. (B)

#### Day 3: Prague

The day is yours to discover Prague on your own. With your free time, consider shopping for famous Bohemian crystal or visiting one of the city's many outstanding museums, such as the Lapidarium, home

to 11th-century stone sculptures. Stroll to the Old Town square, home to the famous Orloj which functions as a clock, calendar, and primitive planetarium. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Prague's Old Jewish Quarter to see its historic Jewish Museum and Europe's oldest Jewish cemetery, founded in 1478. This evening, enjoy traditional Czech culture at a folklore show in one of Prague's popular restaurants. (B, D)

#### **Day 4:** Prague - Cesky Krumlov - Vienna, Austria

Travel through the scenic countryside on your way to Vienna. En route, make a stop in the medieval town of Cesky Krumlov. Lined with towering Baroque architecture, explore the quaint preserved streets before continuing on to the grand city of Vienna. (B)

#### Day 5: Vienna

This morning, join a local guide at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue on to Vienna's city centre and behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks, and gothic spires that fill the city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure where perhaps you will partake in the city's famous café culture as you walk the streets, watching locals take a moment out of their day for a hot coffee







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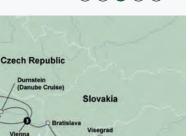
Pragu

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#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Add more time to your trip with these options:

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE OR POST NIGHT



PRE: PRAGUE POST: BUDAPEST CALL FOR DETAILS

**UP TO 1 WEEK** 

STOPOVER

Hungary



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and bite of cake. Tonight, hear Vienna's past come alive through music and experience a classical performance featuring the works of Mozart and Strauss. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Vienna - Danube River -Melk - Vienna

Immortalised by Strauss, the Danube serves as your passageway to the medieval town of Durnstein. Embark on a scenic Danube River cruise through the historic Wachau Valley. Later, visit the 11th-century Melk Abbey, famous for its production and collection of manuscripts. This evening, relish in a chance to explore Vienna on your own. (B)

#### Day 7: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary

Say hello to Bratislava, the former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Get to know the city's 4000-year-old history on a tour with a local expert. Continue to Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," truly one of the world's most beautiful cities. Connect with the villagers of Dunaalmas and join local residents for a community hosted lunch. Learn how to make a traditional strudel, a favourite in this region. Arrive in Budapest, your home for the next three nights. This evening, sit with a local Hungarian and engage in a personal conversation, listening to captivating stories about his life in the former communist area. Enjoy the rest of the evening on your own. (B, L)

#### Day 8: Budapest 😯

Choose how you capture the spirit of Budapest because today, it's your choice! Join a local expert for a panoramic tour of the city, where you'll discover the incredible Neo-Gothic marvel of Matthias Church atop Buda Castle Hill, the Fisherman's Bastion, the historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, and the Parliament House -OR- hit the streets of the city with a local expert and see the iconic highlights from a different perspective on a walking tour, taking in the House of Parliament, the Imre Nagy statue, St. Stephen's Basilica, and more. This afternoon, enjoy some free time to explore Budapest on your own. Perhaps you will head to the city's famous thermal pools for an afternoon of relaxation. (B)

## Day 9: Budapest - Visegrad -

After a morning at leisure, head out of the city to the former Renaissance capital of Visegrad for a magnificent view of the Danube Bend and the Borzsony Mountains. Step into the past at a 14th-century castle, where knights with authentic weaponry recreate the times of chivalry and kingdoms. Then, embrace the lifestyle yourself and enjoy an exclusive Renaissance-style dinner in the castle. (B, D)

## Day 10: Budapest - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to these regal cities as your tour comes to a close today. (B) DOUBLE Starting at \$3249 Starting at \$4249

Prices based on 3 November 2020 de

March - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 31 March 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. May 2020 - April 2021 (featured itinerary) 27, 30 September 6. 13. 20. 27 October

3 November 23 March 13, 20, 27 April

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Prague and depart from Budapest. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The Danube River Cruise to Melk Abbey is available mid-April to mid-October. Outside these times, a cruise through Vienna will be substituted. Visitors are required to have travel/health insurance to travel to the Czech Republic. The health insurance must cover medical services abroad. The minimum coverage of the insurance has to meet the Czech Republic standards for tourist travel. These standards can be found by contacting the Czech Republic Embassy in Australia. If you have purchased our Travel Protection Plan, your coverage meets this requirement. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse



This is the second Collette tour I have been on and it was just as wonderful as the first. The guides and tour director are very knowledgeable about the countries visited and can always answer any questions asked. 99

# MAGNIFICENT CITIES OF CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

13 DAYS · 18 MEALS FROM \$3799

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Germany • Dresden • Czech
Republic • Hradčany Castle • Austria •
Schönbrunn Palace • Hungary •
Lunch with Locals • Matthias Church •
Poland • Auschwitz • Warsaw



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Experience the cultures of Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary and Poland.
- Take a poignant journey through history at the camps of Auschwitz.



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

 Day 2 — Embark on a traditional city tour of Berlin or join a "Cold War" — focused tour that includes a visit to the Berlin Wall Museum.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- . 12 breakfasts . 1 lunch . 5 dinners
- Dine at one of Vienna's most beloved restaurants.
- Experience traditional Czech culture during a folklore show and dinner.
- Join local residents for a community hosted lunch in Dunaalmás.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

- Days 1, 2 Crowne Plaza Berlin City Centre or InterContinental Hotel, Berlin
- Days 3, 4 K+K Hotel Central, K+K Hotel Fenix or Hotel Eurostars Thalia, Prague
- Days 5, 6 Mooons, Vienna
- Days 7, 8 NH Hotel, The Aquincum Hotel or Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center, Budapest
- Days 9, 10 Holiday Inn City Centre, Krakow
- Days 11, 12 Mercure Grand Warszawa Hotel, Warsaw

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## A blend of world history and fairy-tale charm comes to life in the culturally rich cities of Central & Eastern Europe.

#### Day 1: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins

Arrive in Germany's capital city of Berlin, a blend of deep-rooted history, modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Berlin 😯

This morning, it's your choice! Choose a city tour that introduces you to Berlin's history; see Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfürstendamm and the Reichstag Building -OR- join a "Cold War"-focused tour that includes a visit to the Berlin Wall Museum, followed by a walk through the area that was once "Checkpoint Charlie" and see what remains of the Berlin Wall. This afternoon you have the opportunity to join an optional excursion outside the city to visit Potsdam and the famous Cecilienhof Palace. (B)

## **Day 3:** Berlin - Dresden - Prague, Czech Republic

Depart Berlin for the "Golden City" of Prague. En route, make a stop in Dresden, the capital of Saxony, with time to explore this lovely town on the banks of the River Elbe. This evening get to know traditional Czech culture during a folklore show and dinner featuring local drinks. As a special treat, meet the dancers and learn some of the moves yourself during a private dance lesson. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Prague

Your introduction to this fairy-tale city opens with a visit to the remarkable Hradcany Castle and the haunting St. Vitus Cathedral. Continue with a leisurely walking tour through the Old Town, showcasing the Golden Lane, the unique Astronomical Clock and the statue-lined Charles Bridge. The afternoon is yours to independently explore this great city. This evening, perhaps you will take an optional tour and join a local expert to discover the city through its craft beer and food scene. (B)

#### Day 5: Prague - Vienna, Austria

Leaving the Czech Republic, arrive in colourful and vibrant Vienna, the "musical city." After a short orientation drive through the city, your afternoon is at leisure. Later, enjoy an evening in one of Vienna's most beloved restaurants where dinner mixes with local cultural flavour to create an unforgettable night. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Vienna

This morning, experience the city on a tour highlighting some of its architectural marvels, including the lavish Schönbrunn Palace and the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty. The remainder of the day is yours to explore independently. Perhaps you will visit one of the famous museums, sip a Viennese coffee at a local coffee house, or simply relax in this capital of Austria.









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Poland



1-2 NIGHTS

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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Germany

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UP TO 1 WEEK

Slovakia

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Tonight you may choose to join an optional Mozart concert and dinner in the city. (B)

Day 7: Vienna - Budapest, Hungary Sit back, relax and enjoy the picturesque Hungarian countryside. Connect with the villagers of Dunaalmás and join local residents for a community-hosted lunch. Learn how to make a traditional strudel, a favourite in this region. Upon arrival in historic Budapest, a local expert provides an informative city tour featuring Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, Old Buda, the New Parliament and Gellért Hill with a special stop at Heroes' Square, a monument to the many diverse leaders of Hungary. (B, L)

#### Day 8: Budapest

The beautiful city of Budapest is often referred to as "the Queen of the Danube." Today is yours to discover this city divided by the Danube with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan Pest on the opposite bank. This evening, perhaps you'll take in the essence of the region during an optional dinner followed by a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline. (B)

#### Day 9: Budapest - Donovaly, Slovakia - Krakow, Poland

Take in the picturesque landscapes en route to Poland. Make a stop in the hidden village of Donovaly, nestled in the Low Tatras mountain range of Slovakia. Your home for the next two nights is the lively city of

Krakow, which still offers an old-world charm. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Krakow

Discover Krakow's historic Old Town on a city tour complete with stops at the Market Square, St. Mary's Church, and the University. You'll also view Wawel Castle, a former residence of Polish kings. The afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy the city on your own. (B)

#### Day 11: Krakow - Auschwitz -Warsaw

Today you embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to witness the camps of Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. Afterward, travel through the Polish countryside to Warsaw, the reconstructed and modern capital of this rejuvenated country. The evening is yours to explore. Browse one of the city's art galleries or museums, or simply relax at an outdoor café. (B)

#### Day 12: Warsaw

The moving history of Warsaw, both joyous and tragic, is yours to embrace as you embark on a locally guided tour of this capital city. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

Day 13: Warsaw - Tour Ends Your tour comes to an end today. (B) SOLO

**DOUBLE** Starting at \$3799 Starting at \$4849

2 November

11, 12, 19, 26 April

15 March

Prices based on 15 March 2021 departure

March - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 23 March 6, 20, 27 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) 4. 11. 25 May

1, 8, 15, 29 June 6, 13, 20, 27 July 10, 17, 24, 31 August 13, 14, 20, 21, 28 September 5, 12, 19 October

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Berlin and depart from Warsaw. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Visitors are required to have travel/health insurance to travel to the Czech Republic. The minimum coverage of the insurance has to meet the Czech Republic standards for tourist travel. These standards can be found by contacting the Czech Republic Embassy in Australia. If you have purchased our Travel Protection Plan, your coverage meets this requirement.



This tour of Central & Eastern Europe had plenty of sights, and was done at just the right pace. 99

## DISCOVERING POLAND

11 DAYS · 14 MEALS FROM \$2699

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Warsaw • Malbork Castle • Gdansk • Solidarity Shipyards • Torun • Gingerbread Baking • Wroclaw • Black Madonna • Jasna Góra Monastery • Krakow • Auschwitz • Folklore Show & Dinner



- Visit the Jasna Góra Monastery to witness the world-famous Black Madonna
- Explore the poignant history of Auschwitz.



 Day 4 — Venture to the resort town of Sopot or enjoy a shopping excursion to learn about Polish amber.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



- · 10 breakfasts 4 dinners
- Immerse yourself in Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner.
- Learn how to make gingerbread according to a 500-year-old recipe.



Days 1, 2 Mercure Warszawa Grand, Warsaw

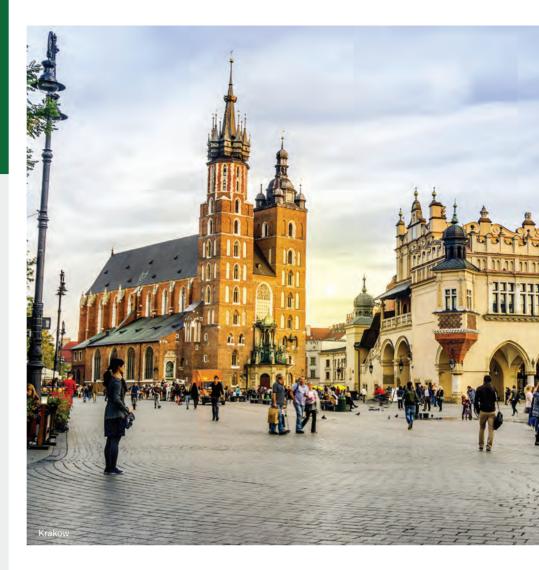
Days 3, 4 Radisson Blu Hotel Old Town or Hotel Gdansk Boutique, Gdansk

Day 5 Hotel Bulwar, Torun

Days 6, 7 Sofitel Wroclaw Old Town, Wroclaw

Days 8-10 Holiday Inn City Centre Hotel, Krakow

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



### Poland's treasures, uncovered. Embark on a poignant, engaging journey from Warsaw to the shores of Gdansk.

Day 1: Warsaw, Poland - Tour Begins

Welcome to Warsaw! The city has a blend of old-world charm and a modern energy. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Warsaw

Embrace the moving history of Warsaw, a city reborn after WWII, as you embark on a locally guided tour. Your journey through this capital city includes a stop at the monument dedicated to the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto. The afternoon is at leisure to take in the alleyways, visit a quaint café in Warsaw's Old Town, explore a museum or simply relax. (B)

Day 3: Warsaw - Malbork Castle - Gdansk Depart for Gdansk this morning. En route, stop in the town of Malbork, home to Malbork Castle, one of the largest castles in the world. A guided tour of this 700-year-old structure introduces you to the world of the Knights of the Teutonic Order. Continue to Gdansk, stopping at the Gdansk Shipyards, site of the creation of the anti-Communist Solidarity movement in 1980 that helped liberate Poland from Soviet rule. (B, D)

Day 4: Gdansk - Choice on Tour ♥
This morning, join a local expert for

an introduction to this strategic and remarkable port city; get to know its deep history during your tour which highlights City Hall and St. Mary's Church. Later, it's your choice! Join your Tour Manager on an excursion to the seaside resort town of Sopot -OR- remain in Gdansk and join a local guide on an educational shopping excursion during which you'll learn about Polish amber at a demonstration, followed by the opportunity to purchase the stone. Your evening is at leisure. Take a stroll through a beautiful square, shop for local handicrafts, or soak in the seaside atmosphere. (B)

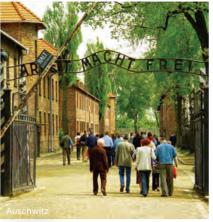
Day 5: Gdansk - Torun

Today you travel to the town of Torun, a UNESCO World Heritage site and birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus, the famous astronomer. Torun remains one of the best-preserved medieval towns in all of Europe and is one of the "Seven Wonders of Poland." On arrival, walk past Copernicus' house before stepping back into history while baking and sampling your very own gingerbread according to a 500-year-old recipe. (B)

Day 6: Torun - Wroclaw

This morning, join a local expert for a









#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** 

Add more time to your trip with this option:

1-2 NIGHTS

# PRE NIGHT

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walking tour of this unspoiled town. Later this afternoon, arrive in the ancient city of Wroclaw. Tonight, join your travelling companions for some locally-brewed beer and a traditional "home-style" dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Wroclaw

A morning tour of Wroclaw brings you up close and personal to this large and ethnically diverse city. It could be the only location where you can find a Stare Miasto (Old Town) with a Synagogue, a Lutheran church, a Roman Catholic church and an Eastern Orthodox church standing near each other. The remainder of the day is at leisure to savour Wroclaw's idyllic parks and captivating culture. Be sure to go in search of the many "dwarfs" hidden on the streets of the city! (B)

#### Day 8: Wroclaw - Czestochowa -Krakow

This morning we depart for Krakow, an enchanting city famous for its well-preserved town centre. En route, stop in Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland, where each year over 5 million pilgrims journey to pay their respects to the famous Black Madonna. Housed in the Jasna Góra Monastery, journey inside for an up-close look at this miraculous image. Arriving in

Krakow, enjoy some free time to get acquainted with the city. (B)

#### Day 9: Krakow

Join a local expert as we explore the city on a panoramic tour that includes Market Square, St. Mary's Church and the university. You will also see the famous Wawel Castle, the former residence of Polish kings. The rest of your day is at leisure. Perhaps you'll stroll the quaint side streets of Krakow's famous Old Town, have coffee in one of the largest squares in Europe, or walk along the river for views of the new sections of the city. You may also visit the Schindler Museum or join your fellow travellers on an optional excursion. (B)

#### Day 10: Krakow - Auschwitz -Krakow

Today you embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. This evening celebrate traditional Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner, complete with wine and beer.

Day 11: Krakow - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

26 April

DOUBLE Starting at \$2699

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Prices based on 21 March 2021 departure

March - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 22 March

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) 17, 24, 31 May

7, 21 June 19. 26 July 16, 30 August 6, 13, 14 September 20, 27 September 4, 11, 18 October 21 March 11, 25 April

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



Everything was wonderful: the tour manager, the fellow travellers, the local guides, the Polish people, the sights, and the historical buildings. 99

### IMPERIAL RUSSIA

8 DAYS · 11 MEALS FROM \$3049

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Moscow Metro • The Kremlin and the Armoury Museum • Red Square • St. Basil's Cathedral • Walking Food Tour • Choice on Tour • High-Speed Train • St. Petersburg • Traditional Georgian Dinner • Church of the Saviour on Spilled Blood • Hermitage Museum • Catherine Palace • Vintage Soviet Car Ride



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Navigate Russia's bustling capital like a local when you travel via the stunning Moscow Metro system.
- Ride through the historic streets of St. Petersburg in a vintage Soviet car.
- Join a local expert for an in-depth conversation on life behind the Iron Curtain.



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

 Day 3 — Take a tour where you'll learn about the tensions surrounding the great "Space Race" or take a guided tour of the Tretyakov Gallery.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 7 breakfasts 1 lunches 3 dinners
- Get a true taste of local culture during an immersive walking food tour where you'll learn about Russian culinary traditions.
- Dine at a classic Georgian restaurant and sample dishes popularized during Imperial Russian times.
- Get introduced to Russian cuisine and culture during dinner at a local restaurant.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 3 Moscow Marriott Grand Hotel, Moscow

**Days 4 - 7** St. Petersburg Hotel, St. Petersburg

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Get a glimpse into the world's largest country and experience the distinctive allure of Russia, a land abundant with intrigue and history.

#### Day 1: Moscow, Russia - Tour Begins

Welcome to Moscow, Russia's glamourous capital city where beguiling architecture, complex history, and posh culture thrive. Let the energy of this intriguing city wrap around you and inspire your curiosity.

#### Day 2: Moscow

Your journey through Moscow begins with a short ride on the Metro, Russia's incredibly elegant and efficient public transit system. With lavish mosaics, ornate stained glass and stunning architecture, each stop on the Metro is like a minimuseum with its own unique allure. Arrive at the Kremlin (UNESCO), the beating heart of Moscow and the seat of power in Russia. Home to a stunning collection of wealth from eras when tsars reigned supreme, this fortress complex is a can't-miss glimpse into Russian history. Enjoy a guided visit of the Armoury Museum, home to a priceless collection of Imperial crown jewels, weaponry, and Faberge eggs. Continue on your exploration of the Kremlin with a visit to the Assumption Cathedral, designed in the ornate Old Russian style. In the bustling Red Square of Moscow, pause to admire the iconic domes of Saint Basil's Cathedral. Next, visit GUM, the lavish department store at the heart of the city. Later, a local

expert reveals a bit about life "behind the Iron Curtain," during an informative lecture about Soviet society. This evening, enjoy a traditional Russian dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Moscow

See Moscow's most iconic landmarks from a new point of view as you float along the picturesque waters of the Moscow River. This afternoon, an epicurean adventure awaits! Get a taste of local flavour as you stroll the streets with a local guide and savour authentic dishes found on the tables of many Russian families. Take some time to digest and enjoy some free time to explore this lively city. Later, it's your choice! Choose between a themed tour, "Back to the USSR," where you'll gain insight into the tensions between the U.S. and former Soviet Union and the great "Space Race" -OR- take a guided tour of the Tretyakov Gallery, one of the most significant art museums in Russia with over 100,000 artistic works. The evening is yours to soak in the splendours of your final night in Moscow. (B, L)

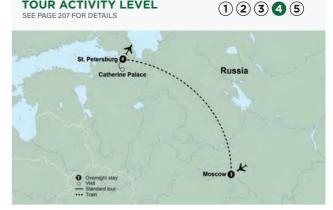
#### Day 4: Moscow - St. Petersburg

Enjoy a leisurely morning before hopping aboard a high-speed train to St. Petersburg,









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1-2 NIGHTS

PRE OR POST NIGHT



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the "Venice of the North" and Russia's Imperial capital. Spend the remainder of the day independently exploring this thriving hub for art, history and culture as you wish. Tonight, delight in traditional Georgian cuisine at a favourite local restaurant. Savour the exotic comfort food and drink of a region that has been producing wine for over 8,000 years. (B, D)

#### Day 5: St. Petersburg

Experience the Imperial Russia of your dreams, full of regal beauty and iconic sights. A panoramic tour of St. Petersburg brings this historic city to life. See St. Isaac's Cathedral, the Peter and Paul Fortress, and the famed Palace Square. Go inside the Church of the Saviour on Spilled Blood, St. Petersburg's most elaborate church. After getting acquainted with this vibrant city, you can opt to spend the remainder of your day at leisure or take an optional tour of the meticulously landscaped grounds and soaring fountains of the Peterhof Grand Palace, better known as the "Russian Versailles." (B)

#### Day 6: St. Petersburg

Welcome to the Winter Palace, St. Petersburg's most iconic building and the former home of Russian tsars. Built for Peter the Great, this Russian wonder is a true glimpse

into the glory of Russian aristocracy. Enter the breathtaking green and white complex and make your way to the incredible Hermitage Museum for a guided tour. Second in size only to the Louvre, the Hermitage is home to the largest collection of paintings in the world, with works from the likes of Monet and Matisse. (B)

#### Day 7: St. Petersburg

Take a step back in time with a tour of the magnificent Catherine Palace. Built in 1717, the Rococo palace was once the opulent summer home of Russian tsars. It's said the building was torn down and rebuilt six times to satisfy the grand visions of Peter the Great's daughter, Elizabeth. Enjoy exclusive early access here and marvel at the robin's egg blue exterior and the lavish décor of the interior rooms. Next, we'll see St. Petersburg from a different perspective - from the interior of a vintage Soviet car! Feel as if you've entered a different era as you ride through the city in luxury. Tonight, get one final taste of Russian culture and cuisine during a farewell dinner and traditional folk show. (B, D)

Day 8: St. Petersburg - Tour Ends Today, say do-svidaniya (goodbye for now) to Russia as your Imperial journey comes to a close. (B)

**DOUBLE** Starting at \$3049

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

ices based on 2 October 2020 departure.

April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 3, 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)

22 May 19 June 17 July

14, 21 August 4, 11, 18 September 2 October 16, 23 April

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. The cost for the visa is \$135 AUD. Rates are approximate and are subject to change. Our air passengers will arrive into Moscow and depart from St. Petersburg. Airport transfers are available for purchase.

## CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MARKETS

8 DAYS • 11 MEALS FROM \$2499

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Black Forest • Strasbourg • Würzburg • Nuremberg • Rothenburg • Oberammergau • Innsbruck • Munich • Christmas Markets



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Experience the 600-year-old holiday spirit of "Christkindlesmarkts" in Germany, France and Austria.
- In Würzburg, see the magnificent 18th-century residence of the princebishops.



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

 Day 6 — Walk through the charming streets of Innsbruck on a locally guided tour or visit the Museum of Tyrolean Regional Heritage and see traditional costumes and handicrafts.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 7 breakfasts 4 dinners
- Enjoy traditional Bavarian cuisine in Oberammergau.



#### ACCOMMODATION

- Days 1, 2 Hofgut Sternen, Black Forest
- Days 3, 4 Maritim Hotel, Würzburg or Mercure Schweinfurt Maininsel Hotel, Schweinfurt
- Days 5 7 Alte Post Hotel,
  Oberammergau or
  Riessersee Hotel, Garmisch

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Sip mulled wine and collect unique crafts, hand-made ornaments and toys at some of the most famous Christmas markets in Europe.

## Day 1: Black Forest, Germany - Tour Begins

Embark on a glorious holiday adventure through the traditional Christmas markets and historic towns of Central Europe. On this journey you will have time to sip mulled wine and shop for handicrafts in some of the oldest and most famous Christmas markets in Europe. Your tour opens in the Black Forest. Here you will relish the peacefulness of the surrounding forested mountains. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel. (D)

## Day 2: Black Forest - Strasbourg, France - Black Forest

Travel the picturesque valleys of the Black Forest and country roads of Alsace to the provincial capital of Strasbourg, France, where centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences blend together to lend this city its unique character. Enjoy a guided tour of the Old Quarter, "Petite France," featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame, considered one of the noblest achievements of Western architecture. Mingle with the locals as you explore the Christmas market featuring local crafts and traditional food and drink before returning to Germany. (B)

#### Day 3: Black Forest - Würzburg/ Schweinfurt

Depart the Black Forest for the quaint Franconia region of Germany. Your destination is Würzburg. Stroll through the streets with your expert local guide and discover the city's history. This ancient wine town is rich in historic sites, including the magnificent 18th-century residence of the prince-bishops, boasting the largest ceiling fresco in the world, and the ornate Alte Mainbrucke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. You will have time to browse for local specialities in the lively Christmas market. (B, D)

## **Day 4:** Würzburg/Schweinfurt - Nuremberg - Würzburg/Schweinfurt

Start your day with a city tour of historic Nuremberg. Learn about old town's 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city; the Imperial Castle; and the Justice Palace, site of the War Crimes Tribunal in 1946. Your city tour concludes with a visit to the historic Nuremberg Christmas Market, one of the oldest and most famous markets in Germany dating back to 1628. Here you can spend time sipping Glühwein and sampling roast sausages. Over 200 wooden stalls have given the Christmas market its





















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name - "Little Town from Wood." You can find items like Nuremberg spicy gingerbread, fruit loaves, bakery goods, sweets, Christmas tree angels and toys. (B)

Day 5: Würzburg/Schweinfurt -Rothenburg - Oberammergau We begin with a stop in lovely Rothenburg, one of the most wellpreserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. After some free time to explore the town, continue on to Oberammergau, a perfect example of a Bavarian Alpine village. Step back in time as you stroll the streets past old-world cottages and shops covered in colourful frescos. It is the ideal place to shop for cuckoo clocks, nutcrackers and Hummel figurines. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria -Oberammergau 😯

Traverse the Bavarian landscape to the Tyrolean town of Innsbruck, nestled in the heart of the mountains. Then, it's your choice! Walk through the charming streets of Innsbruck on a locally guided tour and take in landmarks such as the Golden Roof -OR- visit the Museum of Tyrolean Regional Heritage for a glimpse into this historic region through traditional costumes and handicrafts. The

remainder of the day is at leisure to shop in the many speciality stores and the cosy Christmas market. (B)

#### Day 7: Oberammergau - Munich -Oberammergau

This morning, travel to Munich and be introduced to this exciting city with a panoramic tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Enjoy leisure time to independently explore Munich's historic area and the Christmas market. Later, return to Oberammergau where you will have time to stroll about the village, perhaps shopping for the intricate woodcrafts the town is known for. This evening, join your fellow travellers as you toast to a memorable trip during a farewell dinner featuring Bavarian cuisine. (B, D)

Day 8: Oberammergau - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

**DOUBLE** 

November - December 2020

29 November 6, 13 December

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Zurich and depart from Munich. All transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. On some dates, this tour operates in a different order, arriving into Munich and departing from Frankfort, Germany. Please confirm at time of reservation.



The Christmas Markets were wonderful as always! Got a lot of unique treasures and lovely memories! 99

### MAGICAL CHRISTMAS MARKETS

7 DAYS · 10 MEALS FROM \$2599

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Innsbruck • Seefeld • Carriage Ride • Salzburg • St. Peter's Restaurant • Oberammergau • Munich • Christmas Markets



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Experience the 600-yearold holiday tradition of the Christkindlesmarkt.
- Venture by train to Seefeld for a horse-drawn carriage ride and a taste of schnapps.
- Unwind and shop for handmade crafts in the heart of the Alps.



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

 Day 2 — Walk through the streets of Innsbruck on a locally guided tour or visit the Museum of Tyrolean Regional Heritage.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 6 breakfasts 2 lunches 2 dinners
- Experience a strudel demonstration and learn the history behind the traditional dessert.
- Delight in dinner at Austria's
   1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant.



#### ACCOMMODATION

Days 1 - 5 AC Hotel, Innsbruck or Hotel Grauer Bar, Innsbruck

Day 6 Mövenpick Munich Airport, or Sheraton Munich Arabellapark Hotel, Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## Experience the holiday spirit in Germany and Austria, where the tradition of the *Christkindlesmarkt* began over 600 years ago.

## Day 1: Innsbruck/Seefeld, Austria - Tour Begins

You're on your way to uncover the unique charms of Austria and Germany and the incredible Christkindlesmarkt (Christmas market)! Spend the next five nights nestled in the heart of the Alps. Tonight, accompany your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner to celebrate your arrival in Austria. (D)

Day 2: Seefeld - Innsbruck - Seefeld ♥
This morning, board an authentic horsedrawn carriage where your traditional gift of
schnapps awaits you. Don't be shy. Belt out
a carol or two as you're whisked across the
snow to meet our good friend, Peter, who
invites you to participate in an interactive
demonstration of how to make (and eat!)
traditional strudel. Say "Auf Wiedersehen,
Peter!" and glide your way to Innsbruck,
where it's your choice! Walk through the
charming streets on a locally guided tour
and take in landmarks such as the Golden
Roof -OR- visit the Museum of Tyrolean
Regional Heritage, getting a glimpse into

this historic region through traditional costumes and handicrafts. (B)

## **Day 3:** Neuschwanstein, Germany - Oberammergau - Innsbruck/Seefeld, Austria

View the magnificence of Neuschwanstein Castle as you enjoy a photo stop of the fairytale creation of Bavaria's "Mad King." Your journey continues to Oberammergau. Enjoy a lunch featuring regional cuisine before spending some time on your own getting to know this picture-perfect Bavarian village. (B, L)

## **Day 4:** Innsbruck/Seefeld - Salzburg - Innsbruck/Seefeld

Over the mountains and through the woods of the Austrian countryside resides a storybook Old Town, Salzburg. Head over to Mirabell Gardens and the iconic "Do-Re-Mi steps" from *The Sound of Music*. Then, journey through the baroque heart of the Old City and the famous thoroughfare of Mozart's birthplace. Head off to enjoy a free afternoon with the locals, affectionately









known as "Salzburgers." Be sure to enjoy a traditional Mozart chocolate (or two) and do some treasure hunting at any of six Christmas markets. Your day concludes at St. Peter's Stiftskeller, the oldest continuously-serving restaurant in Europe. Inside this centuries-old gem, indulge in a traditional dessert that's described as "sweet as love and soft as a kiss." (B, D)

#### Day 5: Innsbruck/Seefeld

Enjoy a full day at leisure. Go treasure hunting at the Christmas markets, brimming with the sights, smells, and sounds of the season. Be on the lookout for St. Nicholas and even Krampus as they march through the market stalls. Revel in good cheer while brass bands play from the tower and indulge in some gluhwein and stollen, while chestnuts roast on open fires. (B)

#### Day 6: Innsbruck/Seefeld -Munich, Germany

Wilkommen to Munich! Embark on a city tour of this Bavarian capital where Olympic Park and the famous Glockenspiel are just some of the sights you'll see along the way. Your tour comes to an end at

the famous Hofbräuhaus, where you may wish to take a seat and enjoy a bier before heading to a jolly farewell lunch! The rest of the day is yours to enjoy. Do some final holiday shopping at the largest Christmas market of the whole tour and delight in the merriment of the season one last time. (B, L)

Day 7: Munich - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B) **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** 









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Add more time to your trip with these options:

#### UP TO 1 WEEK

STOPOVER



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DOUBLE

Starting at

and only, per person, double occupancy.

November - December 2020

29 November

6 December

13 December

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Munich. All transfers will depart from/return to this airport. Approximate travel time between Innsbruck. Austria and Munich is 2 hours. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 3:30 p.m. On some departures, the order of sightseeing may vary.



Tour was very exciting and not just because it was Christmas time. We were in a very beautiful part of Europe with lots of history and the Alps. 99

# GERMANY'S CULTURAL CITIES FEATURING THE ROMANTIC ROAD

10 DAYS · 13 MEALS FROM \$3549

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Berlin - ICE Train - Hamburg - Hamelin - "Pied Piper" Tour - Castle Stay -Würzburg - Rothenburg ob der Tauber -Wine Tasting - "Night Watchman" Tour -Neuschwanstein Castle - Munich -Beer Tasting



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Enjoy an overnight stay in a 16th-century castle.
- Embark on a guided tour of Hamelin with a flute-playing "Pied Piper."
- Feel like a local when you take the sleek ICE train from Berlin to Hamburg.



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

- Day 4 Explore the Miniature Wonderland, home to the world's largest model railway system or visit the International Maritime Museum.
- Day 9 Venture to the innovative BMW World or visit the Dachau Memorial — the former concentration camp.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 9 breakfasts 1 lunch 3 dinners
- Indulge in a wine tasting at a local restaurant.
- Enjoy a beer tasting followed by a farewell dinner in one of Munich's famous restaurants.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Hotel Riu Plaza, Berlin

Davs 3, 4 Radisson Blu Hotel, Hamburg

Day 5 Schlosshotel Muenchhausen, Hamelin

Days 6, 7 Hotel Tilman Riemenschneider, Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Days 8, 9 Eurostars Grand Central Hotel or Eurostars Book Hotel,
Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## Through Berlin, Hamburg, and Munich, come to know Germany and the charms of its Romantic Road.

#### Day 1: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins

This enchanting journey takes you to see the best of Germany as you travel to some of the country's most iconic cities and through its picturesque countryside. Your tour opens in Berlin, a city of deep history, modern flare and multicultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Berlin

Start your day by getting acquainted with Berlin's main sights with an expert guide. Reflect at the Holocaust Memorial before continuing on to the lively Potsdam Square. Stroll down Niederkirchner Strasse to see remnants of the First Wall and walk through the "Topography of Terror" exhibition, delving into the rise and fall of the Third Reich. See Checkpoint Charlie, the most famous crossing point between East and West Berlin. Explore the beautiful Gendarmenmarkt square, pass through the colourful Old Town, and head down Avenue Unter den Linden to Brandenburg Gate. This afternoon you may choose to join an optional excursion outside the city to visit Potsdam and the famous Cecilienhof Palace. (B)

#### Day 3: Berlin - Hamburg

Feel like a local when you travel to Hamburg, hopping on the sleek ICE train that connects all the major German cities and reaches speeds of up to 200 miles per hour. Take in "the Venice of the North," with winding canals and an impressive harbour that made it a centre of trade for centuries. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before getting the lay of the land on a brief orientation tour. The evening is yours to explore as you wish. Perhaps you will take an optional evening cruise, admiring the cityscape as you coast along. (B, L)

#### Day 4: Hamburg 😯

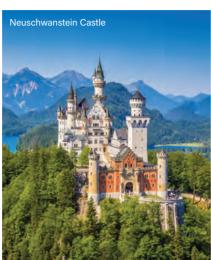
Today, it's your choice! Feel as if the world has shrunk around you at Miniature Wonderland, home to the largest model railway system in the world with over ten awe-inspiring themed landscapes -ORvisit the International Maritime Museum which houses nine levels of sea-faring adventure including exhibits on Viking dragon boats, deep-sea diving, and a ship simulator. This evening, gather for a walking tour along Reeperbahn, Hamburg's red light district. The area has been immortalised as the place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the early 1960s. Join in on the rock-legend fun with a local Beatles expert, who wields a ukulele as you travel down memory lane. (B)

#### Day 5: Hamburg - Hamelin

Made famous by the Pied Piper in the stories of the Brothers Grimm, Hamelin is your next stop. Feel like you have stepped









#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:

PRE OR POST NIGHT

PRF: BERLIN POST: MUNICH

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into the pages of a storybook when the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" leads you through the city, playing catchy tunes as you discover Hamelin's charming Tudor-style architecture. The fairy tale continues at a breathtaking 16th-century castle, surrounded by gardens and serving as your home for the night. (B)

#### Day 6: Hamelin - Würzburg -Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located on the Romantic Road and in the heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. Enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your citycentre hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local restaurant for a taste of local wines followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colourfully costumed local expert for the famous "Night Watchman" walking tour of the medieval town. (B, D)

Day 7: Rothenburg ob der Tauber Gather at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum and be treated to a private tour. See an ornament-making demonstration and shop for handmade Christmas ornaments. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you choose. (B)

#### Day 8: Rothenburg ob der Tauber -Neuschwanstein Castle - Munich Make your way through mountains and along winding country roads as you leave Rothenburg behind for a tour inside the iconic Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Continue to Munich, the vibrant capital of Bavaria. Your evening is free to explore the city independently. (B)

#### Day 9: Munich 😯

Come to know the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a walking tour that highlights the world-famous Glockenspiel and Marienplatz - a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. This afternoon, it's your choice! Venture to the innovative BMW World to learn the history of this dynamic global automaker -OR- embark on a poignant journey through history at the Dachau Memorial, the former concentration camp where you will learn about the terrors of war and the resilience of the human spirit. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a beer tasting followed by a farewell dinner in one of Munich's most famous restaurants. (B, D)

Day 10: Munich - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B) DOUBLE Starting at \$3549 Starting at \$4549 SOLO

and only, per person double occupancy.

Prices based on 23 October 2020 de

March - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 20 March 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) 1 May

19 March 23 April 9, 23 October 6 November

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



Really enjoyed the background and history conveyed to us for each location by the tour manager. Enjoyed ALL hotels. 99

## SPRINGTIME TULIP RIVER CRUISE

8 DAYS · 20 MEALS FROM \$4299

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Amsterdam • 7-Night River Cruise • Volendam • Arnhem • Middelburg • Ghent • Bruges • Antwerp • Kinderdijk Windmills • Keukenhof Gardens



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Experience Kinderdijk, home to Holland's largest collection of windmills.
- Explore "Liebfrauenkirche," Belgium's largest Gothic church.
- Return to medieval times during a walking tour of Bruges.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

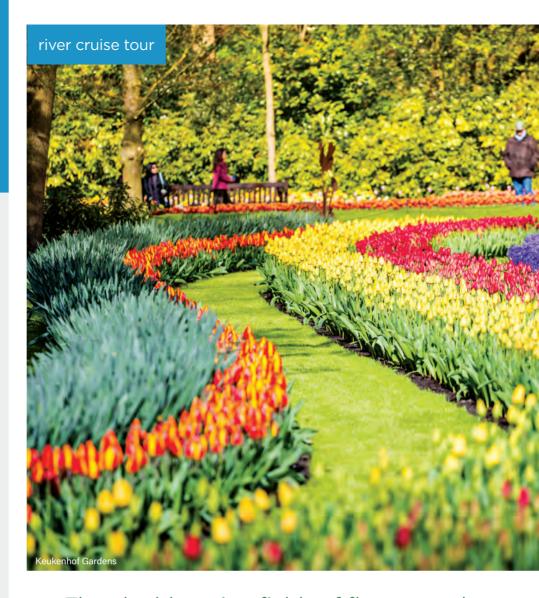
- · 7 breakfasts 6 lunches 7 dinners
- Visit a local cheese farm for a tasting.
- Celebrate your journey during a farewell dinner and folklore show in Amsterdam.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 7 MS Amadeus Brilliant or MS Amadeus Queen

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## Float by blooming fields of flowers and windmills on a resplendent tulip river cruise through Holland and Belgium.

## **Day 1:** Amsterdam, Netherlands - Board Ship - Tour Begins

Savour springtime in Holland and Belgium with a cruise that highlights the blooming Dutch tulip fields. Your journey opens in Amsterdam, the 800-year-old thriving capital of the Netherlands. Board your ship and unpack once for a relaxing 7-night river cruise. Your beautiful vessel offers the newest technology, panoramic deck, panorama bar, delicious cuisine including regional wines with every dinner, and outstanding service. Tonight, a cocktail is served in the Panorama Bar where you will meet your fellow travellers before a lovely welcome dinner. Enjoy an overnight stay on the ship in Amsterdam. (D)

Day 2: Amsterdam - Volendam - Cruising After breakfast, view some of Amsterdam's most important sites and diverse architecture while on a city tour. You will also get to see the city from the water during a delightful canal cruise. Midday, visit the little fishing town of Volendam where you can still find fishermen dressed in traditional caps and baggy-legged trousers. A visit to a local cheese farm

illustrates the process of how cheese from the area is made and also allows you the opportunity to sample some of the delicious results! During dinner, the ship resumes its cruise to the IJssel Sea. (B, L, D)

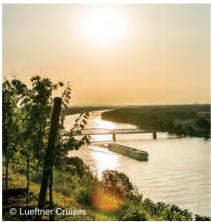
#### Day 3: Arnhem

Late this morning we arrive in Arnhem, location of the favourite summer retreat of the Dutch royal family. This afternoon, pass by lovely Dutch scenery as your journey continues. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Middelburg - Cruising

Today your ship docks in Middelburg, the capital of the Dutch province, Zeeland. It is known as "the monumental city" because over 1,100 monuments dot its landscape. This afternoon, you may take an optional excursion to the Deltaworks Project located at Neeltje Jans. This is an amazing example of how the Dutch have truly tamed the environment in which they live. Your excursion continues with a stop in the lovely town of Veere, a prosperous trading port in the Middle Ages due to the wool trade with Scotland; today it is a favourite spot for visitors. (B, L, D)









#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

Add more time to your trip with these options:

PRE NIGHT

1-2 NIGHTS



**UP TO 1 WEEK** 

PRE: AMSTERDAM CALL FOR DETAILS

CHOOSE FROM: London, Paris Frankfurt, Munich CALL FOR DETAILS

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#### Day 5: Ghent, Belgium - Bruges

Welcome to the Imperial city of Ghent. Lined with typical patrician houses in its city centre, Ghent conveys the splendour of days gone by. Perhaps you will join an optional sightseeing tour that includes St. Bavo Cathedral, with its worldfamous painting of the altar of the citizens of Ghent and the "Belfried" with its bell tower. This afternoon, be transported back to another time during a leisurely paced walking tour of Bruges, one of Europe's most perfectly preserved medieval cities. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Antwerp

Today the ship docks in Antwerp, Belgium's second-largest city, which boasts beautiful Gothic and Baroque architecture and lively cafés. Join a local expert exploring the city's historical sites including the legendary Brabo Fountain and "Liebfrauenkirche," Belgium's largest Gothic church housing works by Rubens, the prolific painter. The afternoon is at leisure for shopping and independent exploration. Tonight, the captain welcomes you to the elegant Captain's Gala Dinner, immediately followed by an evening of dancing. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Kinderdijk - Utrecht -Amsterdam

Stop in Kinderdijk (UNESCO World Heritage site) to experience Holland's largest concentration of windmills. many still operating, and to get a revealing glimpse into Holland's age-old battle with the sea. After lunch, explore the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, spanning more than 70 acres within a beautiful park of tranquil ponds and shaded paths. With more than seven million tulips and other flowers on exhibit, Keukenhof is a kaleidoscope of colour in bloom. Your day concludes with a farewell dinner and a typical Dutch folklore show celebrating the end of an unforgettable river cruise through Holland and Belgium. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Amsterdam - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful adventure.

Starting at \$4299 Starting at \$7299 and only, per person, double occupancy. SOLO April 2020 Staterooms Double Solo 1, 22, 29 April Haydn (lower deck) \$7299 \$4299 Strauss (middle deck) \$4819 \$8209 Mozart (upper deck) \$5859 \$9899 Mozart Suite (upper deck) \$8069 \$13669 See pages 204-205 for ship deck plans.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Amsterdam. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. Embarkation on day 1 is upon arrival; however, please note that cabins will not be ready for check in until after 3:00 p.m. Disembarkation on day 8 is normally at 9:00 a.m. River cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred. you will be notified in advance.



The tour directors were excellent and ensured that we were well informed and kept the needs of those with disabilities in mind. We enjoyed visiting Kinderdijk and the tulip gardens. 99

## **CLASSIC DANUBE**

10 DAYS • 24 MEALS FROM \$4849

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Budapest • 7-Night Danube River Cruise • Bratislava • Vienna • Wachau Valley • Linz • Passau • Regensburg • Munich • Füssen • Linderhof Palace • Oberammergau



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Board a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline.
- Take a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city.
- Visit King Ludwig II's ornate Linderhof Palace.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 9 breakfasts 6 lunches 9 dinners
- Enjoy unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard your cruise ship.
- · Attend the Captain's Gala Dinner.

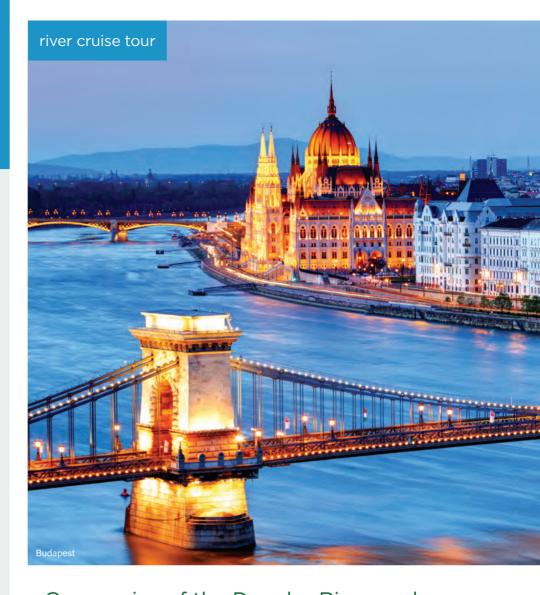


#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 7 MS Amadeus Brilliant

Days 8, 9 Luitpoldpark Hotel, Füssen

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



On a cruise of the Danube River, make your way along fairy-tale cities, medieval villages and stunning vistas.

## **Day 1:** Budapest, Hungary - Board Cruise Ship

Sail past breathtaking scenery, pausing along the way in quaint villages and lively cities on a timeless trip down the Danube River. Your tour opens with an overnight flight to Europe. Unpack for a relaxing 7-night Danube River cruise aboard your lovely ship. This vessel offers the newest technology, a panoramic deck, panorama bar, excellent cuisine, outstanding service and unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard. After a welcome aboard cocktail reception and dinner, take in the essence of the region during an evening cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline followed by a fun-filled folklore show. (D)

#### Day 2: Budapest

Embark on a tour of Budapest, Hungary's lovely capital, featuring the historic Buda Castle area, Fisherman's Bastion and the 500-year-old St. Matthias Church. Enjoy splendid views of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, nestled on opposing banks of the river. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 3:** Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria

Tour Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava, and discover the city's most celebrated sites including the 13th-century castle, Old Town, St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate and the Archbishop's palace. This afternoon, sail towards Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city. (B, L, D)

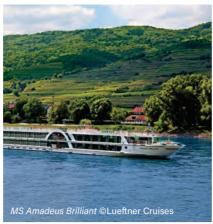
#### Day 4: Vienna

Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's Baroque elegance, stroll along the Kartner Strasse, or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. If you wish, you may join an optional excursion to the opulent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Emmersdorf - Wachau Valley

View the picturesque landscape as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the scenery. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic









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#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

SEE PAGE 207 FOR DETAILS

Add more time to your trip with these options:

#### **UP TO 1 WEEK**

STOPOVER



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Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Linz - Passau, Germany This morning, enjoy a walking tour of the charming riverside town of Linz. Next, continue on to Passau which is set at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets and St. Stephan's Cathedral, home to Europe's largest church organ. Tonight, you are invited to attend the Captain's Gala Dinner with your fellow passengers. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Regensburg

A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany's grand medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. Some of the architectural highlights you may view include the first stone bridge built over the Danube, a 1,400-foot-long span built in the 12th century; the old Town Hall; and the Porta Praetoria, one of only two remaining Roman gates in Germany, built in A.D. 179. This afternoon, take a stroll through

Old Town. Tonight, partake in a delightful Bavarian evening onboard. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Passau - Disembark Ship -Munich - Füssen

Today, disembark your cruise ship and journey to Munich. Feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. After some free time, continue on to the quaint Bavarian town of Füssen. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Füssen - Ettal -Oberammergau - Füssen

Travel to Ettal, home of Linderhof Palace. This artistic "Royal Villa" was the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete in his lifetime. Behind its Baroque façade you will find a world rich in Rococo ornamentation, with many sculptural elements that showcase an incomparable artistry. Later, spend time exploring Oberammergau, renowned for wood carvings and the Passion Play, which takes place every ten years. (B, D)

Day 10: Füssen - Tour Ends Today your tour comes to an end. (B) DOUBLE Land only, per person, double occupancy. s based on 5 October 2020 departur

Sept. - October 2020 26 September 5, 10 October

Staterooms Haydn (lower deck)	Double \$4849	<b>Solo</b> \$7949
Strauss (middle deck)	\$5499 \$6149	\$9379 \$10549
Mozart (upper deck) Mozart Suite (upper deck)	\$8489	\$10549

See pages 204-205 for ship deck plans.

This trip requires a passport. Air passengers will arrive into Budapest and depart from Munich. All transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:30 p.m. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. on the last day of your tour. All transfers will depart from Füssen for Munich airport. Travel time between Füssen and Munich airport is approximately 2 hours. Embarkation on day 1 is after 4:00 p.m.; on day 8, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m. Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waiters on board the ship are not included. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.



Went on a cruise with Collette and everything was great! I didn't have to worry about anything...flying, tickets, meals, cruise, adventures...anything! They let me totally enjoy my vacation! 99

## CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE

8 DAYS • 19 MEALS FROM \$3399

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Würzburg • Rothenburg • Nuremberg • 6-Night Danube River Cruise • Regensburg • Passau • Wachau Valley • Glühwein Party • Vienna • Hofburg Palace • Vienna Opera House • Christmas Markets



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Browse the famous Christmas markets along the Danube.
- Join a local expert as you explore Würzburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg and Vienna.
- Explore the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 7 breakfasts 5 lunches 7 dinners
- Enjoy unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard your cruise ship.
- Attend the Captain's Gala Dinner.



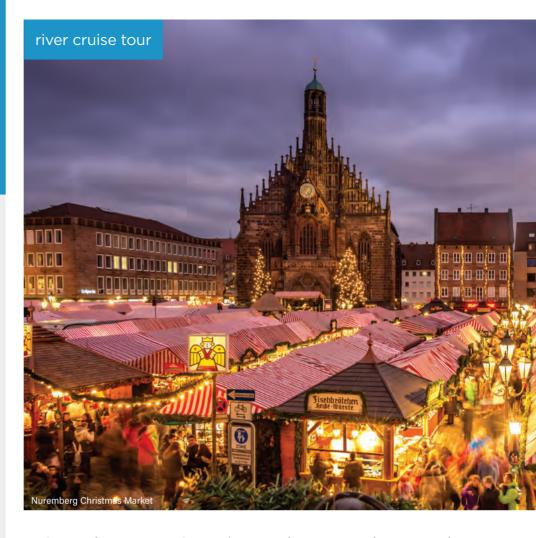
#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1

Maritim Hotel, Würzburg, Germany

Days 2 - 7 MS Amadeus Brilliant

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## On a boat cruise along the Danube, explore charming Christmas markets and see Europe dressed in its holiday best.

#### Day 1: Würzburg, Germany - Tour Begins

Welcome the winter season with a timeless trip down the Danube River. Your holiday tour begins with an overnight flight to Europe. Your tour opens in historic Bavaria in a town along the banks of the Main River. Enjoy the remainder of the day to relax and soak in the charms of Franconia. Meet your fellow travellers at tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Würzburg - Rothenburg - Nuremberg - Board Cruise Ship

This morning, join a local guide on a leisurely paced walking tour of Würzburg, known as "the jewel of the Main River." Würzburg is an ancient Franconian wine town rich in historic sites, including the magnificent 18th-century residence of the prince-bishops, which boasts the largest ceiling fresco in the world, and the ornate Alte Mainbrucke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. Proceed to lovely Rothenburg, one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. Enjoy free time to explore the town's hidden treasures and its charming Christmas market, or perhaps visit the Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas store and museum. Continue on to Nuremberg where you will board your ship for a leisurely 6-night cruise along the Danube River. This beautiful vessel offers outstanding services: the newest

technology, a panoramic deck terrace café, panorama salon and bar, excellent cuisine including unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks with all dinners, and exceptional service. This evening, enjoy a special dinner onboard. (B, D)

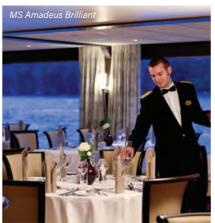
#### Day 3: Nuremberg

Stroll along the streets with an expert guide on a city tour of historic Nuremberg featuring Old Town, the 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city, and the Imperial Castle. Your city tour concludes with a visit to Nuremberg's Christmas market, which is Germany's oldest, dating back to 1628. The city is also known to be a toy-making centre, and perhaps you'll shop for traditional handcrafted nutcrackers or treat your taste buds to Nuremberg's famous Lebkuchen (gingerbread). Your cruise continues across the continental divide and through the final stretch of the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Regensburg

A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany's bestpreserved medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. Some of the architectural highlights you may view include the first stone bridge built over the Danube, a 1,400-foot-long span built in the 12th







#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL











#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Add more time to your trip with these options:

2 NIGHTS

EXTENSION



**PRAGUE** CALL FOR DETAILS

3+ NIGHTS

STOPOVER



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century, the old Town Hall, and the Porta Praetoria, built in A.D. 179 and one of only two remaining Roman gates in Germany. This afternoon, take a stroll through Old Town to Regensburg's charming Christmas market and marvel at the festive lights and decorations. Browse and shop at the brightly lit wooden huts that sell Christmas tree ornaments, wooden toys and local handicrafts. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Passau

Amid the early morning light, cruise past scenic valleys and charming riverside towns to Passau, situated at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, St. Stephen's Cathedralhome to Europe's largest church organ, and the charming Christmas market. Take advantage of leisure time to discover the town on your own. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Wachau Valley, Austria -Emmersdorf - Dürnstein - Vienna

View the picturesque landscapes as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the surrounding scenery before joining an excursion to the nearby town of Dürnstein and the 900-yearold Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of Europe's largest Baroque

monasteries. Enjoy a Glühwein Party before returning to the ship. Continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. Arrive in Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city, in the early evening. After dinner, you may choose to join an optional excursion in the imperial city to experience the magic of Vienna by night and visit Vienna's most famous Christmas market, located in front of the Rathaus (City Hall). (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Vienna

Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's Baroque elegance; stroll along the Karntner Strasse or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. If you wish, you may join an optional excursion to the opulent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty. A wonderful farewell evening of food, music and entertainment awaits you at the Captain's Gala Dinner, followed by a special Christmas concert for your enjoyment performed by the ship's orchestra. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Vienna - Disembark Ship -**Tour Ends**

After breakfast you disembark the ship as your tour comes to an end. (B) DOUBLE Starting at \$3399 SOLO Starting at \$4699

November -December 2020 28 November 3. 10 December

Staterooms Double Solo Haydn (lower deck) \$3399 \$4699 Strauss (middle deck) \$3789 \$5609 Mozart (upper deck) \$4569 \$7039 Mozart Suite (upper deck) \$4959 \$8209

See pages 204-205 for ship deck plans.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Frankfurt, Germany and depart from Vienna, Austria. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Embarkation on day 2 is after 4:00 p.m.; on day 8, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m. Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waiters on board the ship are not included. Cabins are available on lower (Hadyn), middle (Strauss) and upper (Mozart) decks. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.



What an amazing and charming trip; the river boat experience was also wonderful. Visiting the Christmas Markets that had been going on for such a long time was the best! 99

## MAGICAL RHINE & MOSELLE

9 DAYS · 22 MEALS FROM \$4899

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Amsterdam • 7-Night River Cruise • Rhine River • Cologne • Moselle River • Cochem • Wine Tasting • Koblenz • Rüdesheim • Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum • Mannheim • Speyer • Strasbourg • Titisee



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Set out on a 7-night cruise along the Rhine.
- Discover lovely Strasbourg on a guided tour.
- Take in the sounds of barrel organs and medieval instruments at Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 8 breakfasts 6 lunches 8 dinners
- Enjoy a Captain's Gala Dinner aboard your ship.
- Visit one of Cochem's renowned wine cellars.

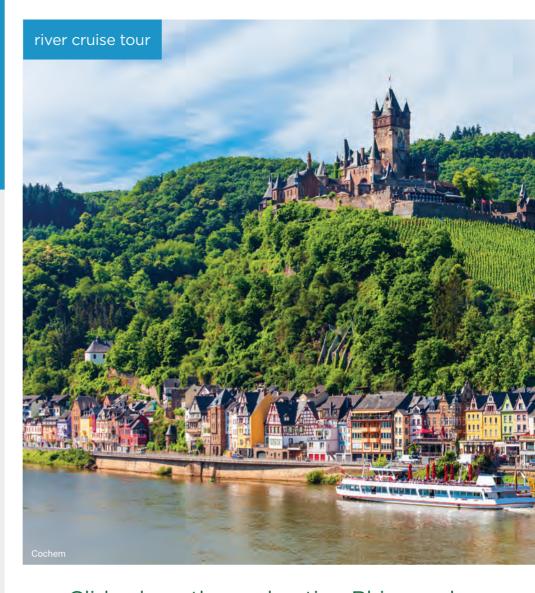


#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 7 MS Amadeus Silver III

Day 8 Dormero Airport Hotel, Zurich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## Glide along the enchanting Rhine and Moselle rivers on a leisurely journey to the Netherlands, Germany and France.

## **Day 1:** Amsterdam, Netherlands - Tour Begins - Board Cruise Ship

Join us for an exciting tour featuring Strasbourg and the romantic Rhine Valley. This journey brings you through one of the most historic and dramatic regions in all of Europe. Your tour opens in Amsterdam where you will board your ship for a 7-night cruise along the Rhine River. Your ship offers an array of amenities including outside staterooms, unlimited wine with every dinner, and daily onboard musical performances. This evening, meet in the lounge for a cocktail reception followed by a welcome aboard dinner. (D)

#### Day 2: Amsterdam

Join a local expert for a city tour of Amsterdam including a voyage along the city's centuries-old canal system. Board your canal boat and sail by charming cafés and famous 16th-century row houses stacked side-by-side. (B, L, D)

#### Day 3: Cologne, Germany

Glide down the river this morning and pass through the picturesque German landscape dotted with medieval towns. Your journey brings you to Cologne where you will join a guide for a walking tour of the city's Old Town with its narrow, cobbled streets. Admire the Cologne Cathedral as well as the Roman Dionysus mosaic and the Romanesque church of St. Martin. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Moselle River - Cochem

Set sail on the Moselle River to Cochem before a guided tour through this lovely town and Reichsburg Castle. The castle is set on a precipitous rock high above the town and offers breathtaking views of the Moselle Valley. End your tour of Cochem with an introduction by a local winemaker to one of Cochem's wine cellars and taste regional Mosel wines. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Koblenz - Rüdesheim

Continue on to Koblenz and get to know this 2,000-year-old city on a walking tour. See such sights as the town's old quarter, badly damaged during World War II and then rebuilt, as well as the Schaengel Fountain at the town hall. Your next stop is Rüdesheim. Set out on a tour of the city and its famous Siegfried's *Mechanisches Musikkabinett* (Mechanical Music Museum)







#### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** SEE PAGE 207 FOR DETAILS









#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Add more time to your trip with these options:

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

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UP TO 1 WEEK



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where you will be treated to the music of barrel organs and medieval mechanical instruments. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Mannheim - Speyer

The river takes you to Mannheim where you will have free time to explore the city on your own. Or, perhaps you will join an optional excursion to the town of Heidelberg. Later, sail to Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities, and step back in time on a walking tour to explore the Old Gate and the Jewish baths. A wonderful evening of food, music and entertainment awaits you at the Captain's Gala Dinner. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Strasbourg, France

Your journey takes you to Strasbourg, a provincial capital of France that blends centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences together, creating a unique character. Discover the history of the city on a guided tour of the old quarter, Petite France, featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Highlights also include Place de la République and Place d'Austerlitz. You will have free time to explore this perfectly preserved

town before returning to your cruise ship. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Basel-DisembarkShip-Colmar-Black Forest, Germany-Zurich, Switzerland

Today is filled with exploration! Disembark your ship in Basel, Switzerland and travel to the Alsace wine region to spend time in beautiful Colmar, France. Step back in time with a local guide on a walking tour of the Old Town highlighting its many architectural landmarks before enjoying some free time to explore this charming city on your own. Next, drive to Titisee, a German resort town nestled alongside its picturesque lake hidden deep in the Black Forest. Savour some leisure time to browse the shops for the region's famous cuckoo clocks. You'll have an opportunity to meet a local artisan who demonstrates how these cuckoo clocks are made with traditional techniques. Enjoy a dinner of Black Forest regional specialities before arriving in Zurich. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Zurich Airport Area - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$4899 SOLO Starting at \$7749

Prices based on 29 June 2020 departs

June - August 2020 29 June 11, 17 August

Staterooms	Double	Solo
Haydn (lower deck)	\$4899	\$7749
Strauss (middle deck)	\$5809	\$9569
Mozart (upper deck)	\$6199	\$10479
Mozart Suite (upper deck)	\$8929	\$15289

See pages 204-205 for ship deck plans.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Amsterdam, Netherlands airport and depart from Zurich, Switzerland airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Embarkation on day 1 is upon arrival; however, cabins will not be ready for check in until after 4:00 p.m.; on day 8, disembarkation is normally at 10:00 a.m. Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waiters on board the ship are not included. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come, first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of reservation; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. This itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse.



#### Wonderful experience on a beautiful ship.

Food choices and presentations were excellent. Tour guides were knowledgeable, always prepared and flexible. 99

## LA BELLE SEINE

8 DAYS · 20 MEALS FROM \$4799

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Paris • 7-Night River Cruise • Seine River • Auvers-sur-Oise • Rouen • Honfleur • Normandy • Château Gaillard • Giverny



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Explore Normandy on a full day excursion.
- View the Gros Horloge, Rouen's astronomical clock.
- Tour Auvers-sur-Oise, inspiration for many of Van Gogh's paintings and masterpieces.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 7 breakfasts 6 lunches 7 dinners
- Visit a local distillery for a Calvados (apple brandy) tasting.
- Celebrate your journey during a Captain's Gala dinner.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1 - 7 MS Amadeus Diamond

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## Immerse yourself in French culture and Parisian romance on a tranquil 7-night river cruise through the resplendent Normandy region.

## **Day 1:** Paris, France - Tour Begins - Board Cruise Ship

Your journey opens in Paris. Board your ship and unpack once for a relaxing 7-night river cruise. Your vessel offers outstanding features: the newest technology, panoramic deck, panorama bar, delicious cuisine including regional wines with every dinner, and exceptional service. Tonight, a cocktail is served in the Panorama Bar where you will meet your fellow travellers before a lovely welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Conflans - Auvers-sur-Oise

This morning, arrive in Conflans, situated at the confluence of the Oise and Seine rivers. Visit the town of Auvers-sur-Oise, once home to several 19th-century painters including Paul Cézanne, Charles-François Daubigny, Camille Pissaro, and perhaps most famously, Vincent van Gogh. Embark on a tour of Auvers-sur-Oise that retraces van Gogh's time here. Visit Auberge Ravoux, where he rented his room, the idyllic fields that inspired his last masterpiece, and his final resting place. This afternoon, cruise past countryside scenery as your journey continues. (B, L, D)

#### Day 3: Rouen

Today your ship docks in Rouen, the

historical capital of Normandy. Enjoy a guided walking tour of this medieval city highlighting its many monuments and architectural treasures. Visit the cathedral and the Church of Joan of Arc before viewing the Gros Horloge astronomical clock. Spend time at leisure to continue exploring the city; perhaps you will visit Place du Vieux-Marché. This afternoon, you may take an optional excursion with a local expert along the "Abbey Trail" to the ruins of both St. Wandrille Abbey and Jumièges. Learn about the rich history of the churches, castles and abbeys that once populated this region. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Le Havre - Honfleur - Le Havre Continue on to Le Havre, a city located on the English Channel at the mouth of the Seine River. Perhaps you will join an optional morning sightseeing tour to Étretat, a charming fishing village situated on the Normandy coast with stunning clifftop views, where a guided walking tour highlights the various artists who have visited and painted there through the years. This afternoon, journey to Honfleur, a remarkable maritime city. Explore the narrow streets and the old port with a local guide. View the Lieutenancy, the Old Salt Stores and St. Catherine's Church before



enjoying time to shop or explore

Day 5: Le Havre - Normandy

Excursion - Caudebec-en-Caux

travel through Normandy to visit

some of the significant D-Day Landing sites of World War II.

German battery that defended

Beach, one of the U.S. landing

A full day of remembrance awaits;

Begin at Pointe du Hoc, a strategic

Utah and Omaha beaches from the Allied invasion, where craters from

cataclysmic bombings occupy the

landscape to this day. View Omaha

zones of the invasion of Normandy.

Next, visit the Normandy American

Cemetery and visitor's centre. Enjoy

Bains to view the Mulberry Harbour.

an included lunch locally before

travelling on to Arromanche-les-

This evening, rejoin the ship in

Caudebec-en-Caux. (B, L, D)

independently. (B, L, D)







A guide will share stories of Monet's time here as you tour his home and its surrounding gardens. Tonight, the captain welcomes you to the elegant Captain's Gala dinner, immediately followed by an evening of dancing. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Paris

This morning, take a splendid panoramic coach tour that features views of the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Les Invalides, the Louvre Museum, the famous Champs-Elysées and the Jardin des Tuileries. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to continue exploring this great city. Or, perhaps you will select from two optional excursions: choose to visit King Louis XIV's magnificent Palace of Versailles, the largest in Europe, for a guided tour of the palace and stroll the magnificent gardens which are amongst some of the world's most famous. Or, choose to join an optional guided walking tour of the Montmartre district highlighting its narrow winding streets that have drawn artists to them for hundreds of years. Your day concludes with a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Les Andelys - Château Gaillard - Giverny Begin your morning with a stop

in Les Andelys to visit Château Gaillard, constructed in the 12th century by Richard the Lionheart. Admire the striking views of French countryside from the château's vantage point on a promontory along the Seine. Next, continue to Giverny, where tranquil gardens combining flora and water elements inspired Monet's greatest works.

#### Day 8: Paris - Disembark Ship -**Tour Ends**

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with this option:

#### **3 NIGHTS**



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**DOUBLE** Starting at \$4799 SOLO Starting at \$7399

Prices based on 14 October 2020 departure

October - June 2020 14 October 24 June

Staterooms	Double	Solo
Haydn (lower deck)	\$4799	\$7399
Strauss (middle deck)	\$6099	\$9999
Mozart (upper deck)	\$6359	\$10779
Mozart Suite (upper deck)	\$9219	\$16109

See pages 204-205 for ship deck plans.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Paris. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights must arrive prior to 3:00 p.m. Embarkation on day 1 is upon arrival; however, cabins will not be ready for check in until after 4:00 p.m. Disembarkation on day 8 is normally at 9:00 a.m. Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. Please note that river cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waitstaff on board the ship are not included and are at your discretion. The optional excursion to Versailles is only available if booked at time of final payment, in advance of departure. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance.

### ICONIC ISRAEL

#### 9 DAYS • 15 MEALS FROM \$3149

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Tel Aviv • Jaffa • Carmel Market Food Tour • Caesarea • Druze Lunch • Acre • Sea of Galilee • Golan Heights • Nazareth • Mount of Olives • Jerusalem • Home-Hosted Dinner • The Western Wall • Bethlehem • Yad Vashem • Holocaust Survivor Discussion • Dead Sea

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Connect with the Orthodox Jewish community at a home-hosted dinner in Jerusalem.
- Engage in a conversation with a Holocaust survivor at Yad Vashem.
- Enjoy two nights in Tel Aviv, Israel's dynamic and thriving strip of metropolitan life.



 Day 9 — Choose to learn about the world-famous cosmetics that come from the Dead Sea or "float" in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead Sea.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 8 breakfasts 3 lunches 4 dinners
- Sample wines integral to Israeli traditions at a vineyard in Golan Heights.
- Enjoy a traditional Druze lunch and learn about this Arab-Israeli community.
- Get a taste for Israeli cuisine on a walking food tour in Carmel Market.



Days 1, 2 Isrotel Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv

Days 3, 4 Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Tiberias

Days 5 - 8 Dan Panorama or Dan Jerusalem Hotel, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Discover the ancient world of Israel, where legendary stories of humanity's collective history blend with the thriving dynamic of modern life.

Day 1: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins

Welcome to Tel Aviv, a thriving, reinvented city on the Mediterranean coast. Feel the bustling energy humming around you and jump right into this epicenter of Israelichic. The city cultivates an ever-evolving restaurant scene paired with sparkling coastlines, resulting in an irresistible hub of urban sophistication. This is Tel Aviv, a non-stop celebration of innovation and excitement. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception at your hotel.

#### Day 2: Tel Aviv

This morning, walk the narrow stone streets of Jaffa, an ancient port city. Then it's on to Carmel Market for a walking food tour. Sample fresh hummus and savoury street foods as you connect with the locals, getting a true taste of everyday life. This afternoon you may soak up the sun on sandy beaches or join your Tour Manager to explore the "White City," the UNESCO World Heritage section of Tel Aviv, highlighting the famous Bauhaus architecture. Enjoy an evening at leisure to take in the city's captivating nightlife. Experience Tel Aviv's dynamic boardwalk, rooftop lounges, sophisticated cocktail bars, and more. (B, L)

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

Follow the coast to the ruins of the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great around 22 B.C. Chat with locals over a plate of enticing Arabic food as you bond with members of the Druze community at an intimate lunch in their home. Afterward, take in the breathtaking panorama of Haifa and the Baha'l Shrine and Gardens on Mount Carmel (UNESCO). Step back in time in the ancient Crusader city of Acre. Your day comes to a close in Tiberias, a sacred city overlooking the Sea of Galilee. (B, L, D)

## **Day 4:** Tiberias - Sea of Galilee - Golan Heights - Tiberias

Begin your day by exploring the Galilee Boat Museum. Stand in awe before a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee approximately 2,000 years ago before heading out on a cruise on those same waters. Enjoy lunch at a winery in the Golan Heights, a slice of fertile agriculture set on a rocky plateau. Wine has been a part of Israeli life since biblical times, deeply rooted in tradition but also evolving with modern life. (B, L, D)







#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Add more time to your trip with these options:

PRE NIGHT

1-2 NIGHTS



**3 NIGHTS** 

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#### Day 5: Tiberias - Nazareth - Mount of Olives - Jerusalem

Depart Tiberias for the historic city of Nazareth. Visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. Continue south to the Mount of Olives and marvel at the allencompassing view of Jerusalem. Housing layers of history and heritage, allow the resilient spirit of the city to capture your senses. Tonight, get to know a local family as you enjoy a traditional meal in their home. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Jerusalem

Walk in the footsteps of millions before you and discover the old walled city of Jerusalem (UNESCO). On this walking tour, you'll see the Western (Wailing) Wall, the Temple area, the outside of the Dome of the Rock, the Pool of Bethesda, and the Church of St. Anne. Next, walk the path of the Stations of the Cross as you traverse the Via Dolorosa, beginning at Pilate's Judgment Hall and ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Then, immerse yourself in the everyday culture of Israel at the Mahane Yehuda Market; smell the wafting aroma of spices, admire the tiers of fresh fruit, and hear the constant chatter of hungry locals. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Perhaps you will choose an optional walking

tour that delves into Jerusalem's current political climate. (B)

#### Day 7: Jerusalem - Bethlehem -Jerusalem

Begin your day in the city of Bethlehem, spread along the Judean Hills. Visit the Church of the Nativity - the birthplace of Jesus and the first church ever built. This afternoon, return to Jerusalem for a poignant visit to Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Centre. You won't just tour this powerful museum, but you'll get to have an open conversation with a Holocaust survivor. The rest of your day is at leisure. (B)

#### Day 8: Jerusalem 😯

Travel to the desert fortress of Masada (UNESCO), situated on a cliff next to the Dead Sea. Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car and explore Herod's Palaces, the Roman Camp, and the Synagogue. Then, it's your choice! Stop at the AHAVA Visitors Centre and learn about the world-famous cosmetics that come from the Dead Sea -OR- experience the natural buoyancy of the Dead Sea during a tranquil "float" in its healing waters, rich with salt and minerals. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner and toast the end to an incredible journey. (B, D)

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

**DOUBLE** Starting at \$3149

1, 4, 8, 11 November

Prices based on 2 December 2020 departure

January - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 16, 23 January 6, 13, 20, 27 February 5, 12, 19, 26 March 9, 14, 16, 23, 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.

May 2020 - April 2021 (featured itinerary) 6, 13, 20, 27 May

10, 17 June 8 July 19, 26 August 2, 6, 9 September

2 December 13, 17, 31 January 3, 7, 10, 17 February 3, 10, 14, 17 March 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 October 7, 11, 14, 21, 28 April

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Tel Aviv. Our air passengers will depart from Jerusalem for Tel Aviv. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day (Day 9). Travel distance from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. It is recommended that you arrive at Ben Gurion airport approximately 3 hours prior to departure. In addition to Israel, this tour travels through the occupied Palestinian territory of the West Bank.



Every day was memorable. The guide went the extra mile to indicate at every location the historical event that took place. 99

## TREASURES OF EGYPT

12 DAYS · 22 MEALS FROM \$3749

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Giza • Pyramids • Sphinx • Memphis •
Sakkara • Grand Egyptian Museum •
Luxor • Valley of the Kings •
Deluxe 4-Night Nile River Cruise •
Temple of Karnak • Kom Ombo •
Aswan • Old Cairo



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



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

 Day 9 — Board a felucca (wooden sail boat) and sail to Kitchener Island for a stroll through the botanical garden or experience Nubian culture past and present during a visit to a museum.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 11 breakfasts 4 lunches 7 dinners
- Enjoy a special welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile.



Day 9

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Days 1, 2 Fairmont Nile City Hotel or Kempinski Nile Hotel, Cairo

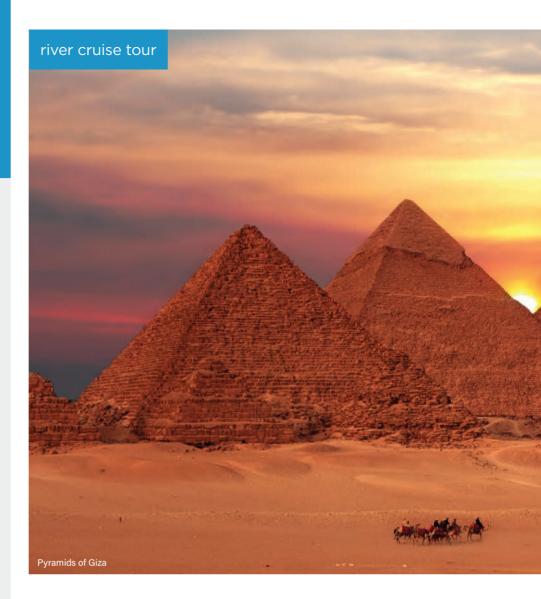
Days 3, 4 Sonesta St. George Hotel, Luxor

Days 5 - 8 Movenpick Royal Lily or Movenpick Royal Lotus

Days 10, 11 Intercontinental Citystars Hotel, Cairo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Movenpick Resort, Aswan



Follow the allure of the Nile as you uncover complex legends and retrace the steps of the pharaohs in ancient Egypt.

#### Day 1: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend and lore as you view Egypt's timeless wonders. Begin your journey in Cairo, an ancient city with an intriguing past.

## **Day 2:** Cairo - Giza - Sakkara - Memphis - Cairo

Fulfil a lifelong dream! This morning we travel to nearby Giza where we'll meet a local archaeologist who will lead us on a visit to the Pyramids of Giza, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the oldest and largest monuments in the world. This afternoon, travel south to Sakkara. Explore the site of ancient Memphis, home to a nearly 40-foot statue of Ramses II, and stand before the oldest of all pyramids, the Step Pyramid. This evening, enjoy a special welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Cairo - Luxor

Spend the morning discovering the remarkable collections of the Grand Egyptian Museum. See the statues, reliefs, sarcophagi and the treasures from the tomb

of Tutankhamun himself. Later, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Luxor. (B)

#### Day 4: Luxor

Travel thousands of years into the past. Cross over to the West Bank of the Nile to begin your day in ancient Thebes. Explore its remarkable sights – the Valley of the Kings and Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari, and the Colossi of Mennon. This afternoon, return to the East Bank and behold the Luxor Temple, a creation of kings Amenhotep III and Ramses II. (B)

Day 5: Luxor - Board Cruise Ship
We return to the West Bank this morning
and head to the tombs in the Valley of
Nobles and the well-preserved temple
complex of Medinet Habu. This afternoon,
board your cruise ship and begin your
adventure on the Nile River. This evening,
enjoy the sound and light show at the
Karnak Temple. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Luxor - Esna - Edfu

This morning, explore the expansive Karnak Temple, dating back to 2000 B.C. Then we begin our sail down the Nile towards Esna







## MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

Add more time to your trip with these options:

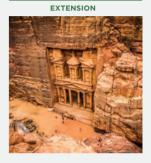
1-2 NIGHTS PRE/POST NIGHT

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** 

Egypt

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3+ NIGHTS

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Jordan

PRE OR POST: CAIRO

JORDAN SEE PAGE 201 FOR DETAILS

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

Day 7: Edfu - Kom Ombo - Aswan Step into another world at the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu. Peruse the endless carvings of scenes depicting the power and grandeur of the pharaohs. After lunch, set sail for Kom Ombo and continue to Aswan, the Nubian City. Following dinner, enjoy a folkloric show featuring a belly dancing performance. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Aswan

Discover the Philae Temple. Relocated and preserved by a special UNESCO project, this structure remains an architectural wonder. Later, enjoy a free afternoon to explore Aswan. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Aswan - Disembark Cruise Ship - Abu Simbel Optional Tour 😯

Disembark the ship this morning in Aswan. You may choose to partake in an optional tour to Abu Simbel and see the extraordinary temples of Ramses II relocated here during the construction of the High Dam. Then, it's your choice! You may choose to board a felucca

(wooden sail boat) and sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island for a short stroll through the botanical garden -OR- perhaps you would prefer to experience Nubian culture past and present during a visit to a fascinating museum. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Aswan - Cairo

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

#### Day 11: Cairo

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

#### Day 12: Cairo - Tour Ends

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

DOUBLE Starting at \$3749 SOLO Starting at \$4649

Prices based on 17 September 2020 departure

January - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 9, 16, 23, 30 January 6, 13, 20, 27 February 5, 12, 19, 26 March 2, 16, 23, 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.

May 2020 - April 2021 (featured itinerary) 7, 14 May 17, 24 September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October 5. 12. 19 November

3, 10, 31 December

7, 14, 21, 28 January 4, 11, 18, 25 February 4, 11, 18 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April

This trip requires a passport and visa. An Egyptian visa is required for this tour and costs approximately \$60 AUD. You must obtain your own visa upon your arrival in Egypt. Visas can be obtained at the airport and payment should be made in cash. Rates are subject to change at any time based on governing authority. Passport numbers are required in advance, at time of booking. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Cairo. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, flights arriving into Cairo may arrive very early in the morning on Day 1. A pre night may be required (at an additional cost). Some days will have early departures for excursions to avoid the midday high temperatures. The Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking. Due to flight schedules, departures on last day of the tour may be very early in the morning. Rates include the internal flights on tour.



Our accommodations and transportation were first class. Our tour guide, that accompanied us every step of the way, was absolutely excellent. 99

## SPECTACULAR SOUTH AFRICA

13 DAYS • 24 MEALS FROM \$4124

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Johannesburg • Soweto • Panoramic Route • Kruger National Park • Safari Game Drives • Garden Route • Knysna • Featherbed Nature Reserve • Stellenbosch • Wine Tasting & Dinner • Cape Town • Table Mountain



- Experience a thrilling cable car ride rising more than 3,000 feet.
- Learn the local beat with a lesson on the djembe drums.
- Taste the incredible wines that Stellenbosch is acclaimed for.



 Day 7 — Visit Plettenberg Bay and take in views of beaches and dramatic rock formations or enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Knysna.

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 12 breakfasts 5 lunches 7 dinners
- Join locals for lunch at a nearby Shebeen, or house tavern.
- Experience an unforgettable African Boma dinner.
- Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient milkwood trees in Knysna.



Days 1, 2 Da Vinci Hotel and Suites,

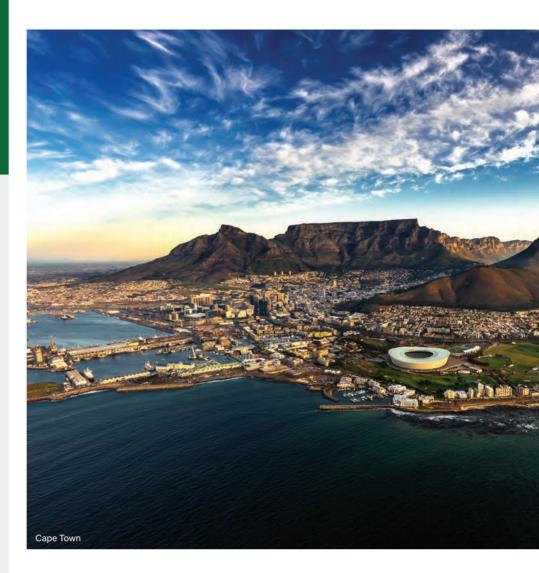
Days 3 - 5 Casa do Sol Hotel & Resort, Kruger National Park

Days 6, 7 The Rex Hotel, Knysna

Days 8, 9 De Zalze Lodge, Stellenbosch

Days 10 - 12 Commodore Hotel, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



## Experience a harmony of intriguing cultures, stunning wildlife, lush winelands, and elaborate history.

Day 1: Sandton, South Africa - Tour Begins
One country with a world of treasures,
South Africa awaits your arrival.
Breathtaking mountain scenery, winding
coastlines, remarkable cultural diversity
and abundant wildlife in its natural habitat
comprise this incredible experience.
Your journey begins in Sandton, a city

comprise this incredible experience. Your journey begins in Sandton, a city established in 1969. Famous for its rich veins of gold and other valuable minerals, it is now the bustling cosmopolitan centre of greater Johannesburg.

Day 2: Sandton - Soweto - Sandton

Today, have some time to ponder history at Liliesleaf, the former centre of the liberation movement and the site of the police raid that led to Nelson Mandela's lifetime prison sentence. Following this, a guided tour of Soweto - South West Township - showcases luxurious mansions and informal settlements as you learn about the historical significance of the area. Experience the regional lifestyle when joining locals for lunch at a nearby Shebeen, or house tavern. This afternoon, visit the Apartheid Museum commemorating the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa. Gather this evening with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

## **Day 3:** Sandton - Panoramic Route - Kruger National Park

Travel through the spectacular Northern Drakensberg Mountain Range en route to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. Scenic wonders surround you as you pass through the Blyde River Canyon, made mostly of red sandstone, and known as one of Africa's greatest natural wonders. Along this magnificent route, stop at God's Window and stand at what seems like the edge of creation. On clear days, you can see as far as Mozambique. This evening, enjoy a traditional Boma dinner where you may sample some local game meat! (B, D)

## **Day 4:** Kruger National Park - Safari Game Drive

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



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

Embrace the rare opportunity to head back into the wild on another safari game drive in Kruger National Park. Enjoy this second attempt to see any animals you may have missed vesterday or get another look at your favourites. (B, L, D)

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

Travel back to Johannesburg to board your flight to George. Upon arrival, travel to the picturesque resort town of Knysna in the heart of the Garden Route. Located on the coast, Knysna is your gateway to the natural beauty of South Africa. (B)

#### Day 7: Knysna 😯

This morning's township tour will highlight the diversity of this community, followed by a touching experience as you visit a school. Learn about the efforts of the Collette Foundation and the local community to conquer the challenges of educating the children of the region. Next, visit the nearby Featherbed Nature Reserve. Begin with a lagoon cruise out to the famous Knysna Heads, which mark the entrance to the lagoon. Next, board a 4x4 vehicle and travel deep into the forest. Discover the local flora and fauna during a leisurely-paced nature walk.

Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient milkwood trees - so called because of their white latex sap - before your return cruise. This afternoon, it's your choice! Visit Plettenberg Bay, a tranguil and charming town originally known as Bahia Formosa (Beautiful Bay) and witness views of beaches, dramatic rock formations and lagoons -OR- enjoy your afternoon at leisure in Knysna with time to independently explore the charming waterfront. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Knysna - Stellenbosch

Say goodbye to Knysna as you begin your journey to Stellenbosch. Get a taste of the culture when you join your fellow travellers for dinner and a wine tasting. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Stellenbosch - Franschhoek -Stellenbosch

Start your day with a walking tour of Stellenbosch, a university town known for its vineyards and mountainous nature reserves. Get a chance to taste some wine before continuing on to nearby Franschhoek. Experience the town's renowned wine culture with a cellar tour and tasting followed by lunch before returning to Stellenbosch. With the remainder of your day at leisure, discover the town on your own. Maybe you'll taste some more of the legendary wine, wander along the oak-lined avenues, or explore the surrounding nature. (B, L)

#### Day 10: Stellenbosch - Cape Town

Travel to the beautiful harbourside city of Cape Town, the oldest city in South Africa. Settle in for your 3-night stay in the "Mother City," nestled in the valley between towering mountains and the glistening sea. (B)

#### Day 11: Cape Town

See the highlights of the city on a panoramic tour. Take in the celebrated architecture that fuses the traditions of the French, German and Dutch. Enjoy a thrilling ride on a cable car that whisks you to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet, landing atop the aptly named – and flat-topped – Table Mountain. The views of Cape Town, Robben Island and Lion's Head will leave you breathless. Return to the city via Table Bay, passing through the Malay Quarter with its mosques and minarets. Make a special stop at the massive Milnerton Lighthouse. (B)

#### Day 12: Cape Town

Explore the coastal scenery and charming towns that populate the Cape Peninsula. Travel out to Cape Point, stopping for a visit with the penguins at Boulders Beach. This evening, experience a unique farewell to Africa as you enjoy a lesson on the djembe drums before a communal African dining experience with dishes from all over the continent! (B, D)

Day 13: Cape Town - Tour Ends Your tour ends today in Cape Town.



#### MAKE MORE OF YOUR TOUR

#### Add more time to your trip with these options:

1-2 NIGHTS PRE OR POST NIGHT





3+ NIGHTS

**PRE: SANDTON POST: CAPE TOWN** 

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**DOUBLE** Starting at \$4124 Starting at \$4974 Land only, per person double occupancy.

Prices based on 5 June 2020 departure

January - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 17, 24 January 7, 21 February 6, 13, 20 March

3, 17, 20, 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)

29 May 5 June 10 July 7 August 4, 7, 11, 18, 25 September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 October

6.13 November 15, 22 January 5, 12, 19, 22, 26 February 5, 12, 19 March 9.16.23 April

This trip requires a passport and visa. You must have at least 2 blank pages (with visa hologram) remaining in your passport to allow for the entry stamp issued for South Africa. The 2 pages for South Africa MUST be facing each other. Failure to comply with this law will result in denied boarding of your international flight. If you choose to continue on with the Victoria Falls extension, you must have at least 2 additional blank pages remaining in your passport. If you have questions please see your travel professional or call us. Collette will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation. Our air passengers will arrive into Johannesburg and depart from Cape Town. Our air passengers will arrive on Day 1 at Johannesburg airport. All of our transfers on Day 1 will be from Johannesburg airport to Sandton. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are included in the land price. 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, Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Kruger National Park, 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.

### ISRAEL: A JOURNEY OF FAITH

8 DAYS · 15 MEALS FROM \$2849

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Jaffa • Caesarea • Nazareth • Cana •
Tiberias • Sea of Galilee • Mount of
Beatitudes • Capernaum • Golan Heights
• Caesarea Philippi • Tel Megiddo •
Bethlehem • Jerusalem • Mount of Olives
• Mount Zion • Ein Karem • Via Dolorosa
• Western Wall • Garden Tomb



- Stroll through the winding alleys of historic Jaffa.
- Visit Capernaum, the centre of Jesus' ministry in Galilee.
- Stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared Christmas night.



- 7 breakfasts 1 lunch 7 dinners
- Get a taste of the local flavour when you enjoy lunch at a kibbutz.



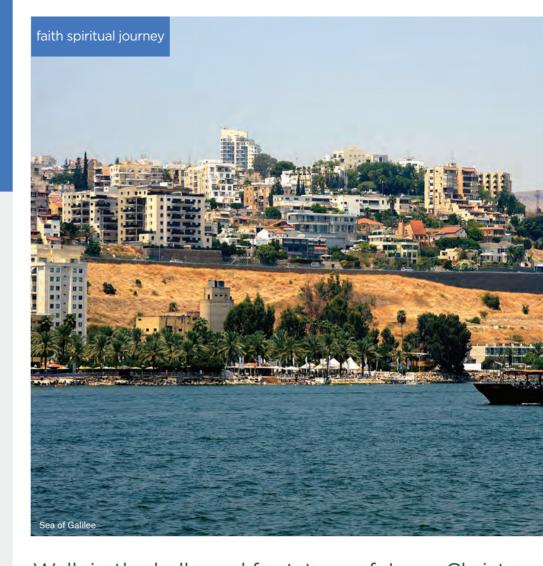
#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1 Kfar Maccabiah Hotel, Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv

Days 2, 3 Leonardo Tiberias Hotel, Tiberias

Days 4 - 7 Dan Boutique Hotel or Dan Jerusalem Hotel, Jerusalem

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Walk in the hallowed footsteps of Jesus Christ and see some of the world's ancient cities on this spirited sojourn to Israel.

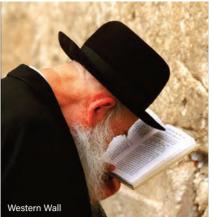
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Travel to the Holy Land on an inspirational
journey that visits some of the most
ancient sites in the world. Your tour begins
in Tel Aviv, a bustling city brimming with
culture and history, situated on the Israeli
Mediterranean coastline. Tonight, join your
fellow travellers for a welcome dinner.

#### Day 2: Tel Aviv - Jaffa - Caesarea -Nazareth - Cana - Tiberias

Journey to the ancient port city of Jaffa for a leisurely stroll through the winding alleys of the historic area. Visit the Roman Aqueduct and Theatre at Caesarea, a centre of the early Christians where Cornelius became the first Gentile convert to the new covenant (Acts 10) by St. Peter; and where Paul was imprisoned before being taken to Rome for trial (Acts 23). In Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home (Matthew 2:23), visit the Church of the Annunciation and the place where Joseph's home and workshop were as well as the site of the fresh water spring used by the Holy Family. Your day continues with a visit to Cana, the site of Our Lord's first miracle. Arrive in Tiberias for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 3: Sea of Galilee - Capernaum - Golan Heights - Caesarea Philippi - Tiberias Cross the waters of the Sea of Galilee aboard a replica of the boat in which Jesus would have sailed. Travel to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7). Nearby Tabgha is the traditional location for the calling of the disciples and the feeding of the five thousand. Visit the Church of the Fish and the Loaves (Luke 9:10-17). In Capernaum, Jesus performed many miracles and it was the centre of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. Visit the synagogue that stands on the site where Jesus taught and reflect on his teaching and preaching of the gospel of the kingdom (Matthew 4:13, 23). Visit the Chapel of the Primacy where Peter professed his devotion to the risen Christ (John 21) on three occasions. Get a taste of the local flavour when you enjoy lunch at a communal settlement, known as a kibbutz, in the Golan Heights. Visit Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus travelled with His disciples and near where Peter made his great confession to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Your day ends at the River Jordan at the Yardenit Baptismal site. (B, L, D)







#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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#### Add more time to your trip with these options:

#### 1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT



**3 NIGHTS** EXTENSION



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#### Day 4: Tiberias - Tel Megiddo -Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Visit Tel Megiddo (Armageddon), the site of the final battle before the coming of the Messiah. In Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus (Luke 2), enter the Church of the Nativity, the oldest continuously functioning church in the world. View the cave where Jesus was born. Stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared on that first Christmas night, spreading good tidings of great joy for all the people. Later, arrive in one of the holiest cities in the world, Jerusalem. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Jerusalem - Mount Zion -Ein Karem

Your time in Jerusalem begins with a visit to the Mount of Olives. Afterwards, visit the Church of the Pater Noster, built on the traditional site where Christ taught the Lord's Prayer; its name refers to the "Our Father" prayer. Continue to the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before He was crucified. Nearby is the Tomb of the Virgin Mary and the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Christ's betrayal by Judas. Travel to Mount Zion and stand in the Upper Room, near the traditional site of the Last Supper (Mark 14). Then, continue to Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist and the place to which

Mary travelled to share her good news with Elizabeth. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Jerusalem

Today you are free to explore the city on your own. Perhaps you'll choose to take an optional excursion to the Dead Sea to discover where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found; visit Masada; and perhaps even float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Jerusalem

Your day begins at St. Stephen's Gate where St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death. Continue to the Church of St. Anne, marking the place where the parents of the Blessed Mother lived. Visit the nearby Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic. Then, follow the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion; pass by the Ecce Homo Arch, the site where Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord to the crowds. Next, visit the Western Wall of the Temple before stopping at the Garden Tomb, the possible site of the garden of Joseph of Arimathea and site of the resurrection of Jesus. Enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers to celebrate the end of this unforgettable and holy experience. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Jerusalem - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)

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DOUBLE Starting at \$2849 SOLO Starting at \$3749

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Prices based on 3 December 2020 departure

January - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 28 January 4, 11, 16, 25 February 10, 17, 24, 31 March 21, 28 April

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May 2020 - April 2021 (featured itinerary)

14, 26, 28 May 23 June 25 August

1, 3, 6, 8, 10 September 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 27 October 3, 5, 10, 12 November

3 December 21 January 2, 4, 7, 9 February 11, 16, 18 February 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 March 15, 29 April

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Our tour guide was especially good. The trip was planned so that we saw so many things, more than we even expected.33

-Collette Traveller

# ISRAEL: PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

8 DAYS • 15 MEALS FROM \$2849

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Jaffa • Caesarea • Nazareth • Cana •
Tiberias • Sea of Galilee • Mount of
Beatitudes • Capernaum • Church of the
Transfiguration • Bethlehem • Church of
the Nativity • Jerusalem • Mount of
Olives • Church of the Holy Sepulchre •
Western Wall • Via Dolorosa •
Celebrate Mass Daily



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Visit the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before he was crucified.
- Celebrate daily Mass at several significant religious sites.
- Visit the Pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralytic.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 7 breakfasts 1 lunch 7 dinners
- Get a taste of the local flavour when you enjoy lunch at a kibbutz.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1

Kfar Maccabiah Hotel, Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv

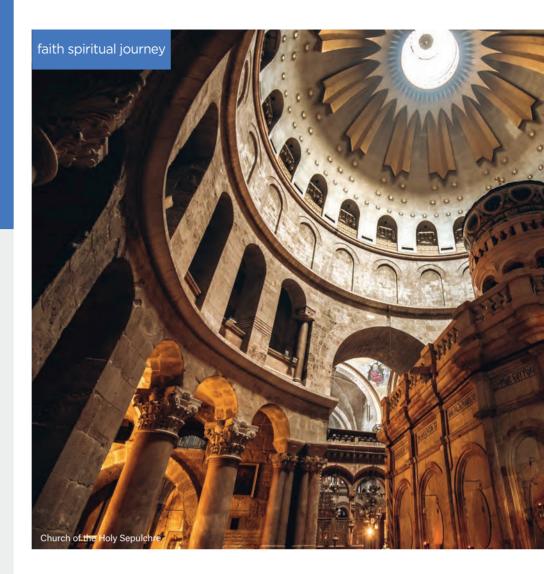
Days 2, 3 Leonardo Tiberias Hotel,

Tiberias

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Days 4 - 7 Leonardo Jerusalem Hotel, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# On an inspirational journey through Israel, strengthen your faith and feel closer to God.

#### Day 1: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins

Travel to the Holy Land on an inspirational journey that visits some of the most ancient sites in the world. Your tour begins in Tel Aviv, a bustling city brimming with culture and history, situated on the Israeli Mediterranean coastline. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

## **Day 2:** Tel Aviv - Jaffa - Caesarea - Nazareth - Cana - Tiberias

Journey to the ancient port city of Jaffa for a leisurely stroll through the winding alleys of the historic area. Celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Church. Travel to the walled city and Roman ruins of Caesarea. It was here that St. Peter converted the first pagan, Centurion Cornelius, to become a Christian, and where St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. In Nazareth, visit the Church of the Annunciation. Your day continues with a visit to Cana, the site of Our Lord's first miracle, at a wedding feast where you can renew your marriage vows. Arrive in Tiberias for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

## Day 3: Tiberias - Sea of Galilee - Tabgha - Capernaum - Tiberias

This morning enjoy a special treat when

you take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee where many of the apostles were fishermen and where Our Lord preached. Travel to nearby Tabgha and visit the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fishes, built to commemorate the miraculous feeding of five thousand. Stop at the Mount of Beatitudes for a stunning view of the Sea of Galilee. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Beatitudes. Continue to the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter where Our Lord appeared to the apostles after His resurrection. In Capernaum, visit the church built over the ruins of St. Peter's house. Get a taste of the local flavour when you enjoy lunch at a communal settlement known as a kibbutz. Finally, visit Yardenit, the Jordan River baptismal site. (B, L, D)

## **Day 4:** Tiberias - Mount Tabor - Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Travel to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. Proceed to Bethlehem and enjoy a stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared on the first Christmas night. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Nativity, built on the birth site of Our Lord. Later, arrive in one of the holiest cities in the world, Jerusalem. (B, D)







**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** 

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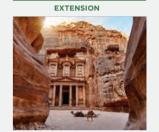


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PRE NIGHT

1-2 NIGHTS



**3 NIGHTS** 

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#### Day 5: Jerusalem, the Old City

Your visit to Jerusalem begins with a visit to the Church of the Pater Noster, built on the traditional site where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer; its name refers to the "Our Father" prayer. Next, visit the Mount of Olives and the site where Our Lord wept over the city, now known as Dominus Flevit. Afterwards, visit the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before He was crucified. Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Christ's betraval by Judas. Travel to Caiaphas' Palace - known today as St. Peter in Gallicantu - where St. Peter once denied Our Lord in one of its courts. This afternoon, travel to Ein Karem to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist, built over the Grotto of his birthplace, and celebrate Mass. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Jerusalem

Today you are free to explore the city on your own. Perhaps you'll choose to take an optional excursion to the Dead Sea to discover where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found: visit Masada: stop at AHAVA Visitors Centre; and perhaps even float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea. Later today, gather with your fellow travellers to celebrate Mass. (B, D)

Day 7: Jerusalem - Western Wall Enter the old city through St. Stephen's Gate where St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death. Continue to the Church of St. Anne, marking the place where the parents of the Blessed Mother lived. Visit the nearby Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic, and see the Ecce Homo Arch, the site where Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord to the crowds. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of His crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Walk through the Muslim, Christian and Jewish quarters to the Western Wall of the Temple. Then, follow the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion. Next, visit the Church of the Dormition (commemorating Our Lady's Assumption) and the nearby Hall of the Last Supper. In Jerusalem, enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers to celebrate the end of this unforgettable and holy experience. (B, D)

Day 8: Jerusalem - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)

**DOUBLE** Starting at \$2849 Starting at \$3749

1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 12 November

15, 17 November

Prices based on 3 December 2020 departure

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January - April 2020

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) 5, 14, 19, 21, 28 May 11, 18 June 23 July 27 August 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10 September

3 December 21 January 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 February 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20 October 4, 11, 16, 18 March 22, 25, 26, 27, 29 October 8, 13, 15, 22, 29 April

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The boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and the sites in the old city of Jerusalem were the most memorable. 9

-Collette Traveller

# GREECE: THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

10 DAYS · 20 MEALS FROM \$4069

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Athens • Taverna Dinner Show • 3-Night Cruise • Mykonos • Ephesus • Patmos • Santorini • Thessaloniki • Kavala • Philippi • Meteora • Delphi • Corinth • The Acropolis



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Stop at two monasteries in Meteora and learn about the resident monks.
- See Mars Hill where Paul delivered his "Men of Athens" speech.
- Visit the Museum of Byzantine Culture, one of the finest museums of Byzantine art.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 9 breakfasts 3 lunches 8 dinners
- Feast on local Greek cuisine and fine wine in a traditional taverna.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1 Crowne Plaza Athens City Center or Holiday Inn Attica,

Days 2 - 4 Olympia Celestyal Cruises

Days 5, 6 Capsis Hotel, Thessaloniki

Day 7 Famissi Eden, Kalambaka

Day 8 Domotel Anemolia Mountain

Resort, Arachova

Day 9 Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# Follow the path of Paul the Apostle as you discover bucolic beauty and ancient history on this Grecian sojourn.

#### Day 1: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Trace the journey of Paul the Apostle through the ancient cities and pastoral countryside of Greece and Turkey. Your tour begins in Athens, Greece's lively capital. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in Athens' historic district. Feast on local cuisine while Greek entertainment creates a wonderful ambiance around you. (D)

## **Day 2:** Athens - Piraeus (Embarkation) - Mykonos

Embark on a 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Mykonos is your first stop. This mountainous island is known for tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings and beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Kusadasi, Turkey - Patmos, Greece Visit the Turkish port of Kusadasi for an included excursion to the ruins of Ephesus (UNESCO), where Paul the Apostle spent three years during his ministry and where its inhabitants were the recipients of Paul's famous epistle. Visit the House of

Mary, where she is said to have spent her last days. A visit to the ruins includes the Agora, the great theatre, and the stadium where chariot races took place and gladiatorial combats were held. It is said that Paul himself fought here against wild beasts. Continue your cruise to Patmos, the "Jerusalem of the Aegean." Visit the Monastery of John and the Cave of the Apocalypse where John the Evangelist, inspired by God, wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Heraklion (Crete) - Santorini

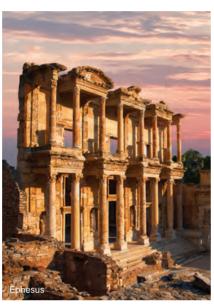
Enjoy an excursion to the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Then, during free time in Crete's largest city, enjoy a variety of museums, shopping, or visit a nearby winery to sample traditional Greek wine. Later, arrive on the fabled island of Santorini, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Enjoy time at leisure to independently explore this lovely port or purchase a ship excursion from the cruise line. (B, L, D)

## **Day 5:** Piraeus\* - Disembark Cruise Ship - Thessaloniki

After an early morning disembarkation, travel north. Make a picture stop at Thermopylae, famous for its heroic defence by Leonidas and his courageous Spartans









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#### 1-2 NIGHTS

PRE OR POST NIGHT



#### PRE OR POST: ATHENS

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against the Persian army. Your day ends in Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. Founded in 315 B.C., Thessaloniki was an early centre for Christianity; it is where Paul visited, preached and wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians, Visit the Museum of Byzantine Culture, one of the finest museums in the world devoted to Byzantine art and civilisation with an impressive collection of many Byzantine and early Christian frescoes, icons and artefacts. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Thessaloniki - Kavala -Philippi - Thessaloniki

Travel to the coastal town of Kavala where Paul first set foot on European soil. In nearby Philippi, Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of Christianity. Join a local expert for a guided tour of this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient, Roman and Byzantine eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner and the site where he baptised Lydia, the first Christian in Europe. (B)

#### Day 7: Thessaloniki - Meteora -Kalambaka

Proceed through the fertile Thessalian Valley to Meteora (UNESCO). These dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the

plain of Thessaly, with six historic monasteries perched upon their peaks. Beginning in the 10th century, hermits, monks and ascetics sought solitude and spirtual solace in these dramatic crags. Visit two amazing Meteora monasteries which are renowned for their intricate construction and exquisite Byzantine art. Overnight in Kalambaka. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Kalambaka - Delphi

Travel to Delphi, nestled on the slopes of Mount Parnassus. Pilgrims once came from all over the ancient world to consult its mysterious oracle. A guided tour takes you along the Sacred Way to see the Doric Temple and the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Treasuries, and the intriguing Archaeological Museum. (B, D)

Day 9: Delphi - Corinth - Athens Travel to Corinth where Paul wrote two epistles, lived and preached for two years. Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora, where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal. In Athens, see the hill of Areopagus - where Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech - and visit the Acropolis. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Athens - Tour Ends Your tour comes to an end today. (B) **DOUBLE** Starting at \$4069

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Prices based on 25 March 2021 departure

March - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 19, 26 March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April

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This trip requires a passport. Your cruise ship provides a "blanket visa" when visiting Ephesus, Turkey. There is no need for you to buy a Turkish visa as long as you travel with the group to/from Ephesus. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Athens. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required at an additional cost to you. Port taxes, service charges and fees of approximately \$220 AUD (subject to change without advance notice), quoted at time of booking, per person is included in the price of your tour. Single cabins, if confirmed, are higher. Order of ports may be changed by the cruise line. Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each cabin category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. If the cabin category preferred is not available at the time of booking, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply. Prior to full payment for the program, the cruise line reserves the right to impose a supplemental fuel charge. Should this occur, you will be notified of the additional charges. Gratuities for the cruise portion of your tour are not included in the land only price. At the time of booking, \$55 AUD per guest will be collected to cover service charges (gratuities). On Mykonos Island, round trip transfers by bus to/from the ship to/from Mykonos Town are included in the land price of the program. Many activities in this itinerary include walking on uneven terrain, or require significant walking at times. 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 tour. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.



We enjoyed the trip and had a lot of fun and saw a part of the world that goes back to ancient times. 99

-Collette Traveller

## SHRINES OF ITALY

10 DAYS · 15 MEALS FROM \$2899

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Rome • Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi •
San Giovanni Rotondo • Tomb of Padre
Pio • Abbey of Santissima Trinita •
Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary • Vatican
City • Papal Audience • Christian Rome
City Tour • St. Mary Major • St. John in
Lateran • St. Peter's Basilica



- Spend time at the renowned Abbey of Montecassino, founded by St. Benedict
- In Pompeii, visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary.
- Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi.



- 9 breakfasts 6 dinners
- Enjoy regional wines with every included dinner.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Day 1 Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome

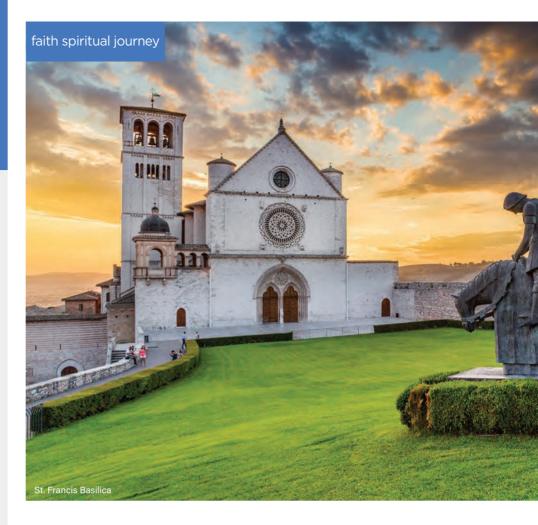
Days 2, 3 Hotel Cenacolo, Assisi

**Days 4, 5** Hotel Parco delle Rose, San Giovanni Rotondo

**Day 6** Hotel Scapolatiello or Holiday Inn Salerno, Cava de Tirreni

Days 7-9 Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# From the hallowed Basilica of St. Francis to the glorious Sistine Chapel, discover why Italy is a bastion of Catholicism.

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

Travel on an inspirational journey visiting some of the most fascinating religious sites and relics in the world. Your tour opens in Rome. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. (D)

#### Day 2: Rome - Assisi

Travel north to Assisi and begin your tour at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, where St. Francis spent most of his life. Pause to reflect at the Chapel of the Porziuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the saint prayed. Later, have time at the Church of St. Clare, who founded the Order of Poor Clares and followed the teachings of St. Francis by living a life of poverty and humility. Kneel before the crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis, asking him to rebuild his church. Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi highlighting the huge 13th-century basilica where you can see many of St. Francis' possessions and a series of frescoes depicting his life. Celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis this afternoon. (B, D)

## **Day 3:** Assisi - Optional Florence Excursion

Enjoy a full day at leisure to independently explore historic Assisi. Or, join a full day optional excursion to Florence, the

"Renaissance City," where a local expert provides a leisurely paced walking tour featuring the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore – one of the largest in the Christian world, and the Baptistery doors. You also view the Palazzo Vecchio and the Ponte Vecchio. Enjoy several hours at leisure in Florence before returning to Assisi. (B)

#### Day 4: Assisi - Loreto - San Giovanni Rotondo

Travel across the Apennine Mountains towards the Adriatic Coast to the Marian shrine of Loreto. Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto where more than 50 popes have made a pilgrimage. You will celebrate Mass before continuing your journey to San Giovanni Rotondo, home of Padre Pio. (B, D)

Day 5: San Giovanni Rotondo - Monte Sant' Angelo - San Giovanni Rotondo

Begin your day with a special visit to Monte Sant' Angelo. Take in the stunning views of the Gargano Peninsula and explore one of the most celebrated shrines of early Christianity – the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Many popes and saints have knelt and prayed at this grotto, seeking the protection of Saint Michael. Later, return to San Giovanni Rotondo and celebrate Mass in the sanctuary of Padre Pio. This is









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followed by a tour of the sanctuary, including the old church and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918, as well as Padre Pio's tomb. Then, visit the new church dedicated in 2004 to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. You will also see the confessional where Padre Pio spent many hours directing pilgrims on their journey towards God. (B, D)

#### Day 6: San Giovanni Rotondo - Abbey of Santissima Trinita -Campania

Journey through the picturesque landscape of the regions of Apulia and Campania to Cava de Tirreni. Be introduced to the Benedictine Abbey of Santissima Trinita, founded in the 11th century by a local saint. After a guided visit to the abbey you will have the option of celebrating Mass. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Campania - Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary - Abbey of Montecassino -Rome

Continue your travels to the town of Pompeii where you will visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary, one of the most famous shrines of Christianity. Later, travel to Montecassino to discover the renowned abbey founded by St. Benedict in the 6th century A.D. This sacred place houses the relics of St. Benedict and his sister, Saint Scholastica. Montecassino also became famous during the battles that took place here during World War II, when the abbey was

bombed and destroyed. End your day in Rome. (B)

Day 8: Rome - Papal Audience This morning, attend the weekly Papal audience at Vatican City to receive the blessing given by His Holiness Pope Francis. Enjoy an afternoon and evening at leisure. Perhaps you will go on an optional tour of Rome's iconic sites, getting a glimpse into the "Eternal City" with visits to the Colosseum and St. Peter in Chains.

#### Day 9: Rome - Christian Rome City Tour - Vatican Museum

Celebrate Mass in the morning before making your way to the catacombs, where early Christians hid and buried their dead. Visit St. Mary Major and St. John in Lateran - the former residence of the popes. Explore the Vatican Museum\*\* and view historical treasures, including the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's restored mural of the Last Judgment. End your visit to the Vatican in the breathtaking St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world. Feel the grace around you as you meander along the towering marble columns and stand in awe before Pietà, Michelangelo's renowned sculpture. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable pilgrimage to Italy. (B, D)

Day 10: Rome - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close in Rome. (B)

**DOUBLE** Starting at \$2899 Starting at \$3299 SOLO

February - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 12 February 25 March 1, 15, 22, 29 April

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



Our tour manager was very knowledgeable and shared her experiences with all on the tour. Sites visited were exceptional. 99

-Collette Traveller

### PILGRIMAGE TO FÁTIMA & LOURDES WITH BARCELONA

9 DAYS · 16 MEALS FROM \$2499

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Fátima • Aljustrel • Valinhos • Cathedral of Burgos • Monastery of Santa María Real de las Huelgas • Lourdes • Grotto of Massabielle • Carcassonne • Barcelona • La Sagrada Família



- Worship in the most revered basilicas of Fátima and Lourdes.
- Spend time at the magnificent Cathedral of Burgos.



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- Days 1, 2 Hotel de Fátima, Fátima
- Days 3, 4 Hotel Almirante Bonifaz, Burgos
- Days 5, 6 Mercure Impérial Hotel, Lourdes
- Days 7, 8 Evenia Rosselló Hotel, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Travel to some of the world's most revered pilgrimage centres and experience the cultures and beauty of Portugal, France, and Spain.

Day 1: Fátima, Portugal - Tour Begins
Travel to Portugal, one of Europe's most
hospitable countries. Here, you can enjoy a
superb climate, historic sites and beautiful
scenery. Your tour begins in Fátima,
Portugal's world-famous religious centre.
(D)

Day 2: Fátima - Aljustrel - Fátima You may celebrate Mass before travelling to the original town of Fátima and the parish church where the children Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia were baptised. Continue on to Aljustrel, where the children lived, and view the site of the fifth apparition in Valinhos. Later, return to Fátima to enjoy

Day 3: Fátima - Burgos, Spain

free time for personal worship and to

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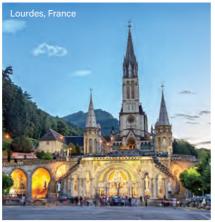
Attend a morning Mass before travelling east to Burgos, known as the cradle of the Castile region. Situated on the Pilgrim's Road, Burgos stands on the banks of the Rio Arlanzon with the slender, elegant spires of its famous cathedral rising into the sky. Mass is available this evening. (B, D)

Day 4: Burgos

Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour of Burgos' beautiful medieval town centre. Spend time at the Cathedral of Burgos, a masterpiece of Spanish Gothic architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The cathedral, the third largest church in Spain, offers such masterpieces as the filigree work in the spires of the towers; the starry dome; the choir; the sarcophagi and the golden staircase. Next, visit the 12th-century Monastery of Santa María Real de las Huelgas. Founded as a Royal Pantheon and a spiritual retreat for society ladies and royalty, the complex consists of the church, monastery and the enclosed premises of the Cistercian nuns. Mass is available this evening. (B, D)

**Day 5:** Burgos - Lourdes, France Today, travel northeast through the Pyrenees Mountains to Lourdes. This is where the Virgin Mary appeared in the Grotto of Massabielle to the poor shepherd girl, Bernadette, for a total of 18 times







## France Bay of Biscay Portugal Spain Mediterranean Sea

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#### Day 7: Lourdes - Carcassonne -Barcelona, Spain

Celebrate Mass before your journey through southern France's Pyrenees to historic Carcassonne. Feel as though you've travelled back in time as you explore this well-preserved medieval city on your own. Later, cross back into

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#### Day 9: Barcelona - Tour Ends Return home eager to share vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

Starting at \$2499 Starting at \$3049 DOUBLE SOLO

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8 June 20 July 24, 31 August

6, 7, 14, 21 September 5, 18, 19, 26 October

8, 9 November 7 December 1 February

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My wife had always wanted to go to Fátima and this tour was perfect. With knowledgeable guides and perfect hotels, we were able to visit the shrines and have Mass every day in locations I could not have imagined. 99

-Collette Traveller

### PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN & FRANCE

11 DAYS • 19 MEALS FROM \$2949

Land only, per person, double occupancy

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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#### **ACCOMMODATION**

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## **Day 3:** Fátima - Porto - Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Make your way to Porto and envelop yourself in the sights and sounds of the city's riverfront. Join a local expert and discover Porto, one of the oldest cities in Europe. Your tour takes you through the city's historic centre (a UNESCO World Heritage site) highlighting the cathedral of Porto. See the imposing 18th-century Clerigos Tower; the impressive Dona Maria Pia Bridge, designed by Gustave Eiffel; and the medieval quarter. Continue on to Santiago de Compostela; the pilgrim city where the tomb of the Apostle St. James

was discovered. Breathe in the sights of one of the most popular pilgrim destinations since the Middle Ages. (B, D)

Day 4: Santiago de Compostela

Learn about the "Way of St. James" from a local expert and find out why hundreds of pilgrims walk here daily. Explore the world-famous cathedral, adorned with an ensemble of soaring towers, arches and windows. Gather as a group to celebrate Mass. Discover Praça do Obradoiro, a monumental square of pure grandeur in granite and home to some of Europe's finest historical buildings. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

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## France Burgos Portugal

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**DOUBLE** Starting at \$2949 Starting at \$3599 SOLO

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March - April 2020 (different itinerary - see note) 21 March 18 April

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# OBERAMMERGAU Passion Play 2020

You won't want to miss this once-in-a-decade experience!

Nestled in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps, less than a two-hour drive from Munich, the quaint village of **Oberammergau** is one of Europe's most unique destinations. Every ten years, this town draws visitors from across the globe as host to what is regarded as the most important Passion Play in the world. The Passion Play, an epic event that traces Jesus' life, death and resurrection, is a moving feast of drama and music.

In 1633 soldiers returning home from the Thirty Years War brought with them the Black Plague. After much death and suffering, leaders of the community in Oberammergau came together, pledging to hold a play honouring the life of Christ every ten years. From that day forward, no additional villagers perished from the plague. The event continues today with performers all native to the village.

When you choose one of our special departures that includes the Passion Play, you'll receive your ticket and stay right in Oberammergau at a hotel conveniently located near the auditorium. The auditorium where the play will be held offers comfortable seats set on an incline, providing everyone with a good view. During a break in the performance, you'll join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. **This powerful play is not to be missed.** 



## **Switzerland and Germany** with the Oberammergau Passion Play

Starting at \$4999\*

Departures May – September 2020

8 Day tour. Includes 13 meals and Category 1 Oberammergau Passion Play ticket





Experience the grand cities of Europe's Alpine region and enjoy a performance of the Oberammergau's Legendary Passion Play.

#### Planned tour itinerary

DAY 1 Oberammergau, Germany - Tour Begins Your tour opens in the quaint village of Oberammergau, renowned for woodcarvings and the Passion Play. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2 Oberammergau - Passion Play This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plaque and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B. L. D)

#### DAY 3 Oberammergau - Black Forest

Visit the Church of Weis and its miraculous figure of the Scourged Saviour, said to have shed tears during prayer in the 18th century. Today, fairy tales become reality at a picture stop of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein. Next, you are off to the heart of the stunning Black Forest, a region famous for its artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks, Hummels and wood carvings. (B, D)

DAY 4 Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland Welcome to Switzerland! Your first stop en route to Zermatt is at one of the most photographed castles in the world, the Château de Chillon, located on serene Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gottard Bahn from Tasch to the relaxing pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. Take a stroll and breathe in the fresh Alpine air. (B, D)

#### DAY 5 Zermatt

Today Zermatt is at your fingertips. **It's your choice!** Explore on foot during a guided walking tour **-OR**- experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum to learn more about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 6 Zermatt - Grimsel Pass - Lucerne Views of glaciers, crystal clear rivers and snowcapped mountains will invigorate you as you travel through the spectacular scenery of the Grimsel Pass. Your destination is Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." (B)

#### **DAY 7 Lucerne**

This morning, embark on a scenic walking tour of this picturesque city, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. The remainder of the day is yours to explore independently all Lucerne has to offer. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialities, and toast the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

DAY 8 Lucerne - Tour Ends
Your tour comes to a close in Lucerne. (B)



#### Tour highlights include

- ✓ Experience the powerful Oberammergau Passion Play, a once-in-a-decade event.
- Admire the art of cuckoo clock making in the heart of the Black Forest.
- ✓ Step inside Switzerland's most visited historic monument: Château de Chillon.

Pricing Conditions: \*per person, double, land only





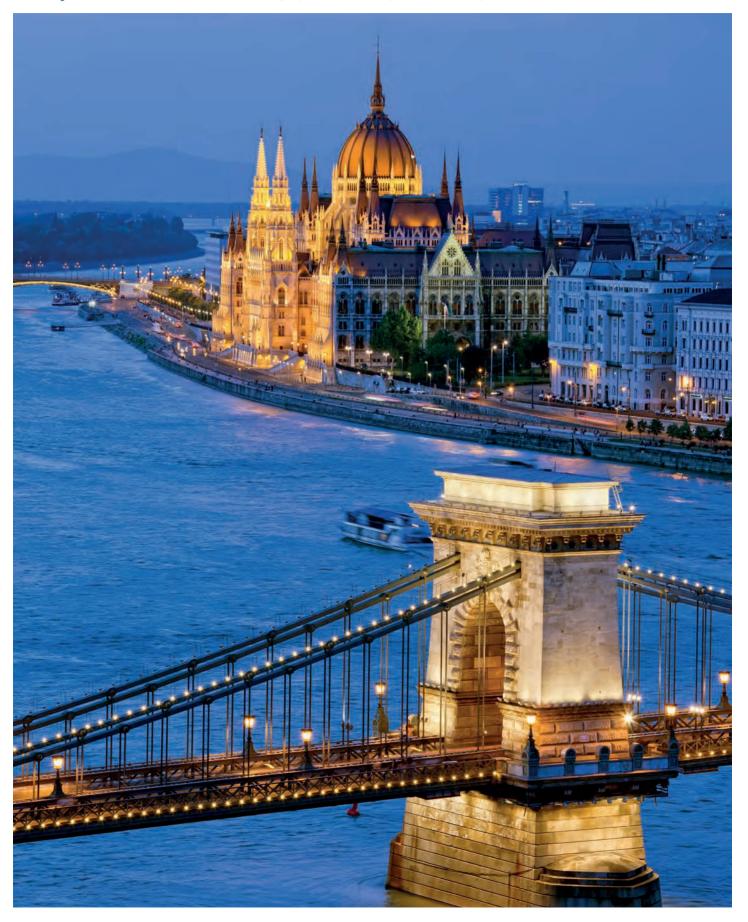
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#### Planned tour itinerary

DAY 1: Budapest, Hungary - Tour Begins
Set out on an exciting cultural experience
in the Imperial Cities of Central Europe
featuring traditional entertainment and the epic
Oberammergau Passion Play. Welcome to
Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," truly one
of the world's most beautiful cities. Enjoy time
at leisure to relax or explore before gathering for
tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2: Budapest Join a local expert who brings the city to life. Discover Matthias Church, site of many coronations of kings. Next, see the Fisherman's Bastion with its white walls, towers and arcades for spectacular views. Continue to historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, followed by the Parliament. At Heroes Square, admire the imposing Millennium Monument, completed in 1904, which memorializes the 1,000th anniversary of Hungarian dominion. (B)

DAY 3: Budapest - Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria This morning we journey to Bratislava, the former Imperial capital of the Hapsburg Empire. During your visit, get to know the city's history on an expert led tour. A scenic ride through the countryside takes you into the grand city of Vienna, the former capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Tonight, enjoy dinner featuring regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine of the quaint winemaking region of Grinzing. (B, D)

DAY 4: Vienna This morning, join a local resident for a visit to magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue to Vienna's city center. En route, behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks and gothic spires that fill the city. End your day with an unforgettable classical music concert featuring many fine melodies from the great composers — Mozart and Strauss. (B)

DAY 5: Vienna - Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic - Prague Depart Vienna, crossing the border into the Czech Republic. Continue to the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov. During some free time you may explore the well-preserved streets lined with Baroque architecture. Arrive in Prague, also known as "The Golden City" and "The City of a Hundred Spires." (B, D) DAY 6: Prague Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Next, explore the majestic Hradcany Castle, including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. Then we stroll down the quaint, colourful Golden Lane. Discover the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. This afternoon enjoy time to relax or explore independently. Perhaps you'll shop for famous Bohemian crystal or visit one of the city's many outstanding museums, such as the Lapidarium, home of stone sculptures dating from the 11th century to the present. (B)

DAY 7: Prague - Oberammergau, Germany Travel the Czech countryside to Bavaria, Germany. Proceed to the picturesque village of Oberammergau, beautifully situated in the Bavarian Alps. (B, D)

DAY 8: Oberammergau - Passion Play This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

DAY 9: Oberammergau - Munich Today we travel to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park; the world-famous Glockenspiel; and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Enjoy leisure time to explore fascinating Munich before gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. (B, D)

**DAY 10: Munich - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



#### Tour highlights Include

- ✓ Enjoy a visit to the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov
- ✓ Explore Prague's majestic Hradcany Castle
- ✓ Visit the magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace in Vienna
- ✓ Discover Bratislava's history with a local expert
- ✓ Experience the epic Passion Play

Pricing Conditions: \*per person, double, land only

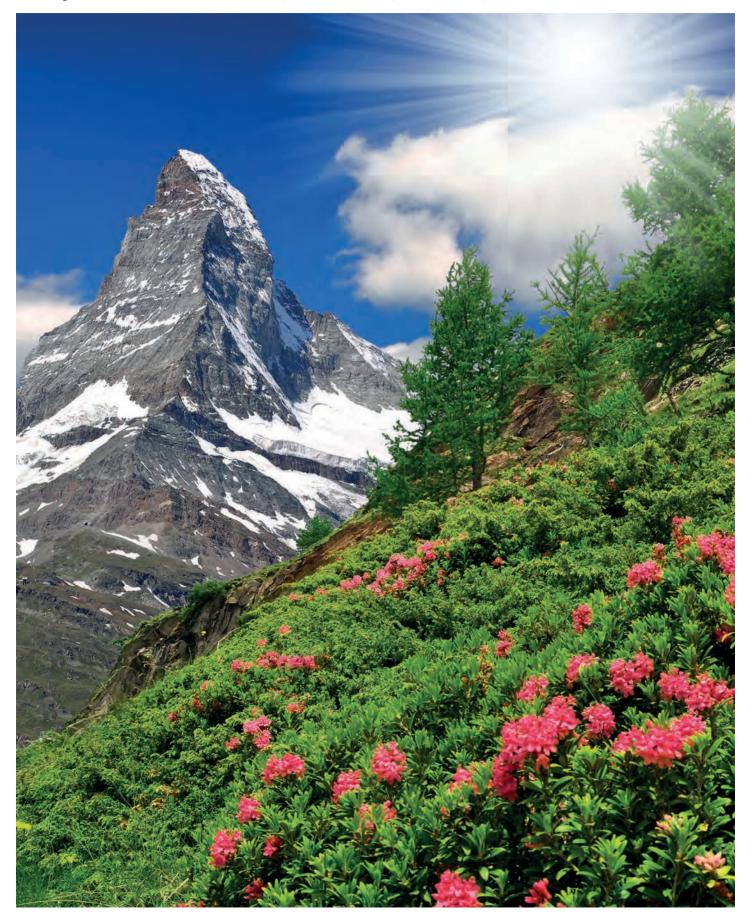




## **Exploring the Alpine Countries** with the Oberammergau Passion Play

Starting at \$6899\*
Departures May – September 2020

12 Day tour. Includes 19 meals and Category 1 Oberammergau Passion Play ticket





Discover storybook castles and glittering palaces amidst stunning Alpine vistas as you explore Austria, Germany and Switzerland, and experience the epic Passion Play.

#### Planned tour itinerary

DAY 1: Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Vienna. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. Enjoy regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine of the quaint winemaking region of Grinzing. (D)

DAY 2: Vienna Begin your day with a locally guided tour of Vienna showcasing its architectural marvels. Visit the incredible Schoenbrunn Palace and see the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral. This afternoon, enjoy leisure time to independently explore the avenues of Vienna or visit one of its many museums. (B)

DAY 3: Vienna - Salzburg After a short journey through the countryside, enjoy a lovely cruise along the Danube, one of Europe's most important waterways. Later, make a stop at the Benedictine Melk Abbey before continuing to the musical city of Salzburg. Tonight, sit down for a Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant. (B, D)

DAY 4: Salzburg Discover the splendour of Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town. Some of the amazing sights you will see along the way include the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. (B)

DAY 5: Salzburg - Munich, Germany Oberammergau Today we travel to Germany.
In Munich, feel the energy of this lively city
during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the
world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz,
a beautiful square surrounded by shops,
restaurants and cafés. Later we arrive at our
home for the next two nights — the quaint village
of Oberammergau, renowned for woodcarvings
and the Passion Play. (B, D)

This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance.

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DAY 6: Oberammergau - Passion Play

costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B. L. D)

DAY 7: Oberammergau - Black Forest
Today fairy tales become reality at a picture stop
of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's
Neuschwanstein. Next you are off to the heart of
the stunning Black Forest, a region famous for
its artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks,
Hummels and wood carvings. (B, D)

DAY 8: Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland Welcome to Switzerland! Your first stop en route to Zermatt is at one of the most photographed castles in the world, the Château de Chillon, located on serene Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gottard Bahn from Tasch to the relaxing pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. Take a stroll and breathe in the fresh Alpine air. (B, D)

DAY 9: Zermatt Today Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Explore on foot during a guided walking tour. Or, experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum to learn more about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 10: Zermatt - Grimsel Pass - Lucerne
Views of glaciers, crystal clear rivers and
snowcapped mountains will invigorate you as
you travel through the spectacular scenery of the
Grimsel Pass. Your destination is Lucerne, the
"Swiss Paradise on the Lake." (B)

DAY 11: Lucerne This morning, embark on a scenic walking tour of this picturesque city, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. The remainder of the day is yours to independently explore all Lucerne has to offer. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialties and toast the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

DAY 12: Lucerne - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close in Lucerne. (B)



#### Tour highlights include

- ✓ Embark on a cruise along the Danube River
- ✓ Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau
- √ Visit Vienna and its incredible Schoenbrunn Palace
- ✓ Make a stop at the impressive Benedictine Melk Abbey

Pricing Conditions: \*per person, double, land only





## Germany's Cultural Cities & the Romantic Road

Starting at \$6649\*

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12 Day tour. Includes 19 meals and Category 1 Oberammergau Passion Play ticket



This enchanting journey offers the best of Germany. Travel to some of the country's most iconic cities, view its stunning countryside and experience the epic Oberammergau Passion Play.

#### Planned tour itinerary

DAY 1: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins
This enchanting journey offers the best of
Germany. Travel to some of the country's most
iconic cities, view its stunning countryside and
experience the epic Oberammergau Passion
Play. Your tour opens in Berlin. This city blends
a deep history, a modern flare and multi-cultural
influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a
welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 2: Berlin This morning enjoy a traditional city tour that features Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendamm, the Reichstag building and a stop at "Checkpoint Charlie," the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. (B)

#### DAY 3: Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg

Your destination is Hamburg with its winding canals and impressive harbour that have made it a center of trade for centuries. En route, make a stop in the medieval Hanseatic League town of Lübeck, the famed birthplace of marzipan and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Join a local guide for a tour of the town and have a chance to visit Café Niederegger to shop for the marzipan they have been making for 200 years. Arrive in Hamburg. Tonight, enjoy dinner out on the town. (B. D)

DAY 4: Hamburg Come to know the city on a panoramic tour that showcases the Rathaus (Town Hall), the Alster, St. Michaelis Church, the city center, the beautiful Jungfernstieg promenade and, of course, the port of Hamburg - dubbed the "gateway to the world." Later, it's your choice! Board a harbor boat for a narrated cruise around the massive Hamburg shipping port highlighting the key maritime sights. Or, embark on a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake to take in stunning views of the shoreline dotted with the homes of Hamburg's elite. Later we gather for a walking tour of the Reeperbahn area, Hamburg's red light district, immortalized as the place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the early 1960s. Join in the fun with your "singing and ukulele playing local Beatles expert" and travel down memory lane. (B)

DAY 5: Hamburg - Bremen - Hamelin
Today's first stop is in Bremen, at the beginning of the Fairy Tale Road. Join a local guide for a walking tour of this quaint town featuring the musicians of Brothers Grimm fame, the Town Hall (UNESCO), and the medieval Schnoor district. Later, travel to Hamelin, made famous by the Pied Piper legend from the stories of the Brothers Grimm. Feel like you have stepped into a storybook when the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" plays delightful tunes while he leads you on a discovery walk through Hamelin with its charming Tudor-style architecture. (B)

**DAY 6: Hamelin - Trendelburg and Sababurg** Castles - Kassel - Marburg This morning you are transported back to childhood as you come face to face with the real life places that inspired the fairy tale classics. First, meet a local storyteller at the famed "Rapunzel's Castle" Trendelburg. Continue on to Reinhardswald, home to Sleeping Beauty's castle - Sababurg. Have time to explore the enchanting grounds before traveling to Kassel, home to the Brothers Grimm Museum. At the museum, an expert will lead you on a tour through the interactive displays that bring you through the life of the Grimm brothers. Journey to the medieval university town of Marburg with its endless alleys and stairways that lead to the castle perched above. (B, D)

DAY 7: Marburg - Würzburg - Rothenburg ob der Tauber Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located in the middle of the famous Romantic Road and in the heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. Enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your city center hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local restaurant where you'll enjoy a tasting of local wines followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colorfully costumed local expert for the famous "Night Watchman" walking tour of this medieval town. (B, D)

DAY 8: Rothenburg ob der Tauber It's your choice! Join in a walk to a local bakery to make "schneeball" pastries – snowballs – a favourite treat of the locals! Or, tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum. Later we gather to spend time at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum where you will be treated to a private tour, enjoy an ornament-making demonstration and shop for handmade Christmas ornaments. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 9: Rothenburg ob der Tauber - Neuschwanstein Castle - Oberammergau Today we make our way through mountains and along winding country roads for a tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by the "crazy" King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, continue to the quaint, picturesque village of

Oberammergau. (B, D)

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DAY 12: Munich - Tour Ends This morning your tour comes to a close. (B)



#### Tour highlights include

- ✓ Tour Berlin's and Munich's famed landmarks with a local guide
- Embark on a guided tour of Hamelin with a flute-playing "Pied Piper"
- ✓ Explore the Hanseatic town of Lübeck, famous for marzipan
- ✓ Join a local guide who leads you on a Beatles tour in Hamburg
- ✓ Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau

Pricing Conditions: \*per person, double, land only





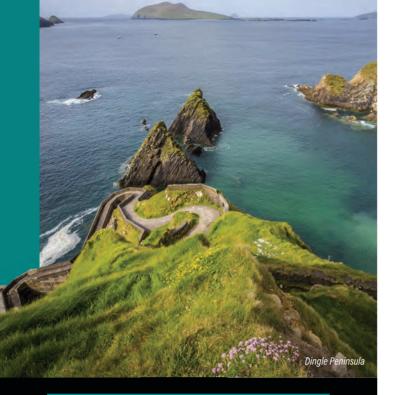




This is your time to head off the well-known path and appreciate all the extraordinary moments held in the everyday. It's time to wander, to wonder, and to awaken your soul.

IT'S TIME TO SPARK YOUR SENSE OF WANDER.





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## COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE

From remote islands and historic Dublin, to lesstravelled roads and charming villages, this adventure brings together the best of the Emerald Isle.

**STARTING AT \$3549\*** DAYS 9

\*Price based on 29 March 2021 departure. Per person, double, land only.

#### Where You'll Stay

#### **Dublin 2 Nights**

Hampton Hotel

#### Kinsale 2 Nights

Actons Hotel

#### Killarney 2 Nights

Killarney Plaza Hotel

Inisheer, Aran Islands 1 Night Tigh Ruairí

**Ennis 1 Night** 



#### **Included Meals**

- 8 Breakfasts
- 4 Dinners

MEALS 12

#### **Activity Level**



See pg. 207 for details on our activity levels.

## **COUNTRYSIDE OF** THE EMERALD ISLE

**EXPERIENCES** 

beyond expectation



2 LEARN TO COOK WITH A LITTLE

**IRISH FLAIR** 

Enjoy putting a modern spin on Irish cuisine during an interactive cooking class at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions. You'll see how to put a distinctively Irish twist on favourites by transforming classic recipes into modern delights using locally sourced ingredients.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 2 IN DUBLIN.



## 1 LIVE LIKE A LOCAL IN THE ARAN ISLANDS

Journey to Inisheer, the smallest of the Aran Islands, on a local ferry and take in views of the Cliffs of Moher from a new angle — beneath them. Enjoy a private tour through the stone walls blanketing the island and learn about its 250 inhabitants. As the last ferry leaves, settle in to your island abode and experience an Ireland few will ever know.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 7-8 IN INISHEER.



### 3 THE OLDEST STRUCTURE IN DUBLIN IS YOURS FOR EXPLORING

As the sun sets behind the towering Christ Church Cathedral and the last visitors leave, this ancient jewel of Dublin is yours to share with your fellow explorers. Walk the hallowed halls, see famous relics, and learn of the rich history of Christ Church before heading down to the crypts for a cocktail reception like no other.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 1 IN DUBLIN.

#### DAYS 1-2 DUBLIN

#### **Discover Dublin**

- Tour the city with a local expert.
- Tour Christ Church Cathedral before enjoying a private cocktail reception in the crypts.
- Put a modern spin on Irish cuisine during an interactive cooking class at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions.
- Get lost inside St. Stephen's Green, and marvel at the largest enclosed city park in all of Europe, Phoenix Park.

#### DAYS 3-4 KINSALE

#### Get a Taste of Kinsale's Culture

- IMPACT MOMENT: Stop in County Kildare for some delicious homemade treats at a café that employs individuals with intellectual disabilities.
- Tour the Irish National Stud, home to regal Thoroughbreds and opulent gardens.
- Explore the seaside village of Kinsale on a walking tour with a local expert.
- Choose from a "menu" of restaurants in Kinsale, Ireland's gourmet capital.
- ▼ IT'S YOUR CHOICE: Visit the seaside town of Cobh, the last stop of the historic RMS Titanic OR spend a leisurely day in Kinsale.

#### DAYS 5-6 KILLARNEY

## Uncover the Quaint Beauty Surrounding Killarney

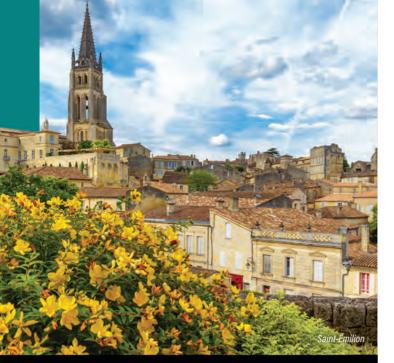
- Fall in love with the quaint towns and charming villages along Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way.
- Board a ferry and sail to stunning Garnish Island, home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens.
- ▼ IT'S YOUR CHOICE: Explore the enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs of Dingle. Walk the country lanes on foot, OR spend time in Dingle Town, where the Guinness is always freshly tapped.

#### DAYS 7-9 INISHEER • ENNIS

#### Have an Island (Almost) to Yourself

- Board a ferry bound for Inisheer, where you'll explore the landscapes and culture of this unique island inhabited by just over 250 people.
- Enjoy a morning to sleep in or wake early for a sunrise hike to O'Brien Castle.
- Dive into local culture during a knitting workshop and experience the traditional craft of making the St. Brigid's Cross.
- Sail back to the mainland where you'll toast to adventure and close out your Irish experience in Ennis.

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### **JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN FRANCE**

Ignite the senses on a rich and engaging step back into time. Journey through some of the world's most decadent wine regions, explore medieval villages seemingly untouched by time, and discover the flavour, colour, and culture of Southern France.

STARTING AT \$4699\* DAYS 9 MEALS 12

\*Price based on 4 October 2020 departure. Per person, double, land only.

#### Where You'll Stay

#### Saint-Rémy-de-Provence 3 Nights

Hotel Le Vallon De Valrugues

#### Carcassonne 1 Night

Hotel de La Cité - MGallery by Sofitel

#### Monestier 2 Nights

Chateau des Vigiers

#### **Bordeaux 2 Nights**

Intercontinental Le Grand Hotel

#### Included Meals

- 8 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 3 Dinners

#### **Activity Level**



#### 1 2 3 4 5 Active

See pg. 207 for details on our activity levels.



## **JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN FRANCE**

**EXPERIENCES** beyond expectation



### 3 GLIMPSE A BYGONE **ERA IN CARASSONNE**

The medieval walled city of Carcassonne was built to withstand attacks from enemies, and ended up withstanding the passing of time. Today, the city is a monument to medieval architecture - grand, imposing, and intricate. Explore this historic place on your own OR walk with a "citizen" of medieval Carcassonne, who will guide you around the architecture and legendary tales of the city.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN CARCASSONNE.





# 1 DISCOVER THE CHARM OF SAINT-ÉMILION

Travel to Saint-Émilion, one of France's largest wine-making areas. Take a guided walking tour of the Old Town and visit the underground Monolithic Church. Once you are acquainted with the village, enjoy time on your own. Complete your adventure with a walk through a winery to absorb the atmosphere of the vineyards, discover its coveted grapes, and taste this highly prized wine.

SEXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 7 IN SAINT-ÉMILION.

# DELIGHT IN THE "THRILL OF THE HUNT" IN SAINT-RÉMY

Led by a local chef and his keen-sensed dogs, this culinary adventure takes you through the countryside of Southern France on an exciting hunt for black truffles where they naturally grow. *Après* hunt, savour local farm offerings from throughout the countryside.

EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 2 IN SAINT-RÉMY.

#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

## DAYS 1 - 4 SAINT-RÉMY-DE-PROVENCE • GORDES • AVIGNON

#### Peek into Provençal Life

- Join a local chef and his keen-sensed dogs as you hunt for truffles in the forests of Saint-Rémy.
- Learn more about Southern France's famed lavender at Gordes' lavender museum.
- Enjoy free time to explore the Provençal charm of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence.
- Gain an inside look at the village of Avignon during a walking tour with a local expert guide, ending with a visit to the dramatic Palace of the Popes.

#### DAY 5 CARCASSONNE

## Step into a Storybook in Carcassonne

✔ IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Enjoy leisure time to explore the city as you wish, perhaps visiting the 12th-century castle on your own OR take a themed walking tour with a gallant knight or noble lady who will highlight the legends and architecture of the Middle Ages.

#### DAYS 6-7 DORDOGNE VALLEY

## Be Romanced by Regal Dordogne Valley

- Spend two nights on the grounds of a 16th-century estate.
- Visit the inspiring village of Issigeac and the fortified town of Eymet.
- Spend time at a wine cooperative, best known for its dessert wine and a symbol of the Bergerac region since the 16th century.
- Spend an afternoon relaxing or explore the estate's grounds at your leisure.
- Take a walking tour of Saint-Émilion and enjoy a tasting at a local winery.

#### DAYS 8-9 BORDEAUX

## Drink in the Beauty of Bordeaux

- Enjoy a locally sourced meal paired with the region's famed wines.
- Explore the city with a local guide.
- Embark on a full-bodied exploration of wine culture at La Cité du Vin.

Visit gocollette.com.au/568 for complete tour details.



### THE AZORES: JEWELS OF PORTUGAL

Uncover an untouched paradise on an adventure through the Azores, the archipelago gems of Portugal. From thermal pools to lush craters to local farms and volcanic vinho, delve into the culture of Portuguese island life.

STARTING AT \$3669\* DAYS 9 MEALS 13

\*Price based on June 6, 2020 departure. Per person, double, land only. Rates include internal flights on tour.

#### Where You'll Stay

#### São Miguel 3 Nights

The Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico

#### Terceira 2 Nights

Hotel Cruzeiro

#### Pico 2 Nights

Aldeia da Fonte Nature Resort

#### São Miguel 1 Night

The Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

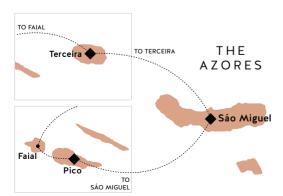
#### **Included Meals**

- 8 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 4 Dinners

#### **Activity Level**



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### THE AZORES: **JEWELS OF PORTUGAL**

**EXPERIENCES** beyond expectation



### **2** DESCEND INTO THE DEPTHS OF **A VOLCANO**

Venture unground to experience the ethereal Algar do Carvao, the "Cavern of Coal," with an expert guide. Feel the quiet stillness around you as you descend into this ancient lava tube, gazing up at the looming stalactites and thick carpets of moss hanging above you.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN TERCEIRA.



## 1 ENCOUNTER **SETE CIDADES'**

In the lands of the Sete Cidades, you'll traverse the rim of a caldera and discover twin lakes gleaming in shades of green and blue. Legend has it the lakes were formed from the tears of a lovesick shepherd and princess engaged in a forbidden affair.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 2 IN SÃO MIGUEL.



## 3 EXPLORE A **DIFFERENT KIND** OF WINE COUNTRY

Amble through Pico vineyards (UNESCO), a labyrinth of stone walls and basalt soil where delicious grapes thrive under the Azorean sun. In the center of the vineyard, climb the bright red windmill and take in a new perspective of the stretching fields, volcanic coastline and tangles of vine.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 7 IN PICO.

# LEGENDARY BEAUTY



#### DAYS 1-2 SÃO MIGUEL

#### Discover the "Green Island"

- Start your journey getting to know Ponta Delgada, the capital city of the Azores.
- Embark on an off-road adventure as you take in idyllic pastureland and find yourself at the highest point of the island.
- Venture to Sete Cidades and navigate the rim of the entire crater as you marvel at the blue and green hues of its spectacular mirror lakes.
- Enjoy a short hike ending at Lagoa do Canario, a stunning lagoon where you'll get panorama views of São Miguel's lush and verdant landscape.

#### DAYS 3-4 SÃO MIGUEL - TERCEIRA

#### Get a Taste of Azorean Culture

- · Savor a bit of Portugal's sweet side at a family run queijadas (pastry) bakery.
- Immerse yourself in a heated pool of rejuvenation in the natural thermal waters of the Furnas valley.
- Watch as your lunch is raised out of the warm volcanic earth and served as a traditional cozido das furnas meal.
- Stand at the edge of the crater at Serra do Cume viewpoint and take in a seemingly endless patchwork of green.

#### DAYS 5-6 TERCEIRA - FAIAL - PICO

#### Amble Along Lava Fields

- Y IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Choose to swim in the natural volcanic pools of Biscoitos OR hike along lava fields and vineyards.
- Get a glimpse into Faial's burgeoning dairy industry when you drop by the family-owned Morro cheese factory.
- Uncover the volcanic vitality of Faial when you take in the collapsed Caldeira and the ash hills of the Capelinhos Volcano Interpretation Center.
- Settle in amongst the lava stone houses of Aldeia da Fonte, your home for the next two nights.

#### DAYS 7-9 PICO - SÃO MIGUEL

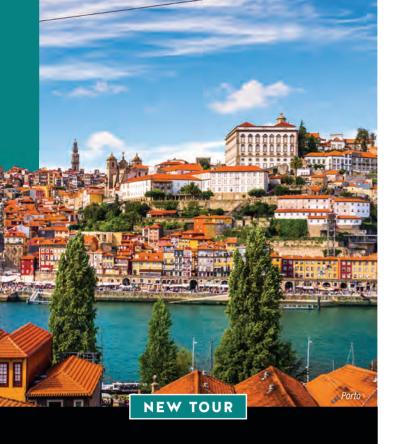
#### Wander Volcanic Vineyards & Sip Farm-Fresh Cocktails

- Walk along the surreal landscape of grapes that grow between plots of rocky stone walls and volcanic soil as you explore Pico vineyards (UNESCO).
- Enjoy some time at leisure in Sao Miguel, then toast to the end of your Azorean adventure with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

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## NORTHERN PORTUGAL & SPAIN

Wander through vineyard rows and medieval towns. Journey along rolling hills, curving coasts and twisting vines. Allow your heart to feel the essence of Portugal and Spain.

STARTING AT \$3999\* DAYS 10

MEALS 14

\*Price based on 15 September 2020 departure. Per person, double, land only.

#### Where You'll Stay

#### Porto 2 Nights

Pestana Porto Goldsmith

#### Santiago de Compostela 2 Nights

Hotel Monumento San Francisco

#### León 1 Night

AC Hotel by Marriott León San Antonio

#### **Douro River Valley 3 Nights**

The Wine House Hotel -Quinta da Pacheca

#### Porto 1 Night

Eurostars Porto Douro

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



- 9 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 4 Dinners

#### **Activity Level**



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## **NORTHERN PORTUGAL & SPAIN**

**EXPERIENCES** 

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## 2 SIP THE CULTURE OF PORTUGAL

Wine tastings in a family-owned quinta. Leisure time in vineyards and olive groves. A cooking class featuring a selection of the estate's finest vintages. Throughout your trip, enjoy seemingly endless oppourtunities to delve into the flavours of Portugal's wine country. From the fresh, sparkling taste of vinho verde to the robust aromas of Porto's port wine, sample the best of this verdant landscape.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS THROUGHOUT YOUR TIME IN PORTUGAL.



## 3 EXPLORE THE LORE OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Choose how you discover Santiago. Engage with one side of the city's beliefs on a tour focusing on the myths and legends of Santiago, including the burning aguadente liquid that wards off witches OR connect with centuries of travellers and walk with a local guide along scallop-shell markers down a portion of the famous pilgrimage path - the "Way of St. James."

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 4 IN SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA.



## 1 EXPERIENCE THE CHARM OF QUINTA DA PACHECA

Wander through scenic vineyard paths and be welcomed in with warm hospitality – this is Quinta da Pacheca. Your home for a relaxing 3-night stay, this estate has been actively producing wine since the 1700s. For the true oenophiles, consider upgrading your room to the next level with an innovative wine barrel room, allowing you to admire the vineyard rows from the comfort of your own bed.

SEXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6, 7, AND 8 IN THE DOURO RIVER VALLEY.







#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

#### DAYS 1-2 PORTO

#### **Uncover Porto's Vibrant History**

- Get a taste of culture at a local restaurant.
- Pass by friendly faces and blue-and-white tiles as you discover the city's hidden secrets on a walking tour with a local expert.
- Watch the famous rabelo boats coast by as you gain insight into this city's history of transportation and port wine.
- Explore the grounds of a 10th-century castle in Guimarães.

## DAYS 3-5 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELO -

## Walk Along Legends in Santiago de Compostela and León

- Take a sip of the crisp flavours of vinho verde (green wine) and explore a family owned quinta in Ponte de Lima.
- ✔ IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Embark 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 with a local guide.
- Take advantage of a free afternoon to explore Santiago de Compostela on your own.
- Tour León with a local guide and pass by the imposing León Cathedral and the Casa Botines - a work by the eccentric Antoni Gaudí.

#### DAYS 6-8 DOURO RIVER VALLEY

## Indulge the Senses in the Douro River Valley

- Settle in for your leisurely 3-night stay at Quinta da Pacheca before enjoying a wine tasting and dinner made up of fresh Portuguese ingredients.
- In Pinhão, wander the vineyards and olive groves on your own and follow the directional plaques for a self-guided exploration.
- Navigate along the picturesque landscapes of the Douro River on a traditional wooden rabelo boat.
- Enjoy a day at leisure before an evening cooking class at your winery home – all paired with enticing vintages from the estate. The kitchen walls slide open, creating the feeling that you are preparing food directly in the vineyard.

#### DAYS 9-10 PORTO

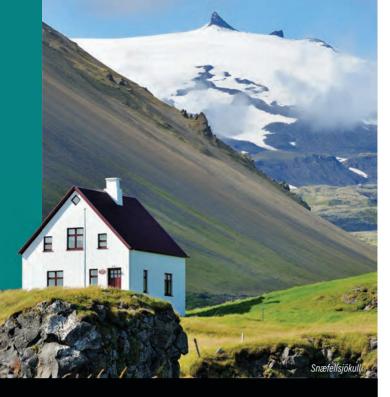
#### **Discover More in Porto**

- Take a peek into the process of creating Portuguese porcelain at the Vista Alegre Factory and Museum.
- Make the most of a free afternoon in Aveiro – a stunning waterfront town where hand-painted boats pass through the city canal.

#### **EXTEND YOUR TRIP with 3 nights in Lisbon**

See pg. 203 for details on this pre-tour extension.

Visit gocollette.com.au/649 for complete tour details.



NEW LOWER PRICE FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON

### **ICELANDIC ADVENTURE**

**This is Iceland.** A land forged by fire and ice and full of dramatic contrasts — from ethereal lava fields and thundering waterfalls to charming coastal villages.

STARTING AT \$5674\* DAYS 9 MEALS 13

\*Price based on 30 September 2020 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Rates include inter-tour air.

#### Where You'll Stay

#### Reykjavĺk 2 Nights

CenterHotel Arnarhvoll, CenterHotel Plaza or CenterHotel Midgardur

#### Húsavík 3 Nights

Raudaskrida Hotel & Guesthouse

#### Stykkishólmur 2 Nights

Fosshotel Stykkishólmur

#### Reykjavĺk 1 Night

CenterHotel Arnarhvoll, CenterHotel Plaza or CenterHotel Midgardur

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### Included Meals

- 8 Breakfasts
- **5** Dinners

#### **Activity Level**



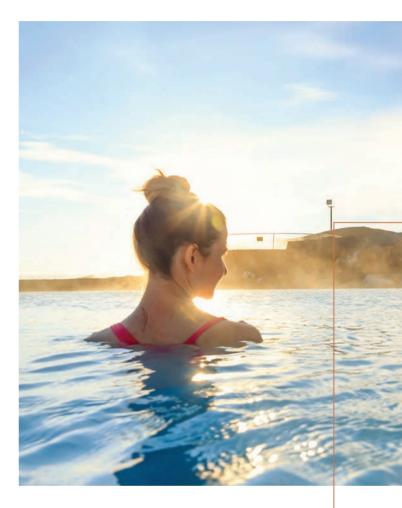
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### **ICELANDIC ADVENTURE**

3 EXPERIENCES

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# REDEFINE YOUR IDEA OF WHALE WATCHING

Sport some thermal wear (included) and join expert whale watchers on Skálfandi Bay. Get as close as you can to whales in northern Iceland aboard specialized RIB boats that give you the most intimate view possible of humpback, minke, orca, fin and even the giant blue whales that frequent these waters.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 4 IN HÚSAVÍK.



## 1 ADVENTURE HEATS UP ON ICE

After you've enjoyed a hearty spread of local specialties on the Snæfellsjökull glacier, your next activity is yours for the choosing. Join an expert guide on a glacial climb that brings you to nearly 3,000 feet **OR** venture alongside a guide for a mountain hike through the otherworldly lava fields.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 7 IN THE SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA.



## 2 SOAK IN THE LOCAL CULTURE

You can't leave Iceland without taking a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon (and you will!), but, you also came to Iceland for an immersive local experience. We'll head to where the locals go for a revitalizing soak in mineral-rich geothermal waters — the Blue Lagoon of the North, Mývatn Nature Baths.

EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN LAKE MÝVATN.



#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

#### DAYS 1-2 REYKJAVÍK

#### Discover Iceland's Cool Vibe

- Explore Reykjavík on a walking tour of the city's old quarter.
- Experience a "day in the life" at a family-owned dairy farm.
- Travel the Golden Circle and visit otherworldly Thingvellir National Park, stunning Gullfoss Falls and the Strokkur Geyser.

#### DAYS 3-5 HÚSAVÍK

## Appreciate Natural Wonders in Húsavík

- Stay on a family-owned, Environmental Gold-certified property, where you'll savour locally sourced farm-to-table meals.
- Travel to Húsavík to discover the town's connection to whaling before jumping in a RIB boat to seek them out yourself.
- Soak in mineral-rich geothermal waters and witness the power of nature as you spend a day exploring the Diamond Circle.
- ▼ 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.

#### DAYS 6-7 STYKKISHÓLMUR

## Dive Deep into Iceland's Landscapes

- Journey 100 feet below the ground to an 8,000-year-old lava tube on a thrilling tour of Vatnshellir Cave.
- Continue your journey through Snæfellsnes Peninsula and take in black sand beaches and thundering waterfalls.
- Ascend the captivating Snæfellsjökull glacier via mountain truck and enjoy a tasting of Icelandic delicacies.
- Wander around the quaint fishing village of Stykkishólmur.
- ▼ IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Join an expert guide on a glacial climb that brings you to nearly 3,000 feet OR venture alongside a guide for a mountain hike through the otherworldly lava fields.

#### DAYS 8-9 REYKJAVÍK

#### Celebrate Icelandic Heritage

- Meet with a local family that keeps alive a 400-year tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark.
- Try a local specialty, hákarl (cured shark meat).
- Dive into the origins of Icelandic heritage during a visit to the Settlement Museum.
- Take a soak in the Blue Lagoon.

Visit gocollette.com.au/604 for complete tour details.



NEW LOWER PRICE FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON

## THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

This is so much more than a hunt for stunning streaks of colour in the night sky (though it's a pretty amazing part). This is a step into Finland's dynamic and intriguing culture — from Helsinki's cool-casual vibe to the pristine winter wilderness of Lapland.

STARTING AT \$4684\* DAYS 7 MEALS 11

\*Price based on 9 April 2021 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Interflights are included in the land price of your tour.

#### Where You'll Stay

#### Helsinki 2 Nights Lilla Roberts Hotel

#### Kakslauttanen, Lapland 3 Nights

Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort -West Village, Lapland

#### Helsinki 1 Night

Lilla Roberts Hotel

#### Included Meals

- 6 Breakfasts
- **5** Dinners

#### **Activity Level**



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## THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

3 EXPERIENCES
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## 1 SET YOUR SIGHTS ON THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

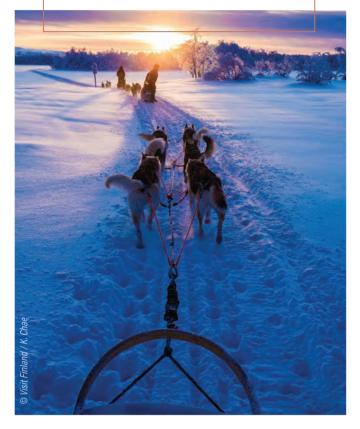
Sometimes a mere whisper of colour, others a symphony of neon hues, the northern lights are spellbinding. While in Lapland, keep a close eye to the night sky. On clear, starry nights, there's a high likelihood that magic will unfold right before your eyes. Experiencing this phenomenon — especially from the comfort of your glass igloo — will truly redefine the word "awesome."

>> SEEK THIS EXPERIENCE THROUGHOUT YOUR TIME IN FINLAND.

# 2 BE THE LEADER OF THE PACK

Arguably one of the best ways to take in the postcard-perfect vistas of Finland's north country is by dogsled. Learn the commands, get acquainted with the dogs and hop on a sled for one unforgettable ride. This charming, high-energy breed is in their element as they dash through the snow, practically smiling as they guide you through the unspoiled wilderness.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN KAKSLAUTTANEN.





# 3 RETHINK YOUR DEFINITION OF SAFARI

While at the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, you'll head out into the wilderness on an evening reindeer safari. Search for the northern lights, warm yourself with a steaming cup of berry juice, and get to know local reindeer herders. This engaging experience, led by the indigenous Sami people, is the ultimate exploration of Lapland's culture and striking natural beauty.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 4 IN KAKSLAUTTANEN.

# WHAT YOU'LL DO

# DAYS 1-2 HELSINKI

# Uncover Helsinki's Charm

 Join a local expert and get to know Finland's vibrant capital city.
 Once you have the lay of the land, Helsinki is yours for the discovering.



# DAYS 3-5 KAKSLAUTTANEN

# Wander in a Winter Wonderland

- In addition to included activities like dogsledding, guided aurora hunting, and a reindeer safari, Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort boasts miles of cross-country skiing trails, restorative smoke saunas and ice pools, horseback riding, and more ideal for exploring during your free time.
- Enjoy one night in a glass igloo (and two in a traditional Finnish log cabin).
- Introduce yourself to Lappish reindeer and meet Santa Claus himself.

# DAYS 6-7 HELSINKI

# Seek Out More in Helsinki

- Explore the city's historic squares and trend-wise boutiques and neighbourhoods.
- Gather around the table one last time to share stories and relive your Finnish experiences.

Visit gocollette.com.au/605 for complete tour details.



# THE BALTICS REVEALED **FEATURING ST. PETERSBURG**

Feel a kaleidoscope of cultural influences and medieval heritage in Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Russia. These are the Baltics - set on the precipice of all things old and new.

STARTING AT \$3799\*

DAYS 10

MEALS 14

\*Prices based on 7 October 2020 departure. Per person, double, land only.

# Where You'll Stay

# Vilnius 2 Nights

Artagonist Hotel

# Riga 2 Nights

Neilburgs Hotel

# Tallinn 2 Nights

Hotel Palace

# St. Petersburg 3 Nights

Pushka INN Hotel

# **Included Meals**

- 9 Breakfasts
- 5 Dinners

# **Activity Level**





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# THE BALTICS REVEALED

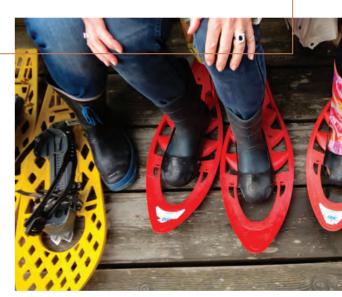
**EXPERIENCES** 

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# 2 JOIN A LOCAL NATURALIST ON A **BOGGING ADVENTURE**

Breathe in the fresh pine air at an authentic Estonian bog. Strap on a pair of bog shoes and trek through the wetland, reaching down into the water to scoop up some fresh berries for a taste. Or, leave the bog shoes behind and walk above the shrubs on a boardwalk, winding your way across the bog and taking in the entirety of the landscape.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN ESTONIA.



# 3 PEEK INTO THE LIFE OF **RUSSIAN ARISTOCRACY**

Venture into the Winter Palace - the former home of Russian tsars - and wander through the lavish Hermitage Museum with an expert insider. As you make your way through the iconic green-and-white complex, gaze in wonder at the second largest collection of paintings in the world. Peruse pieces by famous artists, including Monet and Matisse.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 8 IN ST. PETERSBURG.



# 1 DINE BY CANDLELIGHT IN A MEDIEVAL MERCHANT'S HOUSE

Medieval servants greet *ye* at the door, transporting you back in time for a night in the 15th century. This is Olde Hansa, a wealthy merchant's house where you will dine like a lord or lady to the sounds of traditional music. Under the glow of candle light, savour a hearty feast of mild game and other selections from the master cook.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN TALLINN.



# WHAT YOU'LL DO

# DAYS 1-2 VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

# Dive into the Lithuanian Charms of Vilnius

- Stay in the heart of the medieval Old Town (UNESCO).
- Excite your palate with warm and hearty comfort food in a local restaurant.
- Choose how you get to know the city embark on a walking tour through Old Town and art district OR explore the neighbourhoods by bike with a local guide.
- Uncover the nation's past at the Museum of Occupations and Freedom Fights, better known as the KGB Museum.

**IMPACT MOMENT** Support a local organisation that empowers young Lithuanians to learn about their heritage and honour people that were relocated during the Soviet occupation.

# DAYS 3-4 RIGA, LATVIA

# Embrace the Artistic Side of Latvia

- Embrace the aura of fairy tales at the Trakai Island Castle, where you will have free time to explore the grounds and village.
- Discover the capital's hidden secrets and neoclassical architecture as you walk the streets with an expert guide.
- Experience the Art Nouveau museum and marvel at its iconic spiral staircase, adorned with unexpected artistic touches.
- Explore Riga's famous central market, where flowers, fruit and pastries overflow the stalls of a converted airplane hangar.
- Take part in an interactive cooking class, where you'll use traditional ingredients with a modern twist before dinig on a flavourful feast.

# DAYS 5-6 TALLINN, ESTONIA

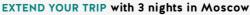
# Connect with Estonian Traditions in Tallinn

- Join a local naturalist in a bog and wander through the wetland with a pair of bog shoes OR walk above the shrubs on a boardwalk.
- Enjoy a medieval dinner in a candlelit restaurant, where servants in period attire play traditional music and serve authentic dishes.
- Peek into the local rustic lifestyle at the Estonian Open Air Museum, which you can explore on foot or with a horse-andcarriage ride.
- Discover Tallinn's twisting cobblestone streets and immoveable stone buildings, making your way through the lower and upper towns.
- Choose how you connect with Tallinn's history – experience the age-old tradition of Marzipan OR visit Raeapteek, Europe's oldest continuously working apothecary.

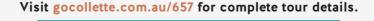
# DAYS 7-10 ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

# Peek into Russia's Imperial Past in St. Petersburg

- Delve into the country's rich culture at a dinner featuring Russian specialties.
- Make your way into the lavish green-andwhite Winter Palace and experience the Hermitage Museum with an expert guide.
- Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Russia's Imperial Capital.
- Gain exclusive early access into the Catherine Palace – the ornate summer home of the Russian tsars.
- Treat your taste buds to traditional Georgian cuisine, featuring an exotic spin on savoury comfort food from Russia's neighbour.



See pg. 202 for details on this post-tour extension.









NEW LOWER PRICE FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON

# TUSCAN AND UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

Winding country roads bounded by miles of vines, soul-warming meals paired with full-bodied vintages, quiet hill towns and ancient cities — this is a land where time stands still. Fill up your plate, raise a glass, and let Tuscany and Umbria seduce every sense.

STARTING AT \$3799\* DAYS 10 MEALS 16

\*Price based on 1 November 2020 departure. Per person, double, land only.

# Where You'll Stay

# Rome 1 Night

Hotel Kolbe

### **Umbria 4 Nights**

Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca, Trevi or Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto

# **Tuscany 4 Nights**

UNA Palazzo Mannaioni, Montaione or Park Hotel Le Fonti, Tuscany

On some dates alternate

# Included Meals

- 9 Breakfasts
- 3 Lunches
- 4 Dinners

# **Activity Level**

1 2 3 4 5

See pg. 207 for details on our activity levels.



# TUSCAN AND UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

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# **EXPERIENCES**

# beyond expectation

# 1 FEEL RIGHT AT

Home is where the heart of culture is. Join our local Umbrian friends for a soul-warming meal prepared right in their home and discover that the comforts of a home-cooked meal really do translate across cultures and languages. It will be a meal to remember!

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN UMBRIA.



# 2 AN ITALY FEW GET TO EXPERIENCE

A visit to a country restaurant, sheltered inside a 16th century farmhouse, is a charming step into yesterday. Stroll the herb garden (weather permitting), and learn how cheese is made on the farm. Your palate-expanding journey continues as you join the chef for a hands-on Umbrian cooking lesson.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 3 IN THE UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE.









# **3** TOAST TO TUSCAN HOSPITALITY

Time slows down among the sunflower-covered hills and villages of Tuscany's Val d'Orcia region. Among the vineyards and olive groves, tour a winery's family estate and cellar before indulging in an authentic Tuscan lunch, created by the winery's chef and paired expertly with the vineyard's very own wines.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN TUSCANY.

# WHAT YOU'LL DO

# DAYS 1-5 ROME • UMBRIA

# The Old World is Alive in Umbria

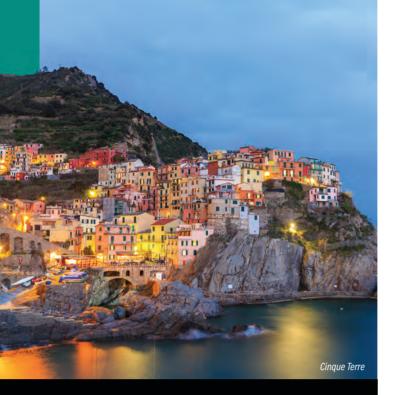
- Kick off your journey with dinner in Rome.
- Join a local expert in the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto, then take the afternoon to explore on your own.
- Enjoy walking tours of ancient Spoleto, medieval Assisi, and the walled town of Bevagna.
- Visit a country restaurant for a chef-led cooking lesson.
- Head to a local winery to sample their vintages and a variety of authentic Umbrian dishes.
- Delight in the comforts of a home-cooked meal in a local Umbrian family's home.
- Pay a visit to a local family-run *frantoio*, or olive presser.

# DAYS 6-10 TUSCANY

# Step in to a Living Postcard in Tuscany

- Take a locally guided walking tour of Florence, then explore more of the city on your own.
- Tap in to your creative side with a visit to a local artisan's workshop.
- Tour a winery's family estate and indulge in an authentic Tuscan lunch, created by the winery's chef and paired with the vineyard's own wines.
- Set out on a guided walking tour of Siena.
- Tr's YOUR CHOICE IN SIENA! Explore the beautiful Gothic cathedral at your own pace OR join a guide and immerse yourself in local life in a contrada, a small, close-knit community.
- Enjoy dinner paired with an interactive presentation on wine, delivered by the restaurant's own sommelier.

Visit gocollette.com.au/390 for complete tour details.



# **ITALY'S TREASURES**

Vineyards, olive groves, and cities that float. Incredible history, indelible culture, and unforgettable cuisine. This is *l'Italia* at its most iconic. Set off on a journey to make Italy's treasures yours.

STARTING AT \$4249\* DAYS 11 MEALS 17

\*Price based on 8 November 2020 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Included Meals

10 Breakfasts

**Activity Level** 

1 2 3 4 5

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1 Lunch 6 Dinners

# Where You'll Stay

# Stresa 2 Nights

Regina Palace Hotel or Zacchera Hotels

# Italian Riviera 2 Nights

Grand Hotel dei Castelli, Grande Albergo or Hotel Due Mari

# **Tuscany 4 Nights**

Villa Lecchi, Tuscany or Villa Sanpaolo, San Gimingnano

# Venice 2 Nights

Hotel Ca' dei Conti, NH Venezia Rio Novo Hotel or Hotel Santa Marina

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# **ITALY'S TREASURES**

3 EXPERIENCES

# beyond expectation



# WHAT YOU'LL DO

# DAYS 1-2 STRESA

# Raise a Glass in Stresa

- Visit a wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party with some *prima di cena* snacks.
- Cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, and get to know new friends over dinner.
- Sample artisanal cheeses, paired with regional wine at an ancient village nestled in the mountains of Stresa.
- Enjoy time to explore Stresa on your own.

# 1 FEAST ON THE WONDERS OF FLORENCE

In the "Cradle of the Renaissance," a treasure trove of culture, cuisine, art, and architecture lays before you. The compact city is easy for exploration, allowing you to make the most of your free afternoon here. We'll show you the way on a guided walking tour of the city, then let you wander through the cobbled streets to find your own memories.

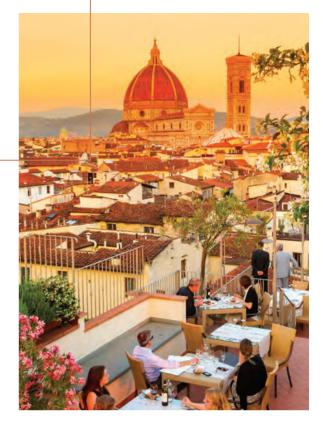
>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN FLORENCE.



In the heart of the Tuscan countryside, you'll get an intimate look into a family-run wine estate. Tour the wine cellar, vineyards and olive groves, then craft an authentic Tuscan lunch with the estate's own chef. Break bread with new friends and toast with wines produced on-site.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 8 IN TUSCANY.





# 3 EXPERIENCE A CRAFT CENTURIES IN THE MAKING

On a tiny island just off Venice's north coast, the art of glass is alive and well. See this centuries-old artform for yourself during a trip to Murano. In the workshop of a talented artisan, you'll watch molten glass become a work of art right before your eyes. *Bellissimo!* 

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 10 IN VENICE.



# DAYS 3-4 ITALIAN RIVIERA

# Be Romanced by the Italian Riviera

- Witness picture-perfect views of the lakes region from Lake Orta.
- Sail to Isola di San Giulio to visit this island's working convent.
- Travel to magical Cinque Terre and enjoy free time to uncover the medieval charm of these five villages.

# DAYS 5-8 TUSCANY

# Traipse Through Tuscany

- Choose how you'll spend your afternoon in Lucca. Discover Lucca's old-world ambiance on foot OR by bike.
- Indulge in local seasonal delicacies during a tour of Lucca's specialty food shops.
- Set out on a walking tour of Florence to get the lay of the land, then take the rest of the day to explore on your own.
- Walk the medieval streets of Siena on a guided tour.
- Tour a family-run wine estate, then make lunch with the estate's chef.
- Retreat nightly to your Tuscan villa.

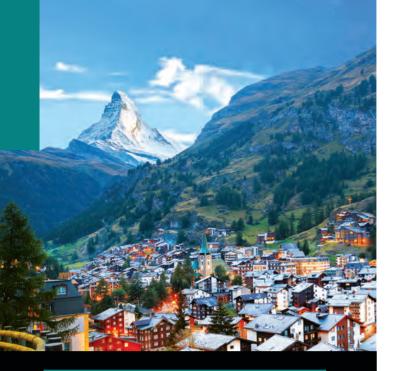
# DAYS 9-11 VENICE

# Be Bewitched by Venice

- Enjoy a walking tour of historic Bologna, then take some time to stroll the streets on your own.
- Join a local guide for a tour of Venice's incredible sites.
- Journey to the island of Murano to visit a local artisan's workshop.

\_\_\_\_ Visit \_\_\_\_ gocollette.com.au/304

for complete tour details.



NEW LOWER PRICE FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON

# SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS AND MAJESTIC PEAKS

Set your sights on an active, immersive journey across Switzerland from the soaring Alps to the picturesque Swiss Riviera—all while traveling by train.

**STARTING AT \$4699\*** 

DAYS 9

MEALS 12

\*Price based on 23 May 2020 departure. Per person, double, land only.

# Where You'll Stay

# Neuchâtel 3 Nights

Best Western Premier Hotel Beaulac

# Zermatt 2 Nights

Unique Hotel Post, Hotel Alex, or Ambassador Hotel

# **Vevey 3 Nights**

Astra Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# Included Meals

- 8 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 3 Dinners

# **Activity Level**



See pg. 207 for details on our activity levels.



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

**EXPERIENCES** 

beyond expectation

# 1 FIND AN IDEAL **BALANCE OF GUIDED** AND INDEPENDENT **EXPLORATION**

We've built in extra days just for you in three unique cities. Get the lay of the land first with guided walking tours and experiences, then take time to wander the streets, check out a museum using your Swiss Travel Pass, or get your heart pumping with a little activity. Be sure to turn to your LEAD for suggestions!

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 3, 5, AND 8 IN NEUCHÂTEL, ZERMATT, AND VEVEY.

# 2 DISCOVER HOW FINE SWISS WINE ACTUALLY IS

Swiss wine is a true treat. So much so that much of it is kept in country. Meet up with our friends, Jacques and Aurélia, for a wine tasting nestled amongst the vines. Enjoy time at their family-run winery, then continue on with a walk along Lavaux's World Heritage vineyards, complemented by stunning views of Lake Geneva.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 7 IN LAVAUX.







# 3 GET AN ALL-ACCESS PASS TO SWISS CULTURE

On this journey, we'll only travel via the brilliantly efficient Swiss Rail Service (and your own two feet!). In addition to being your ticket for travel from city to city, your First Class Swiss Travel Pass includes an all-access entrée into more than 500 museums and cultural exhibitions throughout Switzerland, as well as local ferries, scenic trains, mountain trams, and more.

SEXPERIENCE THIS THROUGHOUT SWITZERLAND WITH YOUR SWISS TRAVEL PASS.

# **IMPACT MOMENT:**



The Swiss Rail Service — the efficient, clean, and comfortable way to cross the Swiss Alps — is the perfect way to lower your carbon emissions on tour.

# WHAT YOU'LL DO

# DAYS 1-3 NEUCHÂTEL

# Let Neuchâtel's History Enchant You

- Meet up with your fellow explorers for dinner at a local brasserie restaurant.
- Get to know Neuchâtel, a hidden gem of a city totally off the tourist map. Take a walking tour of the city's historic quarter and marvel at the medieval architecture and old-world charm.
- Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Neuchâtel and its surroundings.

# DAYS 4-5 NEUCHÂTEL - ZERMATT

# Stand in Awe Before Zermatt's Zenith

- Spend some time exploring Switzerland's capital of Bern.
- Enjoy a full day to wander pedestrianfriendly Zermatt at your leisure.
   Consider taking the Gornergrat Railway for stunning views of the Matterhorn!

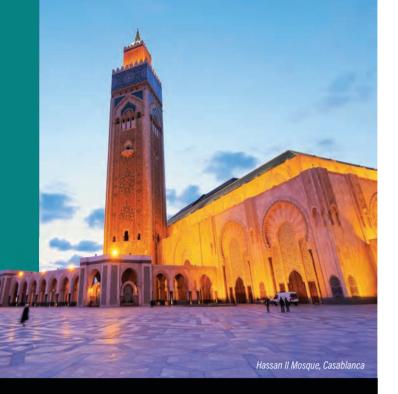
# DAYS 6-9 ZERMATT - VEVEY

# Indulge Yourself in Vevey

- Stroll the streets of Vevey on a guided walking tour.
- Get a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the artistry of handmade Swiss chocolate during an immersive tasting workshop at Läderach.
- Enjoy time at a family-run winery, then continue on with a walk along Lavaux's World Heritage vineyards.
- ▼ IT'S YOUR CHOICE: After visiting a local vineyard, return to Vevey via rail and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure OR set out with a guide to discover Montreux and the medieval island castle of Château de Chillon.

\_\_\_\_ Visit \_\_\_\_ gocollette.com.au/628

for complete tour details.



# **COLOURS OF MOROCCO**

From vibrant cities to the still of the desert, Morocco will enchant you with its deep history, unique atmosphere and welcoming people.

STARTING AT \$3099\* DAYS 10 MEALS 17

\*Price based on 19 October 2020 departure. Per person, double, land only.

# Where You'll Stay

### Casablanca 1 Night

Barcelo Anfa

# Fes 2 Nights

Riad Yacout

# Sahara Desert 2 Nights

Xaluca Luxe Bivouacs Belle Etoile

# Boumaine du Dades 1 Night

Hotel Xaluca Dades

# Marrakech 3 Nights

Es Saadi Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Included Meals

- 9 Breakfasts
- 2 Lunches
- 6 Dinners

# **Activity Level**





See pg. 207 for details on our activity levels.



# **COLOURS OF MOROCCO**

**EXPERIENCES** 

# beyond expectation





>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 3 IN FES.

# 3 EXPERIENCE TWO **NIGHTS OF SERENITY** IN THE DESERT

A 4x4 Jeep provides your transportation to a desert camp in the Sahara. For the next two nights, in the tranquil silence of the desert, you'll drift off to sleep in a fully equipped Berber-style tent. As each morning dawns, enjoy amazing views of the sunrise and the perfect stillness of the desert. Return from the camp via camel, as the morning light greets the dunes.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 5 AND 6 IN THE SAHARA DESERT.



# PREPARE A LUNCH AND HELP LOCAL WOMEN STAND STRONG

Gather fresh and local ingredients and prepare for a special culinary workshop at the Amal Center, a social enterprise benefitting disadvantaged women. Here at Amal, women are trained in every aspect of the restaurant industry to help them secure a job and their own financial independence.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 9 IN MARRAKECH.



# WHAT YOU'LL DO

# DAYS 1-4 CASABLANCA • FES

# We'll Always Have Morocco: Casablanca to Fes

- Gaze upon a rainbow of ceramic tile (called zellij) and the hand-carved stone of the Hassan II Mosque.
- Visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V in Rabat, the capital of Morocco.
- Discover Fes: see the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts, and the gates of the palace, then take a walking tour of the Medina.
- Witness the brilliantly hued honeycomb of vats at Fes' leather tanneries.
- Spend two nights in a traditional *riad*.

# DAYS 5-7 SAHARA DESERT • BOUMALNE DU DADES

# Into the Desert

- Jump into a 4x4 vehicle to explore the Sahara before spending the next two nights in a luxury desert camp.
- Meet a desert farmer, visit a local village, and meet with a nomadic community before watching the sun set over the dunes.
- Soak in the tranquil silence of the desert, under a stunning blanket of stars.
- Return from your desert stay via camel.
- Visit and overnight in Morocco's "Grand Canyon," Boumaine du Dades.

# DAYS 8-10 MARRAKECH

# Awaken Your Senses in Marrakech

- Discover the treasures of Marrakech: ancient El Bahia Palace, historic Jewish Mellah, and the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque.
- Select fresh and local ingredients for your culinary workshop at a social enterprise benefiting women.
- Wander the expansive labyrinth of souks, homes, and businesses within the 1,000-year-old walls of the Medina.
- ▼ In Marrakech, IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Tour Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum OR explore the Yves Saint Laurent Museum.
- Conclude your journey with dinner in a palace.

Visit gocollette.com.au/564 for complete tour details.



# **JOURNEY THROUGH EGYPT & JORDAN**

Eons of history and iconic wonders. Overnight cruises along the legendary Nile. Stretching sunsets fading against the desert horizon. Discover the essence of Egypt and Jordan.

STARTING AT \$6469\* DAYS 12 MEALS 23

\*Price based on 1 December 2020 departure. Per person, double, land only. Inter tour flights are included in the land price of your tour.

# Where You'll Stay

# Cairo 3 Nights

Kempinski Nile Hotel Garden City

# Nile River Cruise 3 Nights

Sonesta St. George

# Amman 1 Night

Amman Marriott Hotel

# Petra 2 Nights

Movenpick Resort

# Dead Sea 2 Nights

Movenpick Resort and Spa

# Included Meals

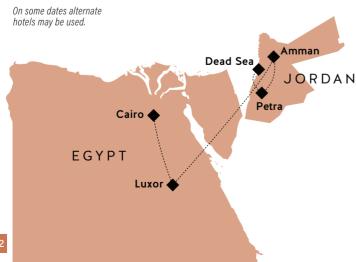
- 11 Breakfasts
- 5 Lunches
- 7 Dinners

### **Activity Level**









# **JOURNEY THROUGH EGYPT & JORDAN**

**EXPERIENCES** 

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# 1 ENJOY AN **EXCLUSIVE VIEWING** OF RENOWNED ROYALS

Hop off your ship at Luxor's West Bank, spending the morning in the Valley of the Kings. Walk in the footsteps of pharaohs as you make your way along elaborate Egyptian tombs. Delve even further into Egyptian legends as you enjoy an exclusive viewing of the tombs of King Tut and Ramses VI, two of the country's most famous leaders

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN LUXOR.

# 2 STEP INTO THE **PAST IN PETRA**

Weave along sandstone carvings as you make your way through Petra with a expert insider. The city appears as if it has emerged straight from the rock bed - and it practically did. Half built and half carved, Petra combines eras of architectural styles to create a single entity. Spend 2 nights here in the "Rose Red City," where cliffs tower above you and create an air filled with mystery, intrigue, and wonder.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 8 AND 9 IN PETRA.

# REJUVENATE AND REFRESH AT THE DEAD SEA

As your adventure draws to a close, allow the healing powers of the Dead Sea to soothe you. With a salt concentration that will make you float and legendary mud that softens the skin, the Dead Sea is your relaxing getaway in the middle of the desert. Enjoy 2 nights on the Jordanian shore, indulging in the luxuries of your hotel and spa.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 10 AND 11 AT THE DEAD SEA.



# WHAT YOU'LL DO

# DAYS 1-3 CAIRO

# Feel the Energy of Cairo

- Spend time with an Egyptologist to learn about the ancient culture.
- Peruse a collection of artefacts at the Egyptian Museum.
- Stand in awe before the Pyramids of Giza

   one of the seven ancient wonders of the world – and the stoic Great Sphinx.

# DAYS 4-6 NILE RIVER CRUISE

# Cruise Along History on the Nile

- Pass by riverside temples on a 3-night cruise along the Nile.
- Connect with Egypt's culture at an ancient Nubian show.
- Enjoy a festive Galabeya Party, where you might don a traditional Egyptian gown.
- Enjoy an special viewing of the tombs of King Tut and Ramses VI during a tour of the Valley of the Kings.
- Visit a local farm along the banks of the Nile and chat with the owners between sips of freshly brewed tea.
- ▼ IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Head to the Luxor Temple, a creation of kings Amenhotep III and Ramses II OR enjoy high tea at the Old Winter Palace, where many elite guests frequently dine.
- Enjoy the sound and light show at Karnak Temple.

# DAYS 7-9 AMMAN •WADI RUM • PETRA

# Explore Desert and Stone in Wadi Rum and Petra

- Experience Amman, the capital of Jordan.
- Indulge in a dinner featuring street food, including local specialties of hummus, falafels and kunafa.
- On an open-air vehicle, explore the isolated desert of Wadi Rum, nicknamed the Valley of the Moon.
- Participate in an authentic Arabic cooking class in Petra.
- Explore the "Rose Red" city of Petra with a local guide before enjoying time at leisure.

# DAYS 10-12 THE DEAD SEA

# Connect with Culture at the Dead Sea

- Bond with local women at a rug weaving cooperative, where you'll find rugs woven in traditional styles.
- Enjoy 2 nights in a spa resort at the Dead Sea.
- Visit Bethany Beyond the Jordan, the venerated site of Jesus Christ's baptism.
- In Madaba, explore the famous byzantine mosaic of St. George's Church.
- Connect with an inspiring local who encourages literacy through his bookstore and enjoy a traditional lunch as you chat with the philanthropic entrepreneur.



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# THE PLAINS OF AFRICA

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 a stunningly untamed backdrop.

STARTING AT \$5784\* DAYS 13 MEALS 33

> \*Price based on 15 June 2020 departure. Per person, double, land only, including park fees.

> > **Included Meals**

12 Breakfasts

**Activity Level** 

1 2 3 4 5

See pg. 207 for details

on our activity levels.

11 Lunches

10 Dinners

# Where You'll Stay

Nairobi 1 Night

Sarova Stanley Hotel

Nyeri 1 Night

Aberdare Country Club

Shaba Reserve 2 Nights

Sarova Shaba Lodge

Nyeri 1 Night

The Ark Hotel

Lake Nakuru 2 Nights

Sarova Lion Hill Lodge

Masai Mara 2 Nights

Sarova Mara Camp

Nairobi 1 Night

Sarova Stanley Hotel

Amboseli 2 Nights

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# THE PLAINS OF AFRICA

**EXPERIENCES** 

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# 1 HEAD INTO THE WILD ON ELEVEN GAME DRIVES

Get ready to fill up your mind and memory card with the images of Kenya's striking landscapes and variety of wildlife, including the "Big 5." Early morning and late afternoon drives seek to deliver you the best opportunity to spy the animals that call each destination home.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS THROUGHOUT YOUR TRAVELS IN KENYA.

# 2 CONNECT WITH **MASAI CULTURE**

Spend an afternoon getting to know the Masai people. You'll be a welcomed visitor in a local village (called an enkeng in Maa, the Masai language) and see a slice of everyday life. Later, as you indulge in a traditional bush dinner, take in the incredible sights of a Masai dance performance.





# WHAT YOU'LL DO

# DAYS 1-2 NAIROBI • NYERI

# Getting Back to Nature in Nairobi & Nyeri

- IMPACT MOMENT: Seize an opportunity to give back to nature with a "seedball." The compact balls of seed limit the cost of planting indigenous trees.
- Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore Aberdare Country Club's amenities like golfing, nature walks, and spa treatments.

# DAYS 3-4 SHABA RESERVE

# Shaba Reserve: The Africa You've Always Imagined

- Discover the magic of the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves on three game drives.
- Enjoy a traditional Sundowner as the sun sets over the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River.
- In the company of a Samburu tribe member, learn about the culture, traditions, and folklore of the Samburu region and its people.









# 3 THIS IS TRUE SAFARI LIFE

Tucked in a deluxe tented camp for two nights, you'll experience the adventure of sleeping in the heart of nature (with plenty of creature comforts). This relaxing retreat in the wilds of the Masai Mara Game Reserve is the perfect way to live the safari life without giving up the amenities of a lodge.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 8-9 IN MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE.

# DAYS 5-7 NYERI • LAKE NAKURU

# Stay Where the Wild Things Are

- Join a discussion about conservation efforts and antipoaching measures in the region.
- Stay amongst the wildlife at The Ark Hotel, and spy animal activity at the floodlit water hole.
- Embark on two game drives in the wildlife haven of Lake Nakuru, your home for two nights.
- Get a true taste of Africa with a traditional breakfast prepared right in the bush.

# DAYS 8-9 MASAI MARA

# Dreaming in the Wilds of Masai Mara

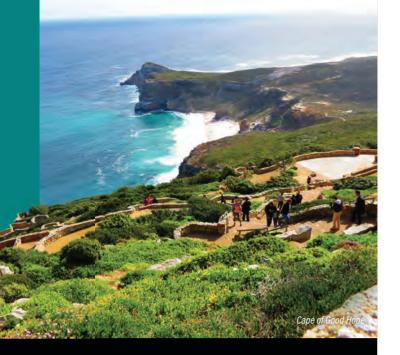
- Embark on three game drives in arguably the most stunning game viewing reserve in all of Kenya — the Masai Mara.
- · Visit a local Masai village and see a slice of everyday life.
- Indulge in a traditional bush dinner, complete with a Masai dance performance.
- Take in the vast landscape of the Mara during a picnic stop.
- Spend 2 nights in a deluxe tented camp, surrounded by nature.

# DAYS 10-13 NAIROBI • AMBOSELI

# In the Land of Giants in Amboseli

- Return to Nairobi and visit the house of Karen Blixen, author of Out of Africa.
- Seek a glimpse of free-running lions, roaming herds of elephants, wildebeests, zebras and more during three game drives in Amboseli National Park.

Visit gocollette.com.au/146 for complete tour details.



# **EXPLORING SOUTH** AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA

Thread by thread, the tapestry of African life comes alive before your very eyes. From the "Big 5" to connecting with the people who call this place home, this is a journey you will never forget.

**STARTING AT \$7254\*** DAYS 13

\*Price based on 20 August 2020 departure. Per person, double, land only, including park fees and inter-tour air.

# Where You'll Stay

# Cape Town 3 Nights

The Portswood Hotel

# Stellenbosch 2 Nights

Spier Hotel or De Zalze Lodge

# **Pilanesberg National Park** 3 Nights

Shepherd's Tree Game Lodge or

# Ivory Tree Game Lodge

Victoria Falls 2 Nights The Wallow



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Included Meals

12 Breakfasts

**Activity Level** 

1 2 3 4 5

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6 Lunches

10 Dinners

# **EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA. VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA**

**EXPERIENCES** beyond expectation



# SEEK OUT THE "BIG 5" ON 9 WILDLIFE SAFARIS

Cruise down the Chobe River, keeping your eyes peeled for hippos splashing in the water or birds fluttering along the riverbank. Venture out into the grasslands on a 4x4, where you might see prowling felines in the brush or giraffes reaching into the branches for a snack. Experience a variety of ways to spot wildlife on 9 adventurous safaris.

>> EXPERIENCE THROUGHOUT YOUR TRAVELS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.





# 3 SPEND 2 DAYS IN STELLENBOSCH'S WINELANDS

Taste the flavours of the Western Cape as you visit one of the world's most beautiful wine countries. Among rolling vineyards and historic Cape Dutch architecture, learn about South Africa's renowned vintages at 3 different wine tastings.

EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 4 AND 5 IN STELLENBOSCH.

# 1 STAND IN AWE BEFORE VICTORIA FALLS

There are some things in this world that defy definition. Standing before the thunderous rush of water at Victoria Falls will certainly be one of those events. Enjoy time here in the afternoon, when the rainbows just off the water are simply spectacular.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 9
IN VICTORIA FALLS.

# WHAT YOU'LL DO

# DAYS 1-3 CAPE TOWN

# Get to Know Cosmopolitan Cape Town

- Whisk away to the top of Table Mountain for incredible views of Cape Town and beyond.
- Enjoy free time to explore Cape Town how you choose.
- Take an easy hike along Cape of Good Hope, ending at Boulders Beach, home to endangered African penguins.
- Eat a delicious meal in a local family's home.

# DAYS 4-5 STELLENBOSCH

# Sip and Savour Stellenbosch's Wine Country

- Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Stellenbosch's picturesque wine country.
- Sample the region's most renowned wines at 3 different tastings.
- Visit the charming village of Franschhoek for lunch.

# DAYS 6-8 PILANESBERG NATIONAL PARK

# Experience the Wild Africa of Your Dreams

- Head out in search of the "Big 5" on 5 different game drives through the national park.
- Enjoy a drink during a traditional African sundowner.
- Sip coffee and tea amongst the wildlife.

# DAYS 9-10 VICTORIA FALLS

# Behold the Power of Victoria Falls

- Stand before stunning Victoria Falls in the afternoon, when the rainbows are at their best.
- Indulge in dinner on the shores of the Zambezi, overlooking Victoria Falls.
- Interact with African elephants in their own habitat.
- Join a local Zambian family for a homehosted lunch.

# DAYS 11-13 KASANE

# Discovering Life in Chobe

- Look for elephants, hippos, crocodiles and more on a safari cruise along Botswana's Chobe River.
- Explore the diverse ecosystems of Chobe National Park.
- IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon game drive, OR hit the river for a safari cruise.
  - Learn the secrets to cooking a traditional braai (African barbecue) during a chef-hosted dinner by the river.

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# add a day or two

Have a little bit of extra time in your destination, or unwind after a long flight before your tour kicks off. With Collette, you can add single night stays before and after your tour, right in the city that your tour starts or ends in.

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# add a few days

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SEE PAGES 200-203 FOR DETAILS ON OUR EXTENSION DESTINATIONS.

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# EXTEND YOUR TOUR

# optional extensions



# DUBAI / 3-NIGHT PRE TOUR ADD TO:

Spectacular South Africa (p. 144) Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana (p. 196)

Encounter the opulent cityscape and remote golden desert dunes of Dubai, one of the world's most fascinating destinations, on a 3-night pre-tour trip. Discover a city of ages as you uncover gleaming skyscrapers, colourful bazaars and Bedouin campsites. If you're looking for an introduction to the United Arab Emirates, look no further than Dubai.

### Included in Your Extension:

- A local guide who will provide sightseeing services.
- Hotel accommodation centrally located near Dubai Creek.
- Time to relax or explore this dynamic

# What to do in Dubai:

- Shop or peruse Dubai's many luxury
- Walk along the boardwalks near Dubai
- Watch a Dubai Fountain Show from the Fountain Bridge.

### 4 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Radisson Blu Dubai Waterfront, Dubai

FROM

\$960 pp\*

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, a local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. The flight from Dubai to Cape Town, South Africa is not included in the land-only cost of your tour. Additional air segment purchase required. No advance visa arrangement is required to visit the UAE when your stay is less than 30 days.

# TANZANIA / 4-NIGHT POST TOUR ADD TO: The Plains of Africa (p. 194)

Spend more time taking in the remote wilds of Africa with a 4-night post trip tour of Tanzania. Further explore the Plains of the Serengeti as you set out in search of the "Big 5" and safari in the Ngorongo Crater. This is your chance to truly immerse yourself in Africa's untamed wonders.

# **Included in Your Extension:**

- A local guide who will provide sightseeing services.
- Accommodation in Karatu, Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro.
- A full day game drive.

# What to do in Tanzania:

- Discover fascinating wildlife.
- Take in Africa's unparalleled natural wonders.
- Encounter the largest intact caldera in the world.

### 12 MEALS

4 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Serengeti Sopa Lodge, Serengeti Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge, Ngorongoro

### **FROM**

\$2,055 - 3,150 pp\*

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. The approximate cost of a Tanzania visa, purchased at the border, is \$100 USD, payable in USD only. This requires a second blank page in your passport in addition to the required blank page for your Kenya visa. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Guests leaving Kenya and continuing their travels to Tanzania (including Zanzibar), even if only for a transit, will need a Yellow Fever certificate to enter Tanzania. Park fees (approximately \$350 AUD) and concession fees in Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park (approximately \$41 per person, per night - \$170 AUD total) are not included in the land price of your extension. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times.

# VICTORIA FALLS / 3-NIGHT POST TOUR ADD TO: Spectacular South Africa (p. 144)

Discover one of the world's natural wonders, Victoria Falls, on a 3-night post trip. See the thundering waters of the Falls and get immersed in the local culture, stunning wildlife and natural beauty that surrounds this astounding wonder of Mother Nature.

# Included in Your Extension:

- A local guide who will provide sightseeing services.
- A leisurely cruise on the Zambezi River.
- A walking tour of Victoria Falls.

### What to do in Victoria Falls:

- Learn more about the Falls and their importance to the African community.
- Mingle with residents of the local village.
- Peruse for wares at a local curio market.

### 4 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

### ACCOMMODATION

Victoria Falls Hotel, Victoria Falls

FROM

\$1,780 pp\*

A minimum of 6 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Park fees (approximately \$55 AUD) are not included in the land price of your extension. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. The internal flight is not included in the land cost of your tour. All air, including internal air, can be purchased through us. Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Zimbabwe and Botswana. Consult your physician 2-3 weeks prior to departure. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. For guests participating in the optional full day excursion to Chobe National Park, a mandatory tourism levy of \$30 USD is required upon arrival at the port of entry of Botswana. This levy can be paid by cash or credit card. Fees are subject to change. Nationals of Australia are eligible to obtain a visa on arrival at 2 imbabwe at any major entry point for a stay of up to 30 days. The fee is approx. \$40 AUD for single entry and \$55 AUD for a double entry. A multiple-entry visa is required if you wish to purchase the optional Chobe day trip. Passports must have an additional 2 blank pages for the visa to be placed. You must hold sufficient funds to cover the stay and hold proof of onward travel to a third destination. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

# JORDAN / 3-NIGHT POST TOUR

# ADD TO:

Iconic Israel (p. 140), Treasures of Egypt (p. 142), Israel: A Journey of Faith (p. 146) and Israel: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (p. 148)

Continue on in your adventure through the Middle East with a 3-night tour to Jordan. Uncover the incredible stonecarved city of Petra. Experience the desert life of the Bedouin people in Wadi Rum. Visit historic sites such as Madaba, Mt. Nebo and Amman, the "White City." Jordan is a destination of mesmerizing beauty and contrasts waiting to be explored.

# Included in Your Extension:

- A local guide to see some of Jordan's most iconic sites.
- A full day tour of Petra.
- A visit to Mt. Nebo, the site where Moses saw the Promised Land.

# What to do in Jordan:

- Explore Petra's breathtaking, stonecarved beauty.
- Learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people.
- Visit the "White City," Amman.

### 5 MEALS

3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

### ACCOMMODATION

Marriott Petra, Petra, Jordan

# FROM

\$1,430 pp\*

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Israel exit fee is approximately 32 USD per person, paid in local currency when crossing the border into Jordan at the Sheik Hussein (Jordan Valley) border crossing. When using the shuttle buses at the border crossings, a 3 USD fee per person, paid in local currency or USD, is collected on the bus by each driver. A Jordanian entrance visa is arranged by our local Jordanian agent in advance. The Jordan exit fee is approximately 15 USD per person, paid in local currency. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time without notice, based on governing authority. Money can be exchanged at the border crossing. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times.

# MILAN / 2-NIGHT POST TOUR

ADD TO:

Italian Vistas (p. 26) Northern Italy & Its Lakes (p. 36)

Make the magic of Italy last with a post-tour trip to Milan, where you'll stay for two nights. Milan, known for being a mecca of high fashion, art, and historic architecture, is the perfect place to unwind after a tour and soak in the Italian atmosphere. Museums, art galleries, luxurious shopping plazas, world-class restaurants - Milan has everything you're looking for.

### **Included in Your Extension:**

- A 48-hour pass to Milan's Hop-on, Hop-off sightseeing buses.
- Hotel accommodation located in the heart of the city.
- Time to explore the beautiful city of Milan on your own.

### What to do in Milan:

- Shop in the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II shopping centre.
- See Da Vinci's The Last Supper at the church of Santa Maria delle Grazie.\*
- Visit the gothic architectural masterpiece of Duomo di Milano.

\*Please note that Santa Maria delle Grazie requires advanced booking. Booking online 1-2 months before departure is recommended.

2 MEALS 2 Breakfasts

**ACCOMMODATION** 

Doria Grand Hotel, Milan

FROM \$780 pp\*

### **DUBROVNIK / 2-NIGHT POST TOUR** ADD TO: Croatia & Its Islands (p. 102)

Extend your trip with a 2-night stay in Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic." With a full day to explore the city, perhaps you'll venture to the medieval stone walls, an iconic winding fortress that serves as the backdrop for endless filming locations. Or consider relaxing on the beach, exploring the harbour, or wandering through the town - the time is yours.

### **Included in Your Extension:**

- Time to explore this ancient city on your own.
- Relaxing along picturesque beaches.
- Explore the harbour.

### What to do in Dubrovnik:

- Learn about the iconic winding fortresses that surround Old Town.
- Take a cruise around the harbour.
- Try some Dalmatian cuisine.

A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. This extension is not hosted or guided. During your extension, there will be no local ground representative. On the dates that this tour operates in reverse, this will be a pre-tour extension.

2 MEALS 2 Breakfasts

ACCOMMODATION Valamar Lacroma Resort, Dubrovnik

FROM \$520 pp\*

# ICELAND / 3-NIGHT POST TOUR ADD TO:



Norwegian Coastal Voyage (p. 52) Highlights of Norway (p. 54) Spectacular Scandinavia (p. 56)

Discover the land of fire and ice with a posttour trip to Iceland, where you'll stay for three nights. Iceland's ethereal landscapes stir a sense of adventure and intrigue within you. Breathtaking glaciers, geothermal wonders, stunning emerald fjords and Icelandic culture awaits.

## **Included in Your Extension:**

- A local guide who will travel the Golden Circle alongside you.
- A chance to immerse yourself in Icelandic culture in its intriguing capital
- Visit the breathtaking Thingvellir National Park.

### What to do in Iceland:

- Go on a horseback riding excursion.
- See the Harpa Concert Hall, a stunning and award-winning architectural masterpiece.
- Leisure time to spend as you wish: perhaps with a soak at the Blue Lagoon or whale watching.

3 MEALS 3 Breakfasts **ACCOMMODATION** 

CenterHotel Midgardur Hotel, Reykjavík

FROM

\$1,170 pp\*

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Icelandair gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. Additional air segment purchase required.

# ISTANBUL / 3-NIGHT POST TOUR ADD TO: Exploring Greece & Its Islands (p. 104)

Depart Greece and make your way to Istanbul, Turkey's most popular city. Considered to be the bridge between the East and the West, Istanbul is a central hub for intermingling cultures, complicated history, and legendary architecture. See why the city was the former capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires as you uncover a blend of times-gone-by nostalgia and ever-evolving modernity.

### Included in Your Extension:

- A local guide for the day who will help you discover even more of Istanbul.
- A chance to explore the lively Grand Bazaar and Spice Market.
- A chance to see Hagia Sophia, the Church of the Holy Wisdom.

# What to do in Istanbul:

- Try delicious Turkish cuisine.
- Discover the benefits of a Turkish bath.
- Shop for artisan crafts.

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. This Aminimini of a passengers is required for this exercision to operate a extension is no hosted or guided. A visa is required for travel to Turkey and needs to be obtained in advance in E-Visa form at https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Other nationalities need to consult their embassies/consulates for proper documentation. Additional air segment purchase required. Extension is offered on select departures. Call for details.

3 MEALS

3 Breakfasts

ACCOMMODATION The Marmara, Istanbul FROM

\$685 pp\*

# MOSCOW / 3-NIGHT POST TOUR ADD TO: The Baltics Revealed (p. 182)

Discover the beguiling Moscow, and watch as complex history, intricate architecture and bustling city life unfolds before your eyes. Head underground and discover the ornately designed public Metro system your ride that will transport you to the iconic Red Square. Spend a day on your own, uncovering the city's most iconic landmarks on a Moscow River cruise, or peruse one of the city's great museums. This is the perfect way to say do-svidaniya (goodbye) to the Baltics.

### Included in Your Extension:

- A local guide to help you explore this fascinating city.
- A chance to soak in the history of the city.
- More time to explore the Baltics on vour own.

### What to do in Moscow:

- Discover the iconic domes of Saint Basil's Cathedral.
- Try the delicious ice cream in the Gum department store.
- Visit the stunning Tretyakov Gallery.

A minimum of 3 passengers is required for this extension to operate, During your extension, a local guide will provide included sightseeing services

3 MEALS

3 Breakfasts

**ACCOMMODATION** 

Moscow Marriott Grand Hotel, Moscow

FROM

\$1,235 pp\*

# MADEIRA ISLAND / 4-NIGHT POST TOUR

ADD TO: Sunny Portugal (p. 94)

Make your way to the "Pearl of the Atlantic" - Madeira - with a post-tour trip, where you'll stay for four nights. Soak in the blue skies and even bluer seas along with fertile valleys and tropical fruits and flowers. And don't forget the world-renowned wine.

# Included in Your Extension:

- A local guide who will provide sightseeing services.
- See incredible natural scenery.
- Take a leisurely paced tour of Funchal.

### What to do in Madeira Island:

- Eniov world-famous Madeira wine.
- Savour espetada, a traditional dinner.
- Explore the fishing village of Porto Moniz.

**5 MEALS** 4 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner **ACCOMMODATION** 

Pestana Casino Park Hotel, Funchal

FROM \$1,170 pp\*

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local quide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. The levada walk is approximately 45 minutes on a flat surface

# LISBON / 2-NIGHT PRE TOUR ADD TO: Northern Portugal & Spain (p. 176)

Start your journey with an early arrival in Lisbon, Portugal's vibrant capital. From your centrally located hotel, enjoy the captivating energy and lively dynamic of the winding streets. Explore the Baixa and Alfama neighborhoods, or meander along the riverside. Intrigue awaits around every corner in this colourful Portuguese capital.

### **Included in Your Extension:**

- Time to explore Portugal's lively capital.
- Time to try traditional Portuguese cuisine.
- A chance to see the city's most iconic landmarks.

### What to do in Lisbon:

- Ride the historic Tram 28 like a local.
- Visit the Belém Tower.
- Walk along Lisbon's quaint riverside.

A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. This extension is not hosted or guided. During your extension, there will be no local ground representative. Guests will train to Porto on their own. Porterage is not available on the train.

2 MFALS

2 Breakfasts

# ACCOMMODATION

Eurostars Museum Hotel, Lisbon

FROM

\$650 pp\*

# **MONTENEGRO / 2-NIGHT PRE TOUR**

ADD TO:

**Discover Croatia, Slovenia** and the Adriatic Coast (p. 100)

Start your trip early with a 2-night stay in Montenegro, a picturesque country located on the stunning shores of the Adriatic. A local guide shows you around the Old Town of Budva, a quaint seaside resort town where you'll uncover winding alleyways, sandy beaches and stone bastions. Enjoy a full day at leisure before starting your trip to Croatia and Slovenia.

### **Included in Your Extension:**

- A local guide to provide included sightseeing services.
- A day of leisure to take in Montenegro's stunning seascapes.
- A chance to sample delicious seafood

# What to do in Montenegro:

- Discover Old Town Budva.
- Cruise the Bay of Kotor.
- Venture to the national park of Lovćen.

A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services.

2 MEALS

2 Breakfasts

ACCOMMODATION Hotel Moskva, Montenegro FROM

\$650 pp\*

# LONDON / 3-NIGHT PRE TOUR ADD TO: La Belle Seine (p. 138)

Start your trip early with a 3-night stay in London, a world within a city. Enjoy time to discover the city's secrets. Consider venturing through the shopping district, exploring the National Galley, admiring the regal palace of the Royal Family, or even taking in the skyline from the top of city's famous Ferris wheel - the London Eye.

# **Included in Your Extension:**

- Time to explore the grand hub of the United Kingdom.
- A chance to take in London's iconic skyline.
- Shop or peruse London's fashionable stores and boutiques.

# What to do in London:

- Ride the famous "Tube," London's underground public transit system.
- Say hello to some British royalty at Buckingham Palace.
- Meander along Trafalgar Square.

3 MEALS 3 Breakfasts

# ACCOMMODATION

Grange Tower Bridge Hotel, London

FROM

\$1,040 pp\*

A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. This extension is not hosted or guided. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Due to additional airline costs, our air passengers arriving into London for the extension will be assessed an additional fee

# **STOCKHOLM / 2-NIGHT PRE TOUR** ADD TO: Norwegian Coastal Voyage (p. 52)

Highlights of Norway (p. 54)

Start your journey through the Nordic countries in Stockholm, Sweden's playground. Stockholm is one of the fastest growing cities in Europe. Discover Scandinavia's sophisticated capital and see for yourself why Stockholm is called "Beauty on Water." Admire historic palaces and cathedrals that mingle with treasures of sleek, minimalist design.

# Included in Your Extension:

- A hotel located in the heart of the city.
- A chance to see some of Sweden's most iconic landmarks.
- A day to explore Stockholm's oldest district, the Gamla Stan.

# What to do in Sweden:

- Take a scenic boat tour.
- Visit the ABBA Museum.
- Eat at Sweden's high-end food courts.

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. This extension is not hosted or guided. During your extension, there will be no local ground representative.

2 MEALS

2 Breakfasts

# ACCOMMODATION

Scandic Grand Central, Stockholm

FROM

\$715 pp\*



# **₿ DECK PLANS**



# Amadeus Brilliant

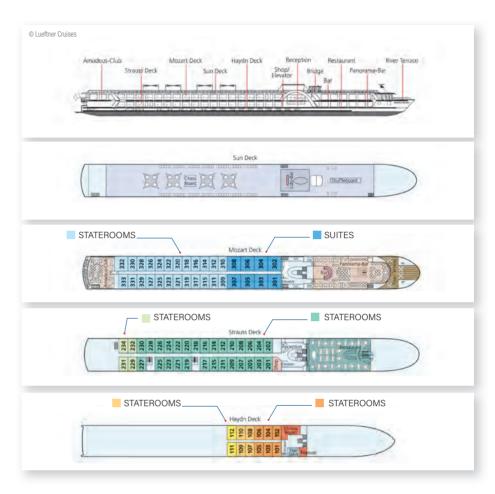
This cruise ship will be featured on our Classic Danube and our Christmas on the Danube tour and may be featured on our Springtime Tulip River Cruise tour.

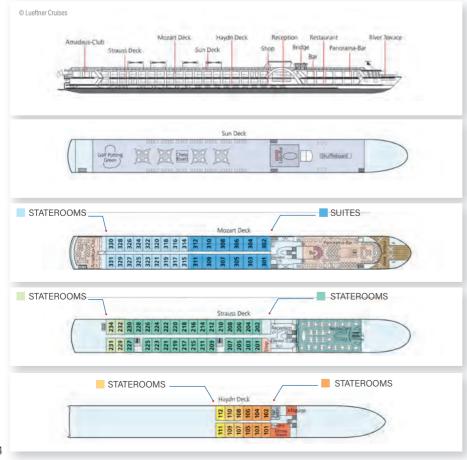
# **ONBOARD FACILITIES**

- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club with Internet Station
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, Lounge Chairs, Shade Awnings, Giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Complimentary Onboard Bicycles
- · Wi-Fi Available
- Elevator

# **TECHNICAL DATA**

Built: 2011 - Registry: Germany - Height above water: 5.85 m/19.2 feet - Length: 110 m/ 361 feet -Width: 11.4 m/ 37.5 feet - Staterooms/Suites: 68/8 - Speed: 25 km/h/ 15.5 mph - Decks: 4 - Max. passengers: 150 - Crew members: approx. 40





# Amadeus Diamond

This cruise ship will be featured on our La Belle Seine tour.

# **ONBOARD FACILITIES**

- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club with Internet Station
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, Lounge Chairs, Shade Awnings, Giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Complimentary Onboard Bicycles
- Wi-Fi Available
- Elevator

# **TECHNICAL DATA**

Built: 2009 • Registry: Germany • Height above water: 5.85 m/19.2 feet • Length: 110 m/ 361 feet • Width: 11.4 m/ 37.5 feet • Staterooms/Suites: 62/12 • Speed: 25 km/h/ 15.5 mph • Decks: 4 • Max. passengers: 146 • Crew members: approx. 40



# Amadeus Silver III

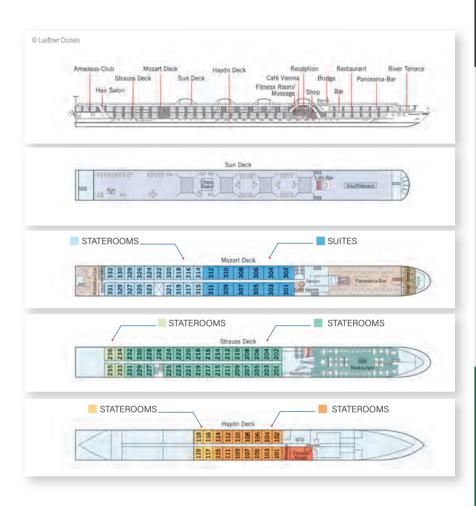
The Silver III will be featured on our Magical Rhine & Moselle tour.

### **ONBOARD FACILITIES**

- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club
- "Café Vienna" with Viennese Coffee Specialties
- Outdoor Glass-Shielded "River Terrace"
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, Lounge Chairs, Shade Awnings, Giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- · Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Complimentary Onboard Bicycles
- Wi-Fi Available
- Elevator

# **TECHNICAL DATA**

Built: Silver III 2016 • Registry: Germany • Height above water: 6 m/19.8 feet • Length: 135 m/ 443 feet • Width: 11.4 m/ 37.5 feet • Staterooms/Suites: 72/12 • Speed: 25 km/h/ 15.5 mph • Decks: 4 Max. passengers: 168 • Crew members: approx. 46



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# Amadeus Queen

This cruise ship may be featured on our **Springtime Tulip River Cruise** tours.

# **ONBOARD FACILITIES**

- · Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club
- Outdoor Glass-Shielded "River Terrace"
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, Lounge Chairs, Shade Awnings, Giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- · Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Complimentary Onboard Bicycles
- Wi-Fi Available
- Elevator

# **TECHNICAL DATA**

Built: 2018 • Registry: Germany • Height above water: 6 m/19.8 feet • Length: 135 m/ 443 feet • Width: 11.4 m/ 37.5 feet • Draft: 1.45 m/ 5ft. • Staterooms/Suites: 69/12 • Speed: 25 km/h/ 15.5 mph • Decks: 4 Max. passengers: 162 • Crew members: approx. 46



# 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 207.

Can you tell me more about the safaris? For a fuller wildlife experience you will be travelling by custom-built safari vehicle which requires climbing in and out frequently and sometimes travels on bumpy roads. To experience Africa fully, we recommend a good fitness level and to prepare properly.

**How can I plan for shore landings?** Special clothing is required for the shore landings (Antarctica, Galapagos); please refer to your predeparture documents for important details.

Are all theatre performances suitable for children? Some theatre performances may be unsuitable for children – please consult your tour manager.

# documentation

**Do I need a passport?** A valid passport is required for all trips. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements as well as other laws that may affect your ability to travel. We recommend that your passport has six months validity, and at least three blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each traveller.

# extending your stay

Can I extend my tour to see more of a region? Yes! You may enhance your tour by purchasing either an extension or pre/post hotel stays when offered. Extensions may be "hosted" rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will be available on-call during the duration of the stay. A minimum number of passengers may be required to operate some extensions. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

Collette also offers pre and post hotel nights before and/or after a tour. Should you purchase additional nights, your tour manager will not be available during this time.

# extras

What is not included in the tour price? The land price does not include international air travel from Australia, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary end-of-trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, and any incidental charges.

# gratuities

Are gratuities included? Gratuities are not included in the tour price and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Customary gratuities have not been included for hotel housekeeping staff, local sightseeing guides, transfer drivers, motor coach drivers and Tour Managers. Gratuities should be given in direct proportion to the level of professionalism and personal service extended to you. With this in mind, we have created a guide for you:

- Tour Manager: 5-8 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Local Guide: 2-3 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per person
- Motor Coach Driver: 3-5 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Hotel Housekeeping Staff: 2-3 US Dollars (or equivalent in local currency) per room per day
- Applicable gratuities for bellmen, doormen and dining room staff for group meals have been included.

# late bookings

**Do you accept late bookings?** Yes, tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. Late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with full payment if within 60 days of departure date.

# on-tour experience

Where do I meet my tour manager? Our tour manager will make contact with you at your first hotel. The hotel's address and phone number will be included in your documents.



Can I pre purchase optional excursions/activities? Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase provided that you make your options purchase 15 days or more prior to the tour start date. Collette makes it convenient to reserve presold options by visiting our website for a full listing of activities and excursions or when your reservation is made with our team. In addition, there are benefits to prepurchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full, so once payment is received in full, your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure. Any presold options cancelled while on tour are nonrefundable.

# revisions/changes

Would my tour date ever be changed? While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Should this happen, Collette will make every effort to put you on another departure date. If an alternate cannot be found, a full refund will be made. Air booked through Collette will be protected. We cannot be held responsible for penalties incurred if you secured your own air.

**Can I make changes to my reservation?** Should you decide to change your reservation after initial booking, a handling fee of \$25 per transaction will be charged. A change of tour date or tour itinerary within the guidelines of the cancellation policy will be treated as a cancellation and regular cancellation fees may apply.

Revisions to air tickets are subject to the rules and regulations of the airline. See our Cancellation Policy for more details.

# tour pacing

How can I be best prepared for the pacing and physical requirements on a Collette tour? Tour pacing varies by itinerary, and each destination's activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. For overnight pacing of a tour, please refer to the "Accommodation" section on each tour page and on the tour map. 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.







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# ADDING FLIGHTS TO YOUR COLLETTE TOUR

Enjoy the benefits of air-inclusive bookings. Allow us to be your liaison with the airlines and to handle all the details.

	Flex Economy Airfare	Instant Purchase Economy Class <sup>3</sup>	Premium Economy, Business & First Class <sup>4</sup>
Roundtrip home to airport transfers included <sup>1</sup>	•	•	•
Roundtrip airport to hotel destination transfers included <sup>2</sup>	•	•	•
Dedicated Concierge Service			•
Lounge Passes <sup>5</sup>			•
Express Check-In <sup>5</sup>			•
Eligible for Collette's Travel Protection Plan	•		
Benefit from our flexible change and refund policies	•		<i>(</i> //
Deposit now, pay the balance later <sup>6</sup>	•		•
Eliminates future surcharges by locking in price		•	
All the perks of upgraded air (more space, comfort and service	e)		•

# treat yourself & enjoy

Experience the added comfort and convenience when you upgrade your air. Features such as express check-in, airport lounge access, additional legroom and in-flight services enhance your international flight experience. Whichever option you choose, you'll enjoy the ease and peace of mind that comes with booking your flights with Collette.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Roundtrip home to airport transfers included for guests within 40 kms 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Instant Purchase Airfare is offered on select dates; consult your booking agent. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. 
Mot applicable with Instant Purchase Airfare.



### 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:

- he/she has read these terms and conditions and has the authority to and does agree to be bound by them:
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  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

- ${\boldsymbol \cdot}$  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

- ${\boldsymbol \cdot}$  A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due with your International Flex air inclusive reservation.
- For Antarctica, Cruise and Oberammergau International Flex air inclusive reservations, a nonrefundable \$750 deposit is required. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. An additional \$1,500 is due one year prior to departure for Oberammergau.

# International Instant Purchase Air

- If you have selected International Instant Purchase Air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airfare plus 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:

Collette, Level 9, Suite 01, 46 Market Street, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

### THE PRICE OF YOUR HOLIDAY

The price of your travel arrangements has been calculated using exchange rates as at the date of advertisement of the holiday.

# We reserve the right to amend the price of unsold holidays at any time and correct errors in the prices of confirmed holidays.

The price of your confirmed holiday is subject at all times to changes in transport costs such as fuel, scheduled airfares and any other airline cost changes which are part of our contracts with airlines (and their agents), cruise ship operators and any other transport provider; to cost changes arising from government action such as changes in GST or any other government imposed changes; and to changes in currency exchange rates and to dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports any or all of which may result in a variation of your holiday price. We will absorb and you will not be charged for any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements, which excludes insurance premiums and any amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements. You will be charged for the amount over and above that, plus an administration charge of \$25 per person together with an amount to cover agents' commission. If this means that you have to pay an increase of more than 10% of the price of your travel arrangements (excluding any insurance premiums, amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements), you will have the options set out in section 9 below. There will be no change made to the price of your holiday within 30 days of your departure nor will refunds be paid during this period.

### 4. Cutting Your Holiday Short

If you are forced to return home early, we cannot refund the cost of any services you have not used. If you cut short your holiday and return home early in circumstances where you have no reasonable cause for complaint about the standard of accommodation and services provided, we will not offer you any refund for that part of your holiday not completed, or be liable for any associated costs you may incur. Depending on the circumstances, your travel insurance may offer cover for curtailment and we suggest that any claim is made directly with your insurer.

# 5. Changes By You

If you wish to alter your booking after your holiday has been confirmed, we will try to make the necessary arrangements provided we receive written confirmation of the change from the person who signed the booking form, or your travel agent, before the date on which the final balance of the cost of your holiday is due. If you are prevented from travelling it may be possible to transfer your booking to another suitable person provided that written notice is given no later than 28 days before you are due to depart.

Whilst we will do our best to assist, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet your requested change. Changes and transfers will be subject to an administrative fee as well as any applicable rate changes or extra costs incurred by ourselves and any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible. Where we are unable to assist you and you do not wish to proceed with the original booking we will treat this as a cancellation by you. A cancellation fee may be payable.

Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements.

### 6. Cancellation Waiver

To assist you to avoid cancellation fees, we offer an optional cancellation waiver policy. Payment of a per person waiver fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except for the waiver fee itself, in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, the cancellation waiver fee does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of a cancellation. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in 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

Payment of the cancellation waiver fee (if chosen) must be received by us with your deposit. The cancellation waiver is non-transferable and valid for each applicant only.

The prices below include waiver and on-tour insurance; based on a basic cover, for travellers below 69 years, with a \$250 excess, \$3000 cancellation cover (outside of Collette's waiver) and do not allow for any pre-existing medical condition cover or extra item cover. Contact Collette for a full quotation.

When purchasing pre and post night accommodations, including optional extensions, the number of days will be added to the total number of tour days, and may subsequently alter your waiver fees. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

### Collette Waiver with on-tour Insurance - Land Only Clients

- \$235 adult/\$140 child for all tours up to 11 days
- · \$285 adult/\$170 child for all tours up to 12-15 days
- \$345 adult/\$205 child for all tours up to 16-21 days
- \$375 adult/\$223 child for all tours up to 22-28 days

(All above rates exclude cruises, Canadian Rockies Train tours, Australia, New Zealand and Oberammergau)

- \$420 adult/\$288 child for all cruises & Canadian Rockies Train tours
- \$550 adult/child for Oberammergau (nonrefundable and must accompany 1st deposit)

### Collette Waiver with on-tour Insurance - Air Inclusive Clients

(Collette Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)

- \$335 adult/\$215 child for all tours up to 11 days
- \$385 adult/\$245 child for all tours up to 12-15 days
- \$445 adult/\$277 child for all tours up to 16-21 days
- \$475 adult/\$295 child for all tours up to 22-28 days

(All above rates exclude cruises, Canadian Rockies Train tours, Australia, New Zealand and Oberammergau)

- \$520 adult/\$360 child for all cruises & Canadian Rockies Train tours
- \$650 adult/child for Oberammergau (non-refundable and must accompany 1st deposit)

Air inclusive cancellation waiver can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare. Instant purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% non-refundable. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.

### Collette Waiver Only

### Land Only Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette)

. \$95 . \$195

### For all cruises and the Canadian Rockies Train tours Land Only Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette)

. \$290 . \$390

### For all Oberammergau tours

### Land Only Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette)

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 identify of the carrier(s), flight timings, and/or aircraft type is deemed to be a minor change. Other examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same standard, Examples of "major changes" include the following when made before departure: a change of accommodation area for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of accommodation to that of a lower official classification for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of outward departure time or overall length of your holiday of 12 or more hours, the closure of the only or all advertised swimming pool(s) at your accommodation for an extended period and, in the case of tours, a significant change of itinerary missing out one or more major destination substantially or altogether.

If we have to make a major change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible and if there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of i) (for major changes) accepting the changed arrangements ii) having a refund of all monies paid or iii) accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from us, if available (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value). You must notify us of your choice within 7 days of our offer. If you fail to do so we will assume that you have chosen to accept the change or alternative booking arrangements.

If we make a major change or cancel, less than 60 days before departure, we will also pay compensation as detailed in section 9 below.

# 9. Compensation For Major Changes & Cancellations

We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any holiday departure in accordance with operational requirements or circumstances beyond our control. If a holiday is cancelled prior to the scheduled departure date, our only responsibility will be to refund the amount received for the reservation. Wherever possible, we will offer the same holiday with a different departure date, or an alternative similar holiday. If there is a difference in cost, it will be your expense. For air-inclusive holidays, we will try to confirm air schedules for the selected new dates, subject to availability. We are not responsible for any additional costs or fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements not made through us.

The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so. We will not pay you compensation where we make a major change or cancel more than 60 days before departure or in the event that we are forced to make a change or cancel as a result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with all due care. All holidays operate subject to a minimum number of bookings. We will not, however, cancel for lack of numbers less than 60 days before departure.

Very rarely, we may be forced by "force majeure" (see section 14) to change or terminate your arrangements after departure. If this situation does occur, we regret we will be unable to make any refunds (unless we obtain any from our suppliers), pay you compensation or meet any costs or expenses you incur as a result.

# 10. Passports, Visas & Health Requirements

Passport and visa requirements vary depending on your destination. The information which we provide is for guidance only, and we cannot accept any liability. We recommend that you contact the relevant consulate to check any restrictions that may apply. Requirements do change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. Please contact your doctor for advice on health requirements. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a proper passport and visa and that no personal circumstances such as a criminal offence or travel to another country will affect your individual visa requirements, and that you have the required vaccinations to gain entry to any country which you are

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

## 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 jointly and individually liable for any damage or losses caused by you or any member of your party. Full payment for any such damage or losses must be paid directly to the hotel manager or other supplier prior to departure from the hotel. If you fail to make payment, you will be responsible for meeting any claims (including legal costs) subsequently made against us as a result of your actions together with all costs we incur in pursuing any claim against you. We cannot be held responsible for the actions or behaviour of other guests or individuals who have no connection with your booking arrangements or with us.

# 14. Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions we will not be liable or pay you compensation if our contractual obligations to you are affected by any event which we or the supplier(s) of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. These events can include, but are not limited to war, threat of war, civil strife, terrorist activity and its consequences or the threat of such activity, riot, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster and adverse weather, sea, ice and river conditions and all similar events outside our or the relevant supplier(s) control. Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure. We will follow the advice given by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

### 15. Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we exclude any liability for any loss, death, injury or damage which you may suffer (directly or indirectly) in connection with or arising out of your participation in a holiday that is caused or contributed by:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected;
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party unconnected with the provision of the services contracted for and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable;
- unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond ours or our supplier(s) control, the consequences
  of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or
- an event which either ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers and subcontractors could not, even with all due care, have foreseen or forestalled.

You release us and our officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of or in connection with your participation in a holiday.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, any condition or warranty which would otherwise be implied by law into these booking conditions (Implied Warranty), is excluded. Our liability in respect of an Implied Warranty is limited to (in our absolute discretion): (i) providing you with credit for a holiday of an equivalent value; or (ii) a refund of the total amount received by us from you in connection with your booking.

# 16. Prompt Assistance In Resort

If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed as a result of failures attributable to a third party unconnected with the provision of the services, or as a result of failures due to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised, or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall, and you suffer an injury or other material loss, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is reasonable in the circumstances.

### 17. Conditions Of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions which will form part of your contract with us. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable International Conventions. Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

# 18. Delays And Other Travel Information

If you or any member of your party miss your flight or other transport arrangement, it is cancelled or you are subject to a delay of over 3 hours for any reason, you must contact us and the airline or other transport supplier concerned immediately.

Where you experience a delay which is not owing to any failure by us, we will use reasonable endeavours to assist in locating refreshments, accommodation and communications but we will not pay for them on your behalf. Any airline or other transport supplier may however pay for or provide refreshments and/or appropriate accommodation and you should make a claim directly to them.

Subject to the other terms of these conditions, we will not be liable for any costs, fees or charges you incur in the above circumstances, if you fail to obtain our prior authorisation before making your own travel arrangements.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in section 14 of these booking conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on any flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time).

The carrier(s), flight timings and types of aircraft shown in this brochure or on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. We shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of it. The latest flight timings will be shown on your tickets which will be despatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You should check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. If flight times change after tickets have been dispatched we will contact you as soon as we can to let you know.

This brochure is our responsibility, as your tour operator. It is not issued on behalf of, and does not commit the airlines mentioned herein or any airline whose services are used in the course of your travel arrangements.

### 19. Special Requests

Any special requests must be advised to us at the time of booking e.g. diet, room location, a particular facility at a hotel etc. You should then confirm your requests in writing. Whilst every effort will be made by us to try and arrange your reasonable special requests, we cannot guarantee that they will be fulfilled. We will inform the relevant supplier of such request. The fact that a special request has been noted on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation or that it has been pased 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 locations.

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