

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

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

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

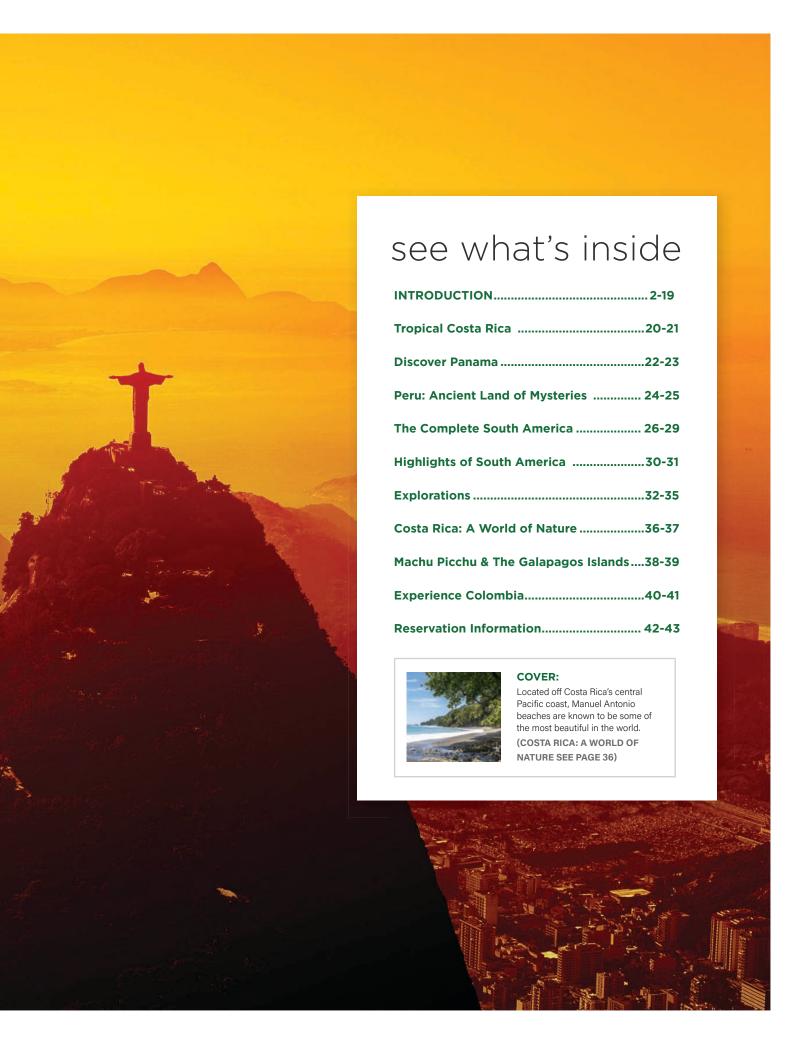
We've been inspiring and guiding people to journey across this big, beautiful world for a hundred years now. From our humble beginnings as a motor coach tour company, to today, where we offer tours world-wide, we've learned that travel feeds the soul. And it fulfills different people in different ways,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

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



Daniel J. Sullivan, Jr.

Chief Executive Officer





#### MORE PEACE OF MIND

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

SEE PAGE 6 TO LEARN MORE.

#### MORE EXPERTISE

Collette is a family-owned, award-winning leader in travel, with 100 years of experience behind us. Our passionate tour design team is constantly keeping their finger on the pulse of the travel world, staying ahead of what's trending. Plus, with a professional Tour Manager and local guides by your side, you'll never miss a thing. SEE PAGE 8 TO LEARN MORE.



#### **MORE FLEXIBILITY**

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

SEE PAGE 10 TO LEARN MORE.

#### MORE ON TOUR

We don't just try to meet your expectations, we seek to exceed them. Including more iconic must-sees and cultural immersion is just the beginning. We also include more meals at local restaurants, more authentic dining experiences, and more menu choices. Add in carefully selected 4-star accommodations and the stage is set for a truly amazing journey. **SEE PAGE 12 TO LEARN MORE.** 



## By your side every step of the way

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

## relax, we're on it...

#### **UNPACK LESS, ENJOY MORE**

#### PERFECTED TOUR PACING

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



#### **GUARANTEED TO GO**

#### **BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE**

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



#### TRAVEL PROTECTION

#### PEACE OF MIND

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

(SEE PAGES 42-43)



#### PRIVATE SEDAN SERVICE

#### **INCLUDED PERSONAL TOUCHES**

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

(SEE PAGES 42-43)



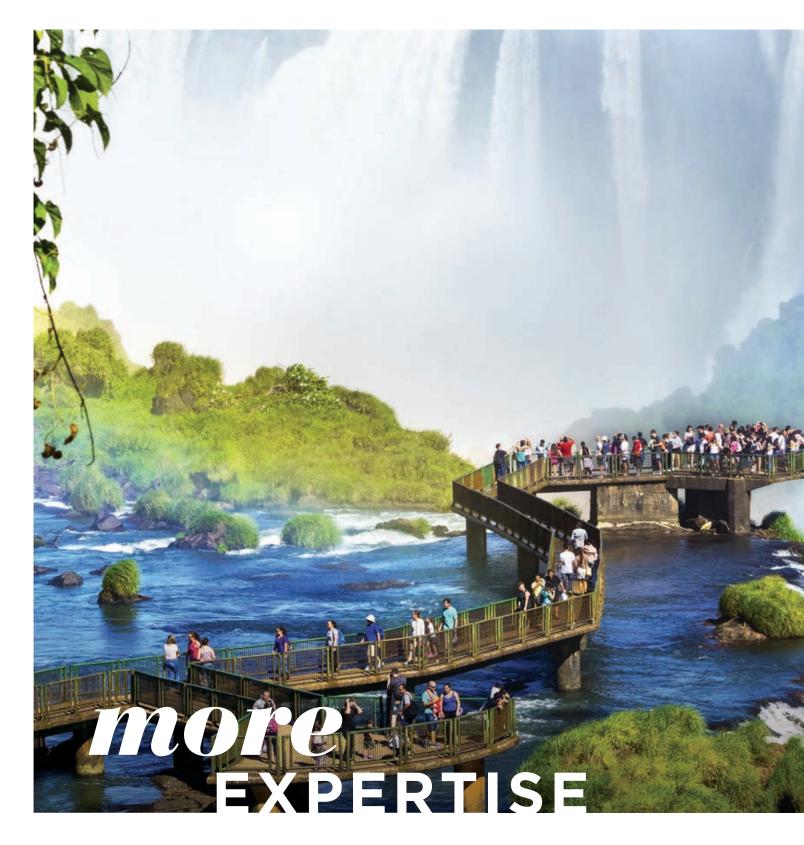


### THE Collette Passport CLUB

#### **RECOGNIZING OUR LOYAL GUESTS**

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

(SEE PAGES 42-43)FOR MORE DETAILS)



## Unmatched experience

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



#### **TOUR DESIGN TEAM**

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

#### **TOUR MANAGERS**

Collette's Tour Managers are the best trained and most respected in the world. Drawing on their own rich backgrounds and extensive training, they enhance each journey. Whether it's with a bit of historical information, suggesting a special local restaurant or sharing a laugh, these travel aficionados are at your service.

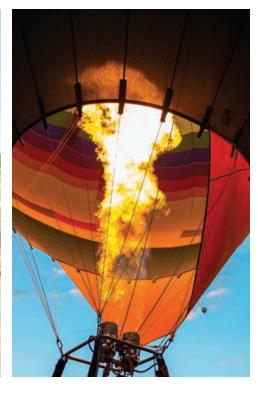
#### **LOCAL EXPERTS**

Get a local's perspective! Having a local guide at your side enhances your experience. They know the ins and outs of the destination. These friendly faces love to share an insider's view of the places they call home.

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







#### START EARLY

Spend more time in the city that starts your tour. Add a pre-night stay to your existing itinerary, and we can reserve tickets to your host city's best attractions. Enjoy the benefits of early arrival and a streamlined booking process.

#### **STAY LONGER**

Collette can also add a post-night stay to your existing itinerary along with tickets to your host city's best attractions. Stay a little bit longer and enjoy more of some of the world's best cities.

#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

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

## more flexibility

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







#### **DINING EXPERIENCES**

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

#### **TOUR EXTENSIONS**

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

#### **GO BACK-TO-BACK**

Collette can help you combine two tours into one grand experience. Many of our dates line up perfectly to allow you to discover more of the world.

CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### TAILOR HOW YOU GET THERE AND BACK



#### **ELITE AIRFARE**

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

**CALL FOR DETAILS** 



#### PRIVATE SEDAN SERVICE

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

**SEE PAGES 42-43** 



## It's Your Choice

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

## more *freedom* to explore



# WITH IT'S YOUR CHOICE, choose an excursion before departure, and personalize your

## adventure!

## KEEP YOUR HEAD IN THE CLOUDS

Climb high into the trees for your choice of a "Hanging Bridges" tour **OR** zip lining in the cloud forest.

**TROPICAL COSTA RICA PAGE 20** 





## HIKE UP THE VALLEY OR EXPLORE BY HORSEBACK

Set out to hike the valley and look up at the slender poles of wax palms **OR** travel on horseback to see the valley through the eyes of a Colombian farmer.

**EXPERIENCE COLOMBIA PAGE 40** 



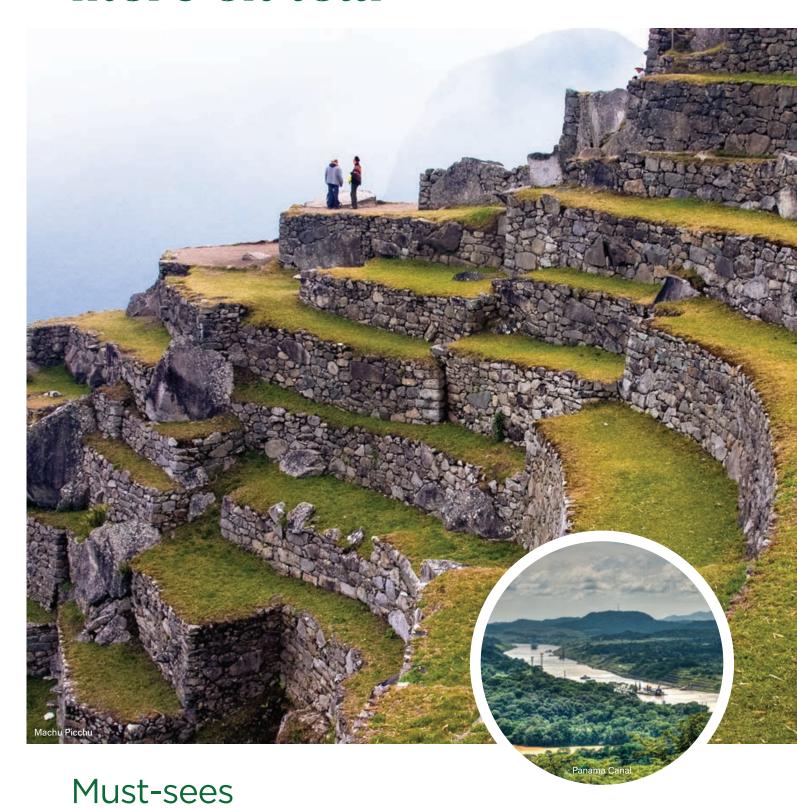


## WALKING TOUR OR COACH CRUISE

Take a walking tour with a local guide around the city of Cuzco **OR** catch the coach for a comprehensive look around. **PERU: ANCIENT LAND OF MYSTERIES PAGE 24** 



## more on tour



Machu Picchu. The Panama Canal. The rainforest in Costa Rica. Our carefully crafted itineraries include the iconic, must-see sights for each destination. Seeing the grand iconic sights of the world in person creates a richer portrait of each incredible destination.



**COLLETTE TRAVELLER** 







## Cultural experiences

Savour an authentic Pachamanca dinner in Peru. Take salsa lessons in Colombia. Hitch a ride on an Oxcart and take a tour of the local neighbourhood in Panama. These cultural experiences, selected by our experts, allow you to truly come to know both the destination and the people who call it home.

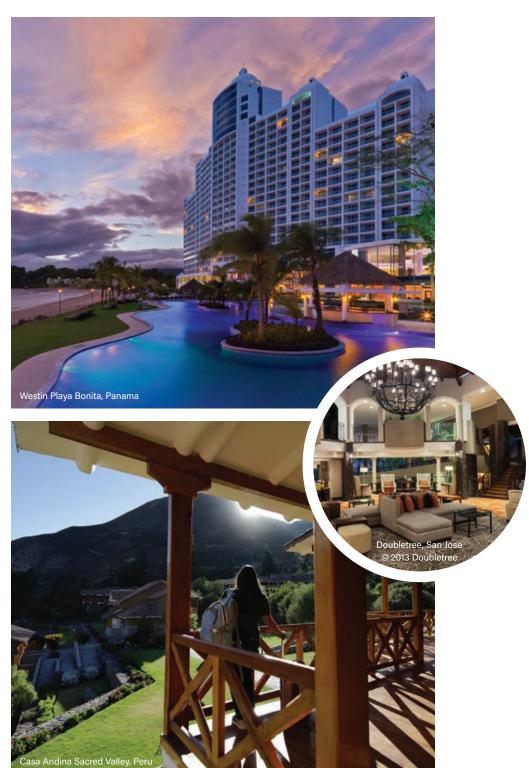
## more on tour



#### **MEALS BECOME MEMORABLE MOMENTS**

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





## Accommodations

#### **4-STAR AND ABOVE ACCOMMODATIONS**

Whether it's the amenities, the history, the view, or the location, your accommodations become highlights all their own. We enhance your travel experience by strategically selecting hotels that truly capture the destination.



## Caring for the places we live, work & travel

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

## corporate

## social responsibility

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



#### PEOPLE

Fostering Growth, Opportunity, and Well-Being

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



#### **COMMUNITY**

Giving Back to the World That Gives Us So Much

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



**TRAVEL** 

Making the Journey Mindful, Immersive, and Responsible

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



#### **PLANET**

Working to Reduce Our Carbon Footprint

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

## TROPICAL COSTA RICA

9 DAYS · 14 MEALS FROM \$1799

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Uncover the importance of conservation in Costa Rica during a visit to a tree nursery.
- Discover the charming town of Zarcero and its whimsical topiary garden.

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

- Enjoy the breathtaking scenery surrounding Arenal Volcano.
- Spot indigenous wildlife while on a Cano Negro riverboat cruise.
- Learn about Costa Rica's vegetation on a guided walk in the cloud forest.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 5 | Climb high into the trees for your choice of a "Hanging Bridges" tour or zip lining in the cloud forest.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 6 dinners
- Discover the history of coffee in Costa Rica during your visit to a coffee plantation.



#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Day 1 DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose

Days 2, 3 Nammbu Beachfront Bungalows -Playa Carrillo, Guanacaste

Days 4, 5 El Establo Hotel, Monteverde Cloud Forest

Days 6,7 Mountain Paradise Hotel or Arenal Springs Resort, Arenal

Day 8 DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
Call for details.





Discover Costa Rica's good life on a rendezvous with abundant wildlife, exotic fauna, lush rainforests, and endless coastlines.

#### START EARLY

San Jose: Enjoy more of Costa Rica's exciting capital city, San Jose.

CALL FOR DETAILS.

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins

Explore lush forests and stunning waterfalls...exotic wildlife and endless coastlines. Your tour opens in the colourful capital city of San Jose, the perfect place to relax and soak up the sights as your adventure begins.

### Day 2: San Jose - Coffee Plantation - Guanacaste

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

#### Day 3: Guanacaste

Fun in the sun is in store today as you explore the nearby beaches, or simply relax

by the pool and take advantage of your resort's lovely amenities. This afternoon, visit the delightful beach town of Samara, one of the top sunset spots in Costa Rica. Soak in the spectacular colours as the sun illuminates the natural landscape. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Guanacaste - Monteverde

It's off to the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, a place you have to see to believe, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Set off on a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem, where you're sure to encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. Keep your eyes peeled and you may be lucky enough to spot the elusive quetzal! (B, D)

#### Day 5: Monteverde 😯

It's your choice! Explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens and a dazzling gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds. Then, join an expert for a leisurely paced "Hanging Bridges" walking tour to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest's lush ecosystem -OR- take an exhilarating ride on one of the longest canopy zip line tours in Costa Rica. If you would like to do both the hanging bridges



purchase the second as an option

on tour. This evening, take part in

an expert-led discussion about the

migratory birds that flock to Costa

conservation in Costa Rica during a

visit to a tree nursery. Learn about

indigenous trees and Monteverde's

reforestation efforts. Cross beautiful

mountainous landscapes to Arenal,

famous volcano await your discovery.

most important lake. Later, check in

Volcano. Get to know the Costa Rican culture this evening. Taste your way

for another 2-night stay at a lodge

through a cooking demonstration

evening dining on the recipes of

riverboat trip in a covered canoe

known as a panga. These 20,000

wildlife in all of Costa Rica. Go in

acres are home to the largest viewable collection of indigenous

Day 7: Arenal - Cano Negro - Arenal What's next? A Cano Negro guided

you. (B, D)

featuring local ingredients. End your

Costa Rica as a guitarist serenades

where spectacular views of the

Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake

Arenal, Costa Rica's largest and

overlooking the majestic Arenal

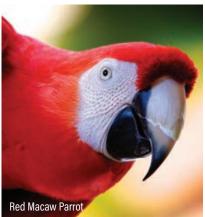
Day 6: Monteverde - Lake Arenal

Uncover the importance of

Rica. (B, D)

Cruise - Arenal





search of crocodiles, river otters, sloths, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies. Later, return to Arenal for the chance to relax during an optional spa visit. (B)

#### Day 8: Arenal - Zarcero - San Jose

Today, get a little whimsical as we journey to the charming town of Zarcero to explore its fanciful topiary garden. Continue to San Jose to see the treasures of the city on a panoramic tour. See the bustling Plaza de Cultura. This evening, bid farewell to paradise over a wonderful dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

#### Day 9: San Jose - Tour Ends

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

The service on this tour was excellent from the knowledgeable tour manager, excellent bus driver, sightseeing options and beautiful hotels.

Experience more with a **3-NIGHT JUNGLE ADVENTURE POST TOUR EXTENSION** 

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

San Jose • Coffee Plantation • Guanacaste • Monteverde Cloud Forest • Arenal Volcano • Lake Arenal Cruise • Cano Negro Refuge • Zarcero





DOUBLE Starting at \$1799 SINGLE Starting at \$2099

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on May 25, 2019 departure

January - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) January 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17 January 19, 21, 24, 26 January 28, 31 February 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14 February 16, 18, 21, 23 February 25, 28 March 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 21 March 23, 25, 30 April 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 25, 27, 29 Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures

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

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

May 4, 25 June 8, 15 July 20 August 24 September 14, 21 October 5, 12, 19, 26 November 2, 4, 9, 11 December 2, 7 January 11, 13, 18, 20 January 25, 27 February 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17 February 22, 24, 29 March 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 March 23, 28 April 18, 20, 25

#### VISIT

collette.com/89 for pricing details. Call for additional dates.

#### TRAVEL WITH IMPACT

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

January 24, 2019



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

Book another tour with Tropical Costa Rica and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Taxes/fees to be paid in local currency or USD upon exiting the country are approximately \$32 USD per person. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from San Jose. Airport transfers are available for purchase. All rates in Canadian dollars.

## DISCOVER PANAMA

9 DAYS · 15 MEALS FROM \$2299

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Join your guide for a nature walk through the jungle forest.
- Discover the various arts of creating Panamanian hats, masks and dresses.

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

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



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 4 | Enjoy a guided walking tour showcasing the Plaza de la Independencia and the National Theater or journey through this same neighbourhood with a local resident who will highlight the incredible revitalization of this historic area.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 3 lunches 4 dinners
- Sample fresh Panamanian ceviche at the Mercado de Mariscos.
- Taste the sweet sugarcane juice called *guarapa* at a sugar mill.
- Experience the local culture at a dinner featuring a folkloric dance performance.



#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Days 1 - 3 Gamboa Rainforest Reserve, Gamboa

Days 4, 5 Los Mandarinos Hotel, Anton Valley

Days 6,7 Cubitá Boutique Resort and Spa, Chitré

Day 8 Westin Playa Bonita,
Playa Bonita
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE
Upgrade your room to an
Ocean View Suite. CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
Call for details.





Encounter a land nestled between turquoise seas in enchanting Panama, where jungle forests, diverse culture and stunning coastlines abound.

#### START EARLY

**Gamboa:** Enjoy this quaint small town found along the bend of the Chagres River. **CALL FOR DETAILS.** 

#### Day 1: Gamboa, Panama - Tour Begins

Experience a land of contrasts. Remote rainforests, rich history, diverse wildlife and spectacular coastlines abound in Panama. Your tour opens at the Gamboa Rainforest Reserve where you'll enjoy your private balcony and hammock overlooking the beautiful surroundings. During your leisure time, you may choose to explore by kayak or bicycle.

#### Day 2: Gamboa - Emberá Village - Gamboa

Meet your fellow travellers during a welcome breakfast. Then board dugout canoes and set off on an excursion up the Chagres River to an Emberá indigenous village. As the "Keepers of the Rainforest," the Emberá strive to preserve their heritage and take pride in sharing their traditional techniques of home building and handicrafts – such as basket weaving and tagua nut carving. Join in their dances and partake in a traditional lunch. The remainder of your day is free to enjoy your resort. This

evening, you may choose to join your guide on a nature walk through the resort's jungle forest and gardens for a chance to spot unique birds and other wildlife. (B, L, D)

### Day 3: Gamboa - Panama Canal Cruise - Gamboa

Today we explore the canal! Board the *Pacific Queen* for a partial transit cruise through the Panama Canal. Enjoy lunch onboard and pass through two locks as you revel in a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see this incredible engineering feat firsthand. Learn all about its construction and operation from your onboard guides. Disembark at Flamenco Marina in Panama City. (B, L)

### Day 4: Gamboa - Panama City - Anton Valley ✓

Arrive at Miraflores Locks Visitor Center to view the Panama Canal and learn about its past, present and future as you watch ships traverse the lock system. Continue to Casco Viejo, the Old Quarter. Then, it's your choice! Follow your guide for a short walking tour showcasing the Plaza de la Independencia and the National Theater -OR- for a more immersive experience, journey through this same neighbourhood with a local resident...hear the story of Casco Viejo's comeback from a member of the community who will take you through the

place he calls home, highlighting the incredible revitalization of this historic area and its people. Visit the Mercado de Mariscos, a seafood market, and try fresh Panamanian ceviche. Drive a short distance on the famed Pan-American Highway before heading to Anton Valley, nestled inside the world's second largest volcanic crater. Afterwards, check in to your hotel at the base of the mountains that make up the crater. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Anton Valley

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

#### Day 6: Anton Valley - Chitré

Step into the heartland of Panama as you visit a village of artists. Interact with makers of the famous Panama hat and see firsthand how these wearable works of art come to life. Next, meet the legendary cigar rollers of Panama. Head north to Chitré. Established in 1558, it is one of Panama's first Spanish settlements. Spend the day meeting the people of Chitré, the "folklore capital" of Panama. Talk to a famous local artist whose whimsical masks are used in traditional Panamanian parades. Next, experience the region's pre-Columbian and colonial times at the local museum. Tonight, immerse yourself in the local culture during dinner. Learn about the various Panamanian drums and how they are incorporated into song and dance during a folkloric dance performance. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Chitré

Today, spend time with Panamanian women who have dedicated their lives to making the handwoven pollera dress. Later, see what a typical day in the life of a Panamanian





farmer is like during an inclusive finca experience. Choose to explore the farm by horseback or carriage, milk the cows or feed the sheep. Put your hands to work as you prepare some local dishes to accompany a farm to table lunch. Savour a well-known, locally crafted rum cocktail. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Tonight you may opt to join a home hosted dinner experience; take this opportunity to learn about a local family's life, culture and food while enjoying the warmth of their home. (B, L)

#### Day 8: Chitré - Playa Bonita

Before departing Chitré, get to know a traditional way of cooking at a clay oven bakery and sample artisanal bread and sweets along with some sugarcane juice known as guarapa. Your journey continues to Playa Bonita, just outside of Panama City. Arrive midday to soak up the sun and ocean views from your beachfront property. After enjoying some fun and relaxation at your resort, bid farewell to Panama at a special dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Playa Bonita - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

Playa Bonita: Keep your toes in the sand an extra day in this small beach town. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Gamboa Rainforest Reserve • Emberá Indigenous Village • Panama Canal Cruise • Panama City • Miraflores Locks • Anton Valley - Chitré - Pollera Dress Making Visit - Finca Experience -Rum Tasting • Playa Bonita





#### DOUBLE Starting at \$2299 SINGLE Starting at \$2899

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on June 20, 2019 departure

#### January - April 2019

(different itinerary - see note) January 17, 24, 31 February 7, 14, 21 March 14, 21 April 4, 25

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

#### May 2019 - April 2020

(featured itinerary) May 30 June 20 September 20 October 24 December 5 January 9, 23 February 6, 13, 27 March 5, 12, 19

April 17, 23

#### VISIT collette.com/381 for pricing details. Call for additional dates.

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

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

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Panama City. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Panama charges an international airport departure tax of approx. \$60 USD - the cost of this is included in your air ticket (subject to change). Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required in Atlanta, Georgia, or Miami, Florida, (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of booking. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. All rates in Canadian dollars.



Our tour guide was excellent. He was very knowledgeable, funny and helpful. Our driver was awesome. The two of them made the trip. The Panama Canal was fantastic, loved the Emberá village, and the home hosted dinner was amazing.



### PERU: ANCIENT LAND OF MYSTERIES

10 DAYS · 16 MEALS FROM \$3749

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Learn centuries-old Andean textile methods at a living museum.
- Explore the colourful markets of Peru, including the famous Pisac village market.
- Discover the artist's techniques and designs at Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio.

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

- Venture through the Andes in a domed train to Machu Picchu.
- Spend the afternoon with a guide uncovering the mysteries of Machu Picchu.



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

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 2 View the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas and visit the Casa de Aliaga or choose to explore Lima's modern side with a visit to the fashionable suburbs of Barranco and Miraflores.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 9 breakfasts 2 lunches 5 dinners
- Enjoy a culinary demonstration at your hotel at the base of Machu Picchu.
- Delight in a home hosted farm-to-table lunch at a local Quechua community.



#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Days 1, 2 El Pardo DoubleTree by Hilton,

Days 3, 4 Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Sacred Valley

Day 5 Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes

Days 6,7 Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco

Days 8, 9 Libertador Lake Titicaca, Puno

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
Call for details.





## From the sacred citadel of Machu Picchu to the floating islands of Lake Titicaca, the magical wonders of Peru are waiting behind every corner.

#### **START EARLY**

**Lima:** Spend your first evening getting more time to explore the "City of Kings." CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

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."

#### Day 2: Lima 😵

Today, **it's your choice!** Discover Lima's fascinating history during a colonial tour through the historic city center, 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 **-OR-** choose to explore Lima's modern side. Visit the fashionable suburbs

of Barranco and Miraflores for insight into the daily life of the Limeños during a walking tour. See the Park of Love, featuring unique sculptures and artwork, along with a stop at the Pyramid Huaca Pucllana. Visit the Pedro de Osma Museum featuring Peruvian art from the 5th - 18th century. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner of artfully crafted Peruvian dishes; you will quickly discover why Peru is consistently named the world's top food travel destination. (B, D)

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

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#### Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas -Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes

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#### Day 6: Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes - Cuzco

With leisure time this morning you may take an optional tour to return to Machu Picchu and view the sunrise or explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own. Return by Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley. This evening you may join an optional home hosted meal experience with a local Cuzco family. (B)

#### Day 7: Cuzco

The morning is yours to relax or explore Cuzco on your own. Perhaps you'll choose to take an optional tour to the San Blas neighbourhood to peruse its artisan shops, or delve further into Peruvian cuisine at an

optional cooking class. This afternoon, join your local guide and travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress, followed by a visit to explore Cuzco's central market. Continue on a walking tour of the city, visiting Plaza de Armas, the Cuzco Cathedral and the Santo Domingo Convent. This evening, you are treated to an authentic dinner highlighting local flavours in the heart of Cuzco. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Cuzco - Puno

This morning, fly to Puno, hugging the shores of Lake Titicaca. Known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire, ancient legends say that life began here. Have time to meet the locals and discover the history of this region as you explore the village center before checking into your lakeside hotel. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure.

#### Day 9: Uros Floating Islands - Las Chullpas de Sillustani - Lake Titicaca

The Titicaca area, steeped in tradition and folklore, is the center of Incan legends. Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca. Experience walking on the spongy surface made from compacted beds of tortora reeds and meet the locals, learning about their history and lifestyle. Later, mingle with some local residents during an authentic home-hosted lunch where you'll taste regional specialties and engage in lively conversation. In the afternoon, visit the mystical Chullpas de Sillustani - an archaeological area boasting 13th-century funerary monuments. Participate in a local home visit to gain insight into daily life.

#### Day 10: Puno - Lima - Tour Ends

As your tour comes to a close, spend the morning relaxing on the shores of Lake Titicaca before flying to Lima. Upon arrival we head to the Larco Museum, a former mansion built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple. The museum offers a collection of over 3,000 years of ceramic, textile, and precious metal artifacts. After this incredible trip through history, your tour concludes with a sumptuous farewell dinner on the grounds of the museum. Then we depart for Lima's airport and your connecting flight home. (B, D)



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#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Lima • Sacred Valley of the Incas • Local Andean Cultures • Ollantaytambo Ruins • Home-Hosted Lunches • Machu Picchu • Cuzco • Lake Titicaca • Uros Floating Islands • Larco Museum





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#### Day 8: Cuzco - Santiago, Chile

Say farewell to the mystical land of the Incas and fly south to cosmopolitan Santiago, Chile's vibrant capital city and cultural hub. (B)

#### Dav 9: Santiago

Embark on a panoramic city tour featuring La Moneda Presidential Palace, Plaza de Armas, Santiago's Cathedral and many other Neoclassical buildings. Peruse the shops and interact with handicraft vendors on the Paseo Ahumada pedestrian avenue. Savor the freshness of the Mercado Central; Santiago's celebrated fresh fish market, which was listed by National Geographic as one of the top 10 food markets in the world. Enjoy the remainder of your afternoon at leisure. Perhaps you'll visit the Museo Chileno de Arte Pre-Colombino, a museum dedicated to the study and display of pre-columbian artwork and artifacts from Central and South America, or join an optional tour to a local winery for an educational winemaking tour followed by a tasting of the locally-produced wines. (B)

#### Day 10: Santiago - Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales

Leave Santiago behind and fly to the region of Patagonia, the southern portion of Chile

#### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Lima • Sacred Valley of the Incas • Pisac Market • Ollantaytambo • Machu Picchu • Culinary Demonstration • Cuzco • Santiago • Patagonia • Torres Del Paine • Patagonian Estancia • Perito Moreno Glacier • Buenos Aires • Tango Show • Iguazu Falls • Rio de Janeiro • Christ the Redeemer Statue • Brazilian Churrascaria





and Argentina that is filled with natural wonders. Arrive in Punta Arenas, built along the Strait of Magellan. Take in the stunning scenery before heading to Puerto Natales, the stepping off point to Chile's Torres del Paine National Park. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Puerto Natales - Torres del Paine -**Puerto Natales**

Today you'll venture into the UNESCO biosphere reserve - Torres del Paine National Park. Take in the panoramas of jagged mountains and emerald-blue lakes. Marvel at the cascading waterfalls and the flora & fauna that are unique to the area. You are sure to be awed at every turn when exploring what is known as one of South America's most incredible national parks. (B)

#### Day 12: Puerto Natales

Enjoy a day at leisure to explore the charming town of Puerto Natales. Or, you may join an optional full-day cruise through the Chilean Fjords, visiting the breathtaking Serrano and Balmaceda glaciers. As you pass through the Seno Ultima Esperanza - "Channel of Last Hope" – behold the pristine beauty of Bernardo O'Higgins National Park, Chile's largest natural reserve. This rugged

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- · 22 breakfasts 3 lunches 10 dinners
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- Enjoy a welcome dinner featuring artfully-crafted Peruvian dishes in the foodie capital of Lima.
- Dine with guachos at a Patagonian estancia while enjoying a dog show and sheep shearing demonstration.



#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

- Days 1, 2 El Pardo DoubleTree by Hilton,
- Days 3, 4 Casa Andina Premium, Sacred Valley
- Day 5 Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel,
- Aguas Calientes

  Days 6,7 Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco
- Days 8, 9 Hotel Plaza San Francisco,
- Santiago
- Days 10 12 Hotel Costaustralis, Puerto Natales
- Days 13, 14 Esplendor El Calafate Hotel, El Calafate
- Days 15 17 The Brick Hotel MGallery Collection, Buenos Aires
- Days 18, 19 Bourbon Cataratas Convention & Spa Resort, Iguazu Falls
- Days 20 22 Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort, Rio de Janeiro

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landscape and unspoiled territory is a site you will never forget. (B)

## **Day 13:** Puerto Natales - El Calafate, Argentina

Make your way from the Chilean side of Patagonia to El Calafate in Argentina, the gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. En route, meet local gauchos at a typical Patagonian estancia. Partake in a traditional lamb roast lunch and learn about the local culture. Then you are treated to a dog show and sheep shearing demonstration. Revel in the beauty of the landscape during your drive through the countryside before settling into your hotel, perfectly situated near downtown and featuring spectacular views of magnificent Lake Argentino. (B, L, D)

#### Day 14: El Calafate - Perito Moreno Glacier

Discover the jewel of Argentina's Patagonia – Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park. This UNESCO site forms part of the Patagonian Continental Ice Field and is one of the few glaciers in the world still advancing. Gaze off the shoreline in search of floating icebergs as you listen to the sounds of crashing ice breaking off the massive glacier. (B, L)

#### Day 15: El Calafate - Buenos Aires

Board your flight to Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango and the "Paris of South America." Stretching along the banks of the Rio de la Plata, the city is a mosaic of European-styled architecture and South American spirit. Tonight, head to Esquina Carlos Gardel, named after Argentina's most famous tango maestro, and savor Argentine cuisine and wine before witnessing a stunning tango performance. (B, D)

#### Day 16: Buenos Aires

It's your choice! Join a panoramic city tour by bus of lively Buenos Aires featuring the famous Avenida 9 de Julio, Teatro Colón opera house, and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Make stops at the Plaza de Mayo, La Casa Rosada Presidential mansion, and the famous Recoleta Cemetery, resting place of Eva Peron; continue your city tour on the motorcoach with free time to explore colorful San Telmo, the oldest neighborhood of the city and the birthplace of tango

-OR- embark on a walking tour with a local guide highlighting the Recoleta and Palermo neighborhoods; see the city's monuments.

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#### Day 17: Buenos Aires

Today is yours to create your own adventure in Buenos Aires! Maybe you'll stroll through San Martin Park or Calle Florida, a shopper's paradise. (B)

#### Day 18: Buenos Aires - Iguazu Falls, Brazil

Fly to Iguazu Falls – located at the crossroads of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay – hailed as one of the most beautiful waterfalls in the world and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Board the Rainforest Ecological Train inside the national park on the Argentine side and walk to the platform overlooking powerful Devil's Throat. Discover unparalleled views of five waterfalls as they plummet into the Iguazu River. Cross to the Brazilian side and check



into your resort. Cap off your day with a relaxing dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 19: Iguazu Falls

Soak up the breathtaking views of the waterfalls from the Brazilian side. Join your local guide as you discover how Brazil and Argentina have fought to protect the beauty and raw power of the falls by making each side a national park. You will see firsthand why Eleanor Roosevelt, upon seeing Iguazu Falls, exclaimed "Poor Niagara." The afternoon is yours to relax and enjoy the many amenities at your resort or you may choose an optional jungle boat ride at the base of the falls. (B)

#### Day 20: Iguazu Falls - Rio de Janeiro

Fly to Rio de Janeiro. Magnificent views, beautiful beaches, flamboyant Carnival costumes, great cuisine and friendly people make Rio the cultural capital of Brazil. Venture to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain for breathtaking views. Check in to your beachfront hotel in the exclusive Leblon neighborhood. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for an exciting dinner at Rio Scenarium, a lavishly decorated restaurant and music venue in the historic Lapa district. Meet local Cariocas (the name for people from Rio de Janeiro) for a night of dinner, music and dancing (B, D)

#### Day 21: Rio de Janeiro

Journey to Corcovado by train to see Christ the Redeemer, one of the largest Art Deco statues in the world. Take in the panoramic vistas from Tijuca Forest National Park, With

360-degree views around the city, you'll soon realize why this statue is one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Next, spend time with locals at one of the city's open-air markets. Break into small groups with market guides as you discover and taste over a dozen different types of exotic fruits from Brazil. This afternoon, step behind-the-scenes at Carnival and meet the artists who are designing the floats, costumes and dances during their year-round preparations for Rio's biggest event. This evening we gather to enjoy a panoramic city tour that includes a visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral with architecture that was inspired by a Mayan pyramid. Stop by the Maracanã football stadium, which hosted the 2014 World Cup finals, before continuing on to the Carnival parade route, the Sambadrome. (B)

#### Day 22: Rio de Janeiro

Your morning is at leisure to explore fabulous Rio de Janeiro on your own. Relax by the beach at your resort or take a shuttle to Copacabana. Or, perhaps you will join an optional tour to Rio de Janeiro's Tijuca Forest National Park: venture into the lush park by open-air jeep for a tour that truly showcases the spectacular rainforest around Rio de Janeiro before a visit to historic Santa Teresa. This evening, learn how to craft caipirinhas - Brazil's famous cocktail made with sugar cane liquor and lime. Then, cap the night off with a farewell feast in a typical Brazilian churrascaria. Indulge in wine and meats slowroasted to perfection. (B, D)

#### Day 23: Rio de Janeiro - Tour Ends

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



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- · Behold the Argentine and Brazilian sides of Iguazu Falls.



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

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 3 | In Buenos Aires, experience the lively capital with a local guide either by bus or on a walking tour.

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



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 1 lunch 4 dinners
- · Dine on a traditional Argentinian barbecue (asado) at a countryside estancia.
- · Learn how to craft caipirinhas a Brazilian cocktail with sugar cane liquor and lime.



#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 The Brick Hotel MGallery Collection, Buenos Aires

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#### Day 4: Buenos Aires - San Antonio de Areco - Buenos Aires 😯

This morning we cross the Argentine Pampas, the nation's version of the "wild west." Embark on a guided tour of the charming country village of San Antonio de Areco, the birthplace of gaucho traditions. Head to a typical estancia where you'll dine on a hearty asado lunch - a traditional Argentine barbecue. While on the ranch, it's your choice! Go horseback riding through the countryside -OR- take a scenic horse-drawn carriage ride. Meet authentic gauchos who will share stories about what



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#### Day 9: Rio de Janeiro

This morning, step behind-the-scenes of Carnival and meet the artists who are designing the floats, costumes and dances during their yearround preparations for Rio's biggest event. Later we gather to enjoy a panoramic city tour that includes a visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral with architecture that was inspired by a Mayan pyramid. Stop by the Maracanã football stadium, which hosted the 2014 World Cup finals, before continuing on to the Carnival parade route, the Sambadrome. Learn how to craft caipirinhas - Brazil's famous cocktail made with sugar cane liquor and lime. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell feast in a typical Brazilian churrascaria. Indulge in wine and meats slow-roasted to perfection. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Rio de Janeiro - Tour Ends

Your tour ends this morning. For guests with evening flights, you may choose an optional visit to the famous Botanical Gardens, along with a historic walking tour of the waterfront district which underwent a fantastic transformation for the 2016 Olympics. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

**Rio de Janeiro:** Spend your final evening absorbing the wonders of this vibrant city.

CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Buenos Aires • Tango Show • Estancia Barbecue • Iguaçu Falls • Rio de Janeiro • Sugarloaf Mountain • Christ the Redeemer • Churrascaria Dinner





- Extend your trip with a 3-night extension and spend your days exploring the Brazilian Amazon, taking in a multitude of natural wonders. CALL FOR DETAILS
- Extend your trip with a 3-night extension in Salvador de Bahia and discover colonial architecture, a charming fishing village and a folklore performance. CALL FOR DETAILS

### DOUBLE Starting at \$3749 SINGLE Starting at \$4799

Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on May 19, 2019 departure

January - March 2019

(different itinerary - see note) January 6, 20, 27 February 3, 10

March 3, 17, 31

Itinerary featured is for
May 2019 - April 2020 tour
departures. Departures
prior to this date will vary.

Please confirm at time of reservation.

May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) May 19 September 22 October 13 November 10

January 19

February 9 March 15 April 26

#### VISIT

collette.com/455 for pricing details. Call for additional dates.

This trip requires a passport and visa. A visa for Brazil (approximate online visa cost is \$44 USD) is required for this tour at your expense. This tour may require a certificate of Yellow Fever inoculation when applying for your Brazilian visa, especially if you have traveled to Peru prior to Brazil. These fees are at your own expense. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Due to flight schedules, a pre/post night may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. Rates do not include the internal flights on tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Our air passengers will arrive into Buenos Aires and depart from Rio de Janeiro. Airport transfers are available for purchase. All rates in Canadian dollars.

#### **ALSO AVAILABLE**

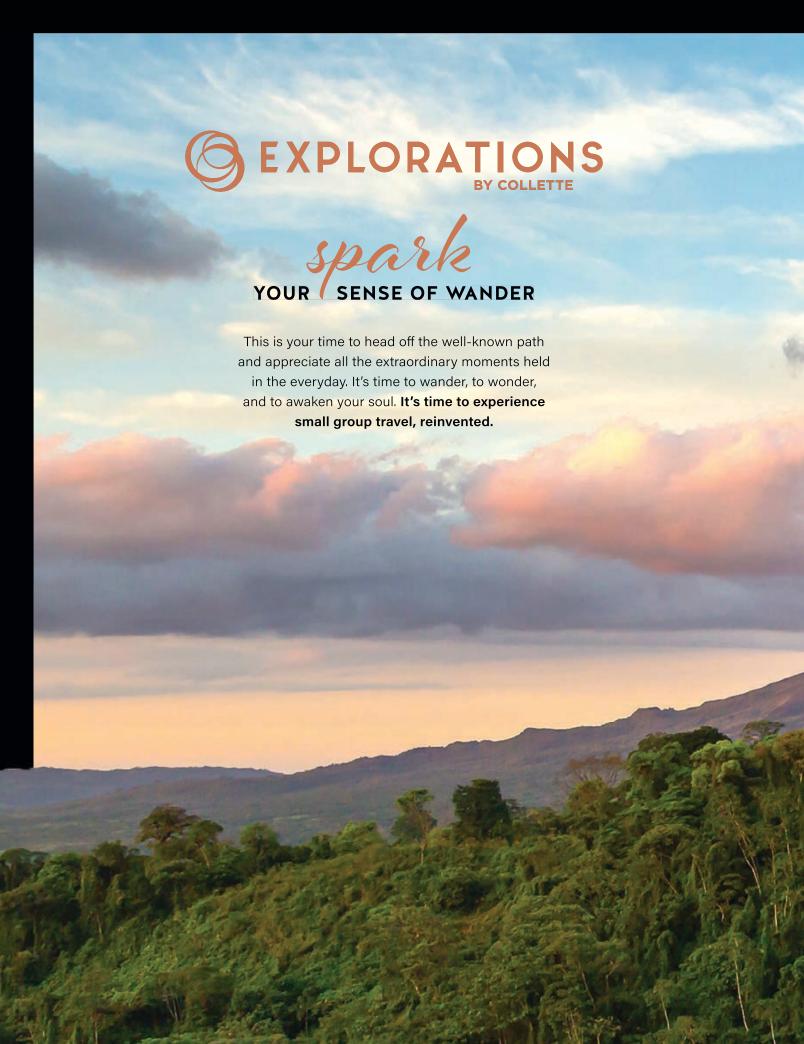
#### Highlights of South America featuring Chile to Argentina Lake Crossing | 15 days - 20 meals | Double starting at \$5049

South America beckons. Discover Rio de Janeiro, the thundering Iguazu Falls, dynamic Buenos Aires and the beautiful Andean Lakes.

#### July 2019 - March 2020

July 4, August 27, September 10, December 3, January 28, March 22

Visit collette.com for pricing details. Rates are land only, per person, double occupancy. All rates in Canadian dollars.



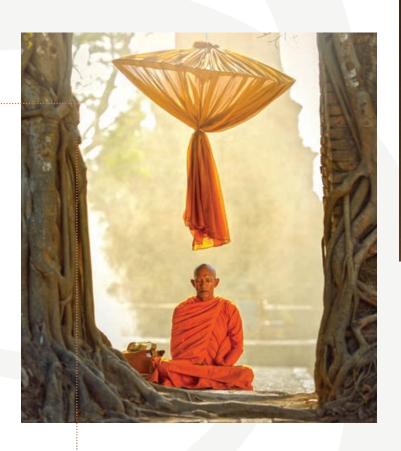


# THE NEW EXPLORATIONS EXPERIENCE

## What You'll Do unique experiences

It's often said that experience is the best teacher and we couldn't agree more. Experiences help educate us as travellers about cultures, traditions, and the human spirit. It's why we take the time to include truly exceptional experiences on Explorations. Some experiences are active and even a little adventurous, some are designed to reveal the heart of a culture, and some may even have the power to change your life.

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



## Small Group Travel reinvented

You'll share the road, a few meals, and a variety of special moments with a small, tight-knit group averaging about 15 people. You won't be one of the crowd with Explorations, you'll be an integral part of a cultural expedition. Every Explorations traveller is unique, but you all share a similar agenda—to travel and connect to the world in a more authentic way.



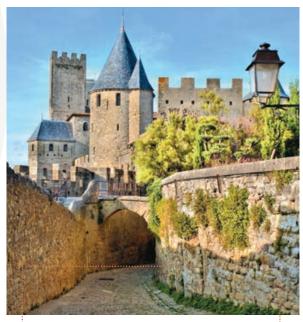


### Where You'll Stay

## authentic surroundings

**Explorations includes a variety of unique places to rest up and rejuvenate during your travels.** Each hotel
(4-star and above) is carefully chosen to ensure that your
exploration never stops, even while you're relaxing after a
full day, or lingering over a morning coffee. Whether it's the
history, the view, the location, or the amenities, your hotels
will capture the spirit of your destination.

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



# Feel the Freedom to explore

No one has travelled the same path as you. And no one will experience the world just as you do. While there's no "one size fits all" travel experience, the travel experiences we craft include a good balance of unique, hard-to-replicate experiences, cultural connections, and plenty of opportunities for "you" time.



## What's on the Menu culinary adventures

Local cuisine is so much more than taste and texture. It's about the experience and ambiance served up alongside a mouthwatering meal.

Explorations seeks to delight the entire palate, creating an unforgettable and hard-to-replicate epicurean adventure. From home-hosted meals to hands-on cooking classes, intimate local restaurants to street food tours, you will savour the many local flavours your destination has to offer.



### **COSTA RICA:** A WORLD OF NATURE

By land and by sea, thrilling journeys await as you seek out to discover the essence of Pura Vida. Pull back the curtain of the rainforest and step inside to experience life unfiltered. This is where the wild things are.

STARTING AT \$3549\* DAYS 12 MEALS 23

\*Price based on October 20, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Included Meals

11 Breakfasts

**Activity Level** 

1 2 3 4 5

Call for details on our activity levels.

Active

4 Lunches 8 Dinners

#### Where You'll Stay

#### San José 1 Night

Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Hotel

#### Tortuguero 2 Nights

Evergreen Lodge

#### Sarapiquí 2 Nights

Selva Verde Eco-Lodge & Rainforest Reserve

#### Arenal 3 Nights

Hotel Arenal Springs

#### Manuel Antonio 2 Nights

Parador Resort and Spa

#### San José 1 Night

Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Hotel



### **COSTA RICA:** A WORLD OF NATURE

3 EXPERIENCES beyond expectation

## CHOOSE YOUR **OWN ADVENTURE**

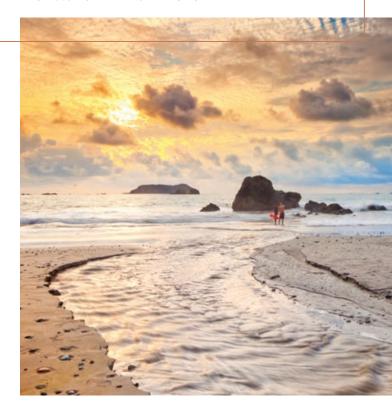
When in the birthplace of zip lining, you zip line! Experience Costa Rica's thrilling landscapes from above as you glide over lush green canopies.

- -OR- Make your way across lava fields for an upclose-and-personal look at Arenal Volcano on a moderate hike along the trails.
- >> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 7 IN ARENAL.

## 2 BECOME ONE WITH NATURE

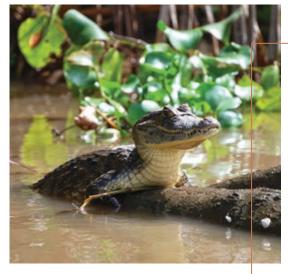
From a jungle oasis in Tortuguero, to the remote wonders of Manuel Antonio National Park, nature is truly all around you. Enjoy two nights in each locale, where you can seek out the elusive green macaw and let monkeys be your alarm clock in Tortuguero, and enjoy free time in Manuel Antonio to hike or go for a swim in turquoise waters.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 2-3 AND 9-10 IN TORTUGUERO AND MANUEL ANTONIO.









## 3 TAKE A FLOAT ON THE WILD SIDE

Get up close with crocodiles as you head down the Tárcoles River on an exhilarating jungle safari. Float along beneath the towering jungle, looking just below the water's surface for a glimpse of these incredible creatures that heavily populate this section of the river.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 9 IN TÁRCOLES.

#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

#### DAYS 1-3 SAN JOSÉ • TORTUGUERO

#### Welcome to the Jungle

- Start your journey in Costa Rica's culture hub, the capital of San José.
- Venture to Tortuguero National Park, where you'll stay two nights amongst the wildlife.
- Visit the world's first green turtle research station.
- Embark on a nature cruise through Tortuguero for a peek behind the rainforest's lush green walls.

#### DAYS 4-5 SARAPIQUÍ

#### Savour the Fruits of Sarapiquí

- Cut through the mists of the rainforest as you travel from Tortuguero to Sarapiquí.
- Indulge in a taste of Costa Rica's finest fruits with visits to organic pineapple and cacao plantations.
- See the Sarapiquí region from a different perspective on a rafting trip along the river that's a perfect balance of excitement and relaxation.
- Before you set off for Arenal, enjoy an early morning bird-watching excursion.

#### DAYS 6-8 ARENAL

#### Awaken Your Sense of Adventure in Arenal

- Suspended over the rainforest floor, take in a birds-eye view of the jungle on a guided tour of Arenal's famous hanging bridges.
- ▼ IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Zip line over lush green canopies OR take a moderate hike past Arenal's lava fields.
- Roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cooking demonstration; then savour the local flavours of Costa Rica during a traditional dinner.
- Enjoy a full day at leisure to wander the grounds of your resort, soak in the famous hot springs, or set off on an optional excursion.

#### DAYS 9-12 MANUEL ANTONIO • SAN JOSÉ

## Get in Touch with Nature at Manuel Antonio

- Witness colourful birds, hike rugged rainforests, and enjoy pristine beaches prime for swimming and snorkeling in Manuel Antonio National Park.
- Get up close with crocodiles as you head down the Tárcoles River on an exhilarating jungle safari.
- Wake up and smell the coffee at a local farm that produces some of Costa Rica's wellknown beans.
- Return to San José and recount your memories and special moments as you bid farewell to Costa Rica and your fellow explorers.

Visit explorations.com/294 for complete tour details.



## MACHU PICCHU & THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

Uncover mysteries that dwell among the wonders, ruins, and unspoiled lands of South America. From the "Lost City of the Incas" to the mysteries of the Galápagos Islands, you'll delve deep into ancient cultures, then dive deeper into the wonders of nature.

STARTING AT \$9104\* DAYS 15 MEALS 30

\*Price based on October 29, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only. Rates do not include inter-tour air.

**Included Meals** 

14 Breakfasts

**Activity Level** 

1 2 3 4 5

SOUTH AMERICA

Call for details on

our activity levels.

6 Lunches

10 Dinners

Active

#### Where You'll Stay

#### Lima 2 Nights

Casa Andina Premium Miraflores

#### Sacred Valley 2 Nights

Casa Andina Premium Sacred Vallev

#### Aguas Calientes 1 Night

Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel

#### Cuzco 2 Nights

Casa Andina Premium

#### **Quito 2 Nights**

Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda

#### Galápagos Islands 4 Nights

m/v Galápagos Legend

#### Quito 1 Night

Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda



## MACHU PICCHU & THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

3 EXPERIENCES beyond expectation



#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

## DAYS 1-4 LIMA • SACRED VALLEY

## Get a Taste of Authentic Peru

- Uncover Lima's historic past on a city tour, followed by a trip to a former home of a conquistador.
- Kick up your heels during a private salsa class.
- Learn centuries-old methods of creating traditional textiles at Awana Kancha and stroll through Pisac's local handicraft market.
- Visit the ruins of Ollantaytambo.
- Learn of the thriving culture of the Andean people during a farmto-table lunch.

#### DAYS 5-7 AGUAS CALIENTES • CUZCO

## Reach the Peak of Incan Culture

- Uncover the mysteries of Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas."
- Witness an exclusive culinary demonstration and savour an eclectic tasting.
- Enjoy a morning of leisure at the foot of Machu Picchu, where you may choose an optional excursion to see the ruins again at sunrise, or wander through the local village for a taste of Andean culture.
- Immerse yourself in Peru's heart and soul during a special community dining experience.
- IT'S YOUR CHOICE in the former Incan capital of Cuzco. Head out on a comprehensive city tour OR walk the artisan neighbourhood of San Blas.

## 1 EMBARK ON A NATURE CRUISE OF A LIFETIME

With wildlife that seems anything but wild and landscapes that are anything but tame, the Galápagos Islands aren't just a destination, it's an experience that will be forever seared into your memory. Accompanied by a naturalist guide for expert exploration, your 4-night cruise will be simply unforgettable.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS DAYS 10-13 IN THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS.



## 2 SPEND A LEISURELY MORNING AT THE FOOT OF RUINS

For some, visiting Machu Picchu once is not enough. This is why we give you a morning of leisure during your stay there. Whether you take an optional excursion to see the ruins at sunrise, or wander through the local markets of Aguas Calientes for a taste of Andean culture, you'll soak up every bit of this iconic site.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN MACHU PICCHU.



## 3 TRY YOUR HAND AT MAKING WORLD-RENOWNED CUISINE

Peru's cuisine consistently ranks high amongst the world's foodies. Discover why during an interactive cooking class. Hone your skills as you craft signature Peruvian starters like ceviche and pisco sours, then delight in more of the region's specialties over dinner.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 3 IN SACRED VALLEY.

#### DAYS 8-9 QUITO

## Check Out Quito's Colonial Charm

- Meet some of the children thriving at the Children International community centre, supported by the Collette Foundation.
- Tour the Presidential Palace.
- Stand at the "Middle of the World" at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum.
- Take some free time to explore the city on your own.

#### DAYS 10-13 GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

## Become One with Nature in the Galápagos Islands

- Embark on a 4-night cruise in the company of a naturalist guide.
- Get an up-close look at the endangered tortoises at the Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve
- Sail to Española Island in Gardner Bay aboard a panga.
- Swim and snorkel with manta rays and white-tipped sharks.

#### DAYS 10-13 CONTINUED

- · Hike the volcanic terrain of Suarez Point.
- Stand before giant tortoises, the stars of the Charles Darwin Research Station.
- Walk inside dormant lava tubes for a peek into how these primordial islands formed.
- Enjoy time on your own to explore Port Ayora.

#### DAYS 14-15 QUITO

#### Celebrate Your Journey in Quito

- Take an evening city tour of colonial Quito.
- Feast in a historical restaurant and toast to your memorable journey.

Visit explorations.com/366 for complete tour details.



### **EXPERIENCE COLOMBIA**

Colombia's pulse beats strong with a red-hot culture steeped in history, art, and tradition. Thriving cities, remote jungles, and warm, welcoming people await you in this multi-faceted jewel of South America.

STARTING AT \$3299\* DAYS 10 MEALS 14

\*Price based on June 10, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Rates do not include inter-tour air.

Included Meals

9 Breakfasts

**Activity Level** 

1 2 3 4 5

1 Lunch

4 Dinners

#### Where You'll Stay

#### Bogotá 2 Nights

Movich Chicó 97

Pereira Coffee Region 2 Nights

San Carlos Lodge

#### Medellín 2 Nights

Hotel Park 10

Cartagena 3 Nights
Hyatt Regency

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Cartagena

Cartagena

SOUTH AMERICA

Pereira Coffee Region

Bogotá

COLOMBIA

#### **EXPERIENCE COLOMBIA**

3 EXPERIENCES beyond expectation



## 1 ADVENTURE IS BREWING IN COCORA VALLEY

Feel the wind in your hair and spy vivid green as far as you can see as you ride through Cocora Valley in equipped 4x4 jeeps known as "Willys." Afterward, choose your next adventure. Hike the valley with a guide, pausing to look up at the sky-high wax palms or travel on horseback to see the valley through the eyes of a Colombian farmer.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 4 IN COCORA VALLEY.

## 3 GET A TASTE OF LOCAL LIFE

A happy overload of exotic fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, herbs, and flowers, Paloquemao Market is a haven for foodies. Stroll the market's rainbow displays while your guide dishes out some favourite samples. A bit off the well-worn path, you won't find the stalls clogged with tourists, but teeming with locals and thriving with an intoxicating energy.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 2 IN BOGOTÁ.



## 2 SEE A NEIGHBOURHOOD TRANSFORMED BY ART

Comuna 13, once Colombia's most notorious neighbourhood, is a barrio reborn. Meet up with a neighbourhood resident and walk the streets, vibrant with bold murals and stunning graffiti art, to learn of Comuna 13's past, present, and promising future.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN MEDELLÍN.



#### WHAT YOU'LL DO

#### DAYS 1-2 BOGOTÁ

#### Feel the Beat of Bogotá

- Get to know the city on a lively walking tour.
- Explore the artifacts at Museo del Oro.
- Stroll Paloquemao Market's rainbow displays while your guide dishes out some favourite samples.

#### DAYS 3-4 PEREIRA COFFEE REGION

## Breathe in the Coffee Region's Splendour

- Learn about the coffee-making process and sample the perks of the region, bean to cup.
- Experience the majesty of the Cocora Valley aboard equipped 4x4 jeeps known as "Willys."
- Enjoy a locally sourced picnic lunch.
- Explore Salento on your own, discovering quaint streets, local artisans, and paisa architecture.

#### DAYS 5-7 MEDELLÍN

#### Behold Medellín's Vibrant Spirit

- Dine with the locals in the city of Medellín and indulge in a specially cultivated tasting menu.
- Join a local resident for a poignant walking tour through the vibrantly muraled neighbourhood of Comuna 13.
- Meet with a silletero and learn firsthand what a "day in the life" of a flower farmer is like.

#### DAYS 8-10 CARTAGENA

#### Step in to Cartagena's Culture

- Take in the history and lively energy of Cartagena during a tour of this stunning Caribbean city.
- Enjoy a full day to explore Cartagena at your leisure.

Visit explorations.com/630 for complete tour details.

## **Reservation Information**

(Visit gocollette.com/terms for complete terms and conditions)

**Land Rates** Land rates are on a per person, double occupancy unless otherwise noted. Availability of departures at the prices noted in the brochure is limited. Government taxes and fees are additional. For current prices, please see our website at www.gocollette.com. Land rates are guaranteed at the time that the deposit is received by Collette.

The land price includes those land based items delineated as included in the package itinerary and does not include any other items such as air travel, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary end of trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, and any incidental charges.

#### Payments |

#### Land Package Deposit

- A \$250 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica, Cruises only and Oberammergau reservations, a non-refundable \$500 deposit is required. An additional \$1000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. An additional \$1500 is due one year prior to departure for Oberammergau.

#### Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation.
- For Antarctica, Cruise and Oberammergau air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable \$750 deposit is required. An additional \$1000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. An additional \$1500 is due one year prior to departure for Oberammergau.

#### Instant Purchase Air

• If you have selected Instant Purchase Air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airfare plus the land package deposit noted above, all of which is non-refundable.

Should you decide to purchase our per-person Travel Protection Plan, you must do so at the time of booking. Payment of this Plan includes the Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver which protects you from penalties in the event you have to cancel your entire tour package for any reason up to the day prior to departure (see Part A in our terms on our website for more details). If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B in our terms on our website for more details).

#### **Final Payment**

Unless otherwise noted, the balance is due 60 days before departure on all tours, except cruises, Antarctica, Galapagos and Oberammergau. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises, Antarctica, Galapagos and Oberammergau. Payment may be made by charging to clients' Mastercard, Visa, American Express, or Discover (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a check or money order. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit. Payment may also be made online at https://reservations.gocollette.com/ payment.aspx?co=CAD

#### TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:

Collette: 1-800-468-5955 reservations@gocollette.com

#### PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO:

Collette, 40 Queen Street South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1K3

Attn: Accounts Receivable

**Revision Fees** Upon receipt of your itinerary, you must review it and report any discrepancies to Collette immediately in order to avoid any supplier incurred penalties. A handling fee of \$25.00 per transaction will be assessed for any change or revision made to a reservation. A change of departure date within 11 months of the departure date will be treated as a cancellation, and cancellation charges will apply.

Cancellation Charges Both cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates will result in penalties and fees assessed by travel suppliers. If you have not purchased our Travel Protection Plan, and you need to transfer or cancel for any reason prior to departure, the following cancellation fees will be assessed on your land or cruise product. Air is 100% nonrefundable once paid in full. If cancelled prior to being paid in full, the following cancellation fees will also apply to air.

(\*See cancellation and unused services Travel Protection Plan fees and exceptions):

- More than 60 days prior to departure: a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 60 16 days prior to departure: 30% of land or cruise price
- 15 1 day prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- Day of departure and after: 100% of land or cruise price

#### **Exceptions:**

#### Ocean Cruises:

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 61 days prior to departure: 35% of land or cruise price
- 60 31 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 30 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

#### River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China

- More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 61 days prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- 60 31 days prior to departure: 85% of land or cruise price
- 30 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

#### Galapagos & Antarctica:

- More than 120 days prior to departure: nonrefundable deposits will be retained.
- 120 90 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 89 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

#### Oberammergau

- More than 120 days prior to departure a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 120 91 days prior to departure 75% of total price
- 90 days 0 days prior to departure -100% of total price
- \* Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% nonrefundable at time of reservation.

Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the client, are not at fault and have not cancelled in violation of these terms and conditions, you will be refunded 100%.

Collette's Travel Protection Plan Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, the Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of a cancellation. Collette's Travel Protection Plan protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. The Travel Protection Plan does not indemnify you from penalties if you choose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you choose to partially cancel your tour, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Visit gocollette.com/terms for Complete TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN Terms and Conditions

**Airfare** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air-inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted exclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Instant Purchase Nonrefundable Airfare includes roundtrip airport/hotel transfers (excluding pre- or post-days and extensions). If you have selected Instant Purchase nonrefundable air, you are required to pay the full air cost in addition to the \$250 deposit at time of booking (all of which is nonrefundable). If you purchase the Travel Protection Plan, the Instant Purchase nonrefundable airfare may be covered, if you cancel your trip for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). Tickets will be issued immediately and once issued are nonrefundable; you may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline. These tickets include an administration fee and roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers, of which both hold no airline reissue value. Once issued, there can be no fluctuation in price due to an increase in government taxes or in airline fuel surcharges. Therefore, any such fees or airport-to-hotel transfers are not refundable under any circumstances.

**Currency** Unless specified otherwise, all statements of or references to dollar amounts in these terms and conditions are to lawful money of Canada.

**Proof of Citizenship: Passports & Visas** Documentation is required by foreign governments for all trips outside Canada. Clients/passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate/embassy for entry requirements, including whether you need to obtain a visa before entering your destination country and, if you do need to get a visa, its cost and timing. Please remember that the possession of valid passports and necessary visas are the responsibility of each client/passenger. If you would like assistance in ensuring you have the proper visa(s) for your trip outside of Canada, we would be happy to refer you to a company that can assist you.

**Travel Conditions** There may be different living standards and practices and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of services and accommodations outside of Canada.

**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 airline/airport, hotel and group carrier handling. It is recommended for your own self-interest and protection that you have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. Check with your sales agent for low-cost insurance to cover these risks.

There are limitations by coach and air carrier as to the number and size of bags which can be carried onboard and in bulk storage. Be sure to ask your travel professional about such restrictions before departing for your tour.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines impose additional charges if you choose to check baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies. Please be advised there is a \$25 USD/CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most transborder flights between U.S. & Canada. This is a fee levied by the airlines, not Collette, and may be subject to change.

**Travellers Needing Special Assistance** You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time your booking is made.\* Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. It is strongly recommended that persons

requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. None of Collette, its employees and personnel, and its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveller thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining or other routine activities.

\*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveller or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible staternom

**Transfers** Roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers are provided for all passengers who purchase airfare through Collette. These transfers do not apply to pre- and post-night stays. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase arrival and departure transfers from Collette. Some restrictions may apply. All transfers leave at prescheduled times. All passengers who purchase pre and post hotel nights through Collette may also purchase transfers to/from the airport and the pre or post hotel. Please inquire at time of booking.

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