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Explorations

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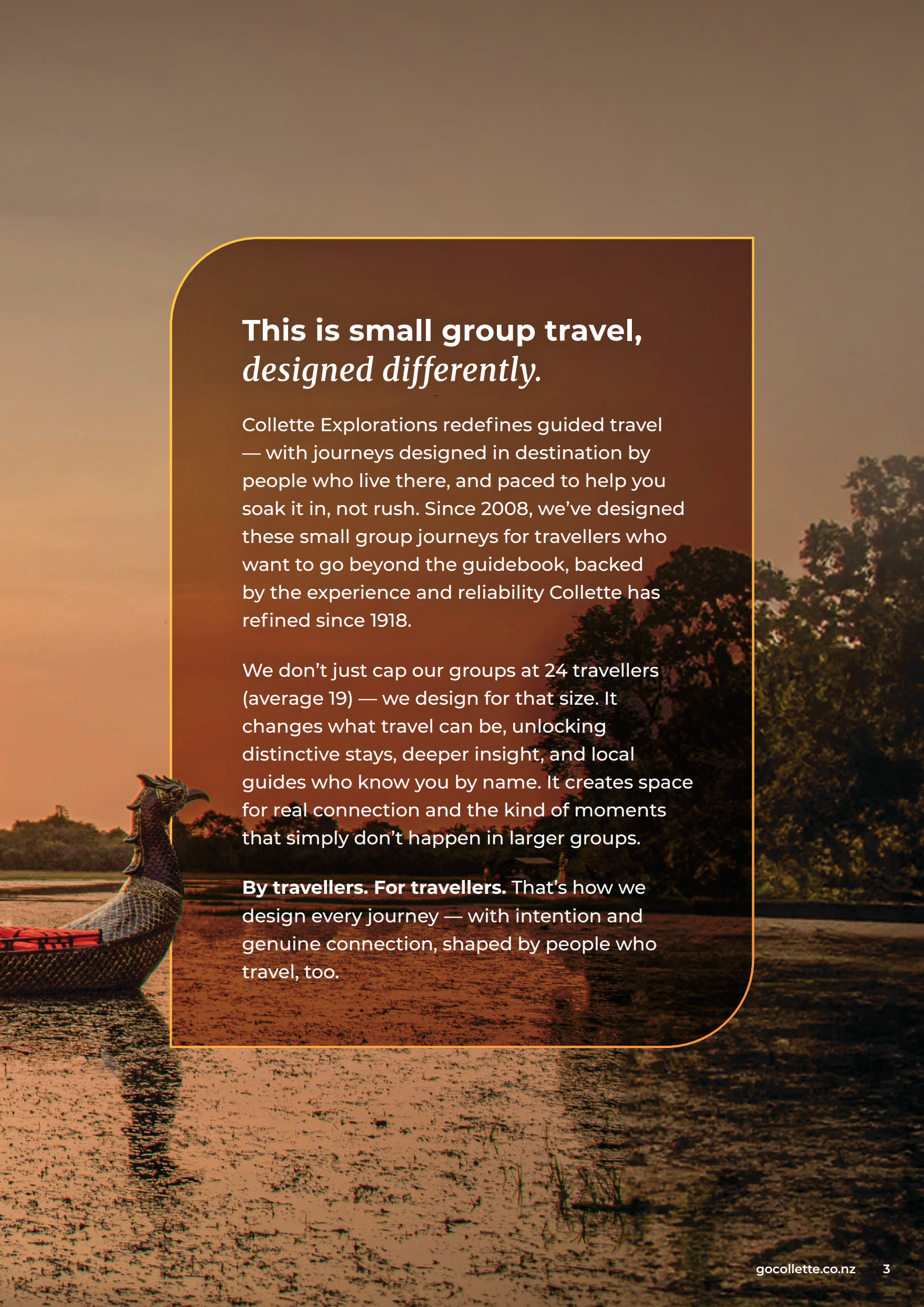
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This is small group travel, *designed differently.*

Collette Explorations redefines guided travel — with journeys designed in destination by people who live there, and paced to help you soak it in, not rush. Since 2008, we've designed these small group journeys for travellers who want to go beyond the guidebook, backed by the experience and reliability Collette has refined since 1918.

We don't just cap our groups at 24 travellers (average 19) — we design for that size. It changes what travel can be, unlocking distinctive stays, deeper insight, and local guides who know you by name. It creates space for real connection and the kind of moments that simply don't happen in larger groups.

By travellers. For travellers. That's how we design every journey — with intention and genuine connection, shaped by people who travel, too.



WHAT MAKES *Explorations Feel Different*

Collette Explorations is premium small group travel, designed for an average of just 19 travellers (24 max).

Designing for this size allows journeys to feel relaxed, experiential, and immersive. You'll stay in places others can't, connect deeply with people you've just met, and experience moments others only dream of.

EXPERIENCE-RICH DESIGN

A private conversation with a North Korean defector. An off-road ride on Mt. Etna. A shared meal in a local home in Victoria Falls.

Designed by locals with the modern traveller in mind, this is travel that goes beyond the expected — connecting you to people, culture, and moments you won't find in a guidebook.

MORE TIME WELL SPENT

Fewer one-night stays. Less backtracking. More multi-night stays. That means more time settling in, exploring deeply, and enjoying where you are — not rushing past it.

FREE TIME TO DO AS YOU PLEASE

We've heard the stereotypes, so we design differently with free time thoughtfully built in exactly where you'll want it — so you can enjoy the moment your way.

INDUSTRY-LEADING SERVICE

Cancellation Waiver. Private home-to-airport chauffeur service. 24/7 emergency support. With Collette Explorations, it's all included, not offered as add-ons. It's thoughtful service, designed by people who travel, too.

IMPACT MOMENTS

These included experiences connect you with local people and communities — supporting them directly while offering you deeper insight.

What's Included

CURATED LOCAL EXPERIENCES

You'll connect to culture through many local experiences throughout your travels. Set off on a truffle hunt, chat with a water puppet master, and sample award-winning cheese, for starters.

CULTURALLY REFLECTIVE ACCOMMODATION

From eco lodges to vineyards, tented camps to countryside villas, accommodation is chosen to connect you to where you are — and goes beyond just a place to sleep.

TRANSPORTATION BEYOND THE COACH

We know you don't want to see the world from the seat of a coach, so you'll get out and also explore via local transportation like tuk tuks, zodiacs, trains, and water taxis.

CHOICE ON TOUR

On select days, you can choose between two or three included excursions — giving you the freedom to follow what feels right in the moment. Look for **It's Your Choice!** in the itinerary.

DETAILS, LOGISTICS & TICKETS

Your Tour Manager leads the way — sharing insight, handling details, and keeping everything running smoothly, from tickets to transfers and border crossings.

CULINARY EXPERIENCES & MEALS

Meals are part of the exploration — so we include experiences like home-hosted meals, cooking classes, and tastings that truly give you a taste of daily life.

PEACE OF MIND

Included by Design

With Collette, peace of mind is built into the journey from the very beginning — and it's part of what makes Collette Explorations feel different, even before you arrive in destination.





“We got picked up from home, we got chauffeured to the airport and then chauffeured back when we came home. That was really, really good. We thought that was sort of a stand out.”

FELIX C.

EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA

**NEW! PRIVATE HOME-TO-AIRPORT
CHAUFFEUR SERVICE**

We get it — getting to and from the airport can be a bit of a hassle. But with Collette, it's designed to be a better experience.

On travel day, sit back and relax because private roundtrip, home-to-airport chauffeur service is included on every Collette Explorations tour* — making the transition from home to holiday (and back again) feel effortless.

*Private home-to-airport chauffeur service is included on land-only Explorations bookings. Travellers must live within 50kms of SYD, MEL, ADL, BNE, PER, or AKL airports. Ask our reservations team about surcharge pricing outside of 51km range.

**CANCEL FOR ANY REASON,
GET YOUR MONEY BACK**

Plans change — and that's okay. That's why our Cancellation Waiver is included, giving you the flexibility to cancel for any reason up to 24 hours before departure and receive a full refund (minus deposit). No vouchers. No future credits.

GUARANTEED TO GO

When we say we're going, we're going. Guaranteed departures will never cancel due to lower-than-expected numbers. With thousands of guaranteed departure dates available, you can book with full confidence.

24/7 EMERGENCY CARE

With Collette, you're never on your own. Our global support and in-destination teams keep trips running seamlessly, no matter what unfolds.

LOCALLY DESIGNED. GLOBALLY DELIVERED. *Never Generic.*

Step into communities. Have dinner in someone's home. Engage in a meaningful conversation. This is travel built for connection through local relationships and insight — and we've been doing it that way since 1918.

📍 Tuscany, Italy

What's New for 2027

INCLUDED PRIVATE HOME-TO-AIRPORT CHAUFFEUR SERVICE

Conditions apply. See page 7 for details.

TRAVELLER REFERRAL PROGRAM

See page 145 for details.

9 NEW SMALL GROUP TOURS, INCLUDING:

- ▶ Treasures of the Mekong
- ▶ Sardinia & Corsica: Islands of Italy & France
- ▶ Celtic Traditions: England, Scotland & Ireland
- ▶ Iconic South Africa



On the cover:
TUSCANY, ITALY
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DESIGNED FOR TODAY

Built on a Legacy



📍 The Azores, Portugal

COLLETTE'S PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

1918



OUR STORY BEGINS

Jack Collette establishes Collette, opening its doors in the U.S.

1930s



NEW DESTINATIONS

Regional motorcoach tours define touring.

1960s



CHANGING THE STORY

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

Behind every **Collette Explorations** journey is a foundation of experience that runs deep. Since 1918 we've led the way in evolving guided travel by paying close attention to what travellers want, need, and value as the world changes. It's expertise refined over generations.

Collette Explorations tours are designed in destination — not in a boardroom — for how people travel today.

Local connection and insight shape our journeys to spark curiosity, offer perspective, and deepen connection.

Every decision is made with intention — with you at the centre of it all.



Shannon Levi

TOUR DESIGNER: ITALY

Born and raised in Rome, Shannon grew up among the people who make travel work — tour managers, local guides, airline agents, and hoteliers. She's a seasoned traveller with a passion for connecting people to the Italy she knows and loves.

To us, she's a walking encyclopedia of Italian history, culture, and local gems.

To you, she's the beating heart behind every hand-picked moment of your exploration of Italy.

One example of how **Collette Explorations** designs journeys — all around the world.

1980s

THIRD GENERATION

The third generation of Sullivans join the Collette workforce. Additional global offices open in the UK and Canada.

2000s

EXPANSION

Collette opens its doors in Australia and launches small group Explorations.

Today

INNOVATION

Jaclyn Leibl-Cote becomes Collette's first woman CEO. Collette expands Explorations, leading the evolution of guided travel.



DESIGNED *for Connection*

Collette Explorations brings together travellers from across the globe. That mix of backgrounds and viewpoints adds depth to every journey, turning fellow travellers into companions — and the shared experience into a story you shape together.

DELIVERED WITH CONFIDENCE

Service refined since 1918 means fewer unknowns along the way. Details are handled before you notice them, support is there when you need it, and the experience feels considered from start to finish.

COLLETTE EXPLORATIONS TRAVELLERS ARE:

- ✓ *well-travelled*
- ✓ *confident*
- ✓ *curious*
- ✓ *lifelong learners*
- ✓ *routine busters*

Travel isn't just about places — it's about the people you share them with and meet along the way.

In a smaller group, you connect more deeply with locals and your Tour Manager, gaining insight and perspective that bring each destination to life.



"[I enjoyed] being with a group of like-minded people, keen to explore and experience."

SCOTT K. THE BALKANS: COASTAL CROATIA TO LEGENDARY GREECE



"You've got someone with that local knowledge who can take you to those out of the way or unknown places. His knowledge and the information we got and the fun that we had with him, it was a bit like travelling with a close friend."

CHERYL L. COLOURS OF MOROCCO

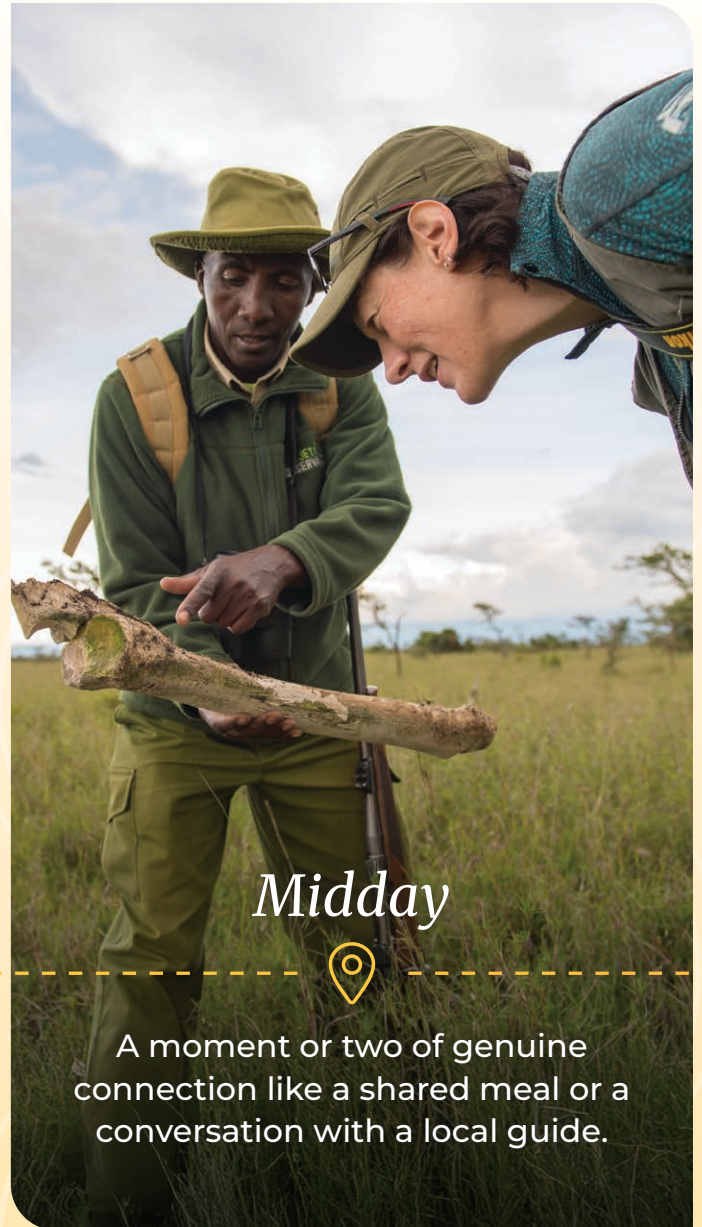


"The group was a fun, social combination. As I was travelling by myself I was wary of being left out but most people were inclusive."

JOANNE S. ITALY: AMALFI COAST TO PUGLIA

Rhythm OF THE DAY

On **Collette Explorations** tours, days are designed with intention. There's structure when it adds value, and space when it makes sense — so the pace feels natural, unrushed, and easy to make your own.



INSIDER TIP: Need ideas for a free afternoon, dinner plans, or the perfect souvenir? Ask your Tour Manager — they're full of local recommendations.

Most Collette Explorations tours are activity levels 3 or 4, making them well-suited for active travellers. You can find activity levels and tour-specific details in the **Activity Level** and **Know Before You Go** sections of the online itinerary.



Afternoon



Time to explore on your own, revisit a favourite spot, or slow things down.



Evening



Dinner together or a free evening where you choose your own plans.

NOT EVERY DAY LOOKS THE SAME —
and that's part of the adventure.



📍 Mai Chau, Vietnam

MAKING TRAVEL *A Force for Good*

We believe travel has the power to uplift communities and protect the places we explore.

That's why nearly every small group Explorations journey includes **Impact Moments**: meaningful experiences designed to support local communities while offering insights you'd be hard-pressed to find on your own.

They take shape differently around the world, but they share a common purpose — uplifting communities, protecting the places we explore, and shaping stories that stay with you long after you return.

"We went to a women's only run school where they taught them to cook and all the money went back into that community to try and help women. We had lunch there and it was just amazing, it's how you actually get to see how other people live."

FELICITY F., MOUNT PLEASANT, QLD
COLOURS OF MOROCCO



Visiting ChangChill offers an ethical elephant experience, where guests observe freely roaming animals without disturbance in their natural habitat

📍 **WONDERS OF THAILAND**



Walking Sarajevo's Tunnel of Hope with a siege survivor who shares firsthand stories of resilience

📍 **THE BALKANS: COASTAL CROATIA TO LEGENDARY GREECE**



Joining a private, candid conversation with a North Korean defector about his escape and new life

📍 **JAPAN & SOUTH KOREA: FROM TOKYO TO SEOUL**



Sharing coffee and cake at Vienna's Vollpension Café, where elderly "grandmas and grandpas" combat loneliness through hospitality

📍 **MAJESTIC CITIES OF CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE**

TRAVEL ISN'T JUST ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL — *and we don't build it that way.*

Multi-Tour TRAVEL

Make the most of your travels and combine tours for one seamless journey. Many Collette tours are designed to connect naturally. And when you book two or more tours, **you'll enjoy a 5% per person* saving** on the second tour and any subsequent tour.



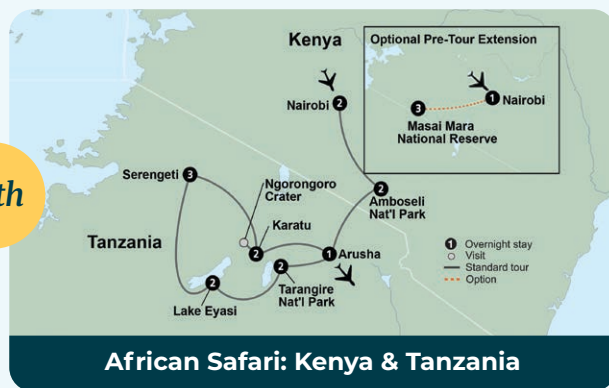
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*Conditions apply. See gocollette.co.nz for details.

Solo TRAVEL

Whether you're new to solo travel or a seasoned pro, **Collette Explorations** is one of the best ways to experience the world on your own. Small groups make it easier to connect, feel comfortable, and explore with confidence.

"Having a small group was an excellent way to experience Japan. I love how Collette takes you to all the must dos, but allows [travellers] to explore at their own pace with free time."

LAURA Z.

JAPAN & SOUTH KOREA: FROM TOKYO TO SEOUL

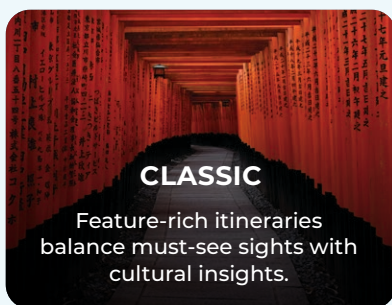


5 Distinct TRAVEL STYLES



SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS

Premium small group travel — locally designed, globally delivered.



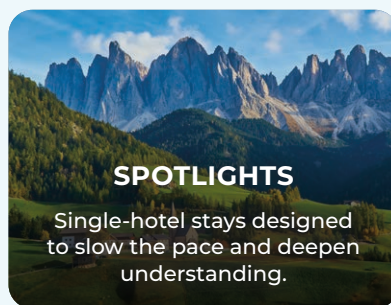
CLASSIC

Feature-rich itineraries balance must-see sights with cultural insights.



CRUISING

Our cruises take travellers beyond the water to fully experience each port of call.



SPOTLIGHTS

Single-hotel stays designed to slow the pace and deepen understanding.



FAITH

Purpose-driven journeys centred on spirituality, reflection, and shared experience.



PACIFIC
OCEAN

North
America

6 Explorations
+34 other tours

ATLANTIC
OCEAN

Where TO NEXT?

Explore more than 60 small group tours around the world — plus over 120 additional journeys across our other travel styles. It's time to explore where your story begins.

TRENDING EXPLORATIONS TOURS NEW ZEALAND TRAVELLERS LOVE:

- E** Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana
- E** Italy: Amalfi Coast to Puglia
- E** The Balkans: Coastal Croatia to Legendary Greece
- E** Colours of Morocco
- E** Majestic Cities of Central & Eastern Europe
- E** Aurora Adventure: Winter in the Canadian Rockies & the Yukon

Central &
South America

6 Explorations
+1 other tour



ARCTIC
OCEAN



Europe

29 Explorations
+48 other tours

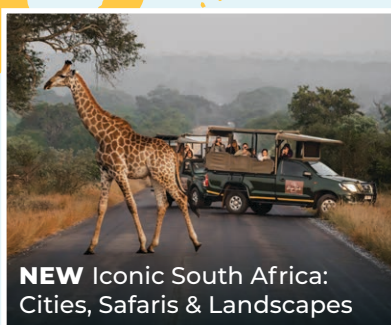
Asia

7 Explorations
+1 other tour

Africa

10 Explorations
+1 other tour

INDIAN
OCEAN



South Pacific

2 Explorations
+4 other tours

SOUTHERN
OCEAN

Antarctica

1 Explorations



Europe



📍 Alberobello, Italy



Get a Feel for Flamenco

Flamenco lives in the details — the rhythm, the restraint, the emotion held just beneath the surface. At the **Fundación Cristina Heeren**, this art form is preserved not for tourists, but for the future. Dancers from around the world come to train here, carrying the tradition forward.

On **Exploring Iberia**, you'll step into a nonprofit space where flamenco is taught, felt, and protected — connecting you directly to the rhythm and meaning behind the performance.

Turn to page 46 to read more.



On the Hunt in Italy

In Umbria, truffles are part of everyday life. Families work the land with patience, guided by seasons, tradition, and the bond between human and dog.

On **Flavours of Italy**, you'll follow a local truffle hunter and their dog into the Umbrian woods, listening for small cues most

people would miss. Afterward, you'll sit down to taste what was pulled from the earth, prepared simply and served with pride.

Turn to page 60 to read more.

The Balkans

From Coastal Croatia to Legendary Greece

15 DAYS • 22 MEALS • STARTING AT \$13,149



SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$13,149 (DOUBLE)** or **\$16,299 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 9 June 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026; April – June 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

July – October 2027; April – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for July 2027 – June 2028 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Zagreb, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Sarajevo, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Our Lady of the Rocks, Boka Bay Scenic Sailing, Kotor, Albanian Farm Experience, Tirana, Gjirokastra, Metéora, Athens

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Impact Moment: Uncover Sarajevo's wartime history at the Tunnel of Hope.
- Discover Gjirokastra's Old Town and bazaar.
- Visit a traditional icon-painting workshop in Kalambaka.
- Take a private boat to explore Our Lady of the Rocks Island and breathtaking Boka Bay.
- Explore the historic and architectural evolution of Tirana.
- Come to know Metéora and visit one of its Byzantine monasteries, built over 600 years ago.
- Enjoy traditional Albanian cuisine and folk entertainment in Tirana.
- Sit down for a farm-to-table lunch in the village of Fishtë and learn about traditional Albanian agriculture.
- Experience Bosnian hospitality and regional dishes while sharing a meal with a local family in Sarajevo.

Day 1: Zagreb, Croatia Arrive in Croatia's vibrant capital city, Zagreb. As arrival times may vary, there are no scheduled activities today. Spend time as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Zagreb This morning, join a local guide for a walking tour highlighting Zagreb's main square and historic Upper Town. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll wander through the old town's two medieval settlements, stroll the many open squares and parks, browse the stalls at the Dolac Market, or savour the flavours of Zagreb's dynamic culinary scene. (B)

Day 3: Zagreb - Plitvice Lakes Travel to Plitvice Lakes, one of the oldest, largest, and most beautiful national parks in Croatia. Inspiring scenery abounds at this designated UNESCO World Heritage site. Marvel at cascading waterfalls, emerald lakes, and pristine surroundings during a short cruise into the heart of this natural wonder. Tonight, stay at a hotel in the small village near the national park. (B, D)

Day 4: Plitvice Lakes - Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina Today, continue to Sarajevo - Bosnia and Herzegovina's capital city, where East

meets West, and your home for the next two nights. With its centuries-old multiculturalism, experience a city shaped by its rich history and the coexistence of diverse religions. This evening, you may choose to join your Tour Manager for a stroll to get acquainted with the area. (B, L)

Day 5: Sarajevo Begin the day with an **IMPACT MOMENT** and visit the Sarajevo Tunnel Museum, home to the famed "Tunnel of Hope," and hear the stories that provide insight into the resilience and determination of the city and its citizens during the war. Continue exploring Sarajevo's layered history, including its role in the start of World War I. Walk its historic streets and discover the city's unique blend of architectural styles and religious traditions. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore Sarajevo on your own. Tonight, experience Bosnian hospitality with a local family. Enjoy regional favourites and sip Bosnian coffee as traditional folk music sets the tone for a truly memorable evening. (B, D)

Day 6: Sarajevo - Mostar - Dubrovnik, Croatia On your way back to Croatia, stop in Mostar to explore the iconic UNESCO-listed Stari Most Bridge. Enjoy a walk through the historic town, followed by free time for lunch. This afternoon,



Arrival: Zagreb (ZAG)

Departure: Athens (ATH)

be greeted by views of the Adriatic Sea when you arrive in Dubrovnik. As the day comes to an end, perhaps you'll join in an evening stroll. (B)

Day 7: Dubrovnik Dubrovnik's ancient streets share their history and timeless charm during a guided walking tour of the city. Then, let the city continue to reveal itself to you because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Take a harbour cruise for magnificent views of Dubrovnik's medieval city walls and visit Lokrum Island **-OR-** get a bird's-eye view of the city by cable car, riding up to Srd Hill, a breathtaking vantage point to look over the Old Town below and the Adriatic Sea. With the rest of the afternoon and evening free to relax or explore the city on your own, perhaps you will walk along the iconic Dubrovnik city walls. (B)

Day 8: Dubrovnik - Kotor, Montenegro Bid farewell to Croatia and travel to Montenegro. Set sail on a private boat for the islet of Our Lady of the Rocks. Visit the church before cruising through the stunning Bay of Kotor. Enjoy a guided tour of Kotor's UNESCO-listed Old Town before you settle in your hotel located within the town's historic walls. (B)

Day 9: Kotor Enjoy a full day at leisure in Kotor. Perhaps you'll go on an optional excursion and discover the authentic flavours of the Adriatic at a traditional, family-run mussel and oyster farm. Savour a fresh, farm-to-table tasting of locally harvested mussels and oysters, and gain insight into the time-honoured traditions and techniques that make Boka Bay a celebrated seafood destination. Upon return, the remainder of the day is yours to explore the hidden corners of Kotor. (B)

Day 10: Kotor - Fishtë, Albania - Tirana Cross another border today and arrive in Albania! A unique blend of traditional Albanian hospitality and cultural experiences awaits in the

picturesque rural setting of one of Albania's best-regarded agritourism destinations, located in the village of Fishtë. Enjoy a farm-to-table lunch of authentic dishes made from organic, locally sourced ingredients, and take a stroll through the farm. Continue your travel day on your way to Tirana, the capital city of Albania. Explore its history and architecture on a locally guided tour while learning more about Albania's complex past, including a visit to a former top-secret nuclear bunker turned museum. (B, L)

Day 11: Tirana Today, enjoy Tirana at leisure or join an optional excursion to the coastal ancient city of Durrës to explore Roman ruins, including the Roman Amphitheatre of Emperor Hadrian, followed by wine tasting paired with local specialities at a prominent winery. No matter how you fill your day, experience the best of the local cuisine and folk entertainment at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 12: Tirana - Gjirokastra - Kalambaka, Greece Soak in the beauty of the countryside with its winding roads and stretches of green on your way to Gjirokastra, a UNESCO-listed city celebrated for its Ottoman-era heritage and often considered one of the steepest cities in the world. Leisurely explore its unique architecture and glorious history. After having some free time in this fascinating town, continue towards Greece, and cross your last border on this travel journey. Arrive in Kalambaka in the late afternoon in time to freshen up for dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 13: Kalambaka - Metéora - Athens This morning, explore Metéora. Visit one of the remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape, where limestone rock "towers" extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks built their monastic community perched atop these rocks. Later, observe traditional

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2	Le Premier Boutique Hotel, Zagreb
Day 3	The Lyra Hotel Plitvice, Licko Petrovo Selo, Plitvice Lakes
Days 4, 5	Hotel Colors Inn, Sarajevo
Days 6, 7	Hotel Adriatik, Dubrovnik ▲
Days 8, 9	Hotel Cattaro, Kotor
Days 10, 11	Hotel Rogner, Tirana
Day 12	Divani Metéora Hotel, Kalambaka
Days 13, 14	NYX Esperia Palace Hotel, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used. ▲ Room upgrade available.

14 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Zagreb • Pre-Night Stay

Athens • Post-Night Stay

Ljubljana • Pre-Tour Guided Extension

2 Nights, Starting at \$1,750 pp

Tour beautiful Ljubljana, Slovenia, then visit picturesque Lake Bled and enjoy a boat ride to scenic Bled Island.

COMBINE TOURS, EXPLORE MORE

This tour pairs well with Gems of Greece for a seamless, immersive journey.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

Byzantine icon-making during a workshop visit in Kalambaka. Continue to Athens and gather for a celebratory farewell dinner, savouring delicious Greek cuisine. (B, D)

Day 14: Athens Explore Athens on a guided walking tour, including Syntagma Square and the Monument to the Unknown Soldier. Wander through the streets, soaking in the essence of this iconic city and savouring its charm and energy. Visit the Acropolis Museum to trace the

history of ancient Athens through its remarkable artefacts. Located within a short walking distance of the Acropolis, the museum houses archeological treasures from the Acropolis and offers wonderful views of the ancient site. The rest of the day is yours to explore more of Athens on your own before joining your fellow travellers to toast to the end of your journey. (B)

Day 15: Athens - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

Majestic Cities of Central & Eastern Europe featuring Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Budapest & Krakow

13 DAYS • 19 MEALS • STARTING AT \$10,899



Prague, Czech Republic

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at \$10,899 (DOUBLE) or \$13,499 (SOLO)

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Prices based on 20 March 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October – December 2026; March – June 2027

(different itinerary – see note*)

July – December 2027; March – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for July 2027 – June 2028 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Prague Castle, Pannonhalma Archabbey, Vienna, Viennese Coffee House, Budapest, Krakow, Wawel Castle, Auschwitz

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Hear from a Berliner about life in East Germany before the fall of the Berlin Wall.
- Learn to prepare traditional Czech dishes during a hands-on cooking class.
- Experience traditional Viennese coffee house culture during an Impact Moment.
- Take part in learning the classic Viennese Waltz.
- Visit Pannonhalma Archabbey, a Benedictine monastery with over 1000 years of history.
- Take a poignant journey through the history of Auschwitz concentration camp.
- Experience the vibrant atmosphere of Krakow's beautifully preserved Old Town.

Day 1: Berlin, Germany Arrive in Berlin, Germany's dynamic capital, where history, modern culture, and multicultural influences intersect. With no scheduled sightseeing today, spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Berlin This morning, meet your local guide for a scenic motorcoach tour of Berlin's iconic landmarks. Enjoy panoramic views of the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church and the Philharmonic Hall, and stop for photos at the Berlin Wall, the Brandenburg Gate, and the Holocaust Memorial. Pause at a local café for coffee or tea while hearing firsthand about life in Eastern Berlin before the fall of the Berlin Wall. Around noon, continue with a walking tour through the historic Nikolai Quarters and along Unter den Linden, passing Humboldt University, the State Opera, and Babelplatz, ending at Museum Island. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own in one of the neighbourhood's many restaurants. The rest of the day is yours to discover and explore at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Berlin - Dresden - Prague, Czech Republic Depart Berlin for Prague, the "City of a Thousand Spires." En route, make a stop in Dresden, the capital of Saxony. With

a local guide, admire the city's Baroque architecture, including the Frauenkirche, the Cathedral of Our Lady, and the Royal Palace. Enjoy some free time on your own in this lovely town on the banks of the River Elbe before continuing to Prague. This evening, participate in a traditional Czech cooking class. (B, D)

Day 4: Prague Begin your day at the world's largest ancient castle complex, Prague Castle (UNESCO), and the haunting St. Vitus Cathedral. Home to kings and emperors, the complex at Prague Castle is one of the most important sites in the Czech Republic and is easily the highlight of the city. Continue on a walking tour through Old Town, seeing the statue-lined Charles Bridge and the unique Astronomical Clock. Learn about the poignant history passing by Prague's Jewish Quarter. Your exploration ends at lunchtime, and the rest of the afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy Prague on your own. (B)

Day 5: Prague - Vienna, Austria This morning, travel by train to Vienna, the "City of Music." Upon arrival, enjoy a short orientation drive through the city. Then, enjoy an **IMPACT MOMENT** at a Viennese coffee house connecting generations, because at this café, the baked goods are lovingly prepared by local grandmothers, fostering



Budapest



Krakow

intergenerational connection. This social enterprise aims to give local retirees a chance to engage with locals and travellers around the world. This afternoon, take part in one of Vienna's most treasured traditions during a Viennese Waltz lesson. Later, enjoy an evening at a beloved, folksy Viennese restaurant, where dinner intertwines with local culture and flavour to create an unforgettable night. (B, D)

Day 6: Vienna Meet your local guide for a walking tour of Vienna's historic centre and take in the beautiful architecture, scenic parks, and gothic spires that fill the city, followed by some free time in the afternoon to make your own discoveries. Tonight, you may choose an optional visit to explore the interiors of the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and listen to a musical performance at the famous Orangerie where the past comes alive. (B)

Day 7: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary Sit back, relax, and enjoy the picturesque countryside en route to Budapest. Make a stop in Bratislava, Slovakia, the former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Enjoy an orientation walk with your Tour Manager and free time for lunch. Continue on to visit a true historical gem and UNESCO site, Pannonhalma, and hear about the abbey's thousand-year history and its present life. Top

off your day in this region with a delicious meal in a local restaurant. Continue to lovely Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube", and join your Tour Manager for an evening stroll. (B, D)

Day 8: Budapest The beautiful city of Budapest is yours to discover. This morning, join a local expert on a city tour featuring Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, Old Buda, and Heroes' Square, a unique monument dedicated to the diverse leaders of Hungary. The afternoon is yours to explore this enchanting city as you like. This evening, you may choose to 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 This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Choose to visit the House of Terror Museum and Memorial and gain an important perspective of 20th-century Hungarian history **-OR-** indulge in the famous Thermal Baths of Budapest, one of the largest spa baths in Europe. The remainder of the day is yours. (B)

Day 10: Budapest - Donovaly, Slovakia - Krakow, Poland Take in the picturesque landscapes en route to Poland. Make a stop for



Arrival: Berlin (BER)

Departure: Krakow (KRK)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2 Radisson Red Hotel, Berlin
Days 3, 4 Majestic Plaza Hotel, Prague
Days 5, 6 Imperial Riding School Hotel, Vienna
Days 7 - 9 Prestige Hotel, Budapest
Days 10 - 12 Hotel Grand, Krakow

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

12 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Berlin • Pre-Night Stay

Krakow • Post-Night Stay

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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lunch near Donovaly, a small village situated within Low Tatras National Park. Continue to Krakow, a historic city offering old-world charm and your home for the next three nights. This evening, enjoy a folklore performance and dinner featuring traditional Polish cuisine and later perhaps join your Tour Manager for an evening stroll. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow Explore Krakow's historic Old Town on a city tour complete with stops at the Wawel Castle, Market Square, St. Mary's Church, and the university. In Market Square, marvel at the Gothic city hall tower and the beautiful palaces that surround you. This afternoon, embark on a poignant journey through history as you visit Auschwitz on a guided tour led by

a local expert, offering a powerful and moving reflection on history and remembrance. The evening is yours to spend as you wish. (B)

Day 12: Krakow Explore the historic Kazimierz district with a local guide, visiting synagogues including the Remuh Synagogue and Cemetery. Walk the former Jewish Market and connect with the Jewish history and culture along the way. From around noon, the day is yours to explore the town on your own. This evening, toast to the end of this memorable trip with your fellow travellers at a farewell dinner, feeling connected to the cultures and traditions of Central and Eastern Europe. (B, D)

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

Mediterranean Coastal Journey

Spain, France & Italy

15 DAYS • 23 MEALS • STARTING AT \$14,899



Portofino

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$14,899 (DOUBLE)** or **\$18,399 (SOLO)**

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Prices based on 10 October 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October - December 2026; March - June 2027

(different itinerary – see note*)

July 2027 - June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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HIGHLIGHTS

Barcelona, Tapas Food Tour, Spanish Riviera, Dalí Theatre-Museum, Abbaye de Fontfroide, Aix-en-Provence, Cassis Boat Tour, Wine Tasting, French Riviera, Monaco, Portofino, Carrara Marble Quarries, Florence, Truffle Hunting, San Gimignano

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Explore Saint-Honorat Island, belonging to the monks of Lérins Abbey.
- Set out through the rolling hills and olive groves of Tuscany in the company of a truffle hunter and his truffle-sniffing dogs.
- Explore Florence, the veritable open-air museum of the Renaissance.
- Sail the stunning coastline of Cassis.
- Savour a true taste of Tuscany with an exclusive olive oil tasting experience.
- Veer off the beaten path to visit one of Italy's natural wonders, the Carrara marble quarries.
- At ancient Fontfroide Abbey, enjoy lunch paired with the abbey's wines in the tasting cellar.
- Explore Barcelona's food scene on a tapas walking tour.

Day 1: Barcelona, Spain Welcome to the Mediterranean coast. Begin your journey in Barcelona, famed for its exceptional architecture and vibrant culinary scene. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Barcelona This morning, step into the shoes of a local and navigate the metro. Then, explore the ever-changing Catalan capital as it's meant to be – on foot. Stroll along the bustling La Rambla boulevard, famous for its street artists and performers. Wander along the Gothic Quarter's labyrinthine streets and delve into one of Barcelona's lively food markets. Enjoy free time to explore at your own pace, perhaps visiting the iconic Sagrada Família or the colourful Park Güell. End your day with a relaxed walking tour through Barcelona's hidden corners, discovering authentic tapas and savouring the city's local flavours. (B, D)

Day 3: Barcelona - Girona - Costa Brava, Spanish Riviera Set out for Girona, a medieval town known for its atmospheric Old Quarter. On arrival, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Visit the Museum of Jewish History to uncover the legacy of Girona's Jewish community **-OR-** head uphill through the old town

towards Girona Cathedral to explore the Arab Baths, a serene 12th-century bathhouse built in Romanesque style. Enjoy time for lunch on your own in Girona before heading to the Catalan coast for a 3-night stay at a seaside hotel. Discover the allure of Costa Brava, the perfect place to spend your days relaxing in your sea-view room or exploring secluded coves and beaches. This evening, relax over dinner at your hotel. (B)

Day 4: Costa Brava - Figueres - Costa Brava Take in the Spanish coastline during a coastal walk between the charming villages of Calella de Palafrugell and Llafranc. Then, travel inland to the town of Figueres, the birthplace of Salvador Dalí. Visit the extraordinary Dalí Theatre-Museum; its eccentric exterior topped with giant eggs and golden statues hints at the imaginative world inside. From dreamlike paintings to whimsical installations, explore works of one of the 20th century's most influential artists. Later, return to your hotel for a free evening. (B, D)

Day 5: Costa Brava Today is yours to enjoy at leisure along the stunning Costa Brava. Relax at your coastal hotel, take a refreshing dip in the Mediterranean, or simply unwind on the beach with the sound of the waves as your backdrop. For those eager to explore further, consider an optional excursion to the



Fontfroide Abbey

enchanting medieval town of Besalú, and experience a taste of the region's rich winemaking heritage. (B)

Day 6: Costa Brava - Aix-en-Provence, France Bid *adiós* to the Spanish Riviera as you cross into southern France and journey into the heart of Provence. Along the way, visit Fontfroide Abbey, founded almost 10 centuries ago. Explore its tumultuous history during a guided visit that concludes with a paired lunch of its locally produced wine. Continue your journey to Aix-en-Provence, a charming town in the heart of the Provençal countryside. Known for its elegant boulevards, lively markets, and artistic heritage, Aix offers a perfect introduction to the region's timeless beauty and relaxed pace of life. (B, L)

Day 7: Aix-en-Provence - Cassis - Aix-en-Provence Journey to the charming fishing village of Cassis, nestled between the dramatic cliffs of Cap Canaille and the rugged beauty of Calanques National Park. With its colourful waterfront, bobbing boats, and laid-back Mediterranean vibe, Cassis invites you to slow down and soak in its coastal charm. Enjoy a scenic cruise through the Calanques, where towering limestone cliffs and hidden coves create a breathtaking natural landscape. Back in Aix, walk to dinner at a nearby restaurant and savour Provençal cuisine. (B, D)

Day 8: Aix-en-Provence - Cannes - Nice, French Riviera Travel to glamorous Cannes and soak up its star-studded atmosphere before setting sail across the Bay of Cannes to the serene island of Saint-Honorat. For over a thousand years, the monks of Lérins Abbey have called this island home. Here, enjoy a tasting of the island's locally produced wine, crafted by the monks themselves. Return to the mainland and continue to Nice for a 2-night stay in the heart of the Côte d'Azur. (B)

Day 9: Nice The day is yours to explore Nice. Perhaps you'll stroll along the

lively seafront Promenade des Anglais before finding your favourite café and soaking in the local life or venturing up to Castle Hill. Or take an optional journey to St. Paul de Vence, exploring this charming, walled medieval village, and then on towards Grasse, where you'll uncover the art of French perfumery in a hands-on workshop led by a master "nez." No matter how you spend your day, this evening savour a tasting menu highlighting the delights of the South of France. (B, D)

Day 10: Nice - Monaco - Arenzano, Italy Bid *au revoir* to France this morning as you head to Monaco, the second smallest country in the world. Witness the changing of the guard at the Prince's Palace and step inside the Cathedral of Monaco, the final resting place of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace. Then, take time to explore the charm and elegance of this tiny, yet iconic, nation at your own pace. Take in the coastal views as you cross into Italy during an afternoon-long transfer to Arenzano, a picturesque seaside town on the Ligurian Riviera, offering a blend of coastal charm, historic elegance, and lush natural surroundings. Settle into your hotel for a 2-night stay on the Italian Riviera. (B)

Day 11: Arenzano - Santa Margherita - Portofino - Arenzano Start your day with a peaceful morning in Arenzano — perhaps take a stroll along the seaside promenade. Then, set off on a picturesque drive to the town of Santa Margherita Ligure, situated along the stunning Ligurian Coast. Later this afternoon, board a boat to one of the most glamorous spots on the Italian Riviera, Portofino. Take in its colourful harbour, dotted with fishing boats and yachts, set against a backdrop of pastel-coloured buildings. (B)

Day 12: Arenzano - Carrara - Tuscan Countryside Venture beyond the usual tourist routes to discover one of Italy's most impressive natural landmarks: the marble quarries of Carrara. Embark on an off-road journey through the rugged Apuane



Arrival: Barcelona (BCN)

Departure: Florence (FLR)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2	H10 Art Gallery, Barcelona
Days 3 – 5	Park Hotel San Jorge, Costa Brava
Days 6, 7	Hotel Saint Christophe, Aix-en-Provence
Days 8, 9	Hotel Apollinaire, Nice
Days 10, 11	Grand Hotel Arenzano, Arenzano
Days 12 – 14	Hotel Borgo di Cortefreda, Tuscan Countryside, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

14 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Barcelona • Pre-Night Stay

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Mountains, tracing the paths carved out by quarrymen. Carrara marble has long been revered for its beauty and was famously used by Michelangelo for masterpieces such as the *Pietà* in *St. Peter's Basilica* and the iconic David. Your day continues through Tuscany's gentle hills. After tasting some traditional bites paired with olive oil, arrive for a relaxing stay in the Tuscan countryside. (B, D)

Day 13: Tuscan Countryside - Florence - Tuscan Countryside Today is dedicated to Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance". Join a local expert for a walking tour through the city's heart. Marvel at Ghiberti's gilded "Gates of Paradise" and Brunelleschi's imposing dome at the Santa Maria del Fiore cathedral complex. Stand before the Palazzo Vecchio, a symbol of the Medici dynasty's power, and end your

guided walk in the expansive Piazza Santa Croce. (B)

Day 14: Tuscan Countryside - San Gimignano - Tuscan Countryside

Enjoy a memorable epicurean adventure with a truffle hunt, led by a local expert and trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. Set out on foot through rolling hills and silvery olive groves in search of the elusive tuber-shaped fungi before sampling the results for lunch. Then, spend time in San Gimignano, whose slender medieval towers stand tall over the surrounding vineyards. As the sun begins to set, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Tuscan Countryside - Tour Ends Say *arrivederci* to Italy as your journey along the Mediterranean coast comes to an end today. (B)

NEW TOUR

Iconic Iceland Chasing the Northern Lights

7 DAYS • 12 MEALS • STARTING AT \$9,599

Mount Kirkjufell

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$9,599 (DOUBLE)** or **\$11,999 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 10 March 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

November 2027 – April 2028

HIGHLIGHTS

Reykjavík, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss Waterfall, Horse Farm Visit, Snæfellsnes Peninsula, Icelandic Goat Farm, Langjökull Glacier, Hraunfossar Waterfalls

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Ascend the massive Langjökull glacier aboard a mountain truck.
- Learn about Icelandic goats and how dedicated farmers saved this rare breed from near extinction.
- Travel the Golden Circle and straddle the continents in Thingvellir National Park.
- Taste a slice of lava bread and learn how locals bake it underground using natural heat.
- Tour the old section of Reykjavík on foot.
- Sample homemade specialties during a visit to an Icelandic goat farm.
- Journey to Snæfellsnes Peninsula with its picture-perfect vistas.
- Get acquainted with the famous Icelandic horse breed on a family-owned farm.
- Enjoy Icelandic cuisine at a local restaurant.

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland Discover culture and history in the world's northernmost capital – Reykjavík. Stroll through the historic Old Town, see the Parliament building, and admire the stunning, honeycombed glass façade of the Harpa Concert Hall. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers and experience the freshness of authentic Icelandic fare at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík Travel the Golden Circle to experience Iceland's most iconic natural wonders, including the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in Thingvellir National Park where you can walk between two continents. Feel the earth rumble at the geysir geothermal areas, where Strokkur erupts skyward. Then, witness the raw power of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) double-cascade waterfall as it plunges into a dramatic canyon. A unique culinary treat awaits as you taste traditional "lava bread" baked using the Earth's natural geothermal heat. Return to Reykjavík for an evening on your own. (B)

Day 3: Reykjavík - Akranes - Borgarnes Travel west along Iceland's coast to the fishing town of Akranes at the foot of Akrafjall Mountain. Visit the picturesque lighthouse, climb the stairs to take

in views over the bay if you wish, and take time for a leisurely walk along the historical harbour if you choose. Feel the power of the earth at Deildartunguhver, the highest-flowing hot spring in Europe, and stroll along wooden walkways to explore the hot springs safely. Later, get to know the world-famous Icelandic horse breed as you visit friendly horses at the stables of a family-run farm, and learn how geothermal energy is used in daily life, from baking rye bread to heating homes and stables. This evening, arrive in Borgarnes, your home for the next three nights and an ideal setting for seeking the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 4: Borgarnes - Langjökull Glacier - Borgarnes This morning, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** with a visit to an Icelandic goat farm. Learn how local farmer, Jóhanna, helped to bring this unique breed, dating back to the time of Iceland's settlement, back from the brink of extinction. After visiting with the friendly goats, enjoy a simple meal of homemade specialties from the farm. Then, bundle up and ascend Langjökull glacier via mountain truck and go "Into the Glacier" to experience the purest blue ice colour in this man-made tunnel, the world's largest. Cap the day at the



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Hraunfossar

enchancing Hraunfossar waterfalls (Lava Falls), where clear, cold springs seep through the lava field and form many small waterfalls into the Hvítá River. Tonight, after dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Borgarness - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Borgarness Today, journey to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, with its camera-ready black sand beaches, mountain peaks, volcanic craters, rocky coastlines, and tiny fishing villages. Explore Arnarstapi, a small fishing village set among extraordinary basalt cliffs and sea arches that form a natural harbour. This afternoon, take in the views on Mount Kirkjufell with its iconic shape and freestanding form; this is one of the most photographed landscapes in Iceland. After dinner, continue

searching for the northern lights dancing across the night sky. (B, D)

Day 6: Borgarness - Reykjavík This morning, travel back to Reykjavík, and spend some time exploring the capital city and have lunch on your own. Then, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Immerse yourself in the Icelandic tradition of geothermal bathing with a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of Sky Lagoon **-OR-** embark on a thrilling virtual experience ride, giving you the feeling of flying over Iceland's glaciers, fjords, and most iconic landscapes. This evening, celebrate your Icelandic journey with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 7: Reykjavík - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2 Centerhotel Miðgardur, Reykjavík

Days 3 – 5 Hotel Hamar, Borgarness

Day 6 Centerhotel Miðgardur, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

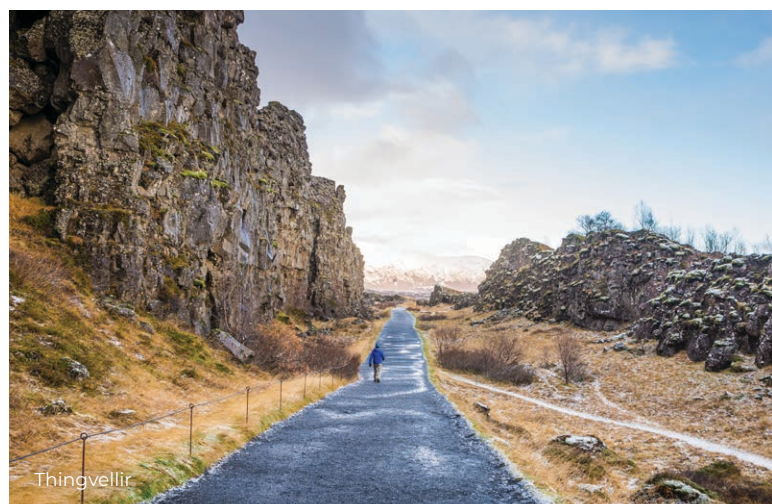
6 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Reykjavík • Pre- or Post-Night Stay



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Thingvellir

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Gullfoss Waterfall

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 4 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$11,399 (DOUBLE)** or **\$14,149 (SOLO)**

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Prices based on 20 May 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

May – September 2026; May – June 2027

(different itinerary – see note*)

July – September 2027; May – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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HIGHLIGHTS

Reykjavík, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Lake Mývatn, Húsavík, Whale Watching, Horse Farm Visit, Snæfellsnes Peninsula, Icelandic Goat Farm, Langjökull Glacier

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Ascend the massive Langjökull Glacier aboard a mountain truck.
- Stand in awe before the mist-covered Húsafell waterfalls as they tumble over ancient lava rock.
- Go whale watching in Skjálfandi Bay on specialised RIB Zodiac boats.
- Tour the old section of Reykjavík on foot.
- Taste a slice of lava bread and learn how locals bake it underground using natural heat.
- Learn about Icelandic goats and how dedicated farmers saved this rare breed from near extinction.
- Travel the Golden Circle and straddle the continents in Thingvellir National Park.

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland Arrive in Reykjavík, Iceland's vibrant capital. Explore the city's old core on a guided walking tour featuring the Parliament, harbour, city hall, and the city's oldest building. Marvel at the dazzling glass façade of the Harpa Concert Hall, a true marvel of modern architecture. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner featuring fresh Icelandic ingredients at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík Travel the Golden Circle to see Iceland's most iconic natural wonders, including the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in Thingvellir National Park, where you can walk between two continents. Visit a geothermal bakery to see how Icelanders use natural steam to cook food underground, and taste the delicious, slow-cooked "lava bread." Continue along the Golden Circle and take in the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) double-cascade waterfall before visiting the explosive Strokkur fountain geyser. Return to Reykjavík for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Reykjavík - Húsafell - Langjökull Glacier - Borgarnes This morning, travel inland to Húsafell to view its misty waterfalls cascading over ancient lava rocks. Experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** during a visit to an Icelandic goat

farm, where you'll learn how local farmer Jóhanna helped revive this historic breed, dating back to Iceland's earliest settlers. Enjoy a simple meal of homemade specialties before continuing onward. Then, bundle up for an adventurous ascent of Langjökull glacier via mountain truck. Go "Into the Glacier" to explore the shimmering blue ice inside the world's largest man-made ice tunnel. End the day in Borgarnes, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Borgarnes - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Borgarnes Journey to the stunning Snæfellsnes Peninsula with its camera-ready black sand beaches, mountain peaks, volcanic craters, rocky coastlines, and tiny fishing villages. Enjoy free time for lunch in Arnarstapi, a beautiful, small fishing village at the foot of Mt. Stapafell, framed by columnar basalt and striking sea cliffs. In the afternoon, take in views on Mount Kirkjufell, with its iconic shape and freestanding form — this is one of the most photographed landscapes in Iceland. (B, D)

Day 5: Borgarnes - Norðurland Vestra region - Húsavík Today, head to the scenic Norðurland Vestra region, celebrated for its horse-breeding heritage. Visit a family-owned farm, grab your camera for a



Whale Watch



Langjökull Glacier

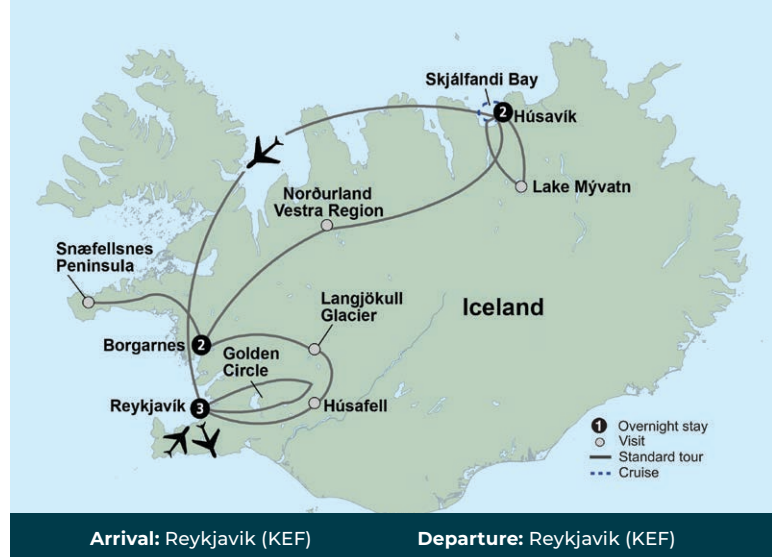
photo tour of the stables, and interact with these friendly animals and their caretakers. En route, stop at one of Iceland's most historic waterfalls, Goðafoss, where legend says Iceland converted to Christianity in AD 1000. End your day in Húsavík, one of the first settlements on the island. (B, D)

Day 6: Húsavík - Lake Mývatn - Húsavík - Whale Watching This morning, take in the otherworldly landscapes surrounding Lake Mývatn, including the Hverir geothermal area, where bubbling mud pools resemble Martian terrain. Join your Tour Manager for a hike through Dimmuborgir, where fantastical lava formations and mystical caves inspire Icelandic legends. After free time for lunch, gear up in thermal wear to join expert whale watchers on a cruise on Skjálfandi Bay. Aboard RIB

Zodiacs, get as close as you can to whales in northern Iceland. You may see humpback, minke, fin, or harbour porpoise, and possibly the orca or giant blue whales that frequent these waters. (B)

Day 7: Húsavík - Akureyri - Reykjavík This morning, fly back to Reykjavík. Then, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Experience the Icelandic tradition of geothermal bathing with a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of scenic Sky Lagoon **-OR-** take a thrilling virtual experience ride, giving you the feeling of flying over Iceland's glaciers, fjords, and most iconic landscapes. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner at a restaurant highlighting Icelandic cuisine. (B, D)

Day 8: Reykjavík - Tour Ends Head home having uncovered Iceland's adventurous side. (B)



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2 Centerhotel Miðgardur, Reykjavík
Days 3, 4 Hotel Hamar, Borgarnes
Days 5, 6 Fosshotel, Húsavík
Day 7 Centerhotel Miðgardur, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

7 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

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Goat Farm



Snæfellsnes Peninsula



Glasgow

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Travel through the British Isles on a journey rich with heritage, sustainability, and living traditions. Connect with the spirit of the Scottish Highlands, wander the poetic landscapes of England's Lake District, and soak up the maritime soul and musical legacy of Liverpool. In Ireland, step into the rhythm of local culture during a hands-on Irish dance workshop, learning traditional brush and céilí steps before enjoying a live performance. You'll be welcomed into Irish homes rooted in heritage, share time-honoured customs, and explore charming market towns where weavers, potters, and artisan food producers bring local craftsmanship to life.





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- Soak up the soul of County Clare with an afternoon of traditional Irish music.

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SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$9,649 (DOUBLE)** or **\$11,949 (SOLO)**

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Prices based on 31 March 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026; March – June 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

July – October 2027; March – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for July 2027 – June 2028 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Dublin, Experience Gaelic Games, Rock of Cashel, Distillery Tour, Kinsale, Kenmare, Dingle Sheepdogs Demonstration, Aran Islands, Cliffs of Moher

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Overnight on the enchanting Aran Islands and jump head-first into Irish culture.
- Savour traditional Irish cuisine at a popular local pub.
- Take in scenic views from Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way.
- Cruise beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher.
- Enjoy a cheese tasting at an award-winning goat farm.
- Visit a nonprofit celebrating Irish heritage through traditional sports, community values, and cultural storytelling.
- See Irish sheepdogs in action as they work on a Dingle farm.
- Explore the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey.
- Discover how one man's love of beer resulted in a successful local brewery.

Day 1: Dublin, Ireland *Fáilte* to Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. With no scheduled activities through the afternoon, you can take time to soak up the vibrancy of Dublin's fair city. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant and toast the start of a wonderful adventure. (D)

Day 2: Dublin A local expert escorts you through Dublin's magnificent streets on a walking tour, taking you through the history and culture of this eclectic city. Get up close and personal with Dublin as you discover the vibrancy of the capital and its evolution over the centuries. This afternoon, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you immerse yourself in Irish culture with Experience Gaelic Games. This social enterprise benefits the wider community, giving local youth opportunities to engage in community-based sport and cultural activities. Learn why these national sports are so important to many Irish people, and if you're feeling sporty, have a go yourself! (B)

Day 3: Dublin - East Cork Take to Ireland's country roads. Tour the Irish National Stud, an area of outstanding natural beauty that's home to regal thoroughbreds and opulent gardens. Continue south to the awe-inspiring

Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. (B, D)

Day 4: East Cork This morning, visit the Old Midleton Distillery, home of the world-famous Jameson Irish Whiskey. Indulge in a tippie with a tasting of the distillery's production. Next, head to the pretty coastal town of Kinsale for the afternoon. Enjoy free time to peruse the charming shops, galleries, and cafés. (B)

Day 5: East Cork - Garnish Island - Killarney National Park Travel through forty shades of green before arriving in the charming village of Glengarriff. Board a ferry and sail to a place that must be seen to be believed — Garnish Island. Sheltered in the Glengarriff harbour of Bantry Bay, this hidden island is home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens. Continue over the Cork and Kerry mountains to the tranquil beauty of Killarney National Park, where the elegant Muckross Park Hotel becomes home for two nights. (B)

Day 6: Killarney National Park - Dingle Peninsula - Killarney National Park This morning, explore the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula with a drive along Slea Head, with its enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs. During a visit to a Dingle farm, witness the remarkable



Dingle Peninsula



Rock of Cashel

skill of sheepdogs in action, all set against a backdrop of sweeping ocean views. Later, soak in the charm of Dingle with a lively pub lunch in the heart of town. Then, step into the story of a beloved local brewery and discover how one man's passion for craft beer brewed a thriving business. The afternoon is yours to wander the colourful streets, chat with friendly locals, or simply savour the harbour's peaceful rhythm before heading back to Killarney National Park. This evening, enjoy the serenity of the hotel grounds and trails surrounded by lakes, forests, waterfalls, and historic sites. (B, L)

Day 7: Killarney National Park - Aran Islands (Inishmore) Leave the rugged southern coast behind and embark on an adventure. Board a ferry bound for Inishmore, the largest of the three Aran Islands. Upon arriving in Inishmore's ethereal landscape, take a private tour through the labyrinth of stone walls blanketing the island. Visit the east of the island and see the Old Cromwellian Castle and Port Aodh. Learn about the island's 850 inhabitants, their livelihoods, and devotion to traditional culture and customs. As the last ferry leaves for mainland Ireland, breathe in the fresh Atlantic air and settle into your cosy island chalet. The humble

accommodation in the heart of Inishmore allow the striking, rocky coast to be the star of your stay. (B, D)

Day 8: Aran Islands (Inishmore) - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis In the morning, visit Dun Aonghusa, a prehistoric hill fort facing the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to the Seven Churches, a pilgrimage site in the Middle Ages. Look to catch a glimpse of a colony of seals on your way to visit a family-run goat farm. Savour the flavours of locally produced award-winning cheeses during a tasting. Later, enjoy time in Kilronan village to explore and peruse the famous Aran sweaters. Then, ferry back to the mainland, taking in unrivalled views while sailing beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher. (B)

Day 9: Ennis This morning, join a local historian on a walking tour of the town of Ennis. Your walk ends at the site of the medieval Franciscan friary, where you may wish to tour the ruins and grounds at leisure. The afternoon is yours to relax or shop for those last-minute souvenirs before joining your fellow travellers this evening to toast the end of an incredible adventure. (B, D)

Day 10: Ennis - Tour Ends Your journey comes to a close today, leaving you with the spirit of Ireland in your heart forever. (B)



Arrival: Dublin (DUB)

Departure: Shannon (SNN)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Days 1, 2** Trinity City Hotel, Dublin
- Days 3, 4** Garryvoe Hotel, East Cork, Cork ▲
- Days 5, 6** Muckcross Park Hotel & Spa, Killarney
- Day 7** Aran Islands Hotel, Aran Islands
- Days 8, 9** Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

On some dates alternate hotels may be used. ▲ Room upgrade available.

9 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Dublin • Pre-Night Stay

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The Best of Ireland

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Giant's Causeway

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$13,849 (DOUBLE)** or **\$16,999 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 29 September 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October – November 2026; March – June 2027

(different itinerary – see note*)

July – November 2027; March – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for July 2027 – March 2028 tour departures.
Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Dublin, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, Hillsborough Castle, Belfast, Culinary Walking Tour, Soda Bread Making, Giant's Causeway, Derry City, Boatyard Distillery, Galway, Kilkenny, Home-Hosted Lunch, Hurling Experience

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Meet the owners of Blessingbourne Estate and learn the fascinating history of their family home.
- Discover the thrill of Ireland's ancient Gaelic sport at a family-run hurling experience.
- Experience true Irish hospitality with a home-cooked meal in a local family's home in Cobh.
- Make your own soda bread in a farmhouse kitchen.
- Learn about Derry's political history during a locally guided city tour.
- Experience the ethereal landscape of Giant's Causeway.
- Learn about Irish emigration at the *Jeanie Johnston* Famine Ship and EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum in Dublin.
- Meet with Irish farmers during visits to a traditional sheep farm and a small, family-run organic farm.

Day 1: Dublin, Ireland Arrive in Dublin, a city rich with layered history and lively culture. With no planned activities today, the time is yours to explore independently. This evening, meet your fellow travellers and toast the start of your journey with dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Dublin Join your Tour Manager on a walk through Dublin's lively streets, gaining insight into the historic places and modern culture of this eclectic city. After free time for lunch, delve into stories of Irish emigration. Follow in the footsteps of those who fled the famine as you board the *Jeanie Johnston*, a replica museum ship. At EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, trace the history of how more than 10 million people left Ireland over the centuries and its influence on the world. The evening is yours to explore on your own. (B)

Day 3: Dublin - Belfast, Northern Ireland This morning, cross the border into Northern Ireland and enjoy a visit to Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, Northern Ireland's royal residence. Afterward, it's on to Belfast, a buzzing capital city. Kick it off by meeting up with local foodies for a culinary walking tour, enjoying Belfast's flavours as you explore the city. After checking into your hotel, the rest of the evening is yours to

further explore Belfast's vibrant scene. (B, L)

Day 4: Belfast Start your day with a visit to the farmhouse home of a local in Killinchy. After a hands-on lesson in making your own soda bread, be treated to lunch with homegrown produce from the farmhouse garden. This afternoon, enjoy free time to discover Belfast at your leisure. (B, L)

Day 5: Belfast - Giant's Causeway - Derry - Donegal Visit the ethereal Giant's Causeway, walking in the footsteps of mythical legends. Marvel at the hexagonal basalt slabs that, according to legend, were formed by gargantuan beasts crossing the crashing waves. Next, make your way to Derry, a growing artistic and cultural hub. On a guided walking tour, delve into the complex history of this city once gripped by the conflict known as the Troubles. Later on, arrive in the pretty town of Donegal and gather for dinner tonight. (B, D)

Day 6: Donegal Set out to explore the Wild Atlantic Way. Visit the Slieve League Cliffs, offering stunning views over the Sligo Mountains and Donegal Bay. Three times higher than the Cliffs of Moher, these iconic cliffs are amongst the highest and most scenic in Europe. Then, take in the



Caherconnell Sheepdog Herding Demonstration



Galway City

beauty of Killybegs, Ireland's largest fishing port, on a short harbour cruise before finishing the day back in Donegal. (B)

Day 7: Donegal - Enniskillen, Northern Ireland This morning, meet the Lowry family, owners of the Blessingbourne Estate. Get a peek inside the private living quarters of Blessingbourne House and hear how this wonderful property has been passed through generations of the same family, all while enjoying their Irish hospitality. Enjoy free time for lunch upon arriving in Enniskillen, a charming island town. This afternoon, visit a local gin distillery on the banks of Lough Erne and discover how this family business has grown into an integral part of the local community. (B, D)

Day 8: Enniskillen - Mayo - Galway Experience Ireland's rural past at the National Museum of Ireland. Set on the beautiful 40-acre Turlough Park estate, interactive galleries bring to life the traditions, crafts, and rural lifestyles of Irish people since the 1800s. Continue your journey from Mayo to Galway, a lively city where medieval relics meet modern flair. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Galway The day is yours to explore. Perhaps pop into a pub for a drink with the locals, browse one of

the city's many museums, or shop along bustling Quay Street. You may also consider an optional tour to Kylemore Abbey, driving through Connemara National Park before touring the historic monastery. (B)

Day 10: Galway - Cork Today, get a glimpse into Irish farming culture with a visit to a traditional sheep farm, where you'll watch a sheepdog herding demonstration and meet the hardworking canine partners. Learn about the ancient Irish farming tradition of Winterage, practiced for thousands of years in the Burren, a UNESCO Global Geopark. Next, visit Tory Hill House Farm, a small, organic, family-run farm led by three generations of women and rooted in sustainable, traditional methods. Their herd grazes on wildflower meadows, and their farm shop serves as a vital link for the local community. Later, arrive in Cork, a lively city known for its riverside walks and the historic 18th-century English Market. (B)

Day 11: Cork This morning, explore Cork City Gaol during an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the castle-like former prison dating back to 1824. Once held here was Countess Constance Markievicz, one of the most influential figures in Ireland's struggle for independence and the first woman elected to the British Parliament. In



Arrival: Dublin (DUB)

Departure: Dublin (DUB)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2	Hyatt Centric The Liberties, Dublin
Days 3, 4	Europa Hotel, Belfast
Days 5, 6	Mill Park Hotel, Donegal
Day 7	Lough Erne Resort, Enniskillen ▲
Days 8, 9	The Connacht Hotel, Galway
Days 10, 11	The River Lee Hotel, Cork
Days 12, 13	Lyrath Estate, Kilkenny

On some dates alternate hotels may be used. ▲ Room upgrade available.

13 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Dublin • Pre-Night Stay

Kilkenny • Post-Night Stay

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the afternoon, follow in the footsteps of many Irish emigrants with a short train journey from Cork to Cobh, the *Titanic's* final port of call. Meet a local guide for an in-depth tour of this historic harbour town, ending with a home-hosted meal. (B, L)

Day 12: Cork - Kilkenny Today, enjoy lunch at a traditional Irish pub, owned by the same family for 200 years. Listen to stories about family ancestors and the social role that pubs play within rural communities. Afterwards, watch a hurling demonstration, a traditional sport of Ireland, with the opportunity to participate yourself! Continue to Kilkenny, one of Ireland's most charming cities. (B, L)

Day 13: Kilkenny This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Enjoy a day of leisure to explore the town and Kilkenny Castle on your own **-OR-** visit Rothe House, a 16th-century merchant's home on Kilkenny's medieval mile. This beautifully preserved town house in the heart of Kilkenny offers a vivid window into the life of a prosperous family in the 16th century. No matter what activities fill your day, come together in the evening for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *Sláinte!* (B, D)

Day 14: Kilkenny - Tour Ends Wish the Emerald Isle goodbye as you depart for home. (B)

Scotland: Land of Lore & Legend

10 DAYS • 14 MEALS • STARTING AT \$9,199



Isle of Mull

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$9,199 (DOUBLE)** or **\$11,199 (SOLO)**

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Prices based on 19 April 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026; April - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for October 2026 - June 2027 tour departures.
Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Glasgow, Scottish Highlands, Sheepdog Demonstration, Isle of Mull, Isle of Iona, Urquhart Castle, Cawdor Castle, Whisky Tasting & Dinner, Edinburgh

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration at a family-run farm.
- Immerse yourself in the history of tartan as told by Highland women.
- Discover Cawdor Castle, a medieval fortress linked to Macbeth and Highland history.
- Explore the culturally rich city of Glasgow.
- Enjoy Scottish treats on a Highland farm overlooking Loch Lomond.
- Toast with the famous “water of life” during a whisky-inspired dinner in Edinburgh.
- Walk the trails of Glencoe, where dramatic peaks and valleys echo clan legends.
- Ferry to the Isle of Iona and visit Iona Abbey.

Day 1: Glasgow, Scotland Welcome to Glasgow, a cultural trove of art, music, and history. Get ready to experience the eclectic architecture, friendly locals (Glaswegians), and rich traditions that make this city such a fascinating place. As arrival times will vary, the day is yours to explore at your own pace — maybe visit one of the many museums or galleries or simply relax and take in the local scene. Settle into your hotel before joining your fellow travellers this evening for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Glasgow Soak in the rich culture of Glasgow. Join a local guide on a walking and motorcoach tour that leads you through historic George Square and the beautiful Beaux-Arts style architecture that surrounds it; to Provand's Lordship, the oldest surviving house in the city; the medieval Glasgow Cathedral; prestigious Blythswood Square; and the futuristic-looking Science Centre. After lunch on your own in central Glasgow, enjoy the rest of the day free to discover the city as you like. (B)

Day 3: Glasgow - Luss - Oban - Loch Melfort Leave the city behind, travelling along sloping fields towards Loch Lomond. Visit a family-run farm with spectacular views of the lake and surrounding hills, see border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration, and enjoy

Scottish snacks. Next, arrive in Luss and explore this quaint lakeside village of stone cottages and bright flowers, taking time for lunch on your own. Then, it's off to Oban, where a local guide will lead you on a walking tour of this coastal town and important fishing port. Continue to Loch Melfort and settle into your hotel for the next two nights. Take in a stunning view of the ocean from the hotel before wandering the grounds, home to friendly Highland cows and neighbouring the National Trust's Arduaine Gardens. (B, D)

Day 4: Loch Melfort - Isle of Mull - Isle of Iona - Loch Melfort It's time to island hop! Setting off from Loch Melfort, take the ferry from Oban to the Isle of Mull, a picturesque island that is the largest of the Inner Hebridean Islands. Continue to the Isle of Iona, one of Western Europe's oldest Christian religious centres. Journey to Iona Abbey on foot and enjoy free time to explore the tranquility of the grounds on your own before returning to Oban and back to your hotel in Loch Melfort. (B, D)

Day 5: Loch Melfort - Grantown-on-Spey Geological wonders await you in the Highlands. Head to the National Nature Reserve in Glencoe and stop at the visitor centre to learn about the spectacular Glencoe mountain



Highland Cow



Loch Melfort

range, then walk the trails and experience this unique landscape for yourself. After lunch, continue on to Loch Ness. Wander the undulating ruins of legendary Urquhart Castle and imagine all that transpired inside the walls of this 13th-century medieval fortress. Afterwards, travel to the historic Highland town of Grantown-on-Spey, on the outskirts of Inverness, and settle into your hotel for the night. (B, D)

Day 6: Grantown-on-Spey - Inverness - Grantown-on-Spey

This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Delve into the poignant history of the Jacobite uprising at Culloden Battlefield -**OR-** explore Inverness on foot following a guided tour led by a local guide, where an immersive experience brings Highland culture, heritage, and stories to life. This afternoon, step back in time as you explore Cawdor Castle, a romantic 14th-century stronghold steeped in Shakespearean legend and Highland history. The remainder of the evening in Grantown-on-Spey is yours to soak

in the atmosphere of this Highland town. (B)

Day 7: Grantown-on-Spey - Edinburgh Discover the story of the local pioneering women who created the ethical clothing company, Prickly Thistle, and learn the true story of tartan as told by a Highland woman. After, make your way to the picturesque town of Pitlochry, take some time for lunch on your own, and then finish your day in Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh. (B)

Day 8: Edinburgh This morning, join a local expert for a three-hour walking tour of Edinburgh's hilly Old Town and discover more about the lore and legends of the capital city. After your tour, the afternoon and evening are yours — perhaps take the opportunity to visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. (B)

Day 9: Edinburgh The day is yours to explore as you wish. Perhaps you'll take a stroll among the Georgian architecture of the New Town or



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Days 1, 2** Hilton Glasgow, Glasgow
- Days 3, 4** Loch Melfort Hotel, Arduaine, Oban
- Days 5, 6** Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey
- Days 7 – 9** Edinburgh Marriott Hotel Holyrood, Edinburgh

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

9 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Glasgow • Pre-Night Stay

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journey to Leith for a visit to the royal yacht *Britannia*. Or you might take advantage of the optional excursion to Stirling Castle, an iconic landmark in Scotland's history, followed by a brief stop at the Kelpies, the world's largest equine sculptures. Gather in the evening for a whisky-inspired farewell

dinner highlighting the flavours of Scotland and toast to your Scottish explorations. (B, D)

Day 10: Edinburgh - Tour Ends

Wish Scotland a fond farewell as you depart for home. (B)

Journey through Spain: Madrid to Barcelona

10 DAYS • 14 MEALS • STARTING AT \$9,299



The Alhambra

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$9,299 (DOUBLE)** or **\$11,399 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 3 November 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026 – June 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

July 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for July 2027 – June 2028 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Madrid 20th Century Tour, Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba, Olive Oil Mill Tour, Seville Santa Cruz Quarter, Flamenco Show, Granada, The Alhambra, Valencia, Paella Cooking Class, Barcelona Food Tour, La Sagrada Familia

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Feel the energy of Spain at a Flamenco performance in Granada.
- Explore the Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba and venture through the old town.
- Feel *la movida* on a tour exploring Madrid's 20th-century spirit.
- Discover Seville's charm as you wander through the enchanting Santa Cruz Quarter.
- Visit the Alhambra, a stunning masterpiece of architecture.
- Discover Valencia's flavours in a hands-on paella cooking class.
- Taste the lively spirit of Barcelona on a food tour.
- Savour the essence of Spain with every bite of *tapas*.
- Visit a family-owned olive grove and taste the award-winning local product.

Day 1: Madrid, Spain Welcome to Madrid, Spain's lively capital and largest city. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Madrid Begin your journey with a walking tour through Madrid, exploring its streets and iconic landmarks while touching on key moments that have shaped the city's character. From Plaza de España to Gran Vía, take in the architecture, culture, and energy that define modern Madrid. Visit the Liria Palace art museum for a glimpse into one of the city's most impressive private collections. Our city tour concludes around 1:00 p.m., leaving you free to enjoy the city at your own pace. (B)

Day 3: Madrid - Córdoba Travel by AVE high-speed train, quickly reaching the next destination of your journey, the extraordinary Moorish city of Córdoba. Upon arrival, take some time to get lunch and wander on your own. Embark on a guided walking tour of Córdoba's historic old town, and visit La Mezquita (UNESCO), one of the most architecturally fascinating buildings in the world – an 8th-century mosque later transformed into a

cathedral, reflecting the intermingling of cultures that have shaped the city over time. Inside, marvel at its striking forest of red-and-white arches and columns, creating a truly unforgettable visual. Next, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Continue your exploration of the city's heritage with a guided tour of Córdoba's Jewish Quarter **-OR-** by seeing the vibrant patios of Córdoba, discovering a cherished tradition. Later, after settling into your hotel, meet up for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Córdoba - Seville - Córdoba

This morning, set off on a full-day journey to Seville and back. Upon arrival, meet your local expert guide for a walking tour beginning in the enchanting Santa Cruz Quarter, an atmospheric maze of whitewashed homes, blooming balconies, and winding medieval lanes, where lively restaurants spill into the streets beneath fragrant orange trees. Take in the ornate exterior of the magnificent Seville Cathedral, one of the city's most iconic landmarks. In the afternoon, continue to an award-winning olive grove, where you'll step into the heart of a family-run estate. Learn about their traditions, stroll through sun-drenched groves, and sample exceptional olive oils. Later, return to Córdoba to unwind after an inspiring day. (B)



Seville



Olive Grove

Day 5: Córdoba - Granada Travel to Granada, the last grand capital of the Moors in Spain, conquered by the Catholic Monarchs in 1492. Upon arrival, take in your first impressions of the historic centre alongside your Tour Manager. Later, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra (UNESCO), a beautiful complex of buildings and gardens. Surrounded by lush, tree-lined walkways and water flowing from its fountains, behold a stone fortress overlooking the entire city — a mesmerising example of Islamic architecture. After exploring the Alhambra, and the day draws to a close, immerse yourself in the passionate rhythms of a traditional Flamenco show and light dinner, experiencing the soulful music and dance that are integral to Andalusian culture. (B)

Day 6: Granada - Murcia - Valencia On your way to the Mediterranean coast, travel through Spain's stunning landscape with olive and orange groves dotting the rolling hills. Enjoy some time in "Europe's orchard," the charming city of Murcia surrounded by a mountain chain. Arrive in the city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture and Spain's third largest city, melding historic and modern culture. This evening, head out for a drive, taking in views of the

stunning Valencian seafront, charming promenades, and the iconic City of Arts and Sciences. (B)

Day 7: Valencia - Albufera - Valencia Valencia is a city of contrasts, where a charming old town meets striking futuristic architecture. Explore the historic centre on foot with a local expert, taking in ornate towers and the bustling Central Market, where you'll shop alongside locals. Then, continue to Albufera, a freshwater lagoon and the birthplace of paella. Meet a local chef for a hands-on cooking experience, preparing this iconic dish before enjoying it together for lunch. Back in Valencia later, enjoy time on your own to explore as you wish. (B, L)

Day 8: Valencia - Barcelona Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most enchanting cities. Arrive in the late afternoon and meet your local food expert for a guided walking tour through the heart of the Gothic Quarter, the city's oldest and most atmospheric neighbourhood. As you wander its narrow medieval lanes and squares, each stop reveals new flavours and stories. Sample classic Catalan bites in centuries-old taverns, discover artisan shops tucked behind Gothic façades, and soak in the aromas of lively market stalls as Barcelona's cuisine connects past and present. (B, D)



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2	H10 Puerta de Alcalá, Madrid
Days 3, 4	H10 Palacio Colomera, Córdoba
Day 5	NH Collection Granada Victoria, Granada
Days 6, 7	Hospes Palau De La Mar, Valencia
Days 8, 9	H10 Casanova, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

9 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Madrid • Pre-Night Stay

Barcelona • Post-Night Stay

Barcelona & Spanish Riviera • Post-Tour Hosted Extension
4 Nights, Starting at \$3,150 pp

Enjoy one more day in Barcelona — and continue to the Catalan coast to explore and relax by the sea.

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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Day 9: Barcelona Begin your morning with a ride on Barcelona's convenient metro to the awe-inspiring La Sagrada Família (UNESCO), Gaudí's most iconic masterpiece. As you emerge from the station, its soaring spires and intricate façades rise dramatically before you. Inside, Gaudí's visionary design unfolds with twisting columns, vaulted ceilings, and filtered light that creates a breathtaking, forest-like space. Beginning around 2:30 p.m., enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to explore Barcelona your way, perhaps relaxing at a café or discovering hidden corners of the city. This evening, gather with your

fellow travellers for a farewell dinner, celebrating the memories and shared moments of your journey. (B, D)

Day 10: Barcelona - Tour Ends Return home with memories of a beautiful land and a diverse cultural heritage or begin your Spanish Riviera post-trip extension. (B)

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10 DAYS • 16 MEALS • STARTING AT \$8,949

Douro River Valley

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$8,949 (DOUBLE)** or **\$11,149 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 28 February 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026 – June 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

September 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for September 2027 – June 2028 tour departures.
Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Douro Valley, Porto, Amarante, Douro River Cruise, Home-Hosted Dinner, Aveiro, Alentejo, Lusitano Stud Farm, Olive Press Experience, Local Winery Visit, Évora, Lisbon, Alfama Walking Tour, *Fado* Performance

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a Douro River cruise through the breathtaking terraced landscape (UNESCO).
- Explore an old oil press in Marvão and learn about traditional olive oil production.
- Taste the wines of the Alentejo region during a locally sourced farm-to-table dinner at a winery.
- Experience a night of *fado* and learn about this traditional art form.
- Venture to Alter do Chão, a small village with ties to the Lusitano horse breed and enjoy a private visit to the historic Alter Stud Farm.
- Savour Portuguese cuisine during a home-hosted dinner full of local flavours.

Day 1: Porto, Portugal - Amarante

Arrive in Porto today and continue directly to the starting point of your tour in the Douro Valley. Soon you'll find yourself surrounded by the natural beauty of vineyards in tranquil Amarante, your home for the next three nights. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Amarante - Douro Valley - Amarante

Begin the day exploring the picturesque town of Amarante, renowned for its traditional sweets and scenic location along the Rio Tâmega. Stroll across the historic São Gonçalo Bridge, a proud symbol of the town's resistance against Napoleon's troops. Continue to Régua, where you'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, embark on a Douro River cruise, soaking in the breathtaking landscapes of the Douro Valley. Disembark in Pinhão and return to Amarante for a relaxing evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3: Amarante - Porto - Amarante

Today, immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and flavours of Porto. Begin with a guided walking tour led by a local expert, uncovering the charm of this hilly city. Wander through the lively Ribeira district, nestled along the riverfront in the heart of the old town, and take in its colourful facades and bustling

atmosphere. After the tour, enjoy free time for lunch and shopping at your own pace, with plenty of opportunities to sample local specialities or explore the city's boutiques. In the afternoon, venture just outside Porto to a home-hosted experience. Join your host family in preparing a fresh, market-inspired dinner together, sharing stories and traditions as you cook and dine in a warm, authentic setting. (B, D)

Day 4: Amarante - Aveiro - Alentejo

This morning, say goodbye to the Douro region. On the way to the Alentejo, visit the enchanting city of Aveiro, known for its colourful canal boats, traditionally used for harvesting seaweed. Explore Aveiro's rich history and heritage, defined by its canals and coastline. Continue along the rolling hills of Portugal to the village of Alter do Chão for a 3-night stay. (B, D)

Day 5: Alentejo (Alter do Chão - Marvão - Alter do Chão)

Begin your day in the charming hilltop village of Marvão, where breathtaking views stretch across the plains – on a clear day, you may see all the way to Spain! Your journey into local culture continues at a nearby olive grove, where you'll learn about traditional olive oil production, visit a historic press, and enjoy a tasting of the region's unique oil over lunch. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your leisure – relax and make the most of your hotel's amenities. This evening, you may



Arrival: Porto (OPO)

Departure: Lisbon (LIS)



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1 – 3 Monverde Wine Experience Hotel, Amarante, Douro River Valley

Days 4 – 6 Vila Galé Collection Alter Real, Alter do Chão, Alentejo

Days 7 – 9 Turim Boulevard Hotel, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

9 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Douro Region • Pre-Night Stay

Lisbon • Post-Night Stay

Porto • Pre-Tour Guided Extension

2 Nights, Starting at \$2,100 pp

Extend your journey in Porto where vibrant culture and old-world charm blend seamlessly along the Douro River.

COMBINE TOURS, EXPLORE MORE

This tour pairs well with Journey through Spain: Madrid to Barcelona for a seamless, immersive journey.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

choose to dine on your own in nearby Alter do Chão; round-trip transport will be provided. (B, L)

Day 6: Alentejo (Alter do Chão - Estremoz - Portalegre - Alter do Chão)

Start with a private visit to the historic Alter Stud Farm, established in 1748 and home to the renowned Lusitano purebred horse. Continue on to the charming marble city of Estremoz, and enjoy some free time to wander its whitewashed streets, browse local handicraft shops, or admire the sweeping views from the medieval castle that crowns the town. This afternoon, two different local experts await, because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Enjoy a guided visit to a local tile museum, where centuries-old craftsmanship comes to life - **OR** - venture farther for a walk along the Serra d'Ossa walkway in Redondo. End your day by indulging in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region paired with a locally sourced farm-to-table dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Alentejo - Évora - Lisbon

Say goodbye to Portugal's charming countryside as you travel to the vibrant capital of Lisbon. On the way, your journey takes you to the medieval walled city of Évora (UNESCO), known for its 2nd-century Roman temple to Diana and the mysterious 16th-century Chapel of Bones. Arrive in Lisbon in the late afternoon and take a leisurely

stroll through the Rossio area for a first introduction to Portugal's vibrant capital. (B)

Day 8: Lisbon It's your day to experience Lisbon at your own pace. With plenty of free time in the capital city, you may wish to check out its famous culinary scene or venture downtown to do some shopping. If you'd prefer, you may opt to join an excursion to Sintra, a place straight out of a fairytale. Wander through mist covered forests, winding mountain roads, and lush gardens as you make your way to one of Portugal's most enchanting palaces. (B)

Day 9: Lisbon Head to the vibrant Alfama district - Lisbon's oldest quarter - where stories, legends, and hidden corners await. Are we all descendants of Ulysses? How many of Lisbon's hills can you climb? Follow your expert guide through narrow alleyways and shadowy courtyards as you uncover the mysteries of this captivating neighbourhood. The tour wraps up at approximately 1:00 p.m., allowing the rest of the afternoon free for you to enjoy Lisbon independently, until 5:30 p.m., when we leave for dinner. This evening, join your fellow travellers for an unforgettable farewell dinner of Portuguese cuisine and wine, and listen to local artists perform the traditional fado (UNESCO). (B, D)

Day 10: Lisbon - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)



Exploring Iberia: Southern Spain to Coastal Portugal

11 DAYS • 17 MEALS • STARTING AT \$10,199



SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$10,199 (DOUBLE)** or **\$12,999 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 14 September 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026 – May 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

September 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for September 2027 – June 2028 tour departures.
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HIGHLIGHTS

Málaga, White Villages of Andalusia, Setenil de las Bodegas, Córdoba, The Mosque-Cathedral, Winery Visit & Cooking Class, Home-Hosted Meal, Seville Cathedral, Alentejo, Lisbon Food Tour, Sintra, Pena Palace, Cascais Portuguese Riviera

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Discover Setenil de las Bodegas, a town carved into dramatic cliffs.
- Visit a family-owned olive grove and taste the award-winning local product.
- Immerse yourself in Seville with a flamenco lesson.
- Discover Sintra and the fairytale Pena Palace.
- Enjoy a winery visit and hands-on cooking class in Córdoba.
- In Córdoba, take a walking tour of La Mezquita Cathedral, a religious marvel.
- Taste local flavours on a Lisbon food tour.
- Step back in time as you take in the sights of the picturesque white villages of Andalusia.
- Savour a home-hosted meal in Málaga.

Day 1: Málaga, Spain Welcome to Málaga, an Andalusian city renowned for its easygoing lifestyle, historic charm, and breathtaking Mediterranean scenery. As travellers' arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception.

Day 2: Málaga Immerse yourself in the heart of Málaga, exploring its art, traditions, and daily life with the guidance of a passionate local expert. Start your journey at the Picasso Museum, where the legacy of Málaga's most iconic figure reveals the city's creative spirit and rich cultural heritage. Wander through the historic city centre and bustling market stalls, savouring the local flavours, stories, and customs that bring the city to life. The experience reaches new depths when you meet a member of the Sepulcro Brotherhood to learn about the role these religious traditions play in local culture. (B, D)

Day 3: Málaga - Frigiliana - Málaga Journey to Andalusia's enchanting white villages, starting with Frigiliana, often hailed as one of the region's most beautiful gems. Stroll through its narrow cobblestone streets, lined with whitewashed houses and steeped in history. Upon returning to Málaga,

enjoy a heartfelt farewell with an intimate, home-hosted gathering in the homes of local residents — a warm and unforgettable way to bid the city goodbye. (B, D)

Day 4: Málaga - Setenil de las Bodegas - Córdoba Travel to Setenil de las Bodegas, a remarkable town famous for its houses built directly into dramatic rock formations. Like many of Andalusia's white villages, Setenil reflects a rich Moorish heritage rooted in the Arab presence that once shaped the region. Enjoy free time to explore its unique streets and cliffside dwellings at your own pace before continuing to Córdoba and concluding your day with a leisurely stroll through its enchanting streets. (B)

Day 5: Córdoba Begin your day immersing yourself in the culture of Córdoba when you admire the rows of patios filled with colourful flowers and plants. The tradition of decorating patios dates back to when Córdoba was under Muslim rule. Houses were built with inner courtyards to provide a cool, private space for families. Later, tour the magnificent Mezquita (UNESCO). Originally built as a mosque, it was converted into the city's cathedral when the Christians conquered the region in 1236. Conclude your day with a visit to a charming family-run winery, where



Mezquita



Sintra

a hands-on culinary experience awaits. Discover the art of preparing traditional local dishes while soaking in the serene beauty and laid-back ambiance of the late afternoon — a delightful fusion of flavour, culture, and setting. (B, D)

Day 6: Córdoba - Seville Your taste of the local culture continues today. Head to an award-winning olive grove and learn about this family-owned business. Try their unique olive oil before arriving in Seville, Spain's "cultural capital." Upon arrival, get acquainted with the city before setting out on a leisurely walk to the Mirador Setas viewpoint, where you'll take in sweeping panoramic views of Seville at sunset. (B, D)

Day 7: Seville Today in Seville, choose how you want to start your morning, because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Begin the day either alongside a local expert on a walking tour of the quaint Santa Cruz quarter, where cascading bright flowers, whitewashed buildings, and winding streets reflect the city's rich history **-OR-** learn the secret of ceramics in a dynamic hands-on workshop. Afterwards, come together to explore the magnificent Seville Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the largest Gothic cathedral in the world. Admire its ornate architecture and see the tomb of Christopher

Columbus. Later this afternoon, during an **IMPACT MOMENT**, participate in a flamenco lesson at Fundación Cristina Heeren de Arte Flamenco, a non-profit organisation dedicated to preserving the art of flamenco in Spain and internationally. After your lesson, enjoy a traditional flamenco performance. (B)

Day 8: Seville - Estremoz, Portugal - Lisbon Say *adiós* to Spain and travel to Estremoz, a historic town whose marble can be found in Portuguese monuments throughout the country. After savouring a lunch brimming with local flavours, set off towards Lisbon, nestled along the serene banks of the Tagus River. This charming, coastal city will be your welcoming home in Portugal. Enjoy an evening at leisure to do as you please. (B, L)

Day 9: Lisbon *Olá Lisboa!* Get ready to discover Europe's second-oldest capital through one of its greatest pleasures: food. Today, explore Lisbon on a guided walking food tour through the historic neighbourhoods of Chiado and downtown (Baixa). As you wander through lively squares, elegant streets, and traditional cafés, you'll sample a variety of local flavours while learning about Lisbon's culinary traditions and everyday life. Expect a mix of classic tastings, neighbourhood stories, and stops at beloved local eateries. Return to your



Arrival: Málaga (AGP)

Departure: Lisbon (LIS)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1 – 4 NH Hotel, Málaga
Days 5, 6 H10 Palacio Colomera, Córdoba
Days 7, 8 H10 Casa de la Plata, Seville
Days 9 – 11 Turim Lisboa Hotel, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Málaga • Pre-Night Stay

Lisbon • Post-Night Stay

Madrid • Pre-Tour Hosted Extension

3 Nights, Starting at \$2,800 pp

Experience Madrid and its iconic sites — the Plaza Mayor, Prado Museum, and Palacio Real await.

Porto • Post-Tour Hosted Extension

3 Nights, Starting at \$1,750 pp

Experience Porto's rich maritime history. Explore the colourful Ribeira district, visit the Stock Exchange Palace, and learn about Porto's centuries-old wine traditions.

COMBINE TOURS, EXPLORE MORE

This tour pairs well with The Azores for a seamless, immersive journey.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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hotel and spend the rest of the day exploring independently. This evening, you may choose to join an optional experience to see local artists perform traditional *fado* music (UNESCO). (B, L)

Day 10: Lisbon - Sintra - Portuguese Riviera - Lisbon Head to the town of Sintra (UNESCO), a favourite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. High above, nestled in the crown of the Sintra hills, lies the enchanting Pena Palace, surrounded by a magnificent park. Spend some time exploring this storybook town

before heading to the stunning coastal views of Guincho Beach. Then, make a stop in Cascais, the picturesque gem of the Portuguese Riviera, before returning to Lisbon. Tonight, toast to a wonderful trip with your fellow travellers during a farewell dinner featuring savoury Portuguese favourites. (B, D)

Day 11: Lisbon - Tour Ends This cultural deep-dive into Spain and Portugal comes to a close today. (B)

Flavours of Portugal & Spain featuring the Douro and Rioja Wine Regions

15 DAYS • 23 MEALS • STARTING AT \$12,649



Douro Vineyard

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$12,649 (DOUBLE)** or **\$15,799 (SOLO)**

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Prices based on 15 March 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026 – June 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

July 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for July 2027 – June 2028 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Lisbon Chiado, Templar Castle and Convent of Christ, Porto Ribeira and Wine Tasting, Home-Hosted Dinner, Douro River Valley, Traditional Olive Press Mill, Salamanca, La Rioja Wine Region, Bilbao, Guggenheim Museum, San Sebastián Food Tour

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Call a picturesque *quinta* estate in the Douro River Valley your home for 2 nights.
- Enjoy a *petiscos* cooking class in the Douro River Valley.
- Visit the world-renowned Guggenheim Museum, hailed as a true icon of architectural culture.
- Stroll along the scenic Ribeira waterfront of Porto, famous for its port wine.
- Explore wine cellars in the Douro and Rioja regions and enjoy wine tastings.
- Visit a local family home in Porto and enjoy their warmth and hospitality.
- Stroll through San Sebastián with your foodie guide, tasting *pintxos* as the city comes alive around you.
- Discover the soul of Iberia at an olive press mill dedicated to traditional cultivation methods.

Day 1: Lisbon, Portugal Arrive in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal. Perched on seven hills, Lisbon welcomes travellers with its laid-back charm. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. At a local restaurant, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner to officially kick off your adventure. (D)

Day 2: Lisbon Good morning, *Lisboa!* Start your day like a local with a walk to the Metro. Meander through historic neighbourhoods, hearing stories that bring the city to life. Begin in Lisbon's chic Chiado district, learning about the 1755 earthquake and the 1974 Carnation Revolution. Continue to Praça do Comércio for views over the Tagus River and a tasting of traditional *ginjinha*. The city tour ends around noon, followed by free time until dinner in the evening. Over dinner, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT**, learning how this inspiring restaurant empowers individuals experiencing homelessness through culinary training and social reintegration. (B, D)

Day 3: Lisbon Explore the city today at your own pace. You may wish to explore Lisbon's renowned culinary scene, browse the shops downtown, or visit the historic district of Belém, home to the iconic Belém Tower overlooking the river. You may also

choose a full-day optional excursion to the seaside town of Ericeira, followed by a visit to Sintra, known for its enchanting palaces and villas. (B)

Day 4: Lisbon - Tomar - Porto Depart Portugal's capital city and head to Tomar, home to some of the country's historical jewels, including the Templar Castle and Convent of Christ (UNESCO). Explore the octagonal Templars' Rotunda and imagine the day-to-day life of a warrior monk. Next stop: Porto! Take in the landscape of wild pine trees as you leave Tomar and embark on a two-and-a-half-hour drive to Portugal's second largest city. (B)

Day 5: Porto Today, an extensive walking tour of Porto reveals its many charms. See the São Bento railway station, which opened in 1916 and is one of Portugal's most striking architectural gems. Visit the Bolsa Palace (UNESCO) — known as the Stock Exchange Palace, a 19th-century neoclassical masterpiece, and finish your morning crossing the river to Vila Nova de Gaia for a visit and a taste of the port wine production scene. Later in the afternoon, head just outside Porto for a home-hosted experience. Join your host family to prepare a beloved local dessert and share a warm, authentic dinner together. (B, D)

Day 6: Porto - Douro Valley Today, say *tchau* to Porto and set out for the



Douro wine region, where the Douro Valley blends natural beauty with rich history, culture, and a renowned food scene. On the way, stop at one of Portugal's most famous wineries for a tasting and a visit to its stunning Baroque palace. This afternoon, embark on a relaxing boat ride along the Douro River, passing terraced vineyards and dramatic landscapes. Then settle into your winery hotel in the heart of the Douro Valley for the next two nights. This evening, enjoy dinner featuring traditional Portuguese cuisine. (B, D)

Day 7: Douro Spend a relaxed morning enjoying the picturesque grounds of your winery hotel, nestled in the heart of the Douro Valley. This UNESCO World Heritage site is known for its breathtaking landscapes and long tradition of winemaking. After soaking in the serene atmosphere, roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cooking class where you'll prepare and savour a light lunch of *petiscos*, the Portuguese style of small, shared plates. Here, you'll learn about the centuries-old tradition of winemaking that dates back to Roman times. Return to your hotel and enjoy the end of the day on your own. (B, L)

Day 8: Douro - Salamanca, Spain Depart the Douro wine region and cross the border into Spain. Head to an olive grove and learn about this family-owned business, known for its dedication to traditional methods of olive cultivation and oil production. During your visit, sample high-quality olive oil, renowned for its rich taste and health benefits. The tasting will be accompanied by a light lunch featuring local dishes that perfectly complement the olive oil. End your day in Salamanca with a guided walking tour to help you find your preferred spot for dinner on your own. (B, L)

Day 9: Salamanca In Salamanca, step back in time on a walking tour with your local guide as you discover the city's rich history. Visit the Cathedral of Salamanca, which is actually two churches joined together from the 12th–13th and 16th centuries, and stroll through the historic University of Salamanca, the oldest university in Spain, imagining student life through

the ages. Afterward, enjoy free time to explore Salamanca at your own pace. With more than two thousand years of history and beautiful sandstone architecture, this charming city is a true hidden gem. (B)

Day 10: Salamanca - Burgos - La Rioja Today, leave for the famous Rioja wine region. On your way, stop in Burgos and set out on a walking tour, discovering the city's pedestrian-friendly riverside to the historic Plaza Mayor. As you make your way back to Rioja, stop at a local winery nestled in the centre of Spain's beautiful Basque Country. Taste some of the wines and walk through the vineyards before heading to your hotel. Arrive in La Rioja, your home for the next two nights. (B)

Day 11: La Rioja (Option to Pamplona) Today is yours to enjoy at leisure. Stroll into the historic centre to see the Concatedral de Santa María de la Redonda, or visit the renowned Bodegas Franco-Españolas if you would like to sample local wines. You might also explore Logroño's Camino de Santiago heritage with a walk across the medieval Puente de Piedra. Or perhaps you'll choose to join an optional excursion to Pamplona, the capital of Navarra and home to the famous San Fermín festival and its legendary Running of the Bulls. (B, D)

Day 12: La Rioja - Vitoria - Bilbao Begin your adventure with a visit to Vitoria, the capital of the Basque Country. Embark on a walking tour through its enchanting old town, where you'll encounter a tapestry of historic buildings and bustling squares. The charm of this area is unmistakable, with every corner offering a glimpse into the city's rich past. Continue to Bilbao, a city where tradition meets cutting-edge design. End your day with an immersive audio-guided visit to the iconic Guggenheim Museum, a striking symbol of modern architecture and contemporary art. (B)

Day 13: Bilbao Put on comfortable walking shoes and get ready for a day of discovery. This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Explore the glimmering Spanish coastline during a guided



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Days 1 – 3** Avani Avenida Liberdade, Lisbon
- Days 4, 5** Turim Oporto Hotel, Porto
- Days 6, 7** The Wine House Hotel - Quinta da Pacheca, Douro River Valley ▲
- Days 8, 9** NH Collection Palacio de Castellanos, Salamanca
- Days 10, 11** NH Logroño Herencia Rioja, La Rioja
- Days 12 – 14** Radisson Collection Gran Vía Bilbao, Bilbao

On some dates alternate hotels may be used. ▲ Room upgrade available.

14 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Lisbon • Pre-Night Stay

Alentejo Countryside • Pre-Tour Hosted Extension
3 Nights, Starting at \$2,625 pp

Uncover Alentejo's magic — savour bold flavours, explore Évora, and bask in timeless village charm.

COMBINE TOURS, EXPLORE MORE

This tour pairs well with Journey through Spain for a seamless, immersive journey.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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tour of the coastal villages of Mundaka and Bermeo -**OR-** take a leisurely hike along the Camino de Santiago, "the Way of Saint James," for a scenic experience along this world-famous route. Then, set off for an extensive walking tour of Bilbao, a city known for its avant-garde architecture and rich history. Wander through the old town, Casco Viejo, with its charming streets and vibrant atmosphere, alongside a local expert. (B, D)

Day 14: Bilbao - San Sebastián - Bilba Set off for San Sebastián, beginning the morning with views of the city's beautiful coastline. Wander through the Old Town as the aroma of

freshly prepared *pintxos* fills the air, setting the stage for a guided food tour through the heart of Basque cuisine. Visit iconic bars and local favourites while sampling a variety of traditional and inventive *pintxos*, each highlighting the region's rich culinary traditions. Later, you may wish to take a leisurely walk along La Concha Beach, where golden sands and sweeping views of the Bay of Biscay offer the perfect way to end your time in San Sebastián before returning to Bilbao. Tonight, toast to a wonderful trip with your fellow travellers. (B, L)

Day 15: Bilbao - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

The Azores Jewels of Portugal

12 DAYS • 17 MEALS • STARTING AT \$8,949



Sete Cidades, São Miguel

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$8,949 (DOUBLE)** or **\$11,249 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 21 April 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026; April – June 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

July – October 2027; April – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for July 2027 – June 2028 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

São Miguel Island, Lagoa das Sete Cidades “Blue & Green Lagoons,” Furnas Valley, Home-Hosted Meal, Faial Island, Capelinhos Volcano Interpretation Centre and Winery, Terceira Island, Angra do Heroísmo, Natural Volcanic Pools, Lisbon

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- On São Miguel, learn about traditional basket weaving from local artisans.
- Appreciate the quiet stillness of nature as you descend into an ancient lava tube on Terceira Island.
- Experience a truly unique *cozido das furnas* lunch in Furnas valley.
- Taste wines born from volcanic ash at a one-of-a-kind local winery.
- Visit both pineapple and tea plantations and learn about local cultivation and flavour.
- Walk through the colourful capital of Terceira, Angra do Heroísmo (UNESCO).
- In Lisbon, explore the Ajuda National Palace alongside a local expert.
- Enjoy a home-hosted meal on Terceira Island.

Day 1: Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores, Portugal

This is the Azores. A set of islands virtually untouched by urban development. Your adventure begins on São Miguel, the largest of the nine volcanic islands. With no scheduled sightseeing today, spend the day as you wish, exploring Ponta Delgada independently, perhaps strolling along the seaside promenade and breathing in the mild air of the Atlantic. Depending on when your flight arrives, you may choose to join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for a welcome reception at your hotel this evening.

Day 2: Ponta Delgada - Sete Cidades - Ponta Delgada

Get to know Ponta Delgada, the capital city of São Miguel, on a morning walking tour of the area. Discover the city's rich history, culture, and beauty alongside your Tour Manager, seeing highlights like the iconic 18th-century Portas da Cidade and the stunning Igreja Matriz de São Sebastião, and perhaps even catching the farmers market, the vibrant Mercado da Graça. This afternoon, take a ride up to Sete Cidades caldera's highest point and discover some of Mother Nature's finest work: the twin blue and green lakes that make up this caldera and are explained by local legend! On the way back, visit a pineapple plantation and learn about unique cultivation methods on the island, producing pineapples renowned for their sweetness and flavour. This

evening, celebrate the beginning of your journey with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Ponta Delgada - Furnas - Ponta Delgada

Start the day with a visit to one of the few remaining basket weavers on the island. Learn how willow basket making has evolved and how this father-son enterprise has kept this traditional craft alive. Then, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Enjoy the thermal waters at the Terra Nostra pool, built in the 18th century by the American consul to the Azores **-OR-** embark on a guided visit to the organic paradise that is the Terra Nostra Botanical Garden. For lunch, enjoy a traditional *cozido das furnas* meal, where your food is cooked in the earth's volcanic heat. Later, continue to the green fields of a nearby tea plantation to learn about this unique crop before an evening of leisure in São Miguel. (B, L)

Day 4: Ponta Delgada Today, enjoy a full free day to explore São Miguel at your own pace. You might choose to visit a local apiary where you'll suit up as a beekeeper and immerse yourself in the fascinating world of bees. Your visit during this **IMPACT MOMENT** is guided by a family-run team dedicated to sustainable practices and the preservation of nature for future generations. (B)

Day 5: Ponta Delgada - Horta, Faial

After a short flight from Ponta Delgada, Say *bom dia* (good morning) to Faial.



Horta, Faial



Beekeeper

Enjoy a stroll through Horta, where the marina and its painted murals reflect the island's long significance to sailors on trans-Atlantic voyages. Later, encounter the volcanic vitality of Faial when you take in the surrounding rocky landscape and ash hills with a fascinating visit to the Capelinhos Volcano Interpretation Centre. End your afternoon with a tasting at a unique local winery, where volcanic soil lends a distinctive character to the wines and the setting is as memorable as the flavours. (B)

Day 6: Horta The day is yours to enjoy on your own and relax on Faial Island! You may also consider joining an optional tour to Pico to encounter the Landscape of the Pico Island Vineyard Culture (UNESCO) and explore this scarcely populated island's scenery, a sublime mixture of lava rock and exotic vegetation. (B, D)

Day 7: Horta - Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira Board your flight to Terceira and say hello to the colourful capital of Angra do Heroísmo (UNESCO) with a local guide. Restored in traditional style, the city features white facades and vibrant trims. Learn about the Holy Ghost Chapels, known locally as *Imperios*, and customs surrounding this tradition. Tonight, get a taste of the culture at a local restaurant. (B, D)

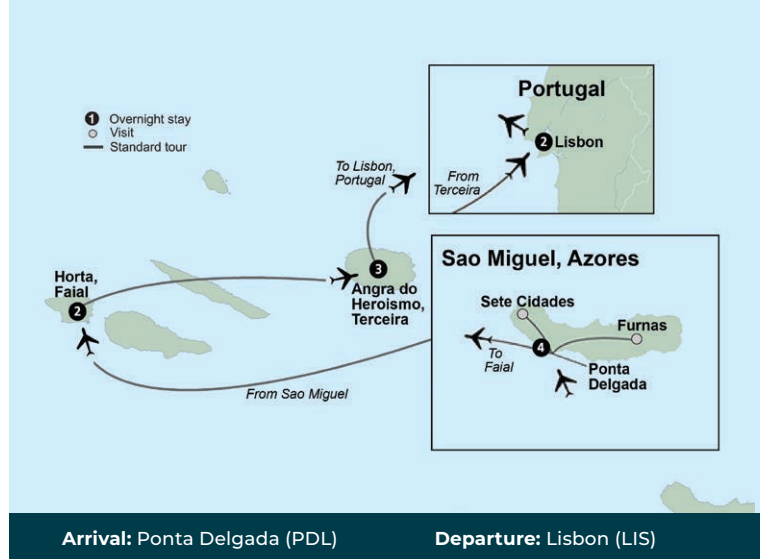
Day 8: Angra do Heroísmo - Biscoitos - Algar do Carvão - Angra do Heroísmo Start your day with a swim

in the natural volcanic pools of Biscoitos. Later, on your way to Algar do Carvão, stop at Serra do Cume viewpoint where views of the agricultural fields and their neat, orderly stone walls will take your breath away. At Algar do Carvão, the "Cavern of Coal," feel the quiet stillness as you descend into this ancient lava tube. Enjoy the evening exploring Angra do Heroísmo as you wish. (B)

Day 9: Angra do Heroísmo Today is yours to enjoy at your own pace. You may choose to join an optional tour to the western side of Terceira in the morning, sipping coffee at an organic coffee plantation and tasting locally grown bananas along the way and ending at a family-owned cheese factory for a light lunch made up of local products. End the day at a *petiscos* home-hosted dining experience. (B, D)

Day 10: Angra do Heroísmo - Lisbon Say farewell to the Azores archipelago as you head to Lisbon in continental Europe. Lisbon, known as the city of the seven hills and the starting point of many of its 15th-century explorations, was also the departure point of many of its immigrants that crossed the Atlantic searching for a better life. (B)

Day 11: Lisbon Start your morning by exploring the majestic Ajuda Palace with a local expert. This elegant neoclassical residence, once home to Portuguese royalty, features opulent halls adorned



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1 – 4 Vila Galé Collection S. Miguel - Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores

Days 5, 6 Hotel do Canal, Faial, Azores

Days 7 – 9 Torel Terra Brava, Terceira, Azores

Days 10, 11 BessaHotel Liberdade, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

11 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

São Miguel • Pre-Night Stay

Lisbon • Post-Night Stay

COMBINE TOURS, EXPLORE MORE

This tour pairs well with Flavours of Portugal and Spain for a seamless, immersive journey.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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with gilded furnishings and masterful artworks. As you wander through its grand salons, let the sweeping views over the Tagus River add a touch of magic to the experience. Your day continues with a guided tour of the vibrant heart of the city, *Baixa*. Discover the soul of Lisbon through its lively streets during a walking tour. Stop to admire the scenic overlook at Praça do

Comércio, where the city opens up to a breathtaking view of the river. Our city tour of Lisbon concludes around 1:00 p.m., after which you're free to explore on your own. Close your adventure with dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 12: Lisbon - Tour Ends Say *adeus* (goodbye) to Portugal and the Azores as you depart this coastal paradise. (B)

Journey through the Netherlands, Belgium & France: Canals, Champagne & Culture

10 DAYS • 16 MEALS • STARTING AT \$10,799



Kinderdijk

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$10,799 (DOUBLE)** or **\$13,699 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 23 May 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

November 2026; May - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for November 2026 - June 2027 tour departures.
Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Paris, Eiffel Tower Dinner, Amsterdam, Canal Cruise, Kinderdijk, Bruges, Reims, Route du Champagne, Seine River Cruise, Montmartre Neighbourhood Tour

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Connect with local traditions in the storybook Belgian city of Bruges (UNESCO).
- Immerse yourself in France's countryside during an exploration of its Route du Champagne (UNESCO).
- Cruise on the Seine River and enjoy essential Paris views.
- Discover Montmartre, the stylish and bohemian Parisian district.
- Stand before the iconic Dutch windmills of Kinderdijk (UNESCO).
- Make the most of a full-day exploration of Amsterdam, the bustling capital of the Netherlands.
- Tour a traditional brewery in Bruges and sample some legendary Belgian beers.
- Enjoy an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring delicious cuisine and breathtaking views.
- Be connected by food during an Impact Moment at Amsterdam's A Beautiful Mess restaurant.

Day 1: Amsterdam, Netherlands

Narrow canals, stone bridges, and bike-brimmed lanes - this is Amsterdam, the lively starting point of your journey. Check into your hotel, an impressive historic building with rich history and your home for the next three nights. As arrival times may vary, there are no scheduled activities during the day. Spend time as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, get a taste of the local flavours and meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Amsterdam See the city the way it's meant to be seen — by canal on a private boat. Cruise under sloping bridges and pass by classic Dutch houses. Continue discovering Amsterdam on a walking tour with a local guide. After, chat with a local about the city's progressive (and often controversial) culture. Enjoy an afternoon and evening at leisure to spend time in the city however you wish. (B)

Day 3: Amsterdam Make the most of a free day in Amsterdam. Perhaps you'll visit the Van Gogh Museum and explore the Anne Frank House. Or, choose an optional excursion to Delft, spending the day in this picture-perfect city where the artistic legacy of Johannes Vermeer lives on. After a guided walking tour, visit the Royal Delft earthenware factory which has

been producing hand-painted blue motifs since the 16th century, and try your hand at painting a tile before returning to Amsterdam. No matter how you spend your day, complete it with an **IMPACT MOMENT** at A Beautiful Mess - a restaurant that helps refugees find independence in the Dutch community. Be united by food and enjoy locally sourced, environmentally conscious ingredients over dinner featuring authentic Middle Eastern and North African flavours. (B, D)

Day 4: Amsterdam - Kinderdijk - Bruges, Belgium Today, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** as you visit Holland's storied windmills in Kinderdijk. Take this opportunity to enjoy a short boat ride along the canal, walk along the winding paths, and venture inside of a working windmill **-OR-** ride a bike alongside a local guide, pedaling through the Kinderdijk landscape. No matter what you choose, take in the wind, water, and open spaces that make Dutch history come to life in Kinderdijk (UNESCO). End your day in storybook Bruges, your home for the next two nights, and join in an evening stroll in the city. (B, D)

Day 5: Bruges Wander the cobblestone streets of Bruges and get familiar with this cosy Belgian city on a walking tour with a local guide this morning. Then, cruise through



fairytale canals before connecting with local traditions. Taste Belgian chocolate and learn about the intricate craft of lace making. After an afternoon at leisure, cheers to the day with a visit to a local brewery where you'll taste Belgium's most classic beverage. Continue tasting your way across local cuisines and enjoy dinner on your own. (B)

Day 6: Bruges - Arras, France - Reims

Journey through Flanders into France, savouring the charm of lesser-known cities and villages along the way. Visit Arras in northern France, which stands out with its striking Flemish-Baroque architecture and vibrant local markets. Join in a walk around its core, the Grand Place and Place des Héros - lively gathering spots where locals come together over coffee and conversation - and immerse yourself in the welcoming atmosphere. Back on the road to Reims, take your time to unwind as you enter the heart of France's illustrious Champagne region. Settle into your hotel before tasting your way through French cuisine. (B, D)

Day 7: Reims - Champagne Winery - Reims

Uncover the city's Celtic roots and Gothic architecture during a guided walking tour in Reims. Step into the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Reims and gaze up at a sea of colourful stained glass. This afternoon, cityscapes give way to vineyard rows as you make your way along the Route du Champagne. Learn all about this world-famous artisan production during a tour and tasting at a nearby *maison du champagne*. Enjoy your afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 8: Reims - Paris Say *bonjour* to Paris, the French capital. This morning, begin your Paris journey in style as you glide along the iconic Seine River on a scenic lunch cruise. Whilst savouring delicious French cuisine,

take in panoramic views of Paris's most celebrated landmarks - from the majestic Eiffel Tower to the historic Notre-Dame Cathedral - all unfolding before you like a living postcard. This afternoon, settle into your charming neighbourhood, your home for the next two nights. Wander through its quaint streets, discover hidden cafés, and soak in the local atmosphere. As evening falls, watch the city transform. The soft glow of twilight gives way to a dazzling display of lights, earning Paris its well-deserved nickname, *La Ville Lumière*, the City of Light. Enjoy your evening at leisure, or perhaps you'll choose to experience Paris' nightlife during an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin cabaret show, featuring champagne, can-can dancers, and endless excitement. (B, L)

Day 9: Paris This morning, step into the enchanting enclave of Montmartre as you join a local expert and ride Le Métro to this historic hilltop neighbourhood. Stroll through its charming cobblestone streets where artists set up their easels. Admire the stunning Sacré-Cœur Basilica, with its graceful white domes and sweeping grace lines, before exploring the Musée de Montmartre, a hidden treasure nestled in a 17th-century house. The afternoon is yours to embrace the magic of Paris however you choose. Perhaps you'll wander along the Seine, or maybe you'll indulge in some shopping along the Champs-Élysées, the world-famous avenue brimming with elegance and energy. End the day and toast to a wonderful journey over an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower featuring French cuisine and breathtaking views. (B, D)

Day 10: Paris - Tour Ends Say *au revoir* to Europe as you depart for home. (B)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Days 1 – 3** The Manor, Amsterdam
- Days 4, 5** Hotel Aragon, Bruges
- Days 6, 7** Continental Hotel, Reims
- Days 8, 9** Courtyard Marriott Paris Gare de Lyon, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

9 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Amsterdam • Pre-Night Stay

Paris • Post-Night Stay

COMBINE TOURS, EXPLORE MORE

This tour pairs well with Mediterranean Coastal Journey for a seamless, immersive journey.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

ALSO AVAILABLE



Journey through the Netherlands, Belgium & France featuring the Keukenhof Tulip Gardens
Experience the essence of three European countries and the world-famous Keukenhof Tulip Gardens.

Dates Available:
March - April 2027



Journey through the Netherlands, Belgium & France featuring Christmas Markets
Experience these European countries in the heart of the holiday season.

Dates Available:
November - December 2026

Peaks of Europe: The Alps to The Dolomites

featuring France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, and Italy

12 DAYS • 19 MEALS • STARTING AT \$11,999

Grindelwald

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$11,999 (DOUBLE)** or **\$14,399 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 26 June 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026; April – June 2027 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for October 2026 - June 2027 tour departures.
Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Chamonix, Annecy, Mont Blanc, GoldenPass Train, Gstaad, Jungfrau, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Dolomites, Cortina, Prosecco Region, Venetian Countryside Villa Stay

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Inhale fresh alpine air with 3 unique mountaintop experiences.
- Visit Barryland, a foundation that protects the heritage of Switzerland's national dog - the St. Bernard.
- Taste the fruits of Italy's Prosecco region with a vineyard visit and tasting.
- Discover the local flora and fauna during a nature walk with a local alpinist.
- Gaze upon the vibrant Swiss countryside on the panoramic GoldenPass train.
- Toast to the end of your scenic journey during a farewell dinner in a Venetian countryside villa.
- Savour the flavours of Switzerland during a raclette brunch at a dairy farm.

Day 1: Chamonix, France Say *bonjour* to Chamonix – the perennial ski-hub nestled at the foot of Mont Blanc. As arrival times will vary, there are no scheduled activities until later today. Take the afternoon to wander the pedestrian-friendly streets of this quaint town steeped in hundreds of years of history. Tonight, join new friends and toast to the beginning of your alpine adventure.

Day 2: Chamonix - Annecy - Chamonix Journey to one of France's most picturesque cities, Annecy - often called the "Venice of the Alps" due to its storybook charm. Join a local guide on a walking tour through this old medieval town featuring canals, crisscrossing bridges, and pastel-coloured houses. Take advantage of some free time to explore the town's vibrant outdoor market. Later this afternoon, we return to Chamonix for free time at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Chamonix Today, decide how to explore the legendary Mont Blanc – the birthplace of mountaineering – because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Ascend the Aiguille du Midi by cable car to an elevation of over 12,600 feet (3842 metres). This is the closest you can get to the summit of Europe's tallest peak **-OR-** relax aboard the Tramway

du Mont Blanc rack-railway, taking in its vintage charm and the impressive views from the Eagle's Nest, located 7782 feet above sea level (2372 metres). This afternoon, enjoy a stroll through the woods in the bottom of the valley. (B)

Day 4: Chamonix - Gstaad, Switzerland Bid Chamonix and France *adieu* and set out for Switzerland. During today's **IMPACT MOMENT**, learn all about the pups of Barryland, a local foundation that promotes and protects the heritage of the St. Bernard, the official dog of Switzerland. An afternoon train ride on the GoldenPass whisks you through the pastoral Swiss landscape en route to Gstaad. Check in to your hotel before relaxing over dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Gstaad - Grindelwald Travel through the alpine meadows of the Bernese Oberland, an area renowned for its cheese production. Visit an artisanal creamery producing raclette cheese and taste the local produce during brunch on the farm. This afternoon, head on to Grindelwald, nestled at the base of legendary Mount Eiger. Settle in for a two-night stay in this charming alpine village. This evening is at leisure. (B, L)

Day 6: Grindelwald - Jungfrau A short cogwheel train ride brings you to Jungfrau



Annecy



Barryland

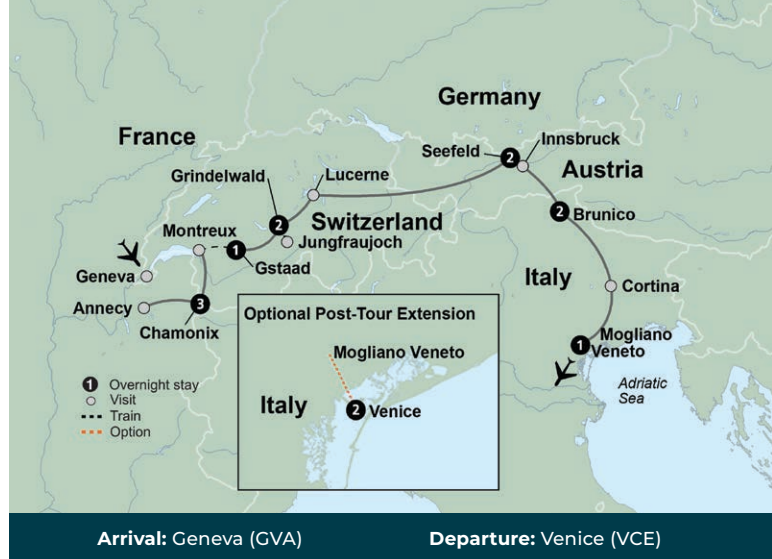
(UNESCO), known as the "Top of Europe." Take your time to explore this eternal winter wonderland with impressive views of the imposing triple peaks of Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau. Wander the frosty halls of the Ice Palace to see works of icy art carved by local artists or stand next to the Swiss flag to capture your time above it all. Tonight is yours to do as you please. (B)

Day 7: Grindelwald - Lucerne - Seefeld, Austria Before departing Switzerland, spend some time to learn for yourself why the lakeside city of Lucerne is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. Make your way through Liechtenstein, the only country to lie entirely within the Alps, on your way to Austria. This evening is yours to relax and to get to know your home in Seefeld for the next two nights. (B, D)

Day 8: Seefeld This morning, explore the idyllic town of Seefeld in a horse-drawn carriage, pausing to take in the unspoiled beauty of

the Tyrolean mountains and forests. Enjoy a free afternoon or elect to cross into Germany on an optional tour of Oberammergau, the world-renowned home of the Passion Play. This Bavarian village of traditionally painted houses comes together every 10 years to perform a marathon 10-hour folk theatre rendition of the Passion to give thanks for escaping the plague of 1633 (next event will be in 2030). After visiting the theatre site and town, indulge in homemade Tyrolean cuisine at a local restaurant before returning to Seefeld. (B)

Day 9: Seefeld - Innsbruck - Brunico, Italy Take in the scenery of the spectacular Bavarian Alps en route to enchanting Innsbruck. Walk the charming streets, discover the historic old town, and take in landmarks such as the Golden Roof. Depart Austria for Italy to witness the unique jagged limestone peaks of the Dolomites. Arrive in Brunico, a historic town dating back to the 1200s, and your home for the next two nights.



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Days 1 – 3** La Folie Douce Hotel, Chamonix
- Day 4** Golf Hotel Le Hauts de Gstaad, Gstaad
- Days 5, 6** Sunstar Alpine Hotel, Grindelwald
- Days 7, 8** Seelos Hotel NIKO, Seefeld
- Days 9, 10** Hotel Ander, Brunico
- Day 11** Hotel Villa Condulmer, Mogliano Veneto, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

11 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Venice • Post-Tour Hosted Extension
2 Nights, Starting at \$1,750 pp

Extend your time in Italy with two magical nights in Venice, exploring canals, culture, and hidden gems.

COMBINE TOURS, EXPLORE MORE

This tour pairs well with Italy's Treasures for a seamless, immersive journey.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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Perhaps after dinner you'll join an evening stroll in this charming town. (B, D)

Day 10: Brunico - Dolomites - Brunico Journey into the Dolomites (UNESCO) mountain range and discover natural beauty and local traditions. During a walk in the Val Badia valley, learn about the centuries old Ladin culture. Stop at a nearby *maso* – an alpine farm – for a taste of local Ladin fare. After lunch, a cable car ride brings you to Rifugio Lagazuoi for a feast of stunning views of the Dolomites. The evening is yours to explore Brunico as you wish. (B, L)

Day 11: Brunico - Cortina - Mogliano Veneto Discover the charm of

Cortina, a ski town encircled by the scenic backdrop of sky-skimming Dolomite peaks. The rolling hills of Italy's Prosecco region bring you to a local vineyard where you'll taste the region's sparkling speciality. This evening, explore the frescoed halls and grounds of your historic countryside villa before you gather for dinner and toast to new friends, fond memories, and unforgettable scenery. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Mogliano Veneto - Tour Ends
Your alpine adventure comes to a close today. (B)

Italy Uncovered

Venice to Rome with Rustic Mountain Towns & Wine Country

12 DAYS • 18 MEALS • STARTING AT \$12,799



San Marino

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 4 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$12,799 (DOUBLE)** or **\$15,799 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 4 June 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October – November 2026; February – June 2027

(different itinerary – see note*)

July – October 2027; March – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for July 2027 – June 2028 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Venice, Winery Tour & Tasting, Republic of San Marino, Cooking Class, Ravenna's Mosaics, Truffle Hunting Experience, Gran Sasso Mountain Village Stay, Impact Moment, Canoe Ride, Rome

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Witness the artistry behind Venetian gondolas and uncover the secrets of their timeless craftsmanship.
- Marvel at Ravenna's dazzling mosaics, masterpieces of early Christian and Byzantine art.
- Embark on a truffle hunt through woods and fields for a hands-on taste of Italy's foraging traditions.
- Immerse yourself in medieval Abruzzo with accommodations scattered throughout a historic mountain village.
- Ascend to the hilltop country of San Marino, one of the world's oldest sovereign states.
- Roll up your sleeves during a hands-on cooking class dedicated to crafting Romagna's signature pastas.
- Explore Urbino's Ducal Palace, a Renaissance masterpiece.

Day 1: Venice, Italy Welcome to enchanting Venice, with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. As arrival times will vary, today is yours to explore at your own pace. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome drink.

Day 2: Venice This morning, explore the traditional Venetian craftsmanship behind one of the city's most enduring symbols: the gondola. During an **IMPACT MOMENT**, visit one of Venice's few remaining traditional boatyards, witnessing the skill and dedication that have kept this time-honoured craft alive for centuries. Wrap up the morning at a local café, enjoying a classic Venetian spritz and taking part in the beloved Italian ritual of *aperitivo* (pre-lunch drink), a pause before lunch at leisure. The afternoon is yours to explore more of the floating city. Perhaps you'll head out for your own treasure hunt in search of the city's hidden gems. (B)

Day 3: Venice - Dozza - Romagna Countryside Say *ciao* to Venice as you journey towards the Romagna region, famous for its epicurean lifestyle and its *joie de vivre*. Your first stop is the charming hilltop village of Dozza, renowned for its vibrant murals, atmospheric lanes, and striking medieval castle. In the afternoon, continue to your hotel, nestled amidst

the rolling vineyards of the Romagna countryside, where you'll settle in for a relaxing 3-night stay. This evening, enjoy an exclusive tour of your resort's winery, followed by a dinner featuring their own expertly crafted wines. (B, D)

Day 4: Romagna Countryside

Grab your passport and set off for the Republic of San Marino, the fifth-smallest country in the world. Perched atop Mount Titano, this historic gem offers breathtaking views of the Adriatic Riviera and the rolling hills of the Romagna countryside. Spend your free time exploring the Old Town's fascinating network of fortification towers, walls, gates, and bastions. Later this afternoon, return to your hotel and roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cooking class, where you'll master the art of crafting pasta staples like handmade *tagliatelle*. End the day around a convivial table, enjoying the meal you've prepared together. (B, D)

Day 5: Romagna Countryside

Spend the day uncovering the treasures of Ravenna, a city that rose to prominence during the twilight of the Roman Empire, thanks to its strategic location. As power shifted between the Byzantines and the Goths, Ravenna's rulers adorned its churches with breathtaking mosaics that still dazzle today. On a guided walking tour, explore the city's most iconic monuments and marvel at its



Cooking Class

rich history and artistry. This evening, return to your wine resort and indulge in a wine-paired dinner, savouring the flavours of the region in a truly idyllic setting. (B, D)

Day 6: Romagna Countryside - Urbino - Pesaro, Marche Region This morning, journey into the Marche region, where rolling hills are lined with olive groves and vineyards. Stop in the hilltop city of Urbino, birthplace of Renaissance painter Raphael, and visit the impressive Ducal Palace — once home to a powerful ruling family and now a showcase of Renaissance art and architecture. Later, continue to the seaside town of Pesaro, where you'll settle in for a two-night stay. (B)

Day 7: Pesaro Today, uncover another side of the Marche — its reputation as a truffle haven, known for both black truffles and the rare white truffle (found only from October to December). Join a truffle hunter and his dogs for a walk through the woods in search of these elusive fungi, followed by an organic, farm-to-table lunch at the family's farm. The afternoon is free back in Pesaro, birthplace of opera composer Gioachino Rossini, best known for *The Barber of Seville* and *William Tell*. (B, L)

Day 8: Pesaro - Santo Stefano di Sessanio, Abruzzo Mountains Much of the day is spent travelling by coach as you make your way into the Abruzzo Mountains. Arrive in the medieval village of Santo Stefano di Sessanio, a peaceful, pedestrian-only locale where you'll walk to your accommodations. Your stay in a unique *albergo diffuso* serves as an **IMPACT MOMENT** and features rooms set in historic buildings throughout the village, offering a simple, rustic atmosphere. This evening, connect with local traditions during a hands-on experience making regional cheese and bread, then

gather for a dinner featuring what you've prepared, embracing the slower pace of mountain life. (B, D)

Day 9: Santo Stefano di Sessanio Begin your day with a scenic drive across the Campo Imperatore plateau, more than 2,100 metres above sea level, with sweeping views of the Gran Sasso peaks, the highest in central Italy. Along the way, stop to enjoy some al fresco *arrosticini* — grill-it-yourself lamb skewers and a beloved local speciality rooted in Abruzzo's sheep-herding traditions. Back in Santo Stefano di Sessanio this afternoon, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Join a guided walking tour exploring your village's fortified layout, stone lanes, and historic buildings **-OR-** take part in a challenging, guided 4-hour mountain hike to Rocca Calascio, a dramatic stone fortress set high above the surrounding mountains. (B)

Day 10: Santo Stefano di Sessanio - Rome Say goodbye to the quiet lanes of Santo Stefano di Sessanio and journey to the Tirino River, known for its striking blue-green, crystal-clear waters. Set out by canoe and drift along this peaceful waterway, surrounded by gentle currents, reeds, and birdsong in one of Abruzzo's most serene landscapes. As the saying goes, all roads lead to Rome. After this peaceful encounter with nature, continue your journey to the Italian capital, arriving in the late afternoon for a two-night stay in the Eternal City. (B, L)

Day 11: Rome This morning, embark on an extensive walking tour through Rome's medieval district, a captivating neighbourhood that grew atop the ruins of the ancient city. Wander through its narrow cobblestone streets, admire the dark tufa stone buildings, and marvel at the ingenious ways Roman ruins have



Arrival: Venice (VCE)

Departure: Rome (FCO)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Days 1, 2** Hotel Abbazia, Venice
- Days 3 – 5** Borgo Conde Wine Resort, Romagna Countryside, Forlì
- Days 6, 7** Hotel Charlie in Pesaro, Pesaro ▲
- Days 8, 9** Sextantio Albergo Diffuso, Santo Stefano di Sessanio, Abruzzo ▲
- Days 10, 11** Ponte Sisto Hotel, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used. ▲ Room upgrade available.

11 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Venice • Pre-Night Stay

Rome • Post-Night Stay

Venice • Pre-Tour Hosted Extension

2 Nights, Starting at \$1,750 pp

Extend your Italian adventure with two magical nights in Venice, exploring canals, culture, and hidden gems.

Rome • Post-Tour Fully Guided Extension

2 Nights, Starting at \$2,625 pp

Explore Rome's iconic sights, including the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, and more.

COMBINE TOURS, EXPLORE MORE

This tour pairs well with Italy: Amalfi Coast to Puglia for a seamless, immersive journey.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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This tour launches in July 2027. To see details for earlier departures, visit the **Best of Italy** tour page on our website.

been repurposed over the centuries. Ascend to the panoramic terrace of the Vittoriano to take in one of Rome's most breathtaking views. From this vantage point, gaze out over the remnants of the Roman Empire, from the sprawling Forum to the iconic Colosseum. The afternoon is yours to explore the Eternal City at your

own pace, soaking in its timeless charm. This evening, come together to celebrate the end of your Italian adventure with a farewell dinner and a toast to the unforgettable journey you've shared. (B, D)

Day 12: Rome - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with fond memories of Italy. (B)



Bonifacio

COMING SOON



Sardinia & Corsica: Islands of Italy & France

15 Days

Step beyond mainland Italy and discover two islands that feel worlds apart. In Sardinia, wander through ancient Nuraghe ruins, meet artisans keeping the legendary Mamuthones traditions alive, and soak in a culture with its own language, customs, and unmistakable identity. Then cross to Corsica, where dramatic mountain scenery and the Strait of Bonifacio set the stage for French heritage with a fiercely independent spirit. Balanced with plenty of time to unwind along the Emerald Coast and cruise through the Maddalena Archipelago, this journey is equal parts history, legend, and laid-back coastal beauty.

Tour inclusions and available options may vary based on departure date. This tour is in development and final itinerary is subject to change.

A glimpse of what awaits:

- Cruise through the Maddalena Archipelago on a boat tour and step onto postcard-perfect beaches to take in views of the Emerald Coast.
- Dive into Sardinia's countryside and enjoy a rustic lunch with a local shepherd.
- Choose to explore Sardinia's countryside via 4x4 jeep adventure or learn a traditional Sardinian craft during a hands-on workshop.
- Spend free time in Alghero, where waterfront restaurants, charming streets, and local shops make it easy to soak up everyday island life.
- Discover Bonifacio, a cliffside town with a walkable old quarter full of shops and cafés overlooking the sparkling sea.



COMING SOON



Gems of Tuscany

11 Days

Go beyond the Tuscany you already know and love on a journey that blends the seaside with classic countryside charm. Explore the quieter Versilia Coast, take a day trip to the island of Elba, and see a different side of Italy that feels both relaxed and full of “wow” moments. With a visit to the Butteri cowboys of Maremma, time to unwind in the Orcia Valley and storybook Pienza, and the option to soak in Saturnia’s cascading thermal springs, this journey blends rustic tradition with pure Tuscan ease — plus get a taste of Florence, where art and history surround you at every turn.

Tour inclusions and available options may vary based on departure date. This tour is in development and final itinerary is subject to change.

A glimpse of what awaits:

- Soak up the laid-back charm of the Versilia Coast, enjoying a quieter stretch of Tuscany with time to unwind by the sea.
- Spend a full day on the island of Elba, exploring scenic harbour towns and enjoying free time surrounded by Mediterranean views.
- Step into rustic Tuscany in Maremma with a visit to the Butteri cowboys, learning about their traditions and deep-rooted local heritage.
- Slow down in the Orcia Valley, taking in rolling hilltop landscapes, cypress-lined roads, and the peaceful beauty of the Tuscan countryside.
- Choose to unwind at Saturnia’s cascading thermal springs, soaking in naturally warm waters.

Flavours of Italy

Famous Food, Wine & Ferrari

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS • STARTING AT \$10,999



Tuscany

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$10,999 (DOUBLE)** or **\$13,699 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 23 April 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October – December 2026; March – June 2027

(different itinerary – see note*)

July – November 2027; March – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for July 2027 – June 2028 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Rome, Assisi, Home-Hosted Lunch, Truffle Hunting, Olive Oil Tasting, Tuscan Villa Stay, *Chianti* Wine Tasting, Florence, Ferrari Museum, Pavarotti's Home, Parmesan Cheese Experience, Balsamic Vinegar Producer

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Hunt for truffles with a local expert and his truffle-sniffing dogs.
- Visit the Ferrari Museum, showcasing iconic design and innovation.
- Enjoy three nights in a restored Tuscan villa.
- Explore Assisi, the historic birthplace of St. Francis.
- Tour a traditional *Parmigiano-Reggiano* dairy and enjoy a tasting.
- Discover Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance."
- Enjoy a private opera concert in the home of the great opera singer Luciano Pavarotti.
- Experience a home-cooked meal in one of Umbria's country homes.
- Savour the famous *Chianti* red wine during a tasting at a winery in Tuscany's rolling hills.

Day 1: Rome, Italy Italy's dynamic capital city beckons. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring independently. As evening approaches, get a taste of local culture with an *aperitivo* — a relaxed tradition of small bites and drinks that offers an easy way to unwind at the hotel and get to know your fellow travellers.

Day 2: Rome - Narni - Umbria Region This morning, transfer to Umbria. Visit the hill town of Narni and step into a long-forgotten world as you explore an archaeological site hidden beneath the village. Moving through atmospheric chambers, frescoed rooms, and historic passageways, uncover the stories behind this lost world. In the afternoon, continue through a landscape of olive groves and cypress trees on your way to your hotel. Enjoy the peaceful rhythm of country life in a pristine Umbrian town, your home for the next three nights. (B)

Day 3: Umbria Region Travel to Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis. Set out on a walking tour of the old city with a local guide, learning about its history as you stroll the medieval streets. Visit the famous Basilica of St. Francis and admire Giotto's frescoes. Later, a local family welcomes you to their country home

for lunch as their honoured guest. Share stories and make an Umbrian friend (or two). (B, L)

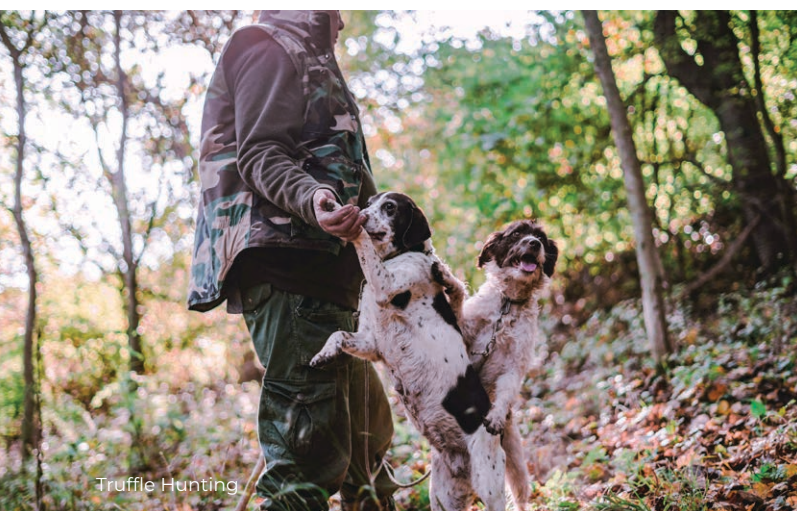
Day 4: Umbria Region In the shadow of the Apennines, discover the flavours of Umbria's renowned culinary heritage. During an **IMPACT MOMENT**, join a local truffle hunter in search of the elusive *fungi* in the company of his trained truffle-sniffing dogs. Sample the goods yourself during a rustic, home-cooked lunch before returning to your hotel in the late afternoon. (B, L)

Day 5: Umbria Region - Chianti Region, Tuscany Take in views of Lake Trasimeno and pause at a family-owned *frantoio* (olive press), where olives are pressed each November. After learning about the many varieties of trees and traditional oil-making methods, roll up your sleeves and join in for a cooking class of Umbrian specialties doused in their oil and accompanied by a hearty lunch. In the afternoon, drive through the Chianti countryside to a restored Tuscan villa where your hotel is located. (B, L)

Day 6: Chianti Region, Tuscany Spend a quintessential Chianti day exploring the legendary rolling hills of Tuscany, covered in vineyards and olive groves. Countryside backroads lead you to an artisanal pasta factory,



Assisi



Truffle Hunting

the village of Greve, as well as a family-owned winery producing Chianti Classico. Visit the historic cellars before sampling their wines during a tasting accompanied by local cheeses and charcuterie. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. As the sun begins to set, gather with your fellow travellers for a dinner of Tuscan specialties. (B, D)

Day 7: Chianti Region - Florence
Explore Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." Today, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Join a local expert for an extensive walking tour of the city's highlights -**OR**- visit the Ferragamo Museum, celebrating Italy's enduring influence on global style. Take some time on your own to explore the city's seemingly endless treasures before returning to your Tuscan villa in the evening. (B)

Day 8: Chianti Region - Reggio Emilia
Begin your day travelling through the Apennine Mountains, crossing into the Emilia region, a haven for food lovers and creatives. This afternoon, visit the countryside home of the great opera singer Luciano Pavarotti. Tour the rooms that were once his residence, still filled with family heirlooms and mementos from his legendary career. Your visit concludes with a private opera concert where vocalists-in-training perform some

of the Maestro's favourite arias. Afterwards, continue to Reggio Emilia, your home for the next three nights. (B, L)

Day 9: Reggio Emilia This morning, visit Modena, the hometown of Enzo Ferrari. Explore the Ferrari Museum showcasing vintage vehicles, several famous engines, and a multimedia presentation before spending some time in the old town. Return to Reggio Emilia mid-afternoon. Before settling in for an evening at leisure, explore the town and visit the historic hall where Italy's three-coloured national flag was created. (B)

Day 10: Reggio Emilia Early this morning, visit a local dairy producing *Parmigiano-Reggiano* cheese according to traditional codes dating back to the 1300s. Then, pause at an *agriturismo* where the owners still age their balsamic vinegar production in the attic as countless generations have done before them. After a tasting and light lunch, return to Reggio Emilia for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, come together for a toast to the memorable journey you've shared. (B, L)

Day 11: Reggio Emilia - Tour Ends
Your journey through the flavours of Italy comes to a close today. (B)



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Day 1** Kolbe Hotel, Rome
- Days 2 – 4** Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto, Umbria
- Days 5 – 7** Villa San Lucchese Hotel, Chianti Countryside, Tuscany
- Days 8 – 10** Hotel Posta, Reggio Emilia

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

10 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Lunches (L) • 1 Dinner (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Rome • Pre-Night Stay

Emilia Region • Post-Night Stay

Rome • Pre-Tour Guided Extension
2 Nights, Starting at \$2,625 pp

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Reggio Emilia

Italy's Treasures

Art, Food & Wine of Italy

11 DAYS • 18 MEALS • STARTING AT \$9,199

Cinque Terre

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at \$9,199 (DOUBLE) or \$10,999 (SOLO)

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Prices based on 7 November 2026 departure.*

TOUR DATES

November 2026; March – June 2027 (featured itinerary)

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Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Stresa & Lake Maggiore, Italian Riviera, Portofino, Cinque Terre, Carrara Marble Quarries Off-Road Excursion, Tuscan Countryside, Italian Cooking Class, San Gimignano, Florence, Balsamic Vinegar Tasting, Venice

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- During an Impact Moment, experience the locals' dedication to preserving the way of life of their small mountain village.
- Journey by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a lovely welcome dinner.
- Go off-roading in the famous marble quarries of Carrara, exploring how the precious stone shaped this region.
- Taste traditionally made balsamic vinegar at a family-owned *acetaia*.
- Discover the cultural landscape of traditional terraced olive groves in Cinque Terre.
- Immerse yourself in Florence's countless treasures on a guided tour of the city.
- Spend two nights in Venice, basking in the romantic atmosphere of this timeless city.
- Learn the art behind Tuscan cuisine during a hands-on cooking lesson.

Day 1: Stresa, Italy Begin on the arresting shores of Lake Maggiore, surrounded by the peaceful beauty of the Alpine lakes region. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring independently and admiring the views. This evening, cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands, where you'll engage with new friends at a dinner welcoming you to Italy. (D)

Day 2: Stresa During an **IMPACT MOMENT**, visit an ancient village nestled in the mountains, where a local family is actively working to preserve local traditions and historic buildings. After a tour of the village, they invite you to sample their very own artisanal cheeses, paired with the region's best wines. The remainder of the day in Stresa is at your leisure. Explore its piazzas, flower-lined cobblestone streets, and lakeside promenades. Or, enjoy your breathtaking surroundings during an optional cruise to Isola Bella, known as the "beautiful island." Here, an expert will guide you into the Borromeo Palace, a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an enchanting garden. (B, L)

Day 3: Stresa - Portofino - Chiavari, Italian Riviera Journey to the Italian Riviera and discover its immeasurable grandeur along the Liguria coast.

Spend some free time in the famous village of Portofino, known for its picturesque harbour and vibrant colours, and as a glamorous getaway spot and retreat for the jet set. Early this evening, arrive in Chiavari and settle in for your two-night stay in this charming coastal town. (B, D)

Day 4: Chiavari - Cinque Terre Travel by rail today as you discover the colourful Cinque Terre, a string of once-upon-a-time fishing villages, perched on the edge of the sea. Feel like you have stepped back in time as you traverse the rugged coastal area dotted with terraced vineyards and hop off to visit two of these fabled locales. (B)

Day 5: Chiavari - Carrara Marble Quarries - Tuscany Veer off the beaten path to visit one of Italy's natural wonders: the Carrara marble quarries. During an off-road drive in the Apuane Mountains, you'll follow the pathways carved by quarrymen while extracting the precious stone. Over the centuries, Carrara marble was used by artists such as Michelangelo to carve his legendary statue of David. Continue on through the rolling hills of Tuscany, ending the day in a historic Tuscan villa for a rejuvenating 4-night stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Tuscany - San Gimignano This morning, take in Tuscany's



Carrara Marble Quarry



San Gimignano

landscape, a spectrum of verdant vineyards and endless groves en route to San Gimignano. Nicknamed the Manhattan of the Middle Ages, San Gimignano's 14 towers soar distinctively over the landscape, making this iconic hilltop village stand out against the rolling hills. Later, journey into the heart of the Chianti countryside, where a family-owned villa welcomes you. After a tour of the house and grounds, engage in a hands-on cooking lesson. Break bread during an authentic Tuscan dinner and toast to your host with local Chianti wine. (B, D)

Day 7: Tuscany - Florence Welcome to Florence – the birthplace of the Renaissance and the beloved home of the Medici family, Galileo, Botticelli, and da Vinci. Set out on a walking tour of Florence's treasures and monuments, highlighting the Piazza del Duomo and the famous Gates of

Paradise on the Baptistery. You'll also wander past the Palazzo Vecchio, the Signoria and Santa Croce squares. Enjoy some time to explore Florence independently before returning to your villa in the early evening. (B, D)

Day 8: Tuscany Spend a relaxing day of *dolce far-niente* (sweet do-nothing) at your Tuscan villa. Stroll the surrounding countryside or just take in the views from your favourite spot in the garden. Or, embark on an optional truffle hunt, led by a local expert and trained truffle-sniffing dogs. As you wander along unpaved trails, learn about the fascinating world of truffles and the techniques used to forage them. Indulge in a truffle-themed lunch before returning to your villa in the late afternoon. (B)

Day 9: Tuscany - Venice A morning transfer takes you from Tuscany to the Emilia region for a visit to a family-



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Days 1, 2** Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa ▲
Days 3, 4 Grand Hotel Torre Fara, Chiavari, Italian Riviera
Days 5 – 8 Villa Lecchi, Chianti Countryside, Tuscany
Days 9, 10 Hotel Ca' dei Conti, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used. ▲ Room upgrade available.

10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Stresa • Pre-Night Stay

Venice • Post-Night Stay

Turin & Piedmont Wine Country • Pre-Tour Hosted Extension
 2 Nights, Starting at \$2,625 pp

Ease into Italy with elegant Turin, vineyard-strewn hills, Barolo tastings, and rich Piedmont flavours.

Venice • Post-Tour Hosted Extension

2 Nights, Starting at \$1,050 pp

Extend your Italian adventure with two magical nights in Venice, exploring canals, culture, and hidden gems.

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owned *acetaia*. Tour the attic, where balsamic vinegar has been produced for five generations, and discover this generational process, which spans 12 to 25 years. Enjoy a light lunch infused with balsamic vinegar, before continuing to Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic," for a two-night stay in one of the world's most romantic cities. (B, L)

Day 10: Venice Spend the day in Venezia, the floating city home to lavish art collections, wonders of architecture, and where marbled palaces tower over gondola-laden canals. A local guide takes you on a

walking tour of its incredible sites, including the Bridge of Sighs, the Bell tower, and St. Mark's Square. Then, travel by boat to Murano for an expert glass-blowing demonstration, a renowned tradition on the island. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore more of Venice on your own. Consider an optional gondola cruise to experience Venice's most famous pastime. This evening, say *arrivederci* to Italy at a savoury farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Venice - Tour Ends Wake up in Venice and depart for home. (B)

Italy: Amalfi Coast to Puglia

13 DAYS • 18 MEALS • STARTING AT \$11,399

Positano

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$11,399 (DOUBLE)** or **\$14,049 (SOLO)**

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Prices based on 19 March 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October – December 2026; March – June 2027

(different itinerary – see note*)

July – November 2027; March – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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HIGHLIGHTS

Naples, Ercolano, Wine Tasting, Minori, Amalfi, Positano, Matera, Lecce, *Tarantella* Folk Music & Dance Performance, Castellana Stalactite Caves, Alberobello

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Impact Moment: Discover traditional Neapolitan songs and music during a private performance at a local social enterprise.
- Sample the traditional food and robust wines of Puglia.
- Discover the secrets of making *limoncello* in the place where the liqueur originated.
- Experience Italian landscape and culture like never before by staying in two unique accommodations - conical Trulli homes & boutique cave-dwelling accommodation.
- Explore a *sfusato* lemon grove and hike the Amalfi Coast's ancient Path of Lemons.
- Visit a pasta factory and taste an iconic Italian dish.

Day 1: Naples, Italy Arrive in Naples, a vibrant mecca for locals and travellers alike. Volcanic landscapes give way to medieval architecture and Grecian lanes, creating a unique culture exclusive to Naples. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Toast to the start of your Italian getaway, looking out over the deep blue Bay of Naples to Mt. Vesuvius looming in the distance.

Day 2: Naples Explore Naples' exuberant historic city centre (UNESCO) and underground ancient ruins with a local guide. During your afternoon at leisure, consider visiting the nearby National Archeological Museum and peruse relics from Pompeii and Ercolano. Tonight's **IMPACT MOMENT** comes in the form of a private concert, performed by the *Napulitanata* social enterprise, which supports Italian heritage and abates the city's high unemployment. And a perfect finale: our welcome dinner gathered around a beautiful pizza, the iconic jewel of Neapolitan cuisine. (B, D)

Day 3: Naples - Optional Excursion to Isle of Capri Take the day to explore the lively city of Naples on your own. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion and sail to the enchanting Isle of Capri, where you'll

reach the world-famous *Piazzetta* and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation, and outdoor cafés. Join your guide on a panoramic drive to Anacapri to sample local food and wine, then sail back to Naples in the afternoon. (B)

Day 4: Naples - Ercolano - Minori Begin your day exploring the archeological site of Herculaneum in Ercolano, at the western foot of Mount Vesuvius. Imagine Roman society of the past as you wander through the excavated ruins of Ercolano with a guide. Then, visit a pasta factory and taste an iconic Italian dish right where it is produced during a light lunch. Watch the sun fade along the horizon in coastal Minori, your new home for the next three nights. (B, L)

Day 5: Minori - Amalfi - Positano - Minori Journey by boat to Amalfi, the rocky coast's namesake town. Formerly a maritime republic, Amalfi puts a historic spin on the seaside hubs, containing cobblestone piazzas and towering mosaicked cathedrals. Enjoy some time at leisure, then ferry past tumbling cliffs and pastel-coloured houses on your way to Positano. Enjoy a free afternoon in this resort town, perhaps browsing the posh boutiques or resting along the beach. Return to Minori by ferry. (B)



Arrival: Naples (NAP)

Departure: Bari (BRI)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Days 1 – 3** Royal Continental Hotel, Naples ▲
Days 4 – 6 Hotel Villa Romana, Minori, Amalfi Coast
Days 7, 8 Locanda di San Martino Hotel, Matera
Days 9, 10 Santa Chiara Suite Hotel, Lecce, Puglia
Days 11, 12 Trulli Holiday Albergo Diffuso, Alberobello, Puglia

On some dates alternate hotels may be used. ▲ Room upgrade available.

12 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Naples • Pre-Night Stay

Alberobello • Post-Night Stay

Naples • Pre-Tour Guided Extension

2 Nights, Starting at \$ 2,100 pp

Give yourself the luxury of extra time in Naples, including a day trip to the enchanted Isle of Ischia.

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Day 6: Minori A fishing village of terraced lemon groves, Minori exudes the quintessential *Amalfitana* vibe. Start your morning in a garden and learn about *sfusato* lemons, used in *limoncello*. Sample this fragrant liqueur before hiking along the coast. You'll travel the rugged Path of Lemons — an ancient, hilly route that links Minori with the nearby town of Maiori. Explore on your own before returning by boat. This afternoon, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** You can enjoy the relaxed Mediterranean atmosphere of Minori like a local, sipping coffee and people watching **-OR-** explore the nearby village of Ravello and its amazing views from the picturesque gardens of Villa Rufolo. (B, D)

Day 7: Minori - Matera This morning, discover one of Italy's delectable cheese products during a visit to a dairy farm. Taste freshly made mozzarella for lunch before continuing south to Matera (UNESCO), whose inimitable scenery has been featured in blockbuster films. Experience the town's cave dwellings, your home for the next two nights. Each cave is unique, half-excavated and half-carved from the land. In this unparalleled accommodation, connect with the Italian landscape like never before. (B, L)

Day 8: Matera Today, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** You can hike into Matera's 9,000-year-old history on a guided hike along its hillside caves, narrow passages, and steep alleys known to locals as the *Sassi* **-OR-** discover local recipes during a cooking demonstration inside one of the rock dwellings. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Matera's heritage. Perhaps you'll visit the remarkable *Palombaro Lungo* underground water cistern or head out of town for a hike through the surrounding countryside dotted with prehistoric caves and medieval rock churches. (B)

Day 9: Matera - Lecce Cross into the Puglia region and pause at a wine museum to learn about the special wines produced in Puglia before continuing to Lecce, a Baroque powerhouse of limestone. Get to know the city with a local expert and take in its iconic architecture and papier-mâché craftsmanship. (B, L)

Day 10: Lecce - Otranto - Lecce Today, visit the picturesque village of Otranto and enjoy its characteristic winding lanes and hidden cafés. Take your time for a relaxing lunch along the sea and enjoy your time at leisure in one of the pearls of Salento. Reconvene in the evening for a private folk music and dance performance, highlighting the traditional *pizzica* e

taranta. According to legend, spider bites cause the women to dance with feverish energy. (B)

Day 11: Lecce - Castellana - Alberobello Discover one of Puglia's most impressive natural landscapes: the underground complex of the Castellana Caves, a vast labyrinth of limestone chambers adorned by clusters of stalactites and stalagmites, formed over millennia. This afternoon, arrive in Alberobello, (UNESCO), a whimsical city known for its *trulli*, stone huts with cone-shaped roofs. Meander with your guide through a labyrinth of these gnomish houses, some adorned with symbols

carrying religious or astrological meanings. Make your way to your personal room in one of these peculiar houses that will be your home for the next two nights. (B)

Day 12: Alberobello Today, take a tour of an olive oil mill and taste a variety of extra virgin olive oils. Back in Alberobello, enjoy free time to further explore the city on your own. As the day draws to a close, gather to wish Italy goodbye at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Alberobello - Tour Ends Depart for home with treasured memories of rocky shores and cobblestone streets. (B)

Sicily and Its Isles

13 DAYS • 19 MEALS • STARTING AT \$11,749



Taormina

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$11,749 (DOUBLE)** or **\$13,699 (SOLO)**

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Prices based on 13 October 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026; April – June 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

July – October 2027; April – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for July 2027 – June 2028 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Palermo, Monreale, Cooking Class and Wine-Pairing Lunch, Marsala, Stagnone Salt Pans & Lagoon Sailing, Olive Oil Farm, Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, Cefalù, Isle of Salina, Caper Farm, Taormina, Mount Etna Off-Road Excursion

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Delve into the belly of Palermo on a walking food tour of the historic city centre.
- Spend two nights in Taormina and tour its iconic Greek theatre.
- During an Impact Moment, visit an olive grove for a taste of sustainably produced oil and learn how their ethical farming methods help combat the Mafia.
- Ascend the sides of Mount Etna in off-road vehicles.
- Soak up the relaxed ambiance of the Aeolian Islands with a 2-night stay on the Isle of Salina.
- Meet a winemaker and engage in a hands-on cooking class in the countryside.
- Savour salty capers and sweet *Malvasia* wine at a local producer on the Isle of Salina.

Day 1: Palermo, Italy Arrive in Palermo, Sicily's vibrant capital city. As travellers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing. Spend the day exploring independently, taking in Palermo's gritty, unshakable spirit and captivating energy. Late this afternoon, we'll meet for a briefing about the journey ahead. Tonight, come to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Palermo Begin your adventure tasting your way through Palermo's lively markets on a walking tour unveiling the city's historic centre and introducing you to traditional Sicilian street food. Palermo's culinary heritage layers Arab and Norman influences with local produce such as wild fennel, olives, and spices. This afternoon, head to Monreale Cathedral, ascending 92 steps on foot to see its majestic Byzantine mosaics. Then, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Explore the cathedral's cloisters, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic complex **-OR-** ascend the southern tower's narrow staircase to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo. (B, L)

Day 3: Palermo - Marsala Make your way to a family-owned winery deeply nestled in Sicily's largest wine-producing region. Venture off

the beaten path and meet a local winemaker. Learn about the local types of grapes and production techniques, before joining a hands-on cooking class just for your group. Share the meal you prepared for lunch, paired with the farm's own wines. Late this afternoon, settle into your hotel in coastal Marsala for a 3-night stay. Perhaps you'll take a sunset walk along the waterfront before heading out for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4: Marsala Discover the ancient craft of sea-salt harvesting during a guided visit to the salt pans of the Stagnone Lagoon, once at the confluence of Phoenician, Greek, and Roman civilizations. Hop on a local boat and take in the views of the lagoon and surrounding, low-lying islands before returning to Marsala for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Marsala The day is yours to explore Marsala as you please. Perhaps you'll visit one of the city's numerous wineries, noted for producing the eponymous fortified wine. Or you may join a full-day optional excursion to Favignana. A short waterjet ride from Sicily's mainland, Favignana island is part of the Egadi archipelago. Once famous for its tuna fish production, this small island boasts crystal clear waters and enchanting gardens. (B)



Cefalù



Olive Grove

Day 6: Marsala - Agrigento Begin the day with an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you visit an olive oil maker who champions ethical, sustainable farming. Hear his story and how he resists the pressures the Mafia tries imposing on local farmers. Stroll through the olive groves and pause for a rustic picnic-style lunch before continuing to Agrigento. This afternoon, explore the imposing Greek ruins of the Valley of the Temples, uncover the myths enshrouding the foundation of ancient Akragas, and watch history come alive. Then, settle in for a 1-night stay and dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Agrigento - Cefalù Coast This morning, travel through rolling hills and peaceful farmland to a family-owned farmhouse, where you'll meet the owners and glimpse daily life on a Sicilian farm. Sit back and tuck into a hearty farm-to-table lunch, made from cherished family recipes. Then, relax aboard your bus as you travel along Sicily's northern coast, en route to a relaxing 2-night stay. As the sun sets, acquaint yourself with the extensive grounds of your cliffside resort before an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 8: Cefalù Coast Today, set off for the seaside town of Cefalù. Stroll the medieval streets and

enjoy ample free time to explore on your own. Perhaps you'll peek into the city's impressive cathedral showcasing Norman architecture or take in Sicilian medieval art at the Mandralisca Museum. Return to your coastal resort mid-afternoon. You will have time to venture down to the resort's private beach and dip your feet in the Mediterranean, if you choose. (B)

Day 9: Cefalù Coast - Ferry to Aeolian Islands - Isle of Salina Grab your bags and hop on a ferry in Milazzo. Sail by Vulcano and Lipari on your way to Salina, a far-flung isle surrounded by vibrant blue waters and dark volcanic rock. Somewhat off the beaten path, Salina is one of the less-travelled Aeolian Islands, preserved as a holiday getaway for Italians. Upon arrival, take in the island's dramatic landscapes of rocky cliffs as vibrant vineyards pass you by on your way to Pollara, famous for its traditional caper cultivation. Wander through the fields and taste the salted flower buds accompanied by a glass of *Malvasia*, a locally produced dessert wine. Check into your hotel in the late afternoon and start your 2-night stay. (B)

Day 10: Isle of Salina The day is yours to do as you please. Perhaps you'll venture by ferry to a nearby



Arrival: Palermo (PMO)

Departure: Catania (CTA)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2	Hotel Porta Felice, Palermo
Days 3 – 5	Hotel Stella d'Italia, Marsala, Sicily
Day 6	Hotel Foresteria Baglio della Luna, Agrigento
Days 7, 8	Mangia's Pollina Resort, Cefalù ▲
Days 9, 10	Hotel La Salina Borgo di Mare, Salina
Days 11, 12	Splendid Hotel, Taormina ▲

On some dates alternate hotels may be used. ▲ Room upgrade available.

12 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Palermo • Pre-Night Stay

Taormina • Post-Night Stay

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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island, settle into a café by the sea, and soak in local life while sampling their every flavour of granita ice-slush. Or stay local, slow your rhythm and simply bask in the gentle pace of this small island. (B)

Day 11: Isle of Salina - Ferry to Sicily - Taormina Early this morning, ferry back to mainland *Sicilia*. Journey along the Ionian Coast to Taormina, a seaside hub of ancient Greek theatres and hilly walkways. Discover its well-preserved Greek theatre in the company of a local guide. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in unparalleled views of the Mediterranean Sea. Spend the evening on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk

café or peruse the local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs. (B)

Day 12: Taormina - Mount Etna - Taormina See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the morning exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks before returning to Taormina for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, toast to your Sicilian sojourn at dinner, surrounded by local musicians. (B, D)

Day 13: Taormina - Tour Ends Your journey through Sicily comes to a close today. Return home with memories of Italy's favourite island. (B)

Old World Sicily & Malta

11 DAYS • 15 MEALS • STARTING AT \$9,149



Valletta

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$9,149 (DOUBLE)** or **\$10,899 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 7 November 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026 – June 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

September 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for September 2027 – June 2028 tour departures.
Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Malta, Grand Harbour Boat Ride, Valletta, Ferry to Sicily, Aromatic Herb Farm Tour, Ragusa-Ibla, Siracusa, Mount Etna Off-Road Excursion, Taormina's Greek Theatre

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Ascend the sides of Mount Etna (UNESCO) in off-road vehicles.
- Explore the flavours of Maltese cuisine during a typical dinner at a traditional band club.
- Soak up the island ambiance of Malta with a 4-night stay in Sliema.
- Pass by Baroque architecture and wrought iron balconies on a winding walking tour of Ragusa (UNESCO).
- Pause for a Sicilian home-hosted lunch on the slopes of Mount Etna.
- Spend 3 nights in Taormina (UNESCO) and explore its iconic Greek theatre.
- Explore Valletta (UNESCO), the capital of the Knights of Malta, a city "built by gentlemen for gentlemen."
- Visit a family-owned organic herb farm and enjoy a lunch flavoured with delicious aromatic plants.

Day 1: Sliema, Malta Start your journey with a 4-night stay in Sliema, a welcoming Maltese resort town with a lively waterfront promenade. As travellers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Stretch your legs and take in views of Marsamxett Harbour and Manoel Island. Uncover Malta's deeply rooted heritage, teeming with mysterious prehistoric temples and Renaissance architectural masterpieces. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Sliema - Valletta - Sliema

Begin your adventure with a panoramic sailing of Valletta's (UNESCO) Grand Harbour aboard traditional *dghajsa* boats before exploring the Maltese capital during a walking tour led by a local expert. View the skyline of the Three Cities from the Upper Barrakka Gardens and take in the elegant profile of the Grand Master's Palace. Then, enjoy some free time to explore on your own. This afternoon, visit the private home of a modern-day Knight of Malta before hopping on the local ferry back to Sliema for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Sliema - Maltese Village Experience

Enjoy a morning at leisure. Perhaps you'll join a half-day

optional tour to Mdina — the "Silent City" and Malta's ancient capital. This afternoon, immerse yourself in Maltese traditions as you board a retro bus for a village where daily life and customs remain unchanged. Experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you are hosted for dinner at a traditional band club. Band clubs have a special place in the community. A source of intense pride and with a solid place in Maltese social culture, the band club's premises are an ideal meeting point for locals to exchange gossip, play a game of pool, or engage in village *festa* activities. (B, D)

Day 4: Sliema The entire day is yours. With free time, you might choose to relax in Sliema or venture back to Valletta for a visit to Caravaggio's masterpiece housed in Saint John's Co-Cathedral. Or, join an optional full-day exploration of the Isle of Gozo, the second-largest island of the Maltese archipelago and home to the Ggantija temple complex (UNESCO), which is older than Stonehenge. (B)

Day 5: Sliema - Ferry to Sicily - Ragusa, Italy Early this morning, grab your bags and hop on a ferry to Sicily. Pause in the seaside town of Pozzallo for a Sicilian breakfast. As in most of Italy, breakfast in Sicily is a simple but tasty affair, traditionally



Taormina



Siracusa

consisting of a pastry and cappuccino. Continue your culinary exploration of the Sicilian countryside with an **IMPACT MOMENT** at a visit to a family-owned herb farm to learn about their sustainable production of organic aromatic plants. Then, during lunch, enjoy dishes enlivened with herbs grown on the farm — a delightful way to experience the region's unique and delicious flavours. This afternoon, settle into your hotel for a leisurely 3-night stay in the heart of Ragusa. (B, L)

Day 6: Ragusa - Ragusa-Ibla - Ragusa Explore Ragusa-Ibla (UNESCO), a time-worn city perched upon a hill. Meander through its late-Baroque neighbourhood with an expert guide, passing by winding lanes, cobblestone streets, and wrought iron balconies. Make the most of a free afternoon to explore on your own. As the sun sets, linger in town for dinner on your own. (B)

Day 7: Ragusa The day is yours to do as you please. With free time, you might choose to relax in Ragusa. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to the picture-perfect towns of Scicli and Modica (UNESCO), where you'll enjoy a savoury brunch featuring fresh ricotta at a countryside restaurant before venturing to an Aztec chocolate shop for some sweet samples. (B)

Day 8: Ragusa - Siracusa - Taormina Take in the rugged landscape of southeastern Sicily en route to Siracusa (UNESCO). Then, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Explore the fascinating streets of Ortigia and find out more about local culture and traditions in the company of a local expert **-OR-** take in the views of the old town during a panoramic boat ride. This afternoon, relax during a bus transfer to Taormina, a charming resort town perched high above the Mediterranean Sea. (B)

Day 9: Taormina - Mount Etna - Taormina See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna (UNESCO). Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks before pausing for lunch at a local home. Back in Taormina, enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 10: Taormina Discover Taormina with a local guide, leading you to the city's Duomo, public gardens, and the well-preserved Greek theatre. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent ocean. Enjoy a free afternoon in town. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café or peruse the local



Arrival: Sliema (MLA)

Departure: Catania (CTA)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1 – 4 Land's End Boutique Hotel, Tas-Sliema ▲

Days 5 – 7 San Giorgio Palace Hotel, Ragusa

Days 8 – 10 Excelsior Palace Hotel, Taormina

On some dates alternate hotels may be used ▲ Room upgrade available.

10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 3 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Sliema • Pre-Night Stay

Taormina • Post-Night Stay

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Ragusa

boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs. In the evening, gather with your fellow travellers as you recount memories of the Mediterranean islands accompanied by Sicilian food at dinner, surrounded by local musicians. (B, D)

Day 11: Taormina - Tour Ends Say goodbye to Sicily and the Mediterranean as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

Gems of Greece: Athens, Naxos & Crete

13 DAYS • 21 MEALS • STARTING AT \$11,199



Naxos

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$11,199 (DOUBLE)** or **\$13,699 (SOLO)**

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Prices based on 13 June 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

April – June 2027 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for April - June 2027 tour departures. Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Acropolis Site & Museum, Naxos & Lesser Cyclades Day Cruise, Kitron Distillery & Tasting, Knossos Palace, Cooking Class, Pottery Demonstration, Olive Oil & Wine Tasting, Cretan Folk Dancing & Dinner

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Explore the culture and traditions of Naxos, the largest of the Cyclades islands, where families go back generations and one of the few Greek islands full of year-round residents.
- Visit the famous Acropolis in Athens and the Acropolis Museum dedicated to its artefacts.
- Take a scenic day cruise from Naxos and sail among the Small Cyclades islands.
- Explore the ruins of Knossos Palace, a centre of Minoan civilisation and legend.
- Connect with the mission of Shedia Home, a café and artists' workshop in Athens that supports its community.
- In Archanes, get a local cooking lesson at a co-op café preserving traditional Cretan recipes.
- Enjoy tastings of Cretan olive oils and wines at a family-run olive mill and winery.
- Immerse yourself in Greek folk traditions during a Cretan taverna dinner with dancing.

Day 1: Athens, Greece Arrive in Athens, the capital of Greece and “the cradle of democracy.” Settle in as you prepare to be a part of this immortalised city, home of the famous Parthenon, ancient monuments, and inviting neighbourhoods where you can explore the heart of Greek culture. As travellers’ arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing or meals today. Later this evening, we’ll meet for a briefing about the journey ahead.

Day 2: Athens Begin your day in Athens on a panoramic tour through the city, taking in the history of Athens’ many landmarks. Then, explore artefacts recovered from the Acropolis archaeological site with a guided visit to the Acropolis Museum. Just steps from where ancient relics were recovered, the “new museum” (as the locals still call it) offers incredible views of the Acropolis. After, get to know Plaka, the lively neighbourhood at the foot of the Acropolis, brimming with welcoming restaurants and shops. Here, take time to explore and find a spot for lunch on your own, soaking in your surroundings while indulging in delicious Greek cuisine. Later this evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D).

Day 3: Athens Today, get an up-close look at the iconic Acropolis and its monuments – universal symbols of

classical antiquity. Marvel at the ancient history all around as you stroll beside the Parthenon on a guided tour of the incredible archaeological complex. Next, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** during a stop at a community-minded café and workshop. This café with a mission shines a light on stories of people from the community who have overcome homelessness through work and support of the unique art made onsite. After a light lunch at the café, the rest of the afternoon and evening are yours to explore more of Athens independently. (B, L)

Day 4: Athens - Naxos Get an early start today and set out for the island of Naxos! The journey begins by boarding the ferry with your luggage in hand. Once you’ve set your luggage down, settle in for views of the sea as the ferry stops at islands along the way. Arrive in Naxos, the prosperous, self-sustaining island and the largest of the Cyclades in the Aegean Sea. After getting off the ferry, your first stop is to see the island’s emblem, the giant marble gate at the unfinished Temple of Apollo – Portara. Take free time for lunch on your own before settling in at your hotel. Tonight, gather for dinner at a nearby restaurant in Chora (Naxos Town). (B, D)

Day 5: Naxos - Lesser Cyclades - Naxos This morning, board a sailboat for a full-day cruise to take in the



Crete



Knossos Palace

beauty of Naxos and the nearby Lesser Cyclades islands of Koufonisia. After sailing along the eastern shore of Naxos, step off the boat onto the island of Kato Koufonisi with some time to explore. Enjoy a Greek barbeque lunch with local wines as well as the chance to take a dip in the Aegean Sea's turquoise waters. Next, sail to Ano Koufonisi and take time to stroll along the island's beautiful beaches and visit the small village. Sail on, back towards Naxos to Rina Cave, where you may wish to dive in and explore. Arrive back at your Naxos hotel this evening. (B, L)

Day 6: Naxos Today, trade the seaside bustle of Chora for the mountain villages of Naxos. First, visit the peaceful village of Halki, the former capital of the island, and feel like you've stepped back in time as you stroll its alleys. In the picturesque hilltop village of Apiranthos, take time to explore and slow down among the locals. Later, return to your hotel for some downtime. This evening, sample the local spirits, including Kitron (a liqueur exclusively made on Naxos), served with delicious bites at a third-generation family-owned distillery. Learn about the machinery and distillation process and gain an

appreciation for the unique liqueurs made here. (B)

Day 7: Naxos - Heraklion, Crete

Enjoy the morning at leisure. Later this afternoon with your suitcase in tow, board the ferry to Heraklion, Crete. After a ferry trip, arrive in Crete, the largest of the Greek islands and get your first taste of Cretan cuisine with dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Heraklion This morning, take a walk around Lion's Square – the heart of Heraklion. Next, head to Knossos Palace for a guided tour of the site, a major centre of Minoan civilisation. Among these remarkably preserved ruins, imagine the everyday lives of ancient Minoans and recall legend, as this is considered the mythic place where King Minos kept the Minotaur in his labyrinth. As you travel through the Cretan countryside, take in the sprawling olive groves that have shaped Crete ever since olive cultivation began in Minoan times. In Archanes, visit a women's cooperative café to learn about traditional Cretan dishes and enjoy a hands-on cooking class followed by lunch. Afterward, return to your hotel for an afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L)



Arrival: Athens (ATH)

Departure: Athens (ATH)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1 – 3 Holiday Suites Boutique Hotel, Athens

Days 4 – 6 Galaxy Hotel, Naxos

Days 7, 8 Olive Green Hotel, Heraklion

Days 9 – 11 Samaria Hotel, Chania, Crete

Day 12 Holiday Suites Boutique Hotel, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

12 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Athens • Pre- or Post-Night Stay

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Day 9: Heraklion - Rethymnon - Chania Leaving Heraklion, head towards Chania today with a couple of stops along the way. Visit Margarites, a pottery village. Among the more than 20 pottery workshops in this village, visit the only one that uses both new and old (wood-fired) baking techniques. After watching a pottery demonstration, you can take the opportunity to shop for unique wares. Continue to Rethymnon with its beautiful old town and enjoy free time for lunch. Later, arrive in the city of Chania and gather for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Chania - Vouves - Anoskeli - Chania Set out to explore Chania's old Venetian Harbour, the port city's vibrant hub, built in the 14th century. As you stroll along the narrow streets, you may enjoy sips of Greek coffee or try a local pastry. Then, set out for Vouves to see the world's oldest olive tree, estimated to be an astonishing 2,000 to 4,000 years old. Continue to a family-run olive mill and winery for a tasting of oils and wines paired with a

light charcuterie lunch. Back in Chania, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)

Day 11: Chania Today, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Visit the Archaeological Museum of Chania and explore its treasures on your own **-OR-** join a guided tour of Apta's archaeological site. Spend the afternoon in Chania any way you wish. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers and celebrate the journey. Enjoy dinner and a performance of traditional Cretan folk dances – and join in during a dance lesson! (B, D)

Day 12: Chania - Athens This morning, a short flight takes you back to Athens. Take the afternoon to soak in the city's energy or do some last-minute souvenir shopping. Tonight, gather for a drink and light fare, toasting to the end of your journey through Greece. Look out over the city and soak in the incredible sight of the Acropolis once more, aglow at night. (B)

Day 13: Athens - Tour Ends Your tour of Greece's gems ends today. (B)

Treasures of Türkiye Istanbul, Ancient Ephesus & Cappadocia

13 DAYS • 24 MEALS • STARTING AT \$9,199

Cappadocia

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$9,199 (DOUBLE)** or **\$11,249 (SOLO)**

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Prices based on 6 June 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026; March - June 2027 (featured itinerary)

July 2027 - June 2028 itinerary to include Gallipoli

See website for more details.

*Itinerary featured is for October 2026 - June 2027 tour departures.
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HIGHLIGHTS

Istanbul, Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, Spice Market, Bosphorus Strait Cruise, Ephesus, Pamukkale Archeological Site, Aegean Coast Boat Ride, Impact Moment, Konya, Cappadocia, Grand Bazaar

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Experience a transcendent Whirling Dervishes ceremony.
- Cruise the Dalyan River to the Aegean Coast.
- Explore the towering rock formations of Cappadocia and underground cities of past civilizations.
- Visit Hagia Sophia and the Topkapi Palace in Istanbul's Golden Horn (UNESCO) district.
- Cruise the Bosphorus Strait between Europe and Asia.
- Walk through the ruins of Ancient Ephesus in the footsteps of Paul the Apostle.
- Taste your way around Istanbul's Golden Horn district and Spice Market.
- Learn family recipes during a hands-on cooking class at a restaurant in Cappadocia.

Day 1: Istanbul, Türkiye Welcome to Istanbul, the bridge between east and west, and a hub of intermingling cultures, complex history, and legendary architecture. Settle into your hotel for the next three nights, and then meet your fellow travellers at a welcome briefing before taking the rest of the evening to relax as you please.

Day 2: Istanbul Today, sample some of Istanbul's most iconic sites, which connect Greek-Roman heritage with Ottoman-Islamic Art. First is the 17th-century Blue Mosque with its impressive domes and minarets, followed by Hippodrome, the former sporting and social centre of the Roman Empire. Visit Hagia Sophia (UNESCO), a church-turned-mosque and a true embodiment of Byzantine Architecture, and then Topkapi Palace and Harem, former home to the Ottoman Sultans. Whilst exploring the city's legendary history and architecture, please know that Istanbul is also known for its legendary traffic, which is also an iconic experience — one that requires great patience! This evening, gather at a local restaurant where the chef will delight you with Ottoman-inspired cuisine. (B, D)

Day 3: Istanbul Explore Türkiye's culinary heritage as you taste your way around Istanbul's Golden Horn district during a walking tour that includes a visit to the city's famous

Spice Market and multiple tastings of Turkish specialties sampled from local street vendors. This afternoon, take in Istanbul's majestic skyline as you sail between two continents during a cruise of the Bosphorus Strait, which divides Europe from Asia. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore. Perhaps you'll visit the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art, home to rare artefacts, sculptures, and one of the most important collections of woven carpets in the world, some dating back to the Ottoman Empire. Or, choose to go on an optional excursion to an historic Hammam, where you'll enjoy an authentic Turkish scrub and foam bath. (B, L)

Day 4: Istanbul - Izmir Early this morning, leave the bustle of Istanbul behind and take a flight to Izmir (known as Smyrna in antiquity), Türkiye's third most populous city and your home for the next two nights. Enjoy free time this afternoon to explore the seafront promenade with its shops and restaurants, just a short walk from your centrally located hotel. Afterwards, return to your hotel for some time to relax, then sample the cuisine of Izmir with Diner's Choice — choosing from a variety of local restaurants for an included dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Izmir - Ancient Ephesus - Sirince - Izmir This morning, your



Istanbul Grand Bazaar



Arrival: Istanbul (IST)

Departure: Istanbul (IST)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1 – 3	Elite World Hotel, Istanbul
Days 4, 5	En Hotel, Izmir
Days 6, 7	Arp Hotel, Dalyan
Day 8	Bayir Diamond Hotel, Konya
Days 9 – 11	Zemi Hotel, Cappadocia
Day 12	Elite World Hotel, Istanbul

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

12 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

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in-depth tour of Ancient Ephesus (UNESCO) takes you to the Terrace Houses for a walking tour of these impressive residential villas. See the imposing Library of Celsus, the ruins of the Temple of Artemis, and walk the paths that Paul the Apostle once walked. Conclude the morning with a visit to the Archeological Museum. This afternoon, travel to charming Sirince, a hilltop village once inhabited by the Greek community and abandoned during the population exchange between Türkiye and Greece in 1923. The village today is a rare and protected example of Ottoman Christian architecture, known for its locally produced olive oil, wine, and peaches. Here, relax at a local café, taste a traditional Turkish coffee, and meet with locals who offer Turkish coffee ground readings for those who want to get their fortunes told! (B)

Day 6: Izmir - Pamukkale - Dalyan

Start the day by learning about the folklore of the *nazar boncuk* (evil eye) at a workshop where these traditional talismans are crafted using a process passed down through generations. Next, continue your journey inland to Pamukkale (UNESCO) to visit the famous Cotton Castle — named for its natural cascading thermal pools and white limestone — as well as the ruins of the Greco-Roman period. Whilst here, take a guided tour of the archeological site via golf cart and visit the local museum followed by some free time to visit the site's "Cotton Candy" pools. This evening, arrive in the quaint riverbank town of Dalyan and check into your home for the next two nights at a small, family-run bed & breakfast with simple accommodations and a deck overlooking the river. The evening is yours. Perhaps you'll stroll the streets of Dalyan browsing the local shops or find your favourite café and soak in the local life. (B)

Day 7: Dalyan - Ancient Kaunos - Dalyan

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast this morning before setting off to tour the ruins of Ancient Kaunos followed by a

relaxing boat trip along the river that connects Dalyan to the Mediterranean Sea. Enjoy the unique environment as you pass through the marshland that is home to birds, fish, and turtles. Take in views of the Aegean coastline and make some stops (weather permitting) along the way for swimming. After lunch in a local restaurant, get ready for your **IMPACT MOMENT** at a loggerhead turtle rescue and conservation centre. Return to Dalyan for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 8: Dalyan - Burdur - Konya

Prepare for a full day of travel, beginning early and following the path of the ancient Silk Road trading route that once led from China all the way to Istanbul. Take some time to explore the downtown of Burdur during a quick lunch stop. Continue on to Konya, arriving in the early evening, where dinner is included at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Konya - Sultanhanı

Caravanserai - Cappadocia Begin the morning in Konya with a visit to the Mevlâna Museum, the world centre of the Whirling Dervishes. Next, visit Sultanhanı Caravanserai, one of the largest surviving caravanserais along the Silk Road. After viewing the soaring vaults of this fortified road stop, travel on, arriving in Cappadocia in the early afternoon for a tour of one of the region's famous underground cities. These subterranean towns, some built almost 3,000 years ago, provided refuge for their inhabitants during times of war and invasions. As you head towards your hotel, take in the ethereal scenery and mesmerising rock formations created by thousands of years of volcanic activity and erosion. This evening, check in to your home for the next three nights. (B, D)

Day 10: Cappadocia Get an early start with an optional balloon ride that takes you soaring above the "fairy chimneys" and rock dwellings dotting the hills and valleys below you. After reconvening with your fellow travellers, immerse yourself

in Cappadocia's lunar landscape. Visit Göreme's Open-Air Museum (UNESCO), a vast site comprising of 11 early Christian rock-cut churches and monasteries often adorned with colourful frescoes. For lunch, join a local family for a hands-on cooking class using vegetables from the family's garden, followed by a meal of home-cooked *manti* (traditional Turkish meat-stuffed dumplings). Then, visit a pottery workshop and learn how locals make use of the area's natural resources by extracting clay from the surrounding soil and developing pottery into an art form. Later this evening, come together for a Whirling Dervishes ceremony. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Cappadocia Start the day with a countryside walk in Love Valley, famous for its conspicuous rock formations. Follow the winding path among the fairy chimneys and

contemplate the otherworldly view. This afternoon, you'll learn about the traditional Turkish craft of carpet weaving, from silkworm cultivation to spinning, dyeing, and patterning techniques. (B, D)

Day 12: Cappadocia - Istanbul Head to the airport in Cappadocia this morning for a short flight back to Istanbul. After a drive back to the city, stop at the colourful Grand Bazaar. This intricate complex of covered streets and shops has been in operation for over 600 years and is one of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world. Later this afternoon, check in to the hotel before regrouping for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 13: Istanbul - Tour Ends Your exploration of Türkiye comes to a close today. (B)

Africa & The Middle East

📍 Chobe National Park, Botswana



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A Colourful Approach to a Big Problem

Along Africa's coastlines, discarded ocean debris tells a troubling story. At Ocean Sole, it's given a second life — transformed into striking sculptures that support environmental cleanup and local livelihoods.

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African Lion

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

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TOUR DATES

October 2026 - May 2027 (featured itinerary)

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HIGHLIGHTS

Kruger National Park, Table Mountain, Victoria Falls, 7 Wildlife Safaris, Masai Mara National Reserve, *Out of Africa* Farmhouse, Pyramids of Giza & Great Sphinx, 4-Night Nile River Cruise, Karnak Temple, Valley of the Kings, Kom Ombo, Philae Temple, Grand Egyptian Museum

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a 4-night voyage down the Nile, where temples, tombs, and timeless landscapes unfold at every bend.
- Explore Chinotimba township and market in Victoria Falls for a glimpse of everyday Zimbabwean life.
- Visit Victoria Falls, one of the world's most powerful and breathtaking waterfalls.
- Visit the Karen Blixen farmhouse in Nairobi and step into the world of *Out of Africa*.
- Wander the Khan el-Khalili bazaar in Cairo, a maze of colour, scent, and sound.
- Spot the Big 5 on multiple game drives in South Africa's Kruger National Park and Kenya's Masai Mara.
- Savour Zimbabwean cuisine at the Lookout Café, with views of the Zambezi.
- Dine with a Capetonian family and share stories over dinner in their home.
- Picnic on the savanna during game drives in the Masai Mara and Kruger.

Day 1: Johannesburg, South Africa

Welcome to Johannesburg, South Africa's vibrant gateway city. After your long international flights, today is all about rest and recovery. With your hotel conveniently located near the airport, this evening is designed as a quiet pause before the adventure begins. There are no scheduled activities today, allowing you to settle in. Whilst the city centre is accessible for those who wish to explore, we recommend taking this time to relax and adjust to the new time zone.

Day 2: Johannesburg - Kruger National Park

Leave the city behind and start your adventure with a six-hour overland drive into the wild as you head to Kruger National Park — South Africa's largest game reserve. Your lodge, positioned at the park's entrance, sets the stage for your safari experience. Tonight, gather with fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Kruger National Park

Get your camera ready — today is all about the wildlife! Set out on a full-day game drive in an open-air vehicle, searching for Africa's iconic "Big 5" — the safari "bucket list" of animals includes lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and buffalos. Pause midday for a picnic lunch, then continue your safari adventure into the afternoon. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Kruger National Park This morning in Kruger National Park, **IT'S**

YOUR CHOICE! Rise early for a sunrise safari to watch the landscape awaken **-OR-** or enjoy a slower start and head out later for an afternoon game drive. However you explore, the magic of Kruger surrounds you. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Kruger National Park - Cape Town

Wave goodbye to the wilderness and fly south to Cape Town, South Africa's electric cultural mecca. Settle in for your three-night stay. (B)

Day 6: Cape Town

Start your day with a ride up Table Mountain by cable car, where panoramic views stretch from Lion's Head to Robben Island. Then, dive into Cape Town's rich history on a guided city tour including a drive past the colourful Bo-Kaap and a walk through The Company's Garden. Your tour will end early afternoon, allowing time for lunch at a location of your choice and a free afternoon. Then, travel to a home of a Capetonian family where you're an honoured guest. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like in Cape Town. (B, D)

Day 7: Cape Town Venture along the Western Cape, stopping at the legendary Cape of Good Hope, where dramatic cliffs meet the crashing sea. Take a funicular to the top of Cape Point and hike up to the lighthouse that protects wayward ships from an unfortunate demise. Enjoy lunch

before heading to Boulders Beach to see the protected colony of endangered African penguins. (B, L)

Day 8: Cape Town - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe Fly to one of the world's most awe-inspiring natural wonders — Victoria Falls. Settle in at your lodge overlooking Zambezi National Park. (B, D)

Day 9: Victoria Falls Feel the mist on your face as you stand before the mighty Victoria Falls. After a free afternoon, unwind with a sunset cruise along the Zambezi River. (B)

Day 10: Victoria Falls This morning, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you connect with conservation efforts during a visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust. After, travel into Chinotimba township and market — a great place to shop for some African curios to take back home. (B, L)

Day 11: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Nairobi, Kenya This morning, you might opt to join a responsibly organized wildlife viewing with African elephants in their natural habitat as you learn about them from their handlers. Later this afternoon, fly to Nairobi, your gateway to East Africa's wonders. (B, L)

Day 12: Nairobi - Masai Mara National Reserve Depart Nairobi early this morning and begin your journey in specially designed 4x4 safari vehicles into the Masai Mara, one of Kenya's best spots for wildlife viewing. Traverse along roads that can be bumpy and dusty at times — it all adds to the adventure! Settle into your tented safari camp — a truly special experience that brings you closer to nature. You won't sacrifice comfort in these unique semi-permanent tents complete with plush bedding and en-suite facilities. This afternoon, head out on your first game drive. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Masai Mara National Reserve Today, enjoy morning and afternoon game drives. As you explore the open grasslands and rolling plains, you'll have the chance to see large herds of antelope and wildebeest. Keep your eyes peeled for the "Big 5" and enjoy a picnic lunch on the open plains. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Masai Mara National Reserve After breakfast, depart on an early morning game drive, returning to camp mid-morning. Perhaps you'll spend some time in one of the camp's treehouses, spotting giraffes in the distance. Later, head out on an afternoon game drive, returning to camp as the sun sets. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Masai Mara National Reserve - Nairobi Return to Nairobi and step

into the world of *Out of Africa* with a visit to Karen Blixen's farmhouse. Enjoy a free evening to relax. (B, L)

Day 16: Nairobi - Cairo, Egypt Pre-dawn this morning, say goodbye to your African Tour Manager before boarding your five-hour flight to Cairo, Egypt. Upon arrival, meet your Egyptian Tour Manager, who will accompany you for the rest of the trip. Arrive at your hotel for a two-night stay and take the rest of the day to relax and catch up on sleep after the red-eye flight. This evening, gather for your first taste of Egyptian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 17: Cairo Be prepared for a dose of Cairo's legendary traffic as you head to Giza this morning. Today, stand in awe before the Pyramids of Giza and the enigmatic Great Sphinx - timeless icons of human achievement. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon and enjoy a free evening. (B, L)

Day 18: Cairo - Luxor - Board Ship Rise before dawn for your 75-minute flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, visit the expansive Karnak Temple - a sprawling 4,000-year-old complex of towering pylons and intricate obelisks. Then, board your Nile River cruise ship and settle in for your four-night voyage. After lunch on board, enjoy a leisurely afternoon to explore the ship. This evening, gather for your first dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

Day 19: Luxor - Valley of the Kings - Edfu As dawn breaks, venture to Luxor's West Bank, trekking along the elaborate tombs of the Valley of the Kings. Delve even further into Egyptian legends with an included viewing of the tombs of King Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut as well as the Colossi of Memnon before returning to the ship for a late lunch. In the early afternoon, set sail to Edfu, where you'll arrive early tomorrow morning. (B, L, D)

Day 20: Edfu - Kom Ombo In Edfu, pick between an early or a late start to your day, because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Head out at daybreak for a guided visit of the mesmerising Temple of Horus, returning for a late breakfast aboard **-OR-** rise at your leisure and linger over a relaxed breakfast, as you take in views of a place where daily life has changed little over the centuries. This afternoon, coast along to Kom Ombo and visit a rare double temple. This evening, don a traditional Egyptian gown and join a festive *galabeya* party for a fun evening on board. (B, L, D)

Day 21: Aswan Your morning opens in Aswan, the Nubian city. Discover the mysteries of Philae Temple. Located



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Day 1	Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre, Johannesburg
Days 2 – 4	Mdluli Safari Lodge, Kruger National Park
Days 5 – 7	Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town
Days 8 – 10	Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Victoria Falls
Day 11	Ole Sereni Hotel, Nairobi
Days 12 – 14	Fig Tree Camp, Masai Mara
Day 15	Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport, Nairobi
Days 16, 17	Marriott Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo
Days 18 – 21	M/S <i>Blue Shadow II</i>
Days 22, 23	Marriott Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo
<i>On some dates alternate hotels may be used.</i>	
23 Breakfasts (B) • 14 Lunches (L) • 14 Dinners (D)	

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Johannesburg • Pre-Night Stay
Cairo • Post-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

on a small island, this complex can only be reached by motorboat. Philae is among the architectural wonders rescued from the rising waters of the Nile during the construction of the High Dam. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aswan. This evening, aboard a *felucca* (wooden sailboat), take in the views of the sand dunes on the western shore of the Nile before relaxing over dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

Day 22: Disembark Ship - Fly to Cairo Early this morning, return to Cairo with a 90-minute flight. Upon arrival, head towards the old town and enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous Khan el-Khalili bazaar. Peruse colourful trinkets, hand-painted crafts,

polished pendants, and more. This afternoon, check into your hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B)

Day 23: Cairo This morning, get a glimpse into ancient Egypt's pharaohs, power struggles, and dynasties during a visit to the recently inaugurated Grand Egyptian Museum. This world-class landmark showcases over 100,000 ancient artefacts, including the treasures discovered in 1922 in King Tutankhamun's sepulchre. Tonight, toast to the memories made on this epic journey through Africa at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 24: Cairo - Tour Ends Your adventure in Africa ends today. (B)

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Sossusvlei Dunes

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 11 • Tour Activity Level: 4 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at \$20,999 (DOUBLE) or \$23,699 (SOLO)

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 18 October 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026; April 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

June – October 2027; April – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June 2027 – June 2028 tour departures.
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HIGHLIGHTS

Sossusvlei Dunes, Swakopmund, Etosha National Park, Walvis Bay Dolphin and Seal Cruise, Mondesa Township Tour, 4 Wildlife Safaris, Cape Town, Table Mountain, Cape of Good Hope, Kruger National Park

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Experience a meaningful cultural exchange in Mondesa, where you'll meet locals, explore the open market, visit Herero and Oshiwambo families, and gain insight into Namibian history.
- Enjoy a tasting and lunch at a winery set against Namibia's Erongo Mountains.
- Join a local Capetonian family at a home-hosted dinner and learn about their daily life.
- Explore three distinct natural parks and search for the Big 5.
- Visit a local non-profit in Windhoek dedicated to empowering women through traditional craftwork and skill sharing.
- Be whisked away to the top of Table Mountain on an aerial cable car.
- Witness the otherworldly landscape of Sossusvlei's dunes.

Day 1: Johannesburg, South Africa

Arrive in Johannesburg after your overnight flight. Get settled at your airport hotel and rest before tomorrow's morning flight to Namibia. As arrival times will vary, there are no scheduled activities today. Settle in at your own pace and perhaps explore the city independently.

Day 2: Johannesburg - Windhoek, Namibia

This morning, fly to Windhoek, Namibia's capital city. One of Southern Africa's most fascinating destinations, Namibia is one of the youngest countries in Africa and one of the least populated in the world. With its recent independence from South Africa, this frontier nation is a surprise to most. Get to know your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner at one of the city's amazing restaurants. (B, D)

Day 3: Windhoek - Sossusvlei Enjoy a relaxed morning in Windhoek before continuing your adventure with a drive to Sossusvlei, one of Namibia's most stunning landmarks. Settle in at your lodge after a day of travel and enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Sossusvlei Embark on the experience of a lifetime. Start the day early to ensure the best experience at one of Namibia's most dramatic landscapes – the red sand dunes

of Deadvlei in the Namib desert. A landscape reminiscent of science fiction movies, the Sossusvlei region is home to some of the world's tallest dunes. Climb one of these epic dunes to access Deadvlei, a salt pan famous for its ancient petrified trees. A paradise for photographers and scenery enthusiasts alike, the Namib desert will leave lasting memories. See firsthand how animals survive in this harsh environment, and look for its most famous resident – the oryx! (B, L, D)

Day 5: Sossusvlei - Swakopmund

Say farewell to the Namib desert and set out on another epic journey as you take a long, scenic drive to the coastal town of Swakopmund. With its German colonial architecture, marine wildlife, and striking coastal desert landscapes, Swakopmund is a unique desert oasis. This afternoon, enjoy free time to relax at your hotel or explore the seaside town. (B, D)

Day 6: Swakopmund This morning, explore Mondesa Township on a private tour for an authentic glimpse into daily life in Swakopmund's vibrant community. Meet residents, learn about cultural traditions, and experience the warmth and resilience that define this unique neighbourhood. This afternoon, drive to Walvis Bay and join a marine cruise to search for seals, pelicans, and dolphins. Learn from your cruise guides what makes



Herero woman

this area so unique for these marine animals. Continue your exploration to Pelican Point for a glimpse of some pink feathered friends. (B)

Day 7: Swakopmund - Etosha

National Park Leave this coastal beauty behind as we head to your second Namibian national park – Etosha. During your longest land transfer on this adventure, stop for a tasting and lunch at a winery paving the way for Namibian wines and spirits. Later this afternoon, check in to your rustic lodge and settle in before dinner overlooking the African bush. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Etosha National Park Early this morning, depart for your first game drive. In open-sided safari vehicles, search for rhino, giraffe, lions, elephants, and several types of antelopes. Ostriches may welcome you at every corner and wildebeest may greet you at watering holes. End the day with memories of salt flats and wild animals thriving in a surreal landscape. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Etosha National Park

Continue your Etosha adventure with another full day game drive in open-sided safari vehicles. Spend the day dedicated to wildlife viewing as you venture deeper into the park, searching for its remarkable animals and ever-changing landscapes. (B, D)

Day 10: Etosha National Park -

Windhoek Travel your last Namibian leg of this journey and arrive back in its capital city, Windhoek. Despite it being the capital, enjoy its calm atmosphere during your free afternoon before you join your fellow travellers at dinner to reminisce about your adventure in Namibia. (B, D)

Day 11: Windhoek - Cape Town, South

Africa End your time in Namibia with a meaningful visit to Penduka during an **IMPACT MOMENT**. With its mission to support gender equality and empower women, learn how Penduka supports the local community through traditional craftwork and skill sharing. Then, travel to the airport for your flight to Cape Town, South Africa, and

end your day as a guest of honour in a Capetonian family's home. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like here in Cape Town. (B, D)

Day 12: Cape Town Get to see the natural side of Cape Town today. Travel to Cape Point, the southwestern tip of Africa. Marvel at the vibrant green foliage blanketing the rocky outcrops, contrasting the bright blue waves below. Visit the Cape of Good Hope and stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events – a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Return to the city via Table Bay. (B)

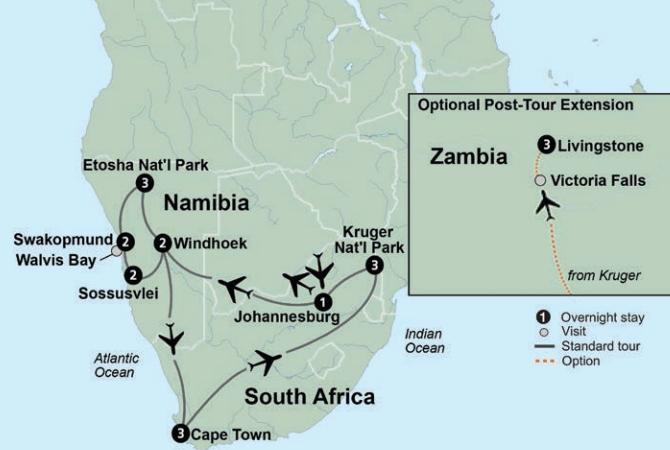
Day 13: Cape Town Today, explore South Africa's eclectic cultural mecca. Rise gently over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain, taking in views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic Robben Island. Then, view the city's heritage sites, historic landmarks, and bustling city centre during a city tour. Enjoy a free afternoon to relax at your hotel or to further explore this fascinating city as you wish. (B)

Day 14: Cape Town - Mpumalanga -

Kruger National Park Say goodbye to city life and hello to South Africa's stunning natural beauty. Fly to Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport as you make your way to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. Then, a two-hour drive will bring you to the unmatched beauty of the African savanna. Check in to your hotel, ideally located at the entrance of the park on the banks of the Sabie River. (B, D)

Day 15: Kruger National Park Pack your camera as you head off on a full day game drive! Search for the "Big 5" from your open-air vehicle and experience some iconic South African scenery. Relax with a picnic lunch within the park, before setting off again for your afternoon game drive. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Kruger National Park Head out again on another full-day game drive for your last opportunity to see



Arrival: Johannesburg (JNB)

Departure: Johannesburg (JNB)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Day 1	Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre, Johannesburg
Day 2	Weinberg Hotel, Windhoek
Days 3, 4	Desert Grace Lodge, Sossusvlei
Days 5, 6	Strand Hotel, Swakopmund
Days 7 – 9	Etosha Safari Lodge, Etosha
Day 10	Weinberg Hotel, Windhoek
Days 11 – 13	The Cape Milner Hotel, Cape Town
Days 14 – 16	Kruger Gate Hotel, Kruger National Park

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

16 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 12 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Johannesburg • Pre-Night Stay

Livingstone • Post-Tour Guided Extension

3 Nights, Starting at \$4,725[†] pp

Experience mighty Victoria Falls, take a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, and visit Mukuni Village.

[†]Additional air segment purchase required.

COMBINE TOURS, EXPLORE MORE

This tour pairs well with The Plains of Africa for a seamless, immersive journey.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

RUGGED ROADS AND FULL TRAVEL DAYS

On this tour we visit some of the most dramatic landscapes on earth. To reach them we travel Namibia's extensive network of unpaved gravel roads. While these are long and bumpy travel days, they add to the allure of this off-the-beaten path destination and allow you to take in the country's epic landscapes.

all the majestic scenery and animals you have come this far to experience. Tonight, join your fellow explorers for dinner and toast farewell to all the extraordinary places you've encountered during this epic African adventure. (B, L, D)

Day 17: Kruger National Park - Johannesburg - Tour Ends Bid farewell to your fellow travellers when you leave Kruger for Johannesburg and head back home. (B)



Boulders Beach

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- Spend multiple days on safari in Kruger National Park.
- Explore the scenic vineyards and towns of the Cape Winelands.
- Enjoy an extended stay in Cape Town with time for Table Mountain and coastal sights.
- Visit the Apartheid Museum, tracing South Africa's journey from segregation to democracy.
- On a guided tour of Soweto, experience the community's vibrant history and character.

African Safari: Kenya and Tanzania

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SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 14 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

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TOUR DATES

October 2026 – May 2027 (featured itinerary)

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HIGHLIGHTS

Nairobi, David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, *Out of Africa* Farmhouse, Amboseli National Park, Shanga Workshop, Karatu, Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti, Lake Eyasi, Tarangire National Park, 7 Game Drives

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- See how a local workshop empowers citizens with disabilities through the Shanga Project.
- Get a peek into the daily lives of two local tribes at Lake Eyasi.
- Visit Karen Blixen's *Out of Africa* farmhouse and feed the sanctuary's Rothschild giraffes.
- Seek out the elusive Big 5 on 7 different game drives.
- Spend three nights on the legendary Serengeti, home to seemingly infinite wildlife.
- Enjoy five picnic lunches on your game drives, taking in the natural landscape around you.

Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya Arrive in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. Serving as the gateway to Africa's sought-out wildlife, Nairobi is the ideal place to get acclimated to the Kenyan lifestyle. As travellers' arrival times will vary greatly, we have no group activities planned during the day. Dinner tonight will be on your own.

Day 2: Nairobi Visit the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, which rehabilitates young or injured elephants. See the gentle giants up close as they are fed and bathed by their caretakers. Head to Karen Blixen's *Out of Africa* farmhouse for lunch before stepping outside to visit the sanctuary's inquisitive Rothschild giraffes. Visit the Kazuri Beads Factory, where mothers are employed and trained as jewellery artisans. In the evening, toast to the start of your African adventure at a savoury welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park Make your way to Amboseli National Park, nestled along the border of Tanzania and looking out on the great Mt. Kilimanjaro. After lunch, get a glimpse into Kenyan culture and interact with locals at a Masai village. Settle into your accommodations for the next two nights – a tented camp with the comfort amenities of a proper lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Amboseli National Park Embrace your wild side on a full-day game drive in Amboseli National Park. This is your first chance to seek out Africa's elusive "Big 5" – the safari "bucket list" of animals includes lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and water buffalos. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the open plains, watching for herds of wildebeest and grazing zebras. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Amboseli National Park - Arusha, Tanzania - Karatu Enter Tanzania, a country devoted to harmony among its people and animals. Today will be an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you visit Shanga, a local jewellery workshop that trains and employs citizens with disabilities. Your day ends in Karatu, a humble town located on the precipice of untamed nature. Overnight in a charming lodge where colourful gardens meet welcoming hospitality. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Karatu - Ngorongoro Crater - Karatu Make the most of more opportunities to spot the local wildlife with a full-day game drive in Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Containing one of the densest mammal populations in the world, this "African Eden" is one of the best places to seek out the "Big 5." Allow the sheer magnitude of the area to wash over you as you enjoy a picnic lunch in the highlands, taking in the flourishing habitat around you. (B, L, D)



Maasai Village



Kilimanjaro

Day 7: Karatu - Serengeti Your path continues to the renowned Serengeti, a Maasai word meaning “endless plains.” Enjoy lunch and venture out on your first Serengeti adventure on an afternoon game drive, returning to camp at dusk. Relax in your exclusive safari abode, your home for the next three nights. The camp includes all of the amenities of a lodge but allows you to remain immersed in nature. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Serengeti Say good morning to the Serengeti! After breakfast, set out and enjoy a full day of animal-seeking safari adventures with a picturesque picnic lunch. (B, L, D)

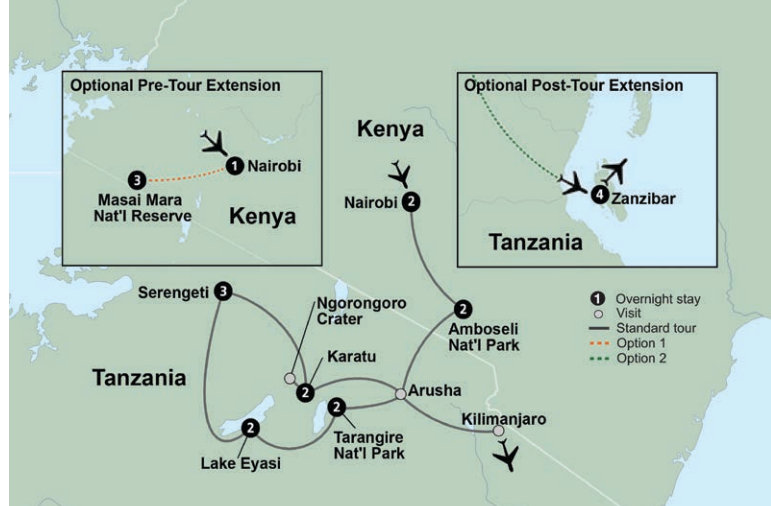
Day 9: Serengeti Lions. Gazelles. Cheetahs. Hippos. There's no telling what you might spot on your full-day game drive. Under the careful guidance of an expert, discover the savanna's wild residents and get a glimpse into the untamed animal kingdom. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Serengeti - Lake Eyasi You're on your way to Lake Eyasi, a lesser-known corner of Tanzania nestled between the plains and escarpments. Pause for a picnic lunch along the way, providing more chances to view the local wildlife. Take a guided safari walk around the salt lake, perhaps passing a wading pat of flamingos or some lively hippos cooling off in the water. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Lake Eyasi See how native communities live in harmony with the environment. Start your morning with the Hadzabe tribe, hunter-gatherers that strive to leave no lasting impact on their surroundings. After lunch back at your lodge, continue with a visit to the Datoga tribe – another community based at Lake Eyasi – and see how their vast farms contribute to day-to-day life. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Lake Eyasi - Tarangire National Park Decide how you spend the morning because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Learn from a local fruit vendor in Mto Wa Mbu village about their trade **-OR-** spend time with a local craftsman who will show you current projects at African Galleria. Then, head to Tarangire, the forested national park known for its giant baobab trees and elephant migration. After lunch, embark on a thrilling game drive. Don't be surprised if you see a pride of lions lounging in the shade, a herd of buffalos wading into the water, or a parade of elephants passing by. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Tarangire National Park Enjoy a full-day game drive, venturing out in the morning on your quest for animal sightings with a break for a picnic lunch in between. Make sure you look to the skies because Tarangire is an aviary paradise, home to more than 500 bird species. Keep your eyes



Arrival: Nairobi (NBO)

Departure: Kilimanjaro (JRO)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2	Ole Sereni Hotel, Nairobi
Days 3, 4	Kilima Safari Camp, Amboseli
Days 5, 6	Country Lodge, Karatu
Days 7 – 9	ThornTree Camp, Serengeti
Days 10, 11	Lake Eyasi Safari Lodge, Lake Eyasi
Days 12, 13	Sangaive Tented Lodge, Tarangire National Park

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

13 Breakfasts (B) • 13 Lunches (L) • 12 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Nairobi • Pre-Night Stay

Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve • Pre-Tour Hosted Extension

4 Nights, Starting at \$2,450 pp

Kick off your journey with 5 game drives in Kenya's iconic Masai Mara, home to Africa's “Big Five.”

Zanzibar • Post-Tour Hosted Extension

4 Nights, Starting at \$2,975[†] pp

Extend your adventure in Zanzibar with a spice tour, marine adventure, and beachside bliss after your Tanzania safari.

[†]Additional air segment purchase required.

COMBINE TOURS, EXPLORE MORE

This tour pairs well with Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana for a seamless, immersive journey.

RUSTIC ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation on this tour offers a more rustic and authentic experience. These properties are smaller and may be simpler in amenities but are carefully chosen for their unmatched locations in national parks and proximity to wildlife, allowing you to wake up to the sounds of nature and immerse yourself fully in the region

peeled for various starlings, weavers, and guinea fowl. Wish Africa goodbye at a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Tarangire National Park - Arusha - Tour Ends Return to Arusha

on the final day of your African adventure. Settle into a dayroom to relax before lunch. Depart with memories of the endless plains and unparalleled wildlife. (B, L)

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Victoria Falls

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PRICING

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TOUR DATES

October 2026 – May 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

June 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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HIGHLIGHTS

Chobe National Park, Pilanesberg National Park, 8 Wildlife Safaris, Cape Winelands, Cape Town, Table Mountain, Elephant Encounter

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Immerse yourself in nature and seek out the Big 5 on 8 wildlife safaris.
- Learn about rescued African elephants during a sanctuary visit.
- Get to know a Capetonian family over a home-hosted dinner.
- Witness the incredible beauty and power of Victoria Falls.
- Sample South African wines in the Cape Winelands at a vineyard tasting.
- Head out for an African sundowner via 4x4 and enjoy the sunset.
- Be whisked away to the top of Table Mountain on an aerial cable car.

Day 1: Johannesburg, South Africa

Your adventure starts in Johannesburg, a vibrant city that revolves around modernity and a gold-mining history. As South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg is home to a wide collection of cultures, museums, and attractions. As travellers' arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Enjoy time to get settled on your own before tomorrow's exploration into the wild. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Day 2: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Fly to Victoria Falls today, an awe-inspiring Natural Wonder of the World. When you arrive, check in to your lodge, an authentic African tent camp with all the amenities of a luxury resort. This afternoon, when the chance to see rainbows is highest, witness the awesome power of Victoria Falls. (B, D)

Day 3: Victoria Falls Embark on an experience of a lifetime. Spend some quality time watching rescued African elephants in their own habitat and witness some of their unique behaviours. After you've worked up an appetite, travel to a township where you will join a local family for a simple home-hosted lunch. This evening, you might choose to enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Zambezi River, taking in the majestic African sunset. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Victoria Falls This morning, choose to take an optional scenic flight over the majestic Victoria Falls or enjoy a relaxed start at the lodge. Later, explore the town. Browse local curio shops or soak up a taste of local life. Then, take part in an **IMPACT MOMENT** with a visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust, where you'll learn how its conservation initiatives are making a difference for local communities and protecting wildlife. This evening, raise a glass to the endless falls during dinner at a restaurant that offers stunning views over the Zambezi River. (B, D)

Day 5: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana Start your day with a visit to a traditional rural homestead, meet the village chief, and come to understand more about traditional ways of living in this part of the world. Cross the border into Botswana and arrive in Chobe, an untamed national park whose namesake river twists its way throughout the area. During a captivating safari cruise along the Chobe River, spot elephants and hippos that linger along the shores and crocodiles basking in the sun. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Chobe National Park On a game drive through Chobe National Park, take in diverse ecosystems and unparalleled biodiversity. After lunch, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon



Botswana



Cape Point

game drive **-OR-** venture down the river again for a different perspective on a safari cruise. Enjoy dinner upon return to the hotel, complete with some local favourites and delicacies, to discuss the sightings of the day. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Chobe - Victoria Falls - Johannesburg - Pilanesberg National Park This morning, transfer to Victoria Falls Airport, where you will fly to Johannesburg. On arrival at Johannesburg, transfer to Pilanesberg National Park, a game reserve set within an ancient crater, where the lions reign as kings. This is the wild Africa you've always dreamt of, now laid out before you, just waiting to be discovered. (B, D)

Day 8: Pilanesberg National Park Before sunrise, in the open expanse of Pilanesberg, drive out in search of the "Big 5" across vast marshlands and craggy landscapes. Later on, an afternoon game drive could take you past the big cats preparing for the hunt, and while you're out there, enjoy a traditional African sundowner with a drink and watch as the sun disappears behind the mountain. Back at the lodge tonight, indulge in a Boma dinner, an authentic, outdoor dining experience. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Pilanesberg National Park Discover the wildlife around you with

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

Day 10: Pilanesberg - Cape Town, South Africa After one final morning game drive, depart the bush and say hello to Cape Town, South Africa's electric cultural mecca that captivates at every turn. (B)

Day 11: Cape Town This morning, rise gently over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain, taking in views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic Robben Island. Pass by historic Bo Kaap, a hillside town known for its narrow cobblestone streets lined with colourful houses. Explore the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, a Cape Town hotspot. From heritage sites and historic landmarks to markets, shops, and restaurants, the waterfront is one of South Africa's most compelling destinations. Tonight, you're an honoured guest in a Capetonian family's home. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like here in Cape Town. (B, D)

Day 12: Cape Town - Cape Winelands - Cape Town Sip South African specialities with a full day exploring the country's winelands. Start in the Stellenbosch Valley and enjoy a



Arrival: Johannesburg (JNB)

Departure: Cape Town (CPT)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Day 1** Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre, O.R. Tambo, Johannesburg
- Days 2 – 4** The Wallow, Victoria Falls
- Days 5, 6** Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane
- Days 7 – 9** Ivory Tree Game Lodge, Pilanesberg National Park
- Days 10 – 13** Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

13 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Johannesburg • Pre-Night Stay

Cape Town • Post-Night Stay

Dubai • Pre-Tour Hosted Extension

3 Nights, Starting at \$2,100[†] pp

Before the safaris, see Dubai's skyscrapers, souks, mosques, and museums, and ride in 4x4s in the desert.

[†]*Additional air segment purchase required.*

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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tasting at your first winery of the day. Perhaps you'll try the local favourite — a cross between a Pinot Noir and a Cinsaut, the Pinotage is a speciality of South Africa. Travel to the charming village of Franschhoek for lunch. Visit a second winery in the afternoon before returning to Cape Town for the evening. (B, L)

Day 13: Cape Town Travel to Cape Point, the southwestern tip of Africa. Marvel at the vibrant green foliage blanketing the rocky outcrops, set as a contrast to the bright blue waves below. Set out on an easy hike down

the mountain, wandering by diverse patches of native flowers. Stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events — a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring South Africa's beloved flavours and local specialities. (B, D)

Day 14: Cape Town - Tour End Today, you bid farewell to your fellow travellers when you leave beautiful Cape Town. You will have access to a day room until 4:00 p.m. (B)

The Plains of Africa Kenya Wildlife Safari

13 DAYS • 33 MEALS • STARTING AT \$13,999



Cheetahs in Kenya

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 13 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$13,999 (DOUBLE)** or **\$16,699 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 18 June 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026 – May 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

June 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June 2027 – June 2028 tour departures.
Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Nairobi, Shaba National Reserve, Samburu National Reserve, Sundowner, Lake Nakuru, Masai Mara, Karen Blixen Home, Amboseli National Park, 13 Game Drives, Africa's Big 5

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Learn the traditions of the Samburu people during a visit with a tribe member.
- Immerse yourself in the culture during a visit to a Maasai village.
- Set out on 13 game drives in search of lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards, and rhinos.
- Explore the farmhouse of Karen Blixen, author of *Out of Africa*.
- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the bush, surrounded by nature at Lake Nakuru.
- Indulge in a traditional dinner in the bush with Maasai entertainment.

Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya Adventure stirs the soul in Kenya. Arrive in the heart of safari country. As arrival times will vary, there are no scheduled activities today, allowing you to settle in at your own pace. Dinner this evening is at your leisure.

Day 2: Nairobi - Mount Kenya After breakfast, travel towards Mount Kenya, an extinct volcano where peaks reach as high as 5,199 metres feet. In the foothills, indigenous forests surround you on all sides, and red soil stirs under brilliant waterfalls. This afternoon, set out on your first game drive of the trip at Ol Pejeta Conservancy, home to an astounding variety of animals. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Mount Kenya - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba Reserve Discover the magic of the Shaba, Samburu, and Buffalo Springs reserves — home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife — particularly two species you can only find north of the equator: Grevy's zebra and the reticulated giraffe. Arrive at peaceful Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. This afternoon, head for Buffalo Springs — a starkly beautiful semi-desert that's a mecca for birds and wildlife. On your game drive in this remarkably serene landscape, see if you can spot the "Big 5" — lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards, and rhinos. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Shaba Reserve - Samburu National Reserve - Shaba Reserve Marvel at the striking contrast of sand, sky, and bush during a morning game drive inside Samburu National Reserve, a tiny gem of Kenya's North Country. Return to Shaba Reserve for lunch before heading out on an afternoon game drive. Bring your camera as you continue searching for the elusive "Big 5." Keep watch for some of the approximately 350 species of birds that inhabit the area. As the sun sets over the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River, enjoy a traditional Sundowner, and relish the chance to deepen your cultural experience. In the company of a Samburu tribe member, learn about the culture, traditions, and folklore of the Samburu region and its people. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Shaba Reserve - Nyahururu Journey to Nyahururu, its name derived from the Maasai word for waterfall, *e-naiwurrururr*. Enjoy a free afternoon to relax in your luxury hideaway, a resort situated in the heart of 20 acres of tranquil forest. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Nyahururu - Lake Nakuru Hit the road for a spectacular, mountain-kissed journey on the way from Nyahururu waterfalls to Lake Nakuru National Park. One of the Great Rift Valley's soda lakes, Lake Nakuru is a haven of ecological diversity surrounded by picturesque ridges and



Maasai Women

wooded, bushy grassland. Set out on a game drive this afternoon. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Lake Nakuru Wake up in the embrace of Nakuru's acacia forest. During this morning's game drive, make sure your binoculars are ready — this is rhino country. Find this park absolutely brimming with wildlife, on the ground and in the air. Regale in a true taste of Africa: a traditional breakfast prepared right in the bush. Unwind at your lodge before continuing your journey through the park on an afternoon game drive. Return just in time to witness one of Nakuru's unforgettable sunsets. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara National Reserve Welcome to the Masai Mara National Reserve, one of Kenya's best spots for game viewing. Your tented accommodation in the Mara provide you with all the deluxe amenities of a proper lodge, with the added adventure of being on level with the wild. Learn about Maasai culture during a visit to a local village (known as an *enkeng* in Maa, the Maasai language) before an afternoon game drive. Graced with an astounding collection of wildlife including lions, giraffes, zebras, and elephants, the Mara offers an unsurpassed safari experience. Tonight, indulge in a traditional bush dinner, complete with a Maasai dance performance. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Masai Mara National Reserve Ernest Hemingway said, "I never knew a morning in Africa when I woke up and was not happy." During a full-day

game drive, enjoy the grassy plains and rolling hills of the Masai Mara. This is truly nature's greatest theatre, where savanna, cloud shadows, and amazing wildlife spot the horizon. After a Mara sunset, head over to your tent and be lulled to sleep by the sounds of the animals in the distance. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Masai Mara National Reserve - Nairobi Return to Nairobi and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen for a true *Out of Africa* experience. Wander through the beautifully preserved rooms where the famed author once lived and explore the surrounding gardens that overlook the Ngong Hills — landscapes that inspired her celebrated memoir. Learn about Blixen's life, her time in Kenya, and her legacy in literature and local history as you tour the estate and its small museum. (B, L)

Day 11: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park This morning, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** when you visit Ocean Sole, a social enterprise that turns ocean debris into colourful works of art. Learn about their mission to clean the waterways and grow the Kenyan economy. You'll also get a chance to peruse their collection of products before continuing on to Amboseli National Park. Take to the plains for an afternoon game drive accompanied by the breathtaking aura of snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro. Complement your journey with an opportunity to give back to nature with a seedball. The compact balls of seed limit the cost of planting



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Day 1** Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
- Day 2** Maisha Sweetwaters Camp, Nanyuki
- Days 3, 4** Sarova Shaba Lodge, Shaba Reserve
- Day 5** Panari Resort, Nyahururu
- Days 6, 7** Sarova Lion Hill Lodge, Lake Nakuru
- Days 8, 9** Sarova Mara Game Camp, Masai Mara
- Day 10** Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
- Days 11, 12** Ol Tukai Lodge, Amboseli

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

12 Breakfasts (B) • 11 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Nairobi • Pre- or Post-Night Stay

Tanzania • Post-Tour Guided Extension
5 Nights, Starting at \$5,510 pp

Continue your adventure with game drives in Serengeti National Park, then explore the Ngorongoro Crater.

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indigenous trees around the world. A moment of impact can grow into a lifetime of change, so toss your seedball out the window anytime during your stay in Amboseli. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Amboseli National Park

Today will start with a sunrise game drive followed by breakfast back at the lodge. Then all of Amboseli is at your feet during a morning and afternoon game drive. Derived from the Maasai word meaning "salty dust," this unique corner of Kenya is one of the best places in Africa to see hundreds of elephants up close. Wildebeests and

zebras are ever-present, plus there's a good chance you'll see a cheetah and a hyena or two. Today is your last full day on the continent and your last chance to spot some more members of the elusive "Big 5." If you haven't tossed your "seedball" into the wilds yet, now's your chance to make an impact on the continent you've grown to love. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Amboseli National Park - Nairobi - Tour Ends

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

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14 DAYS • 33 MEALS • STARTING AT \$16,699



Chobe National Park

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 4 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$16,699 (DOUBLE)** or **\$19,599 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 16 June 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026 – May 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

June 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June 2027 – June 2028 tour departures.
Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Chobe National Park, Cruise on the Chobe River, Hwange National Park, Private Lake Kariba Safari Boat, Victoria Falls, 8 Game Drives, Walks & Cruises, Home-Hosted Meal

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Immerse yourself in nature and seek out the elusive Big 5 during land and water safari experiences.
- Enjoy a dinner cruise on the Chobe River.
- Walk amidst the exhilarating natural wonder of Victoria Falls.
- Visit a rural fishing village in Lake Kariba.
- Share a simple, traditional meal during a home-hosted lunch in Victoria Falls.
- Meet a local chief and his family and learn about their lives.
- Sail the calm waters of Lake Kariba, the largest man-made lake in the world, on a private safari boat.
- Try your hand at fishing and enjoy your catch for dinner on Lake Kariba.
- Cruise Chobe River for a unique way to search for game species in Chobe National Park.

Day 1: Johannesburg, South Africa

Welcome to Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city! This afternoon, transfer to your hotel for the evening and enjoy a relaxing evening before your adventure in search of the "Big 5" begins tomorrow. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Day 2: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Chobe National Park, Botswana

This morning, board a plane for a short flight to Victoria Falls, where you will meet your Tour Manager before continuing to your lodge for the next 3 nights in Botswana. Enjoy some time at leisure at the lodge before gathering with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Chobe National Park

Rise early with the sounds of the local wildlife ahead of your first game drive in Chobe National Park, an excellent location to search for elephants and buffalo. You and your fellow travellers will ride in open-air vehicles with a local expert who will be able to tell you all about the creatures you'll see along the way. Later in the morning, enjoy some free time. After lunch at the lodge, board your private boat and take to the waters of the Chobe River in search of hippos and aquatic birds while sipping on cool beverages. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Chobe National Park

Start your day early with a private game cruise on the Chobe River and see the animals visiting the water first thing in the morning. After your search, return to the lodge for some free time, perhaps relaxing by the pool or stopping by the spa. After lunch this afternoon, enjoy a game drive in Chobe National Park, where you may spot giraffes, hyenas, or zebras. Later, enjoy a dinner cruise along the gentle waters of the Chobe River during an exclusive boat ride with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Chobe National Park - Victoria Falls - Hwange National Park

Enjoy a leisurely final morning in Chobe National Park. After breakfast, take a 90-minute drive to Victoria Falls, where we will stop for lunch. Savour fresh, local ingredients while you look over the gorge to the Zambezi River below. Next, it's off to Hwange National Park, the largest national park in Zimbabwe, for a late afternoon game drive. This national park is home to over 100 types of mammals and 400 bird species, giving you the chance to look out for cheetahs, lions, giraffes, and so much more. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Hwange National Park Today is another day to rise early in search of the "Big 5" After breakfast, spend a full day on a game drive in Hwange National



Victoria Falls



Lake Kariba Safari Boat

Park. By enjoying a picnic lunch break, you can venture deep into the bushland and maximise your chances of spotting buffalo, elephants, and other animals gathering in the park. Return to the lodge for dinner. You'll savour your meal and the memories of the day's extensive safari. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Hwange National Park This morning, search for the "Big 5" your way, because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Return to an open-air vehicle and enjoy a morning game drive -**OR**- join an expert national park guide on a game walk, giving you the rare opportunity to search for wildlife up close, including seeing some plants, insects, and reptiles you may not spot otherwise. After, return to the lodge and relax over lunch. This afternoon, you will be returning to the park for another glimpse into the animal kingdom. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Hwange National Park - Victoria Falls - Lake Kariba Enjoy a final morning in the park before driving to Lake Kariba, the world's largest artificial lake. Board your private safari boat which will be your home for the next 3 nights. With limited access to technology, revel in the experience of floating along the still waters, seeing breathtaking sunsets, and searching for local wildlife in the water. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Lake Kariba This morning, trade the water for land on a wilderness drive through the bush.

Arrive at a local chief's village, where you meet his family and gain insight into daily life and traditions in the community, before returning to the safari boat for lunch. Later, watch the red and orange tones of the setting sun spread across Lake Kariba during a sunset nature cruise. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Lake Kariba This morning, travel in a small tender boat and visit a remote fishing community. Return to the boat for lunch. After arriving at the Gwai River Mouth, disembark and take a nature walk through the bush. This evening, stargazing coupled with a delicious meal will be a dining experience you won't soon forget. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Lake Kariba - Victoria Falls Your safari boat experience will come to a close this morning as you drive back to Victoria Falls. Upon arriving at the Ilala Lodge, enjoy lunch. Then, grab your poncho because this afternoon you will visit the exhilarating natural wonder of Victoria Falls! At approximately 1,708 metres wide and 108 metres tall, this waterfall is one of the world's largest. (B, L)

Day 12: Victoria Falls This morning, start your day with a visit to Chinotimba township. Visit a local market, where you can barter for goods and experience daily life. After, you will visit the modest home of a local family for lunch. Your host will prepare an authentic, simple meal with you and share what life is like



Arrival: Johannesburg (JNB)

Departure: Johannesburg (JNB)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Day 1** Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre, O.R. Tambo, Johannesburg
- Days 2 – 4** Chobe Bush Lodge, Chobe National Park, Kasane
- Days 5 – 7** Iganyana Tented Camp, Hwange National Park
- Days 8 – 10** Lake Kariba Safari Boat
- Days 11 – 13** Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

13 Breakfasts (B) • 10 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Johannesburg • Pre-Night Stay

Cape Town • Post-Tour Guided Extension

4 Nights, Starting at \$3,150+ pp

Explore Cape Town, ascend Table Mountain, tour the Cape Peninsula to Boulders Beach, and more.

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around Victoria Falls. Following your home visit, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will join an optional tour taking a relaxing cruise on the Zambezi River, a body of water that separates Zimbabwe and Zambia, whose banks are frequented by the local animals. (B, L)

Day 13: Victoria Falls Your last full day on tour will bring you to view elephants at a local sanctuary. Hear stories from these gentle giants' caretakers and learn about the efforts to understand, care for, and protect these intelligent and inspiring creatures. Continue learning about animal conservation and care with a

visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust for an **IMPACT MOMENT**. The staff at the VFWT will review some of the incredible work they do, ranging from wildlife rehabilitation to community outreach and disease research. You will have the afternoon free to do as you wish. This evening, you will join your fellow travellers for a 3-course farewell dinner under the stars on the bank of the Zambezi River. (B, D)

Day 14: Victoria Falls - Johannesburg - Tour Ends Say goodbye to your safari companions as you take a flight from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg, where you will board your return flight home. (B)

Colours of Morocco

13 DAYS • 24 MEALS • STARTING AT \$8,799



Fes



Ait-Ben-Haddou



Gnawa Musicians

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 18 • Tour Activity Level: **3** (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$8,799 (DOUBLE)** or **\$10,999 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 21 January 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026 – May 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

September 2027 – May 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for September 2027 – May 2028 tour departures.
Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Casablanca, Hassan II Mosque, Rabat, Fes, Sahara Desert Camp, Camel Ride, Khamlia Music Village, *Ksar* of Ait-Ben-Haddou, High Atlas Mountains, Marrakech, Cooking Class

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Stroll through the cobblestone alleyways of ancient markets and *medinas*.
- Walk through an oasis date farm and discover the ancient irrigation systems that have sustained these fields for generations.
- Experience a dish prepared by the women of the *ksar* during a home-hosted meal.
- Select your own ingredients for a culinary workshop at a local women's cooperative.
- Experience the desert by 4x4 and during your 2-night camp stay.
- Explore Fes, one of the holiest Muslim cities in the world.
- Visit the Kasbah des Oudaias, with its narrow and colourful alleyways.

Day 1: Casablanca, Morocco

Welcome to Morocco! Arrive in Casablanca, the economic hub of the country. With no scheduled sightseeing today, spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Depending on your arrival flights, you may join your local Tour Manager on a vicinity walk around your hotel to get acquainted with the area and share a first toast to the tour.

Day 2: Casablanca

Discover Casablanca's many facets today. Begin at the Hassan II Mosque, Africa's largest functioning mosque, and enjoy a privately led tour to learn about its history and significance. Admire the intricate ceramic tilework and hand-carved stone of this architectural masterpiece. Immerse yourself in local life at a lively market where fresh produce arrives daily from nearby farms and take the opportunity to interact with vendors. Enjoy free time to explore the Art Deco neighbourhood, a reminder of Morocco's French colonial past. Later, step inside Rick's Café, the legendary setting inspired by the film *Casablanca*, and join your fellow travellers for a memorable dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Casablanca - Rabat - Fes

Depart from Casablanca this morning for Fes. En route to Fes, stop in Rabat

to visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, an exemplar of modern Moroccan design. On a privately led tour, you'll learn about the mausoleum's history and admire its intricate ceramic tilework, hand-carved wood, marble, and bronze ornamentation that make it fit for a king. See the Kasbah des Oudaias with its whitewashed houses and winding lanes. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own, then continue to Fes, where you'll spend the next 3 nights in a traditional *riad*. (B, D)

Day 4: Fes Get ready to discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn about its history as a centre of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion. Visit the Al-Qarawiyyin University (UNESCO), the oldest continuously operating university in the world, admiring its high arches and Andalusian influences. Take a deep breath before getting a closer look into an ancient tannery. Some Fes tanneries date back to the 11th century and continue to operate using traditional methods, offering a unique glimpse into the ancient craft of leather-making. On a walking tour of the 9th-century *medina*, explore the alleyways and stalls of this ancient market. Enjoy a free afternoon beginning at 3:00 p.m. (B)

Day 5: Fes Enjoy your day at leisure in Fes. Explore the city further, strolling through marketplaces or maybe

visiting a museum, like the Nejjarine Museum of Wooden Arts & Crafts, where you can admire displays of fine woodwork and artefacts inside a restored *caravanserai*. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour to the archaeological site of Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, followed by lunch at a local winery that offers insight into Morocco's wine-making traditions and the country's cultural relationship with wine. (B)

Day 6: Fes - Erfoud Cross some of Morocco's most breathtaking desert landscapes on the way to the Sahara. En route, pause to bask in majestic views of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Arrive in Erfoud, called the "Door to the Desert," where many famous movies were filmed, including *The Prince of Persia* and *The Mummy*. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Erfoud - Sahara Desert Today, enjoy some free time in Erfoud, a fascinating oasis town known as the "Gateway to the Sahara." You may want to relax at your hotel, explore Erfoud, or enjoy the hotel grounds. In the afternoon, make your way into the Sahara in a 4x4 for a 2-night stay under the stars in a luxury tented camp in the desert. On the way, stop at a fossil factory where you'll discover Morocco's fascinating paleontological heritage. This region is renowned for its rich deposits of ancient marine fossils, dating back hundreds of millions of years to when the Sahara was covered by ocean. Continue your journey into the desert for the real adventure: crossing the golden dunes to reach your camp. (B, D)

Day 8: Sahara Desert Rise early to watch the sun illuminate the Sahara in stunning hues of orange, yellow, and red. This morning, you'll have the opportunity to ride through the dunes on the back of a camel. Continue your day with a visit to a date farm to learn about the vital role oases play in local life. You'll learn traditional field-irrigation methods passed down through generations and see how these ancestral techniques have sustained agriculture in arid regions for centuries. Then, visit the village of Khamlia to experience local village life. Meet with locals for an eye-opening and meaningful discussion before experiencing traditional sub-Saharan *Gnawa* music. Return to your camp as the sun sets over the desert. This evening, sit with your Tour Manager and learn more about the importance of Islam in Morocco through the centuries and its impact on modern day-to-day life in sub-Saharan Africa. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sahara Desert - El Khorbat - Boumalne du Dades Return to the

edge of the desert this morning and marvel as the sun illuminates the sweeping sands. Visit the fortified village of El Khorbat. Dating back to the 17th century, this village showcases Jewish and Muslim architecture and artefacts. Learn more about Berber culture while visiting the museum within the village. Enjoy a simple lunch at a local restaurant. This **IMPACT MOMENT** supports a business whose profits are used to conserve the cultural heritage and improve the living conditions of this small community. Later, arrive in Boumalne du Dades, where a golden sun lights up the gorge's river valleys, *palmeraies*, and burnished mud-brick homes. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Boumalne du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs," where turreted fortresses rise up like sandcastles along this ancient trading route. Arrive at the UNESCO site of the *ksar* of Ait-Ben-Haddou and discover the earthen buildings, defensive walls, and corner towers that make the *ksar* a striking feat of Moroccan architecture. Before you reach the city of Marrakech, learn about a women-run tapestry cooperative and enjoy a homemade meal in their home, offering an authentic glimpse into local life and traditions. Continue along the Tizi n'Tichka Pass in the High Atlas Mountains, a scenic route through lush oasis valleys, imposing mountains, and Berber villages. (B, L)

Day 11: Marrakech This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Explore the Bahia Palace with its stunning architecture and gardens on a locally guided tour **-OR-** visit the Moroccan Culinary Arts Museum to discover the fusion of Arab, Amazigh, Mediterranean, and French influences in Moroccan cuisine, an ideal opportunity to shop and savour local fare at your own pace. Visit Jardin Majorelle, an iconic garden that beautifully showcases Morocco's rich cultural heritage. In the afternoon, consider joining an optional bike tour through Marrakech and pedal along colourful streets and hidden alleys, passing historic landmarks, bustling souks, and lively squares. (B)

Day 12: Marrakech Visit a women's training centre during today's **IMPACT MOMENT**. With your visit, support a program that empowers women seeking social and financial stability through culinary training. Enjoy an interactive cooking class, gathering fresh herbs and vegetables from the garden and learning the secrets of making *tagine*, while also getting to know the stories of the chef trainees



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2	Barcelo Anfa, Casablanca
Days 3 – 5	Safae Riad, Fes
Day 6	Kasbah Hotel Xaluca, Erfoud
Days 7, 8	Sahara Desert Camp, Merzouga
Day 9	Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades
Days 10 – 12	2Ciel Boutique Hotel & Spa, Marrakech

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

12 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Casablanca • Pre-Night Stay

Marrakech • Post-Night Stay

Northern Morocco: Chefchaouen & Tangier
Pre-Tour Guided Extension

4 Nights, Starting at \$2,975 pp

Start your trip in northern Morocco — from Casablanca to the "Blue City" of Chefchaouen to Tangier.

COMBINE TOURS, EXPLORE MORE

This tour pairs well with Journey through Spain for a seamless, immersive journey.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.



and the stigmas they face around women's roles in society and the workplace. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers during a

farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Marrakech - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close this morning. (B)



Petra

COMING SOON

Wonders of Jordan

From the Wadi Rum Desert Camp to Petra & The Dead Sea

9 Days

From the vast desert landscapes of the Wadi Rum to the olive groves of Ajloun, experience a journey into the extraordinary beauty and diversity of Jordan. Stand before the pink sandstone majesty of Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the ancient Wonders of the World. Sleep under the stars surrounded by the desert's stark beauty in a tented cabin. Marvel, and float, in the spectacular natural wonder of the Dead Sea. Culinary experiences connect you not only to Bedouin tradition but to the exquisite cuisine and the heartfelt hospitality of the Jordanian people.





Wadi Rum



Cooking Demonstration



Dead Sea

A glimpse of what awaits:

- Spend two nights in Petra with ample time to explore.
- Overnight in the Wadi Rum desert in a tented cabin.
- Savour a home-hosted meal with a Jordanian family.
- Experience how food is traditionally cooked in pure Bedouin tradition.
- Spend two nights at a resort on the Dead Sea.

Journey Through Egypt and Jordan

14 DAYS • 30 MEALS • STARTING AT \$10,899



Great Sphinx of Giza

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 17 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$10,899 (DOUBLE)** or **\$13,699 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 9 January 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

September 2026 – May 2027 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for September 2026 - May 2027 tour departures.
Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Amman, Petra, Impact Moment, Home-Hosted Lunch, Mount Nebo, Dead Sea, Giza Pyramids, Great Sphinx, 4-Night Nile River Cruise, Valley of the Kings, Kom Ombo, Aswan, Philae Temple, Grand Egyptian Museum

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Connect with locals during a home-hosted lunch in Madaba.
- Discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river, on a 4-night cruise.
- Stand before the Pyramids of Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
- Meander through historic Petra, the "Rose Red City."
- Prepare your meal and eat family-style at an Arabic cooking class in Petra.
- View the tombs of King Tut and Ramses VI during a tour of the Valley of the Kings.
- Immerse yourself in Middle Eastern flavours during a 'small plates' meze lunch in the Jordanian capital.
- Enjoy an afternoon tea aboard your ship, while gazing upon the Nile's banks.
- Dress up and join the fun at a traditional *galabeya* party.

Day 1: Amman, Jordan Your adventure starts in Amman, the capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Meet your Jordanian Tour Manager who will accompany you throughout your time in this Middle Eastern country. As arrival times will vary, there are no scheduled activities today, allowing you to settle in at your own pace and take time to adjust to the new time zone.

Day 2: Amman - Petra This morning, tour Amman, a city built on seven hills, with a rich history spanning nearly 10,000 years. Pause for lunch at a local restaurant, indulging in meze - a large variety of small sharing plates showcasing the exotic flavours of the Levant. This afternoon, take in Jordan's rocky landscape during your four-hour journey to Petra, the fabled "Rose Red City." At your hotel, connect with your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Petra At daybreak, weave along sandstone carvings as you tour the vast archeological site of Petra. Serving as a crossroads between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea, Petra contains ages of hidden wonders just waiting to be explored. Take advantage of an afternoon at leisure to adventure further on your own. Perhaps you'll travel up the 850 steps to the "Monastery," one of Petra's legendary monuments. In the evening, roll up

your sleeves and join an authentic Arabic cooking class in a local home. During this **IMPACT MOMENT**, learn about the evolving role of women in Jordanian society as you chat about Bedouin traditions, ingredients, and recipes from your host. Dig into dinner family-style before returning to your hotel for the night. (B, D)

Day 4: Petra - Dead Sea A full-morning transfer takes you to the once-fertile basin of the Jordan Valley. In Madaba, view its famous 6th-century mosaic map of the Holy Land and engage with the local community during a home-hosted lunch. Experience proverbial Jordanian hospitality and authentic home cooking as you share stories and connect with your hosts over a traditional meal. This afternoon, like Moses long before you, gaze upon the Promised Land at Mount Nebo. Then, descend to the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea, for a two-night stay at a hotel featuring direct access to the legendary sea. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Dead Sea This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Travel the short distance between your hotel and the Jordan River to Bethany Beyond the Jordan, the UNESCO-recognised site believed to be where St. John the Baptist baptised Jesus Christ **-OR-** take advantage of your hotel's private access to the beach and enjoy



Petra

a morning at leisure to experience the Dead Sea's natural buoyancy. Wrap up your afternoon at leisure with a scenic sunset overlooking the Dead Sea, before gathering for dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 6: Dead Sea - Fly to Cairo, Egypt Pre-dawn this morning, say goodbye to your Jordanian Tour Manager before boarding a 90-minute flight to Cairo, the capital of Egypt. Arrive in the land of the Pharaohs and meet your Egyptian Tour Manager, who will accompany you for the rest of the trip. Feel Cairo's constant thrum of energy wrap around you as you transfer to the hotel for a two-night stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Cairo - Pyramids of Giza This morning, be prepared for a dose of Cairo's legendary traffic as you head to Giza. Embrace the Egypt you always imagined as you stand in awe before the iconic Pyramids of Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Marvel at the stoicism of the Great Sphinx, a colossal structure jutting out of the desert sand, full of mystery and intrigue. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. (B, L)

Day 8: Cairo - Fly to Luxor - Board Ship Pre-dawn this morning, transfer to the Cairo airport for your 75-minute flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, visit the expansive ruins of Karnak Temple. Wander through this 4,000-year-old complex of pylons and obelisks, often of near-mythic proportions. Then, board your cruise ship and settle in for the next four nights. After lunch on board, enjoy an afternoon at leisure. This evening, take in the views from the sundeck, before joining your fellow travellers for your first dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Luxor - Valley of the Kings - Afternoon Sailing As dawn breaks, venture to Luxor's West Bank, trekking along the elaborate tombs of the Valley of the Kings. Delve even further into Egyptian legends with an included viewing of the tombs of King Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit

the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, as well as the Colossi of Memnon, before returning to the ship for a late lunch. In the early afternoon, set sail to Edfu, where you'll arrive early tomorrow morning. As you sail upstream, glimpse the small farms scattered along the Nile's banks, and appreciate the simple, modest livings of local farmers. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Edfu - Kom Ombo In Edfu, pick between an early or a late start to your day, because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Head out at daybreak for a guided visit of the mesmerising Temple of Horus, returning for a late breakfast aboard **-OR-** rise at your leisure and linger over a relaxed breakfast, as you take in views of a place where daily life has changed little over the centuries. This afternoon, coast along to Kom Ombo and visit a rare double temple. Then, watch the Egyptian landscape slowly drift by as you sail on to Aswan. This evening, don a traditional Egyptian gown and join a festive *galabeya* party for a fun evening on board. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Aswan Your morning opens in Aswan, the Nubian city. Discover the mysteries of Philae Temple. Located on a small island, this complex can only be reached by motorboat. Philae is among the architectural wonders rescued from the rising waters of the Nile during the construction of the High Dam. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aswan. Perhaps you'll visit the fascinating artefacts at the Nubian Archeological Museum. This evening, aboard a *felucca* (wooden sailboat), take in views of the tall sand dunes on the western shore of the Nile before relaxing over dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Aswan - Disembark Ship - Fly to Cairo Early this morning, return to Cairo. Head towards the old town and enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous Khan el-Khalili bazaar, a maze of colour, scent, and sound. Peruse colourful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more. Check into your hotel in the late afternoon. (B)

Arrival: Amman (AMM)

Departure: Cairo (CAI)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Day 1** Amman Marriott Hotel, Amman
- Days 2, 3** Petra Marriott Hotel, Petra
- Days 4, 5** Dead Sea Marriott Resort & Spa, Dead Sea
- Days 6, 7** Marriott Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo
- Days 8 – 11** M/S *Blue Shadow I*, Nile River Cruise
- Days 12, 13** Marriott Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

13 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Amman • Pre-Night Stay

Cairo • Post-Night Stay

Cairo & Alexandria • Post-Tour Guided Extension

3 Nights, Starting at \$1,750 pp

Uncover Alexandria's coastal charm, ancient monasteries, and Greco-Roman history on this guided extension.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

A FASTER PACE

This tour moves at a brisker pace to make the most of your time in these iconic destinations. Expect several early-morning departures — typically between 5:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. — to enjoy cooler temperatures and arrive ahead of the crowds at sites like Petra, Giza, the Valley of the Kings, and Edfu. Due to flight schedules, some travel days may begin even earlier, with departures as early as 1:30 a.m.

Day 13: Cairo This morning, get a glimpse into ancient Egypt's pharaohs, power struggles, and dynasties during a visit to the recently inaugurated Grand Egyptian Museum. This world-class landmark showcases over 100,000 ancient artefacts, including the colossal statue of Ramses II, which welcomes guests in the soaring Grand Hall. Whilst some galleries may still be preparing for their debut, the experience promises a captivating

introduction to Egypt's rich heritage in a truly spectacular setting. Return to the hotel mid-afternoon. This evening, celebrate the end of your Middle Eastern journey during a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 14: Cairo - Tour Ends Your epic adventure comes to a close today. Return home with a new understanding of these mystical lands. (B)

Asia

📍 Hoi An, Vietnam



A Conversation Few Ever Hear

Few visitors to South Korea ever have the chance to hear directly from someone who lived on the other side of the border.

On **Japan & South Korea**, you'll take part in a private conversation with a North Korean defector, hearing a

firsthand account of choice, resilience, and life across the border. It's a rare opportunity to sit with living history — and to leave with perspective that reshapes everything that follows.

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Meet Unlikely Heroes

In Cambodia, landmines left behind from past conflicts remain a real and ongoing threat beneath everyday life. At APOPO's Visitor Center, African giant-pouched rats — often called “hero rats” — are trained to safely detect explosives, helping protect communities and reclaim land.

On **Kingdoms of Southeast Asia**, you'll visit the centre to see how this work is done and understand why it matters. It's a powerful reminder that progress often comes from practical solutions — and unexpected places.

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Journey through Northern Vietnam

A Cultural Exploration from Hanoi to Ha Long Bay

11 DAYS • 23 MEALS • STARTING AT \$6,299



SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 17 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$6,299 (DOUBLE)** or **\$8,249 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 17 March 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026 – April 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

September 2027 – April 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for September 2027 – April 2028 tour departures.
Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Water Puppetry Artist Demonstration, Vespa-led Hanoi Food Tour, Meet a Vietnam War Veteran, Lac Village Home-Hosted Dinner, Market Visit & Hands-On Cooking Experience, Hoa Lu Ancient Capital, Trang An Grottoes, Ha Long Bay, Cua Van Floating Village

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Meet with a Vietnam War veteran and their family in Mai Chau, connecting with the region's history.
- Cruise the emerald waters of Ha Long Bay, spending 2 nights aboard a traditional junk boat.
- Sip egg coffee and sample pho on a Vespa-led food tour through Hanoi's buzzing night markets.
- Enjoy a traditional dinner while learning about customs of the White Thai ethnic group.
- Step into the home of a master artist to learn about Vietnam's centuries-old water puppetry tradition.
- Discover the secrets of making sticky rice during a private cooking experience and home-hosted meal.
- Glide through Trang An Grottoes by rowboat, drifting by caves and temples.
- Explore the ancient capital of Hoa Lu (UNESCO), with its 10th-century ruins.

Day 1: Hanoi, Vietnam Arrive in Hanoi, Vietnam's capital. With its tree-lined boulevards, French colonial facades, and a street food culture that hums with energy, Hanoi offers a rich and layered introduction to the country. Since arrival times vary, today is yours to explore at your leisure. You might stroll through a local market, unwind at a lakeside café, or simply take in the rhythm of the city. Tonight, dinner is on your own — perhaps sample a steaming bowl of pho or crispy bánh xèo from a nearby eatery.

Day 2: Hanoi Step into the heart of Vietnamese tradition with a visit to the home of a master water puppet artist, where you'll experience this centuries-old art form. Then, hop aboard a cyclo — a three-wheeled bicycle taxi — for a guided ride through the streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter. Our tour of Hanoi will conclude around 1pm. You are free to explore the city for the remainder of the afternoon. This evening, stroll down lively Beer Street to sample local brews, and cap off the day with a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Hanoi This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Head into Hanoi's narrow backstreets to visit the famed Train Street, where homes and cafés sit inches from the railway line **-OR-** sit down to a bowl of bún cha at Huong Lien Restaurant, the very spot where President Obama and Anthony

Bourdain once shared this staple dish. After, visit the Ho Chi Minh Complex and Vietnam's first university, the Temple of Literature. Enjoy lunch at a social enterprise restaurant that empowers disadvantaged youth through culinary training. This evening, hop on the back of a Vespa for a guided food tour through the Old Quarter, sampling local favourites like pho and egg coffee while weaving through the city's lively night scene. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Hanoi - Mai Chau Leave the buzz of Hanoi behind as you make your way into the lush hills of Mai Chau, a peaceful valley framed by misty mountains and dotted with stilt houses. Upon arrival, take a walk through the surrounding rice paddies, catching glimpses of daily life in the local villages. Tonight, unwind at your eco-lodge, surrounded by soaring mountains and unbridled forests. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Mai Chau: Hich Village & Lac Village This morning, connect with the living history of Mai Chau during a visit to Hich Village. Meet a Vietnam War veteran and their family, hearing firsthand stories that offer a personal lens into the region's past. Experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** in Lac Village with a visit to Hoa Ban, a social enterprise that uplifts women from the White Thai minority through vocational



Hanoi Market



Water Puppetry

training. Later, be welcomed into a local home for a traditional dinner. Share a meal of regional dishes and enjoy warm hospitality as you learn more about the customs of the White Thai ethnic group. (B, D)

Day 6: Mai Chau - Ninh Binh Leave the hills on Mai Chau for the dramatic landscapes of Ninh Binh, often called "Ha Long Bay on land" for its towering limestone formations and winding rivers. Your first stop is Hoa Lu (UNESCO), Vietnam's ancient capital dating back to the 10th century. Marvel at the temple and fortress ruins as you explore this historical site. This afternoon, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Hike to Hang Mua viewpoint, climbing over 500 steps to be rewarded with spectacular views **-OR-** indulge in a relaxing massage back at the hotel spa. (B, L)

Day 7: Ninh Binh: Trang An Grottoes This morning, step into a rowboat and glide through the serene waterways of Trang An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its labyrinth of limestone caves and jungle-covered peaks. As you paddle through Bright Cave, Dark Cave, Ba Giot, and Nau Ruou, the quiet beauty of this hidden world unfolds around you. This evening, connect with locals over a home-hosted dinner. Take part in a hands-on cooking class before sharing the meal together. (B, D)

Day 8: Ninh Binh - Ha Long Bay Travel to Ha Long Bay and board a cruise boat for two spectacular nights. Pass through Trong Mai Islet, Ngan Tay Islet, and Con Coc Islet before arriving at a coastal village. Choose to explore by bicycle or electric cart, winding through the village and learning about daily life in this peaceful corner of Northern Vietnam. Later, take part in an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the Bhaya Community Farm, where you'll learn about sustainable farming as well as the Save the Langurs conservation project. From Bhaya's café, enjoy views of verdant fields dotted with wandering buffalo, and try your hand at crafting some local delicacies. Back aboard the ship, unwind as the sun sets over the bay. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Ha Long Bay Greet the day with a Tai Chi session on the deck as the sun rises over Ha Long Bay. Then, take the chance to further explore the Trinh Nu area by kayak, paddling through quiet coves and beneath towering limestone cliffs. After lunch onboard, visit Cua Van Floating Village, considered one of the most beautiful destinations in the world, drifting past colourful homes and fishing boats by kayak or traditional rowing boat. Finish the day with another spectacular sunset over the bay. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Ha Long Bay - Hanoi This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Explore



Arrival: Hanoi (HAN)

Departure: Hanoi (HAN)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Days 1 – 3** Hotel du Parc, Hanoi
- Days 4, 5** Mai Chau Ecolodge, Mai Chau
- Days 6, 7** Emeraldal Ninh Binh Resort and Spa, Ninh Binh
- Days 8, 9** The 'Au Co' Ship
- Day 10** Hotel du Parc, Hanoi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

10 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Hanoi • Pre-Night Stay

Southern Vietnam • Post-Tour Guided Extension
5 Nights, Starting at \$2,625+ pp

Tour Ho Chi Minh City, cruise the Mekong River, explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, and visit the Mui Ne Fishing Village.

†Additional air segment purchase required.

COMBINE TOURS, EXPLORE MORE

This tour pairs well with Treasures of the Mekong for a seamless, immersive journey.



Hoa Ban

Sung Sot Cave, the largest in Ha Long Bay, following the 500-metre paved passageway that threads through it **-OR-** visit Titov Island for a swim in the calm waters, sunbathing on the pristine beach and – if you're up for it – a hike up the mountain for a panoramic view of Ha Long Bay. Then, bid the bay farewell as you travel back

to Hanoi. Enjoy one last free afternoon to revisit your favourite spots or simply relax before gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Hanoi - Tour Ends Your adventure through Northern Vietnam comes to a close today. (B)

Journey Through the Heart of Japan

Tokyo to Osaka

11 DAYS • 15 MEALS

Nara Park

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 4 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Visit our website for departure dates and rates.

TOUR DATES

March – May 2027 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for March - May 2027 tour departures. Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Private Sumo Show, Mt. Fuji 5th Station, Overnight in Traditional *Ryokan* (Japanese Inn), Old Tokaido Highway, *Shabu-Shabu* & Geisha Experience, Shinkansen Bullet Train, Sushi-Making Class, Nara Park, Fushimi Inari Shrine, Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, *Taiko* Drum Lesson

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Tap into Japan's train culture as you travel on the famous shinkansen (bullet train).
- Spend two nights in a *ryokan*-style hotel.
- Experience a Goma fire ritual at Fukagawa Fudo-do Temple in Tokyo.
- Walk among soaring stalks of bamboo at Arashiyama Bamboo Grove.
- Wander through the thousands of torii gates at Fushimi Inari Taisha.
- Encounter the sacred "bowing deer" of Nara Park.
- Participate in a sushi-making class and dine on your creations.
- Enjoy a *shabu-shabu* (Japanese hot pot) dinner and geisha experience in Hakone.

Day 1: Tokyo, Japan Welcome to Japan, the "Land of the Rising Sun." Arrive in the electrifying city of Tokyo, where pop culture meets rich, long-kept traditions. In consideration of varied arrival times, today is yours to explore independently. Dive into Tokyo's bustling streets, savour local delicacies, or simply soak in the city's unique blend of ancient and modern wonders.

Day 2: Tokyo Today, immerse yourself in Tokyo with a day of sightseeing. Marvel at the grandeur of the Imperial Palace and wander through its serene East Garden. Witness the captivating Goma fire ritual at Fukagawa Fudo-do Temple, where devotion meets dramatic spectacle. Stroll through Ginza's streets, a blend of rich history and modern elegance. End your day with dinner at a local restaurant, savouring authentic Japanese flavours. (B, D)

Day 3: Tokyo Begin your day at the Tokyo National Museum, where centuries of art and history unfold before you. Then, enjoy a unique experience — a private sumo wrestler show, offering a glimpse into the world of these revered athletes. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Tokyo at your own pace. (B)

Day 4: Tokyo - Mt. Fuji 5th Station - Hakone Say goodbye to Tokyo and

embark on a scenic journey to Hakone, a haven of natural beauty. At Mt. Fuji Fifth Station, take in the breathtaking views (weather permitting) of Japan's iconic peak — Mount Fuji's snow-capped splendour is truly inspiring. This evening, immerse yourself in Japanese tradition with a stay at a *ryokan*-style hotel, featuring tatami-matted rooms and sliding paper doors. Delight in a *kaiseki* dinner, a multi-course feast that highlights seasonal ingredients and culinary artistry. (B, D)

Day 5: Hakone Begin the day with an ascent on the Komagatake Ropeway, followed by a short walk to its summit, leading to panoramic views of Hakone's serene landscape. Next, drift along the waters of Lake Ashi aboard a cruise ship, arriving at Hakone Sekisho-ato Pier, a historic checkpoint from the Edo period. Walk in the footsteps of samurai along the Old Tokaido Highway — the route once connecting Tokyo and Kyoto — and stroll beneath towering trees on Ancient Cedar Avenue. Later, be captivated by the sculptures and exhibits at the Hakone Open-Air Museum. As night falls, enjoy a traditional shabu-shabu dinner and the opportunity to meet a geisha. (B, D)

Day 6: Hakone - Kyoto Board the shinkansen (bullet train) and watch the scenery shift as you glide towards



Mt Fuji



Sumo Show

Kyoto, where timeless tradition and modern charm intertwine. Upon arrival, settle into your hotel. This evening, take a stroll through the bustling Nishiki Market. Nicknamed "Kyoto's Kitchen" and dating back to the early 14th century, soak in this scene where centuries-old food traditions and modern-day street snacks mix. Sample local delicacies like soy-glazed grilled mochi or *kushi katsu*, a deep-fried meat and vegetable skewer. (B)

Day 7: Kyoto This morning, experience the peaceful beauty of Fushimi Inari Shrine before the crowds arrive. This afternoon, visit the historic Gion district, where Kyoto's timeless charm comes to life. Walk along the flagstone-paved streets and enjoy tastes of some of the local flavours, like Japanese sweets, along the way. (B)

Day 8: Kyoto Begin your morning with a peaceful walk through Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, where soaring bamboo stalks sway gently in the breeze. The rest of the day is yours to explore Kyoto at your own pace — perhaps visit a hidden temple, shop for local crafts, or relax in a teahouse. In the evening, roll up your sleeves for a hands-on sushi-making experience, then enjoy your delicious creations for dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Kyoto - Osaka Travel to Nara, where sacred deer roam freely in Nara Park and history comes alive at Todaiji Temple, home to Japan's largest bronze Buddha. Then, continue to Osaka for a guided walking tour through the city's lively Dotonbori and Shinsaibashi districts, where neon lights, street food stalls, and bustling shops create a vibrant atmosphere. The evening is yours to independently explore Osaka, considered Japan's culinary capital. (B)

Day 10: Osaka Start your day with a lesson in *taiko*, a traditional Japanese drum. Then, visit Osaka Castle Park, where we will see some of the main buildings and sights connected to this city's samurai legacy. End your visit early afternoon to explore as you wish — perhaps visit a museum, sample takoyaki from a street vendor, or stroll along the canal. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating an unforgettable adventure. (B, D)

Day 11: Osaka - Tour Ends Your journey through Japan comes to a close today. With memories made and stories to share, leave with a deeper connection to this remarkable country. (B)



Arrival: Tokyo (HND)

Departure: Osaka (KIX)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1 – 3 Courtyard Marriott Tokyo Ginza Hotel, Tokyo

Days 4, 5 Hakone Yunohana Prince Hotel, Hakone

Days 6 – 8 Hotel Nikko Princess, Kyoto

Days 9, 10 Centara Grand Hotel, Osaka

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

10 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Tokyo • Pre-Night Stay

Osaka • Post-Night Stay



Tokyo



Taiko Drumming

Japan & South Korea: From Tokyo to Seoul

15 DAYS • 23 MEALS • STARTING AT \$15,799

Kyoto

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$15,799 (DOUBLE)** or **\$18,799 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 8 November 2026 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October – December 2026; March – May 2027 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for October 2026 - May 2027 tour departures.
Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Tea Ceremony, Bullet Train, Ama Pearl Divers Dinner, *Okonomiyaki* Cooking Class & Dinner, Peace Memorial Park, Fushimi Inari Taisha, Arashiyama Bamboo Forest, Korean Demilitarized Zone, North Korean Defector Talk, Gyeongbok Palace

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Meet Japan's ama pearl divers and learn more about their elite profession.
- Visit Hiroshima's Peace Park and Memorial Museum and hear accounts of the atomic bomb's devastation from someone who experienced its devastating effects.
- Wander among the swaying trees of the Arashiyama bamboo forest.
- Tour Korea's infamous Demilitarized Zone, better known as the DMZ.
- Join a North Korean defector for a private discussion about their escape and new life.
- Outside the bustle of Seoul, experience a home-hosted traditional lunch with a Korean family.
- Try your hand at the delicate art of sushi making in Kyoto.
- Make delicious *okonomiyaki*, savoury pancakes that are a Japanese favourite.

Day 1: Tokyo, Japan Say "Konnichiwa!" to the incredible, eclectic city of Tokyo. Japan is a land of contrasts, and you're about to discover the thousand facets of culture, art, and life that make up its incredible spirit. From busy cities to quiet shrines filled only with silence, you'll come face-to-face with a culture thousands of years in the making. Storied history, artistic traditions, cutting-edge technology - it's all part of Japan's everyday life. You'll soon discover that you could explore Japan for a thousand years and only experience a part of what this country has to offer. As travellers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently.

Day 2: Tokyo This morning, start your day in Tokyo like a true local - by hopping on the subway. Clean, efficient, fast, and easy to use, the Tokyo subway system is one of the best in the world. Set out on a walk to the Imperial Palace and see the Nijo Bridge, the well-known symbol of the Palace. Later this afternoon, make your way back to your hotel located in the popular Ginza district of Tokyo, a perfect location for spending an afternoon at leisure before getting to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Tokyo Feel the excitement start to build as you head to Asakusa

to witness the subtle art of preparing green tea in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Visit the Sensoji Temple before enjoying free time to the Nakamise shopping street, where you can stroll between the stalls and buy local souvenirs and sweets. Then, head to Tokyo National Museum to learn about the fascinating history and culture of the city. The museum displays artwork and antiques from Japan and the surrounding area. This evening, you are free to explore on your own. (B)

Day 4: Tokyo - Ise-Shima Climb aboard the high-speed shinkansen, or bullet train. Sleek, modern, and comfortable, the bullet train will flash through the idyllic Japanese countryside at 200 miles per hour, but you'll barely feel or hear a thing. Keep an eye peeled for Mt. Fuji in the distance. Arrive at one of the most important shrines in Japan - Ise Shrine. This grand shrine is built to honour the Shinto sun goddess Amaterasu. Wander among the thatched roofs and raw wood of buildings, taking in the serenity of this spiritual wonder. Tonight, your meal will be a traditional and delicious Japanese *kaiseki* dinner, an artfully prepared and presented, multi-course meal using ingredients at the absolute peak of freshness. (B, D)

Day 5: Ise-Shima This morning, you'll head to the Mikimoto Pearl Museum.



Explore the island and the legacy of the skilled *ama* pearl divers, women who defied conventional gender roles to dive in the sea to harvest oysters and their pearls. Watch divers take the plunge and learn about the history and science of pearl diving. This evening, set out for Azurihama Beach, where you'll venture across the sands to an ama hut for an incredible dining experience. Whilst local seafood is grilled in a charcoal fire right before your eyes, hear tales from the ama women about their lives and the sacred rights of their profession. (B, D)

Day 6: Ise-Shima - Nara - Hiroshima

Today, travel to Nara Park and Todaiji Temple. Venture inside the massive temple to take some time in this sacred place and find the huge bronze Buddha statue. Wander the grounds outside and discover the famous "bowing" deer of Nara. Then, you'll once again board the shinkansen bullet train and be whisked away to Hiroshima. Enjoy dinner at a local cooking studio, where you'll learn how to make the famous Japanese *okonomiyaki*, or savoury pancake, a favourite of Hiroshima residents. (B, D)

Day 7: Hiroshima A short walk from your hotel takes you to the Peace Memorial Park. Pause to see the ruined Atomic Dome (UNESCO), a sobering reminder of the devastation caused by the dropping of the atomic bomb during World War II. Reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum before a powerful **IMPACT MOMENT** connects you with someone who experienced the devastating effects of the Atomic bomb firsthand. They'll talk about what it was like to live in Japan during that time, the aftermath of that terrible day, and how they preserve the memory of those who were lost. After, board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, or "Shrine Island" (UNESCO). Famous for the Itsukushima Shrine and its mythic O-torii Gate standing proudly in the water. (B)

Day 8: Hiroshima - Kyoto Kyoto awaits! Journey to Japan's former capital city via shinkansen bullet train. Your first stop takes you to Fushimi Inari Taisha for a glimpse into the most revered shrine of Inari. Follow the rows of orange torii that weave through the forest, leading you to the inner shrine. Later this afternoon, head to Gion, Kyoto's famous geisha district. As you walk through Gion's narrow cobblestone streets, if you're lucky, you may see a woman in full traditional geisha regalia headed to one of the hidden, exclusive tea houses. Tonight is at leisure. (B)

Day 9: Kyoto Enjoy a laid-back morning before visiting the Arashiyama bamboo forest. Set out among the towering bamboo stalks that shade the forest paths and gently sway in the breeze. Continue to Kinkaku-ji Temple (UNESCO), known as the Golden Pavilion for its top two floors that are completely covered in gold leaf. Once the lavish retirement home of a shogun, it was converted to a Zen temple in the 1400s. It has survived wars, been rebuilt after fires, and still stands as an impressive piece of historic architecture. Later, try your hand at making sushi during an interactive class and dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Kyoto This morning, make your way to Nishiki Market with your Tour Manager, where colourful stalls are filled with fresh foods and local specialities, like pickles, dried seafood, and sushi. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore how you want. Perhaps you'll take another visit to the Gion district to wander among its temples, shrines, traditional shops, and charming cafés, visit a museum, or spend time in the park and grounds of the Kyoto Imperial Palace. (B)

Day 11: Kyoto - Seoul, South Korea Today, jump on a flight and journey to your final destination: Seoul, the capital city of South Korea. An energetic and eclectic modern city with deep roots,

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Days 1 – 3** Aloft Tokyo Ginza, Tokyo
- Days 4, 5** Nemu Resort, Ise-Shima
- Days 6, 7** ANA Crowne Plaza, Hiroshima
- Days 8 – 10** Hotel Monterey, Kyoto
- Days 11 – 14** Courtyard Marriott Namdaemun, Seoul

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

14 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

- Tokyo • Pre-Night Stay
- Seoul • Post-Night Stay

Seoul has something for everyone. Arrive later this afternoon and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 12: Seoul Head to the Korean Demilitarized Zone, or the DMZ, this morning. This conflict-ridden stretch of 150 miles between North and South Korea has been sealed tight for the last 68 years, and the struggles of the Korean War have yet to be resolved. Take an exclusive tour of this storied border, seeing Imjingak Park, the Bridge of Freedom, the DMZ Theatre and Exhibition Hall, the Dora Observatory, the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, and more. This is a rare opportunity to see the "Hermit Kingdom" of North Korea up close, and the long cold war between the two countries. Tonight, your evening is at leisure. (B, L)

Day 13: Seoul This morning, learn about the struggles in North Korea firsthand when you gather for a private talk with a North Korean defector. During this **IMPACT MOMENT**, learn about their life in North Korea, how they escaped to the south and are adjusting to their new life, and the struggles they face in a new country. Leave the city and stop by a local

market to pick up some ingredients before you sit down for a home-hosted traditional Korean lunch with a local family, and get insight into the daily lives of a South Korean family. (B, L)

Day 14: Seoul Start your day by hopping on the subway and heading to the awe-inspiring Gyeongbok Palace. Take a tour of the sprawling grounds and watch the elaborate and ceremonial changing of the guard. Next, visit Insadong Street, Seoul's charming and colourful shopping area. Tour the narrow maze of alleys that hold tea shops, boutiques, galleries and cafes. You have the afternoon at leisure to explore the area, perhaps heading to the Museum of Contemporary History with its multimedia exhibitions, or the National Museum of Korea with its statues, paintings, and artefacts. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 15: Seoul - Tour Ends Say goodbye to the energy and splendour of Seoul as you depart for home. Return with countless memories of your journey through Japan and unforgettable moments from the South Korean capital. (B)

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*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 7 December 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

September – December 2027; March 2028

HIGHLIGHTS

Cu Chi Tunnels, Ho Chi Minh City, Reunification Palace, 7-Night Cruise on Mekong River, Mekong Delta, Cai Rang Floating Market, Cyclo Tour of Phnom Penh, Choeung Ek (Killing Fields) & Tuol Sleng, Angkor Ban - Siem Reap, Angkor Wat at Sunrise

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Meet Khmer scarf weavers and learn more about Vietnamese-Cambodian culture in Hong Ngu village.
- Visit Choeung Ek, the Killing Fields, and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum to learn about the Khmer Rouge regime.
- See the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used by the Viet Cong.
- Explore incredible Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious structure.
- Experience Cai Rang Floating Market by *sampan* at dawn, part of UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage.
- See Cambodia's Emerald Buddha and diamond-encrusted Maitreya Buddha at Phnom Penh's Silver Pagoda.
- Taste coconut candy in the Mekong Delta.
- Enjoy tropical fruits and fresh coconut water aboard a *sampan* while cruising through a floating market.

Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City today. Once known as Saigon, this dynamic metropolis blends echoes of its storied past with the vibrant pulse of modern Vietnam. Discover grand colonial landmarks, energetic boulevards, and a celebrated food scene that spills from bustling markets onto every street corner. As travellers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently.

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City

Begin your journey into Vietnam's layered history with a visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a labyrinth of underground passageways that echo the resilience and ingenuity of the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. As you descend into these narrow tunnels, imagine the lives of those who once sought refuge here, crafting strategies in the shadows. Later, back in the vibrant pulse of Ho Chi Minh City, taste Vietnamese coffee — its strong and bold style is balanced with sweet, condensed milk. After lunch, take the afternoon for some independent exploration. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a warm welcome dinner at a local restaurant, where the flavours of Vietnam set the tone for the journey ahead. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City - Board Cruise Ship - Ben Tre

The morning begins with a transition from the bustling streets of Ho Chi Minh City to the tranquil waters of the Mekong River. As your ship departs Saigon Port, watch the city's skyline dissolve into a tapestry of emerald-green rice paddies and winding waterways. The Mekong Delta, often called the "Rice Bowl of Vietnam," unfolds before you — a maze of life-giving rivers that sustain the communities along its banks. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Ben Tre - Can Tho Today, step into the rhythm of life along the Mekong. Glide through narrow waterways on a *sampan*, a traditional wooden boat, and feel the gentle sway of the river as you pass stilted homes and lush vegetation. In Ben Tre, the sweet aroma of coconut candy fills the air as you visit a family-run workshop, where generations have perfected this craft. Later, ride a vintage *xe lam* through the streets of Can Tho, a city that has long been the cultural heart of the Mekong Delta. At the Zihuang Pagoda, the vibrant colours and intricate carvings come alive with the energy of a traditional unicorn dance — a joyful celebration of local heritage. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Can Tho - Hôa An - Giêng Island

Before breakfast, experience the bustling energy of Cai Rang's Floating Market, where boats



Arrival: Ho Chi Minh City (SGN)

Departure: Ho Chi Minh City (SGN)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2 Caravelle Hotel Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City

Days 3 – 9 Mekong Princess

Days 10, 11 Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Resort, Siem Reap

Day 12 Caravelle Hotel Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City

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11 Breakfasts (B) • 9 Lunches (L) • 9 Dinners (D)

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laden with fresh produce create a kaleidoscope of colours on the water. Sip on fresh coconut water as you weave through this lively marketplace, a cornerstone of Mekong Delta life. Later, in Hòa An village, connect with the land and its people. Learn how rice, the staple of Vietnamese cuisine, is cultivated and processed, and meet a family who crafts the iconic conical hats. As you try your hand at making one, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for the artistry and tradition woven into everyday life here. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Giêng Island - Hong Ngu

On Giêng Island, the gentle hum of craftsmanship fills the air as you visit a village where *sampans* are meticulously built by hand. Travel further into the island on a *xe loi*, a motorised rickshaw, to the serene Phanxico Monastery, a place of quiet reflection. In the afternoon, Hong Ngu welcomes you with open arms. Here, the rhythmic weaving of Khmer scarves tells stories of heritage and resilience, while the intricate embroidery adorning the village speaks to the artistry passed down through generations. At a nearby temple dedicated to Hoa Hao, feel the spiritual heartbeat of the community — a moment of connection to the soul of this land. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Hong Ngu - Phnom Penh, Cambodia As the Mekong carries you

across the border into Cambodia, the vibrant energy of Phnom Penh awaits. Explore the city on a cyclo, a traditional three-wheeled bicycle taxi, and feel the lively rhythm of the riverfront as you approach the Royal Palace. Within its golden gates, wander through manicured gardens and marvel at the Silver Pagoda, where treasures like the Emerald Buddha and a dazzling Maitreya Buddha reflect Cambodia's rich spiritual heritage. At the National Museum, the echoes of ancient civilizations come alive through pre-Angkorian and Angkorian artefacts, offering a glimpse of Cambodia's grandeur. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Phnom Penh This morning, travel by coach to Choeung Ek, one of Cambodia's most somber and historically significant sites. Walk the grounds of the Killing Fields, visit the small museum, and pause at the Memorial Stupa as you learn about the tragic events of the Khmer Rouge era. Continue to Tuol Sleng, a school transformed into the notorious S-21 prison, for deeper insight into this painful chapter of Cambodian history. Return to Phnom Penh for an afternoon at leisure to explore the city's inviting cafés, riverfront promenades, and vibrant markets at your own pace. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Phnom Penh - Angkor Ban - Kampong Cham Spend the morning

relaxing and watching the small villages pass by as we sail farther up the Mekong to Angkor Ban. Tour the town in the afternoon, one of the few that survived the Khmer Rouge's destruction. Many of the original homes, some of which are several hundred years old, remain standing. Visit the village temple, where saffron-robed monks chant soft blessings. Meet a local family and learn about their lives and the challenges they face. Sail farther up the Mekong this evening to dock at Kampong Cham. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Kampong Cham - Siem Reap Your journey shifts from river to road as you travel to Siem Reap, the gateway to the ancient wonders of Angkor. Here, colonial charm meets a vibrant urban scene, where bustling markets and innovative cuisine reflect the city's dynamic spirit. This evening, consider attending Phare, the Cambodian Circus, where acrobatics and storytelling intertwine to celebrate the resilience and creativity of Cambodia's youth. (B, L)

Day 11: Siem Reap Depart for a sunrise at Angkor Wat, a perfect

example of classic Khmer architecture. Enter through its quieter eastern gate, a less-travelled path that offers a sense of exclusivity, and exit to the west, watching the sunlight dance along the ancient stones. Then, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the Visitor Center of APOPO, where "hero rats" are trained to navigate minefields and save lives. Learn about the country's history with war and meet the professional rats at a demonstration. Later, visit Ta Prohm, a sprawling monastic complex that is overgrown with jungle. At Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmers, visit the Terrace of the Leper King and the temples of Baphuon and Bayon, 11th- and 12th-century masterpieces at the centre of the city. Tonight, join your fellow travellers and toast to the end of your adventure. (B, D)

Day 12: Siem Reap - Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Board your flight to bustling Ho Chi Minh City, where you'll spend one last night before your flight back home. (B)

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PRICING

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TOUR DATES

October 2026 – May 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

September 2027 – May 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for September 2027 – May 2028 tour departures.
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HIGHLIGHTS

Hanoi, Walking Food Tour, Discussion with Vietnam War Veteran, Ha Long Bay, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City, Reunification Palace, Mekong Delta, Siem Reap, Angkor Wat, Luang Prabang, Wat Xieng Thong, Pak Ou Buddha Cave, Monk Alms Offering, Bangkok

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Visit with a Vietnam War veteran and learn about the war from his perspective.
- Explore Hanoi's historic Old Quarter on an exciting walking tour.
- See the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used by the Viet Cong.
- Cruise along the famous Mekong Delta, rich with natural wonders.
- Overnight on a junk boat and cruise the waters of Ha Long Bay.
- Explore incredible Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious structure.
- Learn the secrets of Vietnamese cooking during a private interactive class.
- A local Laotian family welcomes you into their home for dinner.

Day 1: Hanoi, Vietnam Arrive today in Hanoi. Layers of the city's complex past can be found interwoven into its modern culture. Known for its French colonial architecture, tree-lined streets, and vibrant street food scene, Hanoi is Vietnam's dynamic capital and second most populous city. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently.

Day 2: Hanoi Start your morning with a city tour of Hanoi and the Old Quarter. Visit Ba Dinh Square and the Temple of Literature. Follow the meandering streets, decorated with temples and pagodas, and feast on the history before you. After working up an appetite, enjoy a walking food tour featuring some of Vietnam's most famous dishes such as *banh mi* and *pho*. Later this evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Hanoi Today, you may choose to start your day early by joining your Tour Manager and locals as they practice tai chi at a local park. After, visit the infamous Hoa Lo Prison. This historic site, dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" by American POWs, is now a museum that tells the story of colonial history from the Vietnamese perspective. Following your visit, sit down with a local veteran from the Vietnam War

to chat and connect with him as he recounts his history. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy as you see fit. You may choose to join an optional tour to see the famous water puppets of Hanoi followed by dinner. (B)

Day 4: Hanoi - Ha Long Bay Journey to Ha Long Bay and board a charming junk boat for an overnight cruise, the perfect vantage point for soaking up the landscape. Once on board, enjoy fresh seafood as you sail past vistas of low green mountains, small villages, hundreds of islands, and limestone peaks jutting out from the sea. Disembark to discover the wonders of nature, history, and archaeology. Back on board, sit back and relax as the sounds and peaceful sway of the boat lull you to sleep. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Ha Long Bay - Hanoi - Da Nang - Hoi An Your day begins with a tai chi lesson on the sundeck at sunrise. After a light breakfast, we head off to visit Sung Sot cave, one of the many limestone grottos accessible by boat in the UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site that is Ha Long Bay. It is time to say farewell to this stunning natural wonder and cruise back to the mainland. Fly to Da Nang and travel to Hoi An (UNESCO), an ancient trading port. (B)

Day 6: Hoi An Start your day with a walking tour of Old Town. Stroll

by the ornate Chinese-style temple Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, the famous 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge, and the vibrant market on the banks of the Thu Bon. Finish with an introduction to the local tailoring culture in Hoi An, a tradition dating back to the days of the silk route. See the process of making cotton and silk cloth, and you may even choose to have some tailor-made clothes made. Enjoy a free afternoon to walk along the canals that cut through Ancient Town on your own, uncovering a preserved history interwoven in the modern way of life. Perhaps you'll visit an art gallery, wander through a cultural museum, or go shopping for the perfect souvenir before joining the group for a local dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Hoi An Explore the flavours of Hoi An. Board a basket boat and journey along the Co Co River for an immersive private cooking class. Learn how to catch seafood in the river and grind rice into flour. Use your ingredients to cook four classic local dishes that you'll enjoy for lunch. Try your hand at crafting a traditional Vietnamese lantern at a local workshop, a beautiful symbol of Hoi An's heritage. Soak up the local atmosphere with a free afternoon and evening. (B, L)

Day 8: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City Leave Hoi An and fly to Ho Chi Minh City, the energetic urban capital formerly known as Saigon. On an eye-opening city tour, you'll see the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Reunification Palace. Head over to explore treasures from local vendors on display at the Old Market in District 1. (B)

Day 9: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City Take to the waters of the famous Mekong Delta. As you sail along, your guide will delve into the history and culture of the region. Discover the region's cottage industry with a visit to a coconut candy factory and learn how this confection is made. Enjoy lunch featuring southern Vietnamese cuisine before travelling back to Ho Chi Minh City. This evening, you might choose to go on an optional Saigon after-dark tour by Vespa, where you'll experience the city's vibrant nightlife, street food, and hidden gems from the back of a vintage scooter. (B, L)

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City Spend your morning at the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in metropolitan Ho Chi Minh City before your dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap, Cambodia This afternoon, board your flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia's gateway to the wonders of Angkor. In this ancient city, you'll discover a world where colonial and Chinese architecture melds into a sophisticated urban and culinary scene. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant accompanied by a traditional Khmer dance performance. (B, D)

Day 12: Siem Reap - Angkor Wat - Siem Reap Depart for a sunrise at Angkor Wat, a perfect example of classic Khmer architecture. Enter its eastern gate and exit to the west, watching the sunlight dance along stones. Later, visit Ta Prohm, a sprawling monastic complex that is overgrown with jungle. At Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmers, visit the Terrace of the Leper King and the temples of Baphuon and Bayon, 11th- and 12th-century masterpieces at the centre of the city. (B)

Day 13: Siem Reap - Preah Dak - Siem Reap Start your day with an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the Visitor Centre of APOPO, where "hero rats" are trained to navigate minefields and save lives. Learn about the country's history with war and meet the professional rats at a demonstration. Then, travel to the village of Preah Dak to learn about daily life and see how *Nom Banh Jok* (rice noodles) are created. Get a peek into the local culture at the palm sugar market, where tree sap is gathered and cooked for sugar. Make your way to Les Chantiers Ecoles, where local apprentices are trained in fine arts, and peruse the different workshops of sculpture, carving, and more. You may choose to end your day with a visit to Phare, the Cambodian Circus. (B, L)

Day 14: Siem Reap - Luang Prabang, Laos This morning, visit the Kompong Khleang floating village and see the stilt houses and floating homes. Board a flight to Luang Prabang, the spiritual capital of Laos. Get acquainted with the city with your guide. Then, venture into a lively outdoor market at night and see a bustling cluster of vendors selling local street foods, baked goods, paper lamps, and textiles. (B, L)

Day 15: Luang Prabang Hop into a tuk-tuk with a guide and make your way to the city centre, including a visit to the National Museum — the former Royal Palace. Continue to Wat Xieng Thong monastery, decorated in eye-catching gold. Meander along the Nam Khan River to Wat Khili, highlighting the local culture and history. After lunch, cruise to the



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Days 1 – 3** Silk Path Hotel, Hanoi
- Day 4** *The Au Co Ship*, Bhaya Cruises
- Days 5 – 7** Little Oasis Hotel & Spa, Hoi An
- Days 8 – 10** Novotel Saigon Centre, Ho Chi Minh City
- Days 11 – 13** Borei Angkor Resort & Spa, Siem Reap
- Days 14 – 16** Victoria Xiangthong Palace, Luang Prabang
- Day 17** Cape House, Bangkok

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

17 Breakfasts (B) • 8 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Hanoi • Pre-Night Stay

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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Pak Ou Caves, shrouded in mystery and home to thousands of Buddha statues. End your day with a home-hosted dinner and traditional *Baci* ceremony, celebrating a significant event in someone's life. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Luang Prabang - Ban Long Lao - Luang Prabang Journey to a traditional Hmong hill tribe village in Ban Long Lao and learn about this ethnic group and their way of life. Set out on a hike through lush jungle and panoramic mountain scenery to the incredible Kuang Si Waterfall. Return to Luang Prabang for lunch in a local restaurant. (B, L)

Day 17: Luang Prabang - Bangkok, Thailand You may choose to rise early and begin your day with a traditional alms offering to local

monks. After breakfast back at the hotel, continue to the airport. Board your flight to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. A feast for the senses, this bustling city on the banks of the Chao Phraya River blends cosmopolitan sophistication with a strong sense of history and tradition. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers and toast to the end of your adventure at dinner. (B, D)

Day 18: Bangkok - Tour Ends Return home with memories of your travels through the kingdoms of Southeast Asia. (B)

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TOUR DATES

October 2026 – April 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

September 2027 – April 2028 (featured itinerary)

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HIGHLIGHTS

Reclining Buddha, Emerald Buddha, Bangkok Street Food, Sukhothai, Chiang Rai, The Golden Triangle, Chiang Mai, Elephant Experience in Chiang Mai, Lanna Home Visit, Home-Hosted Meal, Old Town Phuket, Tuk-Tuk Rides

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Float along the waters of the Mekong River and see the Golden Triangle where Laos, Burma, and Thailand meet.
- Zip around the buzzing city streets of Bangkok on a tuk-tuk followed by tastings of the city's famous street food.
- Join a Lanna family, thought to be the first people of Thailand, for a home-hosted meal.
- Trek by 4x4 vehicle to an elephant sanctuary where you will prepare tasty treats for the endangered residents.
- See the gilded Reclining Buddha, the sacred jade Emerald Buddha, and the dazzling Grand Palace in Bangkok.
- Explore the canals of Bangkok's Old Town on a boat trip.

Day 1: Bangkok, Thailand Begin your discovery of Thailand in Bangkok, its capital city. Here, vibrant street life is contrasted by a backdrop of ornate shrines and rich history. As arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Day 2: Bangkok Begin your journey exploring the winding canals in Bangkok's Old Town on a private boat trip. On Rattanakosin Island, visit Wat Po, the famous Buddhist temple complex in the Phra Nakhon District and see the world-renowned Reclining Buddha. Enjoy some free time from 2:00 p.m. before sitting down with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at the hotel at 6:00 p.m. (B, D)

Day 3: Bangkok Today, experience more of Bangkok's highlights, including a visit to the Wat Phra Kaew; the Emerald Buddha is regarded as the most sacred Buddhist temple in Thailand. Visit the ornately decorated Grand Palace — the official residence of the Kings of Siam since 1782. Enjoy some free time or choose to join an optional tour to the Jim Thompson House and Museum, featuring lunch. This evening, a night tour of Bangkok will create memories for a lifetime as you experience the city from a completely fresh perspective. Climb aboard your tuk-tuk — a motorised rickshaw — for a front row seat to the

bustling Bangkok city streets lit up at night. The streets are alive with excitement and energy as your tuk-tuk brings you for food tastings that capture the local flavour. End with a visit to the flower market — this normally busy, bustling landmark feels solitary and peaceful in the quiet of night. Enjoy more food tastings in a private setting before returning to the hotel. (B, D)

Day 4: Bangkok - Sukhothai Today, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Choose between a walk from the hotel to visit the Suan Pakkad Palace Museum, known for its Thai antiques **-OR-** take the coach to visit the Marble Temple where you will join Buddhist monks in their daily chanting. After, head to the airport for a short flight to Sukhothai. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 5: Sukhothai Dive into history today as you discover the archaeological sites in Sukhothai. Visit its Historical Park, spanning the ruins of Sukhothai — which means "dawn of happiness" — as well as the famous site of Wat Si Chum, a landmark temple boasting a 49-foot Buddha and an open ceiling. (B, L)

Day 6: Sukhothai - Chiang Rai Set off today for Chiang Rai. During this longer ride, stop for lunch at a local restaurant and visit the White Temple, called Wat Rong Khun — an intricately designed Buddhist-styled temple.



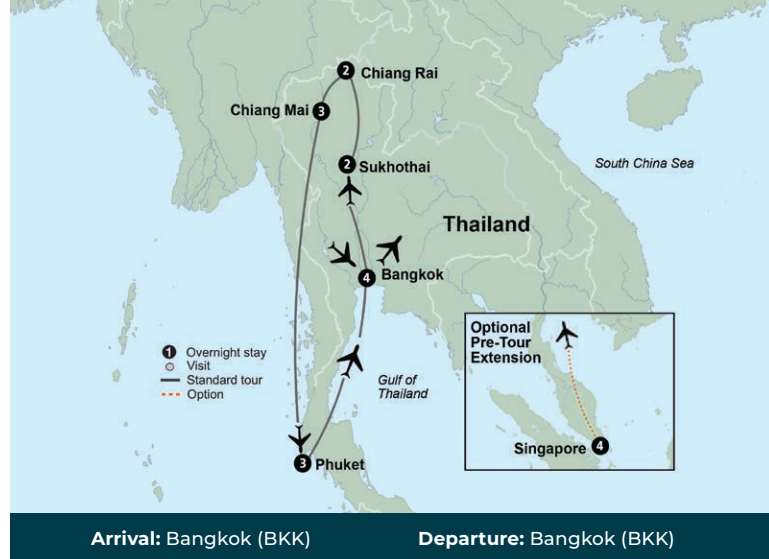
Arrive in Chiang Rai, once the capital of the Mengrai Dynasty. (B, L)

Day 7: Chiang Rai Explore the beauty of Chiang Rai today. This laid-back town offers up a cultural experience as an ethnic melting pot in Thailand. Enjoy a tour of the Golden Triangle, where Burma, Laos, and Thailand meet, separated by the Mekong River. Visit the Opium Museum today. As you explore this museum, learn all about the opium trade and the impact to local communities. Then, it's all aboard for a short boat ride along the Mekong River, to float at the confluence of Burma, Laos, and Thailand. Back on land, walk to a restaurant for lunch before enjoying a free afternoon starting around 2:00 p.m. This evening, enjoy a walk in a night bazaar, experiencing the culture of this region in a whole new way. (B, L)

Day 8: Chiang Rai - Chiang Mai Today, it's off to Chiang Mai — once a religious centre, where elaborate Buddhist temples create a beautiful backdrop reflecting its rich, cultural history. En route, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting Doi Suthep — one of the twin peaks of a beautiful granite mountain to the west of Chiang Mai. A cable car whisks you to its peak to visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, one of the most important Buddhist temples in Thailand. Marvel at the stunning views before taking the ornate steps back down. Flanked by jeweled *naga* — lavish serpents — these steps are the perfect spot for a photo! Enjoy dinner on your own this evening. (B, L)

Day 9: Chiang Mai See elephants in their natural setting today for a powerful **IMPACT MOMENT** during a visit to ChangChill, which literally means "relaxed elephants." This sanctuary prides itself on its ethical treatment of these endangered species. Climb aboard your 4x4 vehicles and meander through country roads to reach the camp. Then, walk through rice paddy fields and meet the resident elephants. From a distance, watch them graze, bathe in the river, roam the lush forest, socialise with one another, and embrace their freedom. Make herb balls and fruit snacks to place in feeding stations. Enjoy a simple vegetarian lunch served by the camp staff as the elephants arrive for their snacks. Participate in a discussion with a *mahout* on changes to the elephant trade practices and the impact to the *mahout* community. Travellers who wish to observe the elephants grazing can set off for a 20-minute hike to do so. (B, L)

Day 10: Chiang Mai Enjoy a warm welcome today from an extended family belonging to the Lanna ethnic group. Visit their home where you can learn from one of the family members about their customs and religion, see their garden, and hear all about the herbs grown here. Together with hosts, you will learn how to prepare local dishes and then join them as you enjoy the fruits of your labour with a simple lunch. Tonight, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Choose between a relaxing one-hour Thai massage **-OR-** get a taste of the local flavour during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L)



Arrival: Bangkok (BKK)

Departure: Bangkok (BKK)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Days 1 – 3** Amari Bangkok, Bangkok
- Days 4, 5** Sriwilai Sukhothai Resort & Spa, Sukhothai
- Days 6, 7** The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa, Chiang Rai
- Days 8 – 10** Kantary Hills Hotel, Chiang Mai
- Days 11 – 13** Cape Panwa Hotel, Phuket
- Day 14** Hyatt Regency Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport, Bangkok

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

14 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Bangkok • Pre-Night Stay

Singapore • Pre-Tour Guided Extension
4 Nights, Starting at \$3,325* pp

Before Bangkok, explore Singapore's vibrant neighbourhoods, local flavours, and the Gardens by the Bay.

**Additional air segment purchase required.*

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

Day 11: Chiang Mai - Phuket Fly to Phuket this morning and head to your resort, set on a private tropical beach. Relax for the rest of the day as the salty sea breeze rolls in, rustling the palms and soothing the soul. Perhaps hit the waves or unwind with a good book, reflecting on your cultural journey thus far. Stay as long as you'd like. (B)

Day 12: Phuket Travel to Phuket's Old Town, adorned with brightly painted, historic Sino-Portuguese townhouses, stores, cafés, and ice cream shops. Explore this charming Old Town all morning and enjoy free time for lunch on your own. After lunch, return to your beach-front resort to soak up those saltwater vibes and laid-back tropical lifestyle for the day. (B)

Day 13: Phuket It's a completely free day today, so take advantage of your idyllic tropical resort or perhaps head back to the Old Town and dive into some of Phuket's most popular haunts. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner, toasting an experience full of history, beauty, culture, and incredible discoveries in Thailand. (B, D)

Day 14: Phuket - Bangkok Fly to Bangkok this afternoon and head to an airport hotel, preparing to return home with a lifetime of memories — the best kind of souvenir. (B)

Day 15: Bangkok - Tour Ends Say farewell to Thailand and return home today. (B)

Mysteries of India

14 DAYS • 26 MEALS • STARTING AT \$8,249

Jaipur

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 17 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$8,249 (DOUBLE)** or **\$10,349 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 6 November 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026 – April 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

September 2027 – April 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for September 2027 – April 2028 tour departures.
Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Old Delhi, Jaipur, Hawa Mahal, Amber Fort, Home-Hosted Dinner, Ranthambore National Park, Abhaneri Stepwell, Taj Mahal, Chandela Temple Complex, Varanasi, Ganga Aarti Ceremony

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Venture through the main streets and back roads of Old Delhi via rickshaw.
- Learn the secrets to preparing incredible Indian food at a home-hosted dinner.
- Behold the Taj Mahal at sunrise.
- Marvel at the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony.
- Watch for tigers in the wild during game drives in Ranthambore National Park.
- Cruise the waters of the famous Ganges River.
- Travel to Khajuraho on an exciting train journey.
- Savour the flavours of authentically brewed chai tea at a bustling street-side stall in Jaipur.

Day 1: Delhi, India A paradise of contradiction, Delhi features a bustling energy, age-old monuments, and an all-encompassing vitality that courses its way through the busy streets. Experience everything this dynamic metropolis has to offer, from modern New Delhi to historic Old Delhi. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Day 2: Delhi Start your morning at the expansive Humayun's Tomb, one of the best-preserved Mughal monuments dating back to the 1500s. This sprawling complex inspired countless mausoleums, including the legendary Taj Mahal. Enjoy some free time in the afternoon to explore on your own. Gather with your group in the evening for a welcome dinner featuring Indian specialties. (B, D)

Day 3: Delhi Cut through Old Delhi's buzzing streets on a rickshaw — your mode of transport for an exhilarating tour of Old Delhi. See the city's friendly vendors as you travel down narrow streets and busy corridors. Visit Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India, and stand in awe before its iconic red sandstone towers. Your exploration of New Delhi continues on a journey by the city's famous monuments, including the India Gate and Parliament building. (B, L)

Day 4: Delhi - Jaipur Wish the city goodbye and embark on a scenic drive through the countryside. Stop for lunch in a local restaurant before arriving in Jaipur, the "Pink City." See Hawa Mahal, the former home of a *maharaja* (Indian prince). Marvel at the city's architectural brilliance as you stroll through the heart of the old city during your free time. (B, L)

Day 5: Jaipur Take in the extensive palace complex of Amber Fort, India's former seat of power. Head to the palace by means of a vintage jeep, scaling the hills overlooking Jaipur. In the evening, get to know a local family as you join them for a hosted dinner in their home. (B, D)

Day 6: Jaipur Experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you explore the secrets hidden in the walled city of Jaipur on an eco-friendly e-rickshaw. With Pink City Rickshaw Company, which employs women from low-income households, you'll get a peek into the soul of the old city as your driver steers the way. Continue your exploration of the beautiful city, starting with the City Palace. Nearby, take in the impeccable masonry of the Jantar Mantar — the world's oldest stone sundial. The afternoon is yours to discover Jaipur however you please. (B)

Day 7: Jaipur - Ranthambore National Park Travel to Ranthambore National



Taj Mahal



Ranthambore

Park where we will seek out tigers in their natural habitat. Learn about Project Tiger's conservation efforts and the impact the organisation has had on the Ranthambore sanctuary. Connect with a naturalist, introducing you to India's extensive wildlife. This afternoon, you may also choose to join an optional hike up to the historic Ranthambore Fort for sweeping views of the park. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Ranthambore Begin your day early and board a canter (open-air truck) to embark on your initial game drive. Seek out barking deer, Indian gazelles, and exotic birdlife. Follow the tigers' paths in search of the sanctuary's renowned wildlife. Then, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Enjoy some leisure time to relax at the hotel and explore your surroundings at your own pace **-OR-** take a short trip for an **IMPACT MOMENT** at Dastkar Ranthambore, a social enterprise renowned for empowering local women artisans. No matter what you choose, return to the wild for another chance to seek out marsh crocodiles, sloth bears, and the park's famous Bengal tigers. (B, L, D)

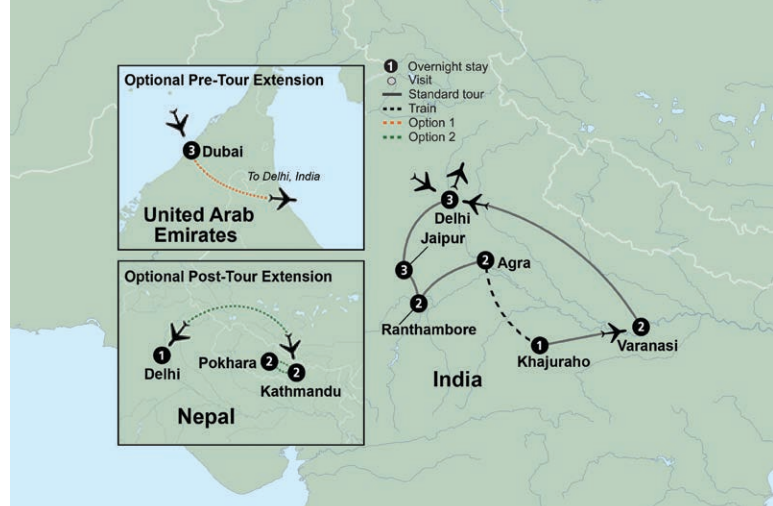
Day 9: Ranthambore - Agra Today, we set out at the break of day as we make our way to Agra, a city rich with the splendours of the past. Along the way, visit the impressive Abhaneri step well. Built over 1,000 years ago, it is an architectural marvel hidden from visitors until recently. Then, stop for

lunch and get another taste of local flavours. Home to stone forts and marble mausoleums, Agra features a lively culture and picture-perfect architecture. This evening, you may choose to join an optional excursion by tuk-tuk to explore Itmad ud Daula and Mahtab Bagh, where you'll get your first glimpse of the Taj Mahal. (B, L)

Day 10: Agra The Taj Mahal, a stunning vision in white marble and sandstone, was built as an expression of love by Emperor Shah Jahan. Experience the romantic spirit of the Taj Mahal in the early morning, when the colours of the sky dance on the bright façade and shimmer in its reflective pool. Visit Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire. During an **IMPACT MOMENT**, enjoy lunch at Sheroes' Hangout — a café that empowers female survivors of violence, allowing them to reclaim their lives through employment and sisterhood. (B, L)

Day 11: Agra - Khajuraho Another adventure awaits! Start your morning with a train ride on the Vande Bharat Express from Agra to Khajuraho. In the shadow of the Vindhya mountain range, find a city of stone temples and mystifying sculptures. Make the most of time at leisure this afternoon to explore the area on your own. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Khajuraho - Varanasi Take in the Chandela Temple complex, home



Arrival: New Delhi (DEL)

Departure: New Delhi (DEL)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1 – 3	Jaypee Vasant Continental, Delhi
Days 4 – 6	Radisson Jaipur City Center, Jaipur
Days 7, 8	AamaGhati Wildlife Resort, Ranthambore
Days 9, 10	Jaypee Palace Hotel, Agra
Day 11	Radisson Jass Hotel, Khajuraho
Days 12, 13	Radisson Hotel, Varanasi
Day 14	Lemon Tree Premier, Delhi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

13 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Lunches (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

New Delhi • Pre- or Post-Night Stay

Dubai • Pre-Tour Hosted Extension

3 Nights, Starting at \$2,100+ pp

Set out sooner to discover Dubai's skyscrapers, souks, mosques, and museums, and ride in 4x4s in the desert.

†Additional air segment purchase required.

Nepal • Post-Tour Guided Extension

5 Nights, Starting at \$2,975+ pp

From Kathmandu to Pokhara, Nepal's serene lakes, energetic cities, and iconic mountains await.

†Additional air segment purchase required.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

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

Day 13: Varanasi Take advantage of a morning boat ride for an opportunity to see the sunrise on the

Ganges River. Travel to Sarnath, where Siddhartha Gautama — later known as Buddha — gave his first sermon in the 6th century B.C. Discover this holy site and gain insight into the country's divine past. Celebrate your adventure through India alongside new friends at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour Ends

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

North America



📍 Québec, Canada



Between Wolf and Dog

Wolfdogs are a unique mix of wild animal and domestic pet, often misunderstood and difficult to care for responsibly. Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary exists to provide lifelong care, education, and protection for these animals while helping visitors better understand their behaviour and needs.

On **Aurora Adventure**, you'll visit the sanctuary to learn what makes wolfdogs different, why sanctuaries like this matter, and how conservation and education work hand in hand.

Turn to page 114 to read more.



A Small Taste of Québec

For generations, Île d'Orléans has been Québec's pantry. Farmers, bakers, and producers have shaped the island's identity through food that reflects the land, the seasons, and French-Canadian tradition.

On **Charms of Québec**, a progressive culinary tour

introduces the island one stop at a time — meeting producers, tasting local specialties, and learning how this small place has shaped the region's culture.

Turn to page 116 to read more.

Aurora Adventure Winter in the Canadian Rockies & the Yukon

10 DAYS • 14 MEALS • STARTING AT \$11,699

Northern Lights

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 4 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$11,699 (DOUBLE)** or **\$13,849 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 14 March 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

November 2026 – March 2027 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for November 2026 - March 2027 tour departures.
Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary, Lake Louise, Banff National Park, Banff Gondola & Nightrise Experience, Northern Lights Searches in Whitehorse, Yukon Wildlife Preserve, Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs, Dog Mushing Excursion, Vancouver

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Relax in the therapeutic hot springs of Whitehorse, surrounded by the Boreal Forest.
- Learn about rescued wolfdogs at a sanctuary devoted to their well-being.
- Experience the thrill of dogsledding in the Yukon and the life of a musher.
- Enjoy a 2-night stay at the legendary Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, "Canada's Castle in the Rockies."
- Admire the grandeur of Lake Louise surrounded by snowcapped peaks.
- Search for the northern lights in the Yukon's star-filled sky.
- Delve into traditional foods during dinner at a First Nation Cultural Centre in Whitehorse.
- Dine under the moon and stars atop Sulphur Mountain, overlooking Banff.

Day 1: Calgary, Alberta A winter adventure spanning the soaring majesty of the Canadian Rockies and the brilliance of the Yukon sets the stage for unforgettable encounters with local cultures and the beauty of nature. As you arrive in Calgary, in the province of Alberta, take time to settle in and explore at your own pace. There are no scheduled activities today, giving you time to unwind and get ready for the breathtaking days ahead.

Day 2: Calgary - Cochrane - Canmore - Lake Louise Your journey into the heart of the Canadian Rockies begins with an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary. Here, rescued wolfdogs find safety, care, and fulfilling lives. Learn about the sanctuary's mission to promote understanding of wolfdogs and wild wolf conservation during an up-close experience and viewing of these animals guided by passionate experts. After continuing the day's travel, enjoy free time during a stop in the quaint town of Canmore. This afternoon, arrive at the famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, a stunning retreat nestled beside the frozen lake and surrounded by towering mountains — the scenery is nothing short of magical, and perhaps the elusive auroras will even make an

appearance after dark. Tonight, enjoy the company of your fellow travellers as you dine at one of the Chateau's acclaimed restaurants. (B, D)

Day 3: Lake Louise - Banff Wake up to a postcard-perfect morning in Lake Louise, where the stillness of winter wraps the landscape in quiet beauty. With free time this morning, why not take a walk along the scenic lakeshore? Mid-morning, set off for the charming alpine town of Banff. Enjoy some time in the cosy downtown before learning about a uniquely Albertan treasure. Meet a local ammolite specialist to discover the story behind this rare gemstone found only in Alberta. Later, check into the legendary Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, affectionately known as "Canada's Castle in the Rockies." With its grand architecture and storied past, it's more than a hotel - it's a destination in itself. (B)

Day 4: Banff This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Lace up your boots for a guided hike through Johnston Canyon, where steel catwalks hug the canyon walls and lead you to frozen waterfalls and dramatic views **-OR-** enjoy a hands-on bead-working experience led by a member of the Metis community, an Indigenous people with a unique history, culture and language all their own. Enjoy free



Johnston Canyon



Dogsledding

time on your own surrounded by the snow globe atmosphere of charming Banff. Later today, soar above it all on the Banff Gondola, ascending Sulphur Mountain for panoramic views of snow-covered peaks and valleys. At the summit, enjoy a memorable dinner surrounded by alpine beauty, followed by Nightrise, an interactive art experience created in collaboration with the Stoney Nakoda Nation. (B, D)

Day 5: Banff - Calgary Back in Calgary after a late morning departure from Banff, dive into the city's vibrant food scene with a guided tasting tour of Calgary Farmers' Market West. With your local foodie guide leading the way, sample regional flavours and discover stories behind the ingredients. It's a delicious way to connect with Alberta's culture — one bite at a time. Enjoy a free evening as you wish. (B, L)

Day 6: Calgary - Whitehorse, the Yukon Today, take a flight to Whitehorse, the capital of the Yukon — a land of vast wilderness,

rich Indigenous heritage, and gold rush legends. Though it's Canada's smallest territory by population, the Yukon's spirit is anything but small. Larger than many countries, it's a place where nature reigns and stories run deep. Whitehorse sits directly beneath the aurora oval, making it one of the best places on Earth to witness the northern lights — and tonight, you'll have your first chance to see them dance across the sky. Bundle up, step outside, and look up. The magic of the Yukon night sky awaits. (B)

Day 7: Whitehorse Today, discover the heart and soul of Whitehorse, a small city with a big personality. Join a local guide for a tour that brings the town's frontier spirit to life. See the SS Klondike, a grand paddle-wheeler that once ruled the Yukon River, and see the Old Log Church, the city's oldest building. Along the way, hear stories of "sourdoughs" — those hardy souls who've braved a Yukon winter and wear it like a badge of honour. This afternoon,



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Day 1** Calgary Marriott Downtown Hotel, Calgary, AB
- Day 2** Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, AB
- Days 3, 4** Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff, AB
- Day 5** Calgary Marriott Downtown Hotel, Calgary, AB
- Days 6 – 8** Hyatt Place, Whitehorse, YT
- Day 9** Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

9 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Calgary • Pre-Night Stay

Vancouver • Post-Night Stay

get closer to the wild at the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, where you'll have the chance to spot native species like musk-ox, elk, and Dall sheep in their natural habitat. Then, unwind in the steamy, mineral-rich waters of the Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs, surrounded by snow-covered forest. It's a moment of pure Yukon serenity. As night falls, head out once again in search of the aurora borealis. With luck, the sky will come alive in waves of green - an unforgettable spectacle in this land of endless wonder. (B)

Day 8: Whitehorse After a late night seeking the aurora, enjoy a leisurely morning to rest or explore Whitehorse at your own pace, perhaps sipping coffee in a cosy café or strolling along the Yukon River. This afternoon, embrace the spirit of the North with a thrilling dogsledding adventure. Led by an expert musher, glide through the snow-covered backcountry behind a team of eager huskies. It's an exhilarating, unforgettable way to experience the Yukon wilderness — just as early explorers once did.

Tonight, gather at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, a riverside space that honours the traditions and stories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation. Share a meaningful meal and connect with the culture of the land through food, art, and storytelling. Later, return to the aurora viewing site for one last chance to witness the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 9: Whitehorse - Vancouver, British Columbia Say farewell to the wild beauty of the Yukon as you fly south to the vibrant, coastal city of Vancouver. Nestled between mountains and ocean, Vancouver is a cosmopolitan hub with a laid-back West Coast vibe. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Vancouver - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. As you return home, reflect on your favourite moments from your journey — from the icy stillness of Lake Louise to the electric skies of the Yukon. (B)

Charms of Québec

A Journey through Montreal, Charlevoix & Québec City

8 DAYS • 10 MEALS • STARTING AT \$7,899



Québec City

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 2 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$7,899 (DOUBLE)** or **\$9,849 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 13 August 2027 departure.

TOUR DATES

October 2026 (different itinerary – see note*)

May – October 2027 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for May – October 2027 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, First Nations Breakfast & Discussion, Whale-Watching Zodiac Expedition, Montmorency Falls, Tasting Tour of Île de Orléans

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- At the family-run Albert Gilles Copper Art Studio and Museum, encounter stunning works of hand-embossed copper.
- Set out on a Zodiac whale-watching expedition in the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park.
- Taste your way through the terroir of Île d'Orléans on a progressive culinary adventure.
- Learn about the ancestral tradition of maple syrup-making and the stories of a First Nation during an Indigenous-inspired breakfast.
- Learn about the production of lavender, an emblem of French culture, and savour some lavender-infused delights.
- Soak in Québec City's charms and the unmissable sight of Château Frontenac.
- Admire the grandeur of Saint Anne de Beupré Basilica, the oldest pilgrimage site in North America.

Day 1: Montreal, Québec Welcome to Montreal. This lively multicultural city is rich in history and European charm. An in-depth exploration of the vibrant, French-speaking province of Québec kicks off in this exciting, modern hub. As flights arrive throughout the afternoon and evening, there will be no inclusions, so you can take time to explore Montreal on your own.

Day 2: Montreal Start your day with a panoramic tour of Montreal. Take in the sights of the city, including Jacques Cartier Square, McGill University and some of the city's unique neighbourhoods, old and new. Top it off with spectacular views from "the mountain" as it's called by locals, named Mount Royal by Jacques Cartier in 1535. The afternoon is yours. Sit in a sidewalk café, visit a museum, or browse some of the city's many famous shops. This evening, experience a taste of Montreal during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Montreal - La Malbaie, Charlevoix Region This morning, head to First Nations reserve, Kahnawà:ke. Enjoy a simple, Indigenous-inspired breakfast complete with fresh maple syrup! The practice of tapping maple trees has ancient roots from the Indigenous peoples of North America and has

resurged as an important connection to nature and ancestral traditions. Get a glimpse into the resilience and traditions of this Mohawk Nation over an exclusive discussion with a community member. Next, visit the only studio in North America still producing embossed copper art by hand. During a visit to the family-run Albert Gilles Copper Art Studio and Museum, learn about this disappearing artform, see a demonstration of the detailed work, and enjoy a treat cooked in unique copper molds. Next, it's on to Sanctuaire Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, the oldest pilgrimage site in North America. Set off for Charlevoix, a picturesque region sculpted between the sea and mountains. Arrive at Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, a serene and historic castle-like hotel overlooking the St. Lawrence River – and your home for two nights. (B)

Day 4: La Malbaie - Baie Sainte Catherine - La Malbaie Today, take to the water aboard a large Zodiac boat for an exhilarating whale-watching expedition. Embrace nature all around you in the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park and set out to encounter the fascinating and majestic creatures here. A naturalist guide will introduce you to the many species that reside in this marine protected area, like minke whales, fin



Copper Art



Whale Watch

whales, humpback whales, porpoises, and belugas. Then, the remainder of the day is at leisure to take advantage of your resort's many amenities. Maybe you'll relax at the spa, hit the golf course, or hike along the property's trails. This evening, enjoy an included dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Charlevoix Region - Baie-Saint-Paul - Québec City Begin the day with a private visit to Papeterie Saint-Gilles, a workshop and economuseum where craftsmen make paper as they did in the 17th century. During this **IMPACT MOMENT**, connect with artisans who preserve this piece of heritage through the craft of pressing paper made from cotton. Next, head to a family-owned lavender farm to learn about the production of the cherished herbal plant and enjoy a taste of some lavender treats. Finally, around 4:00 p.m., arrive in historic Québec City, the cradle of French America and North America's only fortified city. (B)

Day 6: Québec City This morning, set out to explore the city your way, because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Join a local guide for a walking tour and stroll the history-filled streets of Old Québec, hearing stories of days gone by -**OR**- embark on a panoramic coach tour to experience the beauty and history of both Old and

New Québec, seeing the provincial Parliament, the Saint-Louis Gate, and the site of the original settlement of the city. Then, the afternoon is yours to explore however you wish. Old Québec's winding streets and old-world European ambiance call. Maybe you'll meander beside the fabulous Château Frontenac and descend to Lower Town to visit the boutiques and cafés in Petit-Champlain. Or choose to join an optional tour to explore Indigenous history and culture at the Huron Wendat First Nations Museum and sample First Nations flavours over lunch. (B)

Day 7: Québec City - Île d'Orléans - Québec City Today, at Montmorency Falls, stand in awe of the river plunging 272 feet off the Canadian Shield (approximately 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls), taking in stunning views from the many lookout points. Then, you're off for a culinary adventure to taste your way through Île d'Orléans. One of the first areas of the province to be colonised by the French, the island is known for its ancestral homes, agriculture, and breathtaking scenery. Stop to sample a variety of regional products and seasonal delights, with chances to meet local producers along the way. Travel down the island's coast to a vineyard to enjoy a winery tour and wine tasting paired with beautiful



Arrival: Montreal (YUL)

Departure: Québec (YQB)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2 Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel, Montreal

Days 3, 4 Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, Charlevoix

Days 5 - 7 Hôtel Clarendon, Québec City

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

7 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Montreal • Pre-Night Stay

Québec City • Post-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.



Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu

views of the island's greenery. Return to Québec City for a little bit of down time before gathering to say *au revoir* to your time in Québec during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Québec City - Tour Ends Your tour of the charming Canadian province of Québec comes to a close today. (B)

NEW TOUR

Northwest Uncovered: Sun Valley & Yellowstone featuring Bozeman, Boise & Hells Canyon

10 DAYS • 16 MEALS • STARTING AT \$12,799



Shoshone Falls

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$12,799 (DOUBLE)** or **\$15,949 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 9 September 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

May – October 2027

HIGHLIGHTS

Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful, Sun Valley Resort, Basque Dinner, Hells Canyon Jetboat Ride, Nez Perce Cultural Experience, Vineyard Dinner & Wine Tasting

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Explore Boise's Basque community with a visit to a historic boarding house and museum.
- Enjoy a wine tasting and dinner in the Walla Walla Valley.
- Immerse yourself in the Nimiipuu Culture with a Nez Perce cultural experience.
- Visit Yellowstone National Park, home to the famous Old Faithful Geyser.
- Marvel at the dazzling scenery of Hells Canyon, America's deepest canyon.
- Spend two nights at the historic Sun Valley Resort.
- Experience an authentic Basque dinner in Boise.

Day 1: Bozeman, Montana - Tour Begins

Welcome to Big Sky Country. Your adventure kicks off in Bozeman, Montana — a vibrant mountain town nestled beneath expansive skies and rugged peaks. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and take some time to unwind or start exploring this charming Western gateway at your own pace. Wander through downtown Bozeman, where historic storefronts, craft breweries, and mountain-inspired dining create the perfect introduction to the region's unique character. As traveller arrival times vary, no group activities or meals are planned. Tonight, settle in and get ready for an unforgettable adventure into the heart of America's first national park.

Day 2: Bozeman - Yellowstone National Park

Today, immerse yourself in the iconic wonders of Yellowstone. Discover its legendary scenery, from forested valleys and roaming wildlife to mesmerising geothermal marvels. As evening approaches, head to Roosevelt Corrals for an authentic Old West Dinner Cookout, where hearty fare and western hospitality await. Under a canopy of stars with echoes of frontier history, this evening captures the spirit of the American West. (B, D)

Day 3: Yellowstone National Park

Wake up to the unparalleled

experience of staying within Yellowstone National Park, where the natural world sets the pace. Stand in awe before the vivid colours of Grand Prismatic Spring, the largest hot spring in the United States, where steam and mineral-rich waters paint a surreal landscape. Later, feel the thrill as Old Faithful erupts, a breathtaking display of nature's power and precision. This afternoon enjoy a scenic drive and wildlife viewing opportunities in this geothermal wonderland. (B)

Day 4: Yellowstone National Park - Sun Valley, Idaho

Bid farewell to Yellowstone as the journey winds through sweeping western scenery en route to Sun Valley, Idaho, a mountain resort with a storied past. Since its founding in the 1930s, the Sun Valley Resort has set the standard for alpine elegance, evolving into a legendary resort favoured by generations of cultural icons and winter sport champions. This evening, gather for dinner at Sun Valley Resort, overlooking the famous outdoor ice rink once graced by Olympic legends. Surrounded by alpine elegance and fresh mountain air, the evening sets the tone for your stay in this legendary destination. (B, D)

Day 5: Sun Valley Discover the charm and heritage of Sun Valley during a locally guided history tour,



Hells Canyon



Nez Perce

learning how this mountain retreat became a playground for artists, athletes, and celebrities. In the afternoon, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** — pick one activity or choose them all! Design your day at this iconic resort — lace up your skates at the historic ice rink **-OR-** enjoy a round of bowling **-OR-** catch a film at the Opera House **-OR-** or unwind with a game at the Sawtooth Putting Course. It's a delightful mix of leisure, history, and personal discovery. (B)

Day 6: Sun Valley - Boise Travel from the mountains to Idaho's capital city, stopping at breathtaking Shoshone Falls, often called the "Niagara of the West." In Boise, explore a distinctive cultural legacy shaped by immigrants from the Pyrenees region of northern Spain and southern France with a visit to the Basque Museum, home to one of the largest Basque communities in the United States. This evening, enjoy a traditional Basque dinner that reflects the culture's deep emphasis on shared meals, hospitality, and time-honoured customs. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Boise - Lewiston Journey north through changing terrain with a stop in the charming lakeside town of McCall, nestled along Payette Lake. Enjoy time to explore, relax, or take in the fresh mountain air before continuing to Lewiston, located at

the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers. The evening is yours to unwind after a scenic day of travel. (B)

Day 8: Lewiston Experience the thrill of a private Hells Canyon jetboat tour, cruising through North America's deepest river gorge while learning about its geology, wildlife, and frontier history. Later, deepen your understanding of the region during an **IMPACT MOMENT** with a Nez Perce Cultural Experience that offers insight into the traditions and resilience of the Nez Perce people. Conclude your day in memorable fashion with a private dinner at a vineyard, featuring a wine tasting amid rolling vineyards and river views. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Lewiston - Spokane, Washington Travel into Washington State en route to Spokane, where a guided city tour reveals historic districts, riverfront scenery, and architectural gems. Tonight, stay at the legendary Davenport Hotel, where timeless elegance and modern luxury define Spokane hospitality. Gather for a farewell dinner at the hotel's elegant restaurant as you reflect on the remarkable country and cultures explored along the way. (B, D)

Day 10: Spokane - Tour Ends Your journey through the American West comes to a close today as you depart



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Day 1** AC Hotel Bozeman Downtown, Bozeman, MT
- Days 2, 3** Yellowstone National Park Lodges, Yellowstone National Park
- Days 4, 5** Sun Valley Inn, Sun Valley, ID
- Day 6** The Grove Hotel, Boise, ID
- Days 7, 8** Hells Canyon Grand Hotel, Lewiston, ID
- Day 9** Davenport Hotel, Autograph Collection, Spokane, WA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

9 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Bozeman • Pre-Night Stay

Spokane • Post-Night Stay



Sun Valley

Spokane. Reflect on the scenery, people, and unforgettable moments that defined this adventure — from geothermal wonders and canyon

rivers to mountain towns and living traditions. Depart for home with lasting memories and stories to share. (B)

Montana: Exploring Big Sky Country featuring Yellowstone & Glacier National Parks

10 DAYS • 14 MEALS • STARTING AT \$12,799



Glacier National Park

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$12,799 (DOUBLE)** or **\$15,949 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 9 September 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

June – September 2027 (featured itinerary – see note*)

**Itinerary featured is for June – September 2027 tour departures.
Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Yellowstone, Old Faithful, Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone Grand Canyon, Gates of the Mountains, Glacier National Park, Going-to-the-Sun Road

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Explore both the Northern and Southern Loops of Yellowstone National Park.
- Sample traditional food of the Kootenai people.
- Learn about Native American culture on the Flathead Reservation.
- Explore the wild beauty of Glacier National Park.
- Cruise along Lewis and Clark's famous trail through the Gates of the Mountains.
- Take a horsedrawn wagon to a cowboy cookout.
- Spend time in the picturesque town of Whitefish.
- Dig into a mouth-watering barbeque dinner.

Day 1: Bozeman, Montana Step outside, take a deep breath in, and look around you — you're in big sky country. Montana is wilderness, adventure, and beauty, and you're about to see what makes it unique. Today, arrive in Bozeman, the jumping off point to explore the northern and southern loops of Yellowstone, America's first national park. As travellers' arrival times vary, there is no included sightseeing today. Tonight enjoy Bozeman's western charm and dinner on your own.

Day 2: Bozeman - Yellowstone Southern Loop - Pray This morning, pass through Yellowstone's northern gate and venture into the Lower Loop, the road that encircles the entire lower half of the National Park. Your first stop will be at the Grand Prismatic Spring, where steaming azure-blue waters clash brilliantly with the bright orange of the clay earth surrounding it. You'll quickly learn why this is one of the most photographed spots in the entire park — its unearthly beauty is something to behold. The best spot to take it all in is at the overlook, and you'll have enough time to take the 20-minute hike up if you choose. Afterwards, head to Old Faithful, the legendary geyser that you can "set your watch to." Enjoy lunch on your own, walk the boardwalk trails surrounding Old Faithful, and cheque

the time on the next eruption. No drive through Yellowstone is that quiet, though — you'll want to gaze out your window at the mountains, plains, cliffs, and forests. Bison, elk, bears, eagles, wolves, and antelope call this incredible slice of wilderness their home, and you might spot them at any time. (B, D)

Day 3: Pray - Yellowstone Northern Loop - Pray Today, explore Yellowstone's northern loop. Your first stop will be Mammoth Hot Springs. Here, bubbling pots of geothermal water trickle down the step-like terraces, creating incredible shapes and colours. Explore the boardwalks that wind through the steaming landscape. Next, head to the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone lookout, where you'll find yourself standing over the massive, 20-mile-long canyon. Its craggy walls are streaked with brilliant whites, pinks, and oranges from the volcanic minerals contained in the rocks. The Yellowstone River roars along at the bottom over three different waterfalls. Later today, return to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Pray - Paradise Valley - Helena This morning, head through the sweeping vistas of Montana's Paradise Valley. In the distance, you'll see the Absaroka Beartooth



Mammoth Hot Springs

Mountains to the east, and the Gallatin Range of the Rocky Mountains to your west. You'll arrive in the capital of Montana, Helena, a city with rich gold rush history and beautiful Victorian era architecture. These days, the "Queen City of the Rockies" is less known for gold and more known for its great local restaurants and microbreweries, as well as a stunning trail system in the surrounding landscape. Tonight we head into the backcountry in horsedrawn wagons for a cowboy cookout and some local entertainment. (B, D)

Day 5: Helena - Gates of the Mountains - Helena Start your day with a local guide showing you around the beautiful and welcoming mountain city of Helena on a narrated, train trolley tour. See the opulent mansion district, marvel at the Cathedral of St. Helena, and roll by governor's homes. Pass by a restored miners' village, enjoy the unique architecture along Last Chance Gulch, and catch a glimpse of the Old Fire Tower. After exploring the city a bit, you'll have time on your own to enjoy the charm of downtown Helena before heading to the Gates of the Mountains. Here, on the shores of the Missouri River, you'll follow in the footsteps of the most renowned explorers in American history — Lewis and Clark. Climb aboard a boat and cruise these storied waters, follow the path Lewis and Clark took on their legendary journey across this vast wilderness, and take in the natural beauty. Meriwether Lewis himself named this stunning canyon the Gates of the Mountains, and you'll discover just how it must have felt to come across this awe-inspiring sight. Tonight, return to Helena for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Helena - Great Falls - St. Mary Today, venture to Great Falls, where the mighty Missouri River thunders down from the Rocky Mountains over five

waterfalls to the great plains below. This was a massive obstacle for Lewis and Clark's expedition in 1805. They had to carry their boats over land for a month to make it from the lower falls to the upper falls. You will not have to work that hard, because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Visit the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Centre where you can learn about the trials of the legendary expedition **-OR-** explore the exhibits at the C.M. Russell Art Museum during a self-guided tour, where you'll see the art of Charles Russell, a cowboy-turned-artist from the turn of the century, as well as his original home and log studio. Afterwards, continue to St. Mary, the eastern entryway to Glacier National Park. (B)

Day 7: Glacier National Park - Going-to-the-Sun Road - Whitefish Head into Glacier National Park to board one of the 1930s vintage red buses and venture down one of the most breathtaking roads in North America, Going-to-the-Sun Road. Sit back and admire the views of the valley as your "jammer," one of the experienced guides, drives you through this natural landscape. Relax and take in all the majestic sights before heading to the town of Whitefish where forests, lakes, rivers, and mountains unfold in every direction. (B, L)

Day 8: Whitefish This morning, enjoy some leisure time in the quaint, picturesque town of Whitefish. Always listed as one of America's 25 prettiest towns, indulge yourself with time to stroll around, do some shopping, or just relax. Perhaps you'll stop for lunch at one of the great restaurants found along Central Avenue or buy some Huckleberry jam from a local shop. A true favourite in Montana, huckleberries can be found in snacks, drinks, candy, and more. Your morning leads into an adventurous afternoon, because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Grab a



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Day 1	AC Hotel Downtown, Bozeman
Days 2, 3	Chico Hot Springs Resort, Pray
Days 4, 5	Best Western Premier Helena Great Northern Hotel, Helena
Day 6	Great Bear Lodge at St. Mary Village, St. Mary
Days 7, 8	Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish
Day 9	Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown, Missoula

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

9 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Bozeman • Pre-Night Stay

Missoula • Post-Night Stay

paddle and get ready for a white-water rafting adventure **-OR-** take the calmer, scenic route on a float down the Flathead River. No matter which style river journey you choose, the awe-inspiring views of Glacier National Park await. Tonight, tell tales about your river escapades while sitting down for a mouth-watering barbecue dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Whitefish - Flathead Lake - Missoula Depart Whitefish and drive south, journeying along the western edge of beautiful Flathead Lake. Carved by the ancient glaciers that give Glacier National Park its name, Flathead Lake stretches almost 200 square miles. Quaint, small towns dot the shores here, built with the beautiful backdrop of nature behind them. You might even spot some orchards growing Flathead cherries. Encompassing most of the lake is the Flathead Reservation, home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation. At one point, these tribes had territories that stretched out of Montana and

into Idaho, British Columbia, and Wyoming. The Hellgate Treaty of 1855 set aside Flathead Lake for the tribes, reducing their lands to a fraction of what it once was. Tribal land was once again shrunk in 1904 by over half a million acres. Despite all of this, the Tribal way of life continues on to this day, passed down from elders to children through a rich oral and spiritual tradition. Get a glimpse into these traditions when you meet a descendant of the last Kootenai chief, and learn about the importance of the land in native life. Then, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the Smokejumper Visitor Centre to learn about the heroes who fight fires in North America. This evening, enjoy a memorable farewell dinner with your fellow travellers, where you can raise a glass and toast to a wildly fun Montana adventure. (B, D)

Day 10: Missoula - Tour Ends Say goodbye to Big Sky Country and its beautiful sights as you head home. (B)

Roaming Coastal Maine featuring Portland, Acadia & Penobscot Bay

7 DAYS • 9 MEALS



Bar Harbor

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 2 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Visit our website for departure dates and rates.

TOUR DATES

May - October 2027 (featured itinerary)

Itinerary details are subject to change. See our website for more information.

HIGHLIGHTS

Portland Head Lighthouse, Portland Harbour Cruise, Oyster Farm, Acadia National Park, Lobster Boat Cruise, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Visit the quaint town of Camden and admire the surrounding hills and the quintessential New England harbour.
- Stroll through stunning nature at Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens.
- Watch as traps are hauled from the ocean onto a working lobster boat.
- Explore Maine's role in American art at the Farnsworth Art Museum -OR- discover antique automobiles and more at the Owls Head Transport Museum.
- Tour an oyster farm before digging into the local delicacies.
- Enjoy a rustic New England lunch at a traditional Maine lobster shack.
- Hop on a trolley tour of Portland and see the picturesque Portland Head Light, Maine's oldest lighthouse.
- Learn about the people behind some of Maine's specialities during a fun and informative tasting.
- Lose yourself in the natural beauty of Acadia National Park.

Day 1: Portland, Maine Welcome to Maine, a "Vacationland" of intricate coastlines and all-encompassing natural beauty that serves as the perfect getaway. From charming towns and scenic ocean overlooks to oyster shucking and lobster hauling, experience the best of this New England retreat. Due to varied arrival times, there are no scheduled activities today. Enjoy the day to dive into Portland's scene independently.

Day 2: Portland Discover the essence of this vibrant harbour city by means of a true New England classic - a trolley. From the opulent Victoria Mansion to the hum of the Old Port, your guide will introduce you to Portland's hidden gems. Trade in the charming streets of the city for the rugged coastline, stopping at the picturesque Portland Head Light. After some free time for lunch, experience the view from the sea of the iconic lighthouses and sights of the harbour on a scenic cruise. Tonight, dine at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

Day 3: Portland - Camden - Bar Harbor This morning, get an intimate look at a working oyster farm and learn how to dig into these local delicacies with an oyster shucking demonstration. Then, head to Camden for some time at leisure and lunch on your own. This quintessential Maine

town is home to the annual National Toboggan Championships and boasts many storefronts and 19th-century homes. Later, arrive in Bar Harbor, an iconic holiday spot featuring rich blue waters and home to Acadia National Park. With an evening at leisure, explore the bustling downtown, full of cosy cafes and indulgent ice cream shops just steps from your hotel. (B)

Day 4: Bar Harbor - Acadia National Park - Bar Harbor This is Acadia National Park. Breathe in the crisp, fresh air and allow the nature around you to captivate your senses. Admire the striking mountains, towering forests, and rocky shorelines as you drive scenic Park Loop Road with a local guide. Take in the sweeping views from the summit of Cadillac Mountain. Then, dive into the cuisine and culture of Maine when you join a local lobsterman on a lobster boat. See how lobster traps are retrieved from the ocean and watch the cages get pulled to the surface. Tonight is yours to explore Bar Harbor on your own. (B)

Day 5: Bar Harbor - Freeport Today, your scenic journey takes you back down the Maine coast. Stop at a lobster shack for a casual New England lunch featuring a must-try local favourite, the Maine lobster roll. Next, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE** between two local museums. Explore Maine's role in American art at the Farnsworth



Acadia National Park



Portland Head Lighthouse



Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

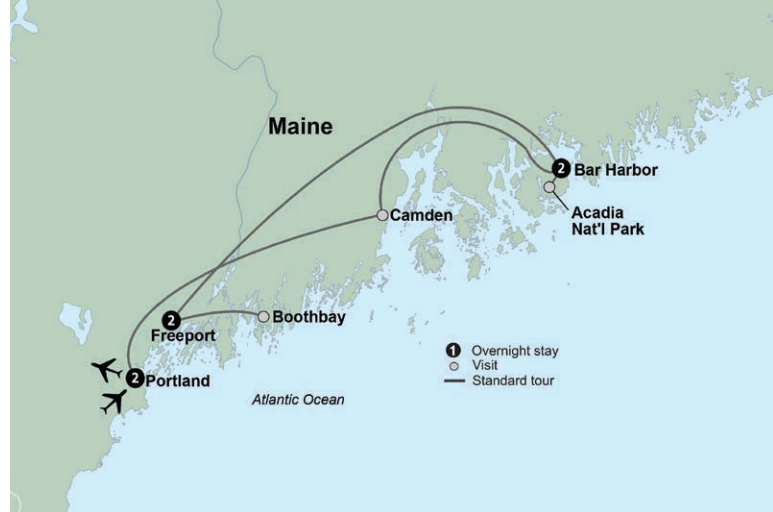
Art Museum **-OR-** discover antique automobiles and more at the Owls Head Transport Museum. Then, treat your palate again during an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the Maine Tasting Center. Here, try a variety of Maine's iconic foods such as blueberries, seaweed, potatoes, and more, and learn about the hardworking locals behind these specialties. Later, arrive in Freeport, your home for the next two nights. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 6: Freeport - Boothbay - Freeport

Today, enter the natural wonderland of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, nearly 300 acres of grassy fields and woodland trails overflowing with

floral hues. Join a local expert for an informative walk-through or perhaps, if you're feeling more active, go on a self-guided hike to find the giant hidden trolls in the garden's wooded trails. These magical trolls stand up to 30 feet tall and were constructed using recycled wood. This afternoon, enjoy some free time in Boothbay browsing this quaint, seaside town's cute shops and restaurants. Tonight, toast to the end of your trip and bid Maine farewell over dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Freeport - Tour Ends Your tour of coastal Maine comes to a close today. (B)



Arrival: Portland (PWN)

Departure: Portland (PWN)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2 Hyatt Place Portland Old Port, Portland, ME

Days 3, 4 Bar Harbor Grand Hotel, Bar Harbor, ME

Days 5, 6 Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, ME

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

6 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 2 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Portland • Pre- or Post-Night Stay



Oyster Farmer



Portland

Alaska's Northern Lights

7 DAYS • 11 MEALS • STARTING AT \$8,749



Northern Lights

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 4 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$8,749 (DOUBLE)** or **\$10,499 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 20 March 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

February - March 2027 (featured itinerary)

Itinerary featured is for February - March 2027 tour departures. Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

HIGHLIGHTS

Northern Lights Excursions, Winter Glacier Cruise, Prince William Sound, Alaska Railroad, Dog Mushing

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Hop in a sled and experience dog mushing like a local.
- Search for the northern lights in Fairbanks' star-filled sky.
- Visit Musk Ox Farm and learn about the sustainable domestication project.
- Peruse antique cars and glamorous fashions of the past at the Antique Auto Museum.
- Pass by floating glaciers and playful otters on a winter glacier cruise in Prince William Sound.
- Enjoy a scenic ride from Talkeetna to Fairbanks via Alaska Railroad.
- Enjoy a taste of wild Alaskan salmon.
- Learn all about the Iditarod as you dine on the property of a legendary racing kennel.

Day 1: Anchorage, Alaska Your journey starts in Anchorage, a city on the edge of the snowcapped Chugach Mountains and 60 sparkling glaciers. This is your gateway to wilderness and adventure. Due to varied arrivals, there are no group activities planned for today, so enjoy a chance to explore and have dinner on your own.

Day 2: Anchorage - Winter Glacier Cruise - Anchorage Head to Whittier and embark on an incomparable glacier cruise of Prince William Sound, narrated by an expert guide. Blue skies collide with stark white glaciers, and playful otters dip in and out of the calm waters. Embrace the sheer magnitude of Alaska's natural beauty as you venture through a geological wonderland. Feel like a true explorer during a beach landing. In the evening, gather with new friends for a welcome dinner in a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Anchorage - Palmer - Talkeetna Take a step into the past when you visit Musk Ox Farm. Learn about the Musk Ox project – a sustainable domestication effort that has worked to preserve, protect, and increase awareness for these wooly creatures since 1954. Continue on to Talkeetna as Denali, North America's tallest mountain, looms large over the landscape. Perhaps

you will take an optional flightseeing tour and experience a breathtaking perspective of Denali (weather permitting). Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali (when conditions allow). Later, perhaps you will spend some time on the lodge's expansive deck, a great place to search for the northern lights, or just enjoy some hot cocoa by the roaring fireplace in the great room. (B, D)

Day 4: Talkeetna - Alaska Railroad - Fairbanks Begin your day with a lecture on the down-to-earth Alaskan lifestyle before hopping on Alaska Railroad's Aurora Winter Train for a full-day journey to Fairbanks. Sit back and relax as you are whisked away, through snow-covered mountains and striking valleys. Have your cameras ready – the train conductor will point out wildlife as you pass by. Dinner is included in the train's dining car. This evening you arrive in Fairbanks, your home for the next three nights and one of the best places in Alaska to see the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 5: Fairbanks Enjoy a full day at leisure in the city of Fairbanks. Take this opportunity to relax or flex your sense of adventure with optional excursions: consider flightseeing to the Arctic Circle. Late this evening,



Dog Mushing



Prince William Sound Glacier Cruise



Talkeetna

chase the legendary northern lights, considered to be one of the most amazing natural spectacles in the world. Walk out in the snow under an unspoiled bed of stars and search for the shimmering hues of green. (B)

Day 6: Fairbanks Feel the brisk air and discover Fairbanks, the perfect combination of nature and civilisation. Look into the past at the Antique Auto Museum, where vintage cars sit between timely artefacts and fashionable designer dresses from times gone by. Hop in a car and pose for a perfect souvenir snapshot. In the afternoon, embrace the Iditarod spirit as you step into a sled with an expert

guide and glide over the snow with a pack of sled dogs. Stay for dinner at the kennel owner's home and learn more about what the life of a musher is like. Later in the evening, enjoy a final chance to spot the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 7: Fairbanks - Tour Ends Enjoy a relaxing morning before heading to the Museum of the North, the University of Alaska's collection featuring 2.2 million years of biodiversity and thousands of years of human history. The remainder of your day is at leisure. Your hotel room is available for your use whether your flight is today, tonight, or tomorrow morning. (B)



Arrival: Anchorage (ANC)

Departure: Fairbanks (FAI)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2 Hilton Anchorage, Anchorage

Day 3 Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna

Days 4 – 6 Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

6 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Anchorage • Pre-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.



Alaska Railroad

South & Central America



📍 Lake Titicaca, Peru



Tango the Night Away

In Buenos Aires, tango isn't something you watch — it's something shared. And at a *milonga* (a local social club where tango is lived and celebrated), neighbours gather to dance, listen, and keep the rhythm of the city alive late into the night.

On **Flavours of Chile & Argentina**, you'll begin with a tango lesson led by a professional dancer, then step into a *milonga* where you can take the floor with locals.

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Not Your Traditional Transfer

In Tortuguero, getting there is part of the experience. Canals replace roads, and the rainforest closes in as you arrive by boat.

On **Costa Rica: A World of Nature**, you'll arrive to your eco-lodge via boat — the only way to get there. Here, you'll

spend two nights nestled deep within this protected region, where wildlife and waterways define daily life.

Turn to page 136 to read more.

Flavours of Chile & Argentina featuring the Mendoza Wine Region

9 DAYS • 13 MEALS • STARTING AT \$10,199



Mendoza

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at \$10,199 (DOUBLE) or \$12,549 (SOLO)

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 15 October 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026 – May 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

June 2027; September 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June 2027 – June 2028 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Central Market & Cooking Demonstration, Mendoza, Vineyard Tour & Tasting, Cooking Class, Wine-Paired Lunch, Tango Lesson, Draghi Silversmith Museum, *Estancia* Visit with Traditional *Asado* Lunch

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Stroll through Buenos Aires with a local and get to know the city's diverse flavours and flair.
- Learn about families tragically separated during Argentina's military dictatorship and an organization that works to reunite them.
- In Buenos Aires, learn to tango with a professional dancer at a local social club.
- Mingle with the *gauchos* (South American cowboys) at an *estancia* and enjoy an *asado* barbeque lunch.
- Enjoy wine tastings at two of Mendoza's breathtaking vineyards.
- Experience Santiago's Central Market with a local chef before enjoying a seafood lunch with your finds.
- Discover Argentina's yerba mate tea, a drink steeped in tradition.

Day 1: Santiago, Chile Arrive early this morning in Santiago, the vibrant capital city of Chile nestled in a valley of the Andes Mountains. Settle in at your hotel where you'll enjoy early access to your room to recoup after your flight. This afternoon, meet your fellow travellers and head out on a panoramic tour of Santiago, getting a look at the city's blend of modern and colonial architecture and learning about its diverse history. Tonight, toast to the beginning of your South American adventure at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 2: Santiago Follow your curiosity about Chilean history and culture to a museum because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Choose between the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, dedicated to the study and display of pre-Columbian artworks and artefacts from Central and South America **-OR-** the Memory and Human Rights Museum, which commemorates the victims of human rights violations during the last Chilean military dictatorship. After, set out to discover market-fresh Chilean food with a visit to the *Mercado Central de Santiago*. Joined by an enthusiastic local, walk through the fish market, stopping along the way to learn about the local seafood and pick up a fresh catch. Then make your way to a local restaurant and watch as a chef turns your find into a delicious ceviche

before sitting down for lunch. Take the rest of the day to enjoy Santiago as you please. (B, L)

Day 3: Santiago - Mendoza, Argentina

An early morning flight brings you to the desert region of Mendoza, known for its vineyards and Malbec wine, and the stunning views of the Andes Mountains. Upon arriving, enjoy a brief orientation tour of downtown Mendoza and free time to have lunch on your own. This afternoon, travel outside the city to visit a boutique, family winery. Sample wines selected to show the richness of the *terroirs* and come to appreciate the unique qualities of the Luján de Cuyo wine-producing sub-region with its dry, almost desert-like climate and irrigation from the Mendoza River's pure Andean meltwater. Later, settle into your hotel in the city of Mendoza for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Mendoza Enjoy a leisurely morning before continuing your taste of the region's renowned wines with a visit to another vineyard. Upon arrival, a pick-me-up comes with a taste of yerba mate tea, a traditional South American caffeinated drink. As your guide demonstrates how to make a cup, learn about the cultural significance of this beverage that brings many Argentinean families together for daily "mate breaks." Enjoy



a tour of the vineyard followed by a hands-on cooking class with the winery chef. Finish off your visit with a gourmet, wine-paired lunch. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy the laid-back city of Mendoza with its inviting restaurants and atmospheric plazas. (B, L)

Day 5: Mendoza - Buenos Aires

Say so long to Mendoza as you fly to Buenos Aires, a city that radiates Latin-infused rhythm mixed with European heritage. Set out on a guided tour of Buenos Aires, sampling some local eats along the way and exploring the fusion of flavours that comes with the city's Spanish, Italian, and Jewish influences. Then, settle in at your hotel in the elegant Recoleta neighbourhood, full of historical and architectural charm. This evening, it's time to live like the locals! Take a lesson from a professional tango dancer, then take your moves to the dance floor at a local *milongas* social club. (B)

Day 6: Buenos Aires Set out into the countryside to explore Argentina's Pampas region. In San Antonio de Areco, discover the small town's strong connection with silversmithing and *gaucho* culture. A visit to *Museo Draghi* offers the chance to see silversmiths at work and admire a private collection of silverware. Then, it's on to experience

a true taste of *gaucho* life by spending the rest of the day on a traditional *estancia*, following a bumpy, unpaved road to the gates of the ranch's sprawling land and inviting, rustic house. You may decide to explore the property by horseback or horse-drawn carriage or perhaps head inside the main house to relax and take in views from the porch. Gather for a traditional *asado* lunch, with flame-cooked meats served at the table along with sides and wine. Later, sit back and enjoy a folk performance of *gaucho* traditions with singing, dancing, and displays of horsemanship — topping off an unforgettable encounter with this South American way of life. This evening back in Buenos Aires, perhaps you'll decide to join an optional tango show and dinner at a popular tango house. (B, L)

Day 7: Buenos Aires Today is yours to explore Buenos Aires as you wish, taking your time to wander through neighbourhoods, savour Argentine cuisine, or maybe visit the city's fantastic opera house. Add another stamp to your passport during a full-day optional excursion to one of Uruguay's oldest towns. Take an early morning ferry across the Rio de Plata to Colonia del Sacramento with its picturesque cobblestone streets and charming cafes. Travel into the Uruguayan countryside for



Arrival: Santiago (SCL)

Departure: Buenos Aires (EZE)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2 Renaissance Santiago Hotel, Santiago
Days 3, 4 Diplomatic Hotel, Mendoza
Days 5 – 8 Palladio Hotel Buenos Aires MGallery, Buenos Aires

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

8 Breakfasts (B) • 3 Lunches (L) • 2 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Buenos Aires • Post-Night Stay

Iguazu Falls • Post-Tour Hosted Extension
 3 Nights, Starting at \$2,275⁺ pp

Extend your South American adventure and visit another country — Brazil — and the famous Iguazu Falls.

[†]Additional air segment purchase required.

COMBINE TOURS, EXPLORE MORE

This tour pairs well with Peru: Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca for a seamless, immersive journey.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

This tour launches in June 2027. To see details for earlier departures, visit the **Essential South America** tour page on our website.

an included lunch, followed by some free time to explore the city's Historic Quarter before returning to Buenos Aires by ferry. (B)

Day 8: Buenos Aires - San Antonio de Areco - Buenos Aires

Today begins with an **IMPACT MOMENT** focused on the work of the *Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo*, a human rights organisation that has helped to restore the identities of children taken during Argentina's military coup from 1976 to 1983. Meet with someone who was personally impacted and learn about *los desaparecidos* ("the

disappeared") and this time in Argentina's history. This afternoon, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** how you see more of the city. Choose between two walking tours, either exploring the captivating Recoleta Cemetery **-OR-** discovering the colourful murals of the Palermo neighbourhood. Tonight, gather for dinner at a local restaurant and toast to the end of a grand adventure. (B, D)

Day 9: Buenos Aires - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end today. Transfer to the airport for your flight home later today. (B)

Peru: Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS • STARTING AT \$8,199



Machu Picchu

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 4 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$8,199 (DOUBLE)** or **\$9,499 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 19 January 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026 – May 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

June 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June 2027 – June 2028 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Pisac Market, Ollantaytambo Ruins, Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio, Quechua Community Visit & Lunch, Machu Picchu, Koricancha Temple, Uros Floating Islands, Home-Hosted Lunch, Larco Museum

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Explore the colourful markets of Peru, including the famous Pisac village market.
- Delight in a farm-to-table lunch with a local Quechua community.
- Learn traditional methods of harvesting and weaving from a rural community.
- Cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca.
- Spend the afternoon with a guide uncovering the mysteries of Machu Picchu.
- Discover the artist's techniques and designs at Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio.
- Enjoy a private culinary demonstration at your hotel near the base of Machu Picchu.
- Experience a home-hosted meal on Lake Titicaca.

Day 1: Lima, Peru Welcome to Peru, one of the treasures of South America. Travel through this intriguing land visiting some of the world's most legendary sites, including Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas." Arrive late this evening in Lima, the "City of Kings." Due to arrival times, there are no scheduled activities today.

Day 2: Lima Discover Lima's fascinating history during a colonial tour through the historic city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas and visit the Casa de Aliaga — former house of the conquistador Jeronimo de Aliaga y Ramirez — where the energy of colonial and republican Lima comes to life. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to discover Lima on your own. Get to know your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner featuring artfully crafted Peruvian dishes. (B, D)

Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley Fly to Cuzco in the heart of the Inca civilisation. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas, the agricultural centre of their grand empire. Whilst en route to your hotel, explore different towns in the valley, each a representation

of the region's unique culture. After a short lesson on the local language, stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market. Settle into your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley and enjoy a night at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley

This morning, visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo ruins, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. A uniquely terraced complex topped with carved stone panels, these ruins reflect ancient Incan architecture and heritage. Then, head to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get first-hand knowledge of this internationally renowned artist's techniques and designs, inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Deep-dive into the cultures of modern Andean people and experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you mingle with a nearby community. Thanks to their effort and teamwork, tourism has become an additional income to agriculture which has positively impacted their quality of life. You'll get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group workshops that teach you traditional methods of growing, harvesting, and weaving. Celebrate their culture as you learn their dances and listen



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2	Hilton Garden Inn Miraflores, Lima
Days 3, 4	Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Yucay
Day 5	Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7	Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco
Days 8, 9	GHL Lago Titicaca, Puno
Day 10	Hilton Garden Inn Miraflores, Lima

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

10 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Lima • Pre-Night Stay

Peruvian Amazon Cruise • Post-Tour Hosted Extension
5 Nights, Starting at \$3,675[†] pp

Continue your adventure on a 4-night Peruvian Amazon cruise, discovering wildlife all around you.

[†]Additional air segment purchase required.

COMBINE TOURS, EXPLORE MORE

This tour pairs well with Flavours of Chile & Argentina for a seamless, immersive journey.

to their musical instruments before enjoying a home-hosted farm-to-table lunch featuring local specialties prepared just for your group. Arrive back to your hotel in the early evening for a relaxed night on your own. (B, L)

Day 5: Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu

Get ready for an unforgettable day as you board your train to Machu Picchu, taking in breathtaking views through panoramic windows as you ride through the Andes to the "Lost City of the Incas." Hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungle, Machu Picchu is considered the most spectacular sight in South America. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu for a chance to further soak up its atmosphere. Enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration and learn how to craft the perfect ceviche and pisco sour before your dinner featuring a Peruvian menu. (B, D)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco This morning, take advantage of free time

and explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own, or opt for a second visit to Machu Picchu — an incredible opportunity to experience the ancient citadel in the softer morning light, when the site is often more peaceful and serene. This afternoon, return to the Sacred Valley by train. Upon arriving in Cuzco this evening, take time to explore the captivating city at your leisure. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco Start your morning on a tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the Koricanha temple, the central Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral. Later, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuamán Fortress **-OR-** embark on a walking tour through the enchanting streets of Cuzco, going off the beaten path and uncovering the city's best-kept secrets. This evening, dine at your leisure at a local restaurant featuring the local flavours of Cuzco. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Puno Today, fly to Puno, hugging the shores of Lake Titicaca. Known as the birthplace of

the Inca Empire, ancient legends say that life began here. Upon arrival, check into your lakeside hotel. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 9: Uros Floating Islands - Lake Titicaca - Chullpas de Sillustani - Puno Spend today getting to know the locals. Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca. Experience walking on the island's spongy surface made from compacted beds of tortora reeds and meet the locals, learning about their history and lifestyle. Then, make your way to a local rustic village for a private home-hosted meal and swap stories with Peruvian families before visiting the mystical Chullpas de Sillustani — an archaeological area boasting 13th-

century funerary monuments. After a full day of touring, spend your last evening in Puno as you wish. (B, L)

Day 10: Puno - Lima Spend the morning relaxing on the shores of Lake Titicaca before flying to Lima. Upon arrival, head to the Larco Museum, a former mansion built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple. The museum offers a collection of over 3,000 years of ceramic, textile, and precious metal artefacts. After this incredible trip through history, your tour concludes with an exclusive farewell dinner on the grounds of the museum. (B, D)

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

Machu Picchu & Galapagos Wonders featuring a 4-Night Cruise to the West Islands

15 DAYS • 28 MEALS • STARTING AT \$18,999



Blue-footed Booby

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 13 • Tour Activity Level: 4 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$18,999 (DOUBLE)** or **\$26,299 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on 16 August 2027 departure.

TOUR DATES

April 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

July 2027 - May 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for July 2027 - May 2028 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Pisac Market, Ollantaytambo Ruins, Cooking Class, Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio, Quechua Community Visit & Lunch, Machu Picchu, “Middle of the World,” 4-Night Galápagos Cruise

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Stand tall in the “Middle of the World” at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum.
- Wind through the Andes in a train to Machu Picchu and explore the fabled ruins.
- On a private yacht, embark on a 4-night cruise of the Galápagos Islands with a naturalist guide.
- Delight in a farm-to-table lunch with a local Quechua community.
- Meet giant tortoises in their natural habitat.
- Master two of South America’s classics, ceviche and pisco sours, at an interactive cooking class.
- Learn traditional methods of harvesting and weaving from a rural community.

Day 1: Lima, Peru Touch down in Lima, the “City of Kings.” Across ancient lands and earthly legends, experience the mysticism of the Peruvian Andes. Due to late flight schedules, there are no scheduled activities today, and dinner is on your own.

Day 2: Lima Begin with a tour of Lima’s historic centre, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site, and see the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas. Next, visit the former home of a conquistador and feel the surge of colonial and republican life. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to discover Lima on your own. Get to know new friends over a menu of artful Peruvian dishes at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley Fly over the Andes on your way to Cuzco, the heart of the Inca civilisation. Follow the trails of this Andean paradise with a local guide to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Stop in Pisac village and browse a handicraft market full of vibrant colours. Discover why Peru has consistently been named the world’s top food travel destination during a fun-filled interactive cooking class where you will learn how to master ceviche and pisco sours. Settle into your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley and relax in the calm surroundings of the Andes. (B, D)

Day 4: Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley Visit the terraced ruins of Ollantaytambo, the only Incan settlement that has remained continually inhabited since its inception. At the ceramic studio of artist Pablo Seminario, see his intricate techniques inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Dive into the cultures of modern Andean people and experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you mingle with a nearby community. Thanks to their effort and teamwork, tourism has become an additional source of income for agriculture, which has positively impacted their quality of life. Learn traditional methods of growing, harvesting, and weaving, listen to their music, and learn their dances before enjoying a farm-to-table meal of local specialties prepared just for your group. Arrive back at your hotel in the early evening for a relaxed night on your own. (B, L)

Day 5: Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu Get ready for an unforgettable day as you hop aboard your train to Machu Picchu, where views of the Andes astound through panoramic windows as you climb towards the “Lost City of the Incas.” Uncover the mysteries of this “Lost City” between the Peruvian Andes and the Amazon Basin. Wrapped inside a semi-tropical jungle and hidden by mountains, Machu Picchu, or *La Ciudadela* (the Citadel),

is one of the world's most spectacular archaeological sites. (B)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco This morning, take advantage of free time and explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own, or opt for a second visit to Machu Picchu. This is an incredible opportunity to visit in the softer morning light, when the site is often more peaceful. This afternoon, return to the Sacred Valley by train. Upon arriving in Cuzco this evening, feel the local culture at a special community dining experience. (B, D)

Day 7: Cuzco This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Travel above the city to discover the Incan ruins of Sacsayhuamán Fortress **-OR-** embark on a walking tour through the enchanting streets of Cuzco, going off the beaten path and uncovering the city's best-kept secrets. After, come together for a tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the central Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral. This evening, enjoy flexible dining at a local restaurant featuring the local flavours of Cuzco. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador This morning, fly to Quito, Ecuador's capital city, and your home for the next two nights. An intersection of mountains and colonial architecture, this city is a UNESCO World Heritage site. (B)

Day 9: Quito Today, tour the Presidential Palace in Quito's colonial centre. After lunch, stand at the "Middle of the World," situated between two hemispheres, at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)

Day 10: Quito - Baltra - Embark Ship - Santa Cruz Highlands, Galápagos Fly to Baltra, the gateway of the Galápagos, to launch your eco-adventure aboard the *M/Y Coral II*, an exclusive yacht that serves as your home for the next four nights. After dry landing on Santa Cruz Island, head to the Highlands Tortoise Reserve. In addition to the famed Galápagos giant tortoises, you may also spot many kinds of birds, such as vermilion flycatchers, yellow warblers, and cattle egrets, which are usually found standing on the tortoises' shells. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Isabela Island - Fernandina Island On Isabela Island, soak in the wonders of one of the richest marine havens on Earth during deep-water snorkelling in Bolivar Channel. Then, take a dinghy ride along the coast to observe birds including Nazca and blue-footed boobies, noddies, brown pelicans, penguins, and flightless cormorants. Continue on to make a dry landing on Fernandina Island,

where the largest marine iguanas are found mingling with sea lions and Sally Lightfoot crabs. You may even encounter flightless cormorants at their nesting sites, Galápagos penguins, and the Galápagos hawk! (B, L, D)

Day 12: Isabela Island Make a wet landing today on the volcanic black beaches of Urbina Bay, home to giant tortoises, land iguanas, and the unusual flightless cormorant. Here, colourful plants and flowers attract unusual insects, birds, and reptiles. Enjoy time to snorkel, possibly swimming alongside sea turtles, sea lions, and countless tropical fish. Don't miss the remarkable views of the Alcedo Volcano from the island's uplifted coral reef. Travel from Urbina to Tagus Cove for a dry landing. Follow the trail that leads to Darwin's saltwater crater lake, offering views of lava fields and volcanic formations. A dinghy ride along the shoreline highlights a variety of seabirds, such as the Brown Noddy, blue-footed boobies, terns, and depending on the season, a large number of Galápagos penguins. Keep an eye out for graffiti believed to have been left by 19th-century pirates. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Santiago Island Walk in Darwin's footsteps today on Santiago Island. Begin with a wet landing at Egas Port's black volcanic sand beach, visited by Darwin in 1835. Take a unique trail formed by volcanic ash that transitions halfway to an uneven terrain of volcanic basaltic rock. The unique, truly striking layered terrain of Santiago is home to the bizarre, yellow-crowned night heron and marine wildlife such as lobster, starfish, and marine iguanas that graze on algae alongside Sally Lightfoot crabs. Colonies of fur seals swim in volcanic rock pools. After landing in Sullivan's Bay on southeastern Santiago Island, walk through the otherworldly landscape of solidified *pahoehoe* lava flows, formed during the last quarter of the 19th century. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Santa Cruz - Disembark Ship - Quito Your last landing in the Galápagos is on the north side of Santa Cruz at Bachas Beach, where ponds entice Galápagos flamingos to visit and iguanas to sunbathe, and where coastal birds, such as Darwin finches, mockingbirds, and gulls, flutter among the mangroves. This beach is also one of the main sea turtle nesting sites in the Galápagos and home to the remains of barges that sank during World War II. Bid the Galápagos goodbye and return to Quito. (B)

Day 15: Quito - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



Arrival: Lima (LIM)

Departure: Quito (UIO)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1, 2	Casa Andina Premium Miraflores, Lima
Days 3, 4	Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Yucay
Day 5	Casa Andina Standard Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7	Casa Andina Premium, Cuzco
Days 8, 9	Mercure Hotel Alameda, Quito
Days 10 – 13	<i>M/Y Coral II</i>
Day 14	Holiday Inn Quito Airport, Quito

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

14 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Lima • Pre-Night Stay

Peruvian Amazon • Pre-Tour Hosted Extension

3 Nights, Starting at \$1,400+ pp

From your lodge in the Peruvian Amazon, set out for wildlife treks, canoe rides, and hanging bridges.

[†]Additional air segment purchase required.

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

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featuring Argentina, Chile, and a 4-Night Patagonia Cruise

14 DAYS • 30 MEALS • STARTING AT \$20,499



Torres del Paine

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$20,499 (DOUBLE)** or **\$26,499 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 20 February 2027 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026 - March 2027 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for October 2026 - March 2027 tour departures.
Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Buenos Aires, Tango Show & Dinner, Perito Moreno Glacier, Patagonian *Estancia*, Torres del Paine National Park, 4-Night Fjord Cruise, Ainsworth Bay, Tucker Islets, Pia Glacier, Glacier Alley, Cape Horn, Wulaia Bay

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Get a glimpse into Argentine culture at a lively tango performance.
- Meet a local *gaucho* (cowboy) and learn all about life on the ranch.
- Embark on a 4-night expedition cruise through the fjords and ethereal wilderness of Patagonia.
- Enter a rugged wonderland as you walk through the breathtaking Torres del Paine National Park.
- Venture to Argentina's Perito Moreno Glacier.
- Hike the "End of the Earth" at Cape Horn.
- Spend the afternoon at a family-owned Patagonian *estancia* and enjoy a traditional lamb roast.
- Enjoy unlimited wine and beer with every dinner while onboard your cruise ship.

Day 1: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Arrive in Buenos Aires, a city that radiates Latin-infused rhythm mixed with European heritage. Due to varied arrival times, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Later this afternoon, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome briefing at your hotel. Head to dinner with your new friends and indulge in savoury Argentine flavours. (D)

Day 2: Buenos Aires This morning, embark on a panoramic city tour with a local guide and coast down the famous Avenida 9 de Julio. Take in the Parisian architecture and verdant trees lining the world's widest avenue. Discover the city's most well-known sites before arriving to the colourful neighbourhood of La Boca. Experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** during lunch at Alamesa, a popular restaurant renowned for its inclusive dining experience. Founded by a local doctor who sought to create opportunities for his daughter, who is autistic, this welcoming lunch spot employs neurodiverse staff and has formed a supportive community. Tonight, get into the Argentinian spirit with a tango show and dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Buenos Aires Start the day with a visit to the famous Recoleta Cemetery, considered one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the world, and

the final resting place of Eva Peron. The rest of the day is yours to spend in Buenos Aires as you please. Perhaps you'll decide to leave the hustle and bustle of the city and take an optional tour of Tigre Delta to explore its serene waterways, lush landscapes, and charming riverside communities. (B)

Day 4: Buenos Aires - El Calafate

Fly to El Calafate, the gateway to Patagonia's natural splendour, known as the "National Capital of the Glaciers." Enjoy some free time this afternoon in this charming town. Gather this evening for dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

Day 5: El Calafate - Perito Moreno Glacier - El Calafate This morning, get ready to embark on a cruise that will take you up close to the Perito Moreno Glacier. This gigantic tower of vibrant ice rests against blue-green waters – an awe-inspiring wonder of the natural world. Then, catch many views of the glacier from a series of walkways. Gaze off the shoreline in search of floating icebergs as you listen for the resounding cracks of ice sheets breaking free. (B)

Day 6: El Calafate - Torres del Paine National Park, Chile Today, take in the vast landscape and learn more about Patagonian wildlife while travelling to the border and crossing into Chile. Arrive in Torres del Paine



Ventus Australis

National Park, one of the most remote, unspoiled places in the world, designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Soak the dramatic beauty of jagged mountains, expansive grasslands, and ethereal teal waters and marvel at cascading waterfalls on a panoramic tour through one of South America's most incredible national parks. Along the way, you may spot soaring condors, inquisitive *guanacos* (llamas), and independent felines. After, check into your hotel for a two-night stay beside stunning views of the Serrano River and Paine mountain range. (B, D)

Day 7: Torres del Paine National Park Set out to spend a full day exploring the wonders of Torres del Paine. Stretch your legs on a morning hike to the Salto Grande waterfall. Your guide will make sure you don't miss a thing, from this landscape's stunning features to the flora and fauna all around you. Following lunch, the adventure continues with a scenic hike around Lago Grey, leading to spectacular views of the Grey Glacier. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales, Chile Enjoy a leisurely morning at your hotel, taking in those final views of the park or perhaps joining your guide for a nature walk. After lunch, head south to Puerto Natales. This evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. (B, L)

Day 9: Puerto Natales - Punta Arenas - Board Ship - Chilean Waters Today, make your way to the coastal metropolis of Punta Arenas. Along the way, stop to spend time at a family-owned Patagonian *estancia*. Enjoy a traditional lamb roast lunch as you chat and learn about the culture. Later in Punta Arenas, admire the sights, where brightly coloured houses meet modern skyscrapers. As the day draws to a close, leave the mainland on the *Ventus Australis* – your home for the next four nights. Head for one of the

most remote corners of the world as you sail through Chilean waters. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Ainsworth Bay - Tucker Islets Dock in Ainsworth Bay. As you take your Zodiac to shore, keep an eye out for the area's extensive birdlife or perhaps a colony of elephant seals. Get ready to choose how to spend the morning because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Embark on new adventures by starting at the beach to discover Ainsworth Forest. Learn all about the evolution and vegetation as a cause of the glacier recession and explore a beaver habitat **-OR-** venture off on an active hike along a glacial moraine – a unique form of glacial sediment made from rock and soil. No matter what you choose, take in surreal views of the Almirantazgo Sound and Darwin Mountain Range. Back on the ship, sail to the Tucker Islets where you'll head to shore for a close-up view of the Magellan penguins. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Pia Glacier - Glacier Alley Take a Zodiac to shore and stand in awe before the Pia Glacier, a colossal mass of ice slowly crawling down the mountains. Decide where you want to hike because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Traverse the Pia Boulders on a medium level hike for panoramic views of the glacier **-OR-** venture on an easy walk towards the Pia Lookout for panoramic views of the glacier. Back onboard the ship, continue through the Beagle Channel and into Glacier Alley. These impressive masses of ice are so large that most of them are named after countries – including Holland, Italy, Germany, and France. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay Disembark at Cape Horn National Park, home to an archipelago of islands, and considered to be the "End of the Earth." This afternoon, anchor at fabled Wulaia Bay and visit the historic radio station, formerly used by the Chilean Navy. Explore the area by selecting a hike alongside an expert



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Days 1 – 3	Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta, Buenos Aires
Days 4, 5	Mirador del Lago Hotel, El Calafate
Days 6, 7	Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa, Torres del Paine
Day 8	Remota Patagonia Lodge, Puerto Natales
Days 9 – 12	<i>Ventus Australis</i>
Day 13	Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta, Buenos Aires

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

13 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Buenos Aires • Pre- or Post-Night Stay

Easter Island • Pre-Tour Hosted Extension

5 Nights, Starting at \$6,645[†] pp

Discover Easter Island's iconic Moai statues, history, and volcanic beauty on this unforgettable pre-tour journey.

[†]Additional air segment purchase required.

Iguazu Falls • Post-Tour Hosted Extension

3 Nights, Starting at \$2,100[†] pp

Extend your South American adventure and visit another country — Brazil — and the famous Iguazu Falls.

[†]Additional air segment purchase required.

COMBINE TOURS, EXPLORE MORE

This tour pairs well with Flavours of Chile & Argentina for a seamless, immersive journey.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

guide because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Head towards the peak on the most difficult hike for a scenic lookout **-OR-** embark on a slower paced hike with a medium difficulty towards the Forest Lookout **-OR-** take a peaceful nature walk along the beach for a chance to witness even more wildlife. Each choice will offer sprawling vistas of the gentle bay and allows time to leave a postcard at the information centre. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Disembark Boat - Ushuaia - Buenos Aires Your cruise through Patagonia comes to an end as you enter Argentine waters, docking at Ushuaia. Disembark in Ushuaia before flying to Buenos Aires. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner and share a toast with your fellow travel companions. (B, D)

Day 14: Buenos Aires - Tour Ends Say *adios* to Argentina as your tour draws to a close this morning. (B)

Costa Rica: A World of Nature

featuring Tortuguero National Park, Arenal Volcano & Manuel Antonio National Park

12 DAYS • 23 MEALS • STARTING AT \$7,599

Squirrel Monkey

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: 19 • Tour Activity Level: 3 (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Starting at **\$7,599 (DOUBLE)** or **\$9,499 (SOLO)**

*Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.
Prices based on 17 June 2028 departure.*

TOUR DATES

October 2026 – May 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

June 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

**Itinerary featured is for June 2027 – June 2028 tour departures.
Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.*

HIGHLIGHTS

Tortuguero National Park, Hanging Bridges, Manuel Antonio National Park, Ziplining or Volcano Lava Field, Chocolate-Making Demonstration & Tasting, River Safari, Jungle Crocodile Safari

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Stay in Tortuguero National Park and find yourself surrounded by wildlife.
- Taste for yourself why cacao is called “the food of the gods” and observe the process of converting this seed from bean to bar.
- Learn how to cook using a coconut before tasting some delicious local candy.
- Explore Arenal during a captivating 3-night stay.
- Learn about Costa Rica’s ecosystem and local culture.
- Hop aboard a river boat for a jungle crocodile safari and bird watching excursion.
- Visit the world’s first sea turtle research station.

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica *Pura vida.*

In English, it translates to “the simple life.” But *pura vida* is so much more: it’s an attitude; a celebration of life in the moment. It’s time to experience what *pura vida* means to you. You’re on your way to explore a place that’s unlike anywhere else in the world, where *pura vida* is an unofficial motto and a way of life. Welcome to the emerald of Central America: Costa Rica. As travellers’ arrival times will vary, you have no group activities or meals planned today.

Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park

Seemingly endless mountain horizons. Complex evergreen forests. These are the wonders of Tortuguero National Park. Travel by boat to your hotel before heading farther down the rivers and canals to the world’s first sea turtle research station. Later, have time to explore Tortuguero town with your Tour Manager. Get away from it all and relax at your lodge set in the middle of the jungle, your home for the next two nights. From the morning calls of the monkeys to the gentle chatter of the birds, listen to the active sounds of the rainforest around you. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tortuguero National Park

Begin the day on an excursion to search for the elusive green macaw and other unique winged creatures that flock to Tortuguero. Embark on

a nature cruise, getting a glimpse into the habitat of jaguars, manatees, ocelots, and more. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy your Tortuguero resort. Tonight, your group will enjoy an exclusive experience with a local from Tortuguero. He’ll share personal stories about his life in this remote village and give you a demonstration of how coconuts are harvested and prepared. Then, savour a local treat — freshly made coconut candy — crafted just for you. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - Sarapiquí - San Carlos

Take a boat back to the mainland and make your way towards Sarapiquí and Tirimbina Rainforest Centre. Today will be an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you visit a cacao plantation at the Tirimbina Rainforest Centre — an ecotourism destination that is vigilant of environmental, social, and economic impact. Learn the process of sustainably converting seed from bean to bar on a private tour and taste for yourself why it’s called “the food of the gods.” Later, arrive at your secluded nature resort, nestled on the edge of the San Carlos River. Stroll the botanical garden lined with fruit trees, including lemon, soursop, guava, mango, and tangerine. (B, L, D)

Day 5: San Carlos Explore the beauty of your surroundings on a Peñas Blancas River Safari. Paddle and float down the river on a peaceful



Arenal Volcano



Manuel Antonio National Park

adventure, taking in the sights and sounds of the rainforest as your naturalist guide describes the intricacies of the wildlife around you. Visit the *finca* of a local family and try homemade snacks such as banana bread, local coffee, and more. End your day with a guided walk through a private, primary forest reserve for a look at the various flora and fauna. (B, D)

Day 6: San Carlos - Arenal Today, suspended over the rainforest floor, relish a bird's-eye view of the jungle on a guided tour of Arenal's famous hanging bridges. High above the jungle canopies, marvel at the natural world around you. Later, settle into your resort where you'll be surrounded by striking views of Arenal's famous volcano for the next three nights. (B, D)

Day 7: Arenal Today, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Since Costa Rica is the birthplace of ziplining, glide over

the canopies on a mind-blowing rip through the jungle **-OR-** make your way across lava fields for an up-close-and-personal look at the volcano on a moderate hike along the trails formed by lava during the 1968 eruption. The afternoon is yours to spend as you please. Perhaps you'll discover the town of La Fortuna or relax by the hotel's pool. Also consider an optional excursion to a family-owned *finca* with an included farm-to-table lunch. (B, D)

Day 8: Arenal In the shadow of Arenal Volcano, the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Perhaps, if you're feeling adventurous, you'll opt for an exhilarating white water rafting experience. Or simply hang back at the resort, explore the grounds, and soak in the views. (B)

Day 9: Arenal - Playa Herradura This morning, wake up and smell the coffee at a local farm that produces some of Costa Rica's well-known



Arrival: San Jose (SJO)

Departure: San Jose (SJO)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- Day 1** DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose
- Days 2, 3** Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero
- Days 4, 5** Tilajari Eco Resort, San Carlos
- Days 6 - 8** Lomas del Volcán, Arenal
- Days 9, 10** Los Sueños Marriott, Playa Herradura
- Day 11** Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

11 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

San Jose • Pre- or Post-Night Stay

Colombia • Post-Tour Hosted Extension

5 Nights, Starting at \$3,850 pp

Spend 2 nights in Medellín, visit a flower farm in Santa Elena, explore Cartagena, and enjoy a drumming and dance performance in the Afro-Caribbean fishing village of La Boquilla.

†Additional air segment purchase required.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Visit our website to learn more about the available optional excursions for this tour.

beans. Take a private tour with local plantation workers and have a chance to discuss what life is like for these coffee farmers. In the afternoon, head to Playa Herradura and settle into your resort for the next two nights. As the day draws to a close, watch the sun set over the Pacific alongside birds in every colour of the rainbow. (B, D)

Day 10: Playa Herradura - Manuel Antonio National Park - Playa Herradura Welcome to Manuel Antonio National Park, home to verdant rainforests and white sand beaches. In this natural wonderland, traverse the trails where the wild things are, or go for a swim in the turquoise waters as wildlife rummages in the canopies. Return to your resort

later this afternoon with plenty of time to enjoy its many amenities at your leisure. (B)

Day 11: Playa Herradura - Tárcoles - San Jose See wild crocodiles among the mangroves of Tárcoles' Rio Grande. On this exhilarating jungle crocodile safari, you'll boat beneath the towering jungle, looking along the river banks for a glimpse of these incredible creatures. Then say goodbye to the coast and hello to San Jose. Toast to the *pura vida* of Costa Rica tonight over a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends Bid Costa Rica farewell as your tour comes to an end today. (B)

Antarctica: The White Continent

11 DAYS • 28 MEALS



Penguins

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS • Average Group Size: **VARIES** • Tour Activity Level: **4** (see online itinerary for details)

PRICING

Visit our website for departure dates and rates.

TOUR DATES

November 2026 – March 2027 (featured itinerary)

Itinerary featured is for November 2026 - March 2027 tour departures. Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

HIGHLIGHTS

Buenos Aires, Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, The Drake Passage, Zodiac Safaris, Penguin Colony Close-Ups, Polar Plunge, Expedition Landings, On-Board Educational Sessions

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Experience nearly 24 hours of sunlight as you absorb your surroundings ashore and from the expedition ship's many observatory decks.
- Discover multitudes of Antarctic wildlife including seals, whales, albatrosses, and chinstrap, gentoo and Adelie penguins.
- Take the opportunity, if you wish, for a thrilling polar plunge off the yacht.
- Take in the incredible scenery of Tierra del Fuego during a panoramic tour.
- Cross the Drake Passage, a milestone for any adventurer!

Day 1: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango and the "Paris of South America." Stretching along the banks of the Rio de la Plata, the city is a mosaic of European-style architecture and South American spirit. Spend the day however you wish before setting out to begin your voyage tomorrow. There are no included activities today.

Day 2: Fly to Ushuaia - Embark Ship

- At Sea This morning we fly over Patagonia before landing in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery. Set out on a panoramic tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park and soak in this dramatic landscape on the southern tip of South America featuring glaciers, lakes, mountains, and waterfalls. From Ushuaia, embark the expedition ship that will be your home for the next nine days during a cruise to Antarctica. (B, L, D)

Day 3: The Drake Passage - At

Sea Cruise south through the fabled Drake Passage, named after the explorer Sir Frances Drake. Set between Cape Horn and the Antarctic Peninsula, crossing the legendary Drake Passage is unforgettable – a milestone for any adventurer! Warmer waters of the north meet colder, denser waters of the south here in the Antarctic Convergence,

making the area rich in marine life like humpback whales and hourglass dolphins. (B, L, D)

Day 4: The Drake Passage -

Antarctica During the 48-hour journey through the Drake Passage, the soundtrack includes the crash of waves against the ship and cry of petrels, skuas, and gulls overhead. Whilst the waterway is famous for its challenging navigation, on some occasions, the channel is calm and tranquil – this unpredictable nature is part of the adventure. As you emerge from the Drake Passage, reaching the northern point of The White Continent, the mammoth, icy peaks of the South Shetland Islands greet you. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Antarctica Part of the greater Antarctica region, the South Shetland Islands hold a bounty of wildlife, scenic landscapes, hiking opportunities, and magnificent views that inspire a sense of discovery. According to sea and weather conditions, there are several possible shore landing opportunities. A possible landing on Elephant Island, named for the shape of its cliffs and the elephant seals that call it home, sets you on the same path as the famous Shackleton Expedition. Another possible landing is Deception Island, a volcanic caldera with heated springs and black sands.



Zodiac



Humpback Whale

Other possible stops include Half Moon Island, Yankee Harbour, Point Wild, and Barrientos Island with its gentoo penguin rookeries. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Antarctica Your days are filled with discovering Antarctica, the last great wilderness stretching across ice-covered desert and mountains for over five million square miles. The ethereal beauty and immense scale of the continent are like nowhere else on the planet. The voyage keeps a flexible schedule as your captain expertly navigates ice floes, icebergs, and changing sea and weather conditions to ensure you experience the most from your expedition. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Antarctica Nicknamed "The White Continent" for its vast expanse of icebergs, snow and glaciers, Antarctica is often a final frontier for experienced explorers to conquer. As you navigate Antarctic waters, you may set foot on sites like Beak Island, Brown Bluff, Cierva Cove, Hidden Bay, and many more. Each landing throughout the continent offers its own unique landscape, from expansive tundra to rugged mountain peaks, all beckoning you to follow the paths that few explorers have trekked before. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Antarctica Each day is a new adventure filled with a spontaneous

sense of exploration. Your captain works with the expedition team to determine possible shore landings and Zodiac safaris. You may take a Zodiac foray among towering icebergs or hike along the shoreline near penguin colonies. On one day of the cruise, you can even take the chance to experience a polar plunge by jumping in with a harness from the side of the ship! (B, L, D)

Day 9: The Drake Passage - At Sea Antarctica falls into your wake as you begin sailing back towards Ushuaia today, crossing the southern waters of the Drake Passage. As you make your return through this famed channel, stay on the lookout for the incredible wildlife around you in the sea and sky. (B, L, D)

Day 10: The Drake Passage - At Sea On your final day of sailing the channel, enjoy the time to relax on the ship and reflect on all you have seen and learned along the journey. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Ushuaia - Disembark Ship - Fly to Buenos Aires - Tour Ends After breakfast, disembark in Ushuaia and proceed to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires before flying home. (B)



Arrival: Buenos Aires (EZE)

Departure: Buenos Aires (EZE)

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Day 1 Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta, Buenos Aires

Days 2 – 10 Atlas World Navigator or Atlas World Traveller

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

10 Breakfasts (B) • 9 Lunches (L) • 9 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Easter Island • Pre-Tour Hosted Extension

5 Nights, Starting at \$6,645[†] pp

Discover Easter Island's iconic Moai statues, history, and volcanic beauty on this unforgettable pre-tour journey.

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Atlas World Traveller

Frequently Asked Questions

Accommodation

What is the difference between a twin room and a double room? A double room is designed to accommodate two people, but may not have two separate beds. A twin bedded room has two separate beds of any size, and is the type most commonly utilised.

What size is a triple room? A triple room is the same size as a twin bedded room and beds will accommodate three people, but we cannot guarantee three separate beds. If there are only two beds, a rollaway may be requested but cannot be guaranteed due to size of room and fire codes. Please inquire at time of reservation.

Can my children travel on tour? Discounted Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-17, sharing a room with one full-paying adult. If you are travelling with a child, it is your sole responsibility to ensure the child follows all safety rules of the tour. For safari tours, travellers must be at least 13 years of age.

Are single and triple rooms always available? Triple rooms are not always an option on every tour. 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.

Flights

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 and 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.

Can you tell me more about the safaris? For a fuller wildlife experience you will be travelling by custom-built safari vehicles which requires frequently climbing in and out of jeeps and sometimes traversing bumpy roads. 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 after your return date, 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 New Zealand, travel insurance, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, pre/post tour accommodation, extensions, extension Air, presold optional excursions, customary end-of-trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, government quarantine fees, and any incidental charges.

Gratuities

Are gratuities included? Collette offers a pre-paid tipping option for travellers. This allows guests to purchase the package up to 45 days prior to departure and know that all tipping is covered for the tour manager, driver and local guides. 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, pre/post accommodation, extensions 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: \$18 NZ (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Local Guide: \$4-\$5 NZ (or equivalent in local currency) per person
- Motor Coach Driver: \$9 NZ (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Hotel Housekeeping Staff: \$4-\$5 NZ (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 90 days prior for standard departures and 120 days prior for cruises.

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 pre-purchasing 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, but some may incur fees for cancelling. 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. Flights booked through Collette will be protected. We cannot be held responsible for penalties incurred if you secured your own flights.

Can I make changes to my reservation?

See section 5, Changes By You, on page 141 for full details.

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, 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 an 80km radius from the Auckland airport. Extended kilometres for travellers residing between 80-100 kilometres will be available for a surcharge. A surcharge will be provided at the time of reservation.

Services are direct to/from the gateway, no stops.

* One transfer per room booking. More options are available – ask our Reservation staff for details.

Visit gocollette.com/chauffeur for a video and more details on this amazing service!

Travel Loyalty

We design and deliver touring experiences to encourage travellers to choose to explore the world with Collette. We also reward travellers for making the choice to travel again with us. Travellers are automatically enrolled into our Passport Club on booking. Benefit details are available at gocollette.com/loyalty or simply ask our consultants for details when you book.

Terms & Conditions

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 Suite 12.01, 52 Goulburn 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;
- 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 New Zealand 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 6 below will become payable.

In the case of international payments you must ensure that the full New Zealand dollars amount is received by us after all bank charges have been levied.

3. Deposits & Balances

Further to section 2, in order to confirm your chosen arrangements, you must pay a deposit. The deposit payable and the time that the balance of the cost of your arrangements (including any surcharge where applicable) will become due will vary depending on the holiday you book.

Land Package Deposit

- A \$395 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica and Cruises only reservations, a non-refundable \$695 deposit is required. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

Flex Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- An \$895 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation.
- Additional \$500pp for the air portion of the package is for each ticket issued (on-tour air excluded from this requirement).
- For Antarctica and Cruise air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable \$1195 deposit is required. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

Instant Purchase Air

- If you have selected Instant Purchase Air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airfare plus the land package deposits noted above, all of which is non-refundable.

- Instant Purchase Non-refundable Airfare includes round trip airport /hotel transfers (excluding pre or post days and extensions). Instant Purchase, Non-refundable Airfare requires full payment at the time of booking. 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.

Final Payment

The balance is due 90 days before departure on all tours, except cruises, Antarctica and Galapagos. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises, Antarctica and Galapagos. Payment may be made by Direct Credit, bank account details on invoice, charging to clients' MasterCard, Visa, (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a cheque or money order. Rates are guaranteed once deposit is received and booking is confirmed by Collette except for charges resulting from increases in government taxes and fees.

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THE PRICE OF YOUR HOLIDAY

The price of your travel arrangements has been calculated using exchange rates as at the date of advertisement of the holiday.

We will make all reasonable efforts to ensure the prices advertised are correct and up-to-date. However, 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 8 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. Discounted Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-17, sharing a room with one full-paying adult.

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 reasonably incurred by ourselves and any costs or charges reasonably incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers in order to facilitate the change or transfer. 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, in accordance with section 6.

6. 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. If cancellation is confirmed prior to 24 hours before date of departure, your non-refundable deposit will be retained. If cancellation is confirmed within 24 hours of date of departure full payment will be retained.

- * Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% nonrefundable at time of reservation.

Upon cancellation of transport 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.

7. 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 13) or failure by you to pay your final balance. Most changes will be minor and we will advise you or your travel agent of them at the earliest opportunity. Your rights vary depending on whether we make a 'minor' or 'major' change.

Examples of "minor changes" include the following when made before departure. Any change in the identity of the carrier(s), flight timings, and/or aircraft type is deemed to be a minor change. Other examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same standard. Examples of "major changes" include the following when made before departure; a change of accommodation area for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of accommodation to that of a lower official classification for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of outward departure time or overall length of your holiday of 12 or more hours, the closure of the only or all advertised swimming pool(s) at your accommodation for an extended period and, in the case of tours, a significant change of itinerary missing out one or more major destination substantially or altogether.

If we have to make a major change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible and if there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of i) (for major changes) accepting the changed arrangements ii) having a refund of all monies paid or iii) accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from us, if available (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value). You must notify us of your choice within 7 days of our offer. If you fail to do so we will assume that you have chosen to accept the change or alternative booking arrangements.

If we make a major change or cancel, less than 60 days before departure, we will also pay compensation as detailed in section 8 below.

8. 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 13) 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.

9. Passports, Visas & Health Requirements

Passport and visa requirements vary depending on your destination. The information which we provide is for guidance only, and we cannot accept any liability. We recommend that you contact the relevant consulate to check any restrictions that may apply. Requirements do change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. Please contact your doctor for advice on health requirements. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a proper passport and visa and that no personal circumstances such as a criminal offence or travel to another country will affect your individual visa requirements, and that you have the required vaccinations to gain entry to any country which you are visiting.

Most countries now require passports to be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. If your passport is in its final year, you should check with the Embassy of the country you are visiting.

Special conditions apply for travel to the USA, and all passengers must have individual machine readable passports. Please check <https://nz.usembassy.gov/>

Up to date travel advice can be obtained from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, visit www.mfat.govt.nz or www.safetravel.govt.nz

For further information contact the New Zealand Passport Office www.passports.govt.nz

If you fail to take the necessary steps, we have no liability to you and you will have to pay us any costs which we incur through helping you because of such failure on your part. Further, we are not liable to you for any illness or discomfort you suffer through failure to have required vaccinations or to follow medical advice.

10. 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, whilst 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.

11. 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, PO Box 20320, World Square, NSW AUSTRALIA 2002, 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.

12. 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, accommodation 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. Conditions Of Supplier

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.

17. 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 13 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.

18. Special Requests

Any special requests must be advised to us at the time of booking e.g. diet, room location, a particular facility at a hotel etc. You should then confirm your requests in writing. Whilst every effort will be made by us to try and arrange your reasonable special requests, we cannot guarantee that they will be fulfilled. We will inform the relevant supplier of such request. The fact that a special request has been noted on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation or that it has been passed on to the supplier is not confirmation that the request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part unless the request has been specifically confirmed. We do not accept bookings that are conditional upon any special request being met.

19. 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 cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted. 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.

20. 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.

21. 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).

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. Insurance

We strongly advise you to purchase travel insurance to protect you should unforeseen circumstances (e.g. illness, injury, accident, or other medical emergency) arise during your holiday. You should ensure that this insurance fully covers all related costs for the duration of your travel, including, but not limited to, medical expenses, ambulance and evacuation costs and repatriation. Please contact us for details on appropriate travel insurance coverage for your holiday. We are not responsible for any such costs regardless of the cause.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. Motorcoach Washrooms

Most coaches used on our tours are equipped with washrooms (except safari vehicles, exotic locations, and some of our Explorations tours). These are typically for emergency use, as we make plenty of comfort stops, allowing you the opportunity to use public restrooms and/or stretch your legs.

29. Pre-Paid Tipping

To make budgeting easy and remove the hassle of carrying small change, you can add a package for tipping to your booking. This will cover customary tips for your tour manager, driver, local guides and portage. It is available up to 45 days prior to the tour.

30. Collette Compass App

Precise Location in Background: The Collette Compass app collects location data to display the real-time risk alerts and personalised assistance notification features, even when the app is closed and not in use. This option can be changed later by going to the device settings.

31. Photographs and Video

Collette reserves the right to collect photographs and videos containing your image, likeness, name, or biographical information ("Recorded Content") during your trip and to use Recorded Content submitted to Collette by you or others. Collette will treat Recorded Content in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and its privacy policy at <https://www.gocollette.com/en-nz/about-collette/privacy-policy>. If you prefer that your image, likeness, name or biological information not be used, you must advise Collette in writing, no later than 30 days prior to your departure date.

By Travelling with Collette, you:

(a) grant to Collette the absolute and irrevocable right and unrestricted permission to use and publish Recorded Content without compensation, for commercial, advertising, editorial, or any other purpose and in any manner and medium, whether now known or hereafter devised, and to alter and composite the same without restriction and without your inspection or approval; and

(b) hereby release and discharge Collette from and against any and all claims, liabilities, costs, damages and expenses of any kind and nature arising out of or relating to the use by Collette of Recorded Content.

Recorded Content may be submitted to Collette by you or by third parties such as (but not limited to) other travellers, tour guides, crew, or staff members. You authorise Collette to use and share that Recorded Content featuring you on the same terms as if you had provided it to Collette directly or if Collette had created that content itself. If you become aware of any third-party Recorded Content featuring you that you do not wish Collette to use, you may contact Collette and Collette will take reasonable steps to remove it from future use where practicable.

Where you submit Recorded Content directly, you:

(a) represent and warrant that the Recorded Content is your original work created solely by you and that it does not infringe the intellectual property rights of any person, entity or other party;

(b) represent and warrant that you have obtained any and all required authorisations from subjects depicted in that Recorded Content that are necessary to permit Collette to use that Recorded Content; and

(c) grant to Collette a worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual, transferable, irrevocable, non-exclusive and fully sublicensable right and license to use the Recorded Content, in any and all media whether now known or hereafter devised, in perpetuity, anywhere in the world, with the right to make any and all commercial or other uses thereof, including, without limitation, reproducing, editing, modifying, adapting, publishing, displaying publicly, creating derivative works from, incorporating into other works and/or modifying the original work.

Travel Professionals please contact:

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COLLETTE PASSPORT CLUB: *Rewarding You With Every Trip*

Our loyalty program is a tiered model that rewards you the more you travel with us. Plus, the bigger the tour, the bigger your reward.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



Level One: *Adventurer* (1 - 2 completed tours)

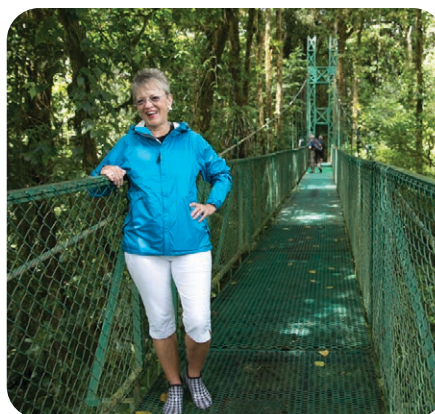
- ✓ Receive a **5% Loyalty Credit** on your next Collette tour when it's completed within 24 months of the most recent tour departure date.
- ✓ Receive a **3% Loyalty Credit** on tours completed within 25-36 months of the most recent tour departure date.



Level Two: *Explorer* (3+ completed tours)

In addition to the perks of Level 1, after you return from your third tour and all subsequent tours, you'll receive the following **additional benefit**:

- ✓ **\$100 of credit** towards purchasing optional tour components or upgrades when travel is completed within 36 months of the most recent tour departure date.



For more details and FAQs, visit gocollette.co.nz/loyalty



NEW!

COLLETTE TRAVELLER

Referral Program

When you introduce someone new to Collette, you'll receive an ambassador credit* towards your next journey — and your friend will enjoy an exclusive referral credit* on their first Collette trip. And the best part? There's no limit to how much you can earn.

The Details

Collette past traveller (Ambassador):

- ✓ Receives a \$150 Collette travel credit as a thank you
- ✓ Credit is available once the referred traveller has paid in full and departed
- ✓ No limits — refer 10 friends, earn \$1,500; refer 20, earn \$3,000

New-to-Collette traveller (Referred traveller):

- ✓ Receives a \$150 travel credit on their first booking with Collette
- ✓ Must be brand-new to Collette (never travelled, booked, or cancelled previously)

*The Collette Referral Program is open to Collette past guests aged 18+. Travel Agents, Collette employees, and affiliated contractors are not eligible. Credits are not valid on group allocations or special group bookings. Other terms apply. Visit gocollette.co.nz/traveller-referral to see a full list of terms.

The entire trip was exceptionally well-managed, with everything running seamlessly from start to finish.

The itinerary struck a perfect balance—offering just the right mix of interesting places to visit without ever feeling rushed or overwhelming.

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