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#### 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 worldwide, 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

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Stand in respect and awe of Mother Nature when you come across the Skogafoss Waterfall, one of the largest in Iceland. **SEE PAGE 44** 

#### CAPTURED ON TOUR

Captured at a wine tasting event at the Spier Hotel in South Africa.



Kyle Regan @kylethomasregan

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### Access thousands of honest, first-hand reviews

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

### 2018 Trusted Service Award ★★★★★ feefo<sup>ee</sup>

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

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

#### So keep giving us feedback!

**66** The selection of all the places we visited, the quality of the hotels we stayed in, all the restaurants included in the tour, and the expertise, friendliness, sense of humour, and endless patience of the tour manager made this one of **the very best tours** I have ever been on! **99** 

- COLLETTE TRAVELLER ON THE BEST OF EASTERN CANADA

We have used Collette several times before, and have become accustomed to their great service.
 We did not have to worry about anything from start to finish, which is what we like. From booking to travelling – all A+. ??

- COLLETTE TRAVELLER ON EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA





#### **66** *I definitely will recommend*

**Collette**, in fact already have...The tour was perfectly paced, the tour guide and driver were compatible and enjoyed each other which made the travellers enjoy our trip even more. We are already talking about "where to next"!

- COLLETTE TRAVELLER ON ELEGANT IRELAND



## **NEW TOURS**

### Designing experiences

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



LA BELLE SEINE Climb aboard your ship for a relaxing 7-night cruise that takes you to the charming towns, intriguing art, and coastal landscapes of the Normandy region. (SEE PAGE 160)



**TREASURES OF EUROPE** Be whisked away on a romantic journey via rail and encounter some of the most quintessential sights of Europe – from the Eiffel Tower to Michelangelo's *David*. (SEE PAGE 76)



SPAIN & MOROCCO The resplendent charm of Spain and the unique tapestry of Morocco combines on this spellbinding tour. (SEE PAGE 98)



#### **GREENLAND & ICELAND**

**CAPTIVATING NORDIC LANDSCAPES** Voyage through the Arctic Circle and uncover glittering icebergs, remote landscapes, and fascinating cultures. (SEE PAGE 48)



#### **MEMORIALS OF WORLD WAR II**

A JOURNEY OF HISTORY AND REVERENCE Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day on this sojourn dedicated to remembering a major milestone in history - the Second World War. (SEE PAGE 78)



#### **CLASSICAL GREECE**

Learn the history of this fascinating country from local experts as you explore Athens, Meteora, Delphi, Olympia and Corinth. **(SEE PAGE 102)** 



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### Introducing a new explorations experience



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

Isn't it time you lived the good life? Uncover the culture, cuisine, and charms of la bella vita. (SEE PAGE 176)



#### SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS & MAJESTIC PEAKS

Idyllic beauty nestled in the mountains. Set your sights on an active journey across Switzerland. (SEE PAGE 182)



#### THE NOVELTIES OF NORTHERN SPAIN

Take a note from Hemingway. A feast of flavours, sights and sounds await in Northern Spain. (SEE PAGE 170) Explorations gives travellers access to the world in a new way, venturing with a small group of like-minded travellers on immersive adventures. Lace up your sneakers and prepare to walk, bike, hike, and explore on these active and engaging journeys.

Turn to page 162 or visit EXPLORATIONS.COM for a deeper look into Explorations.

# COLLETTE GIVES YOU MOTO

#### 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 10 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 12 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 20 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 14 TO LEARN MORE.** 

# MORE DE MIND

### 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 hotel stays longer than just one night. It means you'll spend the right amount of time in each destination and less time packing and unpacking. (SEE PAGE 189)



#### **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 PAGE 193)



#### **PRIVATE SEDAN SERVICE**

#### **INCLUDED PERSONAL TOUCHES**

Leave the hassle of getting to the airport behind. Enjoy round-trip home to airport sedan service. It's the perfect way to begin (and end) your journey. (SEE PAGE 189)





#### 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 PAGE 189 FOR MORE DETAILS)

# MORE EXPERTISE

### 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.

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INCLUSION OF THE TRADE



#### MICHELLE GAMMON PURVIS TOUR MANAGER AND REGIONAL DESTINATION MANAGER

#### 4 years of service, on why she loves being a Tour Manager with Collette:

I love that my job requires me to be constantly learning more about our amazing world, and especially that I get to share what I learn with our guests. I am passionate about helping our guests make the most of their visit to each city and village. No matter how many times I visit a destination, I can always learn something new, or try squeezing in a visit to a museum or restaurant that I haven't been to before.

**Our tour manager was excellent.** She was very helpful and her recommendations for restaurants and places to see were wonderful. We celebrated birthdays and learned many things about Portuguese history, food and wines. **??** 

COLLETTE TRAVELLER ON PORTUGAL & ITS ISLANDS TOUR

#### 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.

**Obidos**, Portugal

### 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. SEE PAGES 186-187 FOR FULL LISTING.

TAILOR HOW YOU GET THERE AND BACK

#### 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.



#### ELITE AIRFARE

Land rested, refreshed, and ready when you book a business, premium economy, or first-class ticket with amenity-rich Collette Elite Airfare. **SEE PAGE 190** 



#### **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 PAGE 189

# MORE TRAVEL STYLES

### Variety is the spice of life

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



#### CLASSIC COLLETTE'S FLAGSHIP

Collette's **Classic** tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.



#### RIVER CRUISE EXPLORING THE RIVERS OF THE WORLD

Collette's **River Cruises** are a slower, more intimate way to explore the world. These adventures, on small 4-star vessels, are an easy way to travel through the world's beautiful waterways. Plus, when you step off your ship with a Tour Manager by your side, you'll truly come to know the people and places along the river.



#### SPOTLIGHTS SINGLE HOTEL STAYS

Unpack just once and explore the world's most iconic cities during **Spotlights'** single-hotel stays. The leisurely pace offers you the chance to get to know these destinations like a local. Mustsee cultural highlights are always included, plus there's plenty of time to explore independently, creating your own unique adventure.



#### IMPACT TRAVEL TRAVEL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Impact Travel** allows you to combine your love of travel with your desire to make a difference. Go beyond simply seeing destination highlights and work alongside members of the local community to help bring about positive, sustainable change.



#### FAITH SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS

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

#### **Oberammergau** 2020 PASSION PLAY

Choose from 7 tours, including a once-a-decade performance of the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. SEE PAGE 140





#### We invite you to step off the beaten path and step into new cultures.

**Explorations** gives travellers access to the world in a new way, venturing with a small group of like-minded travellers on immersive adventures. Lace up your sneakers and prepare to walk, bike, hike, and explore on these active and engaging journeys.

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# Indre On tour

### 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





choose an excursion before departure, and personalize your *adventure*!

#### POETRY IN MOTION

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

**ENGLAND'S TREASURES - PAGE 66** 

#### INVIGORATING SPIRITS & LUXURIOUS CASTLES

Visit the Old Midleton Distillery where a guided tour and tasting will showcase the extraordinary story of Jameson Irish Whiskey **OR** choose to stay behind to stroll Castlemartyr's 220 stunning acres and enjoy its amenities. **ELEGANT IRELAND - PAGE 58** 

#### ANCIENT ARCHITECTURE

Join a local expert on a panoramic tour of Madrid's architectural treasures followed by a visit to the Prado Museum **OR** take a walking tour featuring sites of the Hapsburg era. **MADRID & BARCELONA - PAGE 90** 

CHOOSE YOUR EXPERIENCE EARLY! IT'S YOUR CHOICE EXCURSIONS FILL UP FAST!



### more on tour



### Must-sees

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

Never fails to educate, highlight and focus on the local culture. This is the second trip we have taken with Collette and continue to feel that you do an excellent job on the organization of the trip...Thank you. We would not hesitate to join another tour if a destination came up. COLLETTE TRAVELLER





Blue Lagoon

Mona Lisa

### **Cultural experiences**

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

### more on tour



### Culinary inclusions

#### MEALS BECOME MEMORABLE MOMENTS

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



#### faith tours: we're listening

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



### 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 yard and around the world.



#### **TRAVEL** Making the Journey Mindful, Immersive, and Responsible

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



#### **PLANET** Working to Reduce Our Carbon Footprint

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

#### ITALIAN VISTAS 13 DAYS - 17 MEALS

FROM \$4099

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

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

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



#### (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 10 Enjoy a walking tour which includes St. Mark's Square, the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs or experience the Castello Sestiere district as you walk by canals through the narrow streets of this unique city.



#### · 11 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 5 dinners

• Visit a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample the local wines.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 - 4	Grand Hotel Palatino, The K Boutique Hotel, Mediterraneo Hotel or Kolbe Hotel, Rome
Days 5, 6	Towers Hotel or Michelangelo Hotel, Sorrento
Days 7, 8	Grand Hotel Baglioni or Starho- tels Michelangelo, Florence
Days 9, 10	B4 Bellini Venezia, Venice
Days 11, 12	Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 189 for details.



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

#### START EARLY

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

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight Ciao, Italy!

CiaO, italy:

#### Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

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

#### Day 3: Rome - Classical Rome City Tour

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

#### Day 4: Rome

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

#### Day 5: Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento Coast

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

#### Day 6: Sorrento Coast - Isle of Capri -Sorrento Coast

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

#### Day 7: Sorrento Coast - Florence

Tuscany unfolds with its panorama of vineyards and olive groves. Florence, the



"Cradle of the Italian Renaissance," awaits and offers Italy's best art and architecture. Visit the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's magnificent sculpture of *David*. Tonight, enjoy regional Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Florence

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

#### Day 9: Florence - Pisa - Venice

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

### Day 10: Venice - Murano Island - Venice 🛇

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





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

#### Day 11: Venice - Verona - Stresa

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

#### Day 12: Stresa - Locarno, Switzerland -Isola dei Pescatori, Italy - Stresa

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

#### Day 13: Stresa - Tour Ends

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

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

Milan

#### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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





#### DOUBLE SINGLE Starting at \$4099 Starting at \$5099 Land only, per person, double occupancy. Prices based on December 2, 2019 departure

January - April 2019
(different itinerary - see note)
January 22
February 24
March 10, 12, 17, 26, 31
April 2, 7, 23, 28
Itinerary featured is for
May 2019 – April 2020 tour
departures. Departures
prior to this date will vary.
Please confirm at time of
reservation.

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

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

### REFLECTIONS OF ITALY

10 DAYS · 13 MEALS

from <sup>\$</sup>3049

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

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

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 8 | In Venice, explore St. Mark's Square and visit the Doge's Palace along with the Bridge of Sighs or stroll through the Castello Sestiere district.



#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Mediterraneo Hotel or The K Boutique Hotel, Rome
Day 4	Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia
Days 5, 6	Hotel Albani or Starhotels Michelangelo, Florence
Days 7, 8	Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal, Venice
Day 9	Crowne Plaza Milan Malpensa, Malpensa

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

#### START EARLY

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

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Welcome to Italy, a land rich in history, culture, art and romance. Your journey begins with an overnight flight.

#### Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

We begin in Rome, the "Eternal City." This evening, join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. (D)

#### Day 3: Rome

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

#### Day 4: Rome - Assisi - Perugia/Assisi

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

#### Day 5: Perugia/Assisi - Siena - Florence

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



Tonight, gather for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Florence

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

#### Day 7: Florence - Venice

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

#### Day 8: Venice - Murano Island -Venice 😵

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





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

#### Day 9: Venice - Milan Malpensa

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

#### Day 10: Milan Malpensa - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close in Milan Malpensa this morning. (B)

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





#### DOUBLE SINGLE Starting at Starting at Prices based on November 25, 2019 departure Land only, per person, double occupancy.

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December 2

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

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

#### ROME & THE AMALFI COAST

10 DAYS · 13 MEALS

FROM \$3449

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

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

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



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Hotel Imperial, Rome
- Days 4 8 Hotel Raito, Vietri-sul Mare or Hotel Graal, Amalfi Coast

#### ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE

During your stay at the Raito Hotel you can choose to enjoy a sea view by upgrading your accommodations to a Superior room. CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 9 A.Roma Lifestyle Hotel or Donna Laura Palace, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

#### START EARLY

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

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Your adventure begins with an overnight flight to Italy. Journey through southern Italy and experience its rich scenery, art, culture, food and wine.

#### Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the "Eternal City" of Rome! Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring wines and local delicacies. (D)

#### Day 3: Rome

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

#### Day 4: Rome - Montecassino - Amalfi Coast

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

#### Day 5: Amalfi Coast - Sorrento - Amalfi -Minori - Amalfi Coast

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



#### Day 6: Amalfi Coast - Paestum - Amalfi Coast

After breakfast, discover one of Italy's most surprising products during a tour of a local buffalo milk mozzarella factory. Visit Paestum next, where a local guide escorts you through some of the best-preserved Greek temples outside of Greece. Enjoy dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

#### **Day 7:** Amalfi Coast - Capri - Amalfi Coast

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

#### Day 8: Amalfi Coast - Pompeii - Winery - Amalfi Coast

Today, experience the excavated ruins of Pompeii at the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. See the preserved





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

#### Day 9: Amalfi Coast - Naples - Rome

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

#### Day 10: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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

#### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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





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#### **TUSCANY & THE ITALIAN RIVIERA**

8 DAYS · 10 MEALS

FROM <sup>\$</sup>2499 land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

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

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 3 | Join a Florentine guide and choose between seeing the city's iconic sites or Florence's lesser-known treasures.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 4 Hotel Paggeria Medicea or Fattoria degli Usignoli, Tuscany
- Days 5 7 Grande Albergo Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

 TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
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 See page 189 for details.



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

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Experience the romance of travel among the rolling hills of Tuscany and along the colourful coast of the Italian Riviera.

#### **Day 2:** Tuscany, Italy - Tuscan Estate - Tour Begins

Welcome to Tuscany. Settle in for a relaxing 3-night stay at a traditional Tuscan estate. Your journey begins with an interactive pasta-making demonstration with the on-site chef. Then, take your seat for an authentic Tuscan dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Tuscan Estate - Florence - Tuscan Estate 😵

How will you experience the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance?" **It's your choice!** Join a local Florentine guide to see the city's iconic sites: view the remarkable Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the impressive gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John, the Piazza della Signoria and Piazza Santa Croce **-OR-** join your local guide and see Florence's lesser-known treasures – the Piazza Santa Maria Novella, the Orsanmichele Church; see San Lorenzo Church and admire historic Ponte Vecchio, the oldest bridge in Florence. Afterwards, gather together to visit the world-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's incredible statue of *David*. Delight in leisure time to relax or discover this dynamic city on your own. En route to your hotel, visit a family-owned leather shop and learn the traditional Italian techniques of leather making. (B)

#### Day 4: Tuscan Estate - Siena - Tuscan Winery - Tuscan Estate

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



products. Return to your countryside estate. Perhaps you'll explore its Medici Villa. Tonight, a local musician will serenade you at dinner, expertly paired with wines. (B, D)

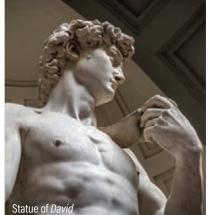
#### Day 5: Tuscan Estate - Lucca - Pisa -**Italian Riviera**

As you head towards Italy's picturesque Riviera, make a stop in the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Join a local guide for a tour showcasing the Cathedral of San Martino and the Piazza Napoleone. Next, spend time in the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa. Discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli, view the Duomo (Cathedral) and, of course, stand before its famous Leaning Tower. Continue on to the spectacular Italian Riviera and check in for your 3-night stay. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre -**Italian Riviera**

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





mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. (B)

#### Day 7: Italian Riviera - Santa Margherita Ligure - Portofino -Italian Riviera

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

#### Day 8: Italian Riviera - Tour Ends

Today your journey comes to a close. (B)

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

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





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#### SPOTLIGHT ON TUSCANY

9 DAYS • 10 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>1949 land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Step to the front of the line to see Michelangelo's famous statue of *David*.
- See the Gothic Line, one of the Germans' last lines of defense during WWII.
- Journey to Florence for a tour of the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."

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

- Stay in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme for seven nights!
- Visit the Museum of Liberation and see WWII fortifications and bunkers.
- Stop in the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century walls.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 6 You can choose to explore the beautiful Siena Cathedral at your own pace or if you prefer, you may join your guide and get to know about local life in a contrada (neighbourhood).



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 8 Hotel Ercolini and Savi or Grand Hotel Francia and Quirinale, Montecatini Terme

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.12345



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

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Rolling landscapes, savoury wines, delicious food and stunning architecture...this can only be Tuscany. Unpack once on this journey among Italy's most charming towns.

#### Day 2: Montecatini Terme, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the famous spa resort town of Montecatini Terme, nestled in the heart of the rolling hills of Tuscany. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner where regional foods and Italian wines kick off your adventure. (D)

#### Day 3: Florence

A cultural tour in the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance" showcases the beautiful city of Florence. Join a local Florentine guide who highlights many of the city's priceless treasures including a visit to the Academy Gallery – housing Michelangelo's monumental statue of *David*. At the Piazza del Duomo, the centre of religious life in medieval Florence, see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John. Take the remainder of your day to explore this unparalleled city as you choose. En route to the hotel, visit a family-owned leather shop and learn the traditional Italian techniques of leather making. (B)

#### **Day 4:** Lucca - Borgo a Mozzano -Gothic Line

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

#### Day 5: Pisa

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



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

#### Day 6: Siena 😵

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

#### Day 7: Montecatini Terme

The day is yours to relax and





experience the local flavour. Take this opportunity to shop at the local boutiques and dine at one of the many fine local restaurants. Or, perhaps you will choose an optional excursion to Cinque Terre with its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards; explore its string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean. (B)

#### Day 8: San Gimignano - Cheese Farm Visit

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

#### Day 9: Montecatini Terme - Tour Ends

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

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Florence or Pisa airports. Airport transfers are available for purchase. All rates in Canadian dollars.

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

#### SPOTLIGHT **ON ROME**

7 DAYS · 8 MEALS

FROM <sup>\$</sup>1999 land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

 Enjoy a guided visit to the Vatican Museums.

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

- · Browse the medieval open-air Campo dei Fiori Market.
- · Visit the incredible Colosseum.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 5 Choose to discover the beauty of the ancient art of mosaics with a local guide who leads you to some of Rome's churches or join a local expert for a walking tour of the city. Both options include a stop at the famous Fontana di Trevi.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### · 5 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 2 dinners

- Discover the secrets of Italian cuisine during a chef-led cooking class.
- · Enjoy a special farewell dinner on Isola Tiberina - Tiber Island.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

**Overnight Flight** Day 1 Days 2 - 6 Kolbe Hotel Rome, Rome On some dates alternate hotels may be used.





#### When in Rome, encounter a cosmopolitan city steeped in history, tradition and faith. Immerse yourself in the dolce vita lifestyle.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us on an adventure through the art, history, and culture of Rome, the "Eternal City."

#### Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Rome. Become captivated by the city's seamless blend of old-world charm and cosmopolitan energy. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Rome

This morning, come to know the history and traditions of ancient Rome. Imagine the energy of 80,000 spectators cheering during your visit to the Colosseum, once home to gladiatorial combat and wild animal fights dating back to the first century A.D. This afternoon, continue exploring Rome's artistic treasures during a guided visit to the Vatican Museums. Find yourself in awe of the opulence at the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. (B)

#### Day 4: Rome

Today, we will explore Rome's culinary treasures. First, set off on a walking tour through the "Eternal City" to the famed Campo dei Fiori Market. Shop side-by-side with the locals as you browse this medieval open-air market. Next, head off to discover the secrets of Italian cuisine during a chefled cooking class, where you'll learn to prepare three types of pasta! Then sit back and savour some regional delicacies during a delicious lunch. (B, L)

#### Day 5: Rome 😵

It's your choice! Discover the beauty of the sophisticated ancient art of mosaics when a local guide leads you to some of Rome's churches, bursting with mosaic masterpieces. Gaze upon amazing works of art inside the Basilica di San Clemente, the Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore, and the Basilica di Santa Prassede -OR- join a local expert on a walking tour of the city where



you'll see the incredible facades of the Piazza Colonna (Government House), Monte Citoria (House of Deputies), and the legendary Pantheon. Whatever activity you choose, your city excursion culminates at the famous Fontana di Trevi – the Trevi Fountain. Legend holds that if you toss a coin in the fountain, your return to the city of Roma is certain. The remainder of the day is yours to uncover more of the city's treasures on your own. (B)

## Day 6: Rome

Today is all about leisure. Relax, shop, or explore the city. Consider a visit to some of Rome's remarkable museums, like the Capitoline or the Borghese Gallery. Or step back in time during an optional tour featuring the neighboring Sabine Hills and the hilltop town of Tivoli; tour the famed 16th-century gardens of Villa d'Este, the UNESCO World Heritage site with Renaissance-style fountains and sculptures that have inspired garden designers for centuries; take in the local culture during some time on your own, then continue to the





sprawling ruins of Villa Adriana and explore the spectacular grounds, inspired by Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans. Tonight, enjoy a special farewell dinner at an old apartment on Isola Tiberina - Tiber Island, Bid farewell for now to new friends and make a toast in Roma's honour. Isola Tiberina is the only island on the Tiber River that's connected by two bridges, and one of them, the Fabricium Bridge, is the oldest in Rome and still exists in its original state. This striking relic of Roman times invites you to take a walk through history after dinner is through. (B, D)

## Day 7: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour of the Eternal City comes to a close today. (B)

Super trip! Rome was beautiful! The tour manager and local guides were great. Would definitely recommend! Ready to go again!

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Cooking Class • Colosseum • Vatican Museums • St. Peter's Basilica • Tiber Island





SINGLE Starti		Land only, per person, double occupancy.	
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April 11 Itinerary featured is for May 2019 – April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.	August 22 September 12 October 10 November 14 December 5	VISIT collette.com/542 for pricing details. Call for additional dates.	

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## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

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



## **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 6 breakfasts = 1 lunch = 2 dinners

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



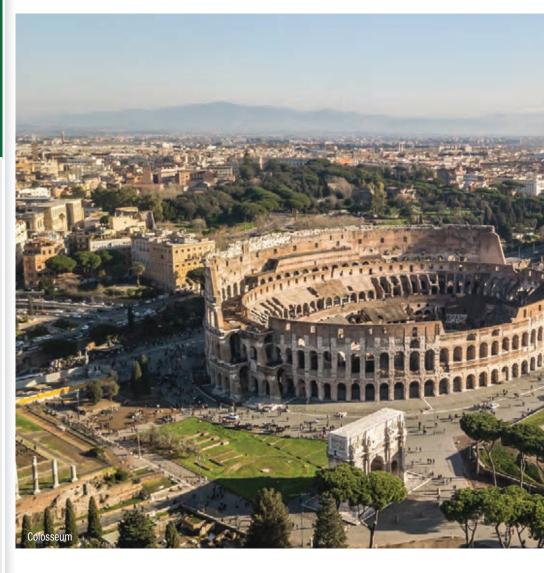
## ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
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- Days 2, 3 The K Boutique Hotel, Rome
- Days 4, 5 Starhotels Michelangelo,
- Florence
- Days 6,7 Hotel Santa Marina or B4 Bellini, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 12345 See page 189 for details.



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

## START EARLY

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

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us for a fabulous Italian adventure, featuring the magic of Rome, Florence and Venice. Come along with us and embrace the history, culture, art and romance of this incredible country.

## Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

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

## Day 3: Rome - Classical Rome City Tour

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

## Day 4: Rome - Florence

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

## Day 5: Florence

This morning, meet a local expert for a walking tour of this city that is a work of art all its own. Your guide will highlight the





### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





## Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Baptistry. You also visit the Piazza della Signoria with its impressive

## Day 6: Florence - Bologna - Venice

Palazzo Vecchio. (B)

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

## Day 7: Venice

Explore enchanting Venice with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. Your Venetian journey opens on Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. Then we make our way to St. Mark's Square, the city's lively hub. A local expert will guide you on a walking tour through the area highlighting St. Mark's Basilica and the Clock Tower with its famous Moors. Gather tonight to toast the end of your Italian adventure at your farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Day 8: Venice - Tour Ends

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

## **STAY LONGER**

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

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## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Be amazed by the Greek Theatre in Taormina.
- · Sample fine wine during a vineyard tour.

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

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



### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

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Day 6 Join a local guide in Catania to visit its cathedral, view its many iconic sights, and watch the daily bartering at the local market or explore the Allied Landing Museum, which features exhibits on all the nations involved in the conflict. Both tours conclude at Mt. Etna.



## **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2, 3Hotel Federico II Central Palace
- or Hotel Garibaldi, Palermo Days 4 - 6 Hellenia Yachting Hotel or
- Diamonds Hotel Taormina, Giardini Naxos Days 7.8 MH Matera Hotel or
- Days 7,8 MH Matera Hotel or Hotel Del Campo, Matera
- Days 9, 10 Towers Hotel Stabiae, Michelangelo Hotel or Hilton Sorrento Palace, Sorrento
- Day 11 Donna Laura Palace Hotel, A.Roma Lifestyle Hotel or Hotel Degli Aranci, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.





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

## START EARLY

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

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

The hidden treasures of Southern Italy and Sicily are yours to explore, for it is here that you'll find breathtaking scenery, historic cities, centuries-old hilltop villages and wonderful cuisine.

## Day 2: Palermo, Sicily - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. (D)

## Day 3: Palermo - Monreale - Palermo

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

## Day 4: Palermo - Agrigento - Giardini Naxos

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

## Day 5: Giardini Naxos - Taormina - Giardini Naxos

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



## Day 6: Giardini Naxos - Catania -Mt. Etna - Giardini Naxos 😵

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

## Day 7: Giardini Naxos - Matera

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

## Day 8: Matera - Alberobello - Matera

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

## Day 9: Matera - Salerno - Sorrento Peninsula

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

## Day 10: Sorrento - Amalfi Coast Drive -Amalfi - Minori - Sorrento Peninsula

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

## Day 11: Sorrento Peninsula - Pompeii - Rome

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

## Day 12: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

## **STAY LONGER**

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

## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





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January - April 2019	May 2019 - April 2020
(different itinerary - see note)	(featured itinerary)
January 22	May 6, 7, 14, 20, 21, 28
February 19	June 11, 18
March 5, 12, 19, 26	July 9, 16, 23
April 1, 2, 8, 23	August 6, 27
Itinerary featured is for	September 3, 9, 10, 16
May 2019 - April 2020 tour	September 17, 23, 24
May 2019 – April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.	September 17, 23, 24 October 1, 8, 15, 21 October 22, 29 November 5, 11, 12, 18

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

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## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

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



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

- (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)
- Day 8 | Visit the hilltop village of Savoca, one of the settings for the classic film *The Godfather* or visit the mountaintop village of Castelmola, home to unparalleled views of Mount Etna.

## **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 5 Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa, Palermo
- Days 6 9 Hotel Villa Diodoro, Taormina ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE Upgrade your standard room to an incredible sea view room. CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL See page 189 for details. 1 2 3 4 5



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

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to Sicily. Experience the sights, sounds and charms of this sparkling Mediterranean island.

## Day 2: Palermo, Italy - Tour Begins

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

## Day 3: Palermo - Monreale - Palermo

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

## Day 4: Palermo - Corleone - Palermo

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

## **Day 5:** Palermo - Cefalù - Sicilian Countryside - Palermo

Journey to the countryside and stroll the medieval streets of Cefalù, a seaside town that's home to one of Sicily's most magnificent cathedrals. Then we are off to experience a day on a family farm where Sicilian folk music greets your arrival. Learn about the



variety of products they create on the farm and observe how they make a Sicilian favourite – ricotta cheese! Watch a chef prepare local specialties before sitting down for a hearty lunch featuring family recipes made from their own products. Return to Palermo for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

## Day 6: Palermo - Agrigento - Taormina

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

## Day 7: Taormina

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





## Day 8: Taormina 😵

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

## Day 9: Taormina - Siracusa - Taormina

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

## Day 10: Taormina - Tour Ends

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

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





### DOUBLE SINGLE Starting at Starting at Prices based on November 30, 2019 departure Land only, per person, double occupancy.

January - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) January 19 February 16 March 23, 30 April 6 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 4, 25 June 15 July 20 August 24 September 14, 21, 28 October 5, 12, 19 November 2, 30 January 25

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

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## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Learn about the 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving the Greenland shark.
- Explore Icelandic life at the Skógar Folk Museum.

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

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

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 4 Choose between a lava cave adventure or embark on an exploratory lava fields walk.
- Day 8 Choose to explore the Reykjanes Peninsula lava fields and the famous Blue Lagoon or embark on a whale watching adventure.

## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

## · 7 breakfasts • 6 dinners

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Centerhotel Plaza, Centerhotel Arnarhvoll, Grand Hotel or Centerhotel Midgardur, Reykjavík
- Day 4 Fosshotel Stykkisholmur or Hotel Borgarnes, Stykkishólmur
- Days 5 7 Hotel Katla Hofdabrekku or Hotel Dyrholaey, Vik
- Day 8 Centerhotel Plaza, Centerhotel Arnarhvoll, Grand Hotel or Centerhotel Midgardur, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ①②③④⑤ See page 189 for details.



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

## START EARLY

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

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

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

## Day 2: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

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

## Day 3: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík

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

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

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

## Day 5: Stykkishólmur - Vík

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

## Day 6: Vík - Skógar Museum - Vík

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

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

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





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

## Day 8: Vík - Lava Exhibition Center - Reykjavík 😵

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

Day 9: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

Depart for home with many incredible Icelandic memories. (B)

## **STAY LONGER**

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

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





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

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Reykjavik. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. Due to tour scheduling, flights should arrive by 10:00 am. All rates in Canadian dollars.

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

## ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS

7 DAYS • 10 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>3349 land only, per person, double occupancy



## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

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



## **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

5 breakfasts - 5 dinners

• Savour gourmet Icelandic cuisine at a popular local restaurant.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Day 2 CenterHotel Plaza, CenterHotel Arnarhvoll, or CenterHotel Midgardur, Reykjavík
- Days 3 5 Hotel Katla, Hofdabrekka, or Hotel Dyrholaey, Vík
- Day 6 CenterHotel Plaza, CenterHotel Arnarhvoll, or CenterHotel Midgardur, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.12345



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

## START EARLY

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

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

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

## Day 2: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Reykjavík, Iceland's capital city. Get acquainted with old town Reykjavík on a walking tour featuring Hallgrimskirkja Church, city hall, the harbour, and Reykjavík's oldest building, now home to the Kraum Icelandic design center. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers at a popular restaurant for dinner featuring Icelandic cuisine. Then, take an exhilarating northern lights cruise. Leave behind the bright city lights and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis – or northern lights – one of nature's wonders. When revealed, you'll be dazzled by the flickering light display of bursting colour that unfolds before your eyes. (D)

## Day 3: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Vík

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



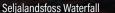
cliffs and mountains. After dinner amidst the peace and stillness of rural lceland, search for the aurora borealis – the elusive northern lights. (B, D)

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

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

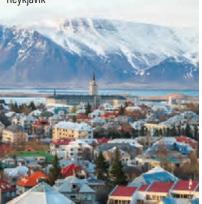
## **Day 5:** Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Skaftafell National Park - Vík

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





Reykjavík



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

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

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

## Day 7: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

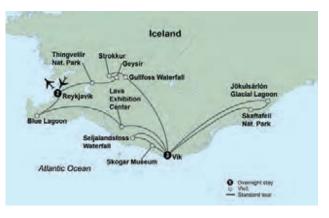
Depart for home with many incredible memories. (B)

## **STAY LONGER**

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

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Reykjavík • Northern Lights Cruise • Golden Circle • Thingvellir National Park • Geysir • Gullfoss • Vík • Seljalandsfoss • Skogar Folk Museum • Skógafoss • Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon • Skaftafell National Park • Lava Exhibition Center • Blue Lagoon





### DOUBLE SINGLE Starting at \$3349 Starting at \$3999 Land only, per person, double occupancy. Prices based on October 14, 2019 departure

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This trip requires a passport. The northern lights are in the Northern Hemisphere from September through April and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. As this tour is weather dependent, sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 10:00 a.m. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Reykjavík. Airport transfers are available for purchase. All rates in Canadian dollars.

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

## GREENLAND & ICELAND: A NORDIC INSPIRED VOYAGE

9 DAYS • 17 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>6299 land only, per person, double occupancy



## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Discover the unique traditions of Greenland's native Iniut during a visit to a remote fishing village in Ilulisat.
- Discover the rainbow-hued homes and landmark sites of of Sisimiut, Greenland's second-largest "city."

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Soak in the mineral rich geothermal waters of the Blue Lagoon.
- Discover the mammoth Eqip Sermia Glacer, one of the most active and beautiful glaciers in Greenland.
- Marvel at the Ilulissat Icefjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- · 7 breakfasts 4 lunches 6 dinners
- Partake in a traditional Greenlandic kaffemik ceremony.
- Visit a family-run greenhouse and learn how geothermal energy is used to grow vegetables.
- Enjoy daily breakfast, lunch and dinner while aboard the MV Ocean Atlantic.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Day 2 Centerhotel Midgardur, Reykjavík
- Days 3 7 MV Ocean Atlantic, Kangerlussuag
- Day 8 Centerhotel Midgardur, Reykjavík

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 189 for details.



Voyage through the Arctic Circle and uncover glittering icebergs, remote landscapes and fascinating cultures in Greenland and Iceland.

## START EARLY

**Reykjavik:** Spend your first evening getting to know Iceland's magical capital city.

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

Awaken your intrepid spirit as you travel by land and sea on an expedition to two Nordic countries - Greenland and Iceland.

## Day 2: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Reykjavík. Explore the historic side of this capital city during a guided walking tour. As we make our way through the old section of the city, see the towering Hallgrimskirkja Church, City Hall and the Harpa Concert Hall, with its famous glass façade. Continue on to the Blue Lagoon, located on the rugged lava fields of the Reykjanes Peninsula. Enjoy time at leisure to take a dip in the pleasantly warm, mineral-rich waters of the geothermal pool. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a delectable Icelandic dinner at a distinctive local restaurant. (D)

## Day 3: Reykjavík - Golden Circle -Kangerlussuaq, Greenland - Board Ship

Travel the Golden Circle. This spectacular route takes you to many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Begin at Thingvellir National Park, where Icelanders gathered in A.D. 930 and established one of the world's first parliaments. Here, at Thingvellir's Rift Valley, stand at the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (UNESCO), the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Next, lose yourself in the beauty of the Gullfoss Waterfall. Stop at the famous thermal area of Gevsir and see the fountain gevser known as Strokkur. Then visit Friðheimar, a family-run greenhouse cultivation center. Learn how the Icelanders grow delicious vegetables with the aid of the island's geothermal energy; you'll also learn about their family tradition of breeding Icelandic horses. This evening, board your flight to Greenland and board the MV Ocean Atlantic by Zodiac transfer. Join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner as your ship glides through the frosted blue waters of the Kangerlussuaq Fjord. (B, D)

## Day 4: Sisimiut, Greenland

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



## **Day 5**: Qeqertarsuaq, Disko Island -Eqip Sermia Glacier

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

## Day 6: Ilulissat

Today you cruise to the town of Ilulissat – the "Iceberg Capital." In the bay, you'll discover massive icebergs floating along the waters – a result of the natural marvel, the Ilulissat Icefjord (UNESCO). The icebergs produced by this glacier represent more than 10% of all icebergs in Greenland. With free time to explore, you may spend the day discovering





Ilulissat's array of cultural attractions, or enjoy a leisurely hike to take in incredible views of the surrounding nature. You may also choose to embark on an optional boat trip to the Icefjord to get an up-close view of this ice-carved marvel, or perhaps take an optional helicopter ride for a bird's-eye view of the stunning glacier from high in the sky. (B, L, D)

## Day 7: Ilulissat - Kangerlussuaq

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

## **Day 8:** Kangerlussuaq - Disembark Ship - Reykjavík, Iceland

Disembark your ship by Zodiac and be shuttled to shore. Enjoy time to explore the natural beauty that surrounds you and the rich landscape that has been shaped by glaciers. This evening, bid farewell to Greenland and return to Iceland via private charter. (B)

## Day 9: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

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

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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





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## COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE Book another tour with Greenland and Iceland and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. The roundtrip flight from Keflavik airport, Iceland to Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, is not included in the cost of the tour. These flights need to be arranged and purchased directly from us if you arrange your own international air to and from Iceland. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Reykjavik. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The cruise portion of this tour is operated by Albatros Expeditions and will have Albatros English-speaking expedition representatives accompanying you throughout the program. The cruise is not Collette exclusive and a Collette Tour Manager will not be accompanying you for this portion of your tour. Order of sightseeing on board the ship may vary based on departure and weather conditions and is at the sole discretion of the cruise line. Rubber boots for use during shore landings are available for rental on the ship. Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Rates include port taxes and fees. Call for rates for cabin upgrades. Flights must arrive into Reykjavik, Iceland by 9:30 a.m. on Day 2. Order of sightseeing on board the ship may vary based on departure and weather conditions and is at the sole discretion of the cruise line. All rates in Canadian dollars.

## NORWEGIAN COASTAL VOYAGE

12 DAYS • 24 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>5399 land only, per person, double occupancy

## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

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

## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

## · 10 breakfasts • 5 lunches • 9 dinners

- Enjoy the freshest culinary products on board the ship with most ingredients locally sourced.
- · Dine in Bergen's historic neighbourhood.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight		
Days 2, 3	Hotel Bristol, Oslo		
Day 4	Scandic Neptun, Bergen		
Days 5-10	Hurtigruten Cruise Ship		
Day 11	Hotel Bristol, Oslo		

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.





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

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out for Norway, located in one of the world's most incredible regions, Scandinavia. A land of intense natural beauty and famous for its deep fjords, Viking legends, and well-preserved historical sites, you'll see majestic mountains, fishing villages, historic towns, and experience a true milestone as your ship sails across the Arctic Circle to the very top of Europe.

## Day 2: Oslo, Norway - Tour Begins

Arrive in Oslo, Norway's fascinating capital city. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant. (D)

### Day 3: Oslo

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

## **Day 4:** Oslo - Myrdal - Flåm Railway -Gudvangen - Voss - Bergen

Today you embark on the legendary

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

## **Day 5:** Bergen - Norwegian Coastal Voyage - Board Ship

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

## Day 6: Norwegian Coastal Voyage -Northbound

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

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

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

## Day 8: Norwegian Coastal Voyage -Northbound

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

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

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

## Day 10: Norwegian Coastal Voyage -Northbound

Your voyage continues along Norway's



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

## Day 11: Norwegian Coastal Voyage -Kirkenes - Disembark Ship - Oslo

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

## Day 12: Oslo - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

## STAY LONGER

Oslo: Enjoy the gift of one more day in the beautiful capital of Norway. CALL FOR DETAILS.

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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



- Iceland: Further embrace your inner-Viking by enjoying three days in Iceland. From Reykjavik, explore this land of fire and ice. SEE PAGE 186 FOR DETAILS
- Stockholm: Complete your trip with a 2-night extension. Explore Scandinavia's sophisticated capital city, the jewel of the Nordic countries. CALL FOR DETAILS

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

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## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

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



### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 6 | In Stockholm, choose from a walking tour of Gamla Stan (Old Town) or seeing the city on a panoramic coach tour.



## **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Copenhagen Admiral Hotel, Copenhagen
Day 4	PM & Vänner Hotel, Växjö
Days 5, 6	Scandic Grand Central Hotel, Stockholm
Days 7, 8	Hotel Bristol, Oslo
Day 9	Fretheim Hotel, Flåm
Days 10, 11	Alexandra Hotel, Loen
Days 12, 13	Scandic Neptun, Bergen

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.1 2 3 4 5



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

## START EARLY

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

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to explore Scandinavia by land and experience one of the world's most incredible regions.

## Day 2: Copenhagen, Denmark - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the beautiful city of Copenhagen. Come to know this cosmopolitan capital, dubbed the "gastro capital of Scandinavia." Tonight, meet your fellow travellers during a local dining experience highlighting the New Nordic Cuisine movement of Copenhagen. (D)

## Day 3: Copenhagen

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

## Day 4: Copenhagen - Växjö, Sweden

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

## Day 5: Växjö - Stockholm

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

## Day 6: Stockholm 😵

Today, **it's your choice!** Explore the narrow streets of Gamla Stan (Old Town) during a guided walking tour **-OR-** see the city on a coach tour that highlights the Riddarholm Church, the Royal Palace and the Parliament, as well as a visit inside Stockholm's beautiful city hall. Explore Stockholm on your own for the rest of today. Perhaps you will choose to join an optional excursion that offers a privately-guided tour of Stockholm's spectacular archipelago. (B)

## **Day 7:** Stockholm - High Speed Train - Oslo, Norway

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

## Day 8: Oslo

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

## Day 9: Oslo - Flåm

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

## Day 10: Flåm - Loen

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

## Day 11: Loen - Geiranger - Fjord Cruise - Loen

Spend the day enchanted by the





landscape of the fjord region of Norway. Journey to Geiranger, and embark on a Geirangerfjord cruise, soaking in some of Norway's beautiful scenery along the way. Known to be one of the most famous fjords in the world, Geirangerfjord is where you'll find Norway's mightiest waterfalls. You'll notice that homesteads are a continued presence on the steep sides of the mountains, where these farms have been kept for centuries. (B, D)

## Day 12: Loen - Bergen

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

## Day 13: Bergen

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

## Day 14: Bergen - Tour Ends

(B)



## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





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

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

## SHADES OF IRELAND

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## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 3 See Dublin's highlights by coach with a local guide or take a walking tour of the city's historic center.
- Day 4 | Tour the Waterford Crystal factory or take a guided tour at the Medieval Museum and enjoy a glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault.



## **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Days 2, 3	Overnight Flight Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin
Day 4	Granville Hotel, Waterford
Days 5, 6	Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney Towers Hotel or Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney
Days 7, 8	Absolute Hotel, George Hotel or Savoy Hotel, Limerick
Day 9	Cabra Castle, Kingscourt

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① 2 3 ④ 5 See page 189 for details.



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

## START EARLY

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

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

Anticipation mounts as you wind your way toward the Emerald Isle and its many wonders. Rich history, rolling hills and warm smiles lie ahead in Dublin, Waterford, Killarney and Limerick. With tomorrow comes guintessential Ireland.

## Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

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

## Day 3: Dublin 😵

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

## Day 4: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford 😵

Step back in time. Begin the day in the medieval splendour of 12th century Kilkenny on the River Nore. Then, in Waterford, embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city. **It's your choice!** Tour the Waterford Crystal factory and learn how exquisite crystal has been made for centuries **-OR-** visit the Medieval Museum for a guided tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault. (B, D)

## Day 5: Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney

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



Blarney Castle



Galway where a brief tour showcases "The City of Tribes" before relaxing over dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

## **Day 9:** Limerick - Tullamore/Kilbeggan - Kingscourt

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

## Day 10: Kingscourt - Tour Ends

Your journey ends in Kingscourt. (B)

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

## STAY LONGER

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

## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





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and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Dublin. Airport transfers are available for purchase. On day 10, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse. All rates in Canadian dollars.

## Day 6: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

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

## Day 7: Killarney - Adare - Limerick

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

## Day 8: Limerick - Cliffs of Moher -Galway - Limerick

Today brings you to the dramatic, 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for cinematic views of the mighty Atlantic. Pass through the windswept, limestone landscape of the Burren, known for its stark beauty and Neolithic tombs. Continue on to

## SHADES OF IRELAND FEATURING NORTHERN IRELAND

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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Overnight on the grounds of a castle.
- Experience the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's great coastal roads.

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Stand in awe of the stunning 700-foothigh Cliffs of Moher.
- See Northern Ireland's famous phenomenon — the spectacular Giant's Causeway.



(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 3 See Dublin's highlights by coach with a local guide or take a walking tour of the city's historic center.
- Day 4 | Tour the Waterford Crystal factory or take a guided tour at the Medieval Museum and enjoy a glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault.

## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- · 11 breakfasts 6 dinners
- Enjoy a hearty dinner and night of traditional Irish entertainment.
- Be treated to a farewell dinner at a castle!



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- **Overnight Flight** Day 1 Days 2, 3 Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin Day 4 Granville Hotel, Waterford Days 5, 6 Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney Plaza Hotel or The Dunloe Hotel, Killarney Day 7 Old Ground Hotel, Ennis Manor House Country Hotel, Day 8 Enniskillen or Markree Castle, Co., Sligo City Hotel, Derry or Roe Park Days 9, 10 Hotel, Limavady Europa Hotel, Belfast Day 11
- Day 12 Cabra Castle, Kingscourt

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.1 2 3 4 5



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

## START EARLY

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

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out on an amazing Irish adventure that tells the complete story of the Emerald Isle.

## Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

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

## Day 3: Dublin 😵

Today, **it's your choice!** Choose to ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, the General Post Office, and the historic Phoenix Park **-OR-** choose a walking tour of the city's historic center, exploring St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the River Liffey. Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. (B) medieval splendour of 12th century Kilkenny on the River Nore. Then, in Waterford, embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city. **It's your choice!** Tour the Waterford Crystal factory and learn how exquisite crystal has been made for centuries **-OR-** visit the Medieval Museum for a guided tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault. (B, D)

## Day 5: Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney

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

## Day 6: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

Take in the rugged coastline. Loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. End your

## Day 4: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford 😵

Step back in time. Begin the day in the



day with a traditional jaunting car ride through one of Ireland's best kept secrets - Killarney National Park. (B)

## Day 7: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher -Ennis

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

## Day 8: Ennis - Galway - Enniskillen, Northern Ireland

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

## Day 9: Enniskillen - Donegal Town - Derry

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

## Day 10: Derry - Inishowen Peninsula - Derry

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

## Day 11: Derry - Giant's Causeway -Glens of Antrim - Belfast

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

## Day 12: Belfast - Kingscourt, Ireland

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

## Day 13: Kingscourt - Tour Ends

Your tour ends in Kingscourt. (B)

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

## STAY LONGER

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

## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





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## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

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



### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 3 | Take a drive with a local guide to see Dublin's iconic sites or select a walking tour through its historic centre.
- Day 5 Visit the Old Midleton Distillery for a guided tour and tasting or stay behind to stroll Castlemartyr's grounds or enjoy its amenities.
- Day 6 Explore the beautiful Ring of Kerry or relax at your five-star resort.



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 7 breakfasts 1 lunch 4 dinners
- Feel like royalty when dining at Dromoland Castle.
- Enjoy complimentary wine and beer with every dinner.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 InterContinental, Dublin
- Day 4 Castlemartyr Resort, Cork
- Days 5, 6 The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens or The Europe Hotel & Resort, Killarney
- Days 7, 8 Dromoland Castle, County Clare

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.12345



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

## START EARLY

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

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

Enter a refined and gentler age, where Ireland's history weaves its way through natural wonders and luxurious estates...and every step feels like a dream.

## Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

There is no better place to begin your journey than Dublin, Ireland's dynamic capital city. Discover a city brimming with history and warmth. End your day at a rollicking "Irish Night" complete with traditional entertainment. (D)

## Day 3: Dublin 😵

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

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

## Day 4: Dublin - Kilkenny - Farmhouse Lunch -Castlemartyr

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

**Day 5: Castlemartyr - Blarney - Killarney** Enjoy a leisurely morning to relax at your

hotel. Then, **it's your choice!** Visit the Old Midleton Distillery where a guided



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

## Day 6: Killarney 😵

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

## Day 7: Killarney - Foynes - Cliffs of Moher - Dromoland Castle

Visit the Foynes Flying Boat Museum which recalls the history of aviation travel between North America and Europe. Foynes is also where Irish coffee was invented, so drink up! Then, journey to the stunning

700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for awe-inspiring views of the mighty Atlantic and the Aran Islands. As you are whisked through gorgeous countryside, arrive at Ireland's iconic Dromoland Castle for a relaxing 2-night stay. (B)

## Day 8: Dromoland Castle

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

## Day 9: Dromoland Castle - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close today. (B)

## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





### DOUBLE Starting at \$3749 Land only, per person, SINGLE Starting at \$4949 Prices based on October 31, 2019 departure

March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) March 21 28, 31 April 11 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 2 June 13 July 24 September 5, 19, 26 October 3, 10, 17, 31 March 5, 10, 19, 26

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

## IRISH SPLENDOUR

8 DAYS · 8 MEALS

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## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

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



## CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Cabra Castle, Kingscourt
Day 3	Old Ground Hotel, Ennis
Days 4, 5	Killarney Avenue Hotel or Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney
Days 6, 7	Ashling Hotel, Dublin

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

## START EARLY

**Kingscourt:** Begin your journey by relaxing in this resplendent Irish town.

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

Experience a true taste of "Irish Splendour" on a trip that combines fabulous accommodations, stunning scenery and incredible cuisine. Make a return to times past when you join us on an unforgettable tour of the amazing "Emerald Isle."

## Day 2: Kingscourt, Ireland - Tour Begins

Open your tour on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

## Day 3: Kingscourt - Tullamore/Kilbeggan -Cliffs of Moher - Ennis

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

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

## Day 4: Ennis - Killarney

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



## Day 5: Killarney - Dingle Peninsula -Killarney

Set off this morning to follow what is perhaps Ireland's most majestic coastal route - the stunning Dingle Peninsula. Stop at the Gap of Dunloe where you can shop for traditional Irish goods handcrafted by local artisans. Travel to the town of Dingle and then drive the beautiful Slea Head road, where some of the country's most spectacular landscapes are found. (B)

## Day 6: Killarney - Dublin

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

## Dav 7: Dublin

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Dublin, the "Fair City." Take in O'Connell





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

## Day 8: Dublin - Tour Ends

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

## **STAY LONGER**

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

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

## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





### DOUBLE Starting at \$1949 Land only, per person, double occupancy. SINGLE Starting at \$2399 Prices based on November 5, 2019 departure

January - March 2019 (different itinerary - see note) January 23 February 26 March 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, March 19, 26, 27 Itinerary featured is for October 2019 - March 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary Please confirm at time of reservation.

October 2019 - March 2020 (featured itinerary) October 15, 16, 22, 23. 29 November 5, 6, 12, 13 November 18, 19 December 3, 4, 10, 11 January 28 February 11, 25 March 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 March 24, 25

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## EXPLORING BRITAIN & IRELAND

15 DAYS • 20 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>4399 land only, per person, double occupancy



## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Ponder ancient mysteries at Stonehenge.
- Overnight in the capital cities of London, Cardiff, Dublin and Edinburgh.



## (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 6 | Tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory or enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city.
- Day 12 Explore Edinburgh during a locally guided panoramic coach tour or for a different perspective, join a local expert and explore the city on foot.
- DAY 14 | Tour Anne Hathaway's thatchroofed cottage or set out on a leisurely cruise along the Avon River.



## · 13 breakfasts • 7 dinners

- Give traditional Irish cuisine a modern twist during a cooking class and dinner.



Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Radisson Blu Edwardian,
	Grafton, London
Day 4	Radisson Blu, Cardiff
Day 5	Tower Hotel, Waterford
Days 6, 7	Scotts Hotel, The Dunloe Hotel
	& Gardens or The Europe Hotel,
	Killarney
Days 8, 9	Crowne Plaza Northwood, Dublin
Day 10	Grosvenor Pulford Hotel, Cheshir
Days 11, 12	Apex Grassmarket Hotel,
	Edinburgh
Day 13	Holiday Inn York City Centre, York
Day 14	Mercure Warwickshire Walton

Hall Hotel or Welcombe Hallmark Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.





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

## START EARLY

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

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover the cultural treasures of Britain and Ireland on a comprehensive journey through England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

## Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

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

## Day 3: London

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

## Day 4: London - Stonehenge - Bath - Cardiff

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

## Day 5: Cardiff - Ferry to Ireland - Waterford

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

## Day 6: Waterford - Blarney - Killarney 😵

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

## Day 7: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

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

## Day 8: Killarney - Rock of Cashel -Dublin

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

## Day 9: Dublin

Discover Dublin's past and present on a locally guided tour highlighting the Bank of Ireland, O'Connell Street, Grafton Street, Phoenix Park and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Later, enjoy leisure time to explore the "Fair City" on your own. (B)

## Day 10: Dublin - Ferry to Wales -Cheshire

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

## Day 11: Cheshire - Lake District -Gretna Green, Scotland - Edinburgh

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

## Day 12: Edinburgh 🚱

Today it's your choice! Come to know this regal city during a locally guided panoramic city coach tour -OR- for a different perspective, join a local expert and explore the city





on foot. Both tours include a visit to Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or explore the city independently. (B)

## Day 13: Edinburgh - York, England

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

## Day 14: York - Stratford-upon-Avon 🚱

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

## Day 15: Stratford-upon-Avon - Tour Ends

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

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





### DOUBLE Starting at \$4399 SINGLE Starting at \$5699 Land only, per person, double occupancy. Prices based on October 18, 2019 departure May 2019 - April 2020 March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) (featured itinerary) May 3, 17, 31 March 22 April 4, 5, 12, 25, 26 June 7, 14, 21, 28 July 5, 12, 19 Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour

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August 16, 23, 30

September 5, 6, 12, 13

September 19, 20, 26, 27 October 4, 11, 18 March 13, 20 April 2, 16, 17, 23, 24

## VISIT

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## CELEBRATE TRADITION **Edinburgh Military Tattoo** Passengers arriving in Edinburgh

from July 26 -August 9, 2019 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show on Day 7. August 3-22, 2019

departures. Departures

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

reservation.

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## BRITISH LANDSCAPES

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## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

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



## IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 6 Get acquainted with Edinburgh on a locally guided all-encompassing tour of the city via coach or join a local expert and explore the city on foot.
- Day 8 | In Stratford-upon-Avon, tour Anne Hathaway's thatch-roofed cottage or enjoy a leisurely cruise along the picturesque Avon River.

## **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### · 8 breakfasts • 4 dinners

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Grange City Hotel, London
Day 4	Doubletree by Hilton, York
Days 5, 6	Apex Grassmarket Hotel or Dalmahoy Hotel & Country Club, Edinburgh
Day 7	Ruthin Castle, Ruthin
Days 8, 9	The Stratford Hotel or Hotel Indigo, Stratford-upon-Avon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 189 for details.



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

## START EARLY

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

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

Feel the vibrant energy of England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland, and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines dramatic history and natural wonders.

## Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in London, the cosmopolitan and historic capital of England. This evening, join your fellow travellers for an ale and pie tasting at a traditional English pub. (D)

## Day 3: London

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

## Day 4: London - York

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

## **Day 5:** York - Borders Region, Scotland - Edinburgh

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



begun in A.D. 122 to protect Roman Britain from the tribes of Scotland. Next, drive through Scotland's Borders region before arriving in Edinburgh, the "Athens of the North." Discover Scotland's exciting capital, and one of Europe's most beautiful cities, alive with history and culture. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

## Day 6: Edinburgh 😵

Today it's your choice! Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided all-encompassing tour of the city via coach -OR- join a local expert and explore the city on foot. Both tours include visits to Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh and the former home of Mary, Queen of Scots. The rest of today is yours to explore the city independently. (B)

## Day 7: Edinburgh - Lake District, England - Ruthin Castle, Wales

Our final stop in Scotland comes at the border town of Gretna Green, where generations of runaway couples came to get married. Later, return to England and travel through the picturesque Lake District. Here in the district's heart, visit the charming village of Grasmere, home of the poet





William Wordsworth. End your day with an overnight stay in beautiful Ruthin Castle, situated in the north of Wales, (B, D)

## Day 8: Wales - Stratford-upon-Avon, England 😵

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

## Day 9: Stratford - Stonehenge -Cotswolds - Stratford

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

## Day 10: Stratford-upon-Avon - Tour Ends

Your journey through Britain concludes today. (B)

## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





## DOUBLE Starting at \$2549 SINGLE Starting at \$3699 Prices based on November 7, 2019 departure

February - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) February 21 March 14, 21 April 4, 5, 6, 11, 25, 26, 27 Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures, Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) May 2, 16, 23 June 1, 8, 15, 22 July 4, 13, 18, 25 ★ August 3, 8, 15, 17 September 5, 7, 12, 19 September 21, 26, 28 October 10, 19, 24 November 2,7

March 12, 19 April 2, 9, 16, 23, 25

Land only, per person,

double occupancy

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## CELEBRATE TRADITION

**Edinburgh Military Tattoo** Passengers arriving in Edinburgh

from August 7-22, 2019 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show on Day 7. August 2-24, 2019



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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive and depart from London airports. On day 10, all of our air transfers will depart from Stratfordupon-Avon for London airports. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to transfer scheduling, flights on the last day of your tour should be scheduled after 11:00 a.m. All rates in Canadian dollars.

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

## ENGLAND'S TREASURES

12 DAYS • 16 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>3749 land only, per person, double occupancy



## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

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



### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 4 Soak up the romance of the Lake District with a visit to Rydal Mount, the home of poet William Wordsworth or soak up some poetic inspiration on a guided hike through glacial valleys and along lakeside trails.

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

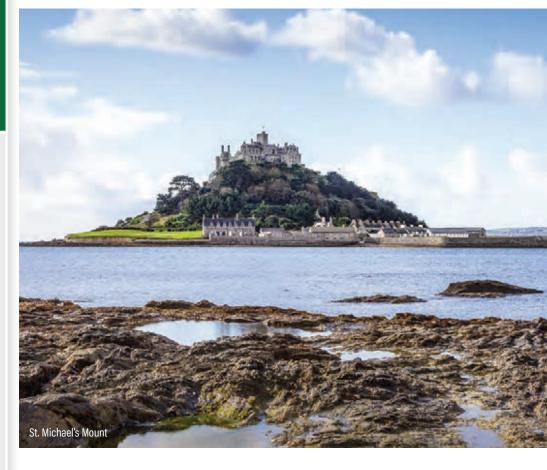


## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Day 2Hotel Indigo, Liverpool
- Days 3, 4 Low Wood Bay Hotel, Lake Windermere or The Waterhead Hotel, Ambleside
- Days 5 7Apex City of Bath Hotel, BathDays 8, 9The Cornwall Hotel, Spa &
- Estate, St. Austell
- Days 10, 11 Radisson Blu Edwardian Grafton Hotel, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1 2 3 4 5 See page 189 for details.



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

## START EARLY

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

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

"Come!—let me see thee sink into a dream." William Wordsworth wrote those words for his poem *Travelling* over 160 years ago. Yet they still capture the essence of the outof-the-way places and the contemplative beauty of England. Join us as we take in Stonehenge, Liverpool and London. Along the way we'll stray from the well-travelled path with stays in Bath, Cornwall and Wordsworth's own Lake District.

## Day 2: Liverpool, England - Tour Begins

Welcome to Liverpool, home to four English lads who changed music forever. Today, this once rough and tumble city is known as much for its unrivaled love of football as it is for The Beatles. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner on the Albert Dock. (D)

## Day 3: Liverpool - Lake District

This morning, we set out to explore Liverpool with a local guide and learn about the rich heritage of this historic port. Later, spend time at the restored Albert Dock complex or perhaps visit *The Beatles Story* (the world's largest permanent exhibition devoted to the group), the Maritime Museum or the International Slavery Museum. Then, we travel to the scenic Lake District and settle into our hotel for two nights on the shores of Lake Windermere. (B, D)

## Day 4: Lake District 😵

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

## Day 5: Lake District - Worcester - Bath

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

### Day 6: Bath

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

## Day 7: Bath - Stonehenge - Salisbury - Bath

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

## Day 8: Bath - Glastonbury - Cornwall

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

## Day 9: Cornwall

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





## Day 10: Cornwall - Great Western Railway - London

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

## Day 11: London

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

## Day 12: London - Tour Ends

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

## **STAY LONGER**

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

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





### DOUBLE Starting at \$3749 SINGLE Starting at \$4799 Land only, per person, double occupancy Prices based on October 16, 2019 departure

March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) March 20 April 24 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 15 June 19 July 17 August 14, 28 September 11, 25 October 16

March 25

April 15, 22

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

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

## EXPLORING SCOTLAND & IRELAND

13 DAYS • 17 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>4149 land only, per person, double occupancy



## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

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



### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 3 Get acquainted with Edinburgh on a locally guided panoramic tour or for a different perspective, join a local expert for an in-depth walking tour of Edinburgh's Old Town.

## **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



ACCOMMODATIONS		
Day 1	Overnight Flight	
Days 2, 3	Radisson Collection Royal Mile Edinburgh	
Day 4	Palace Hotel, Inverness	
Day 5	Ballachulish Hotel, Ballachulish or Royal Muthu Hotel, Tyndrum	
Day 6	Hotel Indigo, Glasgow	
Days 7, 8	Maldron City Center Hotel, Belfast	
Day 9	City Hotel, Derry	
Day 10	Manor House Country Hotel, Enniskillen	

Days 11, 12 Barberstown Castle, Kildare

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.12345



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

## START EARLY

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

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

From rugged natural beauty to vibrant and historical cities, the diverse charms of Scotland and Ireland await.

## Day 2: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins

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

## Day 3: Edinburgh 😵

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

## Day 4: Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Pitlochry - Inverness

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

## Day 5: Inverness - Loch Ness - Ballachulish or Tyndrum

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

## Day 6: Ballachulish or Tyndrum - Glasgow

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

## Day 7: Glasgow - Ferry Crossing -Belfast, Northern Ireland

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

## Day 8: Belfast

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

## Day 9: Belfast - Glens of Antrim -Giant's Causeway - Derry

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

## **Day 10:** Derry - County Donegal - Glenveagh National Park -Enniskillen

Today's journey showcases the rugged beauty of County Donegal. Visit spectacular Glenveagh National Park, a natural wonderland with 40,000 acres of mountains, lakes and woodland. Enjoy a guided visit to





stately Glenveagh Castle, set amidst the colourful splendour of one of the finest gardens in Ireland. (B, D)

## Day 11: Enniskillen - Barberstown Castle, Republic of Ireland

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

## Day 12: Barberstown Castle - Dublin -Barberstown Castle

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

**Day 13: Barberstown Castle - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close. (B)

## STAY LONGER

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

## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





## DOUBLE Starting at \$4149 Land only SINGLE Starting at \$4899 double of Prices based on March 15, 2020 departure

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double occupancy

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## CELEBRATE TRADITIO

Edinburgh Military Tattoo Passengers arriving in Edinburgh from August 4-18, 2019 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show on Day 7. August 3-24, 2019



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

## DISCOVER SCOTLAND

10 DAYS · 14 MEALS

FROM \$2549

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## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

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



**IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 9 | In Edinburgh, take a locally guided panoramic city tour that includes a visit to the Palace at Holyroodhouse or join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot. Both choices feature a visit to Edinburgh Castle!



## **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Day 2 Radisson Blu, Glasgow
- Days 3, 4Ballachulish Hotel, BallachulishDays 5, 6Pentland Hotel, Station Hotel,
- Castletown Hotel, St Clair Hotel, or Royal Hotel, Thurso
- Day 7 Grant Arms Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey
- Days 8, 9 Radisson Blu, Edinburgh

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 12345 See page 189 for details.



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

## START EARLY

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

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

An overnight flight transports you to a country of stunning landscapes, lively cities and stirring history.

## Day 2: Glasgow, Scotland - Tour Begins

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

## Day 3: Glasgow - Glencoe - Ballachulish

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

## Day 4: Ballachulish - Isle of Skye -Ballachulish

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

## Day 5: Ballachulish - Loch Ness - Thurso

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

## Day 6: Thurso - Orkney Islands - Thurso

A day of adventure awaits as you voyage by ferry to the Orkney Islands – once a



Viking stronghold off the coast of Scotland. On the crossing you'll see abundant bird life and, if you are lucky, porpoises and seals. A local guide introduces this magical place that very few visitors to Scotland get to experience. Visit Skara Brae where you will discover the remains of a Neolithic village built at the same time as the Great Pyramids in Egypt. Next, pass the prehistoric Ring of Brodgar, reported to be older than Stonehenge. Visit the town of Viking Kirkwall before returning to the mainland. (B, D)

## Day 7: Thurso - Eastern Highlands

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

## Day 8: Eastern Highlands - Pitlochry -St. Andrews - Edinburgh

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





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

## Day 9: Edinburgh 😵

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

## Day 10: Edinburgh - Tour Ends

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

## STAY LONGER

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

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





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September 1, 2, 8, 15

September 22, 29, 30 October 7, 13, 14 March 15, 29 April 6, 19, 20, 26, 27

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## CELEBRATE TRADITION

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

## SPOTLIGHT **ON LONDON**

7 DAYS · 8 MEALS FROM \$2149

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## **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

· Explore London's famous Underground, known to locals as "the Tube."

## **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Experience an eye-opening panoramic tour of London.
- · Enjoy a privately-led tour in Oxford.
- · Take your seats for a London theatre performance.



**IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 4 Join a local guide to explore the city or visit the Churchill War Rooms.

## **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

· 5 breakfasts • 3 dinners

- · Gather for a special dinner at a traditional English restaurant.
- Sample British fare on a culinary walking adventure through London's East End.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

Dav 1 **Overnight Flight** 

Radisson Blu Edwardian, Days 2 - 6 Vanderbilt or Grange Tower Bridge Hotel, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## London is calling. Answer its call as you encounter majestic pageantry, storied history and grand charm. START EARLY London: Spend your first night exploring this sophisticated capital of England. CALL FOR DETAILS. Day 1: Overnight Flight London calls. Experience the regal touches and daily charms of life in this grand city.

## Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

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Welcome to London, a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own. Its bustling city streets are lined with beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, celebrated monuments and grand theaters - and you'll be a part of it all! This evening, experience a classic British pastime when you join your fellow travellers for a special welcome dinner. (D)

## Day 3: London

Join a local expert on a panoramic city tour. See Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace, the London home to Britain's royalty since 1837. At Westminster, see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben. End your city tour with a visit to Harrods, London's most iconic department store. This afternoon, become acquainted with London's trendiest borough on a walking culinary tour of the East End. Discover a world of English cheeses and traditional fish and chips, taste London's Indian influence with a sampling of chicken tikka masala, and more! Finish the day at East London's "pub of the year" for an ale tasting. (B, D)

## Day 4: London 😵

Start your day like a true Londoner. Hop on the famous Underground, known to locals as 'the Tube' Opened in 1863, this engineering





marvel was the world's first metro system. Next, it's your choice! Join a local guide and explore the neighbourhoods of Kensington and Knightsbridge, known for their iconic shops and famous residents, before a visit to Kensington Palace, once the home of Queen Victoria and Princess Diana -OR- travel to Westminster station and snap a photo in front of Big Ben before heading north on Whitehall, known as the center of Her Majesty's Government; catch a glimpse of 10 Downing Street before visiting the Churchill War Rooms. Later this afternoon we gather to enjoy a matinee performance at a London theatre. (B)

### Day 5: London - Oxford - Blenheim Palace - London

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





one of England's most magnificent homes, for a guided tour. Famous for being the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, this UNESCO World Heritage site offers a glimpse into the life of English royalty. (B)

#### Day 6: London

It's your last day in London. Spend the day independently exploring more of London's treasures. Or perhaps you'll join an optional excursion featuring Bath (UNESCO), one of England's most beautiful cities. Tonight, gather for a special farewell dinner at a favourite London restaurant and toast the end of a wonderful getaway! (B, D)

#### Day 7: London - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)

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

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





#### DOUBLE SINGLE Starting at \$2149 Starting at \$2799 Land only, per person, double occupancy. Prices based on March 5, 2020 departure

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March 5

April 2

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### LONDON & PARIS

8 DAYS · 9 MEALS

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

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

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



**IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 3 | Return to wartime Britain while exploring the Churchill War Rooms or tour Westminster Abbey.
- Day 6 | In Paris, see the iconic sites during a panoramic drive and stop at the Notre Dame Cathedral or set out and travel via the Metro.

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#### · 6 breakfasts • 3 dinners

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

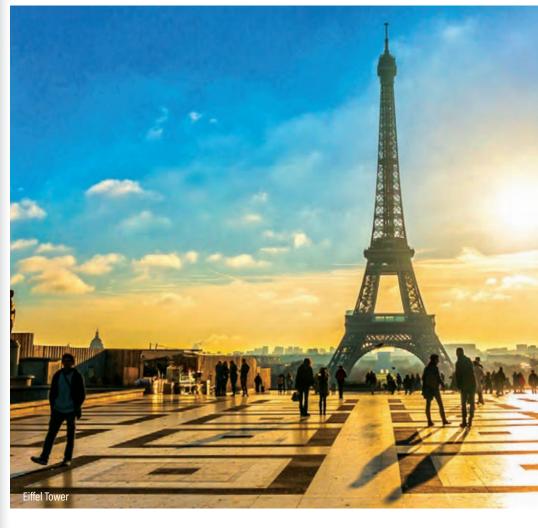


#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 4 Grange Tower Bridge Hotel, London
- Days 5 7 Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.1 2 3 4 5



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

#### START EARLY

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

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Take two! Experience two of the world's most captivating cities: London and Paris! To help you make the most of your getaway, you'll unpack just once in each city.

#### Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in London, the United Kingdom's cosmopolitan capital. This evening, experience a new twist on classic British tradition as you join your new mates for a unique culinary experience in London's famous Borough Market. (D)

#### Day 3: London 😵

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

#### Day 4: London

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

### **Day 5:** London - Eurostar Train - Paris, France

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



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

#### Day 6: Paris 😵

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

#### Day 7: Paris

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

#### Day 8: Paris - Tour Ends

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

#### STAY LONGER

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

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





#### DOUBLE SINGLE Starting at Starting at Prices based on July 10, 2019 departure Land only, per person, double occupancy.

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

November 6

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

### TREASURES OF EUROPE

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

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

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

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

#### · 10 breakfasts • 5 dinners

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



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Grange Tower Bridge Hotel, London
Days 4, 5	Hyatt Regency Paris Etoile, Paris
Day 6	Waldstaetterhof or Hotel Monopol, Lucerne
Day 7	NH Laguna Palace Venice, Mestre
Days 8, 9	Starhotel Tuscany, Florence
Days 10, 11	Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.1 2 3 4 5



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

#### START EARLY

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

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to an unforgettable journey to some of the most magnificent countries in Europe.

#### Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

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

#### Day 3: London

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

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

Go behind the gothic façade of St Pancras railway station. Inside this masterpiece of Victorian engineering, board the highspeed Eurostar train. Relax in style as you're whisked away to Paris. Arrive in the "City of Light." Famous for its world-renowned art, food and fashion, Paris' history will astound you, and its style will dazzle you. See its best during a panoramic city tour featuring Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Elysees, and more. Enjoy breathtaking views of Paris along with French cuisine during an unforgettable dining experience at the Eiffel Tower! (B, D)

#### Day 5: Paris

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



#### Day 6: Paris - TGV Train - Lucerne, Switzerland

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

#### Day 7: Lucerne - Venice, Italy

This morning, travel south through the pastoral landscapes of Switzerland. Crossing into Italy, traverse through the heart of the Alps, taking in vistas of snow peaked mountains as far as the eye can see. Pass through the bucolic Italian Lake District, a holiday destination since Roman times. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Venice - Florence

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

#### Day 9: Florence

Today you tour Florence, home of the Medici, Gucci, and il Duomo. Stroll the city streets for a real-life history lesson, and discover the four pillars

of city life: art, architecture, food, and fashion. Visit the Piazza del Duomo and the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. You'll also visit the Galleria dell'Accademia, home to the greatest collection of Renaissance art - most especially Michelangelo's David. (B)

#### Day 10: Florence - Rome

Say addio to Florence, and head for Rome! Arrive in the "Eternal City," and set out for a walking tour of classic Rome with a local guide. Bask in the cultural treasures of the city, where sites include the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. Then, walk in the steps of gladiators at the spectacular, near-mythic Colosseum. (B)

#### Day 11: Rome

Enjoy a full day at leisure! Discover more of Rome on your own time. Gaze at the Pantheon, and see the oval-shaped Piazza Navona that's lined with restaurants and souvenir shops. Or, you may choose to join an optional tour to the Vatican, one of the most sacred places on Earth. A UNESCO World Heritage site, discover masterpieces of art and architecture that surround St. Peter's Basilica and St. Peter's Square, where the Pope has addressed thousands of people. Tonight, gather with new friends and toast the end of an epic journey through Europe at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Rome - Tour Ends

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

#### **STAY LONGER**

Rome: Take a final evening to soak in this romantic city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

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





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April 2, 16, 23

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into London and depart from Rome. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The Louvre optional tour must be purchased prior to departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

### MEMORIALS OF WORLD WAR II

10 DAYS • 12 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>4099

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Whisk away from London to Paris on board the high-speed Eurostar Train.
- $\cdot\,$  Spend 3 nights in the Normandy region.
- Visit Reims, where the WWII treaty signing took place.

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

- Experience the Memorial Peace Museum that vividly documents the causes and consequences of WWII.
- Take a journey back in history to Normandy's landing beaches.



#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- · 8 breakfasts 1 lunch 3 dinners
- Revel in an exclusive dinner inside the Eiffel Tower.
- Raise a glass during lunch in the Champagne region of France.
- Experience the cuisine of London's Borough Market.



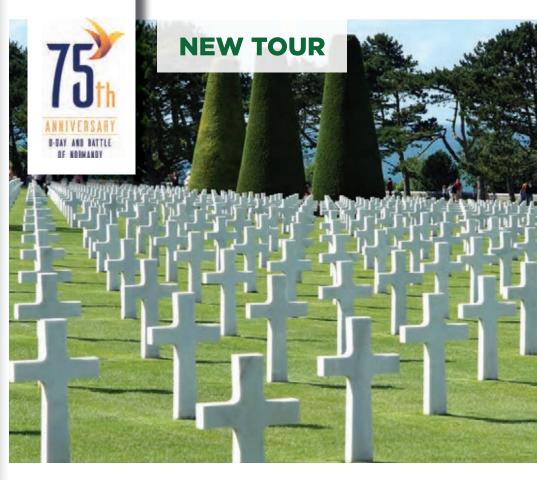
#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Grange City Hotel, London
- Days 4 6 Hotel Mercure Caen City Center-Port de Plaisance, Caen
- Day 7 Hotel Mercure Reims Centre Cathedrale, Reims
- Days 8, 9 Le Meridien Etoile, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

 TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL
 12345

 See page 189 for details.
 12345



Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day on an iconic journey dedicated to remembering a major milestone in history – World War II.

#### START EARLY

London: Start your trip off right in the lively capital city of England. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

An unforgettable journey of discovery and remembrance awaits you on a sojourn to Northern France on the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

#### Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Welcome to London! Discover the city's rich historical relationship with World War II. This evening dine amongst history as you meet your fellow travellers for dinner in the iconic Borough Market. (D)

#### Day 3: London

Uncover London's myriad connections to WWII on an expert-guided walk. In Westminster, see iconic sights including Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, 10 Downing Street, and Parliament. Then, go underground to the place history was made: the Churchill War Rooms. Navigate a labyrinth of corridors hidden under the streets of Westminster that sheltered Winston Churchill and his war cabinet from the bombing raids while they planned for victory. This afternoon you may take an optional excursion to Windsor Castle: originally built to guard the city of London, and the home of kings and queens for nine centuries, Windsor Castle was also used as a secret refuge for the royal family during WWI. (B)

#### Day 4: London - Paris, France - Caen

Whisk away from London to Paris on board the high-speed Eurostar train. Arrive in Paris and embark on a drive to Normandy by way of the French countryside. Stop at Pegasus Bridge, featured in *The Longest Day*. This vital structure across the Caen Canal was captured by the heroic British 6th Airborne Division in the opening hours of the invasion, making it the most famous mission of Britain's airborne division. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Caen - D-Day Landing Sites - Caen

Immerse yourself in the history of Normandy's beaches – the site of the largest amphibious invasion in history. Visit Juno and Sword Beach, where Canadian and British soldiers sacrificed their lives among a deluge of air attacks, naval bombardments, and land offenses. Continue on to Arromanche-les-Bains to view the Mulberry Harbor, one of the greatest engineering feats of WWII and a massive coup for the Allies. Visit the Bayeux Cemetery and Memorial



- the largest WWII cemetery of Commonwealth soldiers in France. Pay respect to the 1,800 men of the Commonwealth land forces that perished and have no known grave. Next, explore the Memorial de Caen (Peace Museum) dedicated to providing a comprehensive history of the D-Day landings and Europe's post-war transition. (B)

### Day 6: Caen - D-Day Landing Sites - Caen

Today, tour the Normandy American Cemetery. Next, visit two U.S. landing zones of the invasion of Normandy: Omaha Beach and this afternoon, Utah Beach. Discover Pointe du Hoc, a strategic German battery that defended Utah and Omaha beaches from the Allied invasion, where craters from cataclysmic bombings occupy the landscape to this day. At the Airborne Museum, learn the unique history of paratroopers in the city of Saint-Mère-Église. (B)

#### Day 7: Caen - Reims

En route to Reims, stop in Compiegne and the Memorial of Internment and Deportation, dedicated to the 40,000 people deported to German camps. Later, arrive in Reims, the city where the World War II treaty was signed. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B)

#### Day 8: Reims - Paris

Before departing Reims, stop at Musée de la Reddition, the former





schoolhouse where German officers signed a declaration of unconditional surrender. Afterward, an elevated dining experience highlights the region's reputation for great cuisine and champagne. Raise a glass to Reims before arriving in Paris. Spend the afternoon at leisure and discover for yourself why this is truly one of the world's great cities. (B, L)

#### Day 9: Paris

On the streets of Paris this morning, a local expert leads you on a walk through time on a WWII-themed tour of the city. From the Vel d'Hiv, Hôtel de Ville, Grand Palais, Invalides, Ecole Militaire, Panthéon, Luxembourg Gardens and Saint-Germaine-des-Prés, see the sites that tell the story of the liberation of Paris and what life was like under German occupation. This afternoon you may join an optional tour of the Louvre, or spend the afternoon at leisure. Tonight, bid farewell to Paris during a meal inside one of the world's most iconic landmarks, the Eiffel Tower. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Paris - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### STAY LONGER

Paris: Spend one more night in this romantic European city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

London & Paris WWII Themed City Tours • Churchill War Rooms • Pegasus Bridge • Caen • Arromanche-les-Baines • Bayeux Cemetery & Memorial • Normandy American Cemetery • Pointe du Hoc • Airborne Museum • Memorial of Internment and Deportation • Reims • Musée de la Reddition • Eiffel Tower Dinner





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March - November 2019 March 6, 13, 20, 27 April 3, 10, 24 May 1, 22 June 5, 19 July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August 7, 21, 28 September 11, 25 October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November 6

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### FRANCE MAGNIFIQUE

15 DAYS • 20 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>4899 land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the River Seine as you drift past famous landmarks.
- Travel back in history when you stand before the UNESCO Bayeux Tapestry.

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

- Explore Avignon and step inside its 14th-century papal palace.
- Ponder history at Normandy's Memorial Peace Museum and Omaha Beach Cemetery.



(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 3 Take a coach tour that includes a stop for a short walking tour inside the Notre Dame Cathedral or join a guide who will take you to some of Paris' most iconic sights by Metro.
- Day 6 | Join a local guide for a walking tour and discover Dinan's fortified walls or gain a different perspective of the city with a ride aboard Le Petit Train.



#### · 13 breakfasts • 7 dinners

- Dine at a local restaurant in Avignon, featuring a crème brûlée demonstration.
- Delight in a tour and tasting at a local winery.

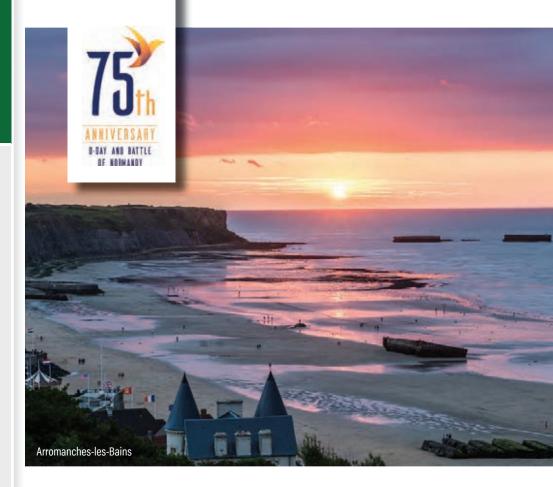


#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3Hyatt Regency Etoile, ParisDays 4, 5Mercure Caen City Center-Port
- de Plaisance, Caen Days 6,7 Hotel Oceania, Saint-Malo
- Days 8, 9 Chateau Domaine de Beauvois, Loire Valley
- Day 10 Mercure Lyon Centre Saxe Lafayette, Lyon
- Days 11, 12 Mercure Pont d' Avignon, or Mercure Hotel Cite Des Papes, Avignon
- Days 13, 14 Splendid Hotel & Spa, Nice

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On some dates alternate hotels may be used.
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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.12345



Grab your beret and rendezvous with romantic Paris, picturesque Provence, historic Normandy and stunning Le Mont St. Michel.

#### START EARLY

Paris: Enjoy your first evening exploring the romantic French capital. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embark on your journey through France. Bask in the rich history, art, culture and romance of its celebrated cities and charming towns.

#### Day 2: Paris, France - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in beautiful Paris. Celebrate the beginning of a fabulous trip with a sunset river cruise past famous glittering landmarks along the River Seine. Then we'll head to one of Paris' brasseries for a delightful French dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Paris 😵

It's your choice! Take a splendid panoramic coach tour that includes a stop for a short walking tour inside the Notre Dame Cathedral -OR- for a truly local experience, join a guide who will take you to some of Paris' most iconic sights by Metro. Either way you'll see the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde, and the magnificent Place Vendome. Write your own story during a free afternoon. Perhaps you'll take an optional guided tour to the Louvre. (B)

#### Day 4: Paris - Caen

Set off for the Normandy coast. During WWII, the largest invasion in history took place here. Visit the Memorial Peace Museum, built to commemorate those who died in the epic Battle of Normandy in 1944. Later, see the remains of the artificial Mulberry port built near Arromanche-les-Bains – where the allies resupplied their lines during the liberation of France – before making your way to the hotel. (B)

#### Day 5: Caen - D-Day Landing Sites - Caen

This morning visit the Omaha Beach Cemetery and stop by the Normandy American Cemetery Visitor Center. Then, walk through Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial and see where the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled 100-foot cliffs on D-Day to seize the fortified enemy position. Next, make your way to Sainte Mère Eglise, the heart of the American Airborne operations on D-Day, and visit its parachute-shaped Airborne Museum. You will also visit the landing beaches of Utah and Juno. (B, D)

Day 6: Caen - Bayeux - Dinan - Saint-Malo ♥ Today, stand before the impressive Bayeux Tapestry (UNESCO), a 230-foot embroidered cloth depicting the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England. Next, journey to Dinan, one of the best-preserved medieval villages in France. Then, it's your choice! Join a local guide for a walking tour and discover the city's fortified walls -OR- gain a different perspective of the city with a ride aboard Le Petit Train. Continue exploring as you walk up the Rue de Jerzual hill to the town center. Either way, you'll fall in love with the streets lined with half-timbered houses in this pictureperfect port village. Then it's off to Saint-Malo, Brittany's famous coastal village, where you'll enjoy a local dinner. (B, D)

### **Day 7:** Saint-Malo - Le Mont St. Michel - Saint-Malo

Travel to the Le Mont St. Michel (UNESCO), the "Wonder of the West." This world-famous pilgrimage site sits on the edge of the sea and becomes an island at high tide. Take in the breathtaking views as you stroll through the old city before exploring one of the most beautiful 11th century abbeys in France. Return to Saint-Malo and enjoy free time to explore. (B)

### Day 8: Saint-Malo - Chinon - Loire Valley

Journey south to the Loire Valley and arrive in the medieval village of Chinon. Explore the town famed for where Joan of Arc first met young Charles VII and shared her vision that he would defeat the English during the Hundred Years' War. Visit the market, abundant with fresh produce, flowers and local products and take time to enjoy lunch along the banks of the Vienne River. Visit Château de Villandry and explore its exquisite interior. This afternoon, arrive at your 15th century castle accommodations at the Château de Beauvois, once frequented by King Louis XIII. This evening delight in gourmet French cuisine in the dining room of your château. (B, D)

### **Day 9:** Loire Valley - Amboise - Loire Valley

Embark on a tour of the spectacular Château de Chenonceau. Perched along the banks of the Cher River, it is a jewel of Renaissance architecture. Head to the picturesque center of Amboise. Enjoy free time for exploring and getting to know the local culture. Tour Château du Clos Lucé – where Leonardo da Vinci spent his last three years – which showcases a display of his early inventions. Next, tour a local winery and discover some of Europe's best wines. (B)

#### Day 10: Loire Valley - Lyon

Travel the French countryside to

the gastronomical capital of France, Lyon (UNESCO). The city was once an important area for silk production. This evening experience its worldrenowned cuisine when you dine at a *bouchon*, a local restaurant that serves traditional Lyonnaise fare. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Lyon - Avignon

Visit the Basilica of Notre Dame de Fourvier with its amazing views of the city. Tour the historic Vieux Lyon, or Old Quarter, with a local guide. Continue to Les Halles de Lyon - Paul Bocuse market, named after the famous chef. Marvel at its culinary delights as you enjoy free time to explore before continuing to Avignon. (B)

#### Day 12: Avignon

This morning explore the walled city of Avignon during a walking tour led by a local guide. Learn about the historical period when the Papacy moved here in 1309 and explore the 14th-century papal palace, Palais des Papes, the world's largest Gothic palace. Your evening is capped off with dinner at a local restaurant, complete with a cocktail reception and crème brûlée demonstration. (B, D)

### Day 13: Avignon - Antibes - Grasse - Nice

Travel to Antibes and enjoy some free time to explore. Next, continue to Grasse, the center of the world's perfume industry. Learn the secrets of perfume making at a famous parfumerie. Then journey to Nice, the renowned playground of the rich and famous. The evening is yours to explore this seaside destination. (B)

#### Day 14: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice

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

#### Day 15: Nice - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

#### STAY LONGER

Nice: Spend your final night soaking in everything nice about Nice.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Paris • River Seine Cruise • Normandy • Omaha Beach • Le Mont St. Michel • Loire Valley • 2-Night Château Stay • Winery Tour • Lyon • Les Halles de Lyon - Paul Bocuse Market • Avignon • Crème Brûlée Cooking Demonstration • Nice • Monaco





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

### FRENCH IMPRESSIONS

11 DAYS • 14 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>4249



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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

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

- Embark on a walking tour of the historic walled city of Avignon.
- Come to know the history of the Cannes Film Festival as a local expert guides you along the red carpet.
- Tour the glamorous Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild and the lush gardens that surround it.

#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

(be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 3 | Take a splendid panoramic coach tour and see breathtaking architecture or enter the world of Impressionism with a visit to the Musée D'Orsay.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 9 breakfasts 1 lunch 4 dinners
- Savour French cuisine and enjoy spectacular views while dining at the Eiffel Tower.
- An expert guide leads a wine and olive oil tour in Aix-en-Provence.
- Partake in a cooking demonstration of fine French cuisine at a local restaurant.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 4 Le Meridien Etoile, Paris
- Days 5 7 Grand Hotel Roi Rene,
- Aix-en-Provence Days 8 - 10 Hotel Splendid, Nice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.12345



Come along for a journey that takes you from enchanting Paris to provincial Provence and immerse yourself in France's culture, cuisine and art.

#### START EARLY

Paris: Enjoy your first evening exploring the romantic French capital. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Journey through the best of France as you explore lively Paris, romantic Provence and delightful Nice.

#### Day 2: Paris, France - Tour Begins

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

#### Day 3: Paris 😵

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

#### Day 4: Paris - Versailles - Giverny - Paris

Explore the history, architecture and gardens of Versailles, one of the world's most magnificent royal palaces. Your local guide will recount the history of the palace and lead you through the various rooms of the State Apartments. Discover its treasures including the Queen's bedchamber and the famous Hall of Mirrors. You then have time to explore the incredible gardens. This afternoon Claude Monet's famous painting "Waterlilies" comes to life with a visit to the artist's lovely home and enchanting gardens in the village of Giverny. The remainder of the evening is at leisure for you to explore Paris on your own. (B)

#### Day 5: Paris - TGV Train - Avignon - Aix-en-Provence

Climb aboard the high speed TGV Train and "fly" through the beautiful French countryside on your way to Provence. Arrive in Avignon for a delightful tour of this historic walled city. Avignon, often called the "City of Popes," acted as a center of European religion for 70 years when the Popes moved



there in 1309. A visit to the Palace of the Popes brings this history to life. Continue to Aix-en-Provence, a town once frequented by Hemingway and the inspiration to many artists. This evening, enjoy fine French dining at your hotel's elegant restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Aix-en-Provence

This morning a local expert takes you on a tour of Aix-en-Provence. Walk in the steps of Cézanne when you visit his atelier (workshop) and enter the artist's most private space. Continue to Mont Sainte-Victoire and see the natural surroundings which are portrayed in the painter's works. Explore the 18th century jewel of Aixen-Provence with a visit to the Hôtel de Caumont Art Center. Delve into the intimate atmosphere of a private mansion as you view its works of art and exhibits. The evening is yours to continue to explore the city. (B)

#### Day 7: Aix-en-Provence - Luberon -Gordes - Aix-en-Provence

Visit the Musee du Calisson, a confectionery factory where you will discover the unique taste of a calisson, a delicacy that features a mix of almonds, candied melon, orange blossom fragrance and marzipan. Delve into the Provençal landscape during a visit to the picturesque region of Luberon, known for its beautiful lavender fields. Take time in the hilltop village of Gordes to

explore its charms. Visit the Lavender Museum and learn about this precious plant. You are in for a treat this evening when you stop at a local vineyard and tour their wine cellar and olive oil mill. Complete your day with a cooking demonstration and a sumptuous Provençal meal paired with local wines. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Aix-en-Provence - Cannes - Nice

Journey to Cannes to rub shoulders with Europe's elite. A local expert joins you on a walking tour of Cannes where you will learn about the fascinating history of the city and the Lérins Islands located offshore. Walk in the footsteps of celebrities when you see the Film Festival Palace and the famous red carpet featured during the Cannes Film Festival. Then it's off to Nice, the renowned playground of the rich and famous. (B)

#### Day 9: Nice - Eze - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice

Explore the charming hillside village of Eze. Learn the secrets of perfume making while visiting a famous parfumerie. Next, witness the splendour of Monaco, the dazzling gem of the Riviera. A panoramic tour highlights the extravagant Casino of Monte Carlo and the spectacular 13th-century Prince's Palace. Pause to see the Cathedral of Monaco, where Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace are buried. Complete your trip to Monaco with a visit to the fascinating Oceanographic Museum. (B)

#### Day 10: Nice - Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat - Nice

This morning you'll feel like a local

as you stroll through the colourful and fragrant flower market in Nice, Continue to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat and visit the luxurious apartments of the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Explore the lush gardens with magnificent views of the Mediterranean Sea. Your visit to the villa is complete with a light lunch served in the charming tea room. The remainder of your day is free to discover Nice's Place Massena and the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais. Partake in world-class shopping, sample the many French delicacies, or simply relax. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at a quaint restaurant. (B, L, D)

#### Day 11: Nice - Tour Ends

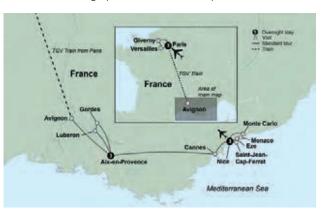
Your tour ends today, leaving you with many wonderful memories. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

Nice: Spend your final night soaking in everything nice about Nice. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Paris • Eiffel Tower Dinner • Versailles • Giverny • TGV Train • Monte Carlo • Avignon • Palace of the Popes • Aix-en-Provence • Cézanne's Workshop • Gordes • Wine & Olive Oil Tour • Cannes • Nice • Monaco • Oceanographic Museum • Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild





#### DOUBLE Starting at \$4249 SINGLE Starting at \$5299 Land only, per person, double occupancy.

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#### Nice Carnival

Enjoy the elaborate floats, flower parades and electric atmosphere of this exciting event on the French Riviera. February 2020

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Paris and depart from Nice. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Lavender fields typically bloom in the summer months and are not guaranteed on all departures. All rates in Canadian dollars.

66 Everything was well planned, and our time was used well. It was a good balance of activities. The Eiffel Tower lived up to its hype. But I really liked the more rural Provence area. Monet's garden was one of the more memorable experiences.

### SPOTLIGHT ON PARIS

7 DAYS • 7 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>2599 land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- See the dramatic highlights of Paris including Notre Dame Cathedral, Place Vendome and more!
- Explore the treasures of the Louvre Museum with an expert.
- Enjoy an authentic jazz show with Parisian flare.

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

- Glide along and admire Paris' glittering skyline on a Seine River cruise.
- Tour the spectacular Palace of Versailles and its gardens with a local guide.

#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 3 Set out on a locally guided coach tour that includes a stop to explore the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral or you can travel by the iconic Metro to see some of Paris' most impressive sights.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 5 breakfasts 2 dinners
- Dine on delicious French cuisine and wine at the Eiffel Tower.
- Savour dinner accompanied by French wine at one of Paris' oldest Brasseries.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

 Day 1
 Overnight Flight

 Days 2 - 6
 Le Meridien Etoile, Paris

 On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.12345



Be filled with *joie de vivre* (the joy of life) as you soak in the romance and unmistakable charm of Paris.

#### START EARLY

Paris: Begin your stay with an extra night to experience the spellbinding beauty of Paris. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Come to know captivating Paris' worldrenowned art, food and fashion. Its rich history will astound you while its style dazzles.

#### Day 2: Paris, France - Tour Begins

Arrive in the "City of Light." Tonight, your adventure begins with breathtaking views of the city while you enjoy dinner featuring delicious French cuisine and wine at the Eiffel Tower. Following dinner, get a different perspective of the city during a Seine River cruise. Admire Paris' glittering skyline as you glide along. (D)

#### Day 3: Paris 😵

This morning **it's your choice!** Will you choose to take a panoramic locally guided

coach tour of Paris that includes a stop to explore the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral -OR- for a truly local experience, will you join a local guide who will take you to some of Paris' most iconic sights by Metro? Either way you'll see such dramatic highlights of Paris as the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Champs-Elysees, Place de la Concorde, and the magnificent Place Vendome. The afternoon is at leisure. You may choose an optional tour that takes you to the bohemian neighbourhood of Montmartre; join a local guide on a walking tour and get to know the culture, food and history of this eclectic neighbourhood, and see its crown jewel - the iconic Sacré-Coeur Basilica. (B)

#### Day 4: Paris - Louvre Museum

Join a local expert exploring the priceless treasures of the world-famous Louvre Museum, with a collection of more than one million works of art. Originally a palace and now a landmark of Paris, the Louvre displays an array of works of art ranging from ancient



times up to the mid-19th century. Behold some of the museum's most famous pieces by the some of the greatest artists the world has seen including Raphael, Botticelli and Titian, and see the renowned statue of *Venus de Milo* and Leonardo Da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*. The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to explore Paris' many hidden treasures on your own. (B)

#### Day 5: Paris - Day at Leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure to relax or explore. You may take an optional excursion to Champagne country which includes a visit to ancient Reims for a walking tour; then stop in Epernay and visit a champagne cellar for a tour and tasting. Later tonight we gather to enjoy an authentic jazz show expressing Parisian flare. (B)

#### Day 6: Paris - Versailles

Explore the history, architecture and gardens of Versailles, one of the world's most magnificent royal palaces and finest, most complete example of 17th-century architecture. Your local guide will recount the history of the palace and lead you through the various rooms of the State Apartments. Discover its





immeasurable opulence and see its treasures including the Queen's bedchamber and the famous Hall of Mirrors. You then have time to explore the incredible gardens, some of the most famous in the world, which took over 40 years to complete. Tonight, celebrate the end of a fabulous trip with a sumptuous dinner accompanied by French wine at one of Paris' oldest brasseries. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Paris - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. Head home with many wonderful memories of Paris. (B)

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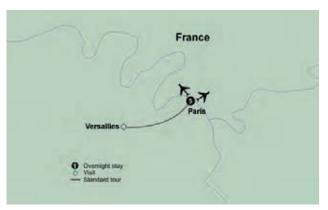
• Our tour was superb. Our tour manager was efficient and knowledgeable. She got us places on time, and we never wasted time. The tour was well organized, and always enjoyable.

#### STAY LONGER

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

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Eiffel Tower Dinner • Seine River Cruise • Arc de Triomphe • Notre Dame Cathedral • Champs-Elysees • Place de la Concorde • Louvre Museum • Jazz Show • Versailles Palace & Gardens





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February – April 2019 (different itinerary – see note) February 19 March 19 April 9, 30 Itinerary featured is for May 2019 – April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of

Frankfurt - Munich

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Book another tour with Spotlight on Paris and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Paris. Airport transfers are available for purchase. On occasion, the Louvre Museum may not be available for guests who purchase this tour within 30 days of departure as space is limited at the Louvre. For these guests, alternative sightseeing may be provided depending on availability. All rates in Canadian dollars.

### SPAIN'S CLASSICS

11 DAYS • 14 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>3449 land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- In Cordoba, take a walking tour of the Mezquita, a religious marvel.

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

- Step back in time in Toledo, the former capital of the Spanish Empire.
- Join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra palace.
- Explore Madrid's Royal Palace, the official residence of the royal family.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

#### (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 8 Set out on a walking tour of historic Valencia or explore the Lladro City of Porcelain and the city of Arts and Science.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### · 9 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 4 dinners

- Savour a "paella experience" including a paella-making demonstration and lunch.
- Enjoy local cuisine and regional wines at dinner.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	H10 Puerta de Alcalá, Madrid
Days 4, 5	Meliá Sevilla, Seville
Day 6	Barceló Carmen, Granada
Days 7, 8	SH Valencia Palace Hotel, Valencia
Days 9, 10	Hotel Colón or H10 Itaca, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ④ ⑤ See page 189 for details.



Embrace Spain's zest for life as you discover architectural masterpieces, grand palaces and sun-drenched Mediterranean coastline.

#### START EARLY

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

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to a colourful cultural adventure featuring the best of Spain.

Day 2: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins Welcome to Madrid, Spain's lively capital city. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Madrid - Royal Palace - Toledo -Madrid

During a locally guided tour of Madrid's historic center, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor. An expert-led tour of the monumental 18th-century Royal Palace reveals lavish halls, banquet rooms, the throne room, royal armory and the impressive courtyard. This afternoon we travel to Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage site. A comprehensive tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral and the 13th-century synagogue, a testament to Toledo's Jewish heritage. You'll also stop at the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, *The Burial of Count Orgaz.* (B)

#### Day 4: Madrid - Cordoba - Seville

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. You may opt to take the AVE high-speed train to reduce travel time and increase leisure time in Cordoba. Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita. This UNESCO site, an architectural marvel built by the Moors in the 8th century as a magnificent mosque, was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved Jewish Quarter. Later, transfer to Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital." (B, D)

#### Day 5: Seville

Today you will see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral (UNESCO), and the Giralda Bell Tower. Enjoy a walking tour of the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with its bright flowers, white-washed buildings and winding streets; then continue to Plaza de España and the beautiful Maria Luisa Park, one of the loveliest in all of Europe. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B)

#### Day 6: Seville - Granada

Travel along the peaceful Sierra Nevada to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Join a local expert



for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra\*, an immense hilltop palace (UNESCO). Also tour the Generalife, meaning "garden of the architect," where the grounds are beautifully designed with waterfalls, courtyards and smaller secret gardens. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Granada - Valencia

Today, travel through rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive groves while en route to the Mediterranean coast. Arrive in the city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, surrounded by citrus groves. (B)

#### Day 8: Valencia - Paella Experience -Valencia 🚱

It's your choice! Take a walking tour of historic Valencia to see the ornate 14th-century Serranos Tower and imposing 15th-century Quart Tower; then arrive at the bustling central market where you'll shop side-by-side with the locals before concluding your tour at the impressive 13th-century Gothic cathedral -OR- explore the impressive City of Arts & Science, an ultramodern, multi-faceted educational institution, followed by a tour of the Lladro City of Porcelain to learn about the history and creative process of the world-famous, handmade Lladro figurines. Later, gather together and travel to the area where paella cuisine originated. A "paella experience" features a boat ride on the canals





surrounding rice field plantations; a visit to a traditional fisherman's home known as a "barraca"; a paella-making demonstration and an authentic paella lunch. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B, L)

#### Day 9: Valencia - Barcelona

Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Barcelona's fascinating boulevards including the famous Las Ramblas. (B)

#### Day 10: Barcelona

Today, get an in-depth look at vibrant and lively Barcelona. Your panoramic tour showcases the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuic, Antoni Gaudi's UNESCO World Heritage sites including La Sagrada Familia, Batllo House and the unconventional Casa Mila building with a guided visit to Parc Güell. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip to Spain! (B, D)

#### Day 11: Barcelona - Tour Ends

You return home with vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

Barcelona: Take a final evening to explore this captivating cosmopolitan city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Madrid • Royal Palace • Toledo • Cordoba • Seville • Flamenco Show • Granada • The Alhambra • Valencia • Paella Experience • Barcelona • La Sagrada Familia • Parc Güell





#### DOUBLE Starting at \$3449 Land only, per person, double occupancy. SINGLE Starting at \$4349 Prices based on August 17, 2019 departure

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Madrid and depart from Barcelona. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The walking tours of Toledo (day 3) and the Alhambra (day 6) are considered to be more strenuous in nature due to the uneven walkways, number of steps and some uphill walks that are required in order to see the historic sights. All rates in Canadian dollars.

\*If Alhambra Palace is unavailable, a similar top attraction will take its place.

66 Spain is a beautiful country with very friendly people. Our guide was outstanding. I would recommend this trip to everyone.

### SPAIN'S CLASSICS WITH PORTUGAL

14 DAYS • 19 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>4649 land only, per person, double occupancy



#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- In Córdoba, take a walking tour of the Mezquita, a religious marvel.

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

- Step back in time in Toledo, the former capital of the Spanish Empire.
- View three UNESCO World Heritage sites while exploring Portugal's capital and coast.
- Get to know Seville's quaint, old Santa Cruz Quarter.

#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day11 | Set out on a walking tour of historic Valencia or explore the Lladro City of Porcelain.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### · 12 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 6 dinners

- Savour a "paella experience" including a paella-making demonstration and lunch.
- Enjoy local cuisine and regional wines at dinner.
- Dine on traditional Portuguese cuisine and enjoy Fado music.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 4 Altis Grand Hotel, Lisbon
- Days 5, 6 NH Collection Abascal or H10 Puerta de Alcalá Hotel, Madrid
- Days 7,8 Barceló Seville Renacimiento, Meliá Sevilla or Meliá Lebreros, Seville
- Day 9 Barceló Carmen, Granada
- Days 10, 11 AC Hotel by Marriott or Eurostars Rey Don Jaime, Valencia
- Days 12, 13 Crowne Plaza Fira Center, H10 Itaca, or Hotel Colón, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.





Embark on an Iberian adventure as you take in medieval architecture, idyllic landscapes and delectable cuisine of two countries.

#### START EARLY

Lisbon: Start your journey early with an extra day to explore Portugal's exciting capital. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to a cultural adventure featuring the best of Portugal and Spain.

#### Day 2: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Welcome to Portugal, where quaint farming villages and cork & olive tree plantations dot the landscape. Enjoy Lisbon, Portugal's vibrant capital city. Tonight, begin your journey with a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Lisbon

A tour of Lisbon features the Moorish Alfama Quarter, Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO World Heritage site), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO). Tonight, enjoy a dinner complete with local cuisine, wines and Fado music (UNESCO). (B, D)

#### Day 4: Lisbon - Fátima - Nazaré - Óbidos -Lisbon

Your day on Portugal's "Silver Coast" begins in the pilgrimage town of Fátima. View the

Batalha Monastery (UNESCO), an example of Manueline architecture; then travel to the quaint seaside town of Nazaré and the medieval walled town of Óbidos. (B)

#### Day 5: Lisbon - Madrid, Spain

Depart Lisbon and cross the border into Spain. Enjoy your day viewing the countryside of Portugal and Spain before arriving into the capital city of Spain – Madrid. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Madrid - Royal Palace - Toledo -Madrid

During a locally guided tour of Madrid's historic center, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. An expertled tour of the monumental 18th-century Royal Palace reveals lavish halls, banquet rooms, the throne room, royal armory and the impressive courtyard. This afternoon we travel to Toledo, the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. A comprehensive tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral and the 13th-century synagogue, a testament to Toledo's Jewish heritage. You'll also stop at the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz. (B)

#### Day 7: Madrid - Córdoba - Seville

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Córdoba. You may opt to take the AVE high-speed train to increase leisure time in Córdoba. Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita. This architectural marvel built by the Moors in the 8th century as a magnificent mosque, was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Córdoba in the city's well-preserved old Jewish Quarter. Later, transfer to Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital." (B, D)

#### Day 8: Seville

Today you will see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral (UNESCO), and the Giralda Bell Tower. Enjoy a walking tour of the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with its white-washed buildings and winding streets; then continue to Plaza de España and the beautiful Maria Luisa Park. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B)

#### Day 9: Seville - Granada

Travel along the Sierra Nevada to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain. Join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra\*, an immense hilltop palace (UNESCO). Also tour the Generalife, meaning "garden of the architect," where the grounds are beautifully designed with waterfalls, courtyards and smaller secret gardens. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Granada - Valencia

Today you travel through Spain's amazing landscape viewing rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive groves while en route to the Mediterranean coast. Arrive in the city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, surrounded by citrus groves. (B)

### Day 11: Valencia - Paella Experience - Valencia 😵

It's your choice! Take a walking tour of historic Valencia to see the ornate 14th-century Serranos Tower and imposing 15th-century Quart Tower; then arrive at the bustling central market, one of the largest in Europe, to shop with locals before concluding your tour at the impressive 13thcentury Gothic cathedral -ORexplore the impressive City of Arts & Science, an ultramodern, multifaceted educational institution, followed by a tour of the Lladro City of Porcelain to learn about the history of the handmade Lladro figurines. Later, gather together and travel to the area where paella cuisine originated. A "paella experience" features a boat ride on the canals surrounding rice field plantations; a



#### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Lisbon • Fátima • Nazaré • Óbidos • Madrid • Royal Palace • Toledo • Córdoba • Seville • Flamenco Show • Granada • The Alhambra •Valencia • Paella Experience • Barcelona • La Sagrada Família • Parc Güell





visit to a traditional fisherman's home known as a "barraca"; a paella-making demonstration and an authentic paella lunch. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, L)

#### Day 12: Valencia - Barcelona

Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Barcelona including the famous Las Ramblas, dotted with colorful bird and flower stalls. (B)

#### Day 13: Barcelona

Today, get an in-depth look at vibrant and lively Barcelona. Your locally guided tour showcases the Columbus Monument and the Parc de Montjuic, plus Antoni Gaudí's UNESCO sites including La Sagrada Familia, Parc Güell, Batllo House and the unconventional Casa Mila building. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip to Portugal and Spain! (B, D)

#### Day 14: Barcelona - Tour Ends

You return home with vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with a rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

#### STAY LONGER

Barcelona: Take a final evening to explore this captivating cosmopolitan city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

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\*If Alhambra Palace is unavailable, a similar top attraction will take its place.

Excellent tour. Great guide and wonderful tour mates. We saw a lot of the country, and especially loved Barcelona and Valencia.

### MADRID & BARCELONA 8 DAYS · 10 MEALS

FROM \$3199

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Enjoy 3-night stays in captivating Madrid and culturally rich Barcelona.
- Travel to Toledo, the former capital of medieval Spain and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

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

- Journey on the thrilling AVE high-speed train.
- Visit La Sagrada Familia, still under construction after more than 100 years.



**IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 3 Embark on an expert-led tour of Madrid's architectural treasures or enjoy a walking tour encountering the Hapsburg era.
- Day 6 Visit the basilica of Santa Maria del Mar and stroll the medieval streets of the Gothic Quarter or browse the city's largest and oldest openair market before visiting Gaudi's masterpiece, Güell Palace.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 6 breakfasts 4 dinners
- Enjoy regional wines with every included dinner!
- Experience the culinary delights of Barcelona during an interactive paella culinary class.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 NH Principe de Vergara, Madrid

Days 5 - 7 H10 Casanova, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 189 for details.



Set out on an in-depth adventure featuring two of Spain's most dynamic cities – this is cultural convergence perfected.

#### START EARLY

Madrid: Begin your journey in Spain's elegant capital city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Delve into two of the grandest cities in Spain. You will have plenty of time to explore, get to know their charms and savour the atmosphere of both of these magnificent cities.

#### Day 2: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Madrid! Spain's dynamic capital possesses a modern infrastructure which has preserved the look and feel of many of its historic neighbourhoods. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Choice of Prado Museum or Hapsburg Madrid Walking Tour 😵

It's your choice! Join a local expert who introduces you to Madrid's architectural treasures on a panoramic tour before exploring the priceless masterpieces of Madrid's Prado Museum, home to the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya -**OR**- take a walking tour of Madrid featuring sites of the Hapsburg era; discover the Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor and the famous Andalusian tavern "La Torre del Oro;" Mercado de San Miguel, the last remaining market constructed in forged iron; Arco de los Cuchilleros (the Arch of the Knifemakers); and Plaza de la Villa with its historic Baroque and Mudéjar-style buildings. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

#### Day 4: Madrid - Toledo - Madrid

Enjoy the morning at leisure to explore the intricacies of Madrid. This afternoon, visit Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. Visit a local damascene artist to see the handson crafting of inlaid metals into jewelry and other products emblematic of Toledo. A comprehensive walking tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral and the 13th-century synagogue, a testament to Toledo's Jewish heritage. You'll also stop at the Church of Santo Tome to view El Greco's masterpiece painting, The Burial of Count Orgaz. Enjoy free time in the old town before returning to Madrid for some time at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a locally-inspired dinner. (B, D)



**Day 5:** Madrid - AVE High Speed Train - Barcelona

Sit back, relax and enjoy the picturesque landscapes of Leon, Castilla and Catalunya as you travel via high-speed train to Spain's modern city of culture and architecture, Barcelona, Get acquainted with one of the liveliest cities in all of Europe on a locally guided tour. Discover Parc Güell, one of the most impressive public parks in the world and one of Antoni Gaudi's masterpieces, where he let loose his imagination with amazing buildings, sculptures and tile work. Next, explore the most popular monument in Spain, Gaudí's unfinished masterpiece La Sagrada Familia, still under construction after more than 100 years. Later, see the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuic, and several UNESCO World Heritage sites linked to Gaudí including the unconventional Casa Mila building and Batllo House. (B)

#### Day 6: Barcelona 😵

It's your choice! Take one of two locally guided walking tours. You may choose to begin by visiting the 14th-century basilica of Santa Maria del Mar, created in pure Catalan Gothic style, followed by a leisurely paced walking tour of Barcelona's historic Gothic Quarter, a





beautifully preserved neighbourhood with medieval squares set inside a labyrinth of streets leading to the 13thcentury La Seu Cathedral -OR- meet the locals while exploring La Boqueria, Barcelona's largest and oldest openair market, portions of which date back to the Middle Ages; then head to Las Ramblas Boulevard, the most famous pedestrian street in Barcelona; discover famous landmarks such as Gran Teatre del Liceu, Plaza Real, Palau de la Virreina, before visiting one of Antoni Gaudí's architectural treasures - Güell Palace. Enjoy some free time this afternoon or take an optional excursion to Montserrat, a spectacular mountaintop monastery. Tonight, venture to the city's gourmet quarter where the best Catalan cuisine is right at your fingertips during a paella culinary workshop with locally-acclaimed chefs! (B, D)

#### Day 7: Barcelona

Enjoy a day at leisure to create your own adventure in this fascinating city. You may choose an optional excursion to Figueres and the famed Dalí Theatre-Museum for insight into the surrealist world of Salvador Dalí. This evening, toast the end of a memorable trip while enjoying the flavours of regional cuisine. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Barcelona - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Madrid • Toledo • AVE High-Speed Train • Barcelona • Parc Güell • La Sagrada Familia • Paella Culinary Class • UNESCO World Heritage Sites





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### SPAIN'S COSTA DEL SOL & THE PORTUGUESE RIVIERA

13 DAYS • 17 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>3849 land only, per person, double occupancy

#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Journey on the thrilling AVE high-speed train.
- Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita, a religious marvel.

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

- Enjoy a day at leisure in the picturesque Costa del Sol.
- Take a day trip to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 3 | Enjoy a coach tour to see Madrid's architectural and artistic treasures or take a walking tour of Madrid.
- Day 10 Join a panoramic Lisbon coach tour or select a walking tour of the Alfama District, Lisbon's most symbolic quarter.

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#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 11 breakfasts 6 dinners
- Enjoy a tour and tasting of local wines at a centuries-old winemaker.
- Savour regional wines with every included dinner.

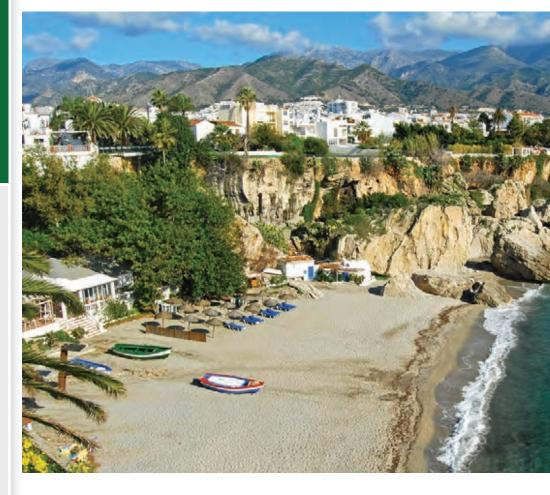


#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 NH Collection Madrid Abascal, Madrid
- Days 4 6 Parador Málaga Golf, Málaga
- Days 7, 8 Meliá Sevilla, Seville
- Days 9 12 Vila Galé Cascais Hotel, Cascais ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE Upgrade to a sea view room at Vila Gale Cascais Hotel, CALL POR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.12345



Encounter the magical charm of the Iberian Peninsula on a journey that allows you to experience the dynamic cultures of Spain and Portugal.

#### START EARLY

Madrid: Give yourself more time to experience the vibrancy and charm of Spain's capital. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Enjoy a true taste of the Iberian Peninsula. Your tour begins with an overnight flight.

#### Day 2: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's dynamic capital city. Tonight, enjoy a charming welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Madrid 😵

Today, **it's your choice!** Join a local expert who introduces you to Madrid's architectural treasures on a panoramic tour; then, explore the priceless masterpieces of the Prado Museum which boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya **-OR-** take a walking tour of Madrid featuring sites of the Hapsburg era: discover the Puerta Del Sol, Plaza Mayor and the famous Andalusian Tavern "La Torre del Oro;" the Mercado San Miguel, the last remaining market constructed in forged iron; Arco de los Cuchilleros (the Arch of the Knifemakers); and Plaza de la Villa with its historic Baroque and Mudéjar-style buildings. The remainder of your day is at leisure or you may choose to purchase an optional tour to Toledo. (B)

### Day 4: Madrid - High-Speed Train - Córdoba - Costa del Sol

Sit back and enjoy stunning landscapes as you travel via high-speed train to the Moorish city of Córdoba. Embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita (UNESCO World Heritage site). Originally built as a mosque, it was converted into the city's cathedral when the Christians conquered the region in 1236. Stroll through the streets of the historic Jewish Quarter. Continue on to Spain's Costa del Sol and enjoy a 3-night stay by the sea at Parador Málaga Golf. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Costa del Sol

Enjoy a day at leisure to relax and experience your hotel's direct beach access or pristine 18-hole golf course. Or you may choose to purchase an optional tour to Gibraltar. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to help you plan your day. (B, D)



#### Day 6: Costa del Sol - Granada - Costa del Sol

Take a day trip to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain. Travel past rolling hills dotted with olive groves, capturing the country's classic beauty. Upon arrival, join a local expert for a tour of the worldfamous Alhambra, a hilltop palace and UNESCO site. Tour the Generalife, "Garden of the Architect," and behold the waterfalls, courtyards and secret gardens on its grounds. (B)

#### Day 7: Costa del Sol - Ronda - Seville

Head to Ronda, one of the loveliest and most historic towns in Andalucía. Join a local expert exploring Ronda's old town full of twisting narrow streets, the 18th-century Puente Nuevo (New Bridge) over the El Tajo gorge, and La Alameda Park with its wonderful panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and mountains. Then, continue to Spain's "cultural capital" – Seville. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Seville

In Seville, see Columbus' tomb, the ornate cathedral (UNESCO), and Giralda Bell Tower. Take a walking tour of the quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with its cascading bright flowers, whitewashed buildings and winding streets. Continue to Plaza de España and Maria Luisa Park - one of the loveliest parks in all of Europe. (B)

#### Day 9: Seville - Azeitão, Portugal -Cascais

Depart Spain and travel through the Portuguese countryside to Azeitão an agricultural village known for red wine, olive trees and country estates. Explore the tradition of azulejos (Portuguese tiles), and see how they are created at a local workshop. Enjoy a tour and tasting of local wines when we visit a centuries-old winemaker. Later, arrive in Cascais, the famous and picturesque coastal resort on the Portuguese Riviera. (B)

#### Day 10: Cascais - Lisbon - Cascais 😵

Your morning is at leisure in Cascais to relax on the beach or sit at an outdoor café. You may choose to purchase an optional tour to Queluz Palace. This afternoon, it's your choice! Join a panoramic Lisbon city tour - via coach - featuring Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO), Belem Tower (UNESCO), and the Monument to the Discoveries, capped off with a visit to the National Museum of Coaches -OR- select a walking tour of the Alfama District, Lisbon's most symbolic quarter; step back in time as you explore this residential neighborhood which is considered a village within a city; stroll through its medieval alleys, narrow streets, tiny squares, past beautiful churches and whitewashed houses with tile panels and wrought-iron balconies adorned with pots of flowers; then, climb the hill to explore the castle that has the most breathtaking panorama of the city. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Cascais - Sintra - Cascais

Visit the impressive Mafra Palace and Monastery, one of Portugal's largest Baroque buildings. A guided tour takes you through the domed basilica, the royal apartments decorated in 18thcentury furniture and paintings, and the magnificent Barogue library. Continue on to the town of Sintra (UNESCO), a favourite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Here, explore Sintra's National Palace and peruse specialty shops filled with Portuguese handicrafts. (B)

#### Day 12: Cascais - Óbidos - Nazaré -Fatima - Cascais

Travel Portugal's Silver Coast, a region filled with sleepy villages, rich vineyards and centuries-old castles. Stop in charming Óbidos, protected by medieval city walls. Continue to Nazaré, a coastal fishing village. Then, visit Fatima, the world-famous Marian pilgrimage site. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a wonderful farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Cascais - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Madrid • AVE High-Speed Train • Córdoba • Costa del Sol • Granada • Alhambra • Ronda • Seville • Cascais • Lisbon • Mafra Palace & Monastery • Sintra's National Palace • Óbidos • Fatima





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#### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Spain's Costa del Sol & The Portuguese Riviera and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Madrid and depart from Lisbon. All of our transfers will depart from Cascais to Lisbon airport (approximately a 40 minute drive). Airport transfers are available for purchase. If Alhambra Palace is unavailable, a similar top attraction will be added. All rates in Canadian dollars.

### SUNNY PORTUGAL

10 DAYS · 14 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>2399

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Spend the night in the Alentejo region among vineyards and farmland.
- Stop in historic Evora, known as the "Museum City of Portugal."
- Venture to Lagos, where Prince Henry the Navigator began his explorations.

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

- Spend three nights on the sunny coast of the Algarve.
- Stay three nights at a coastal resort on the Portuguese Riviera.
- Tour Lisbon, Portugal's capital that overlooks the Tagus River.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 3 Choose between a panoramic Lisbon city coach tour or take a walking tour of the historic Alfama District, Lisbon's most symbolic quarter.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### · 8 breakfasts • 6 dinners

- Experience local cuisine and wine and immerse yourself in the moving sounds of Fado.
- Indulge in a tasting of the Alentejo region's wines during a winery tour.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1
   Overnight Flight

   Days 2 4
   Hotel Vila Galé, Cascais or Hotel Vila Galé, Estoril

   Day 5
   Vila Galé Clube de Campo, Alentejo

   Days 6 - 8
   Hotel Vila Galé Lagos, Algarve
- Day 9 Turim Marques Hotel, or Turim Saldanha, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.1 2 3 4 5



Encounter miles of picturesque shoreline as you make your way from the coastal capital of Lisbon to the beautiful Algarve.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Ancient castles and Roman ruins, Groves of lemon and almond trees. Quiet, whitewashed villages, and kind gentle people. Portugal is waiting for you.

#### Day 2: Cascais, Portugal - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in a scenic coastal resort on the "Portuguese Riviera," your home for three nights. The mansions scattered about Cascais and Monte Estoril hint at its history as a haven for exiled European royals and nobility. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### **Day 3:** Choice of Lisbon Panoramic City Tour or Alfama District Walking Tour **O**

This morning **it's your choice!** Join a panoramic Lisbon city tour by coach and uncover sights that include Jeronimo's Monastery (a UNESCO World Heritage site), Belem Tower (UNESCO), and the Monument to the Discoveries, with the tour capping off with a visit to the National Museum of Coaches **-OR-** embark on a walking tour of the historic Alfama

District, Lisbon's most symbolic quarter. Step back in time on an exploration of this residential neighbourhood, which is considered a village within a city. Stroll the neighbourhood's medieval alleys, narrow streets and small squares, and pass by beautiful churches, colourful houses decorated with tile panels and wrought-iron balconies adorned with pots of flowers. Next, climb the hill to explore the castle, which boasts the most breathtaking panorama of the city. Later, enjoy leisure time in the Portuguese Riviera. Stroll the narrow cobblestone streets, sit in a seaside café, walk wide oceanside promenades, or shop for ceramics, lace, filigree, hand woven works and tapestries. This evening, savour excellent Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform the traditional Fado (UNESCO). (B, D)

#### **Day 4**: Cascais - Sintra - Óbidos - Fatima -Cascais

Begin your day exploring the picturesque town of Sintra (UNESCO), the favourite summer residence of Portuguese kings for





six centuries. Journey to Portugal's beautiful "Silver Coast," a spectacular region filled with sleepy villages, rich vineyards and age-old castles. Travel on to picture-perfect Óbidos, where white washed houses are held snug by medieval city walls. Later, visit Fatima, the world-famous Marian pilgrimage site. (B)

#### Day 5: Cascais - Evora - Alentejo

Travel the beautiful Portuguese countryside and stop in historic Evora (UNESCO), known as the "Museum City of Portugal." Inside this medievalwalled city stands a 2nd-century Roman temple to Diana and the 16th century Chapel of Bones. Indulge in the full-bodied character of the region's wines during a winery tour and tasting. Tonight, enjoy your stay in the heart of Alentejo's countryside at a country resort set among 3,000 acres of farm land, vineyards, and cork trees. (B, D)

### Day 6: Alentejo - Sagres - Lagos - Algarve

Journey to the famous Algarve and discover the secrets of the 16thcentury fortress at Sagres, home of Prince Henry's School of Navigation and the "compass rose." Garner magnificent views of beautiful Cape of St. Vincente, where 200 foot cliffs plunge into the Atlantic at the most southwesterly point of Europe. Next, explore the historic resort town of Lagos, where Moorish and Renaissance influences abound. Here, the famous voyager, Prince Henry the Navigator, began his explorations and from the harbour where Vasco da Gama sailed in 1499 on his epic voyage of discovery. Stroll through the fortress and historic buildings while taking in the surrounding ocean views during some leisure time. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Algarve

The entire day is yours to experience the beautiful Algarve on your own. Geraniums, camellias and oleanders grow alongside fig, orange and almond trees, while brightly coloured fishing boats bob on the seas. Protected by hills to the north and warmed by the sea, the Algarve's mild climate and beautiful beaches attract vacationers from all over the world. (B)

### Day 8: Algarve - Faro - São Brás de Alportel - Algarve

Journey to Faro, gateway to the Ria Formosa protected lagoon landscape. Explore the city's historic centre with 9th-century Roman walls, dramatic golden coastline, and its archaeological and architectural gems. In historic São Brás de Alportel, a presentation by a local liqueur maker is followed by a tasting of some of the many varieties produced in the region. Portugal is the world's number one producer of cork. Visit a local cork factory to learn about its importance to the local economy and its many uses. Complete your day with dinner featuring local delicacies and wine. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Algarve - Azeitão - Lisbon

En route to Lisbon, make a stop in Azeitão, a charming agricultural village known for red wine, olive trees and beautiful country estates. Spend time at the centuries-old Jose Maria da Fonseca Winery. Embark on a tour followed by a tasting of local wines, including moscatel. Next, meet local artisans at a family-run shop that demonstrates how azulejos, the famous hand-painted Portuguese tiles, are made. Later, bid Portugal goodbye during a dinner to celebrate the end of a wonderful tour. (B, D)

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

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Madeira

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Portuguese Riviera • Lisbon • Fado Dinner Show • Sintra • Óbidos • Fatima • Evora • Alentejo Countryside Stay • Sagres • Lagos • Algarve • Faro • Cork Factory • Azeitão • 2 Winery Tours • 5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites



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End your trip with 4 nights in Madeira Island. Relax in the "pearl of the Atlantic" and enjoy fresh cuisine, historical treasures and of course, wine. SEE PAGE 186 FOR DETAILS

## DOUBLE Starting at \$2399 Land only, per person, double occupancy. SINGLE Starting at \$2799 double occupancy.

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

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Lisbon, Portugal airport. Arrival transfers will depart from Lisbon airport for Cascais (approximately a 40 minute drive). Airport transfers are available for purchase. All rates in Canadian dollars.

Everything was planned out very well. Getting to and from the airport was easy. The tour guide was excellent, and the local guides were engaging. The hotels were simply magnificent. It was just a great experience over all.

### PORTUGAL & ITS ISLANDS

13 DAYS • 18 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>2849

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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Experience the beauty of Portugal's Riviera with visits to Cascais and Estoril.
- Gaze upon the pristine twin lakes of Sete Cidades.

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

- Tour Lisbon and uncover its treasures
   including the impressive Tower of Belem.
- Explore the island of Madeira, known as the "Pearl of the Atlantic."
- Discover stunning St. Michael, the largest of the Azorean islands.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 5 | Hike Sete Cidades or visit the interpretation center followed by free time in town.
- Day 6 | Stroll through the Terra Nostra Botanical Park or relax in the park's thermal water pool.
- Day 11 | Explore a trout farm at Ribeiro Frio (Cold River) or take an exhilarating levada walk.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 11 breakfasts 1 lunch 6 dinners
- Experience a "cozido das furnas" lunch in Furnas Valley.
- Learn the secrets of Azorean cuisine during an interactive cooking demonstration.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 4 Turim Marquês Hotel or Turim Saldanha Hotel, Lisbon
- Days 5 8 Azoris Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel, Azores
- Days 9 11 Pestana Casino Park Hotel, Funchal, Madeira Island
- Day 12 Turim Marquês Hotel, Altis Grand Hotel or Turim Saldanha Hotel, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 189 for details.



Beauty, history, cuisine and culture. Experience the best of Portugal as you explore its capital city, coastal villages, and remote islands.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel through some of Portugal's most beautiful regions. Experience Lisbon, the Azorean island of St. Michael, and the island of Madeira.

#### Day 2: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Your adventure opens in Lisbon where Old World traditions still thrive. Experience medieval towns, coastal villages, Portuguese cuisine, regional wines and folkloric entertainment. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Lisbon - Sintra - Cascais - Estoril -Lisbon

Set out on a tour of Lisbon featuring the Moorish Alfama Quarter, Jeronimo's Monastery, the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belem. Later, explore the town of Sintra, the summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Enjoy a visit to the National Palace. Continue to the coastal resorts of Cascais and Estoril on the Portuguese Riviera. This evening, indulge in Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform traditional Fado. (B, D)

#### **Day 4:** Lisbon - Fatima - Nazaré - Óbidos -Lisbon

Travel to the "Silver Coast," a region of sleepy villages, vineyards and age-old castles. We visit three distinct villages, each with its own cultural character. Begin in the pilgrimage town of Fatima. Discover the beauty of the famous basilica and see the magnificent Batalha Monastery. Continue to Nazaré, a seaside community named for a small wooden statue of the Virgin Mary that arrived here in the 4th century. Then it is on to picture-perfect Óbidos, where white-washed houses are guarded by a hilltop castle. (B)

### Day 5: Lisbon - St. Michael, Azores - Ponta Delgada 😵

To the Azores! Fly to St. Michael, the largest of the nine volcanic islands that form the Azores archipelago, A brief walking tour of Ponta Delgada's town center highlights the Portas da Cidade (The City Gates), Saint Christ's Church, St. Sebastian Church, and the seashore promenade. Later, gaze at the twin lakes of Sete Cidades (Seven Cities). Composed of two lakes inside a volcanic crater, it is the island's most popular national park. From the edge of the crater, one lake appears blue (reflecting the sky) and the other looks green (reflecting the ground). This afternoon it's your choice! You can take a leisurely hike inside the crater of Sete Cidades and admire the pristine Bay of Silence -OR- you may prefer to explore the interpretation center of Sete Cidades followed by free time in the town's center. Our day concludes with a magnificent view of the coastal village of Mosteiros. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Ponta Delgada - Terra Nostra Botanical Park - Furnas Valley 🛇

Today **it's your choice!** You may take a stroll through the Terra Nostra Botanical Park, home to the world's largest collection of camellias **-OR**you can choose to rest and relax in the park's mineral rich thermal water pool. In Furnas Valley, experience a *cozido das furnas* lunch in which meat and vegetables are stewed in the heat of the volcanic earth. Afterward, explore Caldeiras das Furnas, the town's famous hot springs area. The day comes to a close at a tea plantation where you will learn about timeless methods of production. (B, L)

### **Day 7:** Ponta Delgada - Optional Tours - Cooking Demonstration

The morning is yours to explore Ponta Delgada or perhaps take an optional tour...maybe you will choose to swim with dolphins, take a whale watching boat trip, or kayak and hike around Sete Cidades. Later, discover the secrets of Azorean cuisine during an interactive cooking demonstration at one of the island's most popular restaurants. Your evening finishes with an incredible dinner. (B, D)

#### **Day 8:** Ponta Delgada - Lagoa do Fogo - Ribeira Grande - Nordeste

Delve into the art of hand-painted ceramics during a studio visit. Next, take in the beautiful vistas of the mystical Lagoa do Fogo (Fire Lake). Journey to Ribeira Grande, known for its historic 16th- and 17th-century buildings. Visit a family-owned liqueur shop to taste some of the local liqueurs. Continue to the highest part of the island, Nordeste. Here, explore the natural beauty and famous waterfalls of Ribeira dos Caldeiroes. Our final stop of the day is a pineapple plantation where an expert leads you through the farm's greenhouses. (B)

#### **Day 9:** Ponta Delgada - Funchal, Madeira - Monte

Fly to Madeira. The "Pearl of the Atlantic" boasts a subtropical climate, majestic mountain ranges and volcanic caves. Stop in Monte, perched on the hills overlooking scenic Funchal. Visit the Botanical Garden of Madeira with its collection of more than 2,500 plants from all continents. Discover Madeira's history during a panoramic tour of Funchal's plazas, Colonial mansions, 15th-century cathedral and the local market. (B)

#### Day 10: Funchal - Câmara de Lobos -São Vicente - Porto Moniz

We begin our day with a visit to the traditional village of Câmara de Lobos. Stop in São Vicente, a charming agricultural town with dramatic views of the coast. In the





lively fishing village of Porto Moniz, enjoy free time for a swim in the natural volcanic pools. (B)

#### Day 11: Funchal - Ribeiro Frio - Santana 😵

Set out on a winding trip through the mountains to Pico do Arieiro, the island's third-highest point. Then it's your choice! At Ribeiro Frio (Cold River), explore the natural beauty of a trout farm -OR- join an exhilarating levada walk and follow the paths that run along the water channels that flow through the mountains. Continue to Santana, a village of small triangular homes thatched with straw. Visit a family-owned embroidery shop and meet local artisans who offer a first-hand look at their craft. Then, it's time to sample some world-famous Madeira wine. Celebrate with a traditional dinner known as espetada. Folk dancers and music entertain as you feast on a favourite local dish cooked over an open fire. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Funchal - Lisbon

Board your flight and return to Lisbon. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Later, bid "adeus" to Portugal during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Lisbon - Tour Ends

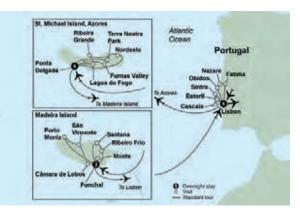
Your tour ends today. (B)

#### STAY LONGER

Lisbon: Spend your last evening exploring the "City of Seven Hills." CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Lisbon • Portuguese Riviera • Fado Dinner Show • Fatima • Óbidos • St. Michael Island-Azores • Ponta Delgada • Sete Cidades • Furnas Valley • Plantation Visits • Cooking Demonstration • Madeira Island • Monte • Cabo Girão • Espetada Dinner/Show





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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Lisbon. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights are not included in the land price of this tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. The levada walk choice is approximately 45 minutes on a flat surface. All rates in Canadian dollars.

Our tour guide was excellent. She was helpful with all situations that came up. Her recommendations for restaurants and places to see were wonderful. We celebrated birthdays and learned many things about Portuguese history, food and wines.

### **SPAIN &** MOROCCO

13 DAYS · 18 MEALS FROM \$3549 land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Embark on a walking tour of Córdoba's religious marvel, the Mezquita.
- · Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of the ancient Medina of Fes.

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

- · Visit the final resting place of the Catholic Monarchs.
- · Explore Marrakech's ancient El Bahia Palace.
- · Visit Chefchaouen, the "Blue City" of Morocco.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 11 Visit the beautiful botanical gardens of Jardin Majorelle, a colourful oasis in the center of Marrakech or visit the Yves Saint Laurent Museum - a showcase of art, fashion, and design.

#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

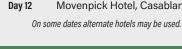
- · 11 breakfasts 1 lunch 6 dinners
- · Enjoy a tour and tasting of sherry at a bodega.
- · Learn the secrets of paella during a demo in the region of Andalusia.
- · Savour traditional Moroccan fare at a family run riad.



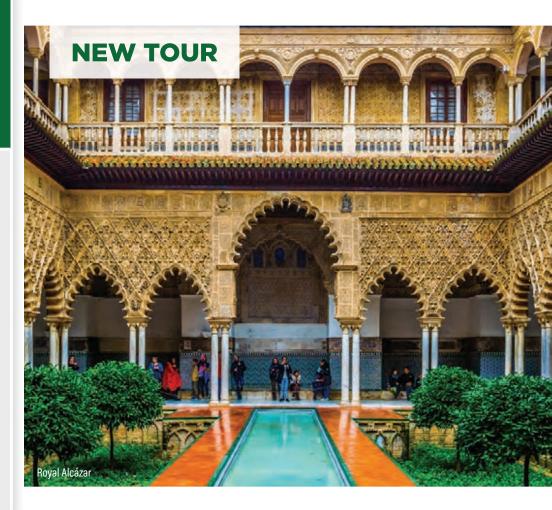
#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hesperia Madrid, Madrid
Day 4	Barceló Carmen, Granada
Days 5, 6	Barceló Renacimiento, Seville
Day 7	Hilton Tangier City Center, Tangier
Days 8, 9	Hotel Palais Medina & Spa, Fes
Days 10, 11	Movenpick Hotel Mansour Eddahbi, Marrakech
Day 12	Movenpick Hotel, Casablanca
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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 12345



See page 189 for details.



Make your way across two continents and discover a vivid tapestry of cultures, customs, and cuisines on this journey through Spain and Morocco.

#### START EARLY

Madrid: Spend your first evening in Spain's colourful capital. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Visit two continents and enjoy a true taste of Spain and Morocco's centuries-old customs, cuisine and colourful culture.

#### Day 2: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's dynamic capital city. Gather with new friends tonight for an enjoyably charming welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Madrid

On a local-guided tour of Madrid's historic center, see the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, the site of many an event since the 17th century. An expert-led tour of the monumental 18th-century Royal Palace reveals lavish halls and banquet rooms; the throne room, the royal armory, and the palace's impressive courtyard. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore Madrid, or instead, choose to purchase an optional tour to magnificent Toledo, a 192 B.C. UNESCO World Heritage Site on the Tagus River. (B)

#### Day 4: Madrid - Córdoba - Granada

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Córdoba. Reduce travel time and increase leisure time in Córdoba when you choose to take the optional AVE high-speed train! On arrival, embark on a walking tour of the Mezquita, UNESCO World Heritage site. Originally built as a mosque, it was converted into the city's cathedral when the Christians conquered the region in 1236. Stroll the historic Jewish Quarter, and later, travel to Granada – the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Granada - Seville

Join a local expert for a tour of the Moorishinfluenced city of Granada. Explore the city's main sights; see the hilltop palace of the Alhambra, and enjoy a visit to the Royal Chapel. Get a glimpse of what life was like when the Moors occupied the city during a short walking tour through the Albavzín neighbourhood, full of rich colour and the aroma of spices. Later, arrive in Seville, Spain's cultural capital. (B)

#### Day 6: Seville - Paella Demonstration -Flamenco - Seville

Join a local expert in discovering the city's

historic Mudéjar architecture, and uncover the intriguing myths and legends of Seville. Tour the Royal Alcázar (UNESCO), and walk through its beautifully decorated courtyards. Then, stroll the sprawling and colourful Alcázar gardens to find one glorious garden after another. Next, see the Giralda Bell Tower and the majestic Seville Cathedral (UNESCO). Continue on to the winding narrow streets, quaint courtyards, bright flowers, and whitewashed buildings of Barrio Santa Cruz, the old Jewish Quarter of Seville. At a local restaurant this evening, learn the secrets of paella. Then, take your reserved seats for an authentic flamenco show featuring Seville's top performers. (B, D)

### **Day 7:** Seville - Jerez de la Frontera - Tarifa - Tangier, Morocco

Today, journey to Spain's sherry region. Stop at a bodega in Jerez de la Frontera for a tour and tasting before sitting down for locally-curated tapas. After lunch, head to Tarifa and board the high speed ferry to the incredible continent of Africa! A short ride across the Strait of Gibraltar brings you to Morocco, and the city of Tangier. Enjoy a free evening to explore this seaside city. Take a stroll along the oceanfront promenade, do some shopping in the Medina, or simply enjoy the views from any one of the city's many restaurants. (B, L)

#### Day 8: Tangier - Chefchaouen - Fes

Journey from Tangier to Chefchaouen - the "Blue City" of Morocco. Take in the beauty of the surrounding mountains, enhanced by the contrast of the brightly painted Medina. Enjoy free time to explore the famous indigo-blue streets of this small town, and stop in one of the many handicraft shops that are known for the wool garments and woven blankets that are unique to this region. This afternoon, arrive in Fes (UNESCO). The "Mecca of the West," Fes has retained its position as a religious capital of the region. This evening, dine at a family run riad in the Medina, and taste traditional Moroccan delights, the recipes of which have been passed down from generation to generation. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Fes

Discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn of its historical importance as a center of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion during a fascinating panoramic tour that includes the Medersa Bou Inania, built in 1325. See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the Palace. Then, set out on a walking tour in the Medina. Founded in the 9th century, it is home to the world's oldest continuously functioning university. Amid the cobbled alleyways of this ancient market, you'll find donkeys and mules laden with goods walking alongside buyers. Spend time at the leather tanneries dating back to the 11th century and considered to be among the oldest tanneries in the world. (B)

#### Day 10: Fes - Meknes - Rabat -Marrakech

This morning, we're off to the imperial city of Meknes (UNESCO). In this cultural city, amongst lush rolling hills studded with ancient olive groves, see the famous ancient door, Bab El Mansour, and the Bab El Khamis flea market. Continue to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, where you'll visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, and explore the Oudaya Kasbah. This evening, arrive in the exotic city of Marrakech. Choose to explore the city by night during an optional excursion to Jemaa el Fna, Marrakech's main square, complete with a horse and carriage ride and a unique fusion dining experience. (B)

#### Day 11: Marrakech 😵

Explore Marrakech and its ancient El Bahia Palace where you will find a sentry of nesting storks standing guard. Visit the vibrant and historic Jewish Mellah, and see the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque. Pass by the Royal Palace during a tour of the ancient city wall. Then, it's your choice! Visit one of the most beautiful botanical gardens in Morocco, Jardin Majorelle, a colourful oasis in the center of Marrakech with exotic plants, fountains and palm trees designed by French artist Jacques Majorelle -ORvisit the Yves Saint Laurent Museum - a showcase of art, fashion, and design by the iconic Algerian designer. Then, enter the 9th-century walled Medina and enjoy time to mingle with locals and artisans as you shop at the ancient market. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Marrakech - Casablanca

This morning, venture to Casablanca and tour the Hassan II Mosque, a stunning and impressive high-tech architectural masterpiece. See the city by night on your drive along the seashore to your farewell dinner at Rick's Café, the legendary saloon from the film *Casablanca*. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Casablanca - Tour Ends

Your tour of two continents and two countries with a rich, long-shared history comes to a close today. (B)

#### **STAY LONGER**

Casablanca: Enjoy your last evening taking in the romance of this Moroccan city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Madrid • Córdoba • Granada's Royal Chapel • Royal Alcázar of Seville • Paella Demonstration • Flamenco Show • Jerez de la Frontera • Sherry Tasting • Tangier • Chefchaouen • Fes • Meknes • Rabat • Mausoleum of Mohammed V • Marrakech • El Bahia Palace • Koutoubia Mosque Casablanca • Hassan II Mosque





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May 2019 - April 2020 May 4 June 15 August 31 September 14 October 5, 19 November 2, 9 February 15 March 14, 28 April 18, 25

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### EXPLORING GREECE & ITS ISLANDS

15 DAYS • 22 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>4399 land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Visit two breathtaking monasteries in Metéora, built over 600 years ago.
- Experience the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts.

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

- Join a local expert to explore Athens and its famed sites.
- Explore the grandeur of Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 3 Choose a comprehensive tour of the Acropolis or a walking tour of some of the city's hidden gems, including Pnyx and the Temple of Hephaestus.



#### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 13 breakfasts 1 lunch 8 dinners
- Feast on local food and wine at a traditional "taverna."
- Partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a Greek lunch.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Days 2, 3	Overnight Flight Crowne Plaza City Center or
	Holiday Inn Attica, Athens
Day 4	Famissi Eden Hotel, Kalambaka
Day 5	Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort, Arachova
Days 6, 7	Europa Hotel, Olympia
Day 8	Nafplia Palace Hotel & Villas or Amphitryon Hotel, Nafplio
Days 9, 10	San Marco Hotel or Myconian Collection K Hotel or Leto Hotel, Mykonos
Days 11 - 13	El Greco Resort, Santorini
Day 14	Crowne Plaza City Center or Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② 3 ④ 5 See page 189 for details.



Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece and bask in the brilliance of the Mediterranean.

#### START EARLY

Athens: Start your tour with an extra night in Athens, the "cradle of Western civilization." CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover the beauty and timeless wonder found only in Greece. This fascinating tour of Greece begins with an overnight flight.

#### Day 2: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the capital city of Athens. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in Athens' historic Plaka district. In a traditional taverna, feast on local cuisine and wine while enjoying Greek entertainment. (D)

#### Day 3: Athens 😵

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### Day 4: Athens - Thermopylae - Metéora - Kalambaka

Travel north through central Greece to Thermopylae. Stop to see a monument dedicated to Leonidas who died defending the city against the Persians. Arrive in Metéora and visit two remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape of limestone rock "towers" that extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks chose to build their monastic community perched atop these virtually inaccessible rocks. End your day at a familyowned taverna where you will savour a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova

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theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts. It was here that the famous Oracle was consulted to foretell the destiny of Man. Continue on to charming Arachova, a popular ski resort town with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Arachova - Olympia

Travel along the Gulf of Corinth, crossing into the Peloponnese to the historic city of Olympia, a testament to the grandeur of ancient Greek civilization. Visit a local farm in the countryside and meet with the owners to learn about everyday life. Following the tour, enjoy a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Olympia

Your guided visit to ancient Olympia includes a tour of the sanctuary of Zeus, the Olympic Stadium – where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. – and the museum. Next, learn how to cook some of the region's best dishes as you partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch. This evening, broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek musical instruments and folkloric dances with a delightful Greek dance class. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Olympia - Mycenae - Nafplio

Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains en route to the ancient city of Mycenae for a guided visit of the excavations featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate. Your day ends in the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio. (B)

#### Day 9: Nafplio - Athens - Mykonos

This morning, transfer to the port of Athens for the high-speed ferry ride to Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands. Enjoy magnificent views as you cruise across the brilliant Aegean Sea to this island paradise. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Mykonos

Enjoy a relaxing day to independently explore the charms of Mykonos. Don't miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. (B)

#### Day 11: Mykonos - Santorini

Cruise to the most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean, the fabled island of Santorini. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Santorini - Oia - Santorini

Begin your day with a visit to the excavation site of ancient Akrotiri, the most important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. Known as the "Minoan Pompeii," the flourishing town was at once destroyed and preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1450 B.C. Next, travel through a fascinating landscape of vineyards, whitewashed chapels and volcanic cliffs to the spectacular town of Oia, where the best views of the crater are found. End your day with a visit to a local winery that produces the unique and famous wines of Santorini. (B)

#### Day 13: Santorini

Your day is at leisure to relax or independently explore Santorini, considered one of the most stunning landscapes in the world. Shop in Thira's charming town center, take in the breathtaking scenery, visit a local museum or simply enjoy the amenities of your hotel. (B)

#### Day 14: Santorini - Athens

Bid farewell to the Greek Islands and fly back to Athens for your overnight stay. Celebrate the end of a memorable trip to Greece with a delightful farewell dinner. (B, D)

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

#### **STAY LONGER**

Athens: End your tour with one more night in historic Athens. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Athens • Taverna Dinner Show • Metéora • Delphi • Olympia • Greek Farm Visit • Cooking Class • Greek Dance Class • Mycenae • Nafplio • Mykonos • Santorini • Ancient Akrotiri





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March – April 2019 (different timerary – see note) March 28 April 4, 11, 17, 25 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 2, 5, 16, 19 June 6, 9 July 4, 7 September 5, 8, 12, 15 October 10, 13, 17, 20 March 29 April 2, 5, 16, 26

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<sup>66</sup> The tour was great! It's a lot of early mornings but worth it to see so much in one day. Acropolis was wonderful! Tour in Delphi was great too! My favourite was the islands, more Mykonos. It was so beautiful there and people were so incredibly nice.

### CLASSICAL GREECE

#### 10 DAYS • 15 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>2649 land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1 2 3 4 5 See page 189 for details.

### **NEW TOUR**



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#### Day 10: Athens - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

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Prices based on November 10, 2019 departure			
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#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Venture to the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great around 22 B.C.
- See a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee approximately 2,000 years ago.
- Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car.

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

- Discover the ancient cities of Nazareth and Bethlehem.
- Explore the oldest city on earth the ancient ruins of Jericho.
- · Delight in the wonder of the Dead Sea.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 5 Choose to explore the AHAVA Visitors Center to learn about the Dead Sea cosmetics or "float" in the tranquil, healing waters of the Dead Sea.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

#### 8 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 6 dinners

- Savour dinner at one of Jerusalem's most popular restaurants.
- · Get a taste of the local flavour at a kibbutz.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Isrotel Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv
Days 3, 4	Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Tiberias
Day 5	Isrotel Ganim Hotel, Dead Sea
Days 6 - 9	Dan Boutique, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 189 for details.



Travel back in time and discover the ancient world of Israel where legendary stories of mankind's collective history come to life.

#### START EARLY

Tel Aviv: Start off your journey in this cool and breezy city on Israel's Mediterranean coast. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us as we explore Israel, an ancient land rich in tradition – and home to some of the world's most important historic treasures.

#### Day 2: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins - Jaffa -Tel Aviv

Welcome to Tel Aviv, a bustling city on the Mediterranean coast. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the ancient port city of Jaffa. (D)

### Day 3: Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Haifa - Acre - Tiberias

Follow the coast to the ruins of the ancient Roman capital of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great around 22 B.C. Marvel at its Roman theater, aqueduct, and fortress. Travel the Valley of Armageddon to the excavation site of Tel Megiddo, which dates back to the Bronze Age. Next, take in the breathtaking panorama of Haifa and the Baha'i Shrine and Gardens on Mount Carmel (UNESCO World Heritage site). Step back in time in the ancient Crusader city of Acre (UNESCO). Your day comes to a close in Tiberias. (B, D)

### **Day 4:** Tiberias - Cana - Nazareth - Tabgha - Capernaum - Sea of Galilee

Set off for Cana, considered to be the site of the First Miracle – where Jesus turned water into wine. In Nazareth, visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. Continue to Mt. of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. See Tabgha, the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Before exploring the Galilee Boat Museum, make a stop at the ancient fishing village of Capernaum. Discover a boat that sailed the Sea of Galilee approximately 2,000 years ago – before heading out on a boat ride on those same waters. Get a taste of the local flavour during lunch at a communal settlement, known as a kibbutz. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Tiberias - Beit Shean - Jericho -Qumran - Dead Sea 😵

Peek into Roman times at Beit Shean's well-preserved ancient theater. Continue to Jericho, considered to be the oldest city on earth. Journey to Qumran, the location of one of the most important archaeological finds of all time – the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls. Keep going to the lowest place on



earth, the Dead Sea. Then **it's your choice!** Stop at the AHAVA Visitors Center and learn about the worldfamous cosmetics that come from the Dead Sea **-OR-** experience the natural buoyancy of the Sea during a tranquil "float" in its healing waters, rich with salt and minerals. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Dead Sea - Masada -Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Travel to the former palatial fortress of Masada (UNESCO). Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car to Herod's Palaces, the Roman Camp and the Synagogue. A stop in the city of Bethlehem, along the spread of the Judean Hills, delivers you to the Church of the Nativity – the birthplace of Jesus and the first church ever built. Tonight you arrive in one of the most captivating cities in the world, Jerusalem. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Jerusalem

Drive to Mount of Olives for an allencompassing view of Jerusalem and the surrounding area. See the Church of Ascension and the Garden of Gethsemane. Discover the Kidron Valley and the tombs of Mary, Absalom, Zachariah, and James. Continue to St. Peter in Galicantu and Mt. Zion to discover the room of The Last Supper and the tomb of King David. Marvel at the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum, home to





a selection of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Your day concludes at the Garden Tomb. (B)

#### Day 8: Old City, Jerusalem

Explore the Holy City of Jerusalem on a walking tour of the old walled city (UNESCO). See the Western (Wailing) Wall, the Temple area, the Dome of the Rock (outside view only), the Pool of Bethesda, and the Church of St. Anne. Next, walk the path of the Stations of the Cross as you traverse the Via Dolorosa, beginning at Pilate's Judgment Hall and ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Later, continue exploring the city on your own or peruse the sights and sounds of the world-renowned Mahane Yehuda Market, known as the shuk, or open-air market. (B)

#### Day 9: Jerusalem

Enjoy the day at leisure; explore on your own or simply relax. Perhaps you'll choose to take an optional tour to the Genesis Land on a jeep ride through the Judean Desert. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at one of Jerusalem's most popular restaurants. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Jerusalem - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

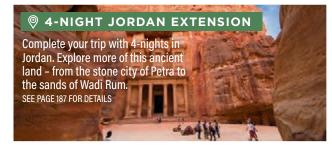


Jordan

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Tel Aviv • Jaffa • Caesarea • Tiberias • Nazareth • Galilee Boat Museum • Sea of Galilee • Jericho • Qumran • Dead Sea • Masada • Bethlehem • Church of the Nativity • Jerusalem • Mount of Olives • Mt. Zion • The Western Wall





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December 4

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### EXPLORING THE ALPINE COUNTRIES

13 DAYS • 17 MEALS FROM \$4049

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#### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Take a cruise along the Danube River.
- Make a stop at the impressive Benedictine Melk Abbey.
- Meet a Passion Play performer in Oberammergau.

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

- Come to know Vienna and its incredible Schoenbrunn Palace.
- Discover the fascinating city of Munich and its world-famous Glockenspiel.
- Walk through Innsbruck's charming pedestrian streets.



#### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 10 Explore Zermatt on foot during a guided walking tour or independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 11 breakfasts 6 dinners
- Savour a special dinner in the quaint winemaking village of Grinzing.
- Delight in a Mozart Dinner Concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant in Salzburg.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Mercure Grand Hotel Biedermeier, Vienna
Days 4, 5	Arcotel Castellani, Salzburg
Days 6, 7	Alte Post Hotel, Oberammergau
Day 8	Hotel Hofgut Sternen, Titisee or Maritim Titisee Hotel, Black Forest
Days 9, 10	Hotel Alex or Ambassador Hotel, Zermatt
Days 11, 12	Ameron Hotel Flora or Hotel Waldstaetterhof, Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.





Storybook castles and opulent palaces set amongst Alpine vistas await on this getaway that takes you through Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

#### START EARLY

Vienna: Spend more time strolling through the "City of Dreams." CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to explore three distinct Alpine cultures set amid incredible landscapes.

#### Day 2: Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Vienna. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine in the quaint winemaking region of Grinzing. (D)

#### Day 3: Vienna

Come to know Vienna this morning during a locally guided tour that showcases its architectural marvels. You will visit the incredible Schoenbrunn Palace and see St. Stephen's Cathedral. This afternoon enjoy free time to explore Vienna. (B)

#### Day 4: Vienna - Salzburg

After a short journey through the countryside, embark upon a lovely cruise along the Danube, one of Europe's most important waterways. Later, make a stop at the Benedictine Melk Abbey before continuing to the "City of Music," Salzburg. Tonight, transport back in time during a Mozart Dinner Concert in the elegant Baroque Hall of the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Salzburg

Discover the splendour of Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town. Some of the amazing sights you will see along the way include the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. (B)

#### Day 6: Salzburg - Munich, Germany -Oberammergau

Welcome to Germany. In Munich, feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park; the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Later in the day, arrive at your home for the next two nights — the quaint village of Oberammergau, renowned for woodcarvings and the Passion Play. This evening, enjoy a magical dinner and a visit by a local performer from the village. (B, D)

### **Day 7:** Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria - Oberammergau

Take in the scenery of the spectacular Bavarian Alps en route to enchanting



Innsbruck, located in Tyrolean Austria. Walk through the charming pedestrian streets and see such landmarks as The Golden Roof on a locally guided tour. As you wind through the narrow cobblestone lanes, it is easy to understand why this city was the center of European culture and politics during the 14th century. (B)

#### Day 8: Oberammergau - Black Forest

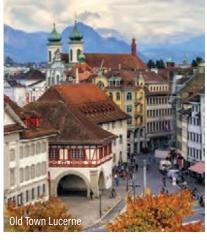
Today fairytales become reality during a picture stop of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein. Next you are off to the heart of the Black Forest, a region famous for its artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks and Hummels. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland

Welcome to Switzerland! Your first stop en route to Zermatt is at one of the most photographed castles in the world, the Château de Chillon, located on serene Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn from Tasch to the relaxing pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. Take a stroll and breathe in the fresh Alpine air. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Zermatt 😵

All of Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Explore on foot during a guided walking tour -OR- experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum to learn more





about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

#### Day 11: Zermatt - Grimsel Pass -Lucerne

Views of glaciers, crystal clear rivers and snowcapped mountains will invigorate you as you travel through the spectacular scenery of the Grimsel Pass. Your destination is the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake," the city of Lucerne. (B)

#### Day 12: Lucerne

Set out on a scenic walking tour of this picturesque place, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. The remainder of the day is yours to relax or independently explore the best of Lucerne. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialties and toast the end of a wonderful trip. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Lucerne - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### STAY LONGER

Lucerne: Relax your last evening and bask in the charm of this small, lovely city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Vienna • Danube Cruise • Salzburg • Mozart Dinner Concert at St. Peter's Stiftskeller • Munich • Oberammergau • Meet a Passion Play Performer • Innsbruck • Bavarian Castles • Black Forest • Château de Chillon • Zermatt • Lucerne





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#### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Exploring the Alpine Countries and create one grand experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Vienna and depart from Zurich. Our air passengers will depart from Lucerne for Zurich. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. All rates in Canadian dollars.

Well organized, very good group dinners, hotels were very good, and the tour director was excellent. Trip was a great balance of Austria, Southern Germany and Switzerland. There was so much to see and every day was a scenic adventure.

### ALPINE LAKES & SCENIC TRAINS

10 DAYS · 12 MEALS

FROM \$4449

land only, per person, double occupancy



#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Cruise Lake Como on a traditional open-air commuter ferry.
- Stroll the lakeside boulevards of Lucerne, St. Moritz and Como.
- Journey through the Bernina Pass on one of the world's most scenic railways.

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

- Enjoy stunning Alpine views on the GoldenPass panoramic train.
- Soak up the mountain air with two nights in the Alpine village of Zermatt.
- Explore the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake," Lucerne.



#### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 5 | Join a walking tour of charming Zermatt featuring its best-known landmarks or enjoy a visit to the Zermatt Matterhorn Museum to explore at your own pace.



#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 1 lunch 3 dinners
- Savour a wine and cheese pairing at an Italian family farm.
- Relish a traditional dinner on the Isola dei Pescatori in Italy's Lago Maggiore.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3 Ameron Hotel Flora Lucerne, Hotel Monopol or Hotel Waldstaetterhof, Lucerne
- Days 4, 5 Hotel Alex, Hotel Pollux, or Ambassador Hotel, Zermatt
- Days 6,7 Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz
- Days 8, 9 Zacchera Hotels, Lago Maggiore

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.12345



### Climb aboard three of the legendary Alpine railways and journey across the captivating landscapes and charming cultures of Switzerland and Italy.

#### START EARLY

Lucerne: Give yourself the gift of time and explore this Swiss paradise. CALL FOR DETAILS.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Breathtaking Alpine vistas await as you travel through Switzerland and Italy. Experience dramatic views while aboard railways and lake cruises, and enjoy cultural experiences in charming villages in the heart of Europe.

#### Day 2: Lucerne, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Arrive in Lucerne and take some free time to explore this lakeside town on your own. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the city. (D)

#### Day 3: Lucerne

Today, explore this "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy an Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour that follows the ancient pathways of the city. See the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower that once served as a prison; the watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the Baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from sandstone to commemorate the heroic soldiers who were protecting King Louis XVI in 1792. (B)

#### Day 4: Lucerne - GoldenPass Train -Montreux - Zermatt

This morning, travel to Gstaad and climb aboard the GoldenPass panoramic train to enjoy breathtaking Alpine views along the route to Montreux. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time in this legendary town on the shores of Lake Geneva. Then continue on to the pedestrian village of Zermatt. (B, D)

#### Day 5: Zermatt 😵

Today, Zermatt is at your fingertips. **It's your choice!** Explore on foot during a guided walking tour **-OR-** experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum; learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)



### Day 6: Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz

Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, gurgling streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. Relax and enjoy a three-course lunch while onboard. Arrive in St. Moritz for your 2-night stay. (B, L)

# **Day 7:** St. Moritz - Bernina Pass Train - St. Moritz

Embark on a journey through the Bernina Pass while travelling along one of the most scenic railway lines in the world en route to Tirano, Italy. Take in striking views of the Swiss and Italian Alps throughout your adventure, including the famed Morteratsch Glacier. Upon your return to St. Moritz you can relax at your hotel or make use of your included St. Moritz lift pass and take the cable car to the top of Mt. Diavolezza where you can enjoy stunning views of Piz Bernina. (B)





### Day 8: St. Moritz - Lake Como, Italy -Lago Maggiore

Today we make our way back to Italy with a drive to Lake Como. A ferry ride across the waters of Lake Como introduces you to its stunning beauty. Drive along the picturesque shores to the town of Como. You will have free time to explore this famous resort before continuing to Lago Maggiore, a tranquil resort area with crystal clear waters against the backdrop of the Alps. (B)

### Day 9: Lago Maggiore

Travel to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm where you will learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Then sample their delicious creations and learn how to pair them with the region's local wines. Return to your hotel for a free afternoon. Our evening begins with a wine tasting before we board a lake boat for a cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands. There we savour a traditional farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Day 10: Lago Maggiore - Tour Ends

Your thrilling Alpine journey ends today in Lago Maggiore. (B)

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Lucerne • GoldenPass Train • Zermatt • Glacier Express Train • St. Moritz • Bernina Pass Train • Ferry Ride on Lake Como • Como • Lago Maggiore • Farm Visit with Wine and Cheese Pairing • Lake Maggiore Cruise • Island Dinner





### DOUBLE SINGLE Starting at \$4449 Starting at \$5049 Land only, per person, double occupancy. Prices based on October 7, 2019 departure

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This trip requires a passport. Arrival gateway is Zurich and departure gateway Milan. Arrival transfer from Zurich to Lucerne and departure transfer from Lago Maggiore to Milan included with purchase of our air. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive into Zurich prior to 4:00 p.m. All rates in Canadian dollars.

Tour guide was fantastic. She kept us moving and on time providing lots of info and many great comments about the area and sights. The Alps were beautiful and the weather was great.

# DISCOVER SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA & BAVARIA

10 DAYS • 12 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>2549 land only, per person, double occupancy



### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Ride the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad.
- Walk the halls of the medieval Château de Chillon, located on Lake Geneva.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Spend a day exploring Salzburg's historic past and charming old town.
- Enjoy a walking tour of Lucerne's Alstadt (Old Town).
- Travel to Bavaria and see the famous Neuschwanstein Castle.



### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 6 | In Innsbruck choose between two leisurely walking tours. You may focus on the city's history and popular attractions or explore its unique architecture and structures.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 4 dinners
- Savour a dinner featuring local cuisine such as traditional cheese fondue.
- Enjoy traditional cuisine in one of Bern's great restaurants.
- Delight in dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 5 Hotel Bern, Hotel Baeren, or Hotel Ambassador, Bern
- Days 6 9 Hotel Innsbruck or Hotel Grauer Bar, Innsbruck

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ①②③④⑤ See page 189 for details.



# Mozart, Oberammergau, Lucerne, fondue. The hills are alive on an enchanting journey across three Alpine countries.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to discover spectacular Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria.

### Day 2: Bern, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. This UNESCO World Heritage site rests in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine such as traditional cheese fondue. (D)

### Day 3: Bern

Explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town's skyline. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently or perhaps take a ride in the red carriages of the Gurtenbahn funicular railway, climbing Gurten Mountain to an altitude of 2,574 feet (858 meters) for impressive views of Bern, the surrounding towns and mountains. (B)

### Day 4: Château de Chillon - Montreux - Train Ride - Gstaad - Bern

Travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to the legendary, medieval Château de Chillon. This princely residence faces the lake and puts forth the image of an imposing fortress from the mountains. Later, enjoy inspiring Alpine views with a ride on the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad. Discover the delightful ambience of this world-famous Alpine ski resort with its numerous traditional wood chalets. (B)

### Day 5: Bern - Lucerne - Bern

Set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, exploring the hidden treasures of the city. Lucerne has more than 800 years of history. Explore such medieval treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge (1833); the famous Water Tower which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. Tonight we dine at one of Bern's great restaurants. (B, D)



### Day 6: Bern - Innsbruck, Austria 😵

En route to Innsbruck we make our way through Liechtenstein, the smallest and richest Germanspeaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. Upon arrival in Innsbruck, it's your choice! Select one of two leisurely walking tours: join a local guide as you discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions including Maria Theresien Strasse, the Hofburg and the "Golden Roof" -OR- you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. (B)

### Day 7: Innsbruck - Salzburg -Innsbruck

Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. There, enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in *The Sound of Music*); the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart); and many other highlights of this beautiful city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to independently explore and enjoy Salzburg's fabulous sights. Complete your day with a delightful dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. (B, D)





### **Day 8: Innsbruck**

Savour a free day in this beautiful city. You may stroll through Old Town and shop at many of the city's outstanding stores or you may just relax and breathe in the mountain air while enjoying a beverage in one of the many cafés that dot this charming city. Later, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a locally well-known musical family. (B)

### Day 9: Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany -Oberammergau - Innsbruck

Today fairy tales come to life with a picture stop at Bavaria's famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Visit Wies Church (UNESCO) before heading to the picturesque village of Oberammergau. Enjoy a brief tour and learn more about this charming place, famous for its Passion Play. Performed every ten years to fulfill a pledge made by the villagers to God for sparing their city from the plague in 1633, the Passion Play has grown into an international event. Tonight you are treated to a farewell dinner in one of Innsbruck's most famous traditional restaurants. (B, D)

### Day 10: Innsbruck - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end today. (B)

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Bern • Château de Chillon • Montreux • GoldenPass Panoramic Train • Gstaad • Lucerne • Innsbruck • Austrian Alps • Salzburg • Mirabell Gardens • St. Peter's Restaurant • Tyrolean Folklore Show • Bavaria • Oberammergau





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March - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note)	
March 21 April 4, 9, 23, 25	
Itinerary featured is for	
May 2019 – April 2020 tour departures. Departures	
prior to this date will vary.	
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May 2019 - April 2020 (featured itinerary) May 2, 9, 16, 23 June 6, 13, 20, 27 July 11, 18, 25 August 1, 8, 15, 22 September 15, 26 October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 parture March 19

April 2, 12, 16, 21

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66 This was our fourth tour with Collette and it was, as usual, exceptional. Our tour guide was excellent. The views of Switzerland were spectacular. What an experience – having lunch and a beer outside next to the river in Switzerland with the view of the mountains.

# DISCOVER CROATIA, SLOVENIA & THE ADRIATIC COAST

12 DAYS • 16 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>2799 land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Visit Europe's oldest pharmacy at Dubrovnik's Franciscan Monastery.
- Stroll through Split and see the famous Diocletian's Palace.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Spend three nights in Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic."
- Explore Opatija, "Croatia's Riviera," a retreat for Habsburg Monarchs.



### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 3 | Join a local expert in Dubrovnik's Old Town for a private cruise followed by a visit to Lokrum Island or explore the medieval walls that surround Dubrovnik's old city.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### · 10 breakfasts • 6 dinners

- Visit a local family for dinner in the Konavle region outside Dubrovnik.
- Sample farm-to-table delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula at a local restaurant.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 - 4	Valamar Lacroma Resort or Hotel Lapad, Dubrovnik
Day 5	Atrium Hotel, Split
Day 6	Jezero Hotel, Plitvice
Days 7, 8	Hotel Bristol, Opatija
Days 9, 10	Hotel Lev, Ljubljana
Day 11	Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1 2 3 4 5 See page 189 for details.



Ancient towns, tranquil lakes, and shining seas. Delight in the old-world charm found in this sunny Adriatic paradise.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us and explore Croatia and the Adriatic. This region is filled with ancient cities, medieval architecture, intriguing cultures, rolling hills and stunning coastal scenery.

### Day 2: Dubrovnik, Croatia - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in the medieval city of Dubrovnik. Get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

### Day 3: Dubrovnik 😵

Join a local guide on a tour of "Old Dubrovnik," a UNESCO World Heritage site, Visit the Franciscan Monastery, where Europe's oldest pharmacy resides, and see Dubrovnik's many historical sites, from Rector's Palace to the City Walls. This afternoon, it's your choice! Join a local expert in Dubrovnik's Old Town harbour for a private cruise with magnificent views of the medieval city walls before visiting nearby Lokrum Island where you can swim, marvel at exotic plants or take a walk with peacocks -OR- receive a ticket to access the walls that contain the old city of Dubrovnik and gain a different perspective on this remarkable place (this choice gives you more leisure time to explore the city). This evening, travel to Cilipi in the culturallyrich Konavle region, where you'll be welcomed for dinner at a family-owned local restaurant. Visit with the family and learn

about life in the Croatian heartland as you sample regional wines. At dinner, servers introduce you to a culinary feast, prepared in the way of their ancestors. (B, D)

### Day 4: Dubrovnik

Spend today at leisure. Relax or independently explore the marble streets and beautiful baroque buildings of Dubrovnik's breathtaking Old Town. Or, you may choose to purchase our optional excursion to Montenegro; if so, leave in the morning to cross the border to Montenegro's Bay of Kotor, or "the Boka." Once known as Europe's southernmost fjord, it is actually a ria (a long, narrow inlet). Your guide will introduce you to the history of the region and share stories of the many cultures and empires that have left their mark here. (B)

### Day 5: Dubrovnik - Split

Savour stunning sea views as you travel up the winding coastal road, hugging the sheer cliffs that drop dramatically into the sea. Enjoy a stop in a quaint village in the Croatian countryside, where you'll have time to taste some of the local specialties and perhaps take a walk through the village square. Upon arrival in Split, set out on a walking tour featuring the impressive Diocletian's Palace, one of the most significant late-Roman historical monuments and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Also, see the peristyle of the palace and the Temple of Jupiter. (B)



### Day 6: Split - Plitvice Lakes

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Split. Next, travel to Plitvice Lakes, one of the oldest, largest, and most beautiful national parks in Croatia. Inspiring scenery is one of the wonders you'll experience at this designated UNESCO World Heritage site. (B, D)

### Day 7: Plitvice Lakes - Opatija

Travel among the park's dense forests and 16 terraced lakes, where waterfalls and free-flowing cascades connect one lake to the other. Enjoy a short cruise that takes you into the heart of this natural wonder that extends over 73,000 acres. From the forest landscapes of Plitvice Lakes, travel this afternoon to the seaside resort of Opatija, known as "Croatia's Riviera." This fashionable region was once the summer retreat for Roman Caesars and Habsburg Monarchs. (B)

### Day 8: Opatija - Istrian Peninsula -Opatija

Discover the richness of the Istrian Peninsula with its Italian and Croatian influences. Pay a visit to a local distillery, where the owners use regional plants, fruits, and herbs to produce brandies, snacks and other treats. Discover a picture-perfect example of a rural Croatian town. In the late afternoon, a delightful farmto-table dinner at a local restaurant lets you sample the regional wines and culinary delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula. (B, D)





### Day 9: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Travel into picturesque Slovenia, to Ljubljana, a capital city in the midst of a cultural renaissance. Take in the spectacular scenery on the drive, and upon your arrival, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to relax or explore. (B, D)

### Day 10: Ljubljana - Lake Bled -Ljubljana

This morning, meet a local expert who introduces you to this lovely town nestled along the banks of the river. Your tour includes the impressive City Hall and a visit to the magnificent Cathedral of St. Nicholas. After free time for lunch, drive a short distance to tranguil Lake Bled, and experience the old-world charm that comes with taking a Pletna boat to the picturesque island in the center. Spend time exploring the 17th-century cathedral, St. Mary's Church, and the "wishing bell." Enjoy some time to stroll the quiet paths of this lakeside community at your own pace. (B)

### Day 11: Ljubljana - Zagreb, Croatia

Today we travel to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. Embark on a tour of this fascinating city that has marked the intersection of Eastern and Central Europe for more than 1000 years. After free time this afternoon for independent exploration, celebrate the end of an unforgettable trip with dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 12: Zagreb - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close this morning in Zagreb. (B)

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Dubrovnik • Cilipi Family-Style Dinner • Split • Diocletian's Palace • Plitvice Lakes National Park • Opatija • Istrian Peninsula • Farm-to-Table Dinner • Ljubljana • Lake Bled • Pletna Boat Ride • Zagreb





### DOUBLE SINGLE Starting at \$2799 Starting at \$3449 Land only, per person, double occupancy. Prices based on December 2, 2019 departure

March – April 2019 (different itinerary – see note) March 9, 23 April 6, 9, 23, 27 Itinerary featured is for May 2019 – April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

(featured itinerary) May 2, 9, 16, 30 June 13, 20, 27 July 11, 18 August 8, 15, 29 September 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 September 19, 25, 26 October 3, October 7, 10, 14, 21\* November 4, 11\* December 2\*

May 2019 - April 2020

January 27\* February 24\* March 9, 16, 23\* March, 26 April 9, 15, 16, 23

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

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Dubrovnik and depart from Zagreb. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Based on return flight options, an early morning departure from the hotel may be required on the last day. All rates in Canadian dollars.

\*Departures October 7 through March 23 will begin in Opatija and end in Zagreb. The routing will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

First class experience. Hotels were quality, food was great, tours very informative. Best of all, a very nice pace; with enough time to relax and still get a lot done. Highly recommend them for multi-stop trips. The family-style dinner in Dubrovnik with folk singers was a highlight. You just can't get that experience on your own.

## IMPERIAL CITIES 11 DAYS · 15 MEALS

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### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Enjoy a stop in the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov.
- Tour majestic Prague Castle.
- Get to know Bratislava's history on a city tour with a local expert.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Visit Lobkowicz Palace, home to the largest and finest art collections in the Czech Republic.
- Embark on a Danube River cruise through the historic Wachau Valley.
- Stop in Melk for a visit to the famous Abbey.



### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 4 | Enjoy traditional Czech cuisine at one of Prague's popular restaurants or dine and drink at one of Eastern Europe's oldest breweries and take a tour to see how this famous beer has been brewed for 500 years.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 9 breakfasts 1 lunch 5 dinners
- Enjoy dinner and sample regional wine in the picturesque Grinzing region.
- Savour a Renaissance-style dinner at a medieval castle restaurant near Budapest.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2 4 K+K Hotel Fenix, Prague
- Days 5 7 Grand Hotel Wien, Vienna
- Days 8 10 NH Budapest, Budapest

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 189 for details.



Bask in the splendour and storybook charm of Prague, Vienna and Budapest – a trio of cities with infinite majesty.

### START EARLY

Prague: Take a day to explore "the City of a Hundred Spires." CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out on a grand cultural adventure through the Imperial Cities of Central Europe. Along the way, enjoy traditional entertainment and a scenic cruise on the Danube River.

### Day 2: Prague, Czech Republic - Tour Begins

Arrive in Prague, the "City of 100 Spires." Behold ancient landmarks and medieval architecture. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Prague

Feel the magic. Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Explore the "Castle District," including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and the majestic Prague Castle. Next, visit Lobkowicz Palace, the only privately owned building in the sprawling Prague Castle complex, and home to the largest and finest art collection

in the Czech Republic spanning over 600 years of family history. A masterpiece of 16th century Baroque architecture, the aristocratic Lobkowicz family lost it under Communist occupation following World War II and regained control only in 2002. The priceless collection also encompasses one of Central Europe's finest libraries of rare books and a musical archive that includes scores by Mozart, Beethoven and Gluck. After a delightful lunch, gather in the palace's elegant Baroque concert hall for a mid-day Classical music concert featuring the likes of Mozart, Bach, Dvorák and Smetana. Later, proceed to the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. (B, L)

### Day 4: Prague 😵

The day is yours to discover Prague on your own. Shop for famous Bohemian crystal or visit one of the city's many outstanding museums, such as the Lapidarium, home to 11th-century stone sculptures. Stroll to the Old Town square, home to the famous Orloj, which functions as a clock, calendar and primitive planetarium. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Prague's Old Jewish Quarter to see its historic Jewish Museum and Europe's oldest surviving Jewish cemetery, founded in 1478. This evening, **it's your choice!** Enjoy traditional Czech culture at one of Prague's popular restaurants **-OR-** tip a pint while dining at one of Eastern Europe's oldest breweries and take a tour to see how this famous beer has been brewed for 500 years. (B, D)

# **Day 5:** Prague - Cesky Krumlov - Vienna, Austria

Take a scenic ride through the countryside as we travel from Prague to Vienna. En route, make a stop in the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov to explore the well-preserved streets lined with Baroque architecture before continuing on to the grand city of Vienna where your arrival leads to a free evening to enjoy the city. (B)

### Day 6: Vienna

This morning, join a local resident for a visit to magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue on to Vienna's center. Behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks and gothic spires that fill the city. Tonight, return to Schoenbrunn Palace for an unforgettable Classical music performance featuring the works of Mozart and Strauss. (B)

# Day 7: Vienna - Danube River - Melk - Vienna

Travel along the banks of the Danube, immortalized by Strauss, to the medieval town of Durnstein. Embark on a scenic Danube River cruise through the historic Wachau Valley. Later, visit the 11th-century Melk Abbey, famous for its production and collection of manuscripts. Tonight's dinner is a real treat: a meal showcasing regional wine and the impressive local cuisine of the Grinzing region. (B, D)

### Day 8: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia -Budapest, Hungary

This morning we journey to Bratislava, former Imperial capital of the Hapsburg Empire. Get to know the city's 4000-year-old history on a tour with a local expert. Continue to Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," truly one of the world's most beautiful cities. Upon arrival we drive through this majestic capital on our way to the hotel. Take some time to relax or explore before gathering for tonight's dinner in the city. (B, D)

### Day 9: Budapest

Capture the true spirit of Budapest. Join a local expert and discover the incredible Neo-Gothic marvel of Matthias Church atop Buda Castle Hill. Next, be enamored by the Fisherman's Bastion with its white walls, towers and arcades for





spectacular views. Continue to historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, followed by the Parliament. At Heroes Square, admire the imposing Millennium Monument which memorializes the 1000th anniversary of Hungarian dominion. (B)

### Day 10: Budapest - Visegrad -Budapest

Begin your day with a visit to a school in Budapest where you will get a glimpse into the daily life of the locals while meeting the young students. In the afternoon, venture outside the city to the former Renaissance capital of Visegrad for a magnificent view of the Danube Bend and the Borzsony Mountains. Travel back in time with a visit to a 14th-century castle where knights with colourful costumes and authentic weaponry recreate the days of chivalry. Then, enjoy a special Renaissance-style dinner at the castle restaurant and re-enact the days of medieval times. Revel in this evening of wine and music. (B, D)

### Day 11: Budapest - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### STAY LONGER

**Budapest:** Spend your last evening absorbing the beauty of the "Queen of the Danube." CALL FOR DETAILS.

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Prague • Prague Castle • Lobkowicz Palace • Cesky Krumlov • Vienna • Grinzing Evening • Classical Music Performances • Danube River Cruise • Bratislava • Budapest • Matthias Church • Fisherman's Bastion • School Visit • Visegrad • Renaissance Dinner





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### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Experience the cultures of Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary and Poland.
- · Take a poignant journey through history at the camps of Auschwitz.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- The fairy-tale city of Prague reveals the remarkable Hradcany Castle.
- Come to know Vienna and its lavish Schonbrunn Palace.

### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

- Day 3 Choose a city tour that introduces you to Berlin's rich history or you may join a "Cold War"-focused tour.
- Day 4 Enjoy traditional Czech culture during a folklore show and dinner featuring local drinks; and after, take a private dance lesson or dine and take a tour of one of Eastern Europe's oldest breweries.



### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- · 12 breakfasts 6 dinners
- Dine at one of Vienna's most beloved restaurants.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

**Overnight Flight** Day 1 Days 2, 3 Crowne Plaza Potsdamer Platz, Berlin K+K Hotel Central, K+K Hotel Days 4, 5 Fenix or Hotel Grandium, Prague Hilton Vienna, Vienna Days 6, 7 Days 8, 9 Art'Otel, Budapest Days 10, 11 Holiday Inn City Center, Krakow Days 12, 13 Mercure Grand Warszawa Hotel, Warsaw On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5 See page 189 for details.



# A blend of world history and fairy-tale charm comes to life in the culturally-rich cities of Central & Eastern Europe.

### START EARLY

Berlin: Begin your time in Germany exploring its storied capital. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to experience the very best of Europe's cultural capitals.

### Day 2: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins

Arrive in Germany's capital city of Berlin. This city blends a deep history, a modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Berlin 😵

It's your choice! Choose a city tour that introduces you to Berlin's rich history: you'll see Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendam and the Reichstag Building -OR- you may join a "Cold War"-focused tour that includes a visit to the Berlin Wall Museum followed by a walk through the area that was once "Checkpoint Charlie," and see what remains of the Berlin Wall. This afternoon you have the opportunity to

join an optional excursion outside the city to visit Potsdam and Sanssouci Palace. (B)

### Day 4: Berlin - Dresden - Prague, Czech Republic 😵

Depart Berlin for the "Golden City" of Prague. En route, make a stop in Dresden, the capital of Saxony, with time to explore this lovely town on the banks of the River Elbe. This evening it's your choice! Choose to get to know traditional Czech culture during a folklore show and dinner featuring local drinks; as a special treat, meet the dancers and learn some of the moves yourself during a private dance lesson -OR- dine at one of Eastern Europe's oldest breweries; take in the traditional ambiance as you dine while sipping on a pint; then tour the brewery to see the process of making this famous beer that has been brewed for 500 years. (B, D)

### Day 5: Prague

Your introduction to this fairy-tale city opens with a visit to the remarkable Hradcany Castle and the haunting St. Vitus Cathedral. Continue with a leisurely walking tour through the Old Town, showcasing the Golden Lane, the unique Astronomical Clock and the statue-lined Charles Bridge. The

afternoon is yours to independently explore this great city. (B)

### Day 6: Prague - Vienna, Austria

Leaving the Czech Republic, arrive in colourful and vibrant Vienna, the "musical city." After a short orientation drive through the city, your afternoon is at leisure. Later, enjoy an evening in one of Vienna's most beloved restaurants where dinner mixes with local cultural flavour to create an unforgettable night. (B, D)

### Day 7: Vienna

This morning, experience the city on a tour showcasing some of its architectural marvels, including the lavish Schonbrunn Palace and the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty. The remainder of the day is yours to explore independently. Perhaps you will visit one of the famous museums, sip a Viennese coffee, or simply relax in this capital of Austria. Tonight you may choose to enjoy an optional Mozart concert and dinner in the city. (B)

### Day 8: Vienna - Budapest, Hungary

Sit back, relax and enjoy the picturesque Hungarian countryside en route to historic Budapest. Upon arrival, a local expert provides an informative city tour featuring Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, Old Buda, the New Parliament and Gellert Hill. A special stop is made at Heroes' Square, a unique monument to the many diverse leaders of Hungary. (B, D)

### Day 9: Budapest

The beautiful city of Budapest is often referred to as "the Queen of the Danube." Today is yours to discover this city divided by the Danube with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan Pest on the opposite bank. Relax in the city or perhaps join an optional excursion to a traditional Hungarian horse farm where riders perform amazing feats, followed by a typical lunch in the "Puzsta." (B)

# Day 10: Budapest - Donovaly, Slovakia - Krakow, Poland

Take in the picturesque landscapes en route to Poland. Make a stop in the hidden village of Donovaly, nestled in the Low Tatras mountain range of Slovakia. Your home for the next two nights is the lively city of Krakow. (B, D)

### Day 11: Krakow

Discover Krakow's historic Old Town on a city tour featuring stops at the Market Square, St. Mary's Church, and the University; you'll also view Wawel Castle, a former residence of Polish kings. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)





### Day 12: Krakow - Auschwitz - Warsaw

Today you embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to witness the camps of Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. Afterward, travel through the Polish countryside en route to Warsaw, the reconstructed and modern capital of this rejuvenated country. The evening is yours to relax or explore. Browse one of the city's art galleries or fascinating museums, or simply relax at an outdoor café. (B)

### Day 13: Warsaw

The moving history of Warsaw, both joyous and tragic, is yours to embrace as you embark on a locally guided tour of this capital city. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

### Day 14: Warsaw - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end today. (B)

### STAY LONGER

Warsaw: Encounter even more of the reconstructed modern capital of Poland. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Germany • Dresden • Czech Republic • Hradcany Castle • Austria • Schonbrunn Palace • Hungary • Matthias Church • Poland • Auschwitz • Warsaw





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This tour of Central & Eastern Europe had plenty of sights, and was done at just the right pace. Loved all the cities included, and the Tour Manager and Bus Driver were a terrific team.

# DISCOVERING POLAND

12 DAYS · 14 MEALS

FROM <sup>\$</sup>2549 land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Visit the Jasna Góra monastery to witness the world-famous Black Madonna.
- Explore the poignant history of Auschwitz.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- A journey through Warsaw includes a stop at the remnants of its ghetto.
- A tour of Wroclaw brings you up-close to this ethnically diverse city.
- Overnight in medieval Torun, a UNESCO World Heritage site.



### IT'S YOUR CHOICE! (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 5 | Venture to the resort town of Sopot or enjoy a shopping excursion to learn about Polish amber.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

### · 10 breakfasts • 4 dinners

- Immerse yourself in Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner.
- Learn how to make gingerbread according to a 500-year-old recipe.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Mercure Warszawa Grand, Warsaw
Days 4, 5	Radisson Blu Hotel Old Town, Gdansk
Day 6	Hotel Bulwar, Torun
Days 7, 8	Art Hotel, Wroclaw
Days 9 - 11	Holiday Inn City Center Hotel, Krakow

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 189 for details.



Poland's treasures, uncovered. Embark on a poignant, engaging journey from Warsaw to the shores of Gdansk.

### START EARLY

Warsaw: Spend an extra night taking in the history found in Poland's capital city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Journey to Poland, a land of amazing castles, poignant history and welcoming culture.

### Day 2: Warsaw, Poland - Tour Begins

Welcome to Warsaw! The city has a blend of old-world charm and a modern energy. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Warsaw

Embrace the moving history of Warsaw, a city reborn after WWII, as you embark on a locally guided tour. Your journey through this capital city includes a stop at the monument dedicated to the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto. The afternoon is at leisure to take in the alleyways, visit a quaint café in Warsaw's Old Town, explore a museum or simply relax. (B)

### Day 4: Warsaw - Malbork Castle - Gdansk

Depart for Gdansk this morning. En route, stop in the town of Malbork, home to Malbork Castle, one of the largest castles in the world. A guided tour of this 700-year-old structure introduces you to the world of the Knights of the Teutonic Order. Continue to Gdansk, stopping at the Gdansk Shipyards, site of the creation of the anti-Communist Solidarity movement in 1980 that helped liberate Poland from Soviet rule. (B, D)

### Day 5: Gdansk - Choice on Tour 😵

This morning, join a local expert for an introduction to this strategic and remarkable port city; get to know its deep history during your tour which highlights City Hall and St. Mary's Church. Later, **the choice is yours.** Join your Tour Manager on an excursion to the seaside resort town of Sopot **-OR**-remain in Gdansk and join a local guide on an educational shopping excursion during which you'll learn about Polish amber at a demonstration, followed by the opportunity to purchase the stone. The evening is at leisure. Take a stroll through a beautiful square, shop for local handicrafts, or soak in the seaside atmosphere. (B)

### Day 6: Gdansk - Torun

Today you travel to the town of Torun, a UNESCO World Heritage site and birthplace of Nicolaus Copernicus, the famous astronomer. Torun remains one of the bestpreserved medieval towns in all of Europe and is one of the "Seven Wonders of Poland."



On arrival, walk past Copernicus's house before stepping back into history while baking and sampling your very own gingerbread according to a 500-year-old recipe. (B)

### Day 7: Torun - Wroclaw

This morning, join a local expert for a walking tour of this unspoiled town. Later this afternoon, arrive in the ancient city of Wroclaw. Tonight, join your travelling companions for some locally-brewed beer and a traditional "home-style" dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 8: Wroclaw

A morning tour of Wroclaw brings you up close and personal to this large and ethnically diverse city. It could be the only location where you can find a *Stare Miasto* (Old Town) with a Synagogue, a Lutheran church, a Roman Catholic church and an Eastern Orthodox church standing near each other. The remainder of the day is at leisure to savour Wroclaw's captivating culture. Be sure to go in search of the many "dwarfs" hidden on the streets of the city! (B)

### Day 9: Wroclaw - Czestochowa -Krakow

This morning we depart for Krakow, an enchanting city famous for its wellpreserved town centre. En route, stop in Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland, where each year over 5 million pilgrims journey to pay their respects



Old Town Gdansk



to the famous Black Madonna. Housed in the Jasna Góra monastery, journey inside for an up-close look at this miraculous image. Arriving in Krakow, enjoy some free time to get acquainted with the city. (B)

### Day 10: Krakow

Join a local expert as we explore the city on a panoramic tour that includes Market Square, St. Mary's Church and the university. You will also see the famous Wawel Castle, the former residence of Polish kings. The rest of your day is at leisure. Perhaps you'll stroll the quaint side streets of Krakow's famous Old Town, have coffee in one of the largest squares in Europe, or walk along the river for views of the new sections of the city. You may also visit the Schindler Museum or join your fellow travellers on an optional excursion. (B)

### Day 11: Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow

Today you embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. This evening celebrate traditional Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner, complete with wine and beer. (B, D)

### Day 12: Krakow - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Warsaw • Malbork Castle • Gdansk • Solidarity Shipyards • Torun • Gingerbread Baking • Wroclaw • Black Madonna • Jasna Góra Monastery • Krakow • Auschwitz • Folklore Show & Dinner





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Everything was wonderful: the tour manager, the fellow travelers, the local guides, the Polish people, the sights, and the historical buildings. The trip was more interesting and more enjoyable than I would have imagined. I had looked forward to Malbork and was not disappointed!

# CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MARKETS

9 DAYS • 11 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>2499 land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Experience the 600-year-old holiday spirit of "Christkindlesmarkts" in Germany, France and Austria.
- See historic sites such as the magnificent 18th-century residence of the prince-bishops.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- View the ornate Alte Mainbrucke, the oldest bridge on the River Main.
- Set out on a panoramic tour of Munich.
- · Enjoy a city tour of Nuremberg.



### **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** (Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day7 Join a local guide for a walking tour to discover Innsbruck's history or embark on a walking tour focusing on its unique architectural structures.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### · 7 breakfasts • 4 dinners

• Enjoy a magical farewell dinner in Oberammergau, featuring a visit by local entertainers.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3Hofgut Sternen, Black ForestDays 4, 5Best Western Premier Hotel<br/>Rebstock or Ghotel Hotel,
- Wurzburg Days 6 - 8 Alte Post Hotel, or Hotel
- Wittelsbach, Oberammergau On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.12345



Feel the warmth of the holiday spirit as you sip mulled wine, shop for handicrafts and peruse the Christmas markets of Germany, Austria and France.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embark on a glorious holiday adventure through the traditional Christmas markets and historic towns of Central Europe. On this journey you will have time to sip mulled wine and shop for handicrafts in some of the oldest and most famous Christmas markets in Europe.

### Day 2: Black Forest, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the Black Forest. Here you will relish the peacefulness of the surrounding forested mountains. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel. (D)

# **Day 3:** Black Forest - Strasbourg, France - Black Forest

Travel the picturesque valleys of the Black Forest and country roads of Alsace to the provincial capital of Strasbourg, France where centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences blend together to lend this city its unique character. Enjoy a guided tour of the Old Quarter, "Petite France," featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame, considered one of the noblest achievements of Western architecture. Mingle with the locals as you explore the Christmas market featuring local crafts and traditional food and drink before returning to Germany. (B)

### Day 4: Black Forest - Würzburg

Depart the Black Forest for the quaint Franconia region of Germany. Your destination is Würzburg. Stroll through the streets with your expert local guide and discover the city's history. This ancient wine town is rich in historic sites, including the magnificent 18th-century residence of the prince-bishops, boasting the largest ceiling fresco in the world; and the ornate Alte Mainbrucke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. You will have time to browse for local specialties in the lively Christmas market. (B, D)

### Day 5: Würzburg - Nuremberg - Würzburg

Start your day with a city tour of historic Nuremberg. Learn about old town's 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city; the Imperial Castle; and the Justice Palace, where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. Your city tour concludes with a visit to the historic Nuremberg Christmas Market, one of the oldest and most famous markets



### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Oberammergau • Innsbruck • Munich • Black Forest • Strasbourg • Nuremberg • Würzburg • Rothenburg • Christmas Markets





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 The Christmas Markets were wonderful as always! Got a lot of unique treasures and lovely memories! My daughter thoroughly enjoyed herself, also. The (optional) horse drawn sleigh ride was a real hoot!

in Germany dating back to 1628. Here you can spend time sipping Gluwhein and sampling roast sausages. Over 200 wooden stalls have given the Christmas market its name - "Little Town from Wood." You can find items like Nuremberg spicy gingerbread, fruit loaves, bakery goods, sweets, Christmas tree angels and toys. (B)

# Day 6: Würzburg - Rothenburg - Oberammergau

We begin with a stop in lovely Rothenburg, one of the most wellpreserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. After some free time to explore the town, continue on to Oberammergau, a perfect example of a Bavarian Alpine village. Step back in time as you stroll the streets past oldworld cottages and shops covered in colourful frescos. It is the ideal place to shop for cuckoo clocks, nutcrackers and Hummel figurines. (B, D)

# **Day 7:** Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria - Oberammergau 😵

Traverse the Bavarian landscape to the Tyrolean town of Innsbruck, nestled in the heart of the mountains. Then, **it's your choice!** Embark on an incredible walking tour, led by a local expert who highlights the landmarks to Innsbruck's history and culture **-OR-** choose a tour to see the architectural structures, like its famous ski jump, that make the city so unique, Either way, you're guaranteed to see Innbruck's Golden Roof. The remainder of the day is at leisure to shop in the many specialty stores and the cozy Christmas market. (B)

# Day 8: Oberammergau - Munich - Oberammergau

This morning, travel to Munich and be introduced to this exciting city with a panoramic tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Enjoy leisure time to independently explore Munich's historic area and the Christmas market. Later, return to Oberammergau where you will have time to stroll about the village, perhaps shopping for the intricate woodcrafts the town is known for. This evening, enjoy a magical farewell dinner featuring a visit by local entertainers from this village, famous for its Passion Play. (B, D)

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

# MAGICAL CHRISTMAS MARKETS

8 DAYS • 10 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>2299 land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Experience the 600-year-old holiday tradition of the "Christkindlesmarkt."
- Venture by train to Seefeld for a horse-drawn carriage ride and taste of schnapps.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Tour Munich to see the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park.
- Visit the picture-perfect Bavarian Alpine village of Oberammergau.



(Be sure to arrange before trip departure)

Day 3 | Join a local guide to discover the history, culture and attractions of Innsbruck or embark on a tour focusing on the city's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- 6 breakfasts 1 lunch 3 dinners
- Delight in dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.
- Experience a strudel demonstration and learn the history behind the traditional dessert.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1
   Overnight Flight

   Days 2 6
   Hotel Innsbruck or Hotel Grauer Bar, Innsbruck

   Day 7
   Movenpick Munich Airport,
- Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL<br/>See page 189 for details.12345



Get caught up in the holiday spirit as you explore Germany and Austria, where you'll enjoy traditional Christmas markets, Alpine villages and festive fun.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to uncover the unique charms of Austria and Germany, and the incredible "Christkindlesmarkt" (Christmas market)!

### Day 2: Innsbruck, Austria - Tour Begins

Welcome to the town of Innsbruck, capital of the Alps. Spend the next five nights here, nestled in the heart of the mountains. Tonight, accompany your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner to celebrate your arrival in Austria. (D)

### Day 3: Innsbruck - Seefeld - Innsbruck 😵

This morning, **it's your choice!** Embark on an incredible walking tour, led by a local expert who highlights the landmarks to Innsbruck's history and culture **-OR-** choose a tour to see the architectural structures, like its famous ski jump, that make the city so unique. Either way, you're guaranteed to see Innsbruck's magnificent Golden Roof. Next, journey by train 3,600 feet above sea level to the idyllic village of Seefeld, one of the world's great ski resorts thanks to its miles of lakes and trails. Step off the train in to the pure Alpine air to find an authentic horse-drawn carriage – and a traditional gift of Schnapps – waiting for you. Don't be shy to belt out a carol or two as you're whisked across the snow to meet our good friend, Peter, who invites you to participate in an interactive demonstration of how to make (and eat!) traditional strudel. Say "Aufweidersehn, Peter!" and glide your way back to Innsbruck. (B)

### Day 4: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck

Salzburg, a storybook Old Town, waits for you over the mountains and through the woods of the Austrian countryside. Head over to Mirabell Gardens and the iconic "Do-Re-Mi steps" from *The Sound of Music.* Then, journey through the baroque heart of the Old City, and the famous thoroughfare where Mozart was born.





### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Innsbruck • Seefeld • Carriage Ride • Salzburg • St. Peter's Restaurant • Oberammergau • Christmas Markets • Munich





Head off to enjoy a free afternoon with the locals, affectionately known as "Salzburgers." Be sure to enjoy a traditional Mozart chocolate (or two) and do some treasure hunting at any of six Christmas markets. Your day concludes at St. Peter's Skiftskeller, the oldest continuouslyserving restaurant in Europe. Inside this centuries-old gem, indulge in a traditional dessert that's described as "sweet as love and soft as a kiss." (B, D)

### Day 5: Innsbruck

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Innsbruck. Go treasure hunting at the Christmas markets, brimming with the sights, smells, and sounds of the season. Be on the lookout for St. Nicholas and even Krampus as they march through the market stalls. Revel in good cheer while brass bands play from the towers, and indulge in some *gluhwein* and *stollen*, while chestnuts roast on open fires. (B)

### **Day 6:** Innsbruck - Neuschwanstein, Germany - Oberammergau - Innsbruck

View the magnificent Neuschwanstein Castle as you enjoy a photo stop of the fairytale creation of Bavaria's "Mad King." Your journey continues to Oberammergau, where you'll spend some time on your own getting to know this picture-perfect Bavarian village. Tonight, enjoy an unforgettable evening at a family-owned restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 7: Munich

*Wilkommen* to Munich! Embark on a city tour of this Bavarian capital where Olympic Park and the famous Glockenspiel are just some of the sights you'll see along the way. Your tour comes to an end at the famous Hofbrauhaus, where you may wish to take a seat and enjoy a bier before heading to a jolly farewell lunch! The rest of the day is yours to enjoy. Do some final holiday shopping at the largest Christmas market of the whole tour, and delight in the merriment of the season one last time. (B, L)

### Day 8: Munich - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

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### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Magical Christmas Markets and create one grand experience. call FOR DETAILS

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Munich, Germany. All of our transfers will depart from/return to this airport. Approximate travel time between Innsbruck and Munich is 2 hours. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 3:30 p.m. All rates in Canadian dollars.

66 Tour was very exciting and not just because it was Christmas time. We were in a very beautiful part of Europe with lots of history and the Alps.

# GERMANY'S CULTURAL CITIES & THE ROMANTIC ROAD

12 DAYS • 15 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>3799 land only, per person, double occupancy

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a guided tour of Hamelin with a flute-playing "Pied Piper."
- Explore the Hanseatic town of Lübeck, famous for marzipan.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Tour Neuschwanstein Castle right from the pages of a storybook.
- Tour Berlin and Munich's famed landmarks with a local guide.



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

- (Be sure to arrange before trip departure) **Day 5** | Board a harbour boat for a narrated cruise or enjoy a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake.
- Day 9 Walk to a local bakery to learn how "schneeball" pastries are made or tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum.
- Day 11 | Join a local guide and tour BMW World; then ride to the top of the Olympic Tower or embark on a poignant journey to the Dachau Memorial-a former concentration camp.

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### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

10 breakfasts - 5 dinners
Indulge in a wine tasting in a cellar restaurant.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

- **Overnight Flight** Day 1 Crowne Plaza Potsdamer Platz, Days 2, 3 Berlin Reichshof Hamburg, Curio Days 4, 5 Collection by Hilton, Hamburg Day 6 Hotel Stadt or Schlosshotel Münchhausen, Hamelin Day 7 Vila Vita Rosenpark, Marburg Altes Brauhaus or Hotel Days 8, 9 Goldener Hirsch, Rothenburg ob der Tauber
- Days 10, 11 Sheraton Hotel Arabellapark, Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Lose yourself in classic fairytales, be captivated by historic landmarks and embrace the delightful culture of this charming country.

### START EARLY

Berlin: Spend your first evening taking in this historic German city.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

This enchanting journey will take you to see the best of Germany as you travel to some of the country's most iconic cities and through its stunning countryside.

### Day 2: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Berlin, Germany's capital. This city blends a deep history, modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Berlin

This morning, enjoy a traditional city tour that features Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendamm, the Reichstag building and a stop at "Checkpoint Charlie," the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. This afternoon you may choose to join an optional excursion outside the city to visit Potsdam and the famous Sanssouci Palace. (B)

### Day 4: Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg

Travel to Hamburg, "the Venice of the North," with winding canals and an impressive harbour that made it a center for trade for centuries. En route, make a stop in the medieval Hanseatic League town of Lübeck, the famed birthplace of marzipan and a UNESCO World Heritage site; join a local guide for a tour of the town and have a chance to visit Café Niederegger to shop for the marzipan they have been making for 200 years. Arrive in Hamburg. Tonight, enjoy dinner out on the town. (B, D)

### Day 5: Hamburg 😵

Come to know the city on a panoramic tour that showcases the Rathaus (Town Hall), the Alster, St. Michaelis church, the city center, the beautiful Jungfernstieg promenade and, of course, the Port of Hamburg, dubbed "the gateway to the world." Later, **it's your choice!** Board a harbour boat for a narrated cruise around the massive Hamburg shipping port highlighting the key maritime sights **-OR-** embark on a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake to take in stunning views of the shoreline dotted with the homes of Hamburg's elite. Later we gather for a walking tour of the Reeperbahn area, Hamburg's red light district, immortalized as the place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the early 1960s. Join in the fun with your "singing and ukulele-playing local Beatles expert" and travel down memory lane. (B)

### Day 6: Hamburg - Bremen - Hamelin

Today's first stop is in Bremen, at the beginning of the Fairy Tale Road. Join a local guide for a walking tour of the quaint town featuring the musicians of Brothers Grimm fame, the Town Hall (UNESCO), and ending in the medieval Schnoor district. After free time for lunch, travel to Hamelin, made famous by the Pied Piper legend from the stories of the Brothers Grimm. Feel like you have stepped into a storybook when the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" plays delightful tunes while he leads you on a discovery walk through Hamelin with its charming Tudor-style architecture. (B)

### **Day 7:** Hamelin - Schönburg and Trendelburg Castles - Kassel - Marburg

This morning you are transported back to childhood as you come face to face with the real life places and characters that inspired the fairy tale classics. First, meet a local storyteller at Schönburg Castle, where you will be greeted by the Princess and her Prince charming. Have time to explore the enchanting grounds before travelling to the famed "Rapunzel's Castle" - Trendelburg. Continue on to Kassel, home to the Brothers Grimm Museum. At the museum, an expert will lead you on a tour through the interactive displays that bring you through the life of the Grimm brothers. Journey to the medieval university town of Marburg with its endless alleys and stairways that lead to the castle perched above. (B, D)

### Day 8: Marburg - Würzburg -Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located in the middle of the famous Romantic Road and in the heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. You will enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your city center hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local restaurant where you'll enjoy a tasting of local

wines followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colourfully costumed local expert for the famous "Night Watchman" walking tour of the medieval town. (B, D)

### Day 9: Rothenburg ob der Tauber 😵

It's your choice! Walk to a local bakery to learn how a local favourite treat, "schneeball" pastries – snowballs – are made **-OR-** tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum. Later, we gather to spend time at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum where you will be treated to a private tour, enjoy an ornamentmaking demonstration, and shop for handmade Christmas ornaments. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you choose. (B)

### Day 10: Rothenburg ob der Tauber -Neuschwanstein Castle - Munich

Leave Rothenburg behind and make your way through mountains and along winding country roads for a tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by "crazy" King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, continue to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Your evening is free to explore the city independently. (B)

### Day 11: Munich 😵

Come to know the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a panoramic walking tour that highlights the world-famous Glockenspiel and Marienplatz - a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. This afternoon, it's your choice! Join a local guide and venture to the innovative BMW World to learn the history of this dynamic global automaker; then ride to the top of the Olympic Tower to take in stunning views of the Munich cityscape -OR- embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to the Dachau Memorial; a local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. The remainder of your day is at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a beer tasting followed by a farewell dinner in one of Munich's most famous restaurants. (B, D)

### Day 12: Munich - Tour Ends

This morning your tour comes to a close. (B)

### **STAY LONGER**

Munich: Enjoy a final stay in the storied capital city of Bavaria. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Berlin • Lübeck • Hamburg • Hamelin • "Pied Piper" Tour • Fairy Tale Princess Castles • Würzburg • Rothenburg ob der Tauber • Wine Tasting • "Night Watchman" Tour • Neuschwanstein Castle • Munich • Beer Tasting





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Lodging, meals, itinerary, guides all met my (high) expectations. I also like an informed tour manager who can share insights into the people, education, agriculture, economy and history while we are travelling.

# PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

9 DAYS • 12 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>1899 land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- See the charming wooden Jaszczurówka Chapel and sanctuary dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima.
- Spend time in worship where Saint Faustina lived and died.
- Travel to Zakopane, Poland's most popular resort town and where Saint Pope John Paul II spent time in reflection.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Visit the Jasna Góra Monastery to gaze upon the world-famous Black Madonna.
- Learn about the young life of the beloved Saint Pope John Paul II in Wadowice.
- Celebrate mass in Warsaw and Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland.

### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- 7 breakfasts 5 dinners
- Enjoy a folklore show and dinner at a traditional Polish restaurant.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Days 2, 3	Overnight Flight Mercure Grand Warszawa,
	Warsaw
Day 4	Arche Hotel, Czestochowa
Days 5 - 7	Holiday Inn or Q Hotel Plus, Krakow
Day 8	Mercure Grand Warszawa, Warsaw

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 189 for details.



# Be moved by the power of grace and the human spirit on this spiritual journey through Poland.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embark on an inspirational journey through Poland and discover this country's deep history and religious wonders.

### Day 2: Warsaw, Poland - Tour Begins

You will come to know the city of Warsaw with its blend of Old World charm and deep history. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Warsaw

Embrace the moving history of Warsaw, a city reborn after WWII, as you embark on a locally guided tour. Your journey through this capital city includes a stop at what remains of the Warsaw Ghetto. Pause to celebrate mass at 3/9 Zytnia Street Church, home to the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, where Saint Faustina entered the convent. The remainder of the day is free to take in the side streets and quaint cafés in the Old Town, explore a museum or simply relax. (B)

### Day 4: Warsaw - Niepokalanów -Czestochowa

Journey to Niepokalanów to discover one of the largest Franciscan monasteries in the world (founded by Saint Maximillian Kolbe). Continue south to Czestochowa, the spiritual capital of Poland. Begin your visit by celebrating mass. Then, journey inside the Jasna Góra Monastery to get up close to the famous Black Madonna. Saint Pope John Paul II visited this miraculous image many times during his papacy. (B, D)

### Day 5: Czestochowa - Wadowice - Krakow

Get a glimpse into the formative years of the beloved Saint Pope John Paul II with a visit to Wadowice, the town where he was born and raised. Step into the past when you see the church where he was baptized. In 1992, the pope gave the church the status of Basilica Minor. Continue to Krakow and explore the city on a tour with a local expert that includes a visit to the Market Square. Pause for a prayer at St. Mary's Church and



be amazed by its famous wooden altarpiece created by Wit Stwosz (Veit Stoss), one of the best sculptors of the Middle Ages. You will also see the impressive Wawel Castle, the former residence of Polish kings. (B, D)

### Day 6: Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow

Today you embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to Auschwitz. A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors - as well as the resilience of the human spirit - that occurred within those walls. Return to Krakow to visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy where the tomb of Saint Faustina is located. Spend time in worship and contemplation on the site of the monastery of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy where Saint Faustina lived and died. (B)

### Day 7: Krakow - Zakopane - Krakow

Travel to Zakopane, Poland's most popular resort. With its stunning scenery, it is the perfect place to get up close to nature. The area has countless nature trails where Saint





Pope John Paul II would spend time strolling in prayer and reflection. Make a stop to see the charming wooden Jaszczurówka Chapel and sanctuary dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima, built in thanksgiving after Saint Pope John Paul II's life was saved in 1981. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a folklore show and dinner at a traditional Polish restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 8: Krakow - Warsaw

Your journey through Poland comes full circle with your return to Warsaw. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating a fantastic journey. (B, D)

### Day 9: Warsaw - Tour Ends

Your journey comes to a close. Depart with new perspectives, a strengthened faith and treasured memories. (B)

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Warsaw • Niepokalanow Monastery • Jasna Góra Monastery • Black Madonna • Wadowice • Krakow • Auschwitz • Zakopane





# DOUBLE Starting at \$1899 Land only, per person, double occupancy. SINGLE Starting at \$2699 Land only double occupancy.

May 2019 - April 2020

February – April 2019 (different itinerary – see note) February 10 March 10 April 7, 23 Itinerary featured is for May 2019 – April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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# ISRAEL: A JOURNEY OF FAITH

9 DAYS • 15 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>2549 land only, per person, double occupancy



- Stroll through the winding alleys of historic laffa.
- Visit Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry in Galilee.
- Stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared Christmas night.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Discover the ancient cities of Nazareth and Bethlehem.
- Travel to Tel Megiddo, site of the final battle before the coming of the Messiah.
- Stand in the Upper Room, near the traditional site of the Last Supper.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### · 7 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 7 dinners

• Get a taste of the local flavour when you enjoy lunch at a kibbutz.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight	
Day 2	Kfar Maccabiah Hotel, Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv	

- Days 3, 4 Leonardo Tiberias Hotel, Tiberias
- Days 5 8 Leonardo Jerusalem Hotel, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 189 for details.



# Walk in the hallowed footsteps of Jesus Christ and see some of the most ancient cities in the world on this spirited sojourn to Israel.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel to the Holy Land on an inspirational journey that visits some of the most ancient sites in the world.

### Day 2: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Tel Aviv, a bustling city brimming with culture and history, situated on the Israeli Mediterranean coastline. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Tel Aviv - Jaffa - Caesarea - Nazareth - Cana - Tiberias

Journey to the ancient port city of Jaffa for a leisurely stroll through the winding alleys of the historic area. Visit the Roman Aqueduct and Theatre at Caesarea, a center of the early Christians where Cornelius became the first Gentile convert to the new covenant (Acts 10) by St. Peter; and where Paul was imprisoned before being taken to Rome for trial (Acts 23). In Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home (Matthew 2:23), visit the Church of the Annunciation and the place where Joseph's home and workshop were as well as the site of the fresh water spring used by the Holy Family. Your day continues with a visit to Cana, the site of Our Lord's first miracle. Arrive in Tiberias for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

### **Day 4:** Sea of Galilee - Capernaum - Golan Heights - Caesarea Philippi - Tiberias

Cross the waters of the Sea of Galilee aboard a replica of the boat in which Jesus would have sailed. Travel to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7). Nearby Tabgha is the traditional location for the calling of the disciples and the feeding of the five thousand. Visit the Church of the Fish and the Loaves (Luke 9:10-17). In Capernaum, Jesus performed many miracles and it was the center of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. Visit the synagogue that stands on the site where Jesus taught and reflect on his teaching of the gospel of the kingdom (Matthew 4:13, 23). Visit the Chapel of the Primacy where Peter professed his devotion to the risen Christ. (John 21) Get a taste of the local flavour when you enjoy lunch at a communal settlement, known as a kibbutz, in the Golan Heights. Visit Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus traveled with His disciples and near where Peter made his great confession to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Your day ends at the River Jordan at the Yardenit Baptismal site. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Tiberias - Tel Megiddo - Bethlehem -Jerusalem

Visit Tel Megiddo (Armageddon), the site

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### of the final battle before the coming of the Messiah. In Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus (Luke 2), enter the Church of the Nativity, the oldest continuously functioning church in the world. View the cave where Jesus was born. Stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared on that first Christmas night, spreading good tidings of great joy for all the people. Later, arrive in one of the holiest cities in the world, Jerusalem. (B, D)

### Day 6: Jerusalem - Mount Zion - Ein Karem

Your time in Jerusalem begins with a visit to the Mount of Olives. Afterwards, visit the Church of the Pater Noster, built on the traditional site where Christ taught the Lord's Prayer. Continue to the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before He was crucified. Nearby is the Tomb of the Virgin Mary and the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Christ's betraval by Judas. Travel to Mount Zion and stand in the Upper Room, near the traditional site of the Last Supper (Mark 14). Then, continue to Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist and the place to which Mary traveled to share her good news with Elizabeth. (B, D)

### Day 7: Jerusalem

Today you are free to explore the city on your own. Perhaps you'll choose to

take an optional excursion to the Dead Sea to discover where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found; visit Masada; and perhaps even float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea. (B, D)

### Day 8: Jerusalem

Your day begins at St. Stephen's Gate where St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death. Continue to the Church of St. Anne, marking the place where the parents of the Blessed Mother lived. Visit the nearby Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic. Then, follow the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion; pass by the Ecce Homo Arch, the site where Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord to the crowds. Next, visit the Western Wall of the Temple before stopping at the Garden Tomb, the possible site of the garden of Joseph of Arimathea and site of the resurrection of Jesus. Enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers to celebrate the end of this unforgettable and holy experience. (B, D)

### Day 9: Jerusalem - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)

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

### Jordan

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Jaffa • Caesarea • Nazareth • Cana • Tiberias • Sea of Galilee • Mount of Beatitudes • Capernaum • Golan Heights • Caesarea Philippi • Tel Megiddo • Bethlehem • Jerusalem • Mount of Olives • Mount Zion • Ein Karem • Via Dolorosa • Western Wall • Garden Tomb





# DOUBLE Starting at \$2549 Land only, per person, double occupancy.

Prices based on December 2, 2019 departure

January - April 2019 (different itinerary - see note) January 28 February 4, 13, 15, 20, 25 March 11, 25 April 8 Itinerary featured is for May 2019 - April 2020 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation

(featured itinerary) May 20 June 10 August 26 September 9, 16, 30 October 21, 28 November 4 December 2 January 27

May 2019 - April 2020

February 3, 10, 24 March 9, 16, 23, 30 April 20, 27

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### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

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# ISRAEL: PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

9 DAYS • 15 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>2549 land only, per person, double occupancy

### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Visit the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before he was crucified.
- Celebrate daily Mass at several significant religious sites.
- Visit the Pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralytic.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Visit the ancient cities of Nazareth and Bethlehem.
- Follow the Via Dolorosa, walked by Our Lord on the way to his crucifixion.
- Stop at the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Christ's betrayal by Judas.

### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### 7 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 7 dinners

• Get a taste of the local flavour at a kibbutz.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
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- Day 2 Kfar Maccabiah Hotel, Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv
- Days 3, 4 Leonardo Tiberias Hotel, Tiberias
- Days 5 8 Leonardo Jerusalem Hotel, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# FAITH Spiritual JOURNEY

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ as you discover the ancient, sacred lands of Israel. This is a powerful sojourn of faith.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel to the Holy Land on an inspirational journey that visits some of the most ancient sites in the world.

### Day 2: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Tel Aviv, a bustling city brimming with culture and history. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Tel Aviv - Jaffa - Caesarea - Nazareth - Cana - Tiberias

Journey to the ancient port city of Jaffa for a leisurely stroll through the winding alleys of the historic area. Celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Church. Travel to the walled city and Roman ruins of Caesarea. It was here that St. Peter converted the first pagan to become a Christian, and where St. Paul was imprisoned for two years. In Nazareth, visit the Church of the Annunciation. Your day continues with a visit to Cana, the site of Our Lord's first miracle, at a wedding feast where you can renew your marriage vows. Arrive in Tiberias for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

# **Day 4:** Tiberias - Sea of Galilee - Tabgha - Capernaum - Tiberias

This morning enjoy a special treat when

you take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee where many of the apostles were fishermen and where Our Lord preached. Travel to nearby Tabgha and visit the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fishes. built to commemorate the miraculous feeding of five thousand. Stop at the Mount of Beatitudes for a stunning view of the Sea of Galilee. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Beatitudes. Continue to the Church of the Primacy of St. Peter where Our Lord appeared to the apostles after His resurrection. In Capernaum, visit the church built over the ruins of St. Peter's house. Get a taste of the local flavour when you enjoy lunch at a communal settlement known as a kibbutz. Finally, visit Yardenit, the Jordan River baptismal site. (B, L, D)

# **Day 5:** Tiberias - Mount Tabor - Bethlehem - Jerusalem

Travel to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. Proceed to Bethlehem and enjoy a stop at Shepherds' Field, where the angels appeared on the first Christmas night. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Nativity, built on the birth site of Our Lord. Later, arrive in one of the holiest cities in the world, Jerusalem. (B, D)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 189 for details.



### Day 6: Jerusalem, the Old City

Your visit to Jerusalem begins with a visit to the Church of the Pater Noster, built on the traditional site where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer; its name refers to the "Our Father" prayer. Next, visit the Mount of Olives and the site where Our Lord wept over the city, now known as Dominus Flevit. Afterwards, visit the Church of All Nations, built over the rock on which Our Lord prayed the night before He was crucified. Continue to the Garden of Gethsemane, the site of Christ's betraval by Judas. Travel to Caiaphas' Palace - known today as St. Peter in Gallicantu - where St. Peter once denied Our Lord in one of its courts. This afternoon, travel to Ein Karem to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist, built over the Grotto of his birthplace, and celebrate Mass. (B, D)

### Day 7: Jerusalem

Today you are free to explore on your own. Perhaps you'll take an optional excursion to the Dead Sea to discover where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found; visit Masada; stop at AHAVA Visitors Center; and perhaps even float on the salty waters of the Dead Sea. Later today, gather with your fellow travellers to celebrate Mass. (B, D)

### Day 8: Jerusalem - Western Wall

Enter the old city through St. Stephen's



Gate where St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death. Continue to the Church of St. Anne, marking the place where the parents of the Blessed Mother lived. Visit the nearby Pools of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic, and see the Ecce Homo Arch, the site where Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord to the crowds. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of His crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Walk through the Muslim, Christian and Jewish guarters to the Western Wall of the Temple. Then, follow the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, walked by Our Lord on the way to His crucifixion. Next, visit the Church of the Dormition (commemorating Our Lady's Assumption) and the nearby Hall of the Last Supper. In Jerusalem, enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers to celebrate the end of this unforgettable and holy experience. (B, D)

### Day 9: Jerusalem - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories. (B)



Jordan

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Jaffa • Caesarea • Nazareth • Cana • Tiberias • Sea of Galilee • Mount of Beatitudes • Capernaum • Church of the Transfiguration

- Bethlehem Church of the Nativity Jerusalem Mount of Olives
- Church of the Holy Sepulchre Western Wall Via Dolorosa
  - Asaranth Asaran



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The boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and the sites in the old city of Jerusalem were most memorable.

# GREECE: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

11 DAYS • 20 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>3704 land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Stop at two monasteries in Meteora and learn about the resident monks.
- See Mars Hill where Paul delivered his "Men of Athens" speech.
- Visit the Museum of Byzantine Culture, one of the finest museums of Byzantine art.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora.
- Join a local expert exploring the monuments of ancient Athens.
- See the Bema where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in Acts.



### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 9 breakfasts 3 lunches 8 dinners
- Feast on local Greek cuisine and fine wine in a traditional taverna.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Day 2Crowne Plaza Athens City Center<br/>or Holiday Inn Attica, Athens
- Days 3 5 Olympia, Celestyal Cruises
- Days 6,7 Capsis Hotel, Thessaloniki
- Day 8 Famissi Eden, Kalambaka
- Day 9 Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort, Arachova
- Day 10 Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 189 for details.



Follow the path of Paul the Apostle as you discover bucolic beauty and ancient history on this Grecian sojourn.

### START EARLY

Athens: Begin your journey in this iconic and ancient Greek city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Paul the Apostle, the prolific writer of the New Testament letters, was one of the first Christian missionaries. Trace his journey through the ancient cities and pastoral countryside of Greece and Turkey.

### Day 2: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Athens, Greece's capital. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in Athens' historic district – the Plaka – a lively neighbourhood nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Feast on local cuisine and enjoy fine wine in a traditional taverna while Greek entertainment creates a wonderful ambiance around you. (D)

# **Day 3:** Athens - Piraeus (Embarkation) - Mykonos

Émbark on a wonderful 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily while on board. Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands, is your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings and beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Kusadasi, Turkey - Patmos, Greece

Visit the Turkish port of Kusadasi for an included excursion to the ruins of Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where Paul the Apostle spent three years during his ministry and where its inhabitants were the recipients of Paul's famous epistle. Visit the House of Mary, where she is said to have spent her last days. A visit to the ruins includes the Agora, the great theater, and the stadium where chariot races took place and gladiatorial combats were held. It is said that Paul himself fought here against wild beasts. Continue your cruise to Patmos, the "Jerusalem of the Aegean." Visit the Monastery of John and the Cave of the Apocalypse where John the Evangelist, inspired by God, wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. (B, L, D)



### Day 5: Heraklion (Crete) - Santorini

Enjoy an excursion to the incredible open-air museum of the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Then, during free time in Crete's largest city, enjoy a variety of museums, shopping, or visit a nearby winery to sample traditional Greek wine. Later, arrive on the fabled island of Santorini, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Enjoy time at leisure to independently explore this lovely port or purchase a ship excursion from the cruise line. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Piraeus - Disembark Cruise Ship - Thessaloniki

After an early morning disembarkation, travel north. Make a picture stop at Thermopylae, famous for its heroic defense by Leonidas and his courageous Spartans against the Persian army. Your day ends in Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. Founded in 315 B.C., Thessaloniki was an early center for Christianity; it is where Paul visited and preached during the winters of A.D. 49-50 and wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. Visit the Museum of Byzantine Culture, one of the finest museums in the world devoted to Byzantine art and civilization with an impressive collection of many Byzantine and early Christian frescoes, icons and artifacts. (B, D)

### **Day 7:** Thessaloniki - Kavala - Philippi - Thessaloniki

Travel to the coastal town of Kavala where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot on European soil. In nearby Philippi, Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of Christianity. Join a local expert for a guided tour of this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient, Roman and Byzantine eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner and the site where he baptized Lydia, the first Christian in Europe. (B)

# **Day 8:** Thessaloniki - Meteora - Kalambaka

Proceed through the fertile Thessalian Valley – the "breadbasket" of Greece – to spectacular Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage site. These dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the plain of Thessaly, with six historic monasteries perched upon their peaks. Beginning in the 10th century, hermits, monks and ascetics sought solitude and spirtual solace in these dramatic crags. Visit two amazing Meteora monasteries which are renowned for their intricate construction and exquisite Byzantine art. Overnight in Kalambaka. (B, D)

### Day 9: Kalambaka - Delphi

Travel through scenic mountain terrain to Delphi, one of the most moving sites of the ancient world. Once considered the "navel of the world," Delphi is nestled on the slopes of Mount Parnassus in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty. Pilgrims once came from all over the ancient world to consult its mysterious oracle. A guided tour takes you along the Sacred Way to see the Doric Temple and the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Treasuries, and the intriguing Archaeological Museum with its staggering collection of ancient artifacts including the 5th-century bronzed Charioteer. (B, D)

### Day 10: Delphi - Corinth - Athens

Travel to Corinth where Paul wrote two epistles, lived and preached for two years. Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora, where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. In Athens, see the hill of Areopagus (Mars Hill) – where Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech – and visit the incomparable Acropolis. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a marvellous trip. (B, D)

### Day 11: Athens - Tour Ends

You've explored the ancient land where Paul the Apostle made missionary journeys. You've seen the places to which he sent his famous epistles – Thessalonians, Philippians and Corinthians – and seen many of the places described in the Acts of the Apostles. Return home inspired by the incredible landscapes and the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. (B)

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Athens • Taverna Dinner Show • 3-Night Cruise • Mykonos • Ephesus • Patmos • Santorini • Thessaloniki • Kavala • Philippi • Meteora • Delphi • Corinth • The Acropolis





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# SHRINES OF ITALY

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### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Spend time at the renowned Abbey of Montecassino, founded by St. Benedict.
- In Pompeii, visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary.
- Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Attend the weekly papal audience at Vatican City.
- Stroll through the catacombs where early Christians hid and buried their dead.
- Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto.

### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

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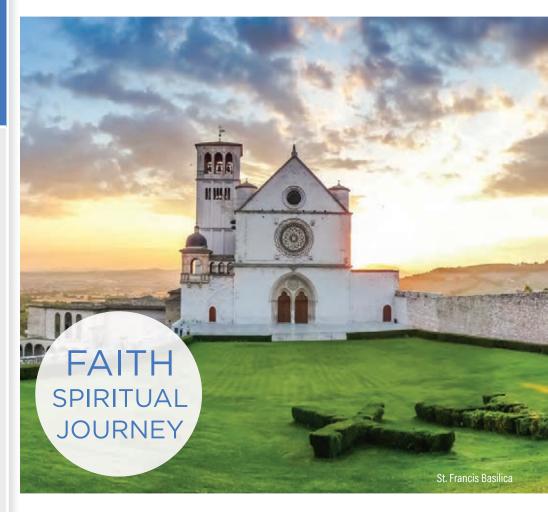


### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1Overnight FlightDay 2Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, RomeDays 3, 4Grand Hotel Assisi, AssisiDays 5, 6Hotel Parco delle Rose, San<br/>Giovanni RotondoDay 7Hotel Scapolatiello,
- Cava de Tirreni
- Days 8 10 Cardinal Hotel St. Peter, Rome

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 189 for details.



# From the hallowed Basilica of St. Francis to the glorious Sistine Chapel, discover why Italy is a bastion of Catholicism.

### START EARLY

Rome: Soak up even more of the Eternal City. CALL FOR DETAILS.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel on an inspirational journey to some of the most fascinating religious sites and relics in the world.

### Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Rome. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. (D)

### Day 3: Rome - Assisi

Travel north to Assisi and begin your tour at St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, where St. Francis spent most of his life. Pause to reflect at the Chapel of the Porziuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the saint prayed. Later, have time at the Church of St. Clare, who founded the Order of Poor Clares and followed the teachings of St. Francis by living a life of poverty and humility. Kneel before the crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St. Francis, asking him to rebuild his church. Join a local expert for a fascinating tour of Assisi highlighting the huge 13th-century basilica where you can see many of St. Francis' possessions and a series of frescoes depicting his life. Celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis this afternoon. (B, D)

### Day 4: Assisi - Optional Florence Excursion

Enjoy a full day at leisure to independently explore historic Assisi. Or, join a full day optional excursion to Florence, the "Renaissance City," where a local expert provides a leisurely paced walking tour featuring the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore – one of the largest in the Christian world, and the Baptistery doors. You also view the Palazzo Vecchio and the Ponte Vecchio. Enjoy several hours at leisure in Florence before returning to Assisi. (B)

### **Day 5:** Assisi - Loreto - San Giovanni Rotondo

Travel across the Apennine Mountains toward the Adriatic Coast to the Marian shrine of Loreto. Discover the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto where more than 50 popes have made a pilgrimage. You will celebrate Mass before continuing your journey to San Giovanni Rotondo, home of Padre Pio. (B, D)

### Day 6: San Giovanni Rotondo - Monte Sant' Angelo - San Giovanni Rotondo

Begin your day with a special visit to Monte Sant' Angelo. Take in the breathtaking views of the Gargano Peninsula and explore one of the most celebrated shrines of early Christianity - the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Many popes and saints have knelt and prayed at this grotto, seeking the protection of Saint Michael. Later, return to San Giovanni Rotondo and celebrate Mass in the sanctuary of Padre Pio. This is followed by a tour of the sanctuary, including the old church and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918, as well as Padre Pio's tomb. Then, visit the new church dedicated in 2004 to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. You will also see the confessional where Padre Pio spent many hours directing pilgrims on their journey toward God. (B, D)

# **Day 7:** San Giovanni Rotondo - Abbey of Santissima Trinita - Campania

Journey through the picturesque landscape of the regions of Apulia and Campania to Cava de Tirreni. Be introduced to the Benedictine Abbey of Santissima Trinita, founded in the 11th century by a local saint. After a guided visit to the abbey you will have the option of celebrating Mass. (B, D)

### **Day 8:** Campania- Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary- Abbey of Montecassino- Rome

Continue your travels to the town of Pompeii where you will visit the Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary, one of the most famous shrines of Christianity. Later, travel to Montecassino to discover the renowned abbey founded by St. Benedict in the 6th century A.D. This sacred place houses the relics of St. Benedict and his sister, Saint Scholastica. Montecassino also became famous during the battles that took place here during World War II, when the abbey was bombed and destroyed. End your day in Rome. (B)

# **Day 9:** Rome - Papal Audience - Vatican Museum

This morning, attend the weekly papal audience at Vatican City to receive the blessing given by His Holiness, Pope Francis. Later, visit the Vatican Museum where you will view such historical treasures as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's restored mural of the Last Judgment. Then



### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Rome • Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi • San Giovanni Rotondo • Tomb of Padre Pio • Abbey of Santissima Trinita • Madonna del Rosario Sanctuary • Vatican City • Papal Audience • St. Peter's Basilica • Christian Rome City Tour • St. Paul Outside the Walls • St. Mary Major • St. John in Lateran





it's on to the breathtaking St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter was martyred. Known as the grandest of the world's churches, St. Peter's is unsurpassed in beauty. (B)

# **Day 10:** Rome - Christian Rome City Tour

Begin your day at the Basilica St. Paul Outside the Walls; the remains of St. Paul are located under its main altar. You'll celebrate Mass before making your way to the catacombs where early Christians fearing persecution hid and buried their dead. Continue on to visit the other major Roman basilicas, St. Mary Major and St. John in Lateran, the former residence of the popes prior to their return to Rome in 1377. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable pilgrimage to Italy. (B, D)

### Day 11: Rome - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Rome. (B)

### STAY LONGER

Rome: Spend one final evening enjoying all the pleasures of this cosmopolitan Italian city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

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Our tour manager was very knowledgeable and shared her experiences with all on the tour. Sites visited were exceptional.

# PILGRIMAGE **TO FATIMA &** LOURDES WITH BARCELONA

10 DAYS · 16 MEALS FROM \$2499 land only, per person, double occupancy

### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- · Worship in the most revered basilicas of Fatima and Lourdes.
- · Spend time at the magnificent Cathedral of Burgos.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- · Visit Gaudi's masterpiece "La Sagrada Familia" and celebrate Mass.
- · Travel back in time in the amazing medieval city of Carcassonne.
- · View the site of the fifth apparition in Valinhos.

- · 8 breakfasts 1 lunch 7 dinners
- · Gather for a memorable farewell dinner in Barcelona.
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### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
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- Hotel de Fatima, Fatima Days 2, 3
- Hotel Almirante Bonifaz, Days 4, 5
- Buraos
- Hotel Alba or Hotel Beau Site, Days 6,7 Lourdes
- Evenia Rossello Hotel, Days 8, 9 Barcelona

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Find inspiration on a sojourn of faith. Discover some of Europe's most revered sites and **CULINARY INCLUSIONS** immerse yourself in a coalescence of cultures. Day 1: Overnight Flight Travel overnight to Portugal, one of Europe's most hospitable countries. Here, you can enjoy a superb climate, historic sites and beautiful scenery. Day 2: Fatima, Portugal - Tour Begins

### Your tour begins in Fatima, Portugal's world-

famous religious center. (D)

### Day 3: Fatima - Aljustrel - Batalha - Fatima

You may celebrate Mass before travelling to the original town of Fatima and the parish church where the children Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia were baptized. Continue on to Aljustrel, where the children lived, and view the site of the fifth apparition in Valinhos. Visit the Batalha Monastery, an impressive Dominican convent. Later, return to Fatima to enjoy free time for personal worship and to explore the basilica and its grounds. (B, D)

### Day 4: Fatima - Burgos, Spain

Attend a morning Mass before travelling east to Burgos, known as the cradle of the Castile region. Situated on the Pilgrim's Road, Burgos stands on the banks of the Rio Arlanzon with the slender, elegant spires of its famous cathedral rising into the sky. Mass is available this evening. (B, D)

### Day 5: Burgos

Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour of Burgos' beautiful medieval town center. Spend time at the Cathedral of Burgos, a masterpiece of Spanish Gothic architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The cathedral, the third largest church in Spain, offers such masterpieces as the filigree work in the spires of the towers; the starry dome; the choir; the sarcophagi and the golden staircase. Next, visit the 12thcentury Monastery of Santa María Real de las Huelgas. Founded as a Royal Pantheon and a spiritual retreat for society ladies and royalty, the complex consists of the church, monastery and the enclosed premises of the Cistercian nuns. Mass is available this evening. (B, D)

### Day 6: Burgos - Lourdes, France

Today, travel through the Pyrenees Mountains to Lourdes. This is where the Virgin Mary appeared in the Grotto of Massabielle to the poor shepherd girl, Bernadette, for a total of 18 times between February 11 and July 16, 1858. Since then, this little market town has been a world-renowned pilgrimage site. Tonight you may wish to partake in a candlelight procession. (B, D)







### Day 7: Lourdes

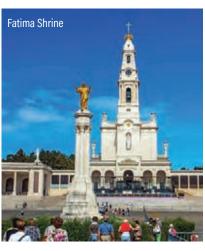
After morning Mass, enjoy a walking tour of Lourdes, visiting the places associated with the life of St. Bernadette: the "Boly Mill" (site of the birthplace of St. Bernadette), the "Cachot," and the parish church housing the baptismal font of St. Bernadette. Later, enjoy some time at leisure to explore the town's rich historical and natural heritage. Become immersed in the atmosphere that reigned during the apparitions and revel in the spirit of brotherhood that is still present today. (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Lourdes - Carcassonne -Barcelona, Spain

Celebrate Mass before your journey through southern France's Pyrenees to historic Carcassonne. Feel as though you've travelled back in time as you explore this well-preserved medieval city on your own. Later, cross back into Spain and travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most fascinating cities. (B)

### Day 9: Barcelona

Celebrate Mass at the crypt of La Sagrada Familia, followed by a visit to the elaborate, expansive basilica. Once completed, Gaudi's masterpiece will have 18 towers: 12 dedicated to the apostles, four to the evangelists, one to Jesus and another to Mary. Later, see more of the city's





treasures, including views of Antonio Gaudi's Mila House (UNESCO), the Columbus Monument and Parc de Montjuic. Spend this afternoon at leisure exploring the city further or choose an optional excursion to the quaint mountain village of Montserrat. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a dinner celebrating the end of a memorable tour. (B, D)

### Day 10: Barcelona - Tour Ends

Return home eager to share vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

### **STAY LONGER**

Barcelona: Absorb even more of the beauty found in Spain's vibrant capital city of Catalonia. CALL FOR DETAILS.

66 My wife had always wanted to go to Fatima and this tour was perfect. With knowledgeable guides and perfect hotels, we were able to visit the shrines and have mass every day in locations I could not have imagined. Plenty of information at each stay with enough free time to explore and participate in special events.

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Fatima • Aljustrel • Valinhos • Batalha Monastery • Cathedral of Burgos • Monastery of Santa María Real de las Huelgas • Lourdes • Grotto of Massabielle • Carcassonne • Barcelona • La Sagrada Familia





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### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hotel de Fatima, Fatima
Days 4, 5	NH Collection Santiago de Compostela, Santiago de Compostela
Days 6, 7	Hotel Almirante Bonifaz or Hotel Rice Reyes Catolicos, Burgos
Days 8, 9	Hotel Alba or Hotel Beau Site, Lourdes
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### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel overnight to Portugal, one of Europe's most hospitable countries. Here, you can enjoy a superb climate, historic sites and beautiful scenery.

### Day 2: Fatima, Portugal - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Fatima, Portugal's world-famous religious centre. (D)

### Day 3: Fatima - Aljustrel - Batalha - Fatima

You may celebrate Mass before travelling to the original town of Fatima and the parish church where the children Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia were baptized. Continue on to Aljustrel, where the children lived, and view the site of the fifth apparition in Valinhos. Visit the Batalha Monastery, an impressive Dominican convent. Later, return to Fatima to enjoy free time for personal worship and to explore the basilica and its grounds. (B, D)

# Day 4: Fatima - Porto - Santiago de Compostela

Make your way to Porto and envelop yourself in the sights and sounds of the

city's riverfront. Join a local expert and discover Porto, one of the oldest cities in Europe. Your tour takes you through the city's historic centre (a UNESCO World Heritage site) highlighting the cathedral of Porto. See the imposing 18th-century Clerigos Tower; the impressive Dona Maria Pia Bridge, designed by Gustave Eiffel; and the medieval quarter. Continue on to Santiago de Compostela; the pilgrim city where the tomb of the Apostle St. James was discovered. Breathe in the sights of one of the most popular pilgrim destinations since the Middle Ages. (B, D)

### Day 5: Santiago de Compostela

Learn about the "Way of St. James" from a local expert and find out why hundreds of pilgrims walk here daily. Explore the world-famous cathedral, adorned with an ensemble of soaring towers, arches and windows. Discover Praça do Obradoiro, a monumental square of pure grandeur in granite and home to some of Europe's finest historical buildings. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)



### Day 6: Santiago de Compostela -Burgos, Spain

Attend a morning Mass before travelling east to Burgos, known as the cradle of the Castile region. Situated on the Pilgrim's Road, Burgos stands on the banks of the Rio Arlanzon with the slender, elegant spires of its famous cathedral rising into the sky. Mass is available this evening. (B, D)

### Day 7: Burgos

Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour of Burgos' beautiful medieval town centre. Spend time at the Cathedral of Burgos (UNESCO), a masterpiece of Spanish Gothic architecture. The cathedral, the third largest church in Spain, offers such masterpieces as the filigree work in the spires of the towers; the starry dome; the choir; the sarcophagi and the golden staircase. Next, visit the 12th-century Monastery of Santa María Real de las Huelgas. Founded as a Royal Pantheon and a spiritual retreat for society ladies and royalty, the complex consists of the church, monastery and the enclosed premises of the Cistercian nuns. Mass is available this evening. (B, D)

### Day 8: Burgos - Lourdes, France

Travel northeast through the Pyrenees Mountains to Lourdes. This is where the Virgin Mary appeared in the Grotto of Massabielle to the poor shepherd girl, Bernadette, for a total of 18 times between February 11 and July 16, 1858. Since then, this little market town has been a world-renowned pilgrimage site. Tonight you may wish to partake in a candlelight procession. (B, D)

### Day 9: Lourdes

After morning Mass, enjoy a walking tour of Lourdes, visiting the places associated with the life of St. Bernadette: the "Boly Mill" (site of the birthplace of St. Bernadette), the "Cachot," and the parish church housing the baptismal font of St. Bernadette, Later, enjoy some time at leisure to explore the town's rich historical and natural heritage. Become immersed in the atmosphere that reigned during the apparitions and revel in the spirit of brotherhood that is still present today. (B, L, D)

### Day 10: Lourdes - Carcassonne -Barcelona, Spain

Celebrate Mass before your journey through southern France's Pyrenees to historic Carcassonne. Feel as though you've travelled back in time as you explore this well-preserved medieval city on your own. Later, cross back into Spain and travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most fascinating cities. (B)

### Day 11: Barcelona

Celebrate Mass at the crypt of La Sagrada Familia, followed by a visit to the elabourate, expansive basilica. Once completed, Gaudi's masterpiece will have 18 towers: 12 dedicated to the apostles, four to the evangelists, one to Jesus and another to Mary. Later, get to know more of the city's treasures, including views of Antonio Gaudi's Mila House (UNESCO), the Columbus Monument and Parc de Montjuic. Spend this afternoon at leisure exploring the city further or choose an optional excursion to the quaint mountain village of Montserrat. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a dinner celebrating the end of a memorable tour. (B, D)

### Day 12: Barcelona - Tour Ends

Return home eager to share vivid memories of a spectacularly beautiful land with an old, rich and diverse cultural heritage. (B)

### **STAY LONGER**

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### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Fatima • Aljustrel • Valinhos • Batalha Monastery • Cathedral of Burgos • Monastery of Santa María Real de las Huelgas • Lourdes • Grotto of Massabielle • Carcassonne • Barcelona • La Sagrada Familia • Porto • Santiago de Compostela





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### Planned tour itinerary

### DAY 1 Overnight Flight

DAY 2 Budapest, Hungary - Tour Begins Welcome to Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," truly one of the world's most beautiful cities. Enjoy time at leisure to relax or explore before gathering for tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 3 Budapest Join a local expert who brings the city to life. Discover Matthias Church, site of many coronations of kings. Next, see the Fisherman's Bastion with its white walls, towers and arcades for spectacular views. Continue to historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, followed by the Parliament. At Heroes Square, admire the imposing Millennium Monument, completed in 1904, which memorializes the 1,000th anniversary of Hungarian dominion. (B)

DAY 4 Budapest - Bratislava, Slovakia -Vienna, Austria This morning we journey to Bratislava, the former Imperial capital of the Hapsburg Empire. During your visit, get to know the city's history on an expert led tour. A scenic ride through the countryside takes you into the grand city of Vienna, the former capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Tonight, enjoy dinner featuring regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine of the quaint winemaking region of Grinzing. (B, D)

DAY 5 Vienna This morning, join a local resident for a visit to magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue to Vienna's city center. En route, behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks and gothic spires that fill the city. End your day with an unforgettable classical music concert featuring many fine melodies from the great composers — Mozart and Strauss. (B)

DAY 6 Vienna - Cesky Krumlov, Czech

Republic - Prague Depart Vienna, crossing the border into the Czech Republic. Continue to the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov. During some free time you may explore the well-preserved streets lined with Baroque architecture. Arrive in Prague, also known as "The Golden City" and "The City of a Hundred Spires." (B, D) DAY 7 Prague Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Next, explore the majestic Hradcany Castle, including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. Then we stroll down the quaint, colourful Golden Lane. Discover the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. This afternoon enjoy time to relax or explore independently. Perhaps you'll shop for famous Bohemian crystal or visit one of the city's many outstanding museums, such as the Lapidarium, home of stone sculptures dating from the 11th century to the present. (B)

### DAY 8 Prague - Oberammergau, Germany

Travel the Czech countryside to Bavaria, Germany. Proceed to the picturesque village of Oberammergau, beautifully situated in the Bavarian Alps. (B, D)

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DAY 11 Munich - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



### Tour highlights include

- ✓ Enjoy a visit to the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov
- ✓ Explore Prague's majestic Hradcany Castle
- ✓ Visit the magnificent Shoenbrunn Palace in Vienna
- ✓ Discover Bratislava's history with a local expert
- ✓ Experience the epic Passion Play

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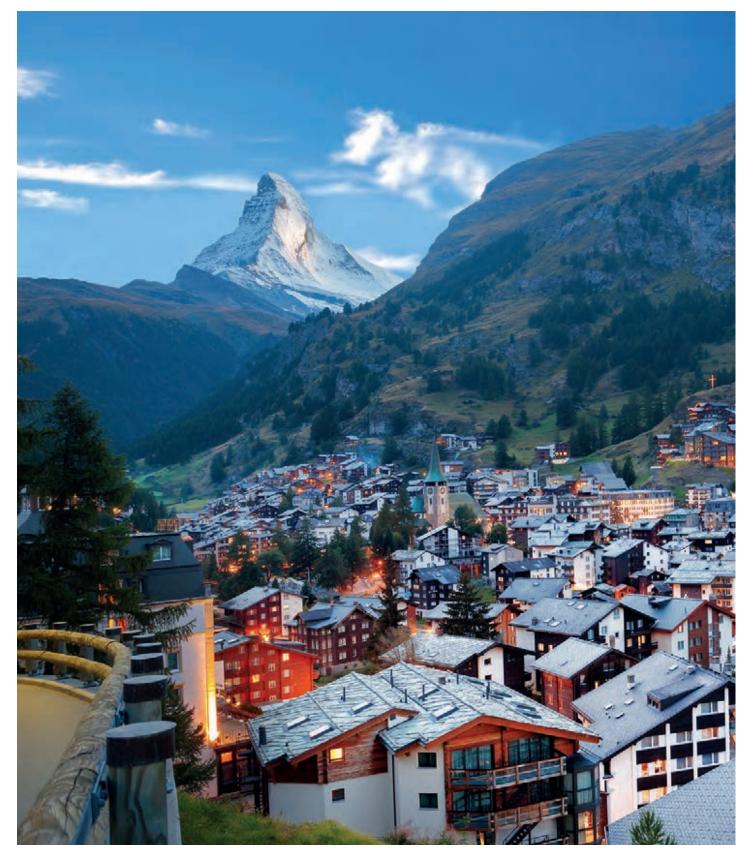
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# Planned tour itinerary

#### DAY 1 Overnight Flight

DAY 2 Stresa, Italy (Lago Maggiore\*) - Tour Begins Arrive in Stresa (Lago Maggiore) and take some free time to explore this beautiful lakeside town on your own. Your evening begins with a cocktail party in a wine shop before we cruise to our welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands. (D)

DAY 3 Stresa Today we make our way to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm to learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Sample delicious creations and discover how to pair them with local wines. Return to Stresa for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 4 Stresa - Zermatt, Switzerland Depart Lago Maggiore for a scenic drive into the heart of the mountains. The incredible views of the Italian and Swiss Alps are sure to leave a lasting impression. Upon arrival in Tasch, board a local train for a ride to the spectacular pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. (B, D)

DAY 5 Zermatt Today, Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Tour Zermatt's bestknown landmarks by foot with a local expert; or, enjoy a visit to the Matterhorn Museum where you'll learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 6 Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. Arrive in St. Moritz, playground of the rich and famous. (B)

DAY 7 St. Moritz - Innsbruck, Austria Drive through the picturesque Engadine Valley to Innsbruck, Austria, capital of the Austrian Tyrol. Join a local expert and explore the city's medieval pedestrian streets including Maria Theresian Strasse, the Hofburg and the Golden Roof. (B)

DAY 8 Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck Travel the Austrian countryside to historic Salzburg, one of Europe's most beautiful and romantic spots. Enjoy a leisurely walking tour of Salzburg's historic Old Town - the Altstadt. See highlights such as the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. Film buffs will be able to pick out locations from *The Sound of Music*. This evening, enjoy a delightful Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest restaurant. (B, D)

#### DAY 9 Innsbruck - Munich, Germany -

**Oberammergau** Today we head to the frontier of Germany, crossing the border into Bavaria. Arrive in the Bavarian capital of Munich for a walking tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Next, depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. (B, D)

DAY 10 Oberammergau - Passion Play This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

DAY 11 Oberammergau - Linderhof Palace - Füssen - Munich Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation. Next, enjoy free time exploring medieval Füssen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in *Sleeping Beauty*. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. (B, D)

DAY 12 Munich - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



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# Tour highlights include

- ✓ Journey aboard the famous Glacier Express Train
- ✓ Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau
- Explore Salzburg on a walking tour
- ✓ Enjoy a two night stay in Lago Maggiore

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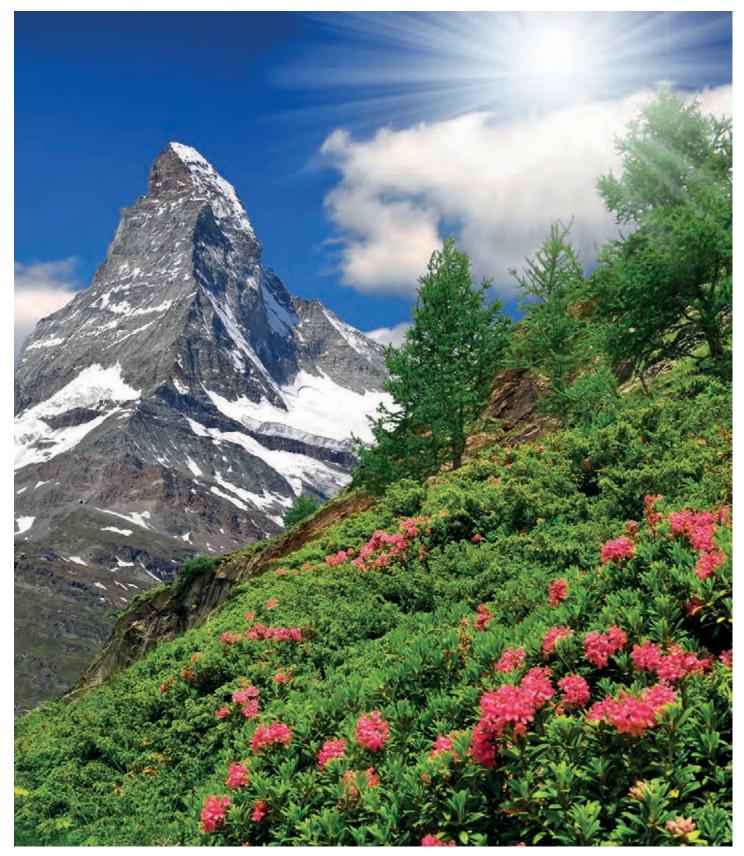


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# Planned tour itinerary

#### DAY 1 Overnight Flight

DAY 2 Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Vienna. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. Enjoy regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine of the quaint winemaking region of Grinzing. (D)

DAY 3 Vienna Begin your day with a locally guided tour of Vienna showcasing its architectural marvels. Visit the incredible Schoenbrunn Palace and see the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral. This afternoon, enjoy leisure time to independently explore the avenues of Vienna or visit one of its many museums. (B)

DAY 4 Vienna - Salzburg After a short journey through the countryside, enjoy a lovely cruise along the Danube, one of Europe's most important waterways. Later, make a stop at the Benedictine Melk Abbey before continuing to the musical city of Salzburg. Tonight, sit down for a Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant. (B, D)

DAY 5 Salzburg Discover the splendour of Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town. Some of the amazing sights you will see along the way include the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. (B)

DAY 6 Salzburg - Munich, Germany -Oberammergau Today we travel to Germany. In Munich, feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Later we arrive at our home for the next two nights — the quaint village of Oberammergau, renowned for woodcarvings and the Passion Play. (B, D)

DAY 7 Oberammergau - Passion Play This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 Oberammergau - Black Forest Today fairy tales become reality at a picture stop of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein. Next you are off to the heart of the stunning Black Forest, a region famous for its artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks, Hummels and wood carvings. (B, D)

DAY 9 Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland Welcome to Switzerland! Your first stop en route to Zermatt is at one of the most photographed castles in the world, the Château de Chillon, located on serene Lake Geneva. Later, enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gottard Bahn from Tasch to the relaxing pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. Take a stroll and breathe in the fresh Alpine air. (B, D)

DAY 10 Zermatt Today Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Explore on foot during a guided walking tour. Or, experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum to learn more about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 11 Zermatt - Grimsel Pass - Lucerne Views of glaciers, crystal clear rivers and snowcapped mountains will invigorate you as you travel through the spectacular scenery of the Grimsel Pass. Your destination is Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." (B)

DAY 12 Lucerne This morning, embark on a scenic walking tour of this picturesque city, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. The remainder of the day is yours to independently explore all Lucerne has to offer. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialties and toast the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

DAY 13 Lucerne - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close in Lucerne. (B)



# Tour highlights include

Embark on a cruise along the Danube River

- ✓ Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau
- ✓ Visit Vienna and its incredible Schoenbrunn Palace
- Make a stop at the impressive Benedictine Melk Abbey

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# Planned tour itinerary

#### **DAY 1 Overnight Flight**

DAY 2 Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Berlin. This city blends a deep history, a modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

DAY 3 Berlin This morning enjoy a traditional city tour that features Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendamm, the Reichstag building and a stop at "Checkpoint Charlie," the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. (B)

DAY 4 Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg Your destination is Hamburg with its winding canals and impressive harbour that have made it a center of trade for centuries. En route, make a stop in the medieval Hanseatic League town of Lübeck, the famed birthplace of marzipan and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Join a local guide for a tour of the town and have a chance to visit Café Niederegger to shop for the marzipan they have been making for 200 years. Arrive in Hamburg. Tonight, enjoy dinner out on the town. (B. D)

DAY 5 Hamburg Come to know the city on a panoramic tour that showcases the Rathaus (Town Hall), the Alster, St. Michaelis Church, the city center, the beautiful Jungfernstieg promenade and, of course, the port of Hamburg - dubbed the "gateway to the world." Later, it's your choice! Board a harbour boat for a narrated cruise around the massive Hamburg shipping port highlighting the key maritime sights - OR embark on a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake to take in stunning views of the shoreline dotted with the homes of Hamburg's elite. Later we gather for a walking tour of the Reeperbahn area, Hamburg's red light district, immortalized as the place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the early 1960s. Join in the fun with your "singing and ukulele playing local Beatles expert" and travel down memory lane. (B)

DAY 6 Hamburg - Bremen - Hamelin Today's first stop is in Bremen, at the beginning of the Fairy Tale Road. Join a local guide for a walking tour of this quaint town featuring the musicians of Brothers Grimm fame, the Town Hall (UNESCO), and the medieval Schnoor district. Later, travel to Hamelin, made famous by the Pied Piper legend from the stories of the Brothers Grimm. Feel like you have stepped into a storybook when the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" plays delightful tunes while he leads you on a discovery walk through Hamelin with its charming Tudor-style architecture. (B)

DAY 7 Hamelin - Trendelburg and Sababurg Castles - Kassel - Marburg This morning you are transported back to childhood as you come face to face with the real life places that inspired the fairy tale classics. First, meet a local storyteller at the famed "Rapunzel's Castle" -Trendelburg. Continue on to Reinhardswald, home to Sleeping Beauty's castle - Sababurg. Have time to explore the enchanting grounds before travelling to Kassel, home to the Brothers Grimm Museum. At the museum, an expert will lead you on a tour through the interactive displays that bring you through the life of the Grimm brothers. Journey to the medieval university town

of Marburg with its endless alleys and stairways that lead to the castle perched above. (B, D)

DAY 8 Marburg - Würzburg - Rothenburg ob der Tauber Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located in the middle of the famous Romantic Road and in the heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. Enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your city center hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local restaurant where you'll enjoy a tasting of local wines followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colourfully costumed local expert for the famous "Night Watchman" walking tour of this medieval town. (B, D)

DAY 9 Rothenburg ob der Tauber It's your choice! Join in a walk to a local bakery to make "schneeball" pastries - snowballs - a favourite treat of the locals! - OR - tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum. Later we gather to spend time at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum where you will be treated to a private tour, enjoy an ornament-making demonstration and shop for handmade Christmas ornaments. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 10 Rothenburg ob der Tauber -Neuschwanstein Castle - Oberammergau Today we make our way through mountains and along winding country roads for a tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by the "crazy" King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, continue to the quaint, picturesque village of Oberammergau. (B, D)

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DAY 13 Munich - Tour Ends This morning your tour comes to a close. (B)



# Tour highlights include

- Tour Berlin's and Munich's famed landmarks with a local guide
- Embark on a guided tour of Hamelin with a flute-playing "Pied Piper"
- ✓ Explore the Hanseatic town of Lübeck, famous for marzipan
- ✓ Join a local guide who leads you on a Beatles tour in Hamburg
- ✓ Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau

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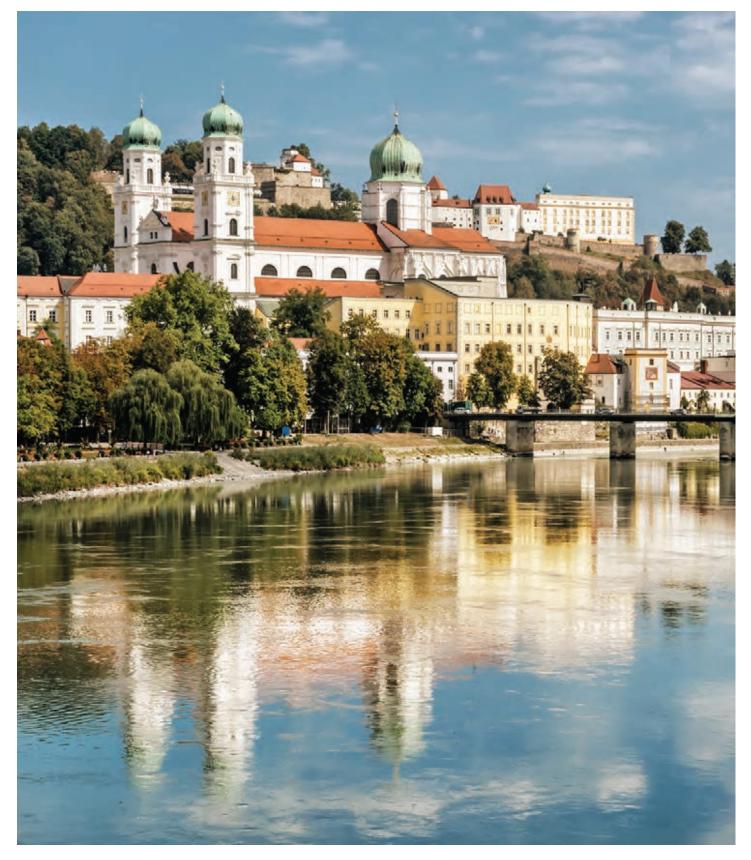


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# Planned tour itinerary

#### DAY 1 Overnight Flight

#### DAY 2 Budapest, Hungary - Board Cruise

Ship - Tour Begins Unpack for a relaxing 6-night Danube River cruise. Your vessel offers the newest technology, a panoramic deck, terrace café, panorama salon and bar, excellent cuisine, outstanding service and unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard. After a welcome aboard cocktail reception and dinner, take in the essence of the region during an evening cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline. Cap the night off with a fun-filled folklore show. (D)

DAY 3 Budapest Embark on a tour of Budapest, Hungary's lovely capital, featuring the historic Buda Castle area, Fisherman's Bastion and the 500-year-old St. Matthias Church. Enjoy splendid views of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, nestled on opposing banks of the river. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 Budapest - Bratislava, Slovakia -Vienna, Austria Tour Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava, and discover the city's most celebrated sites including the 13th-century castle, Old Town, St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate, and the Archbishop's Palace. This afternoon, sail towards Vienna, Austria's capital. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 Vienna Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and the aweinspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's Baroque elegance, stroll along the Kartner Strasse, or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. (B, L, D)

DAY 6 Emmersdorf - Wachau Valley View the picturesque landscape as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the scenery. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. (B, L, D)

DAY 7 Linz - Passau, Germany This morning, enjoy a walking tour of the riverside town of Linz. Next, continue on to Passau which rests at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and IIz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, and St. Stephan's Cathedral, home to Europe's largest church organ. Tonight you are invited to attend the Captain's Gala Dinner with your fellow passengers. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 Passau - Disembark Ship - Munich -Oberammergau Today, disembark your cruise ship and journey to Munich. Feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Next, depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. (B, D)

DAY 9 Oberammergau - Passion Play This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B. L. D)

DAY 10 Oberammergau - Linderhof Palace - Füssen - Munich Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation. Next, enjoy free time exploring medieval Füssen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in *Sleeping Beauty*. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. (B, D)

DAY 11 Munich - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



### Tour highlights include

- Take a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city
- Discover Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava
- Board a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline
- Explore Vienna's Imperial architecture
- Pricing Conditions: \*per person, double, land only





# SPRINGTIME TULIP RIVER CRUISE

9 DAYS • 20 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>3699 land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Experience Kinderdijk, home to Holland's largest collection of windmills.
- Explore "Liebfrauenkirche," Belgium's largest Gothic church.
- Return to medieval times during a walking tour of Bruges.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Dock in Middelburg, known as "the monumental city."
- Travel to Arnhem, the favourite summer retreat of the Dutch royal family.
- · Set out on a city tour of Amsterdam.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 7 breakfasts 6 lunches 7 dinners
- Visit a local cheese farm for a tasting.
- Celebrate your journey during a farewell dinner and folklore show in Amsterdam.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2 - 8MS Amadeus Brilliant

On some dates alternate vessels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 189 for details.



# Float by blooming fields of flowers and windmills on a resplendent tulip river cruise through Holland and Belgium.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Savour springtime in Holland and Belgium with a cruise that highlights the blooming Dutch tulip fields.

# **Day 2:** Amsterdam, Netherlands - Board Ship - Tour Begins

Your journey opens in Amsterdam, the 800-year-old thriving capital of the Netherlands. Board your ship and unpack once for a relaxing 7-night river cruise. Your beautiful vessel offers the newest technology, panoramic deck, panorama bar, delicious cuisine including regional wines with every dinner, and outstanding service. Tonight, a cocktail is served in the Panorama Bar where you will meet your fellow travellers before a lovely welcome dinner. Enjoy an overnight stay on the ship in Amsterdam. (D)

#### Day 3: Amsterdam - Volendam - Cruising

After breakfast, view some of Amsterdam's most important sites and diverse architecture while on a city tour. You will also get to see the city from the water during a delightful canal cruise. Midday, visit the little fishing town of Volendam where you can still find fishermen dressed in traditional caps and baggy-legged trousers. A visit to a local cheese farm illustrates the process of how cheese from the area is made and also allows you the opportunity to sample some of the delicious results! During dinner, the ship resumes its cruise to the IJssel Sea. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Arnhem

Late this morning we arrive in Arnhem, location of the favourite summer retreat of the Dutch royal family. This afternoon, pass by lovely Dutch scenery as your journey continues. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Middelburg - Cruising

Today your ship docks in Middelburg, the capital of the Dutch province, Zeeland. It is known as "the monumental city" because over 1,100 monuments dot its landscape. This afternoon, you may take an optional excursion to the Deltaworks Project located at Neeltje Jans. This is an amazing example of how the Dutch have truly tamed the environment in which they live. Your







excursion continues with a stop in the lovely town of Veere, a prosperous trading port in the Middle Ages due to the wool trade with Scotland; today it is a favourite spot for visitors. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Ghent, Belgium - Bruges

Welcome to the Imperial city of Ghent. Lined with typical patrician houses in its city center, Ghent conveys the splendor of days gone by. Perhaps you will join an optional sightseeing tour that includes St. Bavo Cathedral, with its world-famous painting of the altar of the citizens of Ghent and the "Belfried" with its bell tower. This afternoon, be transported back to another time during a leisurely paced walking tour of Bruges, one of Europe's most perfectly preserved medieval cities. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Antwerp

Today the ship docks in Antwerp, Belgium's second-largest city, which boasts beautiful Gothic and Baroque architecture and lively cafés. Join a local expert exploring the city's historical sites including the legendary Brabo Fountain and "Liebfrauenkirche," Belgium's largest Gothic church housing works by Rubens, the prolific painter. The afternoon is at leisure for shopping and independent exploration. Tonight, the captain welcomes you to the elegant Captain's Gala Dinner, followed by an evening of dancing. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Kinderdijk - Utrecht -Amsterdam

Stop in Kinderdijk (UNESCO World Heritage site) to experience Holland's largest concentration of windmills, many still operating, and to get a revealing glimpse into Holland's age-old battle with the sea. After lunch, explore the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, spanning more than 70 acres within a beautiful park of tranquil ponds and shaded paths. With more than seven million tulips and other flowers on exhibit, Keukenhof is a kaleidoscope of colour in bloom. Your day concludes with a farewell dinner and a typical Dutch folklore show celebrating the end of an unforgettable river cruise through Holland and Belgium. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Amsterdam - Disembark Ship -Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful adventure. (B)

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Amsterdam • 7-Night River Cruise • Volendam • Arnhem • Middelburg • Ghent • Bruges • Antwerp • Kinderdijk Windmills • Keukenhof Gardens





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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Amsterdam. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. Embarkation on day 2 is upon arrival; however, please note that cabins will not be ready for check in until after 3:00 p.m. Disembarkation on day 9 is normally at 9:00 a.m. Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waitstaff on board the ship are not included and are at your discretion. River cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The tour directors were excellent and ensured that we were well informed and kept the needs of those with disabilities in mind. We enjoyed visiting Kinderdijk and the tulip gardens.

# CLASSIC DANUBE

11 DAYS · 24 MEALS

FROM \$4749

land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Board a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline.
- Partake in a fun-filled Hungarian folklore show.
- Take a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Discover Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava.
- Take a city tour of Munich, featuring the world-famous Glockenspiel.
- Explore Regensburg, home of the first stone bridge built over the Danube.

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- · 9 breakfasts 6 lunches 9 dinners
- Enjoy unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard your cruise ship.
- · Attend the Captain's Gala Dinner.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2 8MS Amadeus Silver II
- Days 9, 10 Mercure Hotel or Dorint Sporthotel, Garmisch-Partenkirchen

On some dates alternate vessels and hotels may be used.





# Drift blissfully along the iconic Danube River, stopping along the way to admire storybook villages, lively cities and unparalleled scenery.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Sail past breathtaking scenery, pausing along the way in quaint villages and lively cities on a timeless trip down the Danube River. Your tour opens with an overnight flight to Europe.

# **Day 2:** Budapest, Hungary - Board Cruise Ship

Unpack for a relaxing 7-night Danube River cruise aboard your lovely ship. This vessel offers the newest technology, a panoramic deck, terrace café, panorama salon and bar, excellent cuisine, outstanding service and unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard. After a welcome aboard cocktail reception and dinner, take in the essence of the region during an evening cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline followed by a fun-filled folklore show. (D)

#### Day 3: Budapest

Embark on a tour of Budapest, Hungary's lovely capital, featuring the historic Buda Castle area, Fisherman's Bastion and the 500-year-old St. Matthias Church. Enjoy splendid views of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, nestled on opposing banks of the river. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria

Tour Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava, and discover the city's most celebrated sites including the 13th-century castle, Old Town, St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate, and the Archbishop's palace. This afternoon, sail towards Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Vienna

Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's Baroque elegance, stroll along the Kartner Strasse, or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. If you wish, you may join an optional excursion to the opulent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Emmersdorf - Wachau Valley

View the picturesque landscape as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the scenery. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent



castles and small riverside towns. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Linz - Passau, Germany

This morning, enjoy an included walking tour of the charming riverside town of Linz. Next, continue on to Passau which is set at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, and St. Stephan's Cathedral, home to Europe's largest church organ. Tonight, you are invited to attend the Captain's Gala Dinner with your fellow passengers. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Regensburg

A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany's grand medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. Some of the architectural highlights you may view include the first stone bridge built over the Danube, a 1,400-foot-long span built in the 12th century; the old Town Hall; and the Porta Praetoria, one of only two remaining Roman gates in Germany, built in A.D. 179. This afternoon, take a stroll through Old Town. Tonight, partake in a delightful Bavarian evening onboard. (B, L, D)





#### **Day 9:** Passau - Disembark Ship -Munich - Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Today, disembark your cruise ship and journey to Munich. Feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. After some free time, continue on to the quaint Bavarian ski town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Garmisch-Partenkirchen -Ettal - Oberammergau - Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Travel to Ettal, home of Linderhof Palace. This artistic "Royal Villa" was the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete in his lifetime. Behind its Baroque façade you will find a world rich in Rococo ornamentation, with many sculptural elements that showcase an incomparable artistry. Later, spend time exploring Oberammergau, renowned for wood carvings and the Passion Play which takes place every ten years. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Garmisch-Partenkirchen - Tour Ends

Today your tour comes to an end. (B)

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Budapest • Bratislava • Vienna • Wachau Valley • Linz • Passau • Regensburg • Munich • Garmisch-Partenkirchen • Linderhof Palace • Oberammergau





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This trip requires a passport. Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. Embarkation on day 2 is after 4:00 p.m. Disembarkation on day 9 is normally at 9:00 a.m. Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and wait staff on board the ship are not included and are at your discretion. River cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen changes in water levels, delays at the locks and other circumstances that may arise along the waterways. These changes may include items being missed during the tour; however, every effort will be made to substitute another attraction if possible. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance. Our air passengers will arrive into Budapest, Hungary airport and depart from Munich, Germany airport. All of our transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. on the last day of your tour. All transfers will depart from Garmisch-Partenkirchen for Munich airport. Travel time between Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Munich airport is approximately 1.5 hours. On some dates, tour operates in reverse. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:30pm. All rates in Canadian dollars.

# CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE

9 DAYS • 19 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>3199 land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Browse the famous Christmas markets along the Danube.
- Join a local expert as you explore Würzburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg and Vienna.
- Explore the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Experience the most picturesque region of the Wachau Valley.
- Explore Regensburg, home of the first stone bridge built over the Danube.
- Enjoy a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city.

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#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

### · 7 breakfasts • 5 lunches • 7 dinners

- Enjoy unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard your cruise ship.
- Attend the Captain's Gala Dinner.



#### ACCOMMODATIONS

 
 Day 1
 Overnight Flight

 Day 2
 Maritim Hotel, Best Western Premier Hotel Rebstock or

Ghotel Hotel, Wurzburg
Days 3 - 8 MS Amadeus Queen or Brilliant

On some dates alternate vessels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 189 for details.



# See this breathtaking region dressed in its holiday best. Explore charming Christmas markets and relax aboard a cruise along the Danube.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Welcome the winter season with a timeless trip down the Danube River. Your holiday tour begins with an overnight flight to Europe.

#### Day 2: Würzburg, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in historic Bavaria, in a town along the banks of the Main River. Enjoy the remainder of the day to relax and soak in the charms of Franconia. Meet your fellow travellers at tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Würzburg - Rothenburg - Nuremberg - Board Cruise Ship

This morning, join a local guide on a leisurely paced walking tour of Würzburg, known as "the jewel of the Main River." Würzburg is an ancient Franconian wine town rich in historic sites, including the magnificent 18th-century residence of the Prince-Bishops which boasts the largest ceiling fresco in the world, and the ornate Alte Mainbrucke, the oldest bridge on the River Main. Proceed to lovely Rothenburg, one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. Enjoy free time to explore the town's hidden treasures and its charming Christmas market, plus the chance to visit the Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas store and museum where you will find a wide range of traditional German Christmas decorations. Late afternoon you arrive in Nuremberg to meet your cruise ship. Unpack once for a relaxing 6-night Danube River cruise aboard your lovely ship. This beautiful vessel offers the newest technology; a panoramic deck terrace café; panorama salon and bar; excellent cuisine including unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks with all dinners; and outstanding service. This evening, enjoy a special dinner onboard. (B, D)

### Day 4: Nuremberg

A local expert provides an interesting city tour of historic Nuremberg featuring Old Town, the 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city, and the Imperial Castle. Your city tour concludes with a visit to Nuremberg's Christmas market, Germany's most famous and oldest, dating back to 1628. Nuremberg is a toy-making center and you will have the opportunity to shop for traditional handcrafted nutcrackers and sample its famous "Lebkuchen" (gingerbread). Later, your cruise continues across the continental divide and through the final stretch of the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Regensburg

A guided walking tour of magnificent Regensburg reveals one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities with nearly 1,400 historic buildings. Some of the architectural highlights you may view include the first stone bridge built over the Danube, a 1,400-foot-long span built in the 12th century; the old Town Hall; and the Porta Praetoria, one of only two remaining Roman gates in Germany, built in A.D. 179. This afternoon, take a stroll through Old Town to Regensburg's charming Christmas market and marvel at the festive lights and decorations. Browse and shop at the brightly lit wooden huts that sell Christmas tree ornaments, wooden toys and local handicrafts. Late evening, your ship departs for Passau. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Passau

Amid the early morning light, cruise past scenic valleys and charming riverside towns to Passau, situated at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers. Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, St. Stephen's Cathedral – home to Europe's largest church organ – and the charming Christmas market. Then, enjoy free time to explore the town on your own. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 7:** Wachau Valley, Austria -Emmersdorf - Durnstein - Vienna

View the picturesque landscapes as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the surrounding scenery before joining an excursion to the nearby town of Durnstein and the 900-yearold Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of Europe's largest Baroque monasteries. Next, enjoy a Glühwein Party before returning to the ship. This afternoon you continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. You arrive in Vienna, Austria's beautiful capital city, in the early evening. After dinner you may choose to join an optional excursion in the imperial city to experience the magic of Vienna by night and visit Vienna's most famous Christmas market, located in front of the "Rathaus" (City Hall). (B, L, D)





#### Day 8: Vienna

Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's Baroque elegance, stroll along the Karntner Strasse, or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. If you wish, you may join an optional excursion to the opulent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Hapsburg dynasty. A wonderful farewell evening of food, music and entertainment awaits you at the Captain's Gala Dinner. After a delightful dinner, the ship's orchestra provides a musical Christmas concert for your enjoyment. (B, L, D)

# **Day 9:** Vienna - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends

After breakfast you disembark the ship as your tour comes to an end. (B)



Prague

#### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Würzburg • Rothenburg • Nuremberg • Regensburg • Passau • Wachau Valley • Glühwein Party • Vienna • Hofburg Palace • Vienna Opera House • Christmas Markets





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<b>December 2019</b> December 2, 3, 8	Staterooms (starting at) Haydn (lower deck) Strauss (middle deck)	<b>Double</b> \$3199 \$3714	<b>Single</b> \$4499 \$5524
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#### COMBINE TWO TOURS INTO ONE ADVENTURE

Book another tour with Christmas on the Danube and create one grand experience. call for DetAils

This trip requires a passport. Ports of call are subject to change based on pier availability and weather conditions. Embarkation on day 3 is after 4:00 p.m.; on day 9, disembarkation is normally at 9:00 a.m. The cruise line reserves the right to charge a supplemental fuel charge. Should this charge be incurred, you will be notified in advance. River cruises are smaller ships and only have a finite number of each cabin category available. Specific categories are available on a first come first served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking; however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waitstaff on board the ship are not included and are at your discretion. Our air passengers will arrive into Frankfurt, Germany and depart from Vienna, Austria. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. Return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. on the last day of your tour. An early morning departure from the cruise ship may be required due to air schedules to some U.S. and Canadian cities. On some dates this tour operates in reverse. All rates in Canadian dollars.

# MAGICAL RHINE & MOSELLE

10 DAYS • 22 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>4449 land only, per person, double occupancy



### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES**

- Set out on a 7-night cruise along the Rhine.
- Discover the lovely town of Cochem on a guided tour.
- Take in the sounds of barrel organs and medieval instruments at Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett.

### **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Set out on a tour of picturesque Rüdesheim.
- Cruise the famous canals of Amsterdam and join a local guide for a city tour.
- Explore Cologne's Old Town during a walking tour.

#### **CULINARY INCLUSIONS**

- · 8 breakfasts 6 lunches 8 dinners
- Enjoy a Captain's Gala Dinner aboard your ship.
- Visit one of Cochem's renowned wine cellars.



### ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1	Overnight Flight	
Days 2 - 8	MS Amadeus Silver III	
Day 9	Movenpick Hotel, Zurich	

On some dates alternate vessels and hotels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 189 for details.



# Glide along the enchanting Rhine and Moselle rivers on a leisurely journey to the Netherlands, Germany and France.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us for an exciting tour featuring Strasbourg and the romantic Rhine Valley. This journey brings you through one of the most historic and dramatic regions in all of Europe.

# **Day 2:** Amsterdam, Netherlands - Board Ship - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Amsterdam where you will board your ship for a 7-night cruise along the Rhine River. Your ship offers an array of amenities including outside staterooms, unlimited wine with every dinner, and daily onboard musical performances. This evening, meet in the lounge for a cocktail reception followed by a "welcome aboard" dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Amsterdam

Join a local expert for a city tour of Amsterdam including a cruise along the city's centuries-old canal system. Board your canal boat and cruise by charming cafés and famous 16th-century row houses stacked side-by-side. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Cologne, Germany

As you glide down the river this morning, pass through the picturesque German

landscape dotted with medieval towns. Your journey brings you to Cologne where you will join a guide for a walking tour of the city's Old Town with its narrow, cobbled streets. Admire the Cologne Cathedral, as well as the Roman Dionysus mosaic and the Romanesque church of St. Martin. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Moselle River - Cochem

Set sail on the Moselle River to Cochem where you will join a guided tour through this lovely town and Reichsburg Castle. The castle is set on a precipitous rock high above the town and offers breathtaking views of the Moselle Valley. End your tour of Cochem with an introduction by a local winemaker to one of Cochem's wine cellars where you will taste regional Mosel wines. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Koblenz - Rüdesheim

Continue on to Koblenz and get to know this 2,000-year-old city on a walking tour. See such sights as the town's old quarter, which was badly damaged during World War II and then rebuilt, as well as the Schaengel Fountain at the town hall. Your next stop is Rüdesheim. Set out on a tour of the city and its famous Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett (or Mechanical Music Museum) where you will be treated to the





#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Amsterdam Cologne Moselle River Cochem Wine Tasting • Koblenz • Rüdesheim • Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum
- Mannheim Speyer Strasbourg Titisee





music of barrel organs and medieval mechanical instruments. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Mannheim - Speyer

The river takes you to Mannheim where you will have free time to explore the city on your own. Or, perhaps you will join an optional excursion to the town of Heidelberg. Later, sail to Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities, and step back in time on a walking tour to explore such places as the Old Gate and the Jewish baths. A wonderful evening of food, music and entertainment awaits you at the Captain's Gala Dinner. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Strasbourg, France

Your journey takes you to Strasbourg, a provincial capital of France that blends centuries of Roman, French, German and Alsatian influences together, creating a unique character. Discover the history of the city on a guided tour of the old quarter, "Petite France," featuring the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Highlights also include Place de la République and Place d'Austerlitz. You will have free time to explore this perfectly preserved town before returning to your cruise ship. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 9:** Disembark - Basel, SW -Colmar, France - Black Forest, Germany - Zurich, SW

Today is filled with exploration!

Disembark your ship in Basel, Switzerland and travel to the Alsace wine region to spend time in beautiful Colmar. Step back in time with a local guide on a walking tour of the Old Town highlighting its many architectural landmarks. Enjoy some free time to explore this charming city on your own. Next, drive to Titisee, a German resort town nestled alongside its picturesque lake hidden deep in the Black Forest. Savour some leisure time to browse the shops for the region's famous cuckoo clocks. You'll have an opportunity to meet a local artisan who demonstrates how these cuckoo clocks are made with traditional techniques. Then, enjoy a dinner of Black Forest regional specialties before arriving at your Zurich airport area hotel this evening. (B, D)

Day 10: Zurich Airport Area - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

 Wonderful experience on a beautiful ship. Food choices and presentations were excellent.
 Tour guides were knowledgeable, always prepared and flexible.

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# LA BELLE SEINE

9 DAYS • 20 MEALS FROM <sup>\$</sup>4599 land only, per person, double occupancy



# CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Normandy on a full day excursion.
- View the Gros Horloge, Rouen's astronomical clock.
- Tour Auvers-sur-Oise, inspiration for many of Van Gogh's paintings and masterpieces.

# **MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS**

- Tour Giverny, Monet's home and gardens for more than 40 years.
- Visit Honfluer, a remarkable maritime city.
- View some of Paris' famous landmarks during a panoramic coach tour of the city.

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- · 7 breakfasts 6 lunches 7 dinners
- Visit a local distillery for a Calvados (apple brandy) tasting.
- Celebrate your journey during a Captain's Gala dinner.



# ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2 - 8MS Amadeus Diamond

On some dates alternate vessels may be used.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 189 for details.



# Relax and settle in for a tranquil river cruise that takes you from Paris through the resplendent Normandy region.

# START EARLY

Paris: Kick off your journey taking the many charms of this romantic city. CALL FOR DETAILS.

# Day 1: Overnight Flight

Depart for Paris, France to start your journey through the Normandy region. Bask in the rich history, art, culture and romance of its celebrated cities and charming towns.

# **Day 2:** Paris, France - Board Ship - Tour Begins

Your journey opens in Paris. Board your ship and unpack once for a relaxing 7-night river cruise. Your beautiful vessel offers the newest technology, panoramic deck, panorama bar, delicious cuisine including regional wines with every dinner, and outstanding service. Tonight, a cocktail is served in the panorama bar where you will meet your fellow travellers before a lovely welcome dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Conflans - Auvers-sur-Oise

This morning, arrive in Conflans, situated at the confluence of the Oise and Seine

rivers. Visit the town of Auvers-sur-Oise, once home to several 19th-century painters including Paul Cézanne, Charles-François Daubigny, Camille Pissaro, and perhaps most famously, Vincent Van Gogh. Embark on a tour of Auvers-sur-Oise that retraces Van Gogh's time here, including Auberge Ravoux where he rented his room, the idyllic fields that inspired his last masterpiece, and his final resting place. This afternoon, cruise past lovely French countryside scenery as your journey continues. (B, L, D)

# Day 4: Rouen

Today your ship docks in Rouen, the historical capital of Normandy. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the medieval city, highlighting its many monuments and architectural treasures. Visit the cathedral and the Church of Joan of Arc before viewing the Gros Horloge astronomical clock. Spend time at leisure to continue exploring the city, perhaps with a visit to Place du Vieux Marché, the site where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in the 15th century. This afternoon, you may take an optional excursion with a local expert along the "Abbey Trail" to the ruins of both St. Wandrille Abbey and Jumièges. Learn about the rich history of the churches, castles and abbeys that once populated this region. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Le Havre - Honfleur - Le Havre

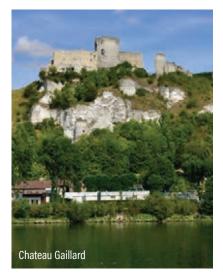
This morning we dock in Le Havre, a city located on the English Channel at the mouth of the Seine River. Perhaps you will join an optional morning sightseeing tour to Étretat, a town situated on the Normandy coast with stunning clifftop views and a charming fishing village where a guided walking tour highlights the various artists who have visited and painted there through the years. This afternoon, enjoy an included excursion to Honfleur, a remarkable maritime city. Explore the narrow streets and the old port with a local guide. View the Lieutenancy, the Old Salt Stores and St. Catherine's Church before enjoying time to shop or explore independently. (B, L, D)

# Day 6: Le Havre - Normandy Excursion - Caudebec-en-Caux

A full day of remembrance awaits, as we travel through Normandy to visit some of the significant D-Day Landing sites of World War II. Begin at Pointe du Hoc, a strategic German battery that defended Utah and Omaha beaches from the Allied invasion, where craters from cataclysmic bombings occupy the landscape to this day. View Omaha Beach, one of the U.S. landing zones of the invasion of Normandy. Next, visit the Normandy American Cemetery and visitor's center. Enjoy an included lunch locally before travelling on to Arromanche-les-Bains to view the Mulberry Harbor, one of the greatest engineering feats of WWII and a massive coup for the Allies. This evening, we rejoin the ship in Caudebec-en-caux. (B, L, D)

# **Day 7:** Les Andelys - Château Gaillard and Giverny

Begin your morning with a stop in Les Andelys to visit Château Gaillard, constructed in the 12th century by Richard the Lionheart. Admire the striking views of French countryside from the château's vantage point on a promontory along the Seine. Next, continue to Giverny, where tranquil gardens combining flora and water elements inspired Monet's greatest works. A guide will share stories of Monet's time here as you tour his home and its surrounding gardens. This afternoon, perhaps you will join an optional excursion to King Louis XIV's magnificent Palace of Versailles, the largest palace in Europe; visit the grand private apartments and the Hall of Mirrors on a guided tour of the palace; stroll the magnificent gardens





which are amongst some of the world's most famous and took over 40 years to complete. Tonight, the captain welcomes you to the elegant Captain's Gala dinner, immediately followed by an evening of dancing. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Paris

This morning, take a splendid panoramic coach tour that features views of the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Les Invalides, the Louvre Museum, the famous Champs-Elysées and the Jardin des Tuileries. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to continue exploring this great city, or join an optional guided walking tour of the Montmartre district highlighting its narrow winding streets that have drawn artists to them for hundreds of years. Your day concludes with a farewell dinner where you will bid adieu to the illuminated "City of Lights." (B, L, D)

# **Day 9:** Paris - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful adventure. (B)

Experience more with a
 PRE-TOUR EXTENSION to:

Brussels & Paris

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Paris • 7-Night River Cruise • Normandy • Auvers-sur-Oise • Rouen • Honfleur • Château Gaillard • Giverny





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This is your time to head off the well-known path and appreciate all the extraordinary moments held in the everyday. It's time to wander, to wonder, and to awaken your soul. It's time to experience small group travel, reinvented.

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# THE NEW EXPLORATIONS EXPERIENCE

# What You'll Do unique experiences

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

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



# Small Group Travel reinvented

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

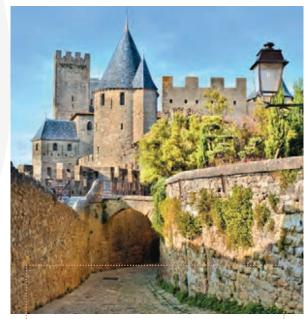




# Where You'll Stay authentic surroundings

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

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



# Feel the Freedom to explore

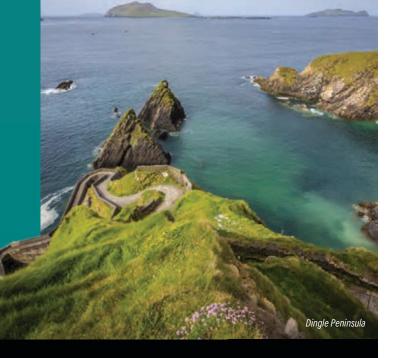
No one has traveled the same path as you. And no one will experience the world just as you do. While there's no "one size fits all" travel experience, the travel experiences we craft include a good balance of unique, hard-to-replicate experiences, cultural connections, and plenty of opportunities for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



# What's on the Menu culinary adventures

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

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



# COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE

From ancient castles and historic Dublin to lesstravelled roads and charming villages, this adventure brings together the best of the Emerald Isle.

### STARTING AT \$3649\* DAYS 10 MEALS 12

\*Price based on October 13, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

### Where You'll Stay

Dublin 2 Nights Hampton Hotel

Kinsale 2 Nights Actons Hotel

Killarney 2 Nights Killarney Plaza Hotel

Inisheer, Aran Islands 1 Night Tigh Ruairi

Ennis 1 Night Old Ground Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



### Included Meals

8 Breakfasts 4 Dinners

### **Activity Level**

#### 12345 Moderate Physical Activity

See pg. 189 for details on our activity levels.



Kinsale

# COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE

3 EXPERIENCES beyond expectation



# **2** LEARN TO COOK WITH A LITTLE IRISH FLAIR

Enjoy putting a modern spin on Irish cuisine during an interactive cooking class at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions. You'll see how to put a distinctively Irish twist on favourites by transforming classic recipes into modern delights using locally sourced ingredients.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 3 IN DUBLIN.





# LIVE LIKE A LOCAL IN THE ARAN ISLANDS

Journey to Inisheer, the smallest of the Aran Islands, on a local ferry and take in views of the Cliffs of Moher from a new angle—beneath them. Enjoy a private tour through the stone walls blanketing the island and learn about its 250 inhabitants. As the last ferry leaves, settle in to your island abode and experience an Ireland few will ever know.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 8-9 IN INISHEER.





# **3** THE OLDEST STRUCTURE IN DUBLIN IS YOURS FOR EXPLORING

As the sun sets behind the towering Christ Church Cathedral and the last visitors leave, this ancient jewel of Dublin is yours to share with your fellow explorers. Walk the hallowed halls, see famous relics, and learn of the rich history of Christ Church before heading down to the crypts for a cocktail reception like no other.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 2 IN DUBLIN.

### WHAT YOU'LL DO

### DAYS 1-3 DUBLIN

### **Discover Dublin**

- Tour the city with a local expert.
- Tour Christ Church Cathedral before enjoying a private cocktail reception in the crypts.
- Put a modern spin on Irish cuisine during an interactive cooking class at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutions.
- Get lost inside St. Stephen's Green, and marvel at the largest enclosed city park in all of Europe, Phoenix Park.

### DAYS 4-5 KINSALE

### Get a Taste of Kinsale's Culture

- Tour the Irish National Stud, home to regal thoroughbreds and opulent gardens, and the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey.
- Explore the seaside village of Kinsale on a walking tour with a local expert.
- Select the perfect spot from a "menu" of restaurants in Ireland's gourmet capital of Kinsale. Your dinner is included, but the choice is yours!
- ♥ IT'S YOUR CHOICE: Visit the seaside town of Cobh, the last stop of the historic RMS Titanic OR spend a leisurely day in Kinsale.

### DAYS 6-7 KILLARNEY

# Uncover the Quaint Beauty Surrounding Killarney

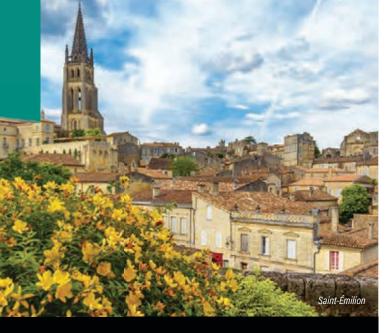
- Fall in love with the quaint towns and charming villages along Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way.
- Board a ferry and sail to stunning Garnish Island, home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens.
- Explore the enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs of Dingle. Walk the country lanes on foot, or spend time in Dingle Town, where the Guinness is always freshly tapped.

### DAYS 8-10 INISHEER • ENNIS

### Have an Island (Almost) to Yourself

- Board a ferry bound for Inisheer, where you'll explore the landscapes and culture of this unique island inhabited by just over 250 people.
- Enjoy a morning to sleep in or wake early for a sunrise hike to O'Brien Castle.
- Dive into local culture during a knitting workshop and experience the traditional craft of making the St. Brigid's Cross.
- Sail back to the mainland where you'll toast to adventure and close out your Irish experience in Ennis.

Visit explorations.com/468 for complete tour details.



# JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN FRANCE

Ignite the senses on a rich and engaging step back into time. Journey through some of the world's most decadent wine regions, explore medieval villages seemingly untouched by time, and discover the flavour, colour, and culture of Southern France.

**STARTING AT \$5049\* DAYS 10 MEALS 12** \*Price based on July 22, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

### Where You'll Stay

Bordeaux 2 Nights Intercontinental Le Grand Hotel

**Dordogne Valley 2 Nights** Château des Vigiers

Carcassonne 1 Night Mercure La Cite

Saint-Rémy-de-Provence 3 Nights Hotel Le Vallon De Valruques

FRANCE

Dordogne Valley

St. Rémy

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

# Included Meals

- 8 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 3 Dinners

# **Activity Level**

1 2 3 4 5 Active See pg. 189 for details on our activity levels.



# JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN FRANCE 3 EXPERIENCES beyond expectation



# **3** FEEL LIKE A ROYAL IN DORDOGNE VALLEY

Tucked away amid vineyards, sleepy medieval towns, and groves of chestnut trees lies a legendary estate fit for royalty. Dubbed "Petit Versailles," Château Des Vigiers is a sprawling 16th-century estate that seamlessly pays homage to the past with luxurious contemporary comforts. You'll spend two nights here amongst the stunning beauty and historic ambiance of this incredible property.





Bordeaux

Carcassonne



# DISCOVER THE CHARM OF SAINT-ÉMILION

Journey back in the past as a tuktuk brings you through the medieval village of Saint- Émilion. Surrounded by towering feats of architecture and miles of world-renowned wineries, you'll get a true taste of local life. Take time to walk the cobblestone streets, peek into centuries-old churches, and taste the wine that shares the town's name.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 4 IN SAINT- ÉMILION.

# **2** DELIGHT IN THE "THRILL OF THE HUNT" IN GORDES

Led by a local chef and his keen-sensed dogs, this culinary adventure takes you through the countryside of Southern France on an exciting hunt for black truffles where they naturally grow. Après hunt, savour local farm offerings from throughout the countryside.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 8 IN GORDES.



# WHAT YOU'LL DO

### DAYS 1-3 BORDEAUX

### Drink in the Beauty of Bordeaux

- Enjoy a locally sourced meal paired with the region's famed wines.
- Explore the city with a local guide.
- Embark on a full-bodied exploration of wine culture at La Cité du Vin.
- Walk the grounds of a local winery in Medoc and absorb the atmosphere of the vineyards, smell the grapes, and taste locally grown wine.

#### DAYS 4-5 DORDOGNE VALLEY

# Be Romanced by Regal Dordogne Valley

- IT'S YOUR CHOICE: Take a tuk-tuk through Saint-Émilion, one of Bordeaux's largest winemaking areas OR take a guided walking tour of the Old Town.
- See a slice of everyday life with a stop at a lively local market, followed by a visit to Chateau Monbazillac, a wine cooperative known for its signature dessert wine.
- Spend an afternoon relaxing and enjoy your chateau's luxurious spa or explore the grounds at your leisure.
- Spend two nights at a sprawling 16th-century estate nicknamed "Petit Versailles."

### DAY 6 CARCASSONNE

# Step into a Storybook in Carcassonne

 Enjoy an independent exploration of the medieval city of Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site replete with drawbridges, towers, and cobblestone streets.

#### DAYS 7 - 10 SAINT-RÉMY-DE-PROVENCE

### Peek into Provençal Life

- Gain an inside look at the village of Avignon during a walking tour with a local expert guide, ending with a visit to the dramatic Palace of the Popes.
- Join a local chef and his keen-sensed dogs as you hunt for truffles in the forests of Gordes.
- Learn more about Southern France's famed lavender at Musée de la Lavande.
- Enjoy free time to explore the Provençal charm of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence.

# Visit explorations.com/568 for complete tour details.



# THE NOVELTIES OF NORTHERN SPAIN

Enliven the senses and engage your sense of adventure on an exploration of Northern Spain's dynamic cultures. Against a landscape of centuries-old architecture, history, art, gastronomy, and culture, discover the nuances and novelties of Northern Spain.

### STARTING AT \$4549\* DAYS 10 MEALS 11

\*Price based on November 7, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

#### Where You'll Stay

Barcelona 2 Nights H10 Cubik

Pamplona 1 Night Hotel Maisonnave

San Sebastían 2 Nights Barceló Costa Vasca

Burgos 2 Nights NH Collection Palacio de Burgos

Madrid 1 Night NH Madrid Nacional

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Included Meals

8 Breakfasts3 Dinners

#### Activity Level

### 1 2 3 4 5

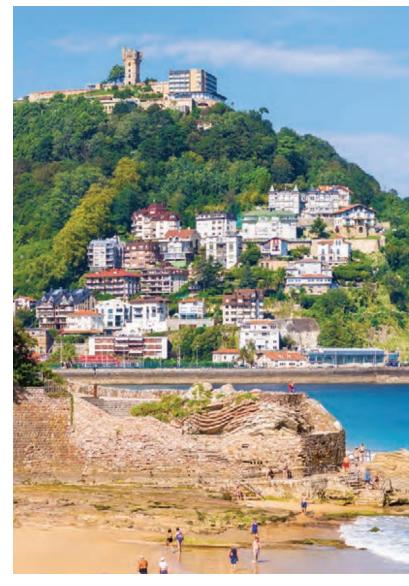
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# THE NOVELTIES OF NORTHERN SPAIN

**3** EXPERIENCES beyond expectation



### WHAT YOU'LL DO

### DAYS 1-4 BARCELONA • PAMPLONA

### Be Enchanted by Barcelona & Pamplona

- Drink in views of a lively Mediterranean port during a cocktail reception.
- Walk the halls of the famous La Sagrada Família Church and Towers.
- Make a few signature Catalan dishes at a hands-on workshop led by locally acclaimed chefs.
- Discover Barcelona on a guided tour of the city, then enjoy free time to explore on your own.
- Learn about Pamplona's history and ties to the San Fermin festival during a discussion with a local expert.

# **2** EXPERIENCE BURGOS' GOTHIC GRANDEUR

Reminders of Burgos' Gothic past are everywhere you turn, from the impressive Burgos Cathedral to your historic hotel, the NH Collection Palacio de Burgos. The halls of this former convent hold a stunning treasure—an original stone cloister. Settle in for an unrivalled history lesson as you spend two nights in this 16th-century complex.



>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 7 & 8 IN BURGOS.

# TAKE A FULL DAY TO EXPLORE SAN SEBASTIÁN HOW YOU WISH

The sophisticated coastal city of San Sebastián invites you to indulge in its many charms. Be swept away by the allure of golden beaches and lush hillsides and indulge in its worldclass culinary scene. With a full day of leisure, you'll have plenty of time to discover this wonderful city.

EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN SAN SEBASTIÁN.



# **3** DON AN APRON AND DISH UP SOME CATALAN CUISINE

Head to one of Barcelona's liveliest neighbourhoods and try your hand at making signature Catalan dishes. This hands-on workshop, led by locally acclaimed chefs, puts a world of flavour at your fingertips. Learn the secrets and techniques to crafting regional favourites like paella, and enjoy the fruits of your labour for dinner.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 3 IN BARCELONA.

### DAYS 5-6 SAN SEBASTIÁN

# Discover the Seaside Retreat of San Sebastían

- IT'S YOUR CHOICE: In San Sebastían, join a guided tour of the city's old town and ascend Mount Igueldo aboard a funicular OR set out for a guided walk through the farms, vineyards, and villages along the Coastal Camino route.
- Enjoy a full day of leisure to explore San Sebastían on your own terms.

### DAYS 7-8 BURGOS

### Walk in the Past in Burgos

- Witness centuries of history unfold before your eyes during a walking tour of Burgos.
- Enjoy a leisurely afternoon in Burgos to explore how you wish.
- Settle in for an unrivalled history lesson as you spend two nights in a former 16th-century convent.

### DAYS 9-10 MADRID

# Experience the Electricity of Madrid

- Shop as the Spaniards would on a visit inside one of Madrid's bustling marketplaces.
- Toast to new friends and many memories as you celebrate your unforgettable Spanish holiday over dinner.

### Visit explorations.com/624 for complete tour details.



# **ICELANDIC ADVENTURE**

**This is Iceland.** A land forged by fire and ice and full of dramatic contrasts—from ethereal lava fields and thundering waterfalls to charming coastal villages.

### STARTING AT \$5999\* DAYS 10 MEALS 13

\*Price based on September 24, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only. Rates do not include inter-tour air.

### Where You'll Stay

Reykjavĺk 2 Nights Centerhotel Arnarhvoll, Centerhotel Plaza, or Alda Hotel

Húsavík 3 Nights Raudaskrida Hotel & Guesthouse

Stykkishólmur 2 Night Fosshotel Stykkishólmur

Reykjavĺk 1 Night Centerhotel Arnarhvoll, Centerhotel Plaza, or Alda Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

#### Included Meals

8 Breakfasts 5 Dinners

### **Activity Level**

1 2 3 4 5 Active See pg. 189 for details on our activity levels.



Húsavil

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# **ICELANDIC ADVENTURE 3** EXPERIENCES beyond expectation



# **3** REDEFINE YOUR IDEA OF WHALE WATCHING

Sport some thermal wear (included) and join expert whale watchers on Skálfandi Bay. Get as close as you can to whales in northern Iceland aboard specialized zodiacs that give you the most intimate view possible of humpback, minke, orca, fin, and even the giant blue whales that frequent these waters. >> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN HÚSAVÍK.



Reykjavik

Stykkishólmur

# ADVENTURE HEATS UP ON ICE

After you've enjoyed a hearty spread of local specialties on the Snæfellsjökull Glacier, your next activity is yours for the choosing. Join an expert guide on a glacial climb that brings you to nearly 3,000 feet **-OR-** venture alongside a guide for a mountain hike through the otherworldly lava fields.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 8 IN THE SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA.



### WHAT YOU'LL DO

### DAYS 1-3 REYKJAVÍK

### **Discover Iceland's Cool Vibe**

- Explore Reykjavík on a walking tour of the city's old quarter.
- Experience a "day in the life" at a family-owned dairy farm.
- Travel the Golden Circle and visit otherworldly Thingviller National Park, stunning Gullfoss Falls and the Strokkur Geyser.
- Learn about and discover Iceland's farmto-table culture with a visit to Friðheimar Greenhouse Cultivation Centre.

### DAYS 4-6 HÚSAVÍK

### Appreciate Natural Wonders in Húsavík

- Stay on a family-owned, Environmental Gold-certified property, where you'll savour locally sourced farm-to-table meals.
- Travel to Húsavík to discover the town's connection to whaling before jumping in a RIB boat seek them out yourself.
- Soak in mineral-rich geothermal waters and witness the power of nature as we take a day exploring the Diamond Circle.

#### DAYS 7-8 STYKKISHÓLMUR

# Dive Deep into Iceland's Landscapes

- Journey 100 feet below the ground to an 8,000-year-old lava tube on a thrilling tour of Vatnshellir Cave.
- Capture the beauty of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula during guided exploration.
- Ascend the captivating Snæfellsjökull glacier via mountain truck and enjoy a tasting of Icelandic delicacies.
- Wander around the quaint fishing village of Stykkishólmur.
- IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Join an expert guide on a glacial climb that brings you to nearly 3,000 feet OR venture alongside a guide for a mountain hike through the otherworldly lava fields.

### DAYS 9-10 REYKJAVÍK

### **Celebrate Icelandic Heritage**

- Meet with a local family that keeps alive a 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark.
- Try a local specialty, hákarl (cured shark meat).
- Dive into the origins of Icelandic heritage during a visit to the Settlement Museum.
- Take a soak in the Blue Lagoon.

Visit explorations.com/604 for complete tour details.

# 2 SOAK IN THE LOCAL CULTURE

You can't leave Iceland without taking a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon (and you will!), but, you also came to Iceland for an immersive local experience. We'll head to where the locals go for a revitalizing soak in mineral-rich geothermal waters—the Blue Lagoon of the North, Mývatn Nature Baths.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN LAKE MÝVATN.





Kakslauttanen Arctic Resor

# THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

This is so much more than a hunt for stunning streaks of colour in the night sky (though it's a pretty amazing part). This is a step into Finland's dynamic and intriguing culture—from Helsinki's cool-casual vibe to the pristine winter wilderness of Lapland.

### STARTING AT \$5049\* DAYS 8 MEALS 11

\*Price based on October 12, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only. Interflights not included in the land price and must be purchased through us.

### Where You'll Stay

Helsinki 2 Nights Lilla Roberts Hotel

Kakslauttanen, Lapland 3 Nights Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort -West Village, Lapland

Helsinki 1 Night Lilla Roberts Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



### Included Meals

6 Breakfasts 5 Dinners

#### Activity Level

1 2 3 4 5 Active See pg. 189 for details on our activity levels.

🔶 Kakslauttanen

# FINLAND

# THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

3 EXPERIENCES beyond expectation



# SET YOUR SIGHTS ON THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Sometimes a mere whisper of colour, others a symphony of neon hues, the northern lights are spellbinding. While in Lapland, keep a close eye to the night sky. On clear, starry nights, there's a high likelihood that magic will unfold right before your eyes. Experiencing this phenomenon—especially from the comfort of your glass igloo—will truly redefine the word "awesome."

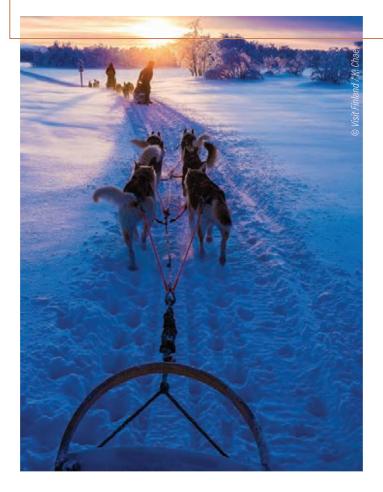
>> SEEK THIS EXPERIENCE THROUGHOUT YOUR TIME IN FINLAND.

🔶 🔶 Helsinki

# **2** BE THE LEADER OF THE PACK

Arguably one of the best ways to take in the postcard-perfect vistas of Finland's north country is by dogsled. Learn the commands, get acquainted with the dogs and hop on a sled for one unforgettable ride. This charming, high-energy breed is in their element as they dash through the snow, practically smiling as they guide you through the unspoiled wilderness.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN KAKSLAUTTANEN.





# **3** RETHINK YOUR DEFINITION OF SAFARI

While at the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, you'll head out into the wilderness on an evening reindeer safari. Search for the northern lights, warm yourself with a steaming cup of berry juice, and get to know local reindeer herders. This engaging experience, led by the indigenous Sami people, is the ultimate exploration of Lapland's culture and striking natural beauty.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN KAKSLAUTTANEN.

### WHAT YOU'LL DO

### DAYS 1-3 HELSINKI

### **Uncover Helsinki's Charm**

 Join a local expert and get to know Finland's vibrant capital city. Once you have the lay of the land, Helsinki is yours for the discovering.



### DAYS 4-6 KAKSLAUTTANEN

#### Wander in a Winter Wonderland

- In addition to included activities like dogsledding, guided aurora hunting, and a reindeer safari, Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort boasts miles of cross-country skiing trails, restorative smoke saunas and ice pools, horseback riding, and more—ideal for exploring during your free time.
- Enjoy one night in a glass igloo (and two in a traditional Finnish log cabin).
- Introduce yourself to Lappish reindeer and meet Santa Claus himself.

#### DAYS 7-8 HELSINKI

### Seek Out More in Helsinki

- Explore the city's historic squares and trend-wise boutiques and neighbourhoods.
- Gather around the table one last time to share stories and relive your Finnish experiences.

# Visit explorations.com/605 for complete tour details.



# **ITALY'S BELLA VITA**

This is your moment to live the good life. With each day and each destination, immerse yourself in Italy's bella vita. Incredible culture, fantastic cuisine, and captivating landscapes are yours for the discovering.

#### STARTING AT \$4999\* DAYS 9 MEALS 11

\*Price based on July 13, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

ITALY

Bologna

Parma Region

#### Where You'll Stay

**Florence 2 Nights** Hotel Pierre

**Bologna 2 Nights** I Portici Hotel

Parma 1 Night Antico Borgo di Tabiano Castello

Como 2 Nights Hilton Lake Como

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Lake Como 🔶

# Included Meals

7 Breakfasts 4 Dinners

### **Activity Level**

1 2 3 4 5 Active

See pg. 189 for details on our activity levels.



# ITALY'S BELLA VITA 3 EXPERIENCES beyond expectation

# **VENTURE THROUGH TUSCANY ON TWO WHEELS**

Olive groves and vineyards stretch for miles as the sun warms your shoulders. This is the magic of Tuscany, and it all unfolds from the seat of a Vespa! Join a local expert on a tour of Tuscany's countryside before relaxing with a glass of wine at a castle. Not feeling that adventurous? Stay back and explore the castle's family-run vineyard on foot.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 3 IN FLORENCE.



# **3** SLEEP AMID HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF HISTORY

The epicentre for wars and sieges, love and betrayal, poetry and legend, Castello di Tabiano is a living connection to Parma's past. Wander the grounds, take a private tour with a local expert, and slowly fall under its captivating spell. Then, retreat to your room on the castle's grounds and soak up the rich history that abounds from this centuries-old defensive monument.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN PARMA.





# 2 INDULGE IN A LITTLE HOME COOKING

There's no match for home cooking, and that rings truest in Italy. In the cozy surrounds of a private apartment in Bologna's historic centre, you'll roll up your sleeves and learn the secrets to making three traditional pasta recipes. Enjoy the fruits of your labour over dinner, paired with local wines and accompanied by espresso with dessert.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 4 IN BOLOGNA.

### WHAT YOU'LL DO

#### DAYS 1-3 FLORENCE

### Feel the Renaissance Come Alive in Florence

- Savour a quintessentially Italian experience, the *aperitivo*, when you learn to craft one of Italy's most famous cocktails, the *Spritz*.
- Take a walking tour through hundreds of years of Florentine history and discover the city's beating heart.
- Join a local expert for a Vespa tour of Tuscany's countryside before relaxing with a glass of wine at a castle.
- Retreat to the countryside to Castelo di Trebbio, where wine and centuries of history flow plentifully.

#### DAYS 4-6 BOLOGNA • PARMA

### Feast on Bologna & Parma's Unrivalled Flavour

- Take the train to Bologna, where IT'S YOUR CHOICE! Join an expert-guided walk of this medieval city OR pedal the narrow lanes and winding alleys on a bicycle tour.
- Take a full day on your own to feel the unique vibe of Bologna, a city steeped in the past, but very much alive with an eclectic presence.
- Roll up your sleeves and learn the secrets to making three traditional pasta recipes in the cozy surrounds of a private apartment.
- Experience the workings of a local cheese shop and sample the Parmigiano-Reggiano this region is famous for.

#### DAYS 7-9 COMO

### Relax in the Tranquil Beauty of Lake Como

- Cruise to Bellagio. Take a tour of the "Pearl of the Lake," then spend the afternoon independently exploring.
- Join your guide and catch a sunrise funicular ride to watch the lake wake up, then explore Como's lakeside trails and frescoed hamlets on foot, or remain at the hotel to relax.

# Visit explorations.com/629 for complete tour details.



# **TUSCAN AND UMBRIAN** COUNTRYSIDE

Winding country roads bounded by miles of vines, soul-warming meals paired with full-bodied vintages, quiet hill towns and ancient cities-this is a land where time stands still. Fill up your plate, raise a glass, and let Tuscany and Umbria seduce every sense.

# STARTING AT \$3999\* DAYS 11 MEALS 16

\*Price based on November 2, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Included Meals

9 Breakfasts 3 Lunches

**Activity Level** 

1 2 3 4 5

on our activity levels.

4 Dinners

Active See pg. 189 for details

### Where You'll Stay

**Rome 1 Night** Hotel Kolbe

**Umbria 4 Nights** Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca, Trevi or Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto

**Tuscany 4 Nights** UNA Palazzo Mannaioni, Montaione

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



# **TUSCAN AND UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE** 3 EXPERIENCES beyond expectation

# FEEL RIGHT AT HOME IN UMBRIA

Home is where the heart of culture is. Join our local Umbrian friends for a soulwarming meal prepared right in their home and discover that the comforts of a home-cooked meal really do translate across cultures and languages. It will be a meal to remember!



>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN UMBRIA.



# 2 AN ITALY FEW GET TO EXPERIENCE

A visit to a country restaurant, sheltered inside a 16th century farmhouse, is a charming step into yesterday. Stroll the herb garden (weather permitting), and learn how cheese is made on the farm. Your palate-expanding journey continues as you join the chef for a hands-on Umbrian cooking lesson.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 4 IN THE UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE.

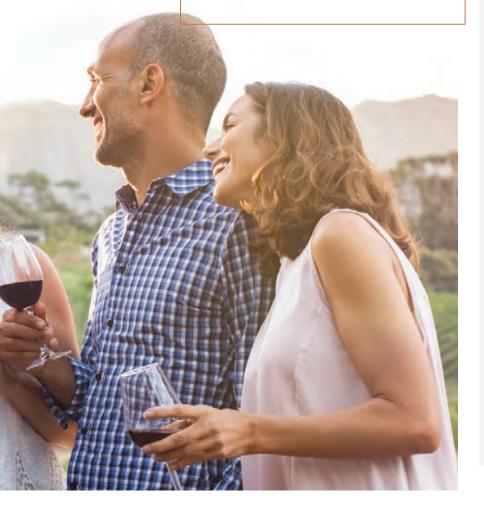




# **3** TOAST TO TUSCAN HOSPITALITY

Time slows down among the sunflower-covered hills and villages of Tuscany's Val d'Orcia region. Among the vineyards and olive groves, tour a winery's family estate and cellar before indulging in an authentic Tuscan lunch, created by the winery's chef and paired expertly with the vineyard's very own wines.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 7 IN TUSCANY.



# WHAT YOU'LL DO

### DAYS 1-6 ROME • UMBRIA

#### The Old World is Alive in Umbria

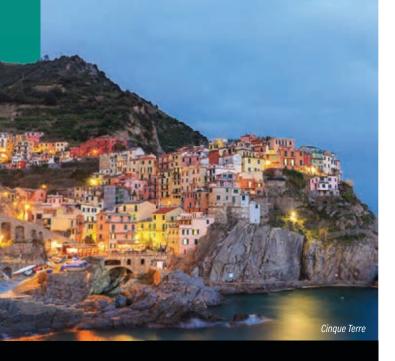
- Kick off your journey with dinner in Rome.
- Join a local expert in the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto, then take the afternoon to explore on your own.
- Enjoy walking tours of ancient Spoleto, medieval Assisi, and the walled town of Bevagna.
- Visit a country restaurant for a chef-led cooking lesson.
- Head to a local winery to sample their vintages and a variety of authentic Umbrian dishes.
- Delight in the comforts of a home-cooked meal in a local Umbrian family's home.
- Pay a visit to a local family-run 'frantoio' or olive presser.

### DAYS 7-11 TUSCANY

# Step in to a Living Postcard in Tuscany

- Take a locally guided walking tour of Florence, then explore more of the city on your own.
- Tap in to your creative side with visits to local artisans' workshops.
- Tour a winery's family estate and indulge in an authentic Tuscan lunch, created by the winery's chef and paired with the vineyard's own wines.
- Set out on a guided walking tour of Siena.
- IT'S YOUR CHOICE IN SIENA: Explore the beautiful Gothic cathedral at your own pace OR join a guide and immerse yourself in local life in a Contrada, a small, close-knit community.
- Enjoy dinner paired with an interactive presentation on wine, delivered by the restaurant's own sommelier.

Visit explorations.com/390 for complete tour details.



# ITALY'S TREASURES

Vineyards, olive groves, and cities that float. Incredible history, indelible culture, and unforgettable cuisine. This is *l'Italia* at its most iconic. Set off on a journey to make Italy's treasures yours.

### STARTING AT \$4799\* DAYS 12 MEALS 17

\*Price based on December 2, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

### Where You'll Stay

**Stresa 2 Nights** Regina Palace Hotel or Grand Hotel des Iles Barromees

**Italian Riviera 2 Nights** Grand Hotel dei Castelli or Grande Albergo

**Tuscany 4 Nights** Villa Lecchi, Tuscany or Villa Sanpaolo, San Gimingnano

Venice 2 Nights Hotel Ca' dei Conti or Hotel Bonvecchiati

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.* 

#### Stresa 🔶

Italian Riviera 🌤

ITALY

#### Tuscany

Venice

# Included Meals

- 1 Lunch
- 6 Dinners
- Diffiers

# Activity Level

Moderate Physical Activity See pg. 189 for details on our activity levels.



# ITALY'S TREASURES 3 EXPERIENCES beyond expectation



### WHAT YOU'LL DO

### DAYS 1-3 STRESA

### **Raise a Glass in Stresa**

- Visit a wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party with some *prima di cena* snacks.
- Cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, and get to know new friends over dinner.
- Sample artisanal cheeses, paired with regional wine at an ancient village nestled in the mountains of Stresa.
- Enjoy time to explore Stresa on your own.

Visit explorations.com/304 for complete tour details.

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## **1** FEAST ON THE WONDERS OF FLORENCE

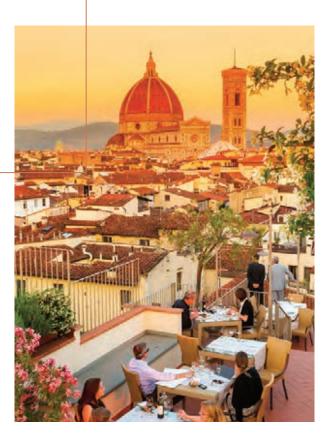
In the "Cradle of the Renaissance," a treasure trove of culture, cuisine, art, and architecture lays before you. The compact city is easy for exploration, allowing you to make the most of your free afternoon here. We'll show you the way on a guided walking tour of the city, then let you wander through the cobbled streets to find your own memories.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 7 IN FLORENCE.

## **2** FILL YOUR PALATE WITH THE FLAVOURS OF TUSCANY

In the heart of the Tuscan countryside, you'll get an intimate look into a family-run wine estate. Tour the wine cellar, vineyards and olive groves, then craft an authentic Tuscan lunch with the estate's own chef. Break bread with new friends and toast with wines produced on-site.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 9 IN TUSCANY.





## **3** EXPERIENCE A CRAFT CENTURIES IN THE MAKING

On a tiny island just off Venice's north coast, the art of glass is alive and well. See this centuries-old artform for yourself during a trip to Murano. In the workshop of a talented artisan, you'll watch molten glass become a work of art right before your eyes. *Bellissimo!* 

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 11 IN VENICE.

### DAYS 4-5 ITALIAN RIVIERA

## Be Romanced by the Italian Riviera

- Witness picture-perfect views of the lakes region from Lake Orta.
- Sail to Isola di San Giulio to visit this island's working convent.
- Travel to magical Cinque Terre and enjoy free time to uncover the medieval charm of these five villages.

### DAYS 6-9 TUSCANY

### **Traipse Through Tuscany**

- Choose how you'll spend your afternoon in Lucca. Discover Lucca's old-world ambiance on foot OR by bike.
- Indulge in local seasonal delicacies during a tour of Lucca's specialty food shops.
- Set out on a walking tour of Florence to get the lay of the land, then take the rest of the day to explore on your own.
- Walk the medieval streets of Siena on a guided tour.
- Tour a family-run wine estate, then make lunch with the estate's chef.
- Retreat nightly to your Tuscan villa.

### DAYS 10-12 VENICE

### Be Bewitched by Venice

- Enjoy a walking tour of historic Bologna, then take some time to stroll the streets on your own.
- Join a local guide for a tour of Venice's incredible sites.
- Journey to the island of Murano to visit a local artisan's workshop.



### SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS AND MAJESTIC PEAKS

Set your sights on an active, immersive journey across Switzerland from the soaring Alps to the picturesque Swiss Riviera—all while travelling by train.

STARTING AT \$4999\* DAYS 10 MEALS 12

\*Price based on October 4, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

### Where You'll Stay

Neuchatel 3 Nights Best Western Premier Beaulac

Zermatt 2 Nights Unique Hotel Post or Hotel Alex

Vevey 3 Nights Astra Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Included Meals

### 8 Breakfasts

- 1 Lunch
- 3 Dinners

Activity Level

1 2 3 4 5 Very Active See pg. 189 for details on our activity levels.



## SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS AND MAJESTIC PEAKS 3 EXPERIENCES beyond expectation

## FIND AN IDEAL BALANCE OF GUIDED AND INDEPENDENT EXPLORATION

We've built in extra days just for you in three unique cities. Get the lay of the land first with guided walking tours and experiences, then take time to wander the streets, check out a museum using your Swiss Travel Pass, or get your heart pumping with a little activity. Be sure to turn to your LEAD for suggestions!

EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 4, 6, AND 9 IN NEUCHATEL, ZERMATT, AND VEVEY.







## **3** GET AN ALL-ACCESS PASS TO SWISS CULTURE

On this journey, we'll only travel via the brilliantly efficient Swiss Rail Service (and your own two feet!). In addition to being your ticket for travel from city to city, your First Class Swiss Travel Pass includes an allaccess entrée into more than 500 museums and cultural exhibitions throughout Switzerland, as well as local ferries, scenic trains, mountain trams, and more.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS THROUGHOUT SWITZERLAND WITH YOUR SWISS TRAVEL PASS.

### 2 DISCOVER HOW FINE SWISS WINE ACTUALLY IS

Swiss wine is a true treat. So much so that much of it is kept in country. Meet up with our friends, Jacques and Aurélia, for a wine tasting nestled amongst the vines. Enjoy time at their family-run winery, then continue on with a walk along Lavaux's World Heritage vineyards, complemented by stunning views of Lac Léman.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 8 IN LAVAUX.

## impact moment:



The Swiss Rail Service — the efficient, clean, and comfortable way to cross the Swiss Alps — is the perfect way to lower your carbon emissions on tour.

### WHAT YOU'LL DO

### DAYS 1-4 NEUCHATEL

### Let Neuchatel's History Enchant You

- Meet up with your fellow explorers for a reception in the centuries-old cloister of the Collégiale.
- Get to know Neuchatel, a hidden gem of a city totally off the tourist map. Take a walking tour of the city's historic quarter and drink in gorgeous views of Lake Neuchatel from your hotel room.
- Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Neuchatel and its surroundings.

### DAYS 5-6 ZERMATT

## Stand in Awe Before Zermatt's Zenith

- Spend some time exploring Switzerland's capital of Bern.
- Enjoy a full day to wander pedestrianfriendly Zermatt at your leisure.
   Consider taking the Gornergrat Railway for stunning views of the Matterhorn!

### DAYS 7-10 VEVEY

### Indulge Yourself in Vevey

- Stroll the streets of Vevey on a guided walking tour.
- Get a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the artistry of handmade Swiss chocolate during an immersive tasting workshop at Läderach.
- Enjoy time at a family-run winery, then continue on with a walk along Lavaux' World Heritage vineyards.
- ✔ IT'S YOUR CHOICE: After visiting a local vineyard, return to Vevey via rail and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure OR continue your exploration through the miles of Lavaux vineyards to Saint-Saphorin, a medieval village dating back to Roman times.
- Enjoy a full day at leisure in Vevey, one of the "Pearls of the Swiss Riviera."

Visit explorations.com/628 for complete tour details.

## Amadeus Brilliant

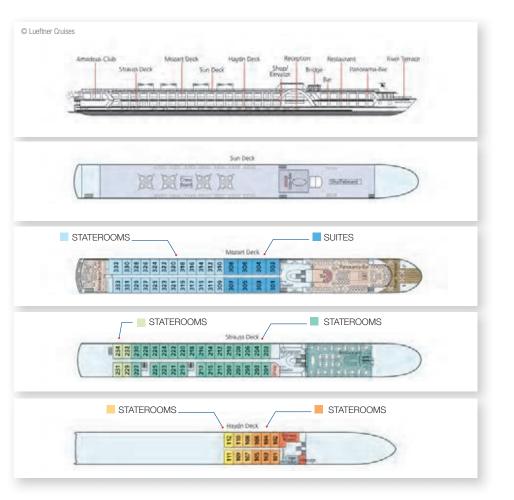
This cruise ship will be featured on our Springtime Tulip River Cruise tour and may be featured on our Christmas on the Danube tour.

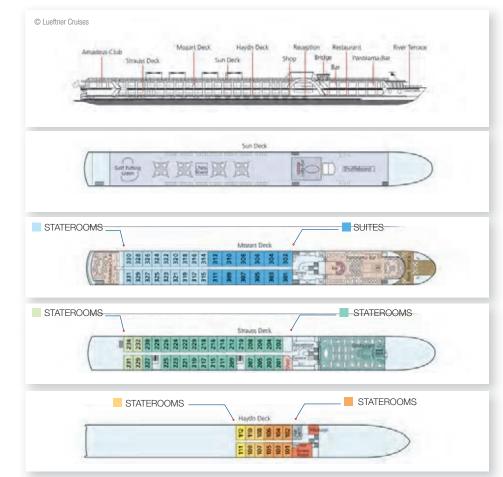
### **ONBOARD FACILITIES**

- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club with internet station
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, lounge chairs, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Complimentary onboard bicycles
- Wi-Fi available
- Elevator

### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Built: 2011 - Registry: Germany - Height above water: 5.85 m/19.2 feet - Length: 110 m/ 361 feet -Width: 11.4 m/ 37.5 feet - Staterooms/Suites: 68/8 - Speed: 25 km/h/ 15.5 mph - Decks: 4 - Max. passengers: 150 - Crew members: approx. 40





## Amadeus Diamond

This cruise ship will be featured on our La Belle Seine tour.

### **ONBOARD FACILITIES**

- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club with internet station
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, lounge chairs, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Complimentary onboard bicycles
- Wi-Fi available
- Elevator

### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Built: 2009 - Registry: Germany - Height above water: 5.85 m/19.2 feet - Length: 110 m/ 361 feet - Width: 11.4 m/ 37.5 feet - Staterooms/Suites: 62/12 - Speed: 25 km/h/ 15.5 mph - Decks: 4 - Max. passengers: 146 -Crew members: approx. 40

## Amadeus Silver II & III

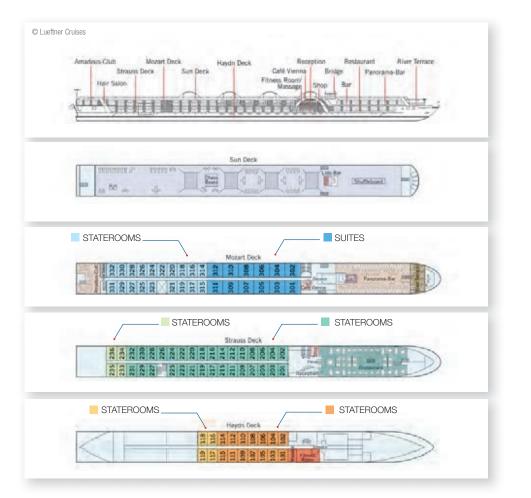
The Silver II will be featured on our Classic Danube tour. The Silver III will be featured Magical Rhine & Moselle tour.

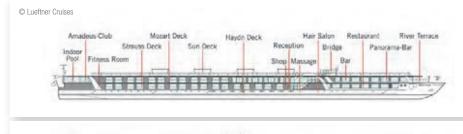
### **ONBOARD FACILITIES**

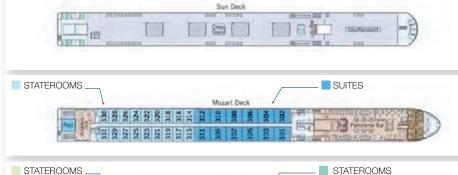
- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club
- "Café Vienna" with Viennese Coffee specialties
- Outdoor glass-shielded "River Terrace"
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, lounge chairs, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Complimentary onboard bicycles
- Wi-Fi available
- Elevator

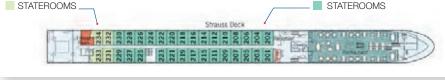
### **TECHNICAL DATA**

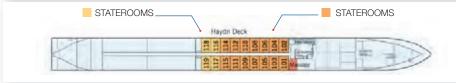
Built: Silver II 2015/Silver III 2016 • Registry: Germany • Height above water: 6 m/19.8 feet • Length: 135 m/ 443 feet • Width: 11.4 m/ 37.5 feet • Staterooms/Suites: 72/12 • Speed: 25 km/h/ 15.5 mph • Decks: 4 Max. passengers: 168 • Crew members: approx. 46











## Amadeus Queen

This cruise ship may be featured on our **Christmas on the Danube** tour.

### **ONBOARD FACILITIES**

- Panorama Restaurant
- Panorama Bar & Lounge
- Amadeus Club
- "Café Vienna" with Viennese Coffee specialties
- Outdoor glass-shielded "River Terrace"
- Sun Deck with Lido Bar, lounge chairs, shade awnings, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard
- Fitness Room
- Hair Salon, Massage Room
- Gift Shop
- Laundry Service
- Complimentary onboard bicycles
- Wi-Fi available
- Elevator

### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Built: 2018 • Registry: Germany • Height above water: 6 m/19.8 feet • Length: 135 m/ 443 feet • Width: 11.4 m/ 37.5 feet • Draft: 1.45 m/ 5ft. • Staterooms/Suites: 69/12 • Speed: 25 km/h/ 15.5 mph • Decks: 4 Max. passengers: 162 • Crew members: approx. 46

## extend YOUR TOUR Optional Extensions

## MILAN 2-night post tour ADD TO: Italian Vistas (pg. 26)

Ext. Day 1: Stresa - Milan Transfer to Milan, a chic and sophisticated metropolis known for being a hub of high fashion. Milan is filled with historic architecture including the Duomo, its magnificent Gothic

### 2 MEALS - \$895\*

2 Breakfasts

cathedral. Upon arrival, receive your sightseeing bus ticket valid for 48 hours...hop-on and hop-off the red, open-top, double-decker buses, and explore the city at your own pace.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Doria Grand Hotel, Milan

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

famous landmark. (B)

Ext. Day 2: Milan Continue your

independent exploration of Milan at

your leisure. You may choose to visit

the Sforza Castle, Sant'Ambrogio Cathedral or the Duomo, Milan's most

cruise; venture out on a horseback

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) See page 189 for details.



Ext. Day 3: Milan - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B) Please Note: A minimum of 3 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. This extension is not hosted or guided.

### ICELAND 3-night post tour ADD TO: Norwegian Coastal Voyage (pg. 50) Spectacular Scandinavia (pg. 52)

Ext. Day 1: Bergen - Fly to Revkiavik, Iceland Arrive in Reykjavik and enjoy free time to explore.

### Ext. Day 2: Reykjavik - Golden Circle -**Reykjavik** Travel the incredible Golden

Circle and marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Find

**3 MEALS** 

\$1215 - \$1535

3 Breakfasts

North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Return to Reykjavik and have time to explore on your own. (B) Ext. Day 3: Reykjavik Enjoy a day at

yourself at Thingvellir's rugged rift

leisure. Perhaps you will choose to relax on a scenic whale watching

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Alda, Reykjavik

valley, a site that marks the crest of the riding excursion; or travel out to the Reykjanes peninsula to spend quality Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the point where the time relaxing in the famed Blue Lagoon. (B) Ext. Day 4: Reykjavik - Tour Ends Your tour

ends today. (B)

Please Note: During your extension, your local guide will provide include sightseeing services for the Golden Circle. A minimum

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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of 2 quests is required for this extension to operate. Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required in some Iceland Air gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. Additional air segment purchase required.

## MADEIRA ISLAND 4-night post tour ADD TO: Sunny Portugal (pg. 94)

Day 1: Lisbon - Funchal, Madeira Fly to Madeira Island.

#### Day 2: Monte - Câmara de Lobos - Cabo Girão - São Vicente - Porto Moniz

Visit Monte, perched on the hills overlooking Funchal and then travel to the traditional village of Câmara de Lobos. Continue to Cabo Girão, the world's second highest cliff. Explore the fishing village of Porto Moniz, renowned for its natural volcanic pools. Conclude the day with a visit to the Botanical Garden of Madeira.

5 MEALS - \$1025\*

4 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Discover Madeira's history during a leisurely paced tour of Funchal. (B)

#### Day 3: Funchal - Ribeiro Frio - Santana Wind through the mountains to Poiso to visit the island's third highest point - Pico do Arieiro. Then, it's your choice! At Ribeiro Frio (Cold River), you may choose to explore a fascinating trout farm and the surrounding natural beauty -ORchoose to join an exhilarating "levada walk" and follow the paths that run along the water channels that flow

through the Old Town area of Brussels

with your local guide and view some of

the well-known landmarks, such as the

enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Brussels - Paris, France All aboard!

Today, ride the train to Paris, the "City of

Mannekin Pis and Grand-Place. Your

afternoon is at leisure. This evening,

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Davs 1-3: Pestana Casino Park, Funchal Day 4: Turim Margues, Lisbon

through the mountains. Continue to Santana, a village characterized by small triangular homes thatched with straw. Visit a family-owned embroidery shop. Then, enjoy a tasting of Madeira wine. Celebrate your Madeira adventure with a traditional dinner known as espetada. Folk dancers and music entertain as you feast on a local dish of beef marinated in herbs and cooked over an open fire. (B, D)

Day 4: Funchal - Lisbon Return to Lisbon for a day of leisure. (B)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 12345 See page 189 for details.



Day 5: Lisbon - Tour Ends Today your journey comes to a close. (B)

Please Note: The levada walk is approximately 45 minutes on a flat surface. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Additional air segment purchase required.

## BRUSSELS & PARIS 4-night pre tour ADD TO: La Belle Seine (pg. 160)

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Dav 2: Brussels, Belgium Arrive in Brussels. Browse a museum; discover the world-famous chocolate, or simply immerse yourself in the culture before joining your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D) Day 3: Brussels This morning, stroll

### 5 MEALS - \$1855\*

3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

ACCOMMODATIONS

Crowne Plaza Brussels, Brussels Le Meridien Etoile, Paris

Lights." Upon arrival in Paris, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Paris Spend the morning at leisure before embarkation this afternoon. (B)

Due to additional airline costs, passengers arriving to Brussels for the extension program will be assessed an additional fee. This extension is hosted by a Tour Manager who will provide all included services. A minimum of 15 passengers is required

### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

12345 See page 189 for details.



for this extension to operate. Visitors are required to have travel/health insurance to travel. If you have purchased our Travel Protection Plan, your coverage meets this requirement. If you opted not to purchase our travel protection, you will be required to have proof of your own coverage for the minimum insurance requirement applicable at the time of your travel to that country. Additional air segment purchase required. This pre tour is only available on the October departure of this program, not the June departure.

## **PRAGUE** 2-night post tour

### ADD TO: Christmas on the Danube (pg. 156)

### Day 1: Vienna, Austria - Prague, Czech

**Republic** This morning you say goodbye to your cruise ship as you board your vehicle for a drive through the lovely European countryside. Your destination is Prague, the cultural capital of Bohemia. Upon arriving in Prague, you will be met by a local representative who will help

### 2 MEALS - \$770\*

2 Breakfasts

### orientate you to your hotel and the surrounding city sights.

**Day 2: Prague** Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour as you drive through the city and arrive at the amazing Hradcany Castle where you will stroll down the Golden Lane. Afterwards, enjoy your visit to the beautiful St. Vitus Cathedral as well

ACCOMMODATIONS

K + K Hotel Central or

Fenix, Prague

as the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. Then, your local guide will introduce you to the magical Christmas markets where you may sample sausages, sip mulled wine, and shop for ornaments. (B)

**Day 3: Prague - Tour Ends** Your tour ends this morning. (B)

Please Note: Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. A minimum of

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1 2 3 4 5 See page 189 for details.



15 passengers is required for this extension to operate. This extension is hosted by a local representative for the transportation portion and local sightseeing only. Visitors are required to have travel/health insurance to travel to the Czech Republic. The health insurance must cover medical services abroad. If you have purchased our Tavel Protection Plan, your coverage meets this requirement. Due to additional arline costs, passengers departing from or arriving into Prague for the extension program will be assessed an additional fee.

## JORDAN 4-night post tour

ADD TO: Iconic Israel (pg. 104), Israel: A Journey of Faith (pg. 128), Israel: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (pg. 130)

### Day 1: Jerusalem - Border Crossing -Madaba, Jordan - Mt. Nebo - Petra

This morning, cross the border into Jordan. Travel to the city of Madaba, the "City of Mosaics." Visit the church of St. George to see the famous 6th-century Byzantine mosaic map of the region and the museum. Visit a local mosaic school to learn the history of this ancient art and how to create your very own mosaic piece. You will also visit Mt. Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land – present day Israel – and is believed to be laid to rest. Continue to Petra for a 2-night stay.

### 6 MEALS - \$1920\*

4 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

Day 2: Petra Enjoy a full day tour of the remarkable stone-carved city of Petra (UNESCO). Petra was "hidden" behind rugged mountains prior to its discovery in 1812. Explore this breathtaking city with an expert guide and learn about Petra's history. This evening, experience the flavours of the region with a delightful dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Petra - Wadi Rum - Amman This morning depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, home of the famous film, *Lawrence of Arabia*. Learn about the fascinating history

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Petra Marriott Hotel, Petra; Marriott Amman Hotel, Amman, Isrotel Tower Hotel or Kfar Maccabiah Hotel, Tel Aviv of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in this stark and unspoiled desert. Later, arrive in Amman, known as the "White City" because of white limestone used to construct the majority of the buildings. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Amman - Jerash - Jordan Valley Border Crossing - Tel Aviv, Israel

Travel to the city of Jerash – the "Pompeii of the East" and tour the ruins with a local guide. Walk through columned streets, hilltop temples and public squares. Later, travel to the Jordan Valley Border Crossing, returning to

### **TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL** (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

See page 189 for details.



Israel. Continue to Tel Aviv for your overnight stay. (B) Day 5: Tel Aviv - Tour Ends Your tour

ends today. (B)

Please Note: When using the shuttle buses at the border crossings, a \$3 USD fee per person, paid in local currency or USD, is collected on the bus by each driver. Israel exit fee is approximately \$32 USD per person, paid in local currency when crossing the border into Jordan. A Jordanian visa is required and can be purchased at the Sheik Hussein (Jordan Valley) border crossing at an approximate cost of \$57 USD, paid in local currency (40 Jordanian dinar). Money can be exchanged at the border crossing. When returning to Israel, the Jordan exit fee is approximately \$15 USD per person, paid in local currency, subject to change without advance notice. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times.

## NICE 2-night post tour ADD TO: Journey Through Southern France (pg. 168)

### Day 10: Saint Remy -Avignon - TGV Train - Nice

After a short transfer to Avignon, head to beautiful Nice on the iconic French Riviera via TGV high-speed train\*. This afternoon, explore the highlights of Nice with a hop-on hop-off pass.

#### Day 11: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice This morning you'll feel

- Nice This morning you'll feel

### 2 MEALS - \$770 -830\*

2 Breakfasts

like a local as you stroll through the colourful and fragrant flower market in Nice. Then you're off to discover Place Massena and the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais. Your journey then takes you to Monaco, the dazzling gem of the Riviera. A panoramic tour highlights the famous and extravagant Casino of Monte Carlo

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Splendid, Nice

and the spectacular 13th-century Prince's Palace. Pause to see the Cathedral of Monaco, where Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace are buried. Later, stop in the charming village of Eze. Enjoy a visit to the Fragonard perfumery to take in the scents of Southern France. (B)

Day 12: Nice - Tour Ends (B)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) See page 189 for details.



Please Note: This extension is independent; guests will not be accompanied by our representative. "No porterage will be provided on the TGV train from Avignon to Nice; guests will be responsible for their own luggage. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### Accommodations

What is the difference between a twin room and a double room?

In certain countries, hotel rooms tend to be smaller than Canadian standard accommodations. 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 utilized.

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 that there will be three separate beds. If there are only two beds, a rollaway may be requested but cannot be guaranteed due to size of room and fire codes. Please inquire at time of reservation.

**Can my children travel on tour?** Children over the age of 5 may travel on a Collette tour accompanied by an adult. Child land rates are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults.

Are single and triple rooms always available? On many tours, triple and single accommodations 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? Due to early arrival times into some cities, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

### Air

**Can Collette book our airline reservations?** Collette is happy to assist you in accommodating your flight needs. Due to tour scheduling and limited availability, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of Collette's air packages. We are not responsible for air arrangements you have made on your own. On occasion, it is necessary to change tour dates. In this case, we can only protect air reservations booked through Collette. For all air reservations, it is strongly recommended to reconfirm flights before departure, in the event that the airline has an unexpected schedule change. We cannot assume responsibility for schedule changes, routings or flight cancellations involving the airlines. Not all airlines offer pre-assigned seats. Some charge a fee for seats which will be at the guests' expense. Where pre-assigned seats are not offered, the guests must contact the airline directly to arrange seat assignments.

### **Attractions & Sightseeing**

Are attractions always available? Access to some attractions or Collette Foundation sites may be affected by the observance of holidays, weather conditions or other circumstances. As a result, the days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour. Boat rides are weather permitting. Some attractions may not be available during the "off-season" months. When attractions are unavailable, other similar attractions will be substituted. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.

**Is there a lot of walking on tour?** We pride ourselves on bringing travellers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. Some hotels/lodges in remote locations may not have elevators. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. Review each tour's "Tour Activity Level" and "Tour Pacing" (pg 189) for details.

**Can you tell me more about the safaris?** In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be travelling by custom-built safari vehicle which requires climbing in and out frequently and sometimes travels on

bumpy roads. To experience Africa fully, we recommend that all travellers be in reasonably good health and 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 – consult your tour manager.

### Documentation

**Do I need a passport?** Government-issued identification is required for all air travel. A valid passport is required for all trips outside Canada. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements. We recommend that your passport has seven months validity, and at least 3 blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each client.

In South Africa, children are required to have a passport as well as additional documentation to travel with you into and out of the country. Please consult the South African Embassy for the current specific requirements related to your travel dates.

### 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, offered on select tours. Extensions may be "hosted" rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will provide all included services and be available on-call during the duration of the extension. 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 for you to explore the destination independently. Should you purchase additional nights, please be advised that 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 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.

### Late Bookings

**Do you accept late bookings?** Tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. All late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with a credit card if within 60 days of departure date.

### **On-Tour Experience**

Where do I meet my Tour Manager? Your tour will begin at your first hotel. The Tour Manager will make contact with you at the hotel and will provide details relating to your tour. The hotel's address and phone number will be included in your documents.

**Can I prepurchase optional excursions/activities?** Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase for applicable tours provided that you make your options purchase prior

to 15 days of the tour departure. 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 reservations staff. In addition, there are benefits to prepurchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full. So, while the cost of an optional activity may change from the time you book your tour, once payment is received in full, your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette at their original price. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure. Any presold options cancelled while on tour are nonrefundable.

### **Revisions/Changes**

**Would my tour date ever be changed?** While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel a tour prior to departure. Should this happen, Collette will make every effort to put you on another departure date. If an alternate cannot be found, a full refund will be made. Air booked through Collette will be protected. We cannot be held responsible for penalties incurred if you have secured your own air.

**Can I make changes to my reservation?** Should you decide to change your reservation after initial booking, a handling fee of \$25 per transaction will be charged. A change of tour date, tour itinerary or passenger name, within the guidelines of the cancellation policy, will be treated as a cancellation and regular cancellation fees may apply.

Revisions to air tickets are subject to the rules and regulations of the airline. See our Cancellation Policy for more details.

### **Tour Pacing**

How can I be best prepared for the pacing and physical

**requirements on a Collette tour?** Tour pacing varies by itinerary, and each destination's sightseeing and activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. At Collette, we do include the best a destination has to offer, enhancing your overall tour experience. For overnight pacing of a tour, please refer to the "Accommodations" section on each tour page and on the tour map. For our Explorations tours, please refer to the "Where You'll Stay" section on each tour page. These describe the number of nights you will stay in each hotel during your tour. Please visit our website for full day by day itinerary information. The day-by-day descriptions will provide additional detail about the number of activities included in each day.

The Tour Activity Level Ranking is featured on each tour itinerary. The definition of each activity level is listed here. If you have additional questions regarding a specific tour, please inquire at time of reservation. For your comfort, we recommend packing comfortable walking shoes so you can fully enjoy every aspect of your tour.

**Level 1:** At a very leisurely pace, this tour involves minimal physical activity, such as climbing some stairs, boarding a motorcoach, and walking from the hotel reception area to hotel rooms and dining areas.

**Level 2:** This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestoned streets.

**Level 3:** This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time.

Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs, or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

**Level 4:** To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

**Level 5:** This tour is very active, requiring participants to be physically fit to fully enjoy all the experiences. This itinerary has more strenuous activities which may include such things as: extensive walking tours, transfers over uneven and dusty terrain, high altitudes, early morning departures, late night activities, or extreme temperatures. All conditions do not apply to all days, so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our travel counsellors to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this program to individuals who are physically fit. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. If this trip is not ideally suited for you, our travel counsellors can help determine the perfect trip for you.

### **Transfers**

**Are airport and hotel transfers available?** Roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers are provided for all passengers who purchase airfare through Collette. These transfers do not apply to pre- and post-night stays. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase arrival and departure transfers from Collette. Some restrictions may apply. All transfers leave at prescheduled times.

### Are airport transfers available for pre/post hotel stays?

All passengers who purchase pre and post hotel nights through Collette may also purchase transfers to/from the airport and the pre or post hotel. Please inquire at time of booking.

What is Roundtrip Home to Airport Sedan Service? It's your ticket to and from the airport. This service is available for all air-inclusive tour bookings. This personalized service is included when you reside within a 100 km radius of the airport.\* Please confirm at time of booking. Not valid on group travel.

\*One transfer per room booking. Additional stops are not permitted on route. Other restrictions apply; call for details.

### The Collette Passport Club

What is the Collette Passport Club? Formerly known as Travel Loyalty by Collette (TLC), Collette has relaunched a new, more inclusive loyalty program called the Collette Passport Club. For guests who are already enrolled in TLC no action is required. New guests who completed a trip that departed on or after 9/4/17 will automatically be enrolled in the program. Collette Passport Club members receive a \$150 travel credit for each trip they take\* along with various other benefits.

\*Full credit is valid for your next tour when travel is completed within 12 months of the original trip. \$100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months. Credit expires 24 months after the original trip.



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"This roundtrip home to airport sedan service is included when you reside within a 100 km radius of most major Canadian gateways and purchase an air-inclusive tour. One transfer per room booking. Additional stops not permitted on route. Not valid on group travel. "These transfers are available on the first and last day of the actual tour dates and when you are travelling on select flights (not applicable to pre & post nights). Land only clients may purchase transfers on the first and last day of the actual tour dates and when you are travelling on select flights (not applicable to pre & post nights). Land only clients may purchase transfers on the first and last day of the actual tour dates for an additional cost of \$100 per person, roundtrip (some restrictions may apply). Clients who purchase pre/post hotel nights may purchase transfers to/from the pre/post hotel. "Instant Purchase Airfare is offered on select dates; consult your booking agent. "Elite Airfare status is only included with the purchase of a First Class, Business Class or Premium Economy ticket with either Flex or Instant Purchase air; only on the international/long-haul portion of your journey. "Lounge Passes & Express Check-In are based on airline and airport availability for Business Class passengers only; Premium Economy tickets do not qualify. Lounge passes are not available for travel from North America to destinations within North America or the Caribbean. "® Not applicable with Instant Purchase Airfare.

## **Reservation Information**

### 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 deposit noted above, all of which is non-refundablee

Should you decide to purchase our 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 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 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**

Cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates will result in penalties and fees assessed by travel suppliers. If you need to transfer or cancel for any reason prior to tour departure, the following cancellation fees will be assessed on your land or cruise product. Air is 100% nonrefundable once paid in full. If canceled prior to being paid in full, the following cancellation fees will also apply to air.

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

### Exceptions:

### Ocean Cruises:

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

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

• More than 90 days prior to departure, the nonrefundable deposit will be retained.

- 90 61 days prior to departure: 50% of total price
- 60 31 days prior to departure: 85% of total price
- 30 0 days prior to departure: 100% of total price

### Galapagos & Antarctica:

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

### 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.

### Aircraft Cabin Disinsection Disclaimer

Some countries may require aircraft cabin insecticide treatment for inbound foreign flights. Information about aircraft disinsection requirements and a list of countries requiring such disinsection are available online at http://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements.

### 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.

### Door to Door Transfer Service

Return door to door transfers are offered up to 100 kilometers from most major Canadian gateways with the purchase of an air-inclusive tour.

### **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. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor 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 stateroom.

### **Holiday and 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.

### **Motorcoach Washrooms**

Most motorcoaches used on our tours are equipped with washrooms except safari vehicles, exotic locations, and some of our Explorations tours. These are typically for emergency use, as we make plenty of comfort stops, allowing you the opportunity to use public restrooms and/or stretch your legs.

### Seat Rotation

Seats are rotated onboard the coach for all Collette tours under the direction of the tour manager. So that we do not show partiality among passengers, exceptions cannot be made.

### **Maps and Photos**

Maps shown on tour pages are current at the time of printing and may not reflect actual tour routing should the tour change. Photos shown on tour pages are reflective of the area(s) visited, but may not be included in the actual tour itinerary and the conditions you experience may be different than depicted in the photograph(s).

### **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. Collette is not responsible for submitting your insurance claim.

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.

### **Explanation of Responsibilities and Tour Conditions for Collette**

Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. If you decide to make a reservation, you acknowledge and agree that you are physically well enough to travel and understand that medical facilities may not be similar to what you are accustomed to at home. You must bring enough medication with you for the trip. Any person reserving or purchasing any Collette product published in this brochure accepts the condition that Collette reserves to itself the exclusive right to change or cancel itineraries, hotels, and other tour components whenever it is deemed necessary, including for tours designated as "guaranteed departures.". If this occurs, every effort will be made to offer alternate dates and/or programs. Published times on itineraries are as accurate as possible but subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions beyond Collette's control that prevent Collette from operating as scheduled. Collette expressly disclaims any liability for any damages that may be incurred for any changes, cancellations or delays on any itinerary on any Collette tour

All rates on foreign tours are subject to fluctuations of currency and may be changed when necessary without advance notice prior to deposit.

All rates published are per person as indicated and are based on double occupancy when only one rate is shown. Reservations will be accepted subject to availability at the time of request and will be considered confirmed only upon receipt of a minimum deposit. Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults.

Collette does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier's overbooking of a flight. All cancellation charges, fees and refunds for any tour within this brochure are in effect as of the effective date as indicated on page 189 and supersede any other previously printed policies relating to these same charges.

### GENERAL DISCLAIMER

Collette montiors security situations around the world as well as government travel advisories. Conditions may require Collette to change or even cancel trips. You accept the risks involved in travel, both foreign and domestic, and accept responsibility for your own travel decisions. Guests may be required to review and sign a participation agreement prior to engaging in certain activities on the trip.

Neither Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively "Collette"), own or operate any person or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for these trips. You agree to be bound by the conditions of carriage for all transportation providers. Collette does not maintain control or operate the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers it uses and as such Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers or other employees or agents, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or (3) any wrongful, willful or negligent act or omission on the part of any other party.

Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, agents, shareholders, officers, successors and assigns (collectively "Collette"), from all suits, actions, losses, damages, claims or liability for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity which is occasioned by any negligent acts or omissions of Collette arising out of any goods or services provided for this or these trips.

Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, war, terrorism, computer problems, or other such causes. Other risks may arise such as, but not limited to, hazards of traveling in foreign countries including undeveloped areas, the hazards of travel by aircraft, bus, van, train, automobile or other motorized vehicle, differing safety standards, sickness, criminal acts committed by others, allergic reactions, and/or animal encounters. You are voluntarily participating in the tour and Collette, and as lawful consideration for the agreement to travel with Collette, you agree not to make a claim against Collette, its related companies, officers and employees for injuries, death, or any other claim and agree to release Collette, its related companies, officers and employees from any such claim. This release is binding on all members of your traveling party, as well as your Estate and heirs and this provision shall be enforceable even after your trip has ended. If you make your own air reservations, Collette is not responsible and shall provide no refund if your flight schedule changes so that you are not able to enjoy the entirety of your tour. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Collette reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if Collette deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. Collette reserves the right to withdraw any tour announced. Collette reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the Tour Manager to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. If you are traveling with children, you are solely responsible for their behavior and monitoring them throughout the tour. Neither does Collette accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline or other ticket to the tour departure city and return or otherwise. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owner at all times.

Collette is not responsible, and will not be bound by, representations made by third party representatives, travel agents, unaffiliated websites, or any other party.

Participants may be photographed for the promotional purposes of Collette. In addition, any comments that you submit as a review or your social media posts may be used for Collette's promotional purposes.

Payment of the deposit to Collette constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Collette reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions at any time, without notice.

### **Consumer Protection Plans**

Collette is a member of the following organizations: the National Tour Association, the United States Tour Operators Association, the Alliance of Canadian Travel Associations, the Travel Industry Council of Ontario, and the Association of British Travel Agents. Some of these associations operate a consumer protection plan to cover deposits placed with any tour operator member. Full details are available from these organizations or Collette. Collette is pleased to provide this additional protection to our clients.

### **Collette's Travel Protection Plan**

(for Canadian citizens or residents only\*)

Following is an outline of the Non-Insurance Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver, Insurance Benefits and non-insurance assistance services that make up the Travel Protection Plan.

Part A Waiver Only provided by Collette Tours Canada, Ltd: The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit underwritten by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation. Payment of a per person Travel Protection Plan fee to Collette at the time of booking guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposits), except the Travel Protection Plan fee itself, 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 that you purchase from Collette.

Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, this Part A Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for any such nonrefundable airline tickets in the event of a cancellation. This air ticket may be covered by Collette's Travel Protection Plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons (see Part B for more details).

The Part A Waiver portion of 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 Part A Waiver portion of 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.

Collette's Part A Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (However, the Part B Benefits referenced below include a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons, as detailed in Part B.) Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the cancelling client, the travelling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement.

The Travel Protection Plan fee is nontransferable and valid for each applicant (paying client) only. Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot and will not be held liable for any wrongful, negligent or unauthorized acts or omissions of any travel agent or travel agency other than that of Collette Tours Canada, Ltd. and its own employees, directors and officers.

### Where to Present Part A Claims:

To request a refund under the Part A Pre-Departure Cencellation Fee Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan, please call Collette and send any unused airline tickets to:

### Collette

ATTN: Customer Service Department, 40 Queen Street South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1K3 If cancellation occurs prior to departure, contact the Collette Reservations Department. When a client cancels prior to departure, any refunds are processed through the booking agent.

PART A – Provided By Collette	
Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee & Unused Services Waiver	up to Trip Cost

The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit underwritten by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation.

### Part B Insurance Benefits provided by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation (\*NOT

AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF QUEBEC): On tour, travel protection benefits may provide coverage if you: must interrupt your trip or return home early for a covered reason; incur medical expenses for a covered sickness or injury; need a medical evacuation; suffer a baggage loss or delay; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS	MAXIMUM BENEFIT AMOUNT

PART B – Benefits Provided by	the Insurance Company Listed Below

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Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000			
Trip Interruption	\$1,000			
Missed Connection	\$1,000			
Trip Cancellation	Amount Purchased <sup>†</sup>			
Travel Delay (Up to \$150 Per Day)	\$1,500			
Single Supplement	\$1,000			
Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance, Accident & Sickness				
Medical Expense, Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation	n \$1,000,000**			
Baggage/Travel Documents	\$2,000			
Baggage Delay (Up to \$150 Per Day)	\$750			

<sup>†</sup>This benefit is only applicable to Instant Purchase (Non-Refundable) Air Tickets and any single supplement penalties you are assessed if your Family Member or Travelling Companion has his/ her Trip canceled and does not cover any other land, air or water arrangements.

\*\*The Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance benefits of this plan are subject to a maximum benefit limit of \$10,000 for those persons who at the time of a covered injury or sickness do not have valid hospital and medical insurance under a Government Health Insurance Plan of a Province or Territory of Canada.

### PART B Exclusions & Limitations

Benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: 1. suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury while sane or insane; 2. an act of declared or undeclared war; 3. participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service; 4.

riding, driving or participating in races, or speed or endurance contests; 5. mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); 6. participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition; 7. participating in skydiving, hang gliding, bungee cord jumping, or scuba diving if the depth exceeds 130 feet or if You are not certified to dive and a dive master is not present during the dive; 8. piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; 9. being Intoxicated, as specifically defined in the policy, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless administered on the advice of a Legally Qualified Physician; 10. the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation: 11. normal childbirth. normal pregnancy (except complications of pregnancy) or voluntary induced abortion; 12. dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); 13. amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; 14. due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Policy. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; 15. a mental or nervous condition, unless hospitalized: 16, any rehabilitation or convalescent care: 17. treatment, services or expenses related to or resulting from travel in a specific country, region or city for which Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada has issued a formal Travel Warning, before Your departure date, advising Canadians to avoid all travel to that specific country, region or city; or 18. Sickness or Injury resulting from a motor vehicle accident where You are entitled to receive benefits pursuant to any policy or legislative plan of motor vehicle insurance.

### NON-INSURANCE SERVICES

One Call 24-Hour Assistance Services Global Xpi Medical Records Services

Please Note: Plan cost is based upon the cost of your trip. Benefits are described on a general basis only. The information in this brochure is only an outline of the coverage available, and is subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of the policy. Please refer to the policy wording for complete details. Plan benefits, limits and provisions may vary by province jurisdiction. You will receive a Description of Coverage and a Description of 24-Hour Emergency Assistance Services which describe the benefits and limitations in detail. To review full plan details online, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpCN426C.

The Part B Insurance Benefits are underwritten by: Northbridge General Insurance Corporation, 105 Adelaide St. W., Toronto, ON M5H 1P9.

Payment for the plan(s) is required at time of purchase and is non-refundable once purchased. Prices and coverage are subject to change. For full plan details online, please visit: www. tripmate.com/wpCN426C (except for Cancel for Any Reason Waiver). This Part B travel insurance is underwritten by: Northbridge General Insurance Corporation: 105 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 1P9. Benefits are administered by: Northbridge Claims Administration, c/o Active Care Management, Tel: 1.888.421.5378.

For specific questions regarding Travel Insurance or to report a claim, call the Claims Administrator: Northbridge Claims Administration at: 888.421.5378. Representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### Collette's Travel Protection Plan Pricing (per person)

The Cost of the Travel Protection Plan includes a Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver Provided By Collette Travel Service, Inc., insurance benefits underwritten by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation, as well as non-insurance assistance services provided by One Call Worldwide Travel Services Network, Inc. and Trip Mate.

### Land Only Clients:

- \$95 adult/\$95 child for all North American escorted tours under 6 days
- \$255 adult/\$140 child for all North American escorted tours of 6 days or more
- \$335 adult/\$165 child for all international tours not otherwise listed below
- \$395 adult/\$190 child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- \$450 adult/\$225 child for Galapagos tours
- \$500 adult/child for Oberammergau tours (must accompany 1st deposit)
- \$925 adult/\$425 child for Antarctica tours

When purchasing pre- and post-night accommodations, including optional extensions, the number of days will be added to the total number of tour days, and may subsequently alter your Travel Protection Plan cost. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

### Air-Inclusive Clients (Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)

- \$140 adult/child for all North American tours under 6 days
- \$295 adult/child for all North American tours of 6 days or more
- \$355 adult/child for all international tours not otherwise listed below
- \$425 adult/child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- \$500 adult/child for Galapagos tours
- \$550 adult/child for Oberammergau tours (must accompany 1st deposit)
- \$975 adult/child for Antarctica tours

Collette's Travel Protection Plan can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare or Instant Purchase nonrefundable air through Collette. Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% nonrefundable. This air ticket is covered by Collette's Travel Protection Plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.

## ENCOUNTER THE *magical charm* OF THE CYCLADES ISLANDS

An archipelago steeped in Greek mythology & stunning beauty

Scattered along the azure waters of the Aegean Sea, you'll find a cluster of about 220 idyllic Grecian islands known as the Cyclades. Visit two of the Cyclades' most magnificent islands: Mykonos and Santorini on the **Exploring Greece and Its Islands** tour.

**15** DAYS • **22** MEALS • **\$4,399** per person See page **100** for the full itinerary.







### SANTORINI:

Become better acquainted with the Cyclades and sail to the **most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean, the fabled island of Santorini.** Santorini offers a resplendent landscape of vineyards, bluedomed chapels and volcanic cliffs. In the spectacular town of Oia, you'll encounter the best views of the volcano's crater.



### **MYKONOS:**

Mykonos is the stunning jewel of the Cyclades. Here you'll encounter the romantic charm of Mykonos Town, better known as Chora by the locals. Amble through mazes of narrow streets as you take in cubist-style buildings and the gorgeous purple flowers of bougainvillea trees. As night falls, you'll discover how the **city transforms into a lively hotspot.** 



Seek out the expert advice of your travel professional.



\*Mention source code for savings. Offers can expire earlier due to space or inventory availability. Space is limited and savings are only available on select departures. Space is on a first come, first served basis. Offers are not valid on group or existing bookings or combinable with any other offer. Promotional pricing may remain in effect after the expiration date. Offer amounts vary by tour and departure date. Other restrictions may apply. Call or visit collette.com/offers for more details.



For reservations, contact your Travel Professional or call Collette at 800.468.5955.



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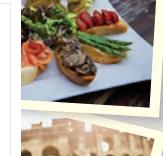
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Stepping out of your comfort zone to immerse yourself in a culture that's completely unlike your own. Checking a longstanding bucket list destination off of your list. Savouring your favourite cuisine in the place it was created. Making memories with loved ones and friends to last a lifetime. Whatever your reason for travel, Collette can help you fulfill it.







To see an ancient city come to life