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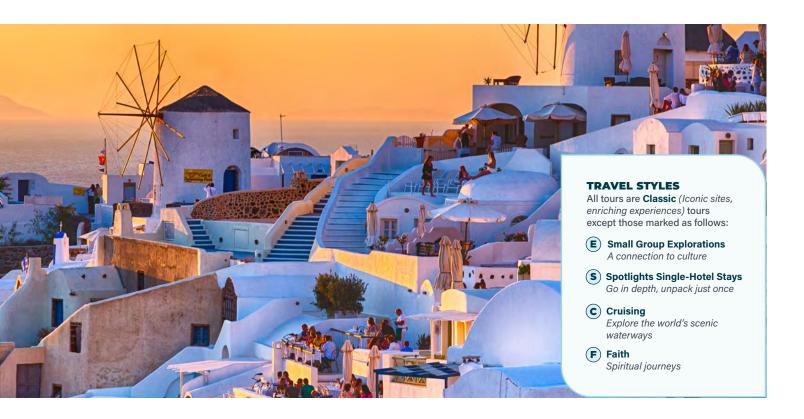
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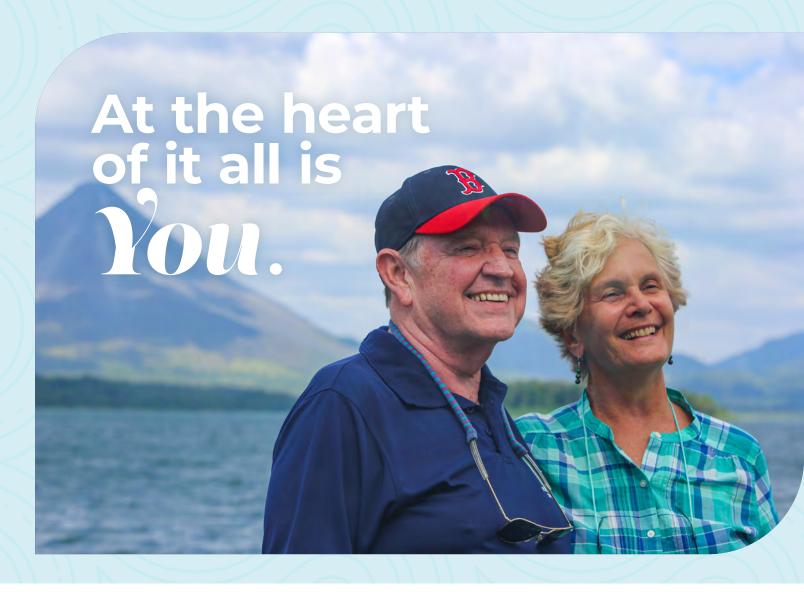
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Stay in 4-star and above accommodations, with expertly paced itineraries to keep onenight stays to a minimum. On many of our tours, accommodations are a top attraction: from hotels that overlook wine vineyards to properties nestled in the Canadian Rockies.



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Be You... Even on a Group Tour

We've heard all the stereotypes about guided tours that you'll be ushered from point A to point B in some cookie cutter, one-size-fits-all model.

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Add an extension to the start or end of a tour. With a mix of guided, hosted, or independent extension experiences, make the most of your airfare by adding more time in your destination.

Optional Excursions

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Choose between two excursions with our It's Your Choice! program - something we pioneered for you, so you can personalize your experience even more.

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Your place in the world...is **here.**



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"We got to know each other well...almost like family."

- MELANIE M., EGYPT & JORDAN

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GAUGE YOUR SPEED

Fast-tracker or leisurelypaced? Tour Activity Levels help to set expectations on tour. See the levels below and look for these circles on the tours ahead.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL (2)



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

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 3



You're an on-the-go traveller. Walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk. cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Expect some longer days balanced with free-time.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL 4



You're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and hiking are things you may enjoy) and a few thousand steps a day isn't out of the norm. You can handle longer walking tours (more than 90 minutes), traversing dusty or uneven terrain, standing for periods of time, varying altitudes and temperatures, and don't mind being on the go with some early starts, late-night experiences, and full days. Unfortunately, this level is not appropriate for individuals who use wheelchairs or walkers.

What's Your Style?

What do you look for in a tour? A chance to unpack just once and stay awhile? Some must-sees paired with local engagements? Sailing the most stunning waterways in the world?

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- Ideal for seeing the world's iconic destinations.
- 100+ globe-spanning tours: from close to home to a world away.
- Preferential access to sights means you'll skip the line and spend more time discovering.
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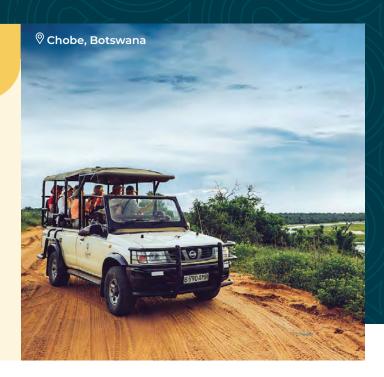


- Ideal for overpackers, urban explorers, and cultural deep-divers: unpack once at a centrally located hotel.
- 5-9 day stays make great getaways.
- Perfectly choreographed itineraries balance free time with fuller days.
- Know where the locals go with a guide by your side.

SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS

A Connection to Culture

- Ideal for the culturally curious: come home with stories you can't wait to tell.
- Say "yes" to unique experiences you'd be hard-pressed to find on your own.
- Hotels that perfectly capture the local vibe mean your exploration never stops.
- Travel today, improve tomorrow with socially responsible Impact Moments and carbon offsetting.





CRUISING

Explore the World's Scenic Waterways

- Ideal for those who think some of the best sightseeing comes from the deck of a boat.
- Step off the boat and right into the culture with included onshore excursions and experiences.
- Many exclusive departures mean you and your fellow Collette travellers are the only ones on board.
- Private yachts to small ships, iconic rivers to open sea: see the world by water.



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- Ideal for those who wish to connect with their faith on a deeper level.
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- Take a personal pilgrimage: walk in the footsteps of your faith's forefathers.
- Modest 3-star accommodations capture the humble surroundings in which they sit.

CANYON COUNTRY

8 DAYS · 10 MEALS

STARTING AT \$3599

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Scottsdale • Kaibab National Forest • Grand Canyon • Lake Powell Cruise • Rafting on Horseshoe Bend • Bryce Canyon National Park • Zion National Park • Las Vegas



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy time in Sedona surrounded by red-rock buttes.
- Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram with an expert guide.
- Experience the neon-lit Las Vegas strip.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 6 — Delve into the area's native heritage and pioneer culture at the Zion Human History Museum -ORventure off on your own to explore the park independently.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 3 Dinners (D)

 Experience dinner overlooking the stunning blue waters of Lake Powell.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Courtyard by Marriott, Scottsdale, AZ

Day 2 Grand Canyon area* hotel, Grand Canyon, AZ

Days 3, 4 Lake Powell Resort, Page,

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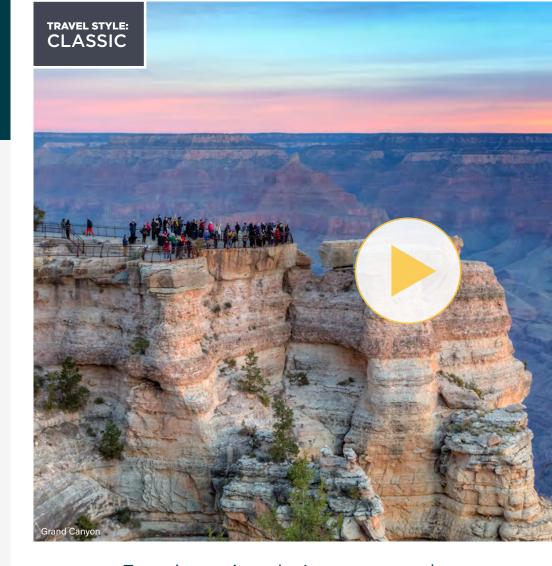
ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE:

During your stay at the Lake
Powell Resort, you may choose
to upgrade to a Lake View Room.
CALL FOR DETAILS

Days 5, 6 Holiday Inn Express or Hampton Inn & Suites, Springdale, UT

Day 7 Bally's Casino Resort or Paris Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Experience America's canyons and venture through a world of colourful vistas and the neon-lit spectacle of Las Vegas.

Day 1: Scottsdale, Arizona - Tour Begins

Explore the famous canyons of the American West on a journey featuring three national parks. Start your journey in Scottsdale and join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon Area*

Start your day in Sedona, where the sun shines against stunning sandstone formations. Soak in the inviting atmosphere and colourful vistas while browsing the many arts and crafts shops. Make your way through the Kaibab National Forest before reaching the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. (B, D)

Day 3: Grand Canyon Area - Lake Powell

Follow the winding landscape along East Rim Drive, bringing you to Cameron Trading Post. For nearly a century, the post has acted as a haven for travellers, traders, and explorers. Continue north through the mesa-studded desert before arriving at your home for the next two evenings

- overlooking the stunning blue waters of Lake Powell. Enjoy dinner and relax as you take in the picture-perfect canyon lake. (B, D)

Day 4: Lake Powell - Horseshoe Bend - Lake Powell

This morning, embark on a guided rafting adventure to the iconic Horseshoe Bend and experience the peaceful grandeur of the Colorado River. Look for fish in the crystal clear water, birds nesting on the banks of the river and possibly a herd of big horns along the way. You'll look up in awe at the soaring cliffs above Horseshoe Bend as you learn the stories of the ancestral Puebloan people who lived in the area. Later this afternoon, cruise through Wahweap Bay to the Glen Canyon Dam and enjoy the breathtaking views on the lake. (B)

Day 5: Lake Powell - Bryce Canyon National Park - Springdale, Utah (Zion)

Your journey continues at Bryce Canyon National Park, famous for its ethereal spires known as







hoodoos. These rock formations, created over thousands of years by wind and water, display natural orange and red hues that contrast with the deep green forests in the park. Take in the sprawling vistas as you wander along Sunset Point, leading into Sunrise Point Rim Trail. Your day ends in Springdale, gateway to Zion National Park. (B)

Day 6: Zion National Park 😯

In sheer magnitude and colour, few places on Earth match the beauty of Zion National Park. Marvel at red and white sandstone cliffs as you take a full day to explore Utah's first national park. Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram and wind your way alongside the Virgin River and through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canvon, This afternoon, it's your choice! Delve into the area's native American heritage and pioneer culture at the Zion Human History Museum -OR- venture off on your own to explore the park independently. (B)

Day 7: Springdale - Las Vegas, Nevada

Trade nature's beauty for the lights of the

Vegas strip. This four-mile stretch of road features neon-lit resorts and around-theclock action. This afternoon, toast to the end of your journey at a farewell lunch with your fellow travellers. Make the most of your free time this evening to experience the best that Vegas has to offer. (B, L)

Day 8: Las Vegas - Tour Ends Depart for home with memories of colourful canyons and winding valleys.



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL









You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.

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1-2 NIGHTS

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POST NIGHT LAS VEGAS

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 March - April 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

May - October 2023 March - April 2024 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.



REMOTE + RUSTIC ACCOMMODATIONS

During this tour, you'll stay overnight right in or near the stunning national parks, which necessitates lodging in more rustic accommodations. Though the quality is not at our usual standards, the setting is incomparable.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Phoenix and depart from Las Vegas, All transfers will depart from Phoenix airport for Scottsdale, Airport transfers are available for purchase. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. *Grand Canyon area hotel accommodations will be confirmed 60 days prior to departure. Certain departures may be confirmed outside of Grand Canyon National Park. All rates in Canadian dollars.

66 We thoroughly enjoyed the entire trip. Our tour manager was excellent. She was extremely friendly, courteous, helpful, and very knowledgeable on each aspect of the trip. 99

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- Collette Traveller

NATIONAL PARKS OF AMERICA

12 DAYS · 16 MEALS STARTING AT \$5699

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Scottsdale • Grand Canyon
• Lake Powell • Bryce Canyon • Zion
• Salt Lake City • Jackson Hole • Grand
Teton & Yellowstone National Parks •
Old Faithful • Sheridan • Bighorn
Mountains • Crazy Horse Memorial
• Mount Rushmore



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a tribute to Buffalo Bill Cody.
- Meet Native Americans and discuss their unique and colorful culture.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Dinners (D)

 Experience a chuck wagon dinner and cowboy entertainment.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Courtyard by Marriott, Scottsdale, AZ

Day 2 Yavapai East at South Rim,

Grand Canyon, AZ

Day 3 Lake Powell Resort, Page,

AZ

Days 4, 5 Holiday Inn Express,

Springdale, UT

Day 6 Radisson Hotel Salt Lake Downtown, Salt Lake City,

UT

Days 7, 8 Snow King Resort or

SpringHill Suites by Marriott, Jackson Hole, WY

Day 9 Yellowstone Lodges**

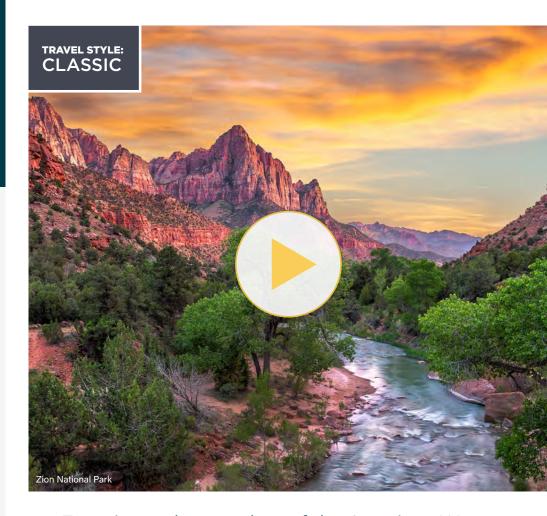
Yellowstone National Park

Day 10 Best Western Sheridan Center, Sheridan, WY

Day 11 Courtyard by Marriott,

Rapid City, SD

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Experience the grandeur of the American West as you explore five fantastic national parks on this exciting journey.

Day 1: Scottsdale, Arizona - Tour Begins Journey through five of America's most incredible

national parks. Your tour opens in Arizona where you will enjoy a stay in the world-famous resort town of Scottsdale. This evening, join your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Scottsdale - Sedona - Grand Canyon

Begin the day with a visit to the artists' colony of Sedona and see the amazing rock formations that change hue with each turn in the road. Afterward, travel through the beautiful scenery before arriving at one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World – the spectacular Grand Canyon. Upon arrival, relax at one of the many public seating areas overlooking the immense and colourful canyon. Take a moment to reflect as you stand in awe of this iconic natural treasure. Before dinner you may wish to take a short hike to explore the area. (B, D)

Day 3: Grand Canyon - Lake Powell

Today, head to the Carl Hayden Visitors Center and look out over Glen Canyon Dam to see the end of Lake Powell. Later, arrive at Lake Powell for dinner and sunset views of the lake. (B, D)

Day 4: Lake Powell - Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah - Springdale

Today's journey takes you to Bryce Canyon National Park, truly one of the most spectacular scenic wonders of the world. The formations within the park, called Hoodoos, are the creation of wind and water erosion over eons of time. Iron oxidizing within the rock causes the natural orange and red hues that colour these formations. Enjoy a hike along the Rim Trail looking into the expansive Bryce Amphitheater, from overlooks at Sunrise and Sunset Points. End your day in Springdale, the gateway to Zion National Park and your home for two nights. (B)

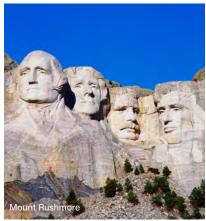
Day 5: Springdale - Zion National Park - Springdale

Today's destination is Zion National Park, very likely one of the most awe-inspiring national parks in the world, just in sheer magnitude and colour. Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram and wind your way alongside the Virgin River and through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. (B, D)

Day 6: Springdale - Salt Lake City

A drive north takes you to Salt Lake City, the "City of the Saints," for a 1-night stay. Enjoy a





tour of Salt Lake City featuring the Utah State Capitol building. Then, take the rest of the day and evening to relax or explore more on your own. Perhaps you will choose to explore Temple Square – a beautifully landscaped area set in the heart of downtown. The square's centerpiece is the 6-spired granite Salt Lake Temple, and adjacent to this imposing structure is the domed Tabernacle, home of the famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the great Tabernacle organ. (B)

Day 7: Salt Lake City - Jackson Hole, Wyoming

En route to Wyoming, see the majestic Bear Lake Summit. Later, arrive in the cowboy town of Jackson and experience a fun-filled evening of cowboy entertainment and a traditional chuck wagon dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Jackson Hole

The day is yours to enjoy Jackson Hole. From hiking and river-rafting to shopping and sampling the local cuisine, there are endless activities to make the most of your day. (B)

Day 9: Jackson Hole - Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks

From Jackson Hole, pass through Grand Teton National Park. Towering more than a mile above the valley of Jackson Hole, the Grand Teton rises to 13,770 feet. Twelve Teton peaks reach above 12,000 feet and support a dozen mountain glaciers. The Teton Range is the youngest range in the Rockies and displays some of North America's oldest rocks. Later, arrive at the amazing Yellowstone National Park** and explore the park's incredible sights. Experience the world-famous Old Faithful Geyser, a fountain of steam that rises more than 130 feet in the air. (B)

Day 10: Yellowstone - Cody - Sheridan

A delightful day of sightseeing begins with a trip along Yellowstone Lake and over Sylvan Pass. As you pass through Cody, stop at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a tribute to one of the most well-known figures of the Old West. Before turning in for the night in Sheridan, drive through the incredible Bighorn Mountains and journey through the territory of the Great Sioux Nation. (B)

Day 11: Sheridan - Rapid City, South Dakota

Visit Crazy Horse Memorial, a monument dedicated to Native Americans. Visit the Native American Cultural Center to learn more about local customs, when Native Americans discuss the movements of their dances and the significance of different clothes. Later, see one of the country's most famous landmarks, Mount Rushmore, whose four figures carved in stone represent the first 150 years of American history. At tonight's farewell dinner you will meet a local Lakota Native American and learn all about their fascinating way of life, past and present. (B, D)

Day 12: Rapid City - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close, leaving you with many wonderful memories.



On this tour you'll stay overnight right in or near the stunning national parks, which necessitates lodging in more rustic accommodations. Though the quality is not at our usual standards, the setting is incomparable. Also, to see five national parks in 12 days, there will be some longer drives.



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You're confident walking 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to a few flights of stairs.

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DOUBLE Starting at \$5699 SOLO Starting at \$7349

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on May 12, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022

(different itinerary - see note*)

May - October 2023

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May - October 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ALSO AVAILABLE



America's National Parks and Denver

Experience the grandeur of the American West as you explore six fantastic national parks on this exciting journey.

★ DATES AVAILABLE OCTOBER 2022 MAY - OCTOBER 2023

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Phoenix and depart from Rapid City. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. This tour includes travelling to high altitudes (approx. 3048 metres) and may not be suitable for some guests. We suggest you consult your physician if you have any concerns. The chuck wagon experience is only available from mid-May through September 30th and is closed on Sundays. For the days that the chuck wagon experience is unavailable, dinner will be substituted at a local restaurant or at the hotel. **Certain departure dates may be confirmed outside of Yellowstone National Park. All rates in Canadian dollars.

THE COLORADO ROCKIES

9 DAYS · 12 MEALS STARTING AT \$3749

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Denver • Rocky Mountain National Park •
Colorado National Monument •
Grand Junction • Black Canyon of the
Gunnison National Park • Museum of the
Mountain West • Durango & Silverton
Narrow Gauge Railroad • Mesa Verde
National Park (UNESCO) • Pikes Peak
Cog Railway • Garden of the Gods



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend two nights in Durango, a fun-filled cowboy town where you can relive the excitement of the Old West.
- Journey aboard the Pike's Peak Cog Railway to the top of Pike's Peak.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

 Enjoy an authentic farm-to-table dinner on a 450-acre, family-owned ranch.



ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1, 2 Sheraton Downtown or Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Denver, Denver
- Days 3, 4 DoubleTree Hotel, Grand Junction
- Days 5, 6 Strater Hotel, Durango
- Days 7, 8 Embassy Suites by Hilton, Colorado Springs

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Experience the grand landscapes of the American West as you journey from the "Mile High City" of Denver to Colorado Springs.

Day 1: Denver, Colorado - Tour Begins

Adventure awaits as you explore the towering peaks and rolling meadows of Colorado and Utah. This tour (which features four national parks) opens in the "Mile High City" of Denver where you will gather for a welcome dinner with your fellow travellers. (D)

Day 2: Denver - Rocky Mountain National Park - Denver

Travel through Boulder, a scenic university town known for its iconic landmark...the striking, reddish-brown foothills known as the Flatirons. Stop in Estes Park, a mountain resort town and home of the Stanley Hotel, the inspiration for Stephen King's *The Shining*. Your adventure in Rocky Mountain National Park starts on the Trail Ridge Road, the highest paved, continuous highway in North America. It's a drive that should be on everybody's bucket list. At Rainbow Curve, marvel at the majestic mountains that stand in contrast to deep, rugged canyons. Later, return to Denver for a free evening in this dynamic city. (B)

Day 3: Denver - Colorado National Monument - Grand Junction

The spectacular Rocky Mountains are your travelling companion. Make a scenic drive from Denver to Grand Junction, passing through many of

Colorado's famous ski resorts. This journey also takes you to one of the grand landscapes of the American West – Colorado National Monument. Continue along the monument's historic Rim Rock Drive to see a colourful panorama of deep, sheer-sided canyons and high rock towers. Gather for dinner at a favourite local hangout in Grand Junction, a town that attracts outdoorsmen, foodies and all manner of free spirits. (B, D)

Day 4: Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park - Grand Junction

Today, venture to another amazing national park - Colorado's own "Grand Canyon"! Marvel at the steep-walled gorge and dramatic views of Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park while travelling along its South Rim. Pause at one of the scenic viewpoints to soak in this stunning wilderness of rock, water, and sky. Enjoy a picnic lunch overlooking some of the steepest and oldest rock walls in North America, carved over 2 million years by the Gunnison River. Perhaps you'll even spot a peregrine falcon. Then, immerse yourself in the stories of the American west during a tour of the Museum of the Mountain West, a preserved and re-created pioneer town that captures life as it was over a century ago. Return to Grand Junction for an evening at leisure. (B, L)







Colorado Utah Rocky Mountain Nat'l Park Colorado Nat'l Monument Black Canyon of the Gunnison Nat'l Park Museum of the Mountain West Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Mesa Verde Nat'l Park Durango Nat'l Park Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Mesa Verde Nat'l Park Durango Nat'l Park

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT DENVER

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DOUBLE Starting at \$3749 SOLO Starting at \$4699

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on July 21, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May - September 2023

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.



A FASTER PACE

On this tour, see three incredible national parks, a national monument and travel on two scenic train trips. To experience it all, we must cover a lot of ground but the natural, awe-inspiring beauty is well worth the travels.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Denver. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 10:00 a.m. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. This tour includes travelling to high altitudes (approximately 4300 m) and may not be suitable for some clients. We suggest that you consult your physician if you have any concerns. All rates in

66 As a former Social Studies teacher, I learned a great deal about our country that I didn't know. Also, having never visited this area before, I saw some magnificent sights. 99

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Day 5: Grand Junction - Silverton - Durango

Head south to Silverton, a former silver mining town and now a National Historic Landmark. Hidden high in the San Juan Mountains, this town blends spectacular scenery, Victorian charm and historic architecture. Then it's "all aboard" the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. This 1881 coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive made its name hauling silver and gold ore from the San Juan Mountains, but you will soon realize it is the view that is its most precious asset. (B)

Day 6: Durango - Mesa Verde National Park - Durango

An incredible day awaits in Mesa Verde National Park (UNESCO), home of the ancient Ancestral Puebloan civilization. Join a local guide on a drive through the park making several photo stops including views of the famous Spruce Tree House, one of Mesa Verde's best preserved cliff dwellings and Cliff Palace, the largest in the park. This evening, experience a farm-to-table dinner on a family-owned ranch surrounded by red mountain peaks and lush green pastures. (B, D)

Day 7: Durango - Colorado SpringsSit back and relax during a scenic ride to Colorado Springs. En route, marvel at the

landscape as you make your way from the San Juan National Forest and across Wolf Creek Pass, a section of the Continental Divide that would take pioneers two to three weeks to cross. Continue on through the Rio Grande National Forest, a vast expanse of wilderness named for the 1,800 miles of Rio Grande River that cuts through the forest. Your day concludes in Colorado Springs, an artistic and cultural hub. (B)

Day 8: Colorado Springs - Manitou Springs - Colorado Springs

Depart for Manitou Springs, home of Pike's Peak – the legendary symbol of the 1859 Gold Rush. Embark on a journey aboard the Pike's Peak Cog Railway, the world's highest cog railroad, for an 8.9 mile trip to the top of Pike's Peak. During the journey you will see magnificent views and perhaps animals in their native habitat. Later, travel to the Garden of the Gods to take in the view of towering sandstone formations that dot the landscape set in the backdrop of majestic Pikes Peak. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner and celebrate your adventure. (B, D)

Day 9: Colorado Springs - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Colorado Springs.

AMERICA'S COWBOY COUNTRY

8 DAYS · 10 MEALS STARTING AT \$3349

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Jackson Hole • Grand Teton National Park • Yellowstone National Park • Buffalo Bill Center of the West • Deadwood • Custer State Park • Crazy Horse Memorial

• Mt. Rushmore • Badlands National Park



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Watch Old Faithful geyser erupt, sending steam high in the air.
- Let nature fill you with awe at Grand Teton National Park.
- Marvel at the scale and patriotic energy of Mount Rushmore.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

 The Wild West comes to life during a traditional chuck wagon dinner.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2 The Lodge at Jackson Hole, Jackson, WY

Day 3 Buffalo Bill Village Holiday Inn and Cabins, Cody, WY

Day 4 Best Western Sheridan Center, Sheridan, WY

Days 5 - 7 Alex Johnson Hotel or Courtyard by Marriott, Rapid City, SD

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Enjoy stunning views of the American West as you make your way through Yellowstone, Grand Teton National Park, and more.

Day 1: Jackson Hole, Wyoming - Tour Begins

Welcome to Jackson Hole, America's most famous cowboy town. Find yourself amid its rare blend of elegance and Western charm.

Day 2: Jackson Hole - Grand Teton National Park - Jackson

Wind through Grand Teton National Park, home to the youngest peaks in the Rockies. Keep your camera handy - there are plenty of opportunities to take photos. Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore trendy downtown Jackson. Look for the Antler Arch at the entrance to the historic town square. Get your first taste of the Old West at your welcome dinner where your ride in a covered wagon takes you past the Cache Creek Canyon for a night of Western hospitality at a chuck wagon dinner with entertainment. (B, D)

Day 3: Jackson - Yellowstone National Park - Cody, Wyoming

Visit Yellowstone National Park, the world's first national park. Famous for its geysers, hot

springs and incredible wildlife - including freeranging herds of buffalo - Yellowstone lives up to its reputation. No visit to the park would be complete without seeing its most renowned attraction: Old Faithful. Watch in awe as the geyser sends a fountain of steam more than 130 feet in the air. Travel over the Sylvan Pass and see Yellowstone Lake on the way to Cody, your home for the evening. (B, D)

Day 4: Cody - Sheridan

This morning, visit the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a tribute to one of the most well-known figures of the Old West. This afternoon, make your way through the Bighorn Mountains and cross through the territory of the Great Sioux Nation before turning in for the night in Sheridan. (B)

Day 5: Sheridan - Deadwood - Rapid City, South Dakota

Stop in Deadwood, a rambling Western town and a National Historic Landmark. Recreations of turn-of-the-century street lamps light the way through the restored architecture. A local guide







introduces you to the history of the city, where gold, gambling and gunpowder were once the order of the day. Visit Mount Moriah Cemetery, final resting place of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, and other figures from the Wild West. Continue on to Kevin Costner's Tatanka: "Story of the Bison." This interpretive center features large, awe-inspiring sculptures depicting the relationship of bison and the Lakota Native Americans. Your day ends in Rapid City. (B)

Day 6: Rapid City - Custer Province Park - Crazy Horse - Mt. Rushmore

Travel to Custer Province Park and search for a herd of over 1,000 roaming bison. Your guide will fill you in on the park's wildlife history and facts. Next, prepare to be amazed by the Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain sculpture still in progress. The memorial includes the Indian Museum of North America, Native American Cultural Centre, the sculptor's studio, an orientation centre and theaters. Many Native American artists and craftspeople practice their art at the memorial and are on hand to discuss the influence their culture has on their work. Later, see Mount

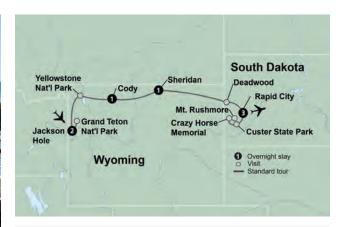
Rushmore, one of the country's most famous landmarks. (B)

Day 7: Rapid City - Badlands - Wall - Rapid City

Visit rugged Badlands National Park. Upon arrival at the visitor center, view its informative exhibits and displays and watch a film that introduces you to the area, Follow the Badlands Loop Road, a wonder of rock formations and vibrant colours caused by mineral deposits. Stop at Wall Drug, a classic store from 1936, where there is time for lunch and browsing. This evening, a Lakota Native American will join you before your farewell dinner to discuss his dedication to his community and the Native American way of life, past and present. (B, D)

Day 8: Rapid City - Tour Ends

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



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL









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1-2 NIGHTS

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 (different itinerary - see note*) May - October 2023

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May - October 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Jackson Hole and depart from Rapid City. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. The chuck wagon experience is only available from mid-May through September 30th and is closed on Sundays. For the days that the chuck wagon experience is unavailable, dinner will be substituted at a local restaurant or at the hotel. All rates in Canadian dollars.

66 Honestly, I can't pick the most enjoyable part. The beauty of this part of the country is unbelievable. I look at our pictures and am still amazed. 99

- Collette Traveller

PAINTED CANYONS OF THE WEST

9 DAYS · 11 MEALS STARTING AT \$3849

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado National Monument • Moab
• Arches National Park • Canyonlands
National Park • Dead Horse Point State
Park • Utah's Scenic Byway 24 • Capitol
Reef National Park • Grand StaircaseEscalante National Monument

 Bryce Canyon National Park - Zion National Park - Las Vegas



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend two nights in Moab with time to explore Arches and Canyonlands national parks.
- Take in mesmerizing scenery on Utah's most picturesque byways.
- Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram with an expert guide.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 7 — Hike Zion National Park independently -OR- visit Zion's Human History Museum.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Enjoy dinner and a wine-tasting in Colorado's wine country.
- Experience a "Cowboy Dinner" in Moab as the sunset illuminates canyon walls above the Colorado River.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Sheraton Denver Downtown or Hilton Garden Inn Downtown, Denver, CO

Day 2 Doubletree Hotel, Grand Junction, CO

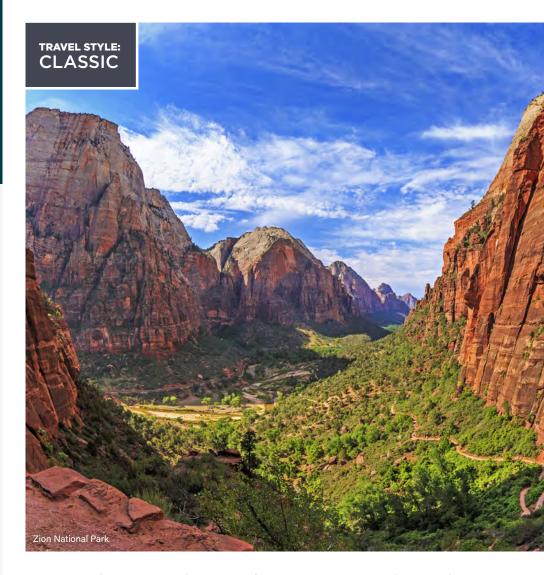
Days 3, 4 Red Cliffs Lodge or Hampton Inn, Moab, UT

Day 5 Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel, Bryce,

Days 6, 7 Holiday Inn Express or Hampton Inn & Suites, Springdale, UT

Day 8 Paris Hotel or Bally's Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Trek across the Southwest as you take in the sienna-colored canyons, towering spires, and desert landscapes found in Utah's five national parks.

Day 1: Denver, Colorado - Tour Begins

Trek across the Southwest as you take in the sienna-colored canyons, towering spires and desert landscapes found in Utah's five national parks. Your journey begins in the mile-high city of Denver – an urban gateway to America's natural beauty.

Day 2: Denver - Grand Junction

The Rocky Mountains are your travelling companions on the drive to Grand Junction.

Look out at the natural scenery as you pass by Glenwood Canyon, a product of the Colorado River, carved more than 3 million years ago. Dine together at a family-owned vineyard and enjoy a wine tasting in the midst of Colorado wine country. (B, D)

Day 3: Grand Junction - Colorado National Monument - Moab, Utah

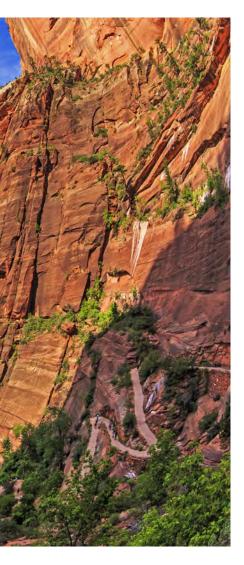
Set out to explore the Colorado National Monument this morning along Rim Rock Drive. Make your way to Utah on the Upper Colorado Byway, known by the locals as "River Road." As the iconic Fisher Towers loom over breathtaking mesas, make your way to Red Cliffs Lodge, nestled along the banks of the Colorado River. Relax tonight at a cowboy barbecue, where grilled steak is at the top of the menu. (B, D)

Day 4: Moab - Arches - Canyonlands - Dead Horse Point - Moab

Journey through the otherworldly oases of two national parks. Hike along red rock features as you make your way through Arches National Park. Continue to Canyonlands National Park, resting in the heart of the Colorado Plateau, and discover a world of mesas and canyons. Close by, at the Island in the Sky, look out over a landscape of ethereal valleys and dreamy horizons. Today's park pilgrimage ends atop the sheer sandstone cliffs of Dead Horse Point State Park. (B)

Day 5: Moab - Capitol Reef National Park - Bryce

Travel through the dramatic Utah desert on Scenic Byway 24. Visit Capitol Reef National Park, named for the curved white walls that







resemble the U.S. Capitol building. On the Million Dollar Road, take in views of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, where layers of warm reds and oranges melt into smooth sided peaks. Spend the night in Bryce, your jumping-off point to Bryce Canyon National Park. (B, L)

Day 6: Bryce Canyon National Park - Springdale (Zion)

Spend the day in Bryce Canyon National Park and see the famous hoodoos – vibrant rock formations likened to fairy chimneys. Perhaps you'll start your morning with a hike, getting up-close and personal with the graceful geology. Take in the sprawling vistas as you walk along Sunset Point, leading into Sunrise Point Rim Trail. As the day draws to a close, settle into Springdale, a small town perched just outside of Zion National Park. (B)

Day 7: Springdale - Zion National Park - Springdale 💎

There are few places on earth that match the beauty of the red and white sandstone cliffs of Zion. Make the most of an entire day exploring this rock-ridden paradise. On Zion's open-air tram, wind along the Virgin River through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. Choose how you spend the afternoon because **it's your choice!** Hike independently **-OR-**visit Zion's Human History Museum. (B)

Day 8: Springdale - Las Vegas, Nevada

Age-old nature is replaced with captivating energy, vibrant lights, and endless excitement in Las Vegas. Toast with your travel companions at a farewell lunch. Then, the evening is yours – spend your time along the neon-lit strip however you please. (B, L)

Day 9: Las Vegas - Tour EndsSay goodbye to Las Vegas and the painted canyons of the west as you

depart for home.



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You're confident walking 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to a few flights of stairs.

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1-2 NIGHTS

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DOUBLE Starting at \$3849 SOLO Starting at \$5549

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on May 14, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 April 2023 May - October 2023

(featured itinerary)

(different itinerary - see note*)

*Itinerary featured is for May - October 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Denver and depart from Las Vegas. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. While there is opportunity to hike on this tour, all hiking is elective and should only be undertaken by people who are physically fit and have prior hiking experience, especially at high elevations. All rates in Canadian dollars.

66 We have taken a number of national parks tours with Collette and found all the guides to be excellent. 99

- Collette Traveller

SPOTLIGHT ON SOUTH DAKOTA

7 DAYS · 9 MEALS STARTING AT \$2799

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Crazy Horse Memorial • Mount Rushmore - Badlands National Park - Wall Drug -Deadwood • High Plains Heritage Center • Off-Road Jeep Safari at Custer State Park

Devils Tower National Monument



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Search for buffalo and other wildlife in Custer State Park on an exciting off-road Jeep safari.
- Stroll past 150 years of American history on the Presidential Trail.
- Enjoy time to explore at the lofty Devils Tower.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

• Day 4 — Travel back in time on a guided tour of the Adams Museum -OR- learn about the bison and Lakota tribe at Tatanka: Story of the



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

Delight in local flavours during a Western dinner show.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Davs 1 - 6 Residence Inn Marriott. Rapid City, SD

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT RAPID CITY

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Discover the spirit of the American West and come to know the legends of the past.

Day 1: Rapid City, South Dakota - Tour **Begins**

Welcome to the West. Your tour opens in Rapid City, long known as the gateway to the Black Hills. Tonight, you and your fellow travellers gather for a welcome dinner featuring a Native American chronicler who shares stories about the Lakota and Sioux way of life. (D)

Day 2: Rapid City - Crazy Horse - Mt. **Rushmore - Rapid City**

Visit Crazy Horse Memorial and delve into the story of the largest, still-in-progress mountain sculpture. Visit the Indian Museum of North America, the Native American Cultural Center, the sculptor's studio, orientation centre and theaters. Continue to Mount Rushmore. Spend time with the epic figures of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, and Lincoln as you stroll along the Presidential Trail, offering the closest view of this iconic sculpture. This evening, return to Mount Rushmore for the nighttime lighting ceremony. (B)

Day 3: Rapid City - Badlands - Wall -**Rapid City**

Embrace the allure of wide-open spaces and explore the larger-than-life Badlands National Park. At the visitor center, the stage is set for your adventure, with informative exhibits, displays and video to introduce you to the area. Travel the Badlands Loop Road, home to vibrant colors and rock formations created by mineral deposits. Visit the legendary Wall Drug, a store barely changed since 1936. (B)

Day 4: Rapid City - Deadwood - Rapid City 🕜

Get ready for Deadwood. This morning, it's your **choice!** Take a guided tour of the Adams Museum, dedicated to preserving Deadwood's history -ORvisit Kevin Costner's Tatanka: Story of the Bison, sculptures depicting the relationship between bison and the Lakota. This afternoon, a local guide shows you the town. This evening, enjoy dinner and a Western show at the High Plains Heritage Center. (B, D)

Day 5: Rapid City - Custer - Rapid City

Head to Custer State Park and take in the lush landscape. Venture off road with an exciting Buffalo Safari in an open-air jeep searching for herds of roaming buffalo. (B)

Day 6: Rapid City - Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming - Rapid City

Get your bearings at the Geographic Center of the Nation, marking the middle of the US. Cross into Wyoming and view the first national monument - Devils Tower. Stand in awe before this lofty monolith, perhaps hiking the 1.3 mile Tower Trail around the base. Although famous as the backdrop in Close Encounters of the Third Kind, the tower is also sacred to many local tribes. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner as the end of your adventure draws near. (B, D)

Day 7: Rapid City - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Rapid City as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$2799 SOLO Starting at \$3599

Pricing is per person, land only, & varies by departure date. Prices based on October 6, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022

(different itinerary - see note*)

May - October 2023

(featured itinerary)

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Rapid City. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. Mount Rushmore Lighting Ceremony is available May 26 - September 30, 2023. All rates in Canadian dollars.

NEW TOUR

SPOTLIGHT ON BOSTON

5 DAYS · 6 MEALS STARTING AT \$2599

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Faneuil Hall • Beacon Hill • Lexington & Concord • Buckman's Tavern • Harvard University • Choice on Tour: JFK Library or Hidden Gems of Boston Photo Tour



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Walk the grounds of Harvard University on a student-led tour.
- Use your Uber voucher to explore Boston your way.
- Visit the towns that witnessed the start of the American Revolution, Lexington & Concord.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 4 — Visit the JFK Presidential Library & Museum -OR- take a photo walking tour of Boston.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

4 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Dinners (D)

 Enjoy an Italian meal in Boston's famed North End.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 - 4 Marriott Copley Place, Boston, MA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT BOSTON

CALL FOR DETAILS

EVEN MORE TIME? Combine Spotlight on Boston with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience.

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Have a *wicked* good time exploring the capital city of Massachusetts and the surrounding towns, all overflowing with American history and character.

Day 1: Boston, Massachusetts - Tour Begins

Incredibly charming and walkable, Boston is ready to greet you with cobblestone streets, stately brownstone buildings, distinct neighbourhoods, art museums, shopping, and more. This is the Cradle of the Revolution, and you'll feel that energy is as strong now as it was in 1773.

Day 2: Boston

Take in Boston this morning on a panoramic city tour. You'll see historic sites like the Old South Meeting House, Boston Common, and the quaint cobblestone streets and Federal-style rowhouses of Beacon Hill. Your tour ends in Faneuil Hall, where you'll have free time to explore and try a local lunch favourite, like "clam chowdah." The true heart of Boston, Faneuil Hall has been a marketplace and meeting hall since 1743, After that, it's your time to discover Boston on your own. Perhaps you'll use your included Uber voucher to head to Fenway Park for a tour, or the Museum of Fine Arts for some culture. Tonight, sit down to dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers and toast to new friends met in the old city of Boston. (B, D)

Day 3: Boston - Lexington & Concord - Cambridge - Boston

This morning, depart Boston behind for Lexington and Concord. Your first stop will be Minute Man National Historic Park. Afterwards, head to the exact spot where the "shot heard 'round the world" was fired, the Old North Bridge. Then, you're off for Lexington to visit Buckman's Tavern and the Lexington Battle Green. Enjoy free time for lunch in the timeless atmosphere of downtown Lexington. Arrive in Harvard Square for a tour of Harvard University. Get an insider's perspective of the campus straight from a student as they lead you on a tour. After, head back into Boston for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Boston 😯

Start the day your way with it's your choice!
Choose to visit the Presidential Library & Museum of John F. Kennedy, with exhibits dedicated to Kennedy's illustrious career -OR- discover the highlights and hidden gems of Boston with a photo walking tour that will take you through Copley Square, the Public Garden, Beacon Hill, and some off-the-beaten-path stops too. This afternoon, explore Boston on your own. Perhaps you'll visit the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, or maybe you'll wander up and down the best shopping blocks in the city on Newbury Street. Afterwards, gather for a dinner in Boston's famed North End with your fellow travelelrs to laugh, dine, and bid farewell to the city of Boston. (B, D)

Day 5: Boston - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to the history, the culture, and the new friends you found in Boston. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$2599 SOLO Starting at \$3649

Pricing is per person, land only, & varies by departure date.

Prices based on September 14, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022

(different itinerary - see note*)

May - October 2023 (featured itinerary)

departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

*Itinerary featured is for

May - October 2023 tour

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Boston. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. As an added feature on this program, each guest will receive an Uber e-voucher (valued for \$20 US Dollars) to use when you want, while on this tour. All rates in Canadian dollars.

ISLANDS OF NEW ENGLAND

8 DAYS · 10 MEALS

STARTING AT \$3449

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Providence • Newport • Lobster Trap
Pull Demonstration & Cruise • Plymouth
Rock • Cape Cod • Hyannis • Nantucket •
Chatham • Martha's Vineyard •
Lobster Dinner



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- See Plymouth Rock and step back in time in the town where the Pilgrims landed in 1620.
- Explore Rhode Island's Creative Capital and visit the Rhode Island School of Design.
- Cruise Plymouth Harbor and watch your boat's captain pull lobster traps from the water.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 2 Enjoy a panoramic city tour of Providence -OR- join a local guide on foot and get a closer look at some downtown attractions.
- Day 6 Spend the day enjoying your waterfront resort's amenities on Cape Cod -OR- spend the day exploring the nearby town of Chatham.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

 Celebrate the taste of Cape Cod with a traditional New England lobster dinner.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 - 3 Aloft Providence Downtown, Providence, RI

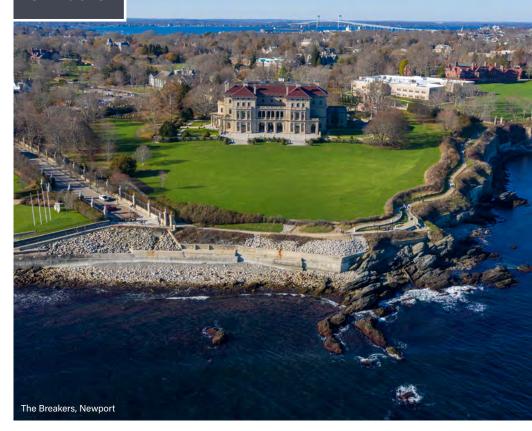
Days 4 - 7 Sea Crest Beach Hotel, Falmouth, MA

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE:

Enhance your experience at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel with an upgrade to an Oceanview Room with a balcony or patio. CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.





The Atlantic coast is calling. Explore New England's majestic seaboards, from Rhode Island to Cape Cod.

Day 1: Providence, Rhode Island - Tour Begins

Discover the natural beauty that lies along the shores of New England. Come to know its coastal charm, friendly people and fresh-from-the-sea cuisine. Your tour opens in Providence, the capital of Rhode Island.

Day 2: Providence 😗

This morning, it's your choice! Enjoy a panoramic city tour with your Tour Manager on your coach and see highlights including the Brown University Campus and Waterplace Park -OR- join a local guide on foot and get a closer look at some downtown attractions like the Rhode Island State House and the historic Providence City Hall. After, reconnect with your fellow travellers and enjoy a self-guided visit to the Rhode Island School of Design Museum, where you can find works of art ranging from ancient Egyptian artifacts to modern and contemporary paintings. Tonight, celebrate the beginning of your journey after spending a day in the city known in New England as the Creative Capital. (B, D)

Day 3: Providence - Newport - Providence

Head to Newport, a colonial port city that later

turned into a summer home to America's wealthiest industrialists. On your way, look to the calm water and see why the city has earned the moniker of the "Sailing Capital of the World" and was home to the America's Cup sailing competition for more than 50 years. In Newport, travel along Bellevue Avenue. Lined with extraordinary 19th-century summer "cottages," this road is home to 7 mansions designated National Historic Landmarks. These extravagant homes were used by affluent families like the Astors and Morgans, for fewer than two months each year. Step back in time and get a taste of the Gilded Age at The Breakers, the most opulent of the Newport Mansions and 70-room summer getaway of the Vanderbilt family. (B)

Day 4: Providence - Plymouth, Massachusetts - Cape Cod

This morning, venture to the home of the first permanent colonial settlement in the country: Plymouth. Here, board a boat and cruise Plymouth Harbor. Your captain will share the importance of lobstering to New England culture and demonstrate how lobsters are pulled from the water. After returning to land, stop in the town of Plymouth to see where the





Pilgrims disembarked the Mayflower in 1620: Plymouth Rock. Later, arrive at your beachfront hotel for a 4-night stay on the Cape. (B)

Day 5: Cape Cod - Hyannis -Nantucket - Cape Cod

Catch a glimpse of the Camelot era in Hyannis Port, home of the Kennedy compound, and visit the poignant Kennedy Memorial. Next, set off via ferry to explore the idyllic island of Nantucket. From its cobblestone Main Street to its beaches and lighthouses, this place lives up to its reputation. During time at leisure, meander the waterfront where sailboats and yachts sway in the harbour or shop for a famous Nantucket basket. Next, head to the Nantucket Whaling Museum and learn about this island's history as the former whaling capital of the world. Peruse exhibits about the danger of this industry in the 18th century and even see the skeleton of a 46-foot-long whale. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Cape Cod - Chatham - Cape Cod ♥

Take in Cape Cod your way because today, **it's your choice!** Take advantage of the amenities at your waterfront hotel, perhaps sitting by the pool or visiting the private beach on the resort's property

-OR- join your Tour Manager for a trip to Chatham, a town on the tip of Cape Cod, including some free time, stops at a local lighthouse and windmill, and a visit to the Atwood Museum – a museum that covers the town's rich history. (B)

Day 7: Cape Cod - Martha's Vineyard - Cape Cod

A ferry ride transports you to beautiful Martha's Vineyard. Known for visits by presidents and royalty, this summer home of many artists, writers and celebrities is full of surprises. You'll see all the highlights of "the Vineyard" (as the locals call it), including quaint gingerbread-styled cottages and a oncefamous whaling port resplendent with sea captains' homes and widows' walks. Later, depart the island and cruise back to Cape Cod. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner and traditional New England experience as you indulge in a lobster feast. (B. D)

Day 8: Cape Cod - Tour EndsYour tour comes to a close, leaving you with many fond memories. (B)

Optional 2 Night Boston Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$780 pp



Day 8: Cape Cod - Boston

Extend your stay in New England with 2 nights in Boston – Massachusetts's historic capital city. As the site of the famous "tea party," Boston has a long history of fighting for independence since the time of the Revolutionary War. Explore the city on your own, perhaps grabbing a bite of some renowned seafood or a cup of famous clam chowder. Consider venturing to the North End for some authentic Italian food, keeping an eye out for a fresh cannoli.

Day 9: Boston

The day is yours. Use your included ticket for a Hop-On Hop-Off bus to see the most of the city of Boston. Consider walking along the harbour, grabbing a pint in one of the many Irish pubs, or even visiting one of the city's museums. As the home of 35 different colleges, Boston features a perfect blend of history and modern innovations. (B)

Day 10: Boston - Tour Ends

Wish Boston goodbye as you depart for home. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You're confident walking 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to a few flights of stairs.

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1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT PROVIDENCE

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DOUBLE Starting at \$3449 SOLO Starting at \$4499

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Prices based on October 19, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022

(different itinerary - see note*)

May - October 2023

(featured itinerary)

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See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Providence and depart from Boston. All transfers will depart from Falmouth for Boston airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to itinerary scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 12:00 noon. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. The Rhode Island School of Design Museum may be unavailable during the first two weeks of June due to RISD graduation and commencement. The Lobster Excursion Cruise may be unavailable if you are travelling mid-October or later. If this is the case, the activity will be replaced with an included visit to the Mayflower II. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The 2 night Boston extension is Independent. Independently explore this destination! While this extension is not hosted or guided, it is intended to give you freedom and flexibility to explore a destination – or return to a favourite one.

66We were 41 strangers at the start of the tour but close acquaintances by its conclusion... The entire tour was fondly memorable. 99

Collette Traveller

COLOURS OF NEW ENGLAND

8 DAYS · 12 MEALS STARTING AT \$4499

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Boston • Simon Pearce • Quechee Gorge • Stowe • Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory • Trapp Family Lodge • Rocks Estate • North Conway • Kancamagus Highway • Mount Washington • Lake Winnipesaukee Cruise • Portland • Lobster Dinner



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Watch apple cider made the oldfashioned way.
- Explore the Rocks Estate and learn the importance of maple sugaring in the region on a farm tour.
- View the most photographed lighthouse in America, the Portland Head Light.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 5 — Spend some time appreciating the great outdoors alongside your Tour Manager during a nature walk -OR- explore downtown North Conway, with plenty of local shops for souvenir shopping.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

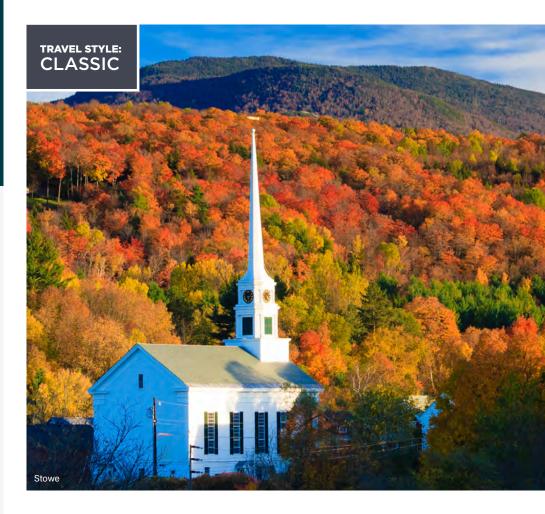
- Taste the essence of New England at a dinner featuring succulent fresh lobster.
- Visit Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, learn about their ice cream and sample the sweet treat.
- Enjoy lunch prepared from fresh, local ingredients at the Simon Pearce restaurant.



ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1 Boston Park Plaza, Boston, MA
- Days 2, 3 Stoweflake Mountain Resort, Stowe, VT
- Days 4, 5 White Mountain Hotel & Resort, North Conway, NH
- Days 6, 7 AC Hotel Portland Downtown/Waterfront, Portland, ME

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



See a stunning display of vibrant foliage while travelling from historic Boston to the coast of Maine.

Day 1: Boston, Massachusetts - Tour Begins

Welcome to Massachusetts, where your journey through charming and vibrant New England begins. Start your tour in the heart of Boston.

Day 2: Boston - Woodstock, Vermont - Stowe

This morning, set out for Vermont where tree-covered mountainsides dot a charming landscape of quaint villages with traditional, white steeple churches. Visit Quechee Gorge — known as Vermont's Little Grand Canyon. This afternoon, watch glassblowing artisans craft unique art at the Simon Pearce flagship store. Savour a lunch prepared with fresh, local ingredients served on Simon Pearce dinnerware. After lunch, arrive in Woodstock, "the quintessential New England village" with its beautifully restored Georgian homes, a covered bridge, and even a town green. This evening, settle into your resort in Stowe, nestled in the tranquil Green Mountains. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Stowe

Start off your day by heading to the Cold Hollow Cider Mill. In this historic mill, watch – and learn – how fresh cider is produced the old-fashioned way, via rack and cloth press; a process that's been passed down for generations. Continue down

the path of sweets at your next stop: The Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory. Tour their facility and get filled in on the process of making ice cream before ending your visit with a sample of their world-famous scoops. This afternoon, visit the Trapp Family Lodge where you'll get to see the stunning alpine architecture and mountain views that reminded the famous family of their home in Austria. The Trapp Family Singers, made famous from the depiction of their family in the film *The Sound of Music*, began touring in the United States, but settled in Stowe in the 1940s and opened this lodge in 1950. (B)

Day 4: Stowe - North Conway, New Hampshire

Today you will be New Hampshire bound! Soak in the lovely New England countryside as you journey through the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Make a stop to explore the Rocks Estate, home to the North Country Conservation & Education Center. On a tour of the farm, learn about the history and importance of maple sugaring in the region and visit a virtual tap room. Later, continue to North Conway via the Kancamagus Highway, a scenic byway offering spectacular views of the White Mountains region. (B, D)









TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.

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1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT ROSTON

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Day 5: North Conway 😯

After breakfast, make your way to Mount Washington — the highest peak in the Northeastern United States. Break into smaller groups and enjoy a tour up the twisting Auto Road. Take in the sight of the peaks jutting into the sky alongside a local expert who will teach you about the unique history, plant, and animal life you may see along the way. Once you reach the summit, take time to appreciate the fantastic view and spend some time inside the museum to learn about the extreme, rapid changing weather conditions that impact the mountain's peak. Later, it's your choice! Spend some time appreciating the great outdoors alongside your Tour Manager during a nature walk -OR- spend your afternoon exploring downtown North Conway, with plenty of free time for souvenir shopping. (B, D)

Day 6: North Conway - Lake Winnipesaukee - Portland, Maine

Journey to New Hampshire's picturesque lakes region, a popular vacation spot for visitors year-round. Board the M/S Mount Washington and spend the next hour cruising stunning Lake Winnipesaukee, New Hampshire's largest lake. Then, visit the charming town of Wolfeboro, the "oldest summer resort in America." Later, travel southeast to Maine's seacoast. Arrive in

Portland, once home to sea captains and now known as one of "America's coolest cities." (B)

Day 7: Portland

This morning, a locally guided tour includes Fort Williams Park to view the Portland Head Light, the most photographed lighthouse in America and the oldest in Maine. As you take in the views of Portland Harbor and Casco Bay, four more lighthouses can be seen. Enjoy some free time this afternoon in beautiful Portland to stroll the historic Old Port neighbourhood's many shops and restaurants, or check out one of the city's many museums or historical sites. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a very special farewell dinner featuring fresh native lobster, for which coastal Maine is renowned. (B, D)

Day 8: Portland - Kennebunkport - Boston, Massachusetts - Tour

Today, travel along spectacular Ocean Drive through the seaside community of Kennebunkport. See Walker's Point, the home on a rocky promontory that's a summer residence to the family of the late President George H.W. Bush. Return to the Boston airport with the many wonderful memories of your adventure. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$4499 Starting at \$6449

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on October 4, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022

September - October 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for September - October 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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66 Everything from the pick up at the beginning to the drop off at the end went smoothly and was totally enjoyable. The guide was knowledgeable and friendly, very helpful. 99

- Collette Traveller

NEW TOUR

BOSTON & THE CAPE

8 DAYS · 10 MEALS

STARTING AT \$3849

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Boston • North End Tasting Tour •
Salem • Plymouth Rock • Cape Cod •
Provincetown • Sandwich • Lobster
Dinner • Nantucket



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit Salem, a seaside city with a dark history and a modern charm.
- See Plymouth Rock and step back in time in the town where the Pilgrims landed in 1620.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3 Enjoy a historical tour of Salem -OR- visit significant sites connected with the Salem Witch Trials
- Day 6 Spend the day enjoying your waterfront resort's amenities on Cape Cod -OR- visit a museum or gardens in the nearby town of Sandwich.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

- Savour Boston's food scene during a North End tour and dinner.
- Feast on a traditional New England lobster dinner in Cape Cod.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 - 3 Marriott Copley Place, Boston, MA

Days 4 - 7 Red Jacket Beach Resort & Spa, South Yarmouth, Cape Cod, MA

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: Enhance your experience at

Enhance your experience at the Red Jacket Beach Resort & Spa with an upgrade to an Oceanfront Room. CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From Boston to Cape Cod, explore the revered state capital and coastal gems of Massachusetts.

Day 1: Boston, Massachusetts - Tour Begins

Get ready for a *wicked* good time from Boston all the way to the Cape! First up is the city steeped in history and bursting with character: Boston welcomes you with its cobblestone streets, stately brownstone buildings, distinct neighbourhoods, museums, shopping, and more.

Day 2: Boston

Take in Boston this morning on a panoramic city tour. You'll see historic sites like the Old South Meeting House, Boston Common, and the quaint cobblestone streets and federal-style rowhouses of Beacon Hill. Your tour ends in Faneuil Hall, where you'll have free time to explore and try a local lunch favourite, like "clam chowdah". Faneuil Hall – or Quincy Market – has been a marketplace and meeting hall since 1743; it truly is the heart of Boston. Later this afternoon, join a local foodie for a tour of Boston's famed North End. Enjoy some local bites along the way culminating with dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers – toast to new friends met in the old city of Boston. (B, D)

Day 3: Boston - Salem - Boston 😯

Today, head to the North Shore of Massachusetts to the city of Salem. When you arrive, **it's your choice!** Choose to either venture through Salem on a historical tour, discovering how the dangerous but profitable maritime trade built not only mansions, but Salem's rich culture **-OR**visit the sites of the darkest time in Salem's long history, the Salem Witch Trials, where neighbour turned on neighbour in a frenzy of suspicion. Afterwards, take a stroll down the cobblestones of Essex Street for the quirky shops and great dining, or just relax and admire views of the harbor. Perhaps you'll decide to tour the House of the Seven Gables, made famous by Nathaniel Hawthorne. (B)

Day 4: Boston - Plymouth - Cape Cod

This morning, venture to the home of the first permanent colonial settlement in the country: Plymouth. Here, board a boat and cruise Plymouth Harbor. After returning to land, stop in the town of Plymouth to see where the Pilgrims disembarked the Mayflower in 1620: Plymouth







Rock. Later, arrive at your beachfront hotel for a 4-night stay on the Cape. (B)

Day 5: Cape Cod - Provincetown

Travel to Provincetown, located on the tip of the Cape. This lively artist colony remains famous for its crafts and bright seagoing flair. Take advantage of some free time to explore the many shops and grab a bite for lunch in town. Then climb aboard an SUV to ride through the iconic sand dunes of the Cape! It's a scenic adventure with spectacular views of this ecosystem.

Tonight, sit down for a lobster feast – a quintessential New England experience. (B, D)

Day 6: Cape Cod - Sandwich - Cape Cod ♥

Take in Cape Cod your way because today, it's your choice! Take advantage of the amenities at your waterfront hotel, perhaps sitting by the pool or visiting the private beach on the resort's property -OR- join your Tour Manager for a trip to Sandwich. In Sandwich, you can get a peek into the glassblowing art form with a demonstration at the Sandwich Glass Museum -OR- visit the Heritage Museums

& Gardens celebrating the culture and history of the region with 100 acres of gardens and exhibits including classic cars and a working carousel from 1908. The remainder of your day and evening is at leisure. (B)

Day 7: Cape Cod - Nantucket - Cape Cod

Set off via ferry to explore the idyllic island of Nantucket. From its cobblestone Main Street to its beaches and lighthouses, this place lives up to its reputation. During time at leisure, meander the waterfront where sailboats and yachts sway in the harbor or shop for a famous Nantucket basket. Visit the Nantucket Whaling Museum and learn about this island's history as the former whaling capital of the world and even see the skeleton of a 46-foot-long whale. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a popular local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Cape Cod - Tour Ends

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



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL









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1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT BOSTON

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OUBLE Starting at \$3849
SOLO Starting at \$5049

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Prices based on September 29, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May - October 2023

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Boston. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 12:00 noon. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. The Plymouth Harbor Cruise may be unavailable if you are travelling early May or late October. If this is the case, the activity will be replaced with an included visit to the Mayflower II. All rates in Canadian dollars.

ROAMING COASTAL MAINE

7 DAYS · 9 MEALS STARTING AT \$3599

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Portland • Oyster Farm • Bar Harbor •
Acadia National Park • Lobster Trap Pull
Demonstration • Wine Tasting • Camden
• Freeport • Coastal Maine Botanical
Gardens • Boothbay



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Lose yourself in the natural beauty of Acadia National Park.
- Watch as traps are hauled from the ocean onto a working lobster boat.
- Sample the vintages during a wine tasting.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 2 — Visit the Portland Museum of Art, Maine's oldest and largest public art institution -OR- join a locally-guided walking tour through Portland's oldest neighbourhood and learn about its diverse beginnings.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunches (L) - 2 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a rustic New England lunch at a traditional Maine lobster shack.
- Tour an oyster farm before digging into the local delicacies.
- Savour a Maine inspired welcome dinner.



ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1, 2 AC Hotel Portland Downtown Waterfront, Portland, ME
- Days 3, 4 Bar Harbor Grand Hotel, Bar Harbor, ME
- Days 5, 6 Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, ME

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Portland, Maine - Tour Begins

Welcome to Maine, a "Vacationland" of intricate coastlines and all-encompassing natural beauty that serves as the perfect getaway. From charming towns and scenic ocean overlooks to oyster shucking and lobster hauling, experience the best of this New England retreat.

Day 2: Portland 😯

Discover the essence of this vibrant harbour city by means of a true New England classic – a trolley. From the opulent Victoria Mansion to the hum of the Old Port, your guide will introduce you to Portland's hidden gems. Trade in the charming streets of the city for the rugged coastline, stopping at the picturesque Portland Head Light. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Visit the Portland Museum of Art, Maine's oldest and largest public art institution whose collection includes pieces from Andy Warhol and Claude Monet **-OR-** join a locally-guided walking tour through Portland's oldest neighbourhood and learn about its diverse

beginnings. Get a chance to delve into the culture of Portland with free time to explore this seafaring city on your own. (B, D)

Day 3: Portland - Bar Harbor

This morning, get an intimate look at a working oyster farm and learn how to dig into these local delicacies with an oyster shucking demonstration. Later, arrive in Bar Harbor, an iconic vacation spot featuring rich blue waters and home to Acadia National Park. With an evening at leisure, explore the bustling downtown, full of cozy cafes and indulgent ice cream shops just steps from your hotel. (B)

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

This is Acadia National Park. Breathe in the crisp, fresh air and allow the nature around you to captivate your senses. Admire the striking mountains, towering forests, and rocky shorelines as you drive scenic Park Loop Road







with a local guide. Take in the sweeping views from the summit of Cadillac Mountain. Then, dive into the cuisine and culture of Maine when you join a local lobsterman on a lobster boat. See how lobster traps are retrieved from the ocean and watch the cages get pulled to the surface. (B)

Day 5: Bar Harbor - Camden - Freeport

Sip some regional wine during a tasting at a local vineyard. Your scenic journey continues with a stop at a lobster shack to indulge in a must-try local favourite, the Maine lobster roll. Head to Camden for some time at leisure, giving you the perfect opportunity to explore this quintessential Maine town. Later, arrive in Freeport, your home for the next two nights. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 6: Freeport - Boothbay - Freeport

Today, enter the natural wonderland of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, nearly 300 acres of grassy fields and woodland trails overflowing with floral hues. Enjoy some free time in Boothbay browsing this quaint, seaside town's cute shops and restaurants. Return to Freeport where you will visit the Maine Beer Company for an **Impact Moment**. Enjoy a guided tasting and learn all about the brewery's "Do What's Right" program in which they commit to employee wellness, minimizing their carbon footprint, and donating proceeds to environmental nonprofits. Tonight, toast to the end of your trip and bid Maine farewell over dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Freeport - Portland - Tour Ends

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



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You're confident walking 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to a few flights of stairs.

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022

(different itinerary - see note*)

May - October 2023

(featured itinerary)

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Portland. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 12:00 noon. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. The Portland Museum of Art is closed on Mondays. If your choice activity falls on a Monday, you will instead enjoy a guided walking tour of Portland. The lobster shack lunch is seasonal and may be replaced on departures prior to late May and after September 30. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The restaurants were wonderful as well as the planned events such as the oyster farm and wine tasting.

- Collette Traveller

MACKINAC ISLAND

9 DAYS · 12 MEALS

STARTING AT \$3899

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Chicago • Millennium Park • Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park • Mackinac Island • Grand Hotel • Frankenmuth • Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit the Henry Ford Museum and explore Greenfield Village.
- Climb aboard your horse-drawn carriage for an island tour.
- Explore the many gardens of the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Dinners (D)

 Dine at the Grand Hotel where "every meal is an event."



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 - 2 Hyatt Regency, Chicago, IL

Day 3 Canopy by Hilton Grand Rapids Downtown, Grand Rapids, MI

Days 4, 5 Grand Hotel, Mackinac

Island, MI

Day 6 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bay City - Riverfront, Bay

City, MI

Days 7, 8 Westin Hotel Southfield Detroit, Southfield, MI

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Discover the Midwest and all its charm on this delightful journey from idyllic Mackinac Island to the dynamic Great Lakes region.

Day 1: Chicago, Illinois - Tour Begins

Get ready for a relaxing journey through the tranquil beauty of Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes region. This stunning landscape comes alive amid old-fashioned traditions.

Day 2: Chicago

Begin your day with a locally guided tour of Chicago's remarkable and impressive architecture. This dynamic city goes by many names including "Second City" and "The Windy City," but no matter what you call it, you're sure to fall in love. Highlights of your tour include famous Michigan Avenue, the "Magnificent Mile," the Wrigley Building, the Loop, the Lakefront, and a walking tour through Millennium Park. The remainder of your day is at leisure. You may want to visit one of Chicago's many museums, relax during a scenic boat ride across the Chicago River, or visit the Chicago Cultural Center. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Chicago - Grand Rapids, Michigan

Travel north as we make our way to the city of Grand Rapids. This afternoon, take some time to explore the many gardens, greenhouses, and art exhibits of the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park. (B)

Day 4: Grand Rapids - Mackinac Island

This morning enjoy a scenic drive before arriving in Mackinaw City at the tip of Michigan's lower peninsula. You will have some time to explore this coastal vacation town and grab lunch before boarding the ferry that will take you back to a simpler time on Mackinac Island. Upon arrival, listen for how the neighs of horses replace the roar of engines. Your home for the next two nights is the glorious Victorian-era resort, the Grand Hotel. Both your hotel and the island itself are National Historic Landmarks. The island is a natural gem with over eighty percent of its land preserved by Mackinac State Park, a woodland paradise accented with limestone formations and ringed by Lake Huron. After dinner at your hotel, the evening is yours to enjoy. Perhaps you'll take a leisurely stroll through the quaint village or relax on the Grand Hotel's famous porch. (B, D)

Day 5: Mackinac Island

Climb aboard your horse-drawn carriage for an island tour that includes stops at the Surrey Hills Carriage Museum and Arch Rock. Following your tour, savor some time to enjoy all of Mackinac Island's quiet pleasures. Enjoy brilliant views while sitting on the front porch of the Grand







Hotel or take a walk downtown to visit the shops and buy some fudge, a favourite item on the island. Later, choose from a menu of tasty delicacies when you dine at the elegant Salle à Manger. After dinner, enjoy a cup of coffee while listening to the refined sounds of the Grand Hotel's orchestra. If you crave a secluded hideaway, retreat to the charming Cupola Bar. (B, D)

Day 6: Mackinac Island - Bay City

This morning and early afternoon, enjoy some leisure time at the Grand Hotel and in town before departing for your riverfront accommodations in Bay City. This evening is at leisure. Perhaps you will take to the river walk where you can explore the downtown on your own. (B)

Day 7: Bay City - Frankenmuth - Dearborn - Southfield

Today, explore the architectural artistry of Alden B. Dow's home & studio during a guided tour. This legendary 20th century architect designed his home to be the peak of Mid-Twentieth Century Modern Architecture, and since it's construction has been declared a National Historic Landmark. This afternoon, we visit the quaint town of Frankenmuth, or as the locals call it, "Little Bavaria," because of its Franconian-style architecture. Upon arrival, visit the largest Christmas store in the world – Bronner's. (B)

Day 8: Southfield - Dearborn - Southfield

Today we visit Dearborn, home town of Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company. Visit the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village for an experience in living history. Learn how the automobile forever changed American life and society as you explore the Henry Ford Museum. At Greenfield Village, take in the historic homes and see the workshops where famous American icons like the Wright Brothers, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Robert Frost were once inspired. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening, toasting the end of your wonderful journey. (B, D)

Day 9: Southfield - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today, leaving you with a bounty of happy memories from your visit to America's heartland. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.

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CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT CHICAGO

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DOUBLE Starting at \$3899 SOLO Starting at \$5299

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on October 1, 2022 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022

(different itinerary - see note*)

May - October 2023

(featured itinerary)

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ALSO AVAILABLE



Mackinac Island featuring Tulip Time Festival

Discover the Midwest and all its charm on this delightful journey from idyllic Mackinac Island to the extraordinary Tulip Time Festival.

★ DATES AVAILABLE

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Chicago and depart from Detroit. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The Grand Hotel experience includes dressing up for dinner. After 6:30 p.m., ladies should wear a dress, skirt and blouse, or pantsuit and gentlemen are required to wear a coat and necktie. Evening wear is required in all areas of the hotel except the Cupola Bar, where casual dress is acceptable at any time. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse. All rates in Canadian dollars.

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW YORK CITY

5 DAYS · 5 MEALS STARTING AT \$2699

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Greenwich Village
 Wall Street
- A Broadway Show Statue of Liberty
 - Ellis Island 9/11 Memorial
 - 9/11 Museum



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Museum.
- Experience the streets of New York like a native when you walk to dinner and a Broadway show.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

3 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Dinners (D)

 Enjoy breakfast at the famous Ellen's Stardust Diner, featuring a singing wait staff.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1-4 Sheraton New York Times Square, New York, NY

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

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ALSO AVAILABLE

Spotlight on New York City Holiday

Rock around the (Rockefeller) Christmas tree and see the Big Apple dressed in its holiday best.

★ DATES AVAILABLE NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2022 & 2023



Experience the best of the "Big Apple" from Rockefeller Center to Greenwich Village. Start spreading the news!

Day 1: New York City, New York - Tour Begins

"Start spreading the news," because today you arrive in America's most exciting metropolis for a getaway filled with shopping, sightseeing and endless entertainment. Relax as you enjoy a single-hotel stay in the heart of the city.

Day 2: New York City

An exciting day begins with breakfast at a local eatery, before embracing the city's energy on a locally guided tour of the "Big Apple." Find yourself in Greenwich Village, the Wall Street district, Chinatown, and Central Park. See the Empire State Building and many other time-honoured landmarks. Take advantage of some free time this afternoon to discover the city at your own pace. Your Tour Manager has countless suggestions on how to spend your time. Maybe you are up for a shopping spree at some of the world's most legendary department stores, including Macy's, Bloomingdale's and Saks Fifth Avenue. Later, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Then, take your seat at a Broadway show! You'll choose from a selection of Broadway's biggest hits. (B. D)

Day 3: New York City

Prepare for another exhilarating day with a fun-filled breakfast at the famous Ellen's Stardust Diner, a 50s-themed restaurant featuring a singing wait staff. Board a ferry for a cruise of New York Harbor. Take in the incredible views of the towering Statue of Liberty. Dock and get up-close to "Lady Liberty." She has welcomed immigrants and visitors to New York Harbor since 1886. Created as a token of friendship between the U.S. and France, the Statue of Liberty has become a global symbol of freedom. Then it's on to Ellis Island. Step back in time on a self-guided tour of the museum. Come to know the personal stories of the immigration boom of 1892-1924 when 12 million people passed through this station on their journey to America. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore "the city that never sleeps." Tonight, choose to join an optional walking tour of Greenwich Village including dinner. (B)

Day 4: New York City

Enjoy breakfast at a local diner. Reflect at the 9/11 Memorial and take a self-guided tour at the 9/11 Museum - two poignant tributes to the lives lost. This afternoon, enjoy time on your own. Perhaps you'll visit one of New York's world class art museums or get tickets to a matinee Broadway show. Say farewell to this extraordinary city tonight as we gather for your final taste of New York with dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 5: New York City - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close with many pleasant memories of your exciting tour of fabulous "New York, New York."

DOUBLE Starting at \$2699 SOLO Starting at \$3499

Pricing is per person, land only, & varies by departure date.

Prices based on April 20, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October - November 2022 March - April 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

May 2023 - April 2024 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Day of the Broadway show and performance selections are subject to change. Some Broadway performances may not be suitable for children; please inquire at time of reservation. For the matinee Broadway performance, guests will be provided with a selection of shows to choose from. Selection of shows is subject to change based upon availability. Actual shows available for choices will be advised approximately 80 days prior to departure and must be finalized at 50 days prior to departure. Once guests choose show of preference, changes are not permitted. All rates in Canadian dollars.

SPOTLIGHT ON WASHINGTON, D.C.

6 DAYS · 8 MEALS STARTING AT \$2549

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

U.S. Capitol Building Tour • World War
II Memorial • Washington National
Cathedral • Ford's Theatre • Arlington
National Cemetery • Mount Vernon
• Old Town Alexandria • Vietnam Veterans
Memorial • White House Visitor Centre
• Smithsonian Institution



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Behold the impressive Washington National Cathedral.
- Peek into the life of America's first president at Mount Vernon.
- Stop at Ford's Theatre where President Lincoln was assassinated.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

5 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

• Experience international cuisine in local restaurants throughout the city.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 - 5 Yours Truly DC Hotel, Washington, D.C.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

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Walk the path forged by leaders of the free world in America's spirited capital city.

Day 1: Washington, D.C. - Tour Begins

Explore America's heritage and history during your stay in the capital city of the United States – Washington, D.C.

Day 2: Washington, D.C.

Your day begins at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center with a guided tour of this historic and storied building. Discover the celebrated history of America's capital on a city tour. Take in views of the White House, National Mall and other monuments and museums. Pause to reflect at the poignant World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Washington, D.C.

Tour the Washington National Cathedral, which hosted state funerals, Presidential inaugural masses, and MLK's last sermon. After some free time, continue to Ford's Theatre where President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. Tour the theatre and hear about the events that transpired as John Wilkes Booth's plan unfolded. Finish at the neighbouring Petersen House, where the fatally injured Lincoln took his final breaths. This evening after an included dinner, enjoy an illuminated twilight tour of the Jefferson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Lincoln Memorials before returning to the hotel. (B. D)

Day 4: Arlington National Cemetery - Mount Vernon, Virginia - Alexandria

Visit Arlington National Cemetery for a narrated tour that takes you to the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Kennedy gravesites. Head to Old Town Alexandria, nestled along the Potomac, and enjoy time to stroll the cobblestone streets on your own during a break for lunch. Continue to Mount Vernon, the beloved home of George Washington. After a tour of the home, spend time wandering through the gardens and grounds before visiting the tomb of General Washington and his wife, Martha. This evening is yours to explore the district's culinary scene. (B)

Day 5: Washington, D.C.

Spend time in the White House Visitor Center and see artifacts from the White House collection. Then, uncover some of the treasures of the Smithsonian Institution with free time to visit any of the more than 10 museums surrounding the National Mall. This afternoon you can choose to live like a local and take the metro with your Tour Manager to return to the hotel. Gather in the evening for a farewell dinner commemorating the end of your historical journey. (B, D)

Day 6: Washington, D.C. - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Washington, D.C. this morning. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$2549 SOLO Starting at \$3199

Pricing is per person, land only, & varies by departure date.

Prices based on June 22, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022

March - April 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

May - October 2023 March - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Washington, D.C. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change Ford's Theatre is a working, professional theatre and there may be occasions when access is restricted or not available. The National Cherry Blossom Festival is planned to coincide as near as possible with the blooming of the trees, "Peak Bloom Date" is defined as the day on which 70 percent of the blossoms of the Yoshino cherry trees are open. The date when the Yoshino cherry blossoms reach peak bloom varies from year-to-year, depending upon weather conditions. The mean date of blooming is April 4, but nature is not always cooperative and the National Park Service horticulturists cannot make an accurate prediction much more than 10 days prior. The blooming period starts several days before the Peak Bloom Date and can last as long as 14 days; however, frost or high temperatures combined with wind and/or rain can shorten this period. All rates in Canadian dollars.

SOUTHERN CHARM

7 DAYS · 9 MEALS STARTING AT \$3599

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Historic Charleston • Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens • Savannah • St. Simons Island • Jekyll Island • Sea Turtle Hospital



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens just outside of Charleston.
- Visit the intriguing Mercer Williams House in Savannah.
- See rehabilitation in action at Georgia Sea Turtle Center on Jekyll Island.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 2 Stroll through Charleston's historic centre with a local guide
 OR- take a harbour cruise to Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired.
- Day 4 Stroll through Savannah's historic centre with a local guide
 OR- take in the ambiance of the "Old South" with a guided trolley tour.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

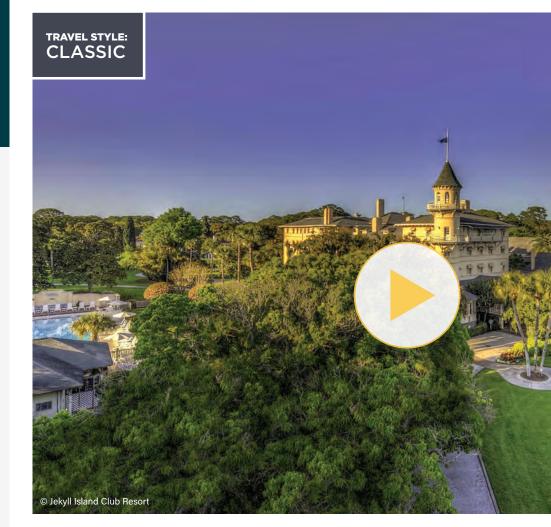
 Enjoy a cooking demonstration and dinner showcasing regional specialties in Savannah.



ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1, 2 Courtyard Historic District, Charleston, SC
- **Days 3, 4** Doubletree Historic District, Savannah, GA
- Days 5, 6 Jekyll Island Club, Jekyll Island, GA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Embrace the charming allure of America's southeast as you explore cobblestone streets, historic homes and unspoiled coastline.

Day 1: Charleston, South Carolina - Tour Begins

Experience warm Southern hospitality in America's southeast. Come to know its rich history and deep traditions on this tour highlighted by stays in Charleston, Savannah and Jekyll Island. Begin your journey in Charleston, a city that has defied all odds. Charleston has survived the Civil War, major fires, an earthquake, and hurricanes – and still exudes elegance, charm, and grace. With your free time upon arrival perhaps you will visit Patriot's Point Naval Museum, the Aiken-Rhett House, or just settle into your stay in the Historic District before meeting your group tomorrow.

Day 2: Charleston 😯

Decide how to see the city because it's your choice! Stroll through Charleston's historic centre with a local guide, exploring hidden alleys and quaint areas that are only accessible by foot -OR- take a harbour cruise to Fort Sumter, where the first fired shots of the Civil War were fired, and chat with a ranger before exploring on your own. Later, make your way to bustling City Market, one of the country's oldest public markets and the

central hub for Gullah sweetgrass basketry – an intricate handicraft of African origin. Explore Boone Hall Plantation and Gardens, where you'll experience Southern living as you come to know one of America's oldest plantations. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Charleston - Savannah, Georgia

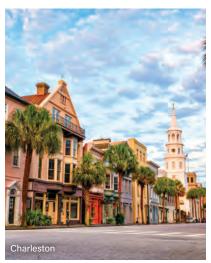
Enjoy a morning at leisure to explore Charleston on your own. Perhaps you will join an optional horse-and-carriage tour with lunch. Then, travel down the coast through South Carolina's Low Country to historic Savannah. This evening, spend some time exploring Factors Walk and River Street, where old cotton warehouses have been converted into trendy shops, taverns and restaurants. Tonight, gather at a popular local restaurant on Savannah's famous River Street for a cooking demonstration and dinner showcasing regional specialties. (B, D)

Day 4: Savannah 😯

This morning, **it's your choice!** Take in the ambiance of the "Old South" with a trolley







-OR- a walking tour highlighting
Savannah's sprawling Historic District.
Lively, informative commentary brings
the city to life as you travel along the
cobblestone-paved streets and beneath
moss-draped oaks. Allow the stately
mansions, beautiful squares and romantic
riverfront promenades to capture your
heart. Both tours will end at the Mercer
Williams House, where you will receive a
guided tour of the home from Midnight in
the Garden of Good and Evil fame. The rest
of the afternoon and evening is yours to do
as you wish. (B)

Day 5: Savannah - St. Simons Island - Jekyll Island

Before saying so long to Savannah, stop at the Pin Point Heritage Museum to learn about the Gullah Geechee people. Then journey to Georgia's legendary Gold Coast and visit the quaint St. Simons Island. Enjoy time to explore the area on your own, meandering along the unique shops and restaurants in the village. Continue on to the exclusive Jekyll Island Club hotel, your home for the next two nights. (B)

Day 6: Jekyll Island

Situated grandly in the middle of the

Golden Isles, Jekyll Island was once the beloved vacation spot for prominent families, including the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and J.P. Morgan. With a morning at leisure, enjoy the old-world atmosphere of this iconic resort. Gather for a tram ride that brings you on a tour of the island and the Jekyll Island Historic Landmark District – one of the nation's largest restoration projects. Then, visit the Georgia Sea Turtle Center where injured and sick sea turtles are rehabilitated and returned to the wild. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at the Jekyll Island Club hotel. (B, D)

Day 7: Jekyll Island - Jacksonville, Florida - Tour Ends

As your tour draws to a close, leave for home with memories of a trip well-travelled. Your days spent experiencing true southern charm and gracious hospitality will stay dear to your heart for years to come. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL









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1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT
CHARLESTON

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OUBLE Starting at

Starting at **\$3599**Starting at **\$4549**

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Prices based on April 30, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

January - April 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

May 2023

September 2023 - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

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ALSO AVAILABLE



Southern Charm Holiday

In South Carolina and Georgia, experience the unique charm of America's "Low Country" decked out for the holiday season

★ DATES AVAILABLE NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2022 NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Charleston and depart from Jacksonville. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should be booked after 12:00 p.m. Due to flight schedules, a pre-night in Charleston may be required (at an additional cost). Please inquire at the time of booking. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. All rates in Canadian dollars.

BLUEGRASS COUNTRY & THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS

9 DAYS · 14 MEALS STARTING AT \$3849

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Churchill Downs • Kentucky Derby Museum • Old Louisville Walking Tour • Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery • Lexington Horse Farms • Great Smoky Mountains National Park • Asheville • Biltmore Estate



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a visit to a private horse farm in Lexington, Kentucky.
- Stop in Berea, the arts and crafts capital of the state of Kentucky.
- Visit Louisville, Kentucky and the mecca of horse racing, Churchill Downs.
- Explore the grandeur of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 2 — Visit the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory -OR- explore the Frazier Kentucky History Museum and its new Spirit of Kentucky exhibit.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Sip on samples of Kentucky's homegrown spirit during a tasting at Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery.
- Enjoy Southern fare at historic Boone Tavern in the centre of Berea, Kentucky.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 1, 2 Hilton Garden Inn Louisville Downtown, Louisville, KY

Days 3, 4 DoubleTree Suites by Hilton, Lexington, KY

Days 5, 6 Hilton Garden Inn Gatlinburg, Gatlinburg, TN

Days 7, 8 Cambria Hotel Downtown or DoubleTree by Hilton Asheville, Asheville, NC

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the equestrian culture of Kentucky to the pioneer spirit of Tennessee, venture through the heart of Appalachia.

Day 1: Louisville, Kentucky - Tour Begins

Your tour starts in Louisville, Kentucky, famous for Thoroughbreds, Bourbon and baseball. Settle in for a 2-night stay at your hotel, ideally situated in downtown Louisville.

Day 2: Louisville 😯

Enjoy a visit to Churchill Downs, the Thoroughbred racetrack famous for hosting the pinnacle of all horse races: the Kentucky Derby. Experience the backside of the racetrack while watching the horses during their morning workouts! Then, tour the Kentucky Derby Museum and learn about the legendary history of the "Sport of Kings." Enjoy a walking tour of Old Louisville, a historic neighbourhood of Victorian mansions. Later, head to "Museum Row" where it's your choice! Visit the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory for an All-Star baseball experience -OR- explore the Frazier Kentucky History Museum, and its Spirit of Kentucky exhibit, the official start of the Bourbon Trail. Tonight, join your fellow travellers at a local restaurant for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Louisville - Lexington

Visit Buffalo Trace, the oldest continuously

operating Bourbon distillery in America. Learn about the subtle craft, meet some of the people who make it all happen, and taste some of the home-grown spirit. Stop in the quaint, historic town of Midway before exploring Kentucky's horse country. Learn about the area from a local guide and take in the rolling bluegrass pastureland and the horse farms that dot the landscape. Hear about time-honoured traditions during visits to private horse farms before settling into Lexington for your 2-night stay. (B)

Day 4: Lexington - Berea - Lexington

Travel to Berea, the historic college town known as the arts-and-crafts centre of Kentucky. Meet a few artisans while they demonstrate their craft. Enjoy lunch at Boone Tavern, where bluegrass country meets the rolling hills of Appalachia. Tonight, take in the tastes of Kentucky at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Lexington - Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Travel through Daniel Boone National Forest. Extending across the western plateau region of the Appalachian Mountains, it's named for the







larger-than-life American pioneer who once blazed a trail across these rugged and wild lands. Arrive in the lively mountain resort of Gatlinburg, gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and your home for a 2-night stay. The rest of the day is yours, perhaps you will go to Dollywood, Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountains theme park or enjoy time in downtown Gatlinburg. (B)

Day 6: Gatlinburg - Great Smoky Mountains National Park -Gatlinburg

With a local guide, explore Great Smoky Mountains National Park (UNESCO) – the United States' most visited national park. Stop at various lookouts on your way to Newfound Gap, which boasts views of both Tennessee and North Carolina. Enjoy your picnic lunch at a scenic location before continuing through the park to Cherokee and spend time at Qualla, the oldest Native American arts cooperative where you'll learn about traditional crafts and customs. Afterwards, tour the Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery with a tasting before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Gatlinburg - Asheville, North Carolina

This morning, depart for Asheville, North

Carolina, your Blue Ridge Mountains home for two nights. The afternoon and evening are yours to explore a city known for craft breweries, chocolate, and farm to table cuisine. (B)

Day 8: Asheville

Back in 1895, George Vanderbilt II decided to build himself a "little mountain escape" in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The result was the impressive and decadent grandeur of the Biltmore Estate. Today, tour the sprawling mansion and the manicured grounds, enjoy a wine-tasting at the historic Biltmore Winery and experience what it was like to be a wealthy tycoon in the Gilded Age of America. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Asheville - Charlotte - Tour Ends

Today your tour comes to an end. As you venture home, take the spirit and the warmth of America's Southeast with you. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You're confident walking 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to a few flights of stairs.

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1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT LOUISVILLE

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Prices based on September 7, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October - November 2022 March - April 2023 (different itinerary - see note*) June - November 2023 March - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

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See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ALSO AVAILABLE



Nashville & the Smoky Mountains Holiday

Enjoy the sights and sounds of Nashville, Gatlinburg and Asheville all decked out for the holidays.

★ DATES AVAILABLE NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2022 NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023

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AMERICA'S MUSIC CITIES

8 DAYS · 10 MEALS STARTING AT \$3749

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

French Quarter • Swamp Tour • Mardi Gras World • Jazz Revue • Graceland • West Delta Heritage Center • Ryman Auditorium • Grand Ole Opry Show • Country Music Hall of Fame • Historic RCA Studio B • Hands-on Chocolate-making Lesson



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a one-of-a-kind tour of Memphis where local musicians share the story of the city's musical heritage and history.
- Tour the historic RCA Studio B for an up-close look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio.
- Enjoy reserved seats at the Grand Ole Opry, the "home of American music."



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 2 In New Orleans, enjoy a walking tour of the French Quarter
 OR- set out on a panoramic motor coach tour through the city with a local guide.
- Day 5 In Memphis, visit Graceland and tour Elvis's 14 acre estate and more -OR- embark on a panoramic Civil Rights tour, including entry to the National Civil Rights Museum.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

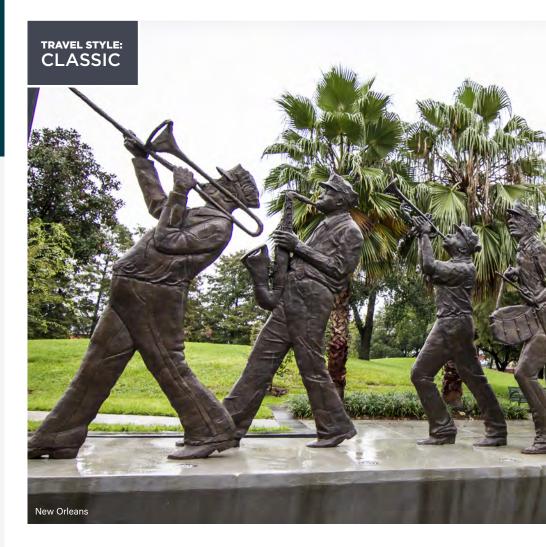
- Enjoy Creole delights at a favourite French Quarter restaurant in New Orleans.
- Create your own Goo Goo Cluster Candy at a chocolate-making lesson.



ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1 3 Sheraton Hotel or Royal Sonesta Hotel, New Orleans, LA
- Days 4, 5 The Guest House at Graceland, Memphis, TN
- **Days 6, 7** Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, TN

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: Enhance your experience at the Gaylord Opryland Resort with a Premium Atrium View room upgrade. CALL FOR DETAILS



Enjoy a finger-snapping, toe-tapping time on a tour of America's most famed musical cities – New Orleans, Memphis, and Nashville.

Day 1: New Orleans, Louisiana - Tour Begins

Step back in time on a cultural getaway that opens in the "Jazz Capital of the World," New Orleans! This soulful city abounds with rich history, mouthwatering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and of course, an incomparable soundtrack. Take in the sights, flavours, and sounds of New Orleans on your own before meeting your group in the morning.

Day 2: French Quarter 💎

It's your choice! Embark on a walking tour of New Orleans' famous French Quarter, viewing St. Louis Cathedral, the bustling French Marketplace, Pirates Alley and more -OR- set out on a panoramic motor coach tour of New Orleans with a local guide, seeing the famous St. Louis Cemetery #3 and stunning mansions. Tonight, get to know your travel companions at a festive New Orleans-style welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: New Orleans

Journey through Louisiana's swamp on a cruise narrated by the captain himself. Learn about the

ecosystem's history and ecology while keeping an eye out for wildlife including bald eagles, herons, turtles and alligators. Then, celebrate New Orleans' festive side at Mardi Gras World, the working warehouse where artisans create the floats for the famous parades, and get a tasting of king cake. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own before meeting your fellow travel companions at Maison Bourbon, a live jazz club in the French Quarter. (B)

Day 4: New Orleans - Memphis, Tennessee

Travel north to Memphis, the birthplace of the Blues, Rock 'n' Roll, and Soul. Enjoy Southern hospitality at your hotel just steps away from the iconic Graceland. (B, D)

Day 5: Memphis 😯

This morning, **it's your choice!** Jive along to "Jailhouse Rock" as you visit Graceland, the stately mansion of the "King" himself, and tour Elvis' 14-acre estate, home, private jets and Meditation Garden **-OR-** embark on a Civil Rights tour and follow the route of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last march by coach, stopping at Mason







Temple where he gave his famous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech the night before he was assassinated. Enjoy free time to grab lunch on your own before hopping back on the coach with some local musicians, who explain why Memphis embraces its title as the "Home of the Blues." The remainder of the day is yours. You may opt to join a Memphis Musical History Tour with included dinner, or simply absorb the city's vibrancy at your own pace! (B)

Day 6: Memphis - Nashville

Roll along Music Highway to Nashville the "Music Capital of the World." Along the way, stop in Brownsville at the West Delta Heritage Center to discover the roots of the country blues sound and the hometown of Tina Turner - the Queen of Rock, Arrive in Nashville and tour the historic Ryman Auditorium, the original home of the Grand Ole Opry. What began as a building where a local radio broadcast show aired once a week in 1925 has grown to become an entertainment complex that attracts music fans from all over the world. This evening, take your reserved seat at the renowned Grand Ole Opry. (B)

Day 7: Nashville

Explore the Country Music Hall of Fame, the world's largest museum of popular music, and check out the vast collections of memorabilia, costumes, recordings, and instruments. Tour RCA Studio B and gain an insider's look at Nashville's oldest remaining recording studio, where Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, and Charley Pride once recorded classic hits. You may even have the opportunity to record your own hit! Then, test your culinary skills at a hands-on chocolate-making lesson at the iconic Goo Goo Candy Shop, Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Nashville - Tour Ends

Your rockin' musical journey comes to a close today. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You're confident walking 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains - from cobblestone streets to a few flights of stairs.

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POST NIGHT NASHVILLE

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

DOUBLE Starting at \$3749 Starting at \$4899

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on June 11, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023 May 2023 - April 2024 (different itinerary - see note*)

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 – April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ALSO AVAILABLE



America's Music Cities Holiday

Take in the sights and sounds of the holidays in America's most famed musical cities -New Orleans, Memphis, and Nashville.

DATES AVAILABLE NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2022 NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023

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SPOTLIGHT ON NEW ORLEANS

5 DAYS · 6 MEALS STARTING AT \$1899

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

French Quarter • New Orleans School of Cooking • Swamp Tour • Dinner at The Court of Two Sisters • Jazz Revue



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Experience a spirited jazz revue at a jazz club in the French Quarter.
- Soak in the ambiance of the old South with a drive along St. Charles Avenue.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 2 Explore the National WWII
 Museum and learn about the American
 experience in the war -OR- experience
 Mardi Gras World and come to know
 the history of this tradition while
 touring a working warehouse where
 artisans create spectacular floats for
 the famous parades.
- Day 3 Join a local guide for a walking tour of the famous French Quarter -OR- visit the Historic New Orleans Collection and the Bevolo Gaslight Museum and Workshop.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

4 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Dinners (D)

- Learn to cook New Orleans-style at the New Orleans School of Cooking.
- Enjoy dinner at The Court of Two Sisters.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 - 4 Royal Sonesta Hotel, New Orleans, LA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

ALSO AVAILABLE

Spotlight on New Orleans Holiday

Step into "The Big Easy" - all decked out for the holidays.

★ DATES AVAILABLE DECEMBER 2022 NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023



Step into "The Big Easy," a soulful city abound with rich history, mouth-watering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and an incomparable soundtrack.

Day 1: New Orleans, Louisiana - Tour Begins

Step into a cultural melting pot in the "Jazz Capital of the World," New Orleans! Experience this soulful city abound with rich history, mouth-watering Cajun and Creole cuisine, and of course, an incomparable soundtrack. Settle in to your surroundings upon arrival before meeting your group in the morning.

Day 2: French Quarter 😯

This morning, enjoy a panoramic city tour with a local guide. Start by seeing St. Louis Cemetery #3; opened in 1854, it holds some of the most elaborate crypts found in the city's cemeteries. Relax during a drive along the shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain. This road eventually leads to St. Charles Avenue, whisking you past gorgeous mansions and two world-famous universities, Tulane and Loyola. This afternoon, it's vour choice! Take a walk through history at the National World War II Museum and learn about the American experience in the war -OR- celebrate the festive side of New Orleans at Mardi Gras World. Come to know the history of this tradition while touring a working warehouse where artisans create spectacular floats for the famous parades. Take advantage of some free time to explore more and use your included Uber voucher to return to the hotel. Tonight, learn how to cook New Orleans-style! During a cooking demonstration at the New Orleans School of Cooking, your chef will indulge you in everything Louisiana cuisine has to offer. (B, D)

Day 3: French Quarter 😯

It's your choice! Introduce yourself to the city's famous French Quarter on a walking tour that features such sights as the majestic St. Louis Cathedral and the bustling French Marketplace, where you'll explore Pirates Alley and view the Pontalba -OR- explore the exhibitions and galleries at the Historic New Orleans Collection followed by a visit to the Bevolo Gaslight Museum and Workshop. This afternoon, explore more of New Orleans on your own, or you may choose an optional excursion to Oak Alley Plantation to explore the rich history of the Antebellum South. (B)

Day 4: New Orleans

Set out on a drive along New Orleans' historic

Esplanade Avenue. Then, journey through the Louisiana swamp on a cruise narrated by your captain. Learn about the ecosystem's history and ecology while keeping an eye out for wildlife, from bald eagles to herons, turtles and alligators. Return to the city and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to discover more of New Orleans your way. Tonight, immerse yourself in the flavours of traditional New Orleans during dinner at The Court of Two Sisters in the French Quarter. After dinner, discover for yourself why New Orleans is the "Birthplace of Jazz" during a roaring jazz revue at a local club in the French Quarter. (B, D)

Day 5: New Orleans - Tour Ends

Your tour of this captivating city comes to a close today. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$1899 SOLO Starting at \$2549

Pricing is per person, land only, & varies by departure date.

Prices based on October 15, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

May 2023 - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

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See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from New Orleans. Airport transfers are available for purchase. In cases of severe inclement weather, entrance to the Cabildo and Presbytere museums will be substituted in place of the swamp tour. As an added feature on this program, each guest will receive an Uber e-voucher (valued for \$20 US Dollars) to use when you want, while on this tour. All rates in Canadian dollars.

SPOTLIGHT ON NASHVILLE

5 DAYS · 6 MEALS STARTING AT \$2549

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Country Music Hall of Fame •
RCA Studio B • Ryman Auditorium
• Wildhorse Saloon • Grand Ole Opry

 Wildhorse Saloon • Grand Ole Opry Show • Historic Town of Franklin



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Take your reserved seat at a performance at the Grand Ole Opry.
- Step to the beat at a line-dancing lesson at Wildhorse Saloon.
- Make the most of your included ticket for the city's hop-on hop-off trolley.
- Wander Franklin, a vibrant town with an award-winning main street.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 4 — Tour Carnton Plantation, a makeshift hospital during one of the bloodiest conflicts of the Civil War
 OR- taste the local culture at Leiper's Fork Whiskey Distillery, enjoying an expert-led tour and tasting.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

4 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Dinners (D)

- Get a taste for Nashville's cuisine highlighting Southern cooking inspired by decades of international influence.
- Enjoy a hearty meal of comfort food at the iconic Wildhorse Saloon.
- Create your own Goo Goo Cluster Candy at a chocolate-making lesson.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 - 4 Drury Plaza Downtown, Nashville, TN

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Walk in the footsteps of music legends and feel the beat of the city's dynamic energy.

Day 1: Nashville, Tennessee - Tour Begins

Guitar chords rising out an open window. Friendly natives and just-moved-here locals. History interwoven with music legends. This is Nashville, Tennessee's vibrant capital. Put on your dancing shoes and step into the rhythm of America's favourite "Music City." Settle into your home for the next four nights - a new state-of-the-art hotel in downtown Nashville, close to Lower Broadway's live music scene before meeting your group in the morning.

Day 2: Strike a Chord

Doris Day, Johnny Cash, Louis Armstrong, Neil Diamond. These are but a few of the legends that left their mark on the historic Ryman Auditorium, the original home of the Grand Ole Opry, Practically feel the beat of yesteryear as you walk to the Mother Church of Country Music, perusing their collection of vintage concert posters and memorabilia. Enjoy an immersive special effects film at the "Soul of Nashville" theatre experience. Then, coast through the streets of Nashville on a narrated hop-on hop-off trolley tour and see the main sights of the city like the replica of the Parthenon and the State Capitol Building, hopping off wherever you'd like to make the most of your free time before returning to the hotel on foot. This evening, put on your cowboy boots and grapevine over to the Wild Horse Saloon for line dancing lessons and a hearty Southern welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Grand Ole Time

Start the day by exploring Nashville's musical heritage at RCA Studio B, where an expert insider will give you a comprehensive look at the city's oldest remaining recording studio. Here, the voices of Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, and other world-renowned vocalists practically echo through these venerable rooms. See where artists recorded their chart-topping music and get the chance to record your own hit! Continue tracing Nashville's country roots at the Country Music Hall of Fame, home to all things country, from steel guitars to trendsetting costumes. Peruse the mosaic of photos, film, fiddles, and fan letters. Take advantage of free time to explore before taking a seat at one of

country music's most celebrated venues. Tonight, enjoy a live performance as the Grand Ole Opry family welcomes you into their home. (B)

Day 4: A Small Town with a Story to Tell 😯

Head south to Franklin, where the past blends seamlessly with the contemporary. Choose how you explore because it's your choice! Tour Carnton Plantation, a makeshift hospital during one of the bloodiest conflicts of the Civil War -OR- taste the local culture at Leiper's Fork Whiskey Distillery, enjoying an expert-led tour and tasting. No matter how you spend your morning, gather in Franklin's cozy downtown for free time on your own. Then, return to Nashville and test your culinary skills at a hands-on chocolate-making lesson at the iconic Goo Goo Candy Shop. Tonight, celebrate at a farewell dinner before making the most of your final night in dynamic downtown Nashville. (B, D)

Day 5: Nashville - Tour Ends

Wish the Music City goodbye as your tour draws to a close. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$2549 SOLO Starting at \$3449

Pricing is per person, land only, & varies by departure date.

Prices based on October 15, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

May 2023 - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

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All rates in Canadian dollars.

SPOTLIGHT ON SAN ANTONIO

5 DAYS · 5 MEALS STARTING AT \$1999

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Mission San José • The Alamo
• El Mercado • Paseo del Rio Cruise
• Fredericksburg • National
Museum of the Pacific War •
Historic Pearl District



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover the German settlement of Fredericksburg set in the Hill Country.
- Experience El Mercado, the Mexican Marketplace.
- Visit the National Museum of the Pacific War.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

Day 4 — Visit the South Texas
 Heritage Center at the interactive
 Witte Museum -OR- explore the
 San Antonio Botanical Gardens
 and the Texas Native Trail.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

3 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Dinners (D)

 Savour dinner in a restored convent in the King William Historic District.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 - 4 The Westin Riverwalk, San Antonio, TX

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE:

During your stay at The Westin Riverwalk, you can choose to upgrade your accommodations to a River View Room.

CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

ALSO AVAILABLE

Spotlight on San Antonio Holiday

Enjoy the holiday spirit Texas-style as you settle into your River Walk hotel on this Southwestern getaway.

★ DATES AVAILABLE NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2022 & 2023



Relax Texas-style as you settle into your River Walk hotel on this Southwestern getaway.

Day 1: San Antonio, Texas - Tour Begins

Welcome to the "American Venice." Historic missions, River Walk restaurants, Spanish architecture, and a beautiful river as the city's centrepiece make this a truly remarkable city. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers at a welcome reception.

Day 2: San Antonio

Your day begins with a fascinating tour of San Antonio with a local guide. History and culture abound with a visit to two UNESCO World Heritage sites. Visit the Mission San José, the second mission established by Fray Antonio Margil de Jesus in 1720. Then it's on to visit one of America's most historic sites, the Alamo, which played a critical role in the Texas Revolution. People worldwide continue to remember the Alamo as a heroic struggle against impossible odds - a place where men made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. Next, browse for one-of-a-kind goods at El Mercado, the Mexican Marketplace. Board a boat and drift along the Paseo del Rio, also known as the River Walk, one of Texas's most prized attractions. Learn more about the architecture and culture of the city on this relaxing narrated boat ride. Then, enjoy some leisure time to discover San Antonio on your own. This evening, enjoy the local flavors of Texas during dinner in the King William Historic District at a restored convent. (B, D)

Day 3: San Antonio - Fredericksburg - San Antonio

Journey to the German settlement of Fredericksburg for a visit to the National Museum of the Pacific War, dedicated to teaching and preserving this chapter of U.S. history. The old-time Southwest will surround you as you take time to independently explore the quaint shops. Enjoy the evening at leisure to explore San Antonio's beautiful River Walk, or venture further afield with your included Uber voucher. (B)

Day 4: San Antonio 😯

This morning, **it's your choice!** Visit the South Texas Heritage Center at the Witte Museum, an

interactive museum dedicated to sharing the stories of San Antonio's people and the land that has shaped their lives **-OR-** explore the 33-acre grounds of the San Antonio Botanical Gardens with expansive rose gardens, conservatory with tropical vegetation, and the Texas Native Trail showcasing ecosystems from the diverse regions of the state. Next, explore the historic Pearl District, a revitalized, cultural hub full of unique eateries and shops. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner with your travel companions at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 5: San Antonio - Tour Ends

San Antonio's natural beauty, history, cuisine, and people create an experience you'll always remember.

DOUBLE Starting at \$1999 SOLO Starting at \$2499

Pricing is per person, land only, & varies by departure date.

Prices based on November 12, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

September 2023 - April 2024 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

The trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from San Antonio. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. As an added feature on this program, each guest will receive an Uber e-voucher (valued for \$20 US Dollars) to use when you want, while on this tour. All rates in Canadian dollars.

SPOTLIGHT ON SANTA FE

6 DAYS · 8 MEALS STARTING AT \$2299

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Walking Tour of Santa Fe Plaza •
Open-Air Tram Tour • Loretto Chapel •
Santa Fe School of Cooking • Turquoise
Trail • Allan Houser Sculpture Garden •
Bandelier National Monument •
El Santuario de Chimayo



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Hop aboard an open-air tram for a tour of Santa Fe's most historic and culturally-significant sites.
- Tour the Loretto Chapel and marvel at its iconic winding staircase.
- Visit the moving El Santuario de Chimayo, the most important Catholic pilgrimage site in the U.S.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

Day 5 — Choose between one of three museums: New Mexico Museum of Art, the oldest art museum in the state
 OR- the Museum of International Folk Art, home to the largest collection of international folk art in the world
 OR- the Wheelwright Museum, famous for the unique exhibitions of contemporary and historic Native American Art.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

4 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 2 Dinners (D)

- Try your hand at making a tamale at the Santa Fe School of Cooking.
- Delight in an authentic New Mexican lunch in Chimayo.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 - 5 Drury Plaza Hotel or Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza, Santa Fe, NM

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

ALSO AVAILABLE

Spotlight on Santa Fe Holiday

Be charmed by Santa Fe's crisp air, creative spirit, and yuletide cheer on a Southwestern getaway during the holiday season.

★ DATES AVAILABLE NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2022 & 2023



Feel the creative spirit that runs free through Santa Fe, a city known as the "Dancing Ground of the Sun."

Day 1: Santa Fe, New Mexico - Tour Begins

Welcome to New Mexico, the "land of enchantment." Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome reception at your hotel, located mere steps away from Santa Fe's iconic Plaza.

Day 2: Santa Fe

This morning starts with a locally guided walking tour of Santa Fe's Plaza. As you amble through the plaza, enjoy stops at some of the city's landmark sites like the Santa Fe Indian Market, Palace of the Governors and Palace Avenue. Later, embark on an open-air tram tour of Santa Fe. Continue on with a visit to the Loretto Chapel, a former Roman Catholic church turned wedding chapel and museum. Tonight, try your hand at making a tamale at the Santa Fe School of Cooking. (B, D)

Day 3: Santa Fe - Madrid - Santa Fe

Today, travel the scenic Turquoise Trail to the village of Madrid, a charming hamlet stitched into the landscape of the Ortiz Mountains. Then, visit the Allan Houser Sculpture Garden to view 80 works by the prolific artist who's been lauded as one of the most renowned Native American painters and Modernist sculptors of the 20th century. (B, L)

Day 4: Santa Fe - Bandelier National Monument - Chimayo - Santa Fe

Today's adventure takes us to Bandelier National Monument. On a guided elective walk, discover more of the park's ancient ruins and thriving wildlife. Afterwards, savour an authentic New Mexican lunch before visiting El Santuario de Chimayo. Later you'll visit a Chimayo weaver and learn the fascinating process behind this intricate traditional art. The remainder of the day is yours. Dinner is on your own tonight. (B, L)

Day 5: Santa Fe 😯

Today it's your choice! Choose between one of three museums: New Mexico Museum of Art, the oldest art museum in the state -OR- the Museum

of International Folk Art, home to the largest collection of international folk art in the world **-OR-** the Wheelwright Museum, famous for the unique exhibitions of contemporary and historic Native American Art. This afternoon, enjoy free time to further uncover Santa Fe on your own. Perhaps you'll visit some of the colourful art galleries sprinkled throughout the downtown area. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Santa Fe - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end with wonderful memories of your Southwestern sojourn in Santa Fe.

DOUBLE Starting at \$2299 SOLO Starting at \$3099

Pricing is per person, land only, & varies by departure date.

Prices based on November 5, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

May 2023 - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Albuquerque. All of our transfers will arrive at and depart from Santa Fe. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, flights should not arrive or depart earlier than 10am. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. As an added feature on this program, each guest will receive an Uber e-voucher (valued for \$20 US Dollars) to use when you want, while on this tour. The open-air tram operates mid-March through October 31st. Departures outside of this time frame will have an included visit to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. While there is an opportunity to hike at Bandelier National Monument, all hiking is elective and should only be undertaken by people who are physically fit and have prior hiking experience, especially at high elevations. If weather is a concern, this tour will be replaced. This tour involves travelling at high altitudes (approximately 2133 meters) and may not be suitable for some travellers. We suggest that you consult your doctor if you have any concerns. All rates in Canadian dollars.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST & CALIFORNIA

8 DAYS · 11 MEALS STARTING AT \$3849

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Seattle • Mount St. Helens Visitor Center • Portland • Columbia River Gorge • Hood River • Yaquina Head Lighthouse • Newport • Bandon State Natural Area • Rogue River Cruise • Redwood National Park • Avenue of the Giants • San Francisco



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit lively Pike Place Market, Seattle's famous fish and vegetable market.
- Venture to Mount St. Helens Visitor Center to learn about its volcanic activity.
- Visit Columbia River Gorge and Multnomah Falls.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Savour a wine tasting while gazing at views of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams.
- Step back in history when you dine at the last operating lumber-camp style cookhouse in the West.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Thompson Hotel, Seattle, WA

Days 2, 3 Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, Portland, OR

Day 4 The Mill Casino, North Bend,

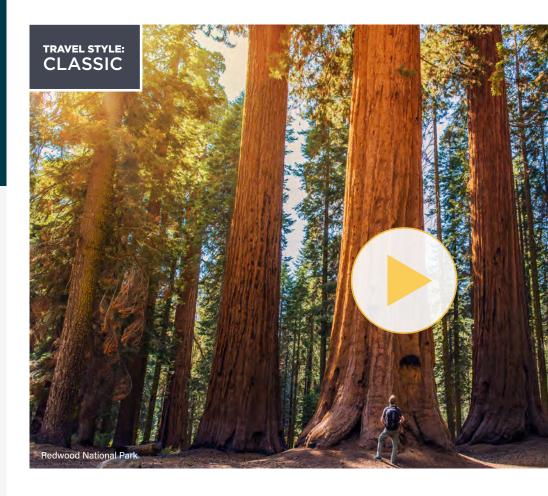
OR

Day 5 Best Western Plus Bayshore

Inn, Eureka, CA

Days 6, 7 Hyatt Regency Downtown SOMA, San Francisco, CA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From Mount St. Helens to the giant Redwoods, fall under the spell of the Pacific Northwest and California.

Day 1: Seattle, Washington - Tour Begins

Your tour opens with an overnight stay in Seattle, dubbed the "Emerald City" for its lush green surroundings. Get to know your fellow travellers at tonight's welcome dinner. (D)

Day 2: Seattle - Mt. St. Helen's - Portland, Oregon

Explore Seattle's colourful waterfront area and historic Pioneer Square with a local guide. Mingle with artisans at the lively Pike Place Market, a famous fish and vegetable market dotted with restaurants and shops. Travel by Washington State Ferry across Puget Sound to Bremerton – Seattle's skyline is spectacular from the water! Back on land, travel south through Olympia, stopping at the Mount St. Helens Visitor Center. Learn about its 1980 volcanic eruption as well as the history and geology of the state park. Continue to Portland, Oregon for a two-night stay in the picturesque "City of Roses." (B)

Day 3: Portland - Columbia River Gorge - Portland

Visit the International Rose Test Garden and walk among the thousands of roses. Afterwards, drive along the Mt. Hood route to the lush Columbia River Gorge. Take in the unforgettable views of Mt. Hood as you leave the valley and enter the Cascade Mountains. Discover the awe-inspiring landscapes of the magnificent Columbia River and

Multnomah Falls, a 611-foot-tall roaring cascade. Later, enjoy a wine-tasting at a local vineyard followed by a visit to a lavender farm. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Portland - Willamette Valley - Newport - North Bend (Oregon Coast)

On the way to the Oregon coast, journey through the Willamette Valley. Today known for its wine that rivals that Napa, this was once the "Promised Land" for the pioneers who followed the Oregon Trail. On the coast, stop at the Yaquina Head Lighthouse, a 93-foot tower buffeted by wind and rain since 1872. Enjoy time at the interpretive centre or make your way down to Cobble Beach to explore the tide pools of colourful sea anemones and starfish. Stop in the seaside town of Newport before travelling further along the coast. End your day strolling North Bend's lively boardwalk, perched along scenic Coos Bay. (B, D)

Day 5: North Bend - Bandon Natural Area - Redwood National Park - Eureka, CA

Drive to Bandon State Natural Area. Take in the breathtaking scenery as we travel along the striking Beach Loop. See Bandon Rocks and Face Rock, famous for their American Indian legends. Stop to enjoy a cruise up the spectacular Rogue River, taking you into Oregon's rugged wilderness for a chance to see bald eagles, cormorants,







seals and blue heron. Continuing south to California's redwood country, travel through Redwood National Park, home to trees that can reach nearly 300 feet. See for yourself why the sun seldom hits the ground. Tonight, dine at a lumber-camp style cookhouse on Humboldt Bay. (B, D)

Day 6: Eureka - San Francisco

Return to the majestic beauty and splendid grandeur of the redwood forest as you traverse the "Avenue of the Giants," a scenic highway loaded with towering redwoods. Next, drive over the legendary Golden Gate Bridge and arrive in "the City by the Bay," San Francisco. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants in this eclectic city. (B)

Day 7: San Francisco

Today, join a local guide to hear stories of the city's past and present as you drive past its famous landmarks including Fisherman's Wharf, the Presidio and the Golden Gate Bridge, You'll also see the iconic neighbourhoods of Chinatown, North Beach and Haight Ashbury. After a farewell lunch, the remainder of your day is at leisure to explore San Francisco independently. (B, L)

Day 8: San Francisco - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, but the memories will stay with you forever.





Day 1: Seattle, Washington

Arrive in Seattle, the Emerald City on Puget Sound. Check into your hotel and enjoy time on your own to settle in. A local representative will meet you at the hotel to assist with recommendations on how you can spend your afternoon and evening.

Day 2: Seattle

After breakfast, join a local guide on a walking tour of the famed Pike Place Market - one of the country's oldest farmers markets - on Seattle's bustling waterfront. All of your senses will be engaged as you have fun exploring the historic arcade and winding alleys. Later, travel like a local on Seattle's Monorail to the Seattle Center. Take your time visiting the Space Needle and Chihuly Garden and Glass - a monument to art as glass featuring an astounding display of Dale Chihuly's installations. Your entry includes 8 galleries, the central Glasshouse, and a sculpture garden. (B)

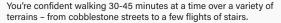


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October 2022 March - April 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

May - October 2023 March - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

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See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Seattle and depart from San Francisco. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. If you would like to visit Alcatraz in San Francisco, arrangements must be made on your own in advance. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The Optional Seattle Extension is Hosted. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences. In addition to including overnight accommodations, daily breakfast, and transfers to/from the airport, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what your destination has to offer. Experiences will vary by location, but you can count on this extension style to give you a great mix of flexibility and locally quided experiences.

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CALIFORNIA DREAMIN': MONTEREY, YOSEMITE & NAPA

8 DAYS · 12 MEALS STARTING AT \$3599

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HIGHLIGHTS

Monterey • Scenic 17-Mile Drive •
Yosemite National Park • Sacramento •
Lake Tahoe Scenic Cruise • Napa Valley
Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting •
San Francisco



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Meet a local farmer in the Central Valley and sample some of his farm's produce.
- Marvel at the views along scenic 17-Mile Drive from Monterey to Carmel.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 5 — Visit the California State Railroad Museum and explore the detailed exhibits with a guide -ORperuse a collection of Californian art and European master drawings on a guided tour of the Crocker Art Museum.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 3 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a farm-to-table lunch and locally produced wine.
- Sample local vintages during a winery tour and tasting in Napa Valley.



ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1, 2 Monterey Marriott or Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel & Spa, Monterey, CA
- Days 3, 4 The Hotel at Black Oak Casino Resort (Yosemite), Tuolumne, CA
- Days 5, 6 Hyatt Regency, Sacramento, CA

Day 7 Hotel RIU Plaza Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, CA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



This is the essence of Northern California, from fine wine and freshly caught seafood to vibrant cities and nature on an epic scale.

Day 1: Monterey, California - Tour Begins

From the rugged coastline of the Pacific Ocean to Yosemite National Park, Lake Tahoe to Napa Valley, the scenery, history, and culture of northern California is unparalleled. Your tour opens in Monterey, a seaside city with a rich history and gorgeous scenery.

Day 2: Monterey

The morning is yours to relax or explore this charming city independently. Perhaps you'll visit the renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium or walk along Monterey's Path of History – a selfguided tour of the city's historic landmarks. This afternoon, the scenery of your dreams comes alive as you travel along the famed 17-Mile Drive to Carmel. See the Lone Cypress Tree, Seal Rock, and prestigious Pebble Beach Golf Course before relaxing over dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Monterey - Oakdale - Tuolumne (Yosemite)

Travel east through California's Central Valley and along the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. Stop in Oakdale, where almond and walnut

orchards dot the landscape. Meet up with a local farmer, who will show you around town and bring you to his small farm where you'll enjoy a taste of central California. Continue on to historic Tuolumne, a gateway to Yosemite National Park and your home for the next two nights. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tuolumne - Yosemite National Park - Tuolumne

Dramatic waterfalls to soaring granite peaks, Yosemite will leave you in awe. Enjoy a scenic drive to the gates of the national park, where you'll travel by coach through Yosemite's unrivaled landscapes with an expert guide. Natural wonders abound as you stand before El Capitan, and take in breathtaking vistas including Half Dome, Tunnel View and Yosemite Falls. (B)

Day 5: Tuolumne - Sacramento 😯

Arrive in Sacramento, enjoying time on your own for lunch in Old Sacramento – a historic Gold Rush-era neighbourhood filled with over 60 restored buildings, wooden sidewalks, and antique gas lamps. Then, it's your choice! Visit the California State Railroad









TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.

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1-2 NIGHTS

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Museum and explore the detailed exhibits with a guide -OR- peruse a collection of Californian art and European master drawings on a guided tour of the Crocker Art Museum. Dinner is included tonight at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Sacramento - Lake Tahoe -Sacramento

Travel over the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the resort town of Lake Tahoe. Board a classic yacht-style vessel for a narrated cruise of Lake Tahoe's pristine waters. Discover the history of the area and explore the enclosed and open-air decks for ideal places to snap photos of the dynamic landscape and breathe in the fresh air. (B)

Day 7: Sacramento - Napa Valley -San Francisco

The iconic rolling vineyards of Napa Valley welcome you today. Tour the grounds of a vineyard while learning about the winemaking process before enjoying a private tasting and a delicious farewell lunch. Raise a glass of locally produced wine and toast to your California adventure. Tonight, enjoy an evening to explore San Francisco as you please. (B, L)

Day 8: San Francisco - Tour Ends

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

Optional 2 Night San Francisco **Post-Tour Extension** Starting at \$520 pp



Day 8: San Francisco - Extension **Begins**

Continue your California adventure and independently explore San Francisco's iconic sights.

Day 9: San Francisco

Your day is free to enjoy San Francisco as you wish. Perhaps you'll discover Fisherman's Wharf, have lunch in Chinatown, venture to Alcatraz, or hop on a cable car - these are just a few of the things on offer in this vibrant City by the

Day 10: San Francisco - Tour Ends

Your time in San Francisco comes to an end today. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$3599 Starting at \$4649

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Prices based on March 11, 2024 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 March - April 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

May - October 2023 March - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into San Jose and depart from San Francisco. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. If you would like to visit the Monterey Aquarium, arrangements must be made on your own in advance. The Hyatt Regency in Monterey is not within walking distance to downtown Monterey, Old Fisherman's Wharf and Cannery Row. If your accommodations are confirmed at this hotel, transportation will be provided to these locations. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The Optional 2 Night San Francisco extension is Independent. Independently explore this destination! While this extension is not hosted or guided and the only transportation included is your airport departure transfer, it is intended to give you freedom and flexibility to explore a destination - or return to a favourite one. If you would like to visit Alcatraz, arrangements must be made on your own in advance.

GRAND HAWAIIAN ADVENTURE

13 DAYS · 17 MEALS STARTING AT \$6449

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Waikiki Beach • Pearl Harbor • Iolani Palace • Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

- Kona Highlights Iao Valley Lahaina
- Polynesian Luau Waimea Canyon



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a cruise on tranquil Wailua River in Kauai.
- Create your own lei as part of a cultural demonstration on Big Island.
- Visit Iolani Palace to see the last residence of the Hawaiian Royal Family.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Savour a Polynesian luau featuring tropical drinks and a sumptuous feast.
- Spend time at a Kona coffee farm and learn how coffee is grown.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 - 3 Prince Waikiki, O'ahu, HI

Days 4 - 6 Outrigger Kona Resort and

Spa, Kona, HI

Days 7 - 9 Sheraton Maui Resort and

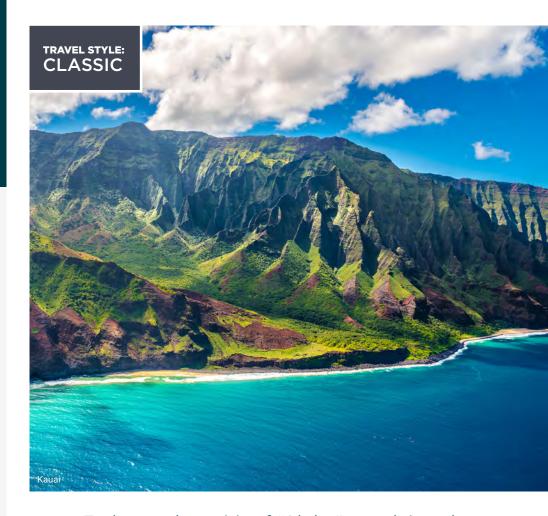
Spa, Maui, HI

Days 10 - 12 Royal Sonesta Kauai

Resort, Kauai, HI

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: During your stay in Hawaii, you may choose to enjoy ocean views by upgrading your accommodations to an ocean front room during any of your hotel stays. CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Embrace the spirit of "Aloha" on a leisurely 4-island tour of Hawaii featuring 3-night stays each in Oahu, Big Island (Kona), Maui and Kauai.

Day 1: Honolulu, Oahu - Tour Begins

Aloha! Your adventure begins on the sun-drenched beaches of Waikiki. Relax and "hang loose" before meeting your group tomorrow— you are in Hawaii!

Day 2: Honolulu

Remember Pearl Harbor with a visit to the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, viewing artifacts from the attack and a short documentary on the "Day of Infamy." Travel by naval launch to view the white marble-clad USS *Arizona* Memorial, honouring those who lost their lives in the Pearl Harbor attack. After, take a city tour of Honolulu, highlighting the historic Iolani Palace, the impressive state capitol building, King Kamehameha's statue, and the National Cemetery of the Pacific. The remainder of the day is yours. (B, D)

Day 3: Honolulu - Waikiki

Dive into Hawaiian history with a visit to Iolani Palace to learn about the Hawaiian monarchs and the takeover of Hawaii by the United States. Then enjoy free time in downtown Honolulu with recommendations from your Tour Manager for the best spots for a traditional plate lunch. Later stop at the Pali lookout in O'ahu's rainforest before

returning to Waikiki for an evening at your leisure. (B)

Day 4: Honolulu - Hilo, Big Island -Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park - Kona

Board your flight to the volcanic "Big Island" of Hawaii and leave cosmopolitan O'ahu behind. True to its name, the island itself is larger than all the other Hawaiian Islands combined, Although the island's official name is the archipelago's namesake, the Big Island is also famous for its volcanoes creating rocky, black landscapes. Upon arrival, pause at the iridescent mist of Rainbow Falls before having time to explore Hilo on your own for lunch. Then set out for a tour of the South Coast including a visit inside Hawaii Volcanoes National Park to learn about Kilauea - the world's most active volcano. Make your way along the steam bluffs to get a view of the impressive caldera. On the way to the hotel take in views of the crystal-clear waters of Kealakekua Bay and visit one of the iconic black sand beaches where you may luck out in spotting a green turtle soaking up the sun. (B)

Day 5: Kona

This morning, take time to relax at your resort and





look out over Big Island's rocky coastline. In the afternoon, your Tour Manager will bring you into Kailua-Kona — a town established by King Kamehameha I before he unified the Kingdom of Hawaii. After enjoy ample time to peruse the shops and grab a bite of lunch on your own before returning to the hotel for a lei making class taught by a local expert. Learn about their cultural significance and create one of your own to bring home. (B)

Day 6: Kona - Honaunau Bay -Kona

Start the day at Bay View Farm, which has been harvesting coffee beans since 1984. Tour the farm with a local before enjoying a tasting of the local brew. Visit St. Benedict's Painted Church, built in the 1800s and adorned with vibrant frescos. Continue to Pu'uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park on the rugged coast, once the place of refuge for those that broke the Kapu (sacred law) in old Hawaii. (B, D)

Day 7: Kona - Kahului, Maui -Lahaina - Ka'anapali

Board an inter-island flight to the "Valley Isle" of Maui, one of the most beautiful and popular outer islands. Visit the stunning lao Valley and view the 2,000-foot-high lao Needle, one of Maui's famous natural

landforms. Visit the old royal capital of Lahaina, once home to the world's largest whaling fleets, where you can stroll through historic streets. Travel through sugarcane fields to the resort area of Ka'anapali and arrive at your deluxe beachfront hotel. (B, D)

Day 8: Maui

Spend a day at leisure to see for yourself why locals say Maui no ka oi (Maui is the best). Perhaps you will take an optional cliff-side drive on the legendary Road to Hana. Or you may choose to take a stroll along the beach, shop for souvenirs or simply relax at your luxurious Maui resort. There is no limit to the adventures you can have on this gorgeous island! (B)

Day 9: Maui

Enjoy another day in paradise. Perhaps you will join your Tour Manager on a visit to Lahaina town to explore the former royal capital turned whaling village. Tonight, celebrate the "aloha spirit" Hawaiian-style, at a traditional Polynesian luau featuring endless tropical drinks and a sumptuous feast. (B, D)

Day 10: Kahului - Lihue, Kauai

A short flight takes you to the "Garden Isle" of Kauai, where you'll uncover the world of ancient Polynesia on the oldest island in the chain. Upon arrival, travel to the breathtaking Waimea Canyon, carved thousands of years ago by rivers and floods. At 10 miles long, 1 mile wide, and more than 3,500 feet deep, it is considered the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific." (B)

Day 11: Kauai

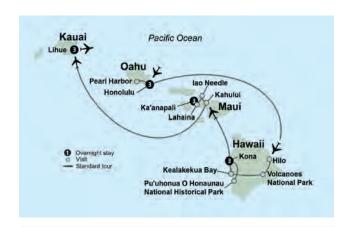
The day is yours to enjoy this beautiful island at leisure. Stroll along the beach or take advantage of your resort's activities. (B)

Day 12: Wailua River - Lihue

Step aboard an open-air boat for a cruise along the tranquil Wailua River. Your captain will tell stories of days gone by before making a stop at the lush Fern Grotto, Embark on a short, guided walk before your return boat ride. Feel the Hawaiian spirit as hula dancers join you to demonstrate this ancient art form, originally performed for the volcano goddess Pele. Tonight, complete your wonderful trip with a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Lihue - Tour Ends

Bid Aloha to Hawaii as your memorable tour ends in Kauai. Now, wherever your home is, you'll always be part of the Hawaiian ohana (family). (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.

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October 2022 January - April 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

May 2023 - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

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Hawaiian Adventure

Embrace the spirit of "Aloha" on a leisurely 3-island tour of Hawaii featuring 3-night stays in O'ahu, Big Island (Hawaii) and Maui.

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ALASKA: AMERICA'S LAST FRONTIER

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT \$5849

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Fairbanks • Gold Mining • Museum of the North • Trans-Alaska Pipeline

- Dog Mushing Denali National Park
- Tundra Wilderness Tour Talkeetna
- Musk Ox Farm Anchorage Prince William Sound Glacier Cruise



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Learn about Alaska's gold mining past through the voices of two local sisters and try your hand at panning for paydirt.
- Visit a Musk Ox Farm and learn about the sustainable domestication project.
- Get a local's perspective on the Alaskan way of life during an interactive discussion.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 4 — Take an easy hike in Denali National Park and discover wildflowers in bloom and gorgeous views in every direction -OR- meet a park ranger who will introduce you to the park's sled dogs - the traditional mode of Alaskan wilderness transportation.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 3 Dinners (D)

 Dine on the grounds of the champion owned Trail Breaker Kennel.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1-3 Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

Days 4, 5 Denali Bluffs Hotel or Grande Denali Lodge, Denali, AK

Day 6 Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna, AK

Days 7, 8 Hilton Anchorage, Anchorage, AK

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Journey through America's last great frontier to discover awe-inspiring beauty, inviting locals, and rich cultural heritage

Day 1: Fairbanks, Alaska - Tour Begins

Your Alaskan adventure begins with a 3-night stay in Fairbanks – the "golden heart city." Discover this gold rush boomtown's unique mix of contemporary culture and rich history.

Day 2: Fairbanks

Tap into Alaska's "golden heart" with a visit to a locally owned gold panning experience, where you'll learn about the region's gold mining past and try your hand at panning for some paydirt yourself. Get to know Fairbanks on a city tour, including a stop at the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, an engineering marvel that delivers oil across the state to the port city of Valdez. After some free time this afternoon, you'll visit legendary Trail Breaker Kennel where you'll meet mushers and their happy pups. Witness the dogs in their element on a training run before enjoying dinner on the kennel's scenic property. (B, D)

Day 3: Fairbanks

This morning, visit the Museum of the North at the University of Alaska where light filled spaces and expansive windows highlight the spectacular views

of the Alaskan range. Inside, the museum tells the state's rich history through art, artifacts and film. The afternoon is at leisure or take a cruise on the Riverboat Discovery to get a glimpse into everyday life along Alaska's rivers. (B)

Day 4: Fairbanks - Denali 😯

Behold beautiful scenery as you relax and have breakfast in a deluxe domed railcar on your way to Denali National Park. Upon arrival in Denali, enjoy some free time to explore the Visitors Center. After **it's your choice!** Join your Tour Manager on an easy hike and discover wildflowers and gorgeous views in every direction **-OR-** take a bus into the park where a ranger will introduce you to the park's sled dogs dogs – the traditional mode of Alaskan wilderness transportation. The evening is yours to discover Denali as you please. (B)

Day 5: Denali National Park

Bring your binoculars and camera as you head into Denali National Park on a full-day Tundra Wilderness Tour. Travel over 40 miles into the park and enjoy a wide range of incredible scenery,







narrated history, and some of the best opportunities to view the park's abundant wildlife. (B, L)

Day 6: Denali - Talkeetna

Leave Denali National Park behind and step into small-town life in Talkeetna. Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali. Perhaps you will take an optional flightseeing tour and witness the park's breathtaking beauty from the air before landing on a glacier for incomparable views of the Alaskan Range. Later, meet up with a local for a discussion on the down-to-earth Alaskan lifestyle. (B, D)

Day 7: Talkeetna - Anchorage

On your way to Anchorage, discover the pastoral charm of Matanuska Valley, Enjoy free time in Palmer for lunch before you take a step into the past with a visit to a Musk Ox Farm. Learn about the Musk Ox project - a sustainable domestication effort that has worked to preserve, protect, and increase awareness for these wooly creatures since 1954. Get acquainted with Anchorage on a panoramic city tour before enjoying an evening at leisure to discover what Alaska's largest city has to offer. (B)

Day 8: Anchorage

Delve into the area's indigenous culture this morning at the Alaska Native Heritage Center where you'll learn about Alaska Native customs, dances, songs local crafts. Head to Whittier and embrace the sheer magnitude of Alaska's natural beauty on a glacier cruise through Prince William Sound. Listen to an expert narrate your journey through a geological wonderland as blue skies collide with stark white glaciers and playful otters dip in and out of the calm waters. Tonight, gather at a local restaurant to toast to your journey through America's last great frontier. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Anchorage - Tour Ends Your Alaskan adventure comes to a close today. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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Prices based on September 7, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May - September 2023

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Fairbanks and depart from Anchorage. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change. The Tundra Wilderness Tour is a fully narrated, 5-hour tour. During the early season on departure dates before May 20th, this tour will be replaced with the 4-hour Denali Natural History tour. The lunch on Days 5 and 8 will be a boxed lunch and snacks so you can enjoy it on your Tundra Wilderness Tour and Glacier Cruise. You may bring along some extra snacks as there is no food available to purchase once inside the park. All rates in Canadian dollars.

NEW TOUR

ALASKA'S NORTHERN LIGHTS

7 DAYS · 11 MEALS STARTING AT \$4449

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Anchorage • Northern Light Excursions
• Winter Glacier Cruise • Prince William
Sound • Talkeetna • Alaska Railroad
• Fairbanks • Dog Mushing



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Search for the northern lights in Fairbanks' star-filled sky.
- Hop in a sled and experience dog mushing like a local.
- Visit Musk Ox Farm and learn about the sustainable domestication project.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunches (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a taste of wild Alaskan salmon.
- Learn all about the Iditarod as you dine on the property of a legendary racing kennel.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2 Hilton, Anchorage, AK

Day 3 Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge,
Talkeetna, AK

Days 4 - 6 Pike's Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Take a snowy peek into Alaska. Visit the friendly local towns of the last frontier and bond with energetic sled dogs.

Day 1: Anchorage, Alaska - Tour Begins

Your journey starts in Anchorage, a city on the edge of the snowcapped Chugach Mountains and 60 sparkling glaciers. This is your gateway to wilderness and adventure.

Day 2: Anchorage - Winter Glacier Cruise - Anchorage

Head to Whittier and embark on an incomparable glacier cruise of Prince William Sound, narrated by an expert guide. Blue skies collide with stark white glaciers, and playful otters dip in and out of the calm waters. Embrace the sheer magnitude of Alaska's natural beauty as you venture through a geological wonderland. Feel like a true explorer during a beach landing. In the evening, gather with new friends for a welcome dinner in a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Anchorage - Palmer - Talkeetna

Take a step into the past when you visit Musk Ox Farm. Learn about the Musk Ox project – a sustainable domestication effort that has worked to preserve, protect, and increase awareness for

these wooly creatures since 1954. Continue on to Talkeetna as Denali, North America's tallest mountain, looms large over the landscape. Perhaps you will take an optional flightseeing tour and experience a breathtaking perspective of Denali. Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel. Later, perhaps you will spend some time on the Lodge's expansive deck; a great place to search for the northern lights, or just enjoy some hot cocoa by the roaring fireplace in the great room. (B, D)

Day 4: Talkeetna - Alaska Railroad - Fairbanks

Begin your day with a lecture on the downto-earth Alaskan lifestyle before hopping on Alaska Railroad's Aurora Winter Train for a full-day journey to Fairbanks. Sit back and relax as you are whisked away, through snowcovered mountains and striking valleys. Have your cameras ready – the train conductor will







point out wildlife as you pass by. Dinner is included in the train's dining car. This evening you arrive in Fairbanks, your home for the next three nights and one of the best places in Alaska to see the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 5: Fairbanks

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the city of Fairbanks. Take this opportunity to relax or flex your sense of adventure with optional excursions: consider flightseeing to the Arctic Circle. Late this evening, chase the legendary northern lights, considered to be one of the most amazing natural spectacles in the world. Walk out in the snow under an unspoiled bed of stars and search for the shimmering hues of purple and green. (B)

Day 6: Fairbanks

Feel the brisk air and discover Fairbanks. the perfect combination of nature and civilization. Look into the past at the Antique Auto Museum, where vintage cars sit between timely artifacts and fashionable designer dresses from times gone by. Hop in a car yourself, throw on some flapper accessories, and pose for a perfect souvenir snapshot. In the afternoon, embrace the Iditarod spirit and try your hand at dog mushing, stepping into a sled with an expert guide and gliding over the snow with your very own pack of sled dogs. Stay for dinner at the kennel owner's home and learn more about what the life of a musher is like. Later in the evening, enjoy a final chance to spot the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 7: Fairbanks - Tour Ends

Enjoy a relaxing morning before heading to the Museum of the North, the University of Alaska's collection featuring 2.2 million years of biodiversity and thousands of years of human history. The remainder of your day is at leisure. A day room has been extended for your use before your transfer to the airport. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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Unfortunately, this tour isn't appropriate for guests who use wheelchairs or walkers as it requires walking on uneven terrain.

CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT **ANCHORAGE**

CALL FOR DETAILS

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

Starting at \$4449 Starting at \$5649

Prices based on March 23, 2023 der

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

February - March 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

February - March 2024 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for February - March 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Anchorage and depart from Fairbanks. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 3:00 p.m. The lunch on Day 2 will be a boxed lunch so you can enjoy it on your Glacier Cruise, Temperatures in February and March can be quite cold. Anchorage averages a high of -7 degrees Celsius / low of -12 degrees Celsius. Talkeetna and Fairbanks average a high of -12 degrees Celsius / low of -25 degrees Celsius. It is strongly recommended that quests dress appropriately for Arctic weather. The best time to see the northern lights is from late August through April and this itinerary was designed with a multiple-night stay in Fairbanks to enhance this opportunity. However, this is weather dependent, and sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed. Beach landings are weather dependent. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse. Travellers should expect temperatures from -3° to -18°C and plan on being outdoors for a number of included activities. You should be prepared to navigate cities with heavy snow on the ground. Suitable outdoor gear will be available for rental prior to your tour departure at an additional cost. On the last day of your tour, your room has been extended for use until it is time for your airport transfer. All rates in Canadian dollars.

CANADIAN ROCKIES FEATURING ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

8 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT \$6599

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Vancouver • Stanley Park • Rocky Mountaineer • Kamloops • Lake Louise Banff • Icefields Parkway • Glacier Adventure Choice on Tour • Calgary



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend two days onboard Rocky Mountaineer viewing coastal forests, roaring river canyons and lofty mountain peaks.
- Enjoy an overnight in Lake Louise.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 6 — In Banff, take a fun ride across a 1,000-foot thick mass of glacial ice -OR- take a walk on the Glacier Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley from the glass-floored platform.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

 Enjoy elegant dining aboard the Rocky Mountaineer, as well as unlimited alcohol.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2 Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC

Day 3 Kamloops hotel

Day 4 Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, AB

Days 5, 6 The Rimrock Resort, Banff,

Day 7 Calgary Marriott Downtown, Calgary, AB

> HOTEL UPGRADE AVAILABLE: While traveling on the Rocky Mountaineer Train, you may choose to upgrade to GoldLeaf Service. CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From scenic mountains and valleys to the stunning Lake Louise, explore the best of Western Canada via the famous Rocky Mountaineer train.

Day 1: Vancouver, British Columbia - Tour Begins

Set out to explore the beautiful Canadian Rockies by train. This timeless adventure begins in the beautiful city of Vancouver.

Day 2: Vancouver

Begin your Vancouver sightseeing tour at beautiful Stanley Park, Canada's renowned urban rainforest. Follow the park's famous seawall and discover views of the mountains along trails, beaches, historical landmarks and colourful gardens. Make your way to picturesque Granville Island Public Market to stroll through its fascinating stalls of handmade crafts and artisan food producers. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Vancouver - Rocky Mountaineer - Kamloops

Onboard Rocky Mountaineer, embark on an aweinspiring rail journey as you travel through some of the world's most majestic scenery. Beyond your sparkling glass window, enjoy views of coastal deep-green forests, roaring river canyons, and snowcapped mountain peaks. From Vancouver, B.C. to Banff, Alberta, let the Rocky Mountaineer bring you on a spectacular voyage through the verdant farmlands of the Fraser Valley and the towering peaks of the Coast Mountains. Inside your single-level dome coach, gaze out at the stunning panoramas of the mighty Fraser River and the raging white waters of Hell's Gate. Watch the landscape transform again, this time to a semi-arid desert, as you travel toward the city of Kamloops for your overnight stay in a hotel. (B, L)

Day 4: Kamloops - Rocky Mountaineer - Lake Louise, Alberta

Continue east this morning to the spectacular Canadian Rocky Mountains. History comes alive as you travel this legendary rail route that united Canada as a nation, through the century-old Spiral Tunnels and along the powerful Kicking Horse River. Traverse the Continental Divide and keep an eye out for moose, elk, and bighorn sheep – not to mention osprey, soaring eagles, even the occasional bear. After another beautiful day onboard Rocky Mountaineer, raise a glass for a final toast. Arrive this evening in the picturesque village of Lake Louise and settle into the famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, a stunning property nestled along the banks of the lake. This evening it's Diner's









TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You're confident walking 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains - from cobblestone streets to a few flights of stairs.

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CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

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POST NIGHT CALGARY

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EVEN MORE TIME? Combine Canadian Rockies featuring Rocky Mountaineer with another tour for one seamless, non-stop travel experience. CALL FOR DETAILS

Choice...choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise's great restaurants. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Lake Louise - Banff

Enjoy a leisurely morning and admire the enchanting turquoise waters of the lake. Set off for a scenic drive through Banff featuring the powerful Bow Falls and Surprise Corner, known for its pictureperfect panoramic views. Next, meet a local ammolite specialist to learn about this rare gemstone found only in Alberta. During an afternoon at leisure, perhaps you will take a stroll through Banff's charming downtown. (B)

Day 6: Banff - Icefields Parkway -Banff 😱

A wonderful day of sightseeing awaits as you set out along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway. Marvel at impressive waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and the picture-perfect snowcapped mountain ranges. Stop at the Athabasca Glacier where it's your choice! Take a fun ride across this 1,000 feet thick mass of glacial ice - the largest accumulation of ice south of the Arctic Circle -OR- take a walk on the Glacier Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley and witness the dramatic landscape from the glassfloored platform. This afternoon, stop at Bow Lake - a beautiful crystal clear lake fed by Bow Glacier - for photographs and a walk along its shore. Be on the lookout for bears and stately elk on your return to Banff. (B, D)

Day 7: Banff - Calgary

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Banff before heading to Calgary - where the wild West meets industrial skyscrapers, Stop at Cave and Basin National Historic Site. whose protected land led to the birth of Canada's first national park. Tonight, join in a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

Day 8: Calgary - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to a close today, leaving you with many memories of your extraordinary journey through the awe-inspiring Canadian Rockies. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$6599 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Starting at \$8549 Prices based on May 21, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May - September 2023

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

Our air passengers will arrive into Vancouver and depart from Calgary. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Some attractions may not be available during the "off-season" months due to weather and is reflected in the tour price. Glacier Experience is weather permitting throughout the travel season. Maximum elevation: 2,130 metres. All accommodation in Kamloops is of moderate standard. These hotels are assigned closer to departure by Rocky Mountaineer. Triple accommodations are on a bed share basis only. All rates in Canadian dollars.

> 66 Wonderful opportunity to see beautiful sights and spend time with nice people... Thank you so much for a once-in-a-lifetime experience! 99

- Collette Traveller

CANADIAN ROCKIES BY TRAIN

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT \$6449

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

British Columbia • Vancouver • VIA Rail • Alberta • Jasper • Maligne Lake • Athabasca Glacier • Lake Louise • Banff • Calgary



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- See the dramatic Maligne Canyon, one of the area's most spectacular landmarks.
- At Athabasca Glacier, choose a ride on the glacier or walk on the Glacier Skywalk.
- Behold spectacular Moraine Lake and the Valley of the Ten Peaks.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 5 — Choose a fun ride across the Athabasca Glacier -OR- take in breathtaking views on the Glacier Skywalk, a glass-floored platform.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Enjoy breakfast at picture-perfect Maligne Lake.
- Delight in a traditional Albertan barbecue.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC

Day 2 VIA Rail's *The Canadian*, Vancouver, BC

Days 3, 4 Forest Park Hotel, Jasper, AB

Day 5 Fairmont Chateau or Lake
Louise Inn, Lake Louise, AB

Days 6, 7 Fairmont Banff Springs or The Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff, AB

Day 8 Calgary Marriott Downtown, Calgary, AB

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE: CLASSIC



From the lush green Pacific coast of Vancouver, board VIA Rail's *The Canadian* for a once-in-a-lifetime overnight train journey.

Day 1: Vancouver, British Columbia - Tour Begins

Take a remarkable journey through the stunning landscapes, charming towns and beautiful lakes of the Canadian Rockies. Your adventure opens in Vancouver.

Day 2: Vancouver - VIA Rail

A city tour of Vancouver begins this morning at beautiful Stanley Park, Canada's renowned urban rainforest. Then, continue to Chinatown, the waterfront, and Gastown - a turn-of-the-century centre comprised of pubs, art galleries, boutiques and the world-famous steam-powered clock, perhaps the most photographed subject in all of Vancouver. Stroll picturesque Granville Island and its fascinating markets. Later, board VIA Rail's *The Canadian* to begin your journey to the majestic Canadian Rockies. Relive train travel in the days of old as you are rocked to sleep tonight in your private accommodations. (B, D)

Day 3: VIA Rail - Jasper, Alberta

Your eastbound train whisks you past the peaks of the Monashee Mountains and the stunning sight of Pyramid Falls cascading down Mt. Cheadle. Relax in the dome car as you experience 360-degree views of the glistening glaciers of the Albreda Icefields and on a clear day, view Mt. Robson – the highest peak of the Rockies! Moose, mountain goats, bear and caribou call this wonderland home. This afternoon, arrive in Jasper, nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rockies at the gateway to the incredible Icefields Parkway. (B, D)

Day 4: Jasper

This morning, travel to Maligne Lake, the largest natural lake in the Canadian Rockies, and enjoy breakfast against the backdrop of the picture-perfect sparkling waters of the lake. While at Maligne Lake, you may choose to embark on an optional cruise highlighting the beauty of Spirit Island. Later, enjoy the dramatic Maligne Canyon, one of the area's most spectacular landmarks. Return to your hotel with time to independently explore this lovely town. (B)

Day 5: Jasper - Icefields Parkway - Lake Louise ♥

Set off for a wonderful day of sightseeing en route to Lake Louise. Journey along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway. Waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and snowcapped peaks paint the breathtaking canvas – so have your camera handy! Enjoy a stop at the Athabasca Falls and marvel at its sheer beauty and power.









TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You're confident walking 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to a few flights of stairs.

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1-2 NIGHTS

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Then, it's your choice! Stop at the Athabasca Glacier and choose a fun ride across this mass of glacial ice which is over 1,000 feet thick – the largest accumulation of ice south of the Arctic Circle -OR- take a walk on the Glacier Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley and witness the dramatic landscape from the glass-floored platform. Continuing down the parkway, be on the lookout for bears, furry marmots and stately elk. Enjoy a stop at Bow Lake – a beautiful crystal-clear lake fed by Bow Glacier – for photographs and a walk along its shore before arriving in Lake Louise. (B, D)

Day 6: Lake Louise - Banff

Today, view the spectacular Moraine Lake and the awe-inspiring Valley of the Ten Peaks. The jagged Ten Peaks are distinctively saw-toothed, standing out amidst stunning Alpine scenery. Continue on to the charming mountain town of Banff for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Banff

Set off for a scenic drive through Banff featuring the powerful Bow Falls and Surprise Corner, known for its picture-perfect panoramic views. Next, meet a local ammolite specialist to learn about this rare gemstone found only in Alberta. During

leisure time, perhaps you will take a stroll through Banff's delightful downtown. (B)

Day 8: Banff - Calgary

Leave the wonders of the Rockies for the prairies of Alberta en route to the Kananaskis Valley. Visit a local ranch for a line dance lesson and enjoy a wagon ride in search of buffalo. Then, delight in a traditional Albertan barbecue with beautiful views of the mountains in the background. Later, enjoy the views of the prairies before you reach the vibrant city of Calgary. Tonight, join in a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Calgary - Tour Ends Your tour ends today in Calgary.

OVERNIGHT TRAIN ACCOMMODATIONS

Via Rail whisks you past forests, prairies, lakes and the breathtaking landscape of the Canadian Rockies! Your trip aboard this train necessitates an overnight stay in a small cabin with a bunk bed. On arrival to the Rockies, some of the most awe-inspiring scenery in the world awaits.

DOUBLE Starting at \$6449 SOLO Starting at \$7749

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on May 7, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 April 2023 May - October 2023 (featured itinerary)

(different itinerary – see note*)

*Itinerary featured is for May – October 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

Our air passengers will arrive into Vancouver and depart from Calgary. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Breakfast at Maligne Lake is only offered from June 1 to September 30 – a hotel breakfast will be supplied as an alternative on other dates. Some attractions may not be available during the "off-season" months due to weather and is reflected in the tour price. Glacier Experience is weather permitting throughout the travel season. An overnight bag is necessary for your train experience aboard VIA Rail. All rates in Canadian dollars.

66 The entire tour was as close to perfection as I think possible.

No glitches were experienced, and the scheduling was

ALWAYS on time! The itinerary was spectacular!

- Collette Traveller

CANADIAN ROCKIES & GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

7 DAYS · 10 MEALS STARTING AT \$3549

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Calgary • Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump • Waterton Lakes National Park • Glacier National Park • Going-to-the-Sun Road • Banff • Athabasca Glacier • Lake Louise



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Ride aboard a historic Jammer, an open-air touring car, during your visit to Glacier National Park.
- Visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, one of the world's oldest buffalo jumps.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 5 — Stop at the Athabasca Glacier where you can ride across this mass of glacial ice -OR- take a walk onto a glass bottom platform at the Glacier Skywalk.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 3 Dinners (D)

• Enjoy lunch at Ski Lake Louise Lodge.



ACCOMMODATIONS

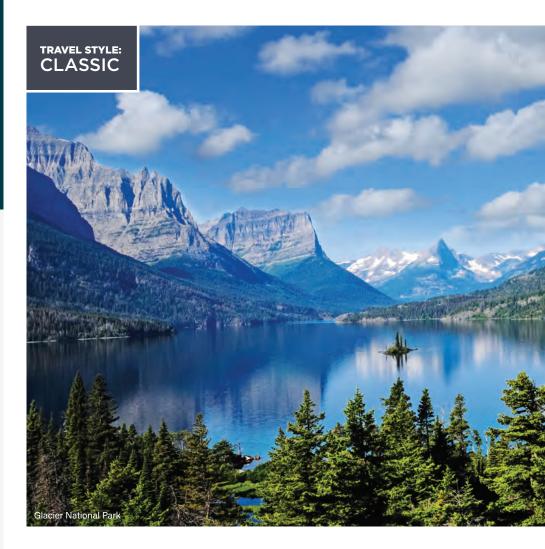
Day 1 Marriott Downtown, Calgary

Days 2, 3 Bayshore Inn Resort and Spa, Waterton Lakes National Park

Days 4, 5 Banff Inn or Banff Ptarmigan Inn, Banff

Day 6 Marriott Downtown, Calgary

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Ice fields, rushing waterfalls, glacial peaks, and towering summits are just a few of the wonders awaiting you.

Day 1: Calgary, Alberta, Canada - Tour Begins

Get ready for an adventure that brings together the beautiful expanse of the prairies, the soaring majesty of the Canadian Rockies and the brilliance of Montana's Glacier National Park. Your tour opens in the province of Alberta. Mingle with your fellow travellers during a cocktail reception this evening.

Day 2: Calgary - Waterton Lakes National Park

This morning, journey south to the prairie lands while enjoying the distant views of the spectacular Rockies. Visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the world's oldest, best preserved buffalo jumps. Head-Smashed-In, in the foothills of the Rockies, has been used continuously by Aboriginal people for over 5,500 years. A Blackfoot guide brings to life the culture of the Plains people, the Buffalo Hunt, and the many secrets uncovered in archaeological digs. Continue travelling south to Waterton Lakes National Park. En route, pass through quaint villages and travel along roads sometimes traversed by grizzly bears, black bears, mountain

goats, cougars, wolves, moose and elk. You'll even get to view and photograph the famous Prince of Wales Hotel. Tonight, enjoy dinner overlooking Waterton Lake. (B, D)

Day 3: Waterton Lakes - Glacier National Park, Montana, USA -Waterton Lakes, AB

Today, experience Glacier National Park, a naturalist's paradise. Glacier preserves over one million acres of forests, Alpine meadows and lakes, and is home to over 70 species of mammals and 270 species of birds. Enjoy a ride aboard one of its famous Jammer cars – built in the 1930s – along one of the most breathtaking roads in North America. Going-to-the-Sun Road stretches across the Continental Divide and offers incredible views of the valley and Glacier National Park. (B)

Day 4: Waterton Lakes National Park - Banff

Relax during your journey to Banff and soak in a backdrop of wonderful wildlife and the majestic Canadian Rockies. This afternoon, arrive in Banff







and enjoy stops at the powerful Bow Falls and Surprise Corner known for its picture perfect panoramic views. (B, D)

Day 5: Banff - Icefields Parkway - Banff ♥

Set out along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway and behold lofty waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and snowcapped mountain ranges. Stop at the Athabasca Glacier where it's **your choice!** Choose a fun ride across this mass of glacial ice nearly 1,000 feet thick, the largest accumulation of ice south of the Arctic Circle -OR- take a walk onto a glass bottom platform at the Glacier Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley and witness the dramatic landscape. This afternoon, stop at stunning Peyto Lake, a glacier-fed lake that evokes pure serenity. Be on the lookout for bears and stately elk on your return to Banff. (B)

Day 6: Banff - Lake Louise - Calgary

The famous glacier-fed, turquoise waters of Lake Louise are yours for admiring this morning. Perhaps you will choose to hike along the lakeshore or simply relax in

the majesty of your surroundings. Enjoy lunch at the Ski Lake Louise Lodge before boarding the gondola, which ascends the mountain in fourteen minutes to a height of 6,850 feet above sea level. Later, enjoy the views of the prairies while en route to Calgary. Join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Calgary - Tour Ends

Your adventure comes to a close today, leaving you with a wealth of memories from your outstanding journey to two of the world's most beautiful areas: the incomparable Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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POST NIGHT

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DOUBLE Starting at \$3549 SOLO Starting at \$4549 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on June 18, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

June - September 2023

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Calgary. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Some attractions, including Going-to-the-Sun Road, may not be available during the "off-season" months due to weather and typically opens the first week of July. Please note this is an all day excursion and lunch is not included, but there will be time for a break and lunch may be purchased during one of the stops. Glacier Experience is weather permitting throughout the travel season. Please be aware that if your stay in Calgary falls during July 7-16, 2023 you may experience large crowds as a result of the Calgary Stampede. Our itinerary does not include the festival and due to our arrival time and included features, you will not have time to attend the Stampede's main events. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The guide was great! I didn't realize I would receive such a history lesson and it was fantastic. One particular highlight was Lake Louise. It was so beautiful.

- Collette Traveller

WESTERN CANADA'S ROCKIES, LAKES WINE COUNTRY

9 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT \$3899

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Calgary • Albertan BBQ • Banff • Bow Falls • Lake Louise • Revelstoke Railway Museum • Okanagan Valley • Vineyard Dinner and Wine Tasting • Vancouver • Stanley Park • Granville Island



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stay 2 nights in the heart of the Okanagan – British Columbia's wine country.
- Tour a local orchard with a farmer and sample some of the seasonal produce.
- Delve into the history of the Canadian Pacific Railway at the Revelstoke Railway Museum



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 6 — Learn the hidden history of Kelowna during a city walking tour
 OR- join an indigenous First Nation knowledge keeper for a sensory walking tour on ancestral lands.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 3 Dinners (D)

- Delight in a traditional Albertan barbecue.
- Taste the wines of the Okanagan Valley during dinner at a local vineyard.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Calgary Marriott Downtown, Calgary, AB

Days 2, 3 Banff Inn or Banff Ptarmigan, Banff, AB

Day 4 Sutton Place Hotel, Revelstoke, BC

Days 5, 6 Grand Okanagan Resort, Kelowna, BC

Days 7, 8 Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Behold beautiful views and welcoming cultures as you journey across the Canadian Rockies - from Calgary to Vancouver.

Day 1: Calgary, Alberta - Tour Begins

The vast unspoiled wilderness of the Canadian Rockies awaits you. Get ready to behold skyhigh peaks and tranquil lakes, wine country and engaging cultures. Your tour begins in Calgary, a cosmopolitan city with strong western roots and ties to its cattle ranching past.

Day 2: Calgary - Banff

Discover the cowboy spirit of Western Canada with a stop at a local ranch for a line dance lesson and a wagon ride in search of buffalo. With soaring peaks serving as your backdrop, sit down for a traditional Albertan barbecue lunch. Continue on to Banff, where you'll have an evening to yourself to explore what this charming mountain town has to offer. (B, L)

Day 3: Banff

A scenic drive through Banff reveals powerful Bow Falls and picture-perfect Surprise Corner. Learn about Banff National Park at Cave and Basin National Historic Site, where a short tunnel brings you to the hot springs that sparked the creation of Canada's first national park. You'll then meet with a local ammolite specialist to learn about this rare colourful version of the gemstone found only in Alberta. Enjoy some free time to explore downtown

Banff this afternoon, or opt for a thrilling helicopter tour up to Mt. Assiniboine. Tonight, meet up with your travel companions for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Banff - Lake Louise - Revelstoke, British Columbia

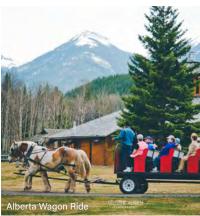
The famous glacier-fed, turquoise waters of Lake Louise are yours for admiring this morning. Perhaps you'll hike along the lakeshore or simply relax in the majesty of your surroundings. Enjoy lunch at the Ski Lake Louise Lodge before boarding the mountain gondola, which offers breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and Lake Louise from an elevation of more than 6,800 feet (2,088 meters). The stunning scenery continues on your way to the ski town of Revelstoke, where you'll pass through Yoho, Glacier & Revelstoke National Park. (B, L)

Day 5: Revelstoke - Kelowna

All aboard for a visit to the Revelstoke Railway Museum – an interactive museum that connects you to the history of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Continue on to fertile lands of the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia's most celebrated wine region. Taste the sweet fruits of the land with a visit to an Okanagan orchard, where you'll meet









up with a local farmer for a tour and a tasting of their seasonal produce. Arrive in Kelowna where you'll settle in for a 2-night stay by waters of Lake Okanagan. (B)

Day 6: Kelowna 😯

This morning, it's your choice! Learn the hidden history of Kelowna during a city walking tour with a local guide, uncovering the legend behind Kelowa's namesake, revisiting a turn-of-the-century love story for the ages, learning the entertaining history of the Kelowna Regatta and more -OR- join an indigenous First Nation knowledge keeper for a sensory walking tour on ancestral lands, revealing deeply rooted traditions and pointing out various medicinal plants. This afternoon is yours to explore downtown Kelowna before travelling to a local vineyard for a tour, tasting, and dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Kelowna - Vancouver

Head west for the dynamic seaport city of Vancouver. This diverse city features incredible food and a thriving arts scene. surrounded by the North Shore Mountains. This evening is yours to taste your way around the city and get to know your new destination. Perhaps you'll join an optional Chinatown tour with a local Chinese Canadian who will guide you around the neighbourhood's iconic landmarks and

herbal stores all while sharing the history of their community. End this tour with a traditional roasted Peking duck dinner. (B)

Day 8: Vancouver

A city tour of Vancouver begins this morning at beautiful Stanley Park, Canada's renowned urban rainforest. Continue onto Gastown - a turn-of-thecentury neighbourhood comprised of pubs, art galleries, boutiques, and a world-famous steam-powered clock. Visit the picturesque Granville Island Public Market and stroll through its fascinating stalls of handmade crafts and artisan food producers. Tonight, toast to the end of your journey at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Vancouver - Tour Ends Your tour through Western Canada comes to a close today. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL









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DOUBLE Starting at \$3899 Starting at \$5149

Prices based on October 6, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE May - October 2023

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

Our air passengers will arrive into Calgary and depart from Vancouver. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Lake Louise Gondola may not be available in early May and October. Operation of gondola is weather dependent. All rates in Canadian dollars.

> 66 Every single day was enjoyable. I loved learning about The Canadian and Pacific RR, as well as a tour with an Indigenous woman in Kelowna. 99

> > - Collette Traveller

THE BEST OF EASTERN CANADA

9 DAYS · 11 MEALS STARTING AT \$3599

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Toronto • Niagara-on-the-Lake

- Niagara Falls Thousand Islands

 Notice and Barks Ottown Overhood City
- National Park Ottawa Quebec City
- Montmorency Falls Maple Sugar
 Shack Montreal



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover Niagara-on-the-Lake with quaint local shops and a charming atmosphere.
- Admire some of the 1864 islands of the Thousand Islands National Park with a boat tour along St. Lawrence River.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 6 — Join a local guide and stroll the streets of Old Quebec City on foot -OR- embark on a panoramic coach tour to experience the beauty and history of both Old and New Quebec.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

- Savour breakfast at a local sugar shack nestled in the Quebec countryside.
- Enjoy an evening out and sample the local cuisine at a lovely restaurant on lle d'Orleans.



ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1, 2 Sheraton Centre, Toronto, ON
- Days 3, 4 Westin Ottawa or Delta Hotels by Marriott, Ottawa, ON
- **Days 5, 6** Delta Hotels by Marriott, Quebec City, QC
- Days 7, 8 Hotel Omni Mont Royal, Montreal, QC

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the old-world style of Quebec City to the power of Niagara Falls, say bienvenue to Eastern Canada.

Day 1: Toronto, Ontario - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in cosmopolitan Toronto, capital of Ontario and Canada's largest city. Enjoy spending the rest of your day discovering the city's multicultural neighbourhoods and sites before meeting your group in the morning.

Day 2: Toronto - Niagara Falls - Toronto

This morning travel to Niagara Falls, home to the awe-inspiring set of waterfalls nestled along the border between the United States and Canada. Embark on a boat cruise to the base of the Falls and witness the thundering water from upclose. Continue on to Niagara-on-the-Lake and take advantage of some free time to discover the "loveliest town in Canada." This evening, experience Toronto's culinary scene as you join your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Toronto - Ottawa

This morning depart Toronto for Rockport, gateway to the spectacular Thousand Islands National Park. Enjoy a memorable cruise through this unspoiled region, located along the St. Lawrence River. Then,

take in the surrounding landscape of Ontario as you set off for Ottawa, Canada's culturally rich capital. A seamless blend of French and Canadian customs, the city's dynamic energy will capture your spirit. (B)

Day 4: Ottawa

Get acquainted with Ottawa as you explore the city. Venture past the Prime Minister's residence, multiple embassies, and the impressive National Art Gallery. You'll also see the gothic parliament buildings and the Rideau Canal - which becomes the world's largest skating rink in wintertime. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you please. (B)

Day 5: Ottawa - Quebec City, Quebec

Say bonjour to Quebec City, the heart of Canada's French heritage. Enjoy free time in the late afternoon to explore the Old Town (UNESCO), strolling along picturesque cobblestone streets and 17th-century buildings. Sample local cuisine at a restaurant on Ile d'Orleans, a farmland island on the Saint Lawrence River. (B, D)







Day 6: Quebec City 😯

This morning, it's your choice! Join a local guide and stroll the streets of Old Quebec City on foot; see the Place Royale and listen to stories of days gone by in historic squares -OR- embark on a panoramic coach tour to experience the beauty and history of both Old and New Quebec; you'll see the stately Chateau Frontenac, the provincial Parliament, and the St. Louis Arch. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 7: Quebec City - Montreal

Begin your day with breakfast at a local sugar shack, situated in the heart of the Quebec countryside. Learn about the traditions of maple syrup-making and enjoy samples of delicious traditional foods. Before leaving, try a favourite regional treat - maple taffy on the snow! Next, enjoy a visit to the impressive Montmorency Falls and marvel at this natural wonder plunging 272 feet off the Canadian Shield, approximately 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls. Your journey continues to Montreal. From skyscrapers and cathedrals to rushing waterways and lush gardens, Montreal is a blend of all things old and

new. The evening is yours to continue exploring the city independently. (B)

Day 8: Montreal

Today, enjoy a fantastic sightseeing tour of Montreal highlighting Jacques Cartier Square and McGill University, among other spots. Your city tour will include a stop high atop Mount Royal from which the surrounding view is spectacular. Ascended by Jacques Cartier in 1535, Mount Royal is a small mountain in the city that gave its name to Montreal. Your tour will end in Old Montreal where the afternoon is yours to explore the city at leisure. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, D)

Day 9: Montreal - Tour Ends

Your journey draws to a close today. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You're confident walking 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains - from cobblestone streets to a few flights of stairs.

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 March - April 2023 May - October 2023

(featured itinerary)

(different itinerary - see note*)

*Itinerary featured is for May - October 2023 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

Our air passengers will arrive into Toronto and depart from Montreal. Airport transfers are available for purchase. All rates in Canadian dollars.

> 66 Collette did an outstanding job putting this trip together. The tour guide was awesome. 🤊

> > - Collette Traveller

MARITIMES COASTAL WONDERS

11 DAYS · 16 MEALS STARTING AT \$4599

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Halifax • Peggy's Cove • Mahone Bay

- Lunenburg
 Cape Breton Island
- Cabot Trail Prince Edward Island
- Anne of Green Gables Museum
- Hopewell Rocks Fundy Trail
- Grand Pre National Historic Site



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore interesting inventions at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum.
- Learn a few handy Gaelic phrases and join in the fun of a "milling frolic."



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 3 — Delve into the local heritage at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic -OR- take a locally guided walking tour to discover Lunenburg's unique architecture.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

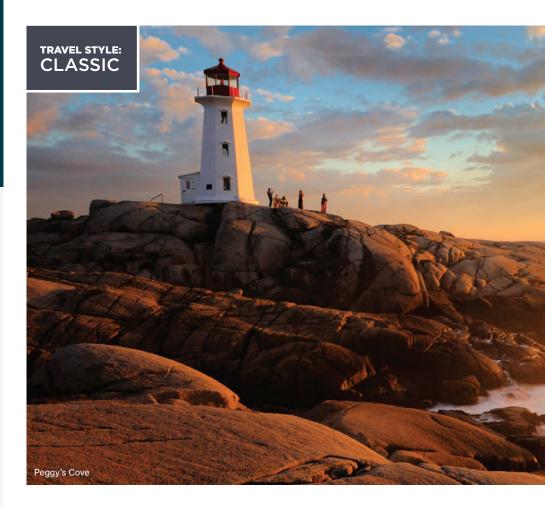
- Attend culinary "boot camp" for bragging rights on who cooks the best PFI mussels.
- Savour a traditional Maritimes lobster feast at the Fundy Trail.



ACCOMMODATIONS

- Days 1 -3 Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax, NS
- Days 4, 5 Inverary Inn Resort, Baddeck, NS
- Days 6, 7 The Holman Grand Hotel or Rodd, Charlottetown, PEI
- Days 8, 9 Hilton Saint John, Saint John,
- Day 10 Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax,

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the nautical beauty of Peggy's Cove to the rugged splendour of the Cabot Trail, the Maritimes will enchant you.

Day 1: Halifax, Nova Scotia - Tour Begins

Explore the picture-perfect region known as Canada's Maritime Provinces. Venture along its rugged and pristine beauty, all while getting to know its Acadian, Mi'kmaq, and Gaelic cultures. Settle into Halifax with a free evening before meeting your group in the morning.

Day 2: Halifax - Peggy's Cove - Halifax

Stunning landscapes await. Head to one of the most picturesque spots in all of Canada – Peggy's Cove. Set along the Atlantic coast, the cove is home to a historic lighthouse that offers incredible views of the surrounding area. Continue to Halifax, exploring its charming downtown on a tour highlighting the waterfront, Public Gardens, Spring Garden Road, and the famous Citadel. (B, D)

Day 3: Halifax - Mahone Bay - Lunenburg - Halifax ♥

Experience the small fishing village of Mahone Bay before travelling along the beautiful Lighthouse Route towards Lunenburg. Choose how you explore this town because **it's your choice!** Delve into the local heritage at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic **-OR-** embark on a locally guided walking tour to discover Lunenburg's unique architecture. End your day back in Halifax for an evening on your own. (B)

Day 4: Halifax - Cape Breton Island - Baddeck

Start your morning at the Millbrook Cultural and Heritage Centre to learn about the Mi'kmaq lineage and Glooscap legends. Travel the Canso Causeway on the way to stunning Cape Breton Island. You'll spend time at the Gaelic College, where you'll see a brief kilt-making demonstration and learn a few handy Gaelic phrases. Join in the fun of a "milling frolic," singing a Gaelic song and tapping to the rhythm. This evening, enjoy a dinner of local flavours and musical entertainment. (B, D)

Day 5: Baddeck - Cabot Trail - Baddeck

Set off for a full day exploration of the Cabot Trail. Fall in love with its rugged terrain and spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean. Visit the famed St. Peter's Church in Cheticamp. Enjoy a picnic lunch in Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Take in the quaint charms of nearby fishing communities along the coast, including the lovely Neil's Harbour. (B, L)

Day 6: Baddeck - Prince Edward Island

Explore the amazing range of inventions on display at the Alexander Graham Bell Museum. Afterward, take a short ferry ride to Prince Edward Island, the "Land Cradled on the Waves." Tonight, roll up your







sleeves and get ready for the ultimate island culinary experience in Charlottetown. Attend culinary "boot camp" where you'll compete for bragging rights to determine who cooks the best PEI mussels. (B, D)

Day 7: Prince Edward Island

Get to know the rolling landscapes of Prince Edward Island, the backdrop of the acclaimed novel, *Anne of Green Gables*. Arrive in Cavendish and view Prince Edward Island National Park's pristine beaches. Visit the Anne of Green Gables Museum to learn the craft of potato farming from a farmer, with a first-hand lesson on the island's leading agricultural industry. Return to Charlottetown with time to explore this fascinating city on your own. (B)

Day 8: Prince Edward Island - Saint John, New Brunswick

Leave Prince Edward Island behind as you cross the Confederation Bridge. Travel along the shoreline to the amazing Hopewell Rocks. A New Brunswick icon, these flowerpot-shaped rocks were carved by the Fundy tides and rise 4-stories high at low tide, only to disappear into tiny islands after the tide rolls back in. Continue to the city of Saint John where you'll enjoy a 2-night stay in the bustling waterfront area. (B)

Day 9: Saint John

Greet the awe-inspiring Fundy Trail early

this morning. Stop along the way to take in an endless stretch of breathtaking vistas. Sample authentic Maritimes dulse (seaweed) and fiddleheads, accompanied by traditional fiddle music. Savour a traditional Maritimes lobster feast at a restaurant on the world-famous Bay of Fundy, as an expert teaches you how to crack and eat lobster like a local. On your way back, gaze out your window at St. Martin's covered bridges. (B, L)

Day 10: Saint John - Halifax, Nova Scotia

Onboard a ferry for Nova Scotia, make a stop at the Grand-Pré National Historic Site. Uncover the complex history of the Acadian people. Continue on to Halifax and enjoy time for yourself before a farewell dinner, toasting to the end of your Maritimes journey. (B, D)

Day 11: Halifax - Tour Ends

Today you depart the Maritimes, taking home countless memories of this coastal wonderland. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







Walking for longer periods of time isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate uneven ground and climb into various modes of transportation.

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DOUBLE Starting at \$4599 SOLO Starting at \$5749

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Prices based on May 21, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 (different itinerary - see note*)

May - October 2023

(featured itinerary)

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REMOTE + RUSTIC ACCOMMODATIONS

In Baddeck and Charlottetown, you'll stay in remote locales which necessitate lodging in more rustic accommodations. Though the quality is not at our usual standards, the locations allow you to experience the rugged beaches and charming villages that truly reflect the Canadian Maritimes.

Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Halifax. Airport transfers are available for purchase. During your visit to Hopewell Rocks, the walk on the ocean floor may not be available based on the timing of the tides. All local culinary experiences listed in the itinerary may be substituted with a non-seafood alternative. Please note, if you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate tour. In order to experience the rugged beauty of this remote region, the day driving the Cabot Trail will be approximately 8 hours with comfort stops along the way. **All rates in Canadian dollars.**

66 I loved all aspects of the tour, scenery, fellowship with passengers, tour manager and bus driver. 99

- Collette Traveller

REFLECTIONS OF ITALY

10 DAYS · 12 MEALS STARTING AT \$3149

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HIGHLIGHTS

Rome • Vatican Museums • Sistine Chapel • St. Peter's Basilica • Assisi • Perugia • Cortona • Florence • Michelangelo's *David* • Chianti Winery & Cooking Class • Venice • Murano Island • Milan



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.
- Explore Cortona, the postcardworthy village that serves as the setting for *Under the Tuscan Sun*.
- Step to the front of the line to see Michelangelo's famous statue of David.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 9 — In Milan take in some of the city's iconic sights on a walking tour. View the La Scala Opera House and Vittorio Emanuele Gallery before visiting the Duomo – a Gothic cathedral that is the third largest in Europe -OR- join a local guide for a tour of the Quadrilatero della Moda, Milan's high-fashion district, including visits to some of the city's best ateliers and fashion stores.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 3 Dinners (D)

- Visit a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region.
- Enjoy a chef-led cooking class with lunch in a historic castle.
- Dine on regional delicacies and fine Italian wines.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome

Day 4 Sangallo Palace Hotel,

Perugia

Days 5, 6 Hotel Albani, Florence

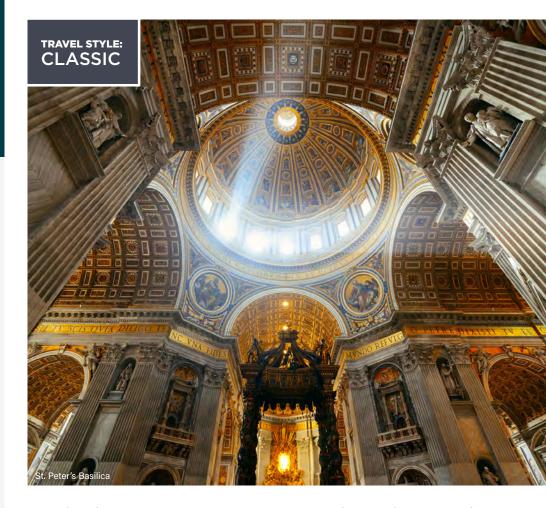
Days 7, 8 Hotel Carlton on the Grand

Canal, Venice

Day 9 UNAHOTELS Scandinavia Milano, Milan or Crowne Plaza Milan-Malpensa,

Malpensa

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: 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

Begin in Rome, the "Eternal City." This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner featuring regional specialties. (D)

Day 3: Rome - Vatican Museums - St. Peter's Basilica

On a locally guided tour of the Vatican Museums explore Papal palaces, halls and galleries housing priceless artifacts from ancient Egypt and Etruscan Italy, as well as statuary from classical Greece and Rome. Admire the Gallery of Maps and works by great Renaissance masters such as Perugino, Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, In the Sistine Chapel, marvel at Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling and brilliant Last Judgement. Next, wander through the towering columns of St. Peter's Basilica, a daring feat of human artistry and engineering. Admire the baroque spirals of Bernini's altar canopy and gaze up at Michelangelo's dome - still the tallest in the world. Later this afternoon, take in views of the River Tiber, the Circus Maximus and the Colosseum during a panoramic drive back to your hotel. The evening is yours. Perhaps you'll join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant,

indulging in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

Day 4: Rome - Assisi - Perugia

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. With free time to explore, consider wandering along the Piazza IV Novembre or visiting medieval palaces and ornate cathedrals. (B)

Day 5: Perugia - Cortona - Florence

Head through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills to the Etruscan city of Cortona. Perched on the side of a hill, take in the ornate facades and medieval architecture. Peek at the adjacent Lake Trasimeno, situated off in the distance. You might recognize the city as the charming setting for the book and film *Under the Tuscan Sun*. End your day in Florence – the "Cradle of the Renaissance" – and visit the world-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's *David*. (B)

Day 6: Florence - Optional Excursion

This morning, experience Florence's cultural treasures on a walking tour, passing by the



Duomo, the Baptistery, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Piazza della Signoria. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll join an after-hours tour of the 14th-century Certosa monastery, followed by dinner featuring local wines, Tuscan food, and live entertainment. (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 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 Po River Valley. 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 - Optional Excursion**

See Venice from the water and take a boat to Murano Island. At a glass-blowing demonstration, discover the secrets of this ancient art up-close and marvel at the one-of-a-kind designs. Make your way to the historic centre of Venice and see the Castello district with a local expert, End in St. Mark's Square, taking in the basilica and the ornate façade of the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is yours. Consider an optional tour featuring Venice's most famous pastime - a serenaded gondola ride. (B)

Day 9: Venice - Milan 😯

Travel to Milan. Then, it's your choice! Take in some of the city's iconic sights on a walking tour. View the La Scala Opera House and Vittorio Emanuele Gallery before visiting the Duomo - a Gothic cathedral that is the third largest in Europe -OR- join a local guide for a tour of the Quadrilatero della Moda, Milan's high-fashion district, including visits to some of the city's best ateliers and fashion stores. This evening, celebrate the end of an unforgettable trip with a farewell dinner at a popular local restaurant, featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. (B, D)

Day 10: Milan - Tour Ends

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

Optional 3 Night Taormina **Pre-Tour Extension** Starting at \$1170† pp



Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Sicily - an island paradise nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean.

Day 2: Taormina, Sicily - Tour Begins

Arrive in Taormina, a seaside hub of ancient Greek theaters and hilly walkways. Settle into your new home for a 3-night stay in this Sicilian gem perched high above the Mediterranean Sea. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant featuring regional delicacies. (D)

Day 3: Taormina - Walking Tour -**Afternoon at Leisure**

Uncover Taormina's charms with an expert local guide. During your walking tour, you'll see Corso Umberto, the Corvaja Palace, and the city's well-preserved Greek theatre. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled views of the ocean. Spend the afternoon exploring on your own. (B)

Day 4: Taormina - Mount Etna -**Taormina**

See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. Stare up at the iconic peak as your off-road vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks. Back in Taormina, enjoy an evening at leisure in this enchanting resort town. (B)

Day 5: Taormina - Rome

Say arrivederci to Taormina as you transfer to the Catania airport for your flight to Rome. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - May 2023 June 2023 - May 2024

(different itinerary - see note*)

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Effective for travel after November 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/. Our air passengers will arrive into Rome and depart from Milan. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Some departures may be accommodated in Malpensa, close to the International Airport when hotels in Milan city centre are unavailable due to citywide trade fairs. On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice. All included museum visit dates and times are subject to change based on availability of reservations. Due to the unpredictable nature of the events schedule at the Vatican, on certain dates it may be necessary to visit the Vatican Museums at a different time. For example, when the Vatican option falls on a Wednesday, the order of included and optional tours may be reversed in order to participate in all activities for that day. Most national museums in Florence, including the Uffizi Gallery and the Academy, are closed on Mondays. If the Academy Museum is featured in your itinerary on a Monday, reservations will be made to visit the museum on an alternative day. Please be advised that on occasion you may experience higher than average wait times for entering the Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica, the Academy Gallery Museum and the Duomo in Milan. Due to heightened security measures, it is forbidden to enter these sites and museums with handbags and backpacks larger than 40 x 35 x 15 cm. While cloakrooms are available they are not secured and in some instances such as the Vatican Museums, your tour group may not be exiting from the same area you entered. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The Optional 3 Night Taormina Extension is Hosted. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and

ITALIAN VISTAS

13 DAYS · 17 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4449

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Rome • Colosseum • Ruins of Pompeii • Sorrento • Florence • Statue of *David* • Leaning Tower of Pisa • Tuscan Winery • Venice • Murano Island • Verona • Lake Maggiore • Stresa



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Get an in-depth tour of the famous Colosseum.
- Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.
- Relish la dolce vita as you take in the view of the Bay of Naples from Sorrento's cliffs.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 6 Sail to the enchanting Isle of Capri. Admire the scenery on a panoramic cruise, before exploring Capri town -OR- journey along the Amalfi Coast for a morning at leisure in Positano -OR- linger in Sorrento and put your inner chef to work during a hands-on cooking class.
- Day 12 Take a boat to Isola Bella and enjoy a guided tour of the Borromeo Palace -OR- cross into Switzerland for a motor coach journey up the Simplon Pass to experience the Swiss Alps.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Savour traditionally produced macaroni during lunch at a familyowned pasta factory.
- Visit a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample local wines.
- Taste balsamic vinegar, olive oil and local wines at a family-run wine shop in Stresa.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 Mediterraneo Hotel or Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome

Days 5, 6 Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento

Days 7, 8 Grand Hotel Baglioni or Starhotels Michelangelo, Florence

Days 9, 10 NH Venezia Santa Lucia, Venice

Days 11, 12 Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa
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From the ancient ruins of Pompeii to the chic charm of the Sorrento Coast, embark on a spectacular Italian getaway.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

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

Discover the city on a locally guided tour of Classical Rome, passing by the Baths of Caracalla as well as the remains of the ancient Circus Maximus. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. Meander through Rome's Renaissance district for a peek at the mythic Pantheon and the oval-shaped Piazza Navona, adorned with Baroque fountains. This evening, consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's medieval Campo de' Fiori neighbourhood where the cobblestoned streets are lined with antique shops, independent boutiques and local restaurants. (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. Consider an optional trip to Vatican City to tour the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. The evening is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional food tour and taste your way around Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B)

Day 5: Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento

Journey to the brilliant Bay of Naples, where charming villages are built into hillsides above the blue sea. Soak in 2,000 years of history at the excavated ruins of Pompeii with a local guide. Pause in nearby Gragnano for a late lunch and visit to a family-owned pasta factory. Continue to the scenic resort town of Sorrento, your home for the next 2 nights. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon to explore the city independently. You may wish to visit the Duomo, a Romanesque cathedral with inlaid woodwork, a famous Sorrento craft. (B, L)

Day 6: Sorrento - Choice on Tour - Sorrento 🕜

Today, it's your choice! You have three tantalizing options today. Sail to the enchanting Isle of Capri. Upon arrival, admire the island's iconic scenery on a panoramic cruise, passing by the steep cliffs, endless small caves, and the famous Faraglioni rocks, jutting out of the water. Spend time in Capri town with its world-famous piazzetta and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation, and outdoor cafés -OR- journey along the Amalfi Coast for a morning at leisure in the colourful village of Positano, a maze of streets and stairways winding around pastel houses and draped in lush flowers. Perhaps you'll make your way to Positano's famous pebble beach, Marina Grande, offering a sweeping 'bottom to top' view of the village -OR- linger in Sorrento and put



your inner chef to work during a hands-on cooking class where you'll learn to cook Sorrento-style gnocchi and other Neapolitan specialties before enjoying the fruits of your labour for lunch, (B)

Day 7: Sorrento - Florence -Michelangelo's David

Head through Tuscany, with its landscape of vineyards and olive groves. Experience Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." Home to Italy's best art and architecture, here you'll visit the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's renowned sculpture of David. Tonight, enjoy regional Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Florence

Embark on a locally guided tour of Florence, highlighting the Piazza del Duomo and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery. Wander through the Piazza della Signoria and stand in awe before the imposing Palazzo Vecchio. The rest of the day is yours. Consider an optional excursion to the 14th century Certosa monastery, featuring an after-hours tour and dinner in a popular Tuscan restaurant. (B)

Day 9: Florence - Pisa - Venice

Visit the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa to discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli 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, cross the Apennine Mountains en route to Venice, where 117 islands are connected by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L)

Day 10: Venice - Murano Island -Venice

Embark on a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. When you return, step off the beaten path and see how the locals live. Explore the Castello district with a local expert, walking canal by canal through the narrow streets all the way to St. Mark's Square. Admire the stunning Basilica and the ornate facade of the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Consider an optional gondola cruise to experience Venice's most famous pastime. (B)

Day 11: Venice - Verona - Stresa, Lake Maggiore

Depart Venice for Verona, and 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 - Choice on Tour -Isola Dei Pescatori 🕜

Today, it's your choice! Take a boat across Lake Maggiore to Isola Bella, where you'll ioin an expert guide and venture into the Borromeo Palace -OR- cross into Switzerland as your motor coach climbs up the Simplon Pass for a taste of the Swiss Alps, admiring the Simplon Hospice dominating the landscape. Tonight, travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a farewell dinner surrounded by beautiful scenery. (B, D)

Day 13: Stresa - Tour Ends

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

FEATURED TOUR EXTENSIONS

TAORMINA 3-NIGHT PRE TOUR STARTING AT: \$1170+



† Additional air segment purchase required.

MILAN 3-NIGHT POST TOUR STARTING AT: \$715





TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL









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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

June 2023 - May 2024

(featured itinerary)

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The Optional 3 Night Taormina Extension is Hosted. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

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SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

12 DAYS · 16 MEALS STARTING AT \$4199

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HIGHLIGHTS

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



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stand in awe before the ancient Greek theatre in Taormina.
- Experience Mt. Etna Volcano National Park with a local expert.
- Tour a vineyard and cellar located in the badlands of Basilicata, Matera's region.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 5 Explore the cloisters of Monreale's cathedral, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic complex -OR- ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo.
- Day 9 Enjoy free time to explore Matera's scattered rock churches
 OR- head to Alberobello (UNESCO) and see the whimsical trulli homes.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in a delicious regional dinner inside a winery's agriturismo restaurant.
- Enjoy hors d'oeuvres with a countess during a visit to a medieval palace.
- Sample local specialties at a limoncello factory along the Sorrento Coast.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 NH Palermo, Palermo

Day 5 Baia di Ulisse, Agrigento ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE:

Enhance your experience at the Baia di Ulisse Hotel with an upgrade to a frontal Sea View room. CALL FOR DETAILS

Days 6, 7 UNA Hotel Naxos Beach Sicilia, Giardini Naxos

Days 8, 9 MH Matera Hotel, Matera

Days 10, 11 Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Journey through a crossroads of civilizations in Sicily and on to the spectacular coastlines of Southern Italy.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

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

Day 2: Palermo, Sicily - Tour Begins

Your Italian sojourn opens in Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Discover the city's vibrant culture as you take in its picturesque harbors, cobblestone piazzas, and captivating energy. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring authentic Sicilian cuisine. (D)

Day 3: Palermo

Get to know "Palermo in a Nutshell" and discover the city's Moorish, Norman, and Spanish architecture on a walking tour. Explore the Kalsa district – home to Mafia legends and lush gardens – before continuing your walk through Palermo's famous landmarks such as Fontana Pretoria, the Quattro Canti, and the Cathedral. This evening visit a medieval palace, where a countess guides you through her family's home and joins you for an aperitif and hors d'oeuvres. (B)

Day 4: Palermo

Decide how you spend your day in the Sicilian capital. Perhaps you'll peruse the open-air markets, visit one of Palermo's art galleries, or relax in an outdoor café. Or you might venture further afield and join a full day optional excursion to medieval

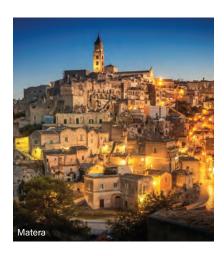
Cefalù (UNESCO). Tour this seaside town with a local guide before visiting a nearby farm for a ricotta cheese demonstration and farm-to-table dinner, made with family recipes. (B)

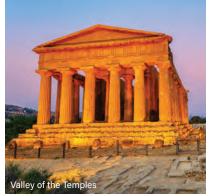
Day 5: Palermo - Monreale - Agrigento - Valley of the Temples ♥ Visit the nearby hilltop town of Monreale

(UNESCO), ascending on foot to its 12th-century cathedral for a guided tour of its majestic Byzantine mosaics. Then, **it's your choice!**Explore the cathedral's cloisters, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic complex **-OR-** ascend the southern tower to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo. Travel to the town of Agrigento. Upon arrival, explore the stunning Valley of the Temples (UNESCO), one of the world's most esteemed archaeological sites, and get an up-close view of the temples of Juno, Concordia, and Hercules. (B, D)

Day 6: Agrigento - Taormina - Giardini Naxos

Journey east to Sicily's Ionian Coast. En route, discover beautiful Taormina, home to ancient relics, rocky hills, and charming gardens. With an expert local guide, you'll stroll the lively pedestrian-only main street, the Corso Umberto, see the imposing Corvaja Palace, and the city's well-preserved Greek theatre. Later this afternoon, continue on to Giardini Naxos for your 2-night stay. (B, D)





Day 7: Giardini Naxos - Mt. Etna -**Giardini Naxos**

This morning, set out for Mt. Etna Volcano National Park (UNESCO) where a local expert introduces you to the park's spectacular landscapes sculpted by nature. This afternoon, enjoy free time in Giardini Naxos to relax in this seaside resort. Or perhaps you'll join an optional tour to charming Savoca. This historic hill-top village was one of the filming locations for the classic 1972 movie The Godfather. Then let traditional Sicilian melodies fill the air as you savour a traditional Sicilian dinner before returning to Giardini Naxos. (B)

Day 8: Giardini Naxos - Matera

Take a short ferry ride to Villa San Giovanni, located on Italy's mainland. Pass through the unspoiled region of Calabria to the Basilicata region. Wander through the

twisting vines of a local winery before touring the cellar for a tasting. Linger over regional cuisine at dinner in the winery's agriturismo restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Matera 😗

Explore the Sassi di Matera (UNESCO), an ancient settlement of carved cave dwellings. A local guide shares the history and explains why film producers are seeking out this unique landscape. Visit a local shop and get a taste of regional specialties. This afternoon decide how you explore because it's your choice! Discover more of Matera with a guided tour of an underground cistern followed by free time to browse the city's stores and cave churches -OR- head to Alberobello (UNESCO) and marvel at the town's whimsical trulli homes, known for their distinct, cone-shaped roofs. (B, D)

Day 10: Matera - Pompeii -Sorrento

This morning, experience the extraordinary excavated ruins of Pompeii (UNESCO). A local guide gives you an in-depth look into this 2,000-year-old Roman town, nestled in the foothills of Mount Vesuvius. Step into another time as you explore its preserved buildings and imagine life in the 1st century. End your day in Sorrento, and settle in for a 2-night stay. Discover this charming seaside resort town and learn about the local tradition of wood marquetry. (B)

Day 11: Sorrento - Amalfi Coast **Drive - Sorrento**

This morning, take in the sights and colours as you wind your way along the breathtaking Amalfi Coast (UNESCO). Gaze out over the deep blue hues of the sea paired with the bright citrus fruits lining the hillsides. Pause to sample regional, lemonbased specialties at a limoncello factory. before returning to Sorrento for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, celebrate the end of your journey with a delightful farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 12: Sorrento - Tour Ends

Say arrivederci to Italy as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

FEATURED TOUR EXTENSIONS

ROME 3-NIGHT PRE TOUR STARTING AT: \$1430+



† Additional air segment purchase required.

SORRENTO & ISLE OF CAPRI 2-NIGHT POST TOUR STARTING AT: \$910





TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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Prices based on June 23, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

June - September 2023

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ALSO AVAILABLE



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Enjoy an additional night in Rome and varied inclusions on seasonal departures.

DATES AVAILABLE OCTOBER 2022 - MAY 2023 SEPTEMBER 2023 - MAY 2024

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ROME & THE AMALFI COAST

10 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT \$3549

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HIGHLIGHTS

Rome • Trevi Fountain • Pantheon Piazza Navona - Colosseum -Montecassino • Amalfi Coast • Minori • Sorrento • Farmhouse lunch and Mozzarella-making demonstration • Pompeii • Winery Visit



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover the mountaintop monastery of Montecassino and its role in World War II.
- Tour a family-run farm on the Sorrento Coast and learn how they make mozzarella cheese by hand.
- · Enjoy free time to explore Amalfi, a historic trading hub along its namesake coast.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 9 - Join a local guide for an indepth tour of Pompeii's best-known monuments -OR- venture further to discover the hidden corners of this vast archeological site.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 3 Dinners (D)

- · Sample local specialties at a familyowned limoncello factory in Minori.
- Enjoy a tasting and lunch at a local winery at the foot of Mount Vesuvius.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1

Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 Hotel Imperial, Rome

Days 5 - 9 Hotel Raito, Vietri-sul Mare, Amalfi Coast, or MGallery Habita79 Hotel, Pompeii

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: Enhance your experience at the Hotel Raito with a Deluxe Sea-View room upgrade. CALL FOR DETAILS

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the legendary Colosseum to the rocky cliffs of the Amalfi Coast, take in the best of southern Italy.

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

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

On a locally guided tour of Classical Rome, discover famous sights such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Piazza Navona. Recount the rich history of the Colosseum on an in-depth visit with a guide, walking in the footsteps of former gladiators. The evening is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional food tour dinner and taste your way around Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B)

Day 4: Rome

Make the most of a free day in Italy's capital city. Perhaps you will join an optional tour in the morning to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, visiting the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of the Last Judgment. In the afternoon, consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's medieval Campo de' Fiori district. (B)

Day 5: Rome - Montecassino - Amalfi

Journey to the Amalfi Coast, an iconic coastline of rocky beaches and towering cliffs. En route, make a stop at the Benedictine monastery of

Montecassino, perched on a mountaintop that played a pivotal role in World War II. Discover its history while exploring the monastery's ornate chapel, courtyards, and museum. In the afternoon, settle into the Amalfi Coast, your new home for the next 5 nights. (B, D)

Day 6: Amalfi Coast - Sorrento -**Farmhouse Lunch - Amalfi Coast**

Begin your day exploring the charming resort town of Sorrento. Wander through the narrow streets of the city centre, perhaps exploring the peaceful courtvard of St. Francis Church or sampling some gelato made with local lemons. Visit a local farm and see how traditional mozzarella cheese is made by hand. Get a taste of the product at a farm-to-table lunch before returning to your hotel in the late afternoon. (B, L)

Day 7: Amalfi Coast - Amalfi - Minori -**Amalfi Coast**

Drive along the stunning Amalfi Coast, pausing for a peek of Positano with its pastel-coloured houses and pebbly beaches. Spend time in the town of Amalfi. A former trading hub, Amalfi is now a quiet coastal town of historic landmarks and a black-and-white marble cathedral. Explore on your own before continuing to Minori, where you'll get to sample local specialties at a familyowned limoncello factory. Savour a traditional Italian afternoon break at a local café and pastry shop before an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Amalfi Coast

Enjoy a day at leisure to take in the relaxing

beauty of the Amalfi Coast. Perhaps you will embark on an optional boat trip (weather permitting) to the Mediterranean isle of Capri, where you'll enjoy a scenic island cruise and a locally guided tour before setting out on your own adventure. (B)

Day 9: Amalfi Coast - Pompeii -Winery - Amalfi Coast 😯

This morning experience the eerily preserved ruins of Pompeii your way, because it's your choice! Join a local guide for an in-depth tour of Pompeii's best-known monuments: the excavated ruins of the Forum, the thermal baths and the Sanctuary of Apollo -OR- venture further to discover the hidden corners of this vast archeological site, such as the vibrant frescoes of the Suburban Baths and the once bustling thermopoli (taverns). At the foothills of Mount Vesuvius, stop at a local winery to savour the famous Lacryma Christi wines and enjoy a typical Neapolitan lunch. After some free time, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner and bid salute to the end of your Italian getaway. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Amalfi Coast - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL









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Optional 3 Night Florence **Pre-Tour Extension** Starting at \$1105 pp



Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to Florence, the 'cradle of the Renaissance.

Day 2: Florence, Italy - Tour Begins Get settled into Florence for your 3-night stay.

Day 3: Florence

Start your morning with a locally guided walking tour of Florence's cultural treasures, passing by the Duomo, the Baptistery, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Piazza della

Signoria. The afternoon is yours to browse the shops of via Tornabuoni, or perhaps visit one of the city's great museums such as the Uffizi or the Accademia, which houses Michelangelo's statue of David. (B)

Day 4: Florence

Explore Florence's bohemian Oltrarno district during a guided walking tour of the city's Left Bank. Here, the last craftsmen, the market stalls, the gardens and churches, the typical restaurants and cafés still move at the gentle rhythm of everyday life, away from the hustle and bustle of Florence's famous monuments. The Oltrarno was so dear to the Medici family -Florence's great rulers - that they made it their home by establishing themselves in the Pitti Palace. The remainder of the day is yours to explore more of Florence. (B)

Day 5: Florence - Rome

Your Florentine sojourn comes to a close today. Say Arrivederci! as you transfer to Rome by high-speed train to begin your tour. (B)

Most museums in Florence are closed on Mondays, including the Academy Gallery and the Uffizi, as are other state museums. Most state museums in Florence require reservations to access. In order to avoid standing in long lines, we suggest you reserve your ticket online prior to departure if you plan to visit the Academy Gallery or the Uffizi during your free time in Florence. Porterage is not available at the Florence and Rome train stations. You must be able to handle your luggage on and off the trains, including 2 steps to lift the luggage onto your assigned carriage as there is no checked luggage service available on Italian

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June 2023 - May 2024

(different itinerary - see note*)

(featured itinerary)

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Optional Extension Notes:

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Optional 2 Night Matera **Post-Tour Extension** Starting at \$910 pp



Day 10: Amalfi Coast - Matera

Traverse the pastoral landscapes of Campania and Basilicata regions en route to Matera (UNESCO). Get settled into your hotel for your 2-night stay in this ancient city, whose inimitable scenery has been featured in blockbuster films. This afternoon, join a local expert and hike into Matera's 9,000-year-old history on a guided walking tour along its hillside caves, known to locals

as the Sassi. Meander through the old town's cave dwellings carved out of the hill to which the Old Town clings. Then, visit the Palombaro Lungo water cistern to learn more about Matera's underground water management system before stopping at a local shop for a taste of regional specialties. The evening is yours to explore more of Matera, taking advantage of your hotel located in the cave-dwelling neighbourhood of this ancient city.

Day 11: Matera

The day is yours to explore. Perhaps you'll visit Matera's National Archeological Museum guarding artifacts dating back from the Neolithic and Bronze Ages. Explore Matera's prehistoric and medieval heritage on a hike through the surrounding countryside and rock churches or simply relax at a local café. (B)

Day 12: Matera - Extension Ends

Bid arrivederci to Matera as you transfer to Bari airport for your flight home. (B)

ITALY'S TREASURES

12 DAYS · 17 MEALS

STARTING AT \$4449

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HIGHLIGHTS

Italian Lakes Region • Stresa • Wine
Tasting • Italian Riviera • Cinque Terre
• Carrara Marble Quarries Off-Road
Excursion • Tuscan Countryside • Italian
Cooking Class • San Gimignano • Siena
• Florence • Bologna • Venice



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Lake Orta, one of Italy's hidden treasures.
- Discover colourful Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Explore the marble quarries of Carrara aboard off-road vehicles.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Journey by boat to Isola dei Pescatori for a lovely welcome dinner.
- Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlor in San Gimignano.
- Learn the art behind Tuscan cuisine during a hands-on cooking lesson.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: Enhance your experience at the Regina Palace Hotel with an upgrade to a lake view room.

CALL FOR DETAILS

Days 4, 5 Grand Hotel dei Castelli, Grande Albergo or Hotel Due Mari, Sestri Levante, Italian Riviera

Days 6 - 9 Villa Lecchi, Villa San Lucchese or Villa San Paolo, Tuscany

Days 10, 11 Hotel Ca' dei Conti, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel along breathtaking landscapes and venture into metropolitan meccas ripe with culture and history. Discover Italy on an unforgettable journey that delves into its most cherished treasures.

Day 2: Stresa, Italy - Tour Begins

Begin on the arresting shores of Lake Maggiore, surrounded by the peaceful beauty of the Alpine lakes region. This evening, cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands, where you'll engage with new friends at a dinner welcoming you to Italy. (D)

Day 3: Stresa

In an ancient village nestled in the mountains, a local family welcomes you to sample their very own artisanal cheeses, paired with the region's best wines. The remainder of the day in Stresa is at your leisure. Explore the piazzas, flower-lined cobblestone streets, and lakeside promenades. Or enjoy your breathtaking surroundings during an optional cruise to Isola Bella, known as the "beautiful island." Here an expert will guide you into the Borromeo Palace, a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an exotic garden. As the day draws to a close, visit a family-run wine shop

and enjoy a cocktail party with some antipasto snacks. (B)

Day 4: Stresa - Orta - Italian Riviera

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

Day 5: Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre - Italian Riviera

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

Day 6: Italian Riviera - Carrara Marble Quarries - Tuscany

Veer off the beaten path to visit one of Italy's great natural wonders: the Carrara marble quarries. During an off-road drive in the Apuane Mountains, you'll follow the roads the *cavatori* (quarrymen) carved into the mountains while





extracting the precious stone. Over the centuries, Carrara marble was used by artists such as Michelangelo to carve his Pietà in Rome's St. Peter's Basilica, as well as his legendary Statue of David. Enjoy some free time to explore Carrara's old town on your own; view the town's cathedral, the Duomo, built in white marble, or search for Michelangelo's bust marking his former home. Continue on through the rolling hills of Tuscany, ending the day in a historic Tuscan villa for a rejuvenating 4-night stay. (B, D)

Day 7: Tuscany - San Gimignano -**Tuscany**

This morning, journey into the heart of the Chianti countryside, where a familyowned villa welcomes you. After a tour of the house and grounds, you'll engage in a hands-on cooking lesson. Break bread during an authentic Tuscan lunch and toast to your host with local Chianti wine. Later, take in Tuscany's landscape, a spectrum of verdant vineyards and endless groves en route to San Gimignano. Nicknamed the Manhattan of the Middle Ages, San Gimignano's 14 towers soar distinctively over the landscape making this iconic hilltop village stand out against the rolling hills. Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlor while you

wander the cobbled streets and gaze up at the imposing towers during time at leisure in this Tuscan gem. (B, L)

Day 8: Tuscany - Siena - Tuscany

Travel south to Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage site where stunning Romanesque and Gothic architecture can be found on every corner. Walk the narrow medieval streets on a guided tour. Get to know the local lifestyle of a contrada (neighbourhood) whose community Museum is centered around the colourful Palio horse race. Retreat to your Tuscan villa for a relaxing afternoon. (B, D)

Day 9: Tuscany - Florence -Tuscanv

Welcome to Florence - the birthplace of the Renaissance and the beloved home of the Medici family, Galileo, Botticelli and da Vinci. Set out on a walking tour of Florence's treasures and monuments, highlighting the Piazza del Duomo and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery. You'll also wander past the Palazzo Vecchio, the Signoria and Santa Croce squares. Enjoy time to explore Florence independently before returning to your villa. (B)

Day 10: Tuscany - Bologna -Venice

On a walking tour, discover the culture of Bologna, a city barely changed since the time of the Renaissance and Italy's food capital. Browse the city's specialty food shops and sample local delicacies such as Parmigiano cheese, mortadella - the Italian progenitor of baloney - and lasagna. Arrive later in Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic," and settle in for a 2-night stay in one of the most romantic cities in the world. (B, L)

Day 11: Venice

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

Day 12: Venice - Tour Ends Wake up in Venice and depart for home.



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TUSCAN & UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

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HIGHLIGHTS

Rome • Orvieto • Spoleto • Olive Oil Mill • Cooking Class • Assisi • Home-Hosted

- Lunch Winery Pienza Orcia Valley Bagno Vignoni Pecorino Cheese Farm
- Siena Florence San Gimignano



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Take a hands-on cooking class in a 12th-century abbey.
- Behold the unique water-filled piazza in the village of Bagno Vignoni.
- Enjoy 3 nights in a restored Tuscan villa.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 10 — Join a local truffle hunter on a hunt for mushrooms and sample the goods yourself -ORtake to the countryside on an ATV adventure, followed with a taste of truffle bruschetta.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

- Experience a home-cooked meal in one of Umbria's country homes.
- Sample pecorino sheep-milk cheese at a local farm in the Orcia Valley.
- Savour the famous Brunello red wine during a musical tasting at a winery in Montalcino.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Day 2 Hotel Kolbe or Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome

Days 3 - 5 Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca, Trevi, or Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto, Umbria

Days 6, 7 Hotel Corsignano, Pienza, Tuscany

Days 8 - 10 Villa San Lucchese Hotel, Northern Tuscany Countryside or Villa Casa Grande Hotel, Figline, Northern Tuscany, Tuscany

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On a journey through the less-traveled country roads of Umbria and Tuscany, discover another side to the Italy you love.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

On a journey through Italy's roads less traveled, discover its endless treasures from Rome to Umbria to Tuscany, and the marvels of wine, cuisine, culture, and history in between.

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Italy's dynamic capital city beckons. Get a taste of the local culture and start your journey at a delicious welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Rome - Orvieto - Umbria

Olive and cypress trees accent the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto. Stroll the historic streets with a local expert and visit the prominent Gothic cathedral to gaze at a remarkable Signorelli fresco. Continue to discover Orvieto on your own this afternoon. Eat, drink, and disappear into the local scene before taking in the splendours of country life in a pristine Umbrian hill town, your home for the next 3 nights. (B, D)

Day 4: Umbria - Spoleto - Olive Oil Mill - Umbria

Medieval palaces command the foreground of ancient Spoleto. Embark on a walking tour to see centuries of architectural history, from the Ponte delle Torri aqueduct to the gilded elegance of the Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta. Explore more of Spoleto on your own before learning about olive oil at a family-run *frantoio* (olive presser). Venture into a local restaurant in the Nera Valley, where you'll enjoy a cooking class in a former 12th-century abbey. Dig in to your handcrafted meal for dinner. (B, D)

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

Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Set out on a walking tour with a local guide, learning about its history as you stroll the medieval streets. Visit the famous Basilica of St. Francis. Later, a local family welcomes you to their country home for lunch as their honoured guest. Share stories and make an Umbrian friend (or two). (B, L)

Day 6: Umbria - Pecorino Cheese Farm - Orcia Valley - Pienza

Leave Umbria for the villages of Tuscany, nestled among the rolling hills and cypress trees of the Val d'Orcia region (UNESCO). Taste the flavours of the region at a local pecorino cheese farm. Snack on some of the cheesemaker's creations and take in the views of the sparse farmhouses and open fields on your way to Pienza (UNESCO), a Renaissance village where flowers and plants adorn the cobblestoned streets. (B. L)



Day 7: Pienza - Bagno Vignoni - Brunello di Montalcino Winery -Pienza

Traverse the Tuscan countryside to the unique hamlet of Bagno Vignoni, whose central piazza is filled with thermal water once used to cure pilgrims who stopped here on their way to Rome. Then explore hilltop Montalcino, namesake to one of Italy's great red wines, the Brunello. Tour a winery's estate and cellar before indulging in a multi-sensory tasting, pairing wine with music. Back in Pienza for the evening, maybe you'll explore the countryside along one of the many white roads that cut through the farmland. (B)

Day 8: Pienza - Siena - Chianti Region

Take a guided walking tour through Siena, delving into the local history as you learn about the world-renowned Palio Horse Race. Enjoy free time to explore more of this hilly town, perhaps visiting its cathedral or the town hall's frescoes. An afternoon drive through Tuscany's Chianti Region takes you to the restored Tuscan villa where your hotel is located. (B)

Day 9: Chianti Region - Florence -**Chianti Region**

Explore Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance," with a local expert on foot. Wander along the glittering storefronts on the Ponte Vecchio, where gold shops adorn the only Florentine bridge to survive WWII. You'll also take in the Palazzo Vecchio, the Piazza della Signoria, and Santa Croce. Take some time on your own to explore the city's seemingly endless treasures, both historic and modern. Return to your Tuscan villa in the evening. (B)

Day 10: Chianti Region - San Gimignano - Chianti Region 😯

Choose how to explore Tuscan landscape because it's your choice! Join a local truffle hunter in search of the elusive mushroom and sample the goods yourself -OR- take to the countryside on an ATV

adventure along winding dirt roads, followed with a taste of truffle bruschetta. Spend your afternoon in San Gimignano, whose beautiful 13th-century medieval towers stand tall over the surrounding vineyards. As the sun begins to set, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner of Tuscan specialties. (B, D)

Day 11: Chianti Region - Tour Ends Your journey through Tuscany and Umbria comes to a close today in your restored Tuscan villa. (B)

Optional 2 Night Rome **Pre-Tour Extension** Starting at \$1170 pp



Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to the eternal city of

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Enjoy time to get settled into your hotel and acquaint yourself with the area on your own. Perhaps you'll explore the nearby neighbourhood of Trastevere, Rome's medieval heart.

Day 3: Rome - Market & Food Tour -**Vatican Museums**

Start your morning with a stroll in Rome's ultra-local Testaccio neighbourhood. Soak up the lively atmosphere—with home-makers stocking up in local delis, market workers stopping for a quick espresso at a corner café, retirees soaking up the sun on the benches of a nearby piazza. Taste your way through Rome's beloved Testaccio farmers' market before pausing at a local trattoria restaurant for a dish of pasta and a glass of wine. After some time to experience Rome on your own, you'll join special 'after hours' visit to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, including a welcome drink in the Vatican Museums. With significantly less crowds, this time of day allows for a far more relaxed and enjoyable experience. (B, L)

Day 4: Rome - Optional Excursion

Make the most of a free day in Italy's capital city. Consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's streets all the way to the top of the Spanish Steps for a view over the rooftops. Perhaps you'll set out to delve into Rome's classical heritage with an optional tour to the Colosseum and Roman Forum, or wander around the city on your own and toss a good luck coin into the Trevi Fountain. In the early evening, meet with your fellow travellers to start off your exploration of the Tuscan and Umbrian countryside, (B)



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HIGHLIGHTS

Naples • Impact Moment • Pompeii •
Wine Tasting • Minori • Amalfi •
Positano • Ravello • Eboli • Matera •
Grottaglie • Lecce • Tarantella Folk
Music & Dance Performance • Ostuni •
Ape Calessino Tour • Alberobello



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Zoom through Ostuni like a local in the backseat of a 3-wheeled Ape Calessino car.
- In Matera, spend 2 nights in a unique cave-dwelling accommodation.
- Impact Moment: Discover traditional Neapolitan songs and music during a private performance at a local social enterprise.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 9 — Work with your hands at a bread-making class -OR- explore Matera's prehistoric heritage on a hike through the countryside and rock churches.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Sample wines just outside of Pompeii, created from the volcanic countryside.
- Make your way through Lecce's city centre with a multi-stop dinner.
- Gaze out at the deep blue Bay of Naples and looming Mt. Vesuvius as you dine on regional specialties.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Royal Continental Hotel, Naples

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Days 4 - 7 Hotel Villa Romana, Minori, Amalfi Coast

Days 8, 9 Locanda di San Martino Hotel, Matera

Days 10, 11 Santa Chiara Suite Hotel, Lecce, Puglia

Days 12, 13 Trulli Holiday Albergo Diffuso, Alberobello, Puglia

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Stray off the beaten path and explore a new side to the Italy you know and love.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

In a country of renowned cuisine, iconic coastlines, and ancient roots, stray off the beaten path and explore a new side of the Italy you know and love. Make your way through southern Italy and experience the Amalfi Coast and the Puglia region.

Day 2: Naples, Italy - Tour Begins

Begin in Naples, a vibrant mecca for locals and travellers alike. Settle into your new home for the next 2 nights and admire the view of crashing waves and bobbing boats. Toast to the start of your Italian getaway over dinner, looking out over the deep blue Bay of Naples to Mt. Vesuvius looming in the distance. (D)

Day 3: Naples

Explore Naples' exhuberant historic city centre (UNESCO) and underground ancient ruins with a local guide. Visit the Sansevero Chapel, home to the Veiled Christ statue, rumoured to be created by alchemy due to its carved flowing cloth. During your afternoon at leisure, consider visiting the nearby National Archeological Museum and peruse relics from Pompeii. Tonight's Impact Moment comes in the form of a private concert, performed by the Napulitanata social enterprise, which supports Italian heritage and abates the city's high unemployment. (B)

Day 4: Naples - Pompeii - Minori

Feel the ghosts of the past as you wander through Pompeii with a guide. After you've explored the public baths and private villas, get a new perspective on the volcanic countryside with a visit to a nearby winery. Layers of ash have transformed the timeworn soil into a fertile vineyard. Enjoy a wine tasting with lunch before continuing to the beloved Amalfi Coast. Watch the sun fade along the horizon in coastal Minori, your new home for the next 4 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Minori - Maiori - Minori

A fishing village of terraced lemon groves, Minori exudes the quintessential Amalfitana vibe. Start your morning in a garden and learn about sfusato lemons, used in limoncello. Sample this fragrant liqueur in a pastry shop before hiking along the coast. You'll trek the rugged Path of Lemons - an ancient, hilly route that links Minori with the nearby town Maiori. Explore on your own before returning by boat. The remainder of the day is yours. (B)

Day 6: Minori - Amalfi - Positano - Minori Journey by boat to Amalfi, the rocky coast's namesake town. Formerly a maritime republic, Amalfi puts a historic spin on the seaside hubs, containing cobblestone piazzas and towering mosaicked cathedrals. After a few hours on your own, ferry past tumbling cliffs and pastel-coloured





houses on your way to Positano. Enjoy a free afternoon in this resort town, perhaps browsing the posh boutiques or resting along the beach. Return to Minori by ferry. (B)

Day 7: Minori - Ravello - Minori

Look down upon the Amalfi Coast from Ravello, a picturesque village with the best vantage point of the winding coastline. Visit the gardens of Villa Rufolo, making your way through a latticework of hedges and flowers to gaze out at the azure waves below. Take advantage of free time on your own. Perhaps you'll hike the half-mile trail down to the gardens of Villa Cimbrone before returning to Minori in the afternoon. (B, D)

Day 8: Minori - Eboli - Matera

Start your morning in Eboli and glimpse into the area's war-stricken past at the Museum of Operation Avalanche. Continue south to Matera (UNESCO), whose inimitable scenery has been featured in blockbuster films. Walk in the footsteps of ancient ancestors and experience the town's cave dwellings, your home for the next 2 nights. Each cave is unique, half-excavated and half-carved from the land. In these unparalleled accommodations, connect with the Italian landscape like never before. (B)

Day 9: Matera 😯

Hike into Matera's 9,000-year-old history on a guided walking tour along its hillside caves, known to locals as the Sassi. After some time to explore, it's your choice! Work with your hands at a bread-making class and learn about how the community comes together over food -OR- explore Matera's prehistoric and medieval heritage on a hike through the surrounding countryside and rock churches. The evening is yours. (B)

Day 10: Matera - Grottaglie - Lecce

Cross into the Puglia region and spend time in the town of Grottaglie, famous for its ceramic workshops. Stroll by the multicoloured artisan shops before continuing to Lecce, a Baroque powerhouse of limestone. Get to know the city with a local expert and take in its iconic architecture and papier-mâché craftsmanship. Dine your way around Lecce in the evening with a multi-stop dinner in the city centre. (B, D)

Day 11: Lecce

The day is yours. Lose yourself in the city's charismatic ambience - full of winding lanes, sun-kissed piazzas, and hidden cafes. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to Otranto and a nearby winery, featuring a tasting of wine from the region's dark-purple grapes. No matter how you spend the day, reconvene in the evening for a private folk music and dance performance, highlighting the traditional pizzica e taranta. According to legend, spider bites cause the women to dance with feverish energy. (B)

Day 12: Lecce - Ostuni - Alberobello

Stop in Ostuni, a whitewashed town surrounded by olive trees. Zoom through the town like a local in the backseat of an open-air Ape Calessino, a traditional 3-wheeled car. Enjoy time on your own before arriving in Alberobello. Make your way to your personal room, a converted house that will serve as your home for the next 2 nights. Make the most of a free evening to independently explore. (B)

Day 13: Alberobello

Say buongiorno to Alberobello (UNESCO), a whimsical city that hosts a collection of cone-shaped trulli homes. Meander through a labyrinth of these gnomish houses, sometimes featuring symbols with superstitious connotations. As the day draws to a close, wish Italy goodbye at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Alberobello - Tour Ends

Depart for home with treasured memories of rocky shores and cobblestone streets. (B)



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HIGHLIGHTS

Venice • Gondola Ride • Classical
Music Concert • Po River Delta Wetlands
Sailing • Republic of San Marino •
Impact Moment: Culinary Arts &
Agriculture Vocational School Visit •
Florence • Chiusi Etruscan Museum •
Labyrinth of Porsenna • Rome •
Trastevere Food Tour Dinner



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover the craftsmanship behind the Venetian gondolas during a visit to a local Remèr oar-making workshop.
- Enjoy classical music during a concert of Vivaldi's famous Four Seasons.
- Explore the Po River Delta during a pontoon boat sailing of this UNESCO wetland region.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 5 Relax at your hotel with a wine-infused mud treatment -ORspend the day in Ravenna for a guided tour of its mosaics (UNESCO).
- Day 10 Explore Rome on a walking tour of its Renaissance and Baroque masterpieces -OR- search for the vestiges of the Empire during a tour featuring the Catacombs.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Participate in a hands-on cooking class dedicated to Romagna's garganelli and strozzapreti pastas.
- Taste traditionally made Parmigiano cheese and Balsamic vinegar at a Culinary Arts vocational school.
- Experience the flavours of *Trastevere* Rome's medieval district during a food tour dinner.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Maison Venezia UNA Esperienze or Hotel NH Venezia Rio Novo, Venice

Days 4 - 6 Borgo Conde Wine Resort, Forli, Romagna Countryside

Days 7, 8 Grand Hotel Cavour, Florence

Days 9 - 11 Ponte Sisto Hotel, Rome

TRAVEL STYLE:
SMALL GROUP
EXPLORATIONS



Be whisked away into the beauty and history of Italy when you journey to Venice, Florence, and Rome.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Join us for a fabulous Italian adventure featuring the magic of Venice, Florence and Rome. Journey to the wine-producing Romagna countryside for a 3-night stay in a wine resort, and visit the Republic of San Marino, an enclave state of Italy. Come along with us and embrace the history, culture, art and romance of this incredible country.

Day 2: Venice, Italy - Tour Begins

Welcome to enchanting Venice (UNESCO) with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. This evening, meet your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Venice - Gondola Ride - Classical Music Concert

This morning, explore the traditional Venetian craftsmanship behind one of the city's symbols: the sleek, iconic gondola boats. Visit a local *Remèr* oar-making workshop, one of only a handful still active in the city. Then, join a local guide for a walking tour of Venice's most iconic sights. Pause for the perfect view over the Bridge of Sighs and take in St. Mark's Square, adorned with marbled palaces and gilded basilicas. Travel by boat to Murano for an expert glass-blowing demonstration, a renowned tradition on the island. This evening, glide along the canals during a gondola ride before delving into Venice's classical music heritage while attending a live

performance of the *Four Seasons* composed by the great Venetian Antonio Vivaldi. (B)

Day 4: Venice - Po River Sailing - Romagna Countryside

Say "Ciao" to Venice as you journey towards the Romagna region, famous for its epicurean lifestyle and its joie de vivre. Along the way, visit the Po Delta (UNESCO), Since ancient times, this delta has been the border between the Venice and the Ravenna regions, once two independent states. These wetlands will give you a glimpse into what Venice and Ravenna looked like to ancient Roman settlers making their way here from the south. You'll explore the wetlands by pontoon boat, learning about how the ecosystem here actually aided the Romans in escaping the barbarians that harried them. You'll also learn about the lives of fisherman and farmers whose lives have changed very little over the last 1000 years. Take in the tranquil scenery before stopping for lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, continue to your hotel nestled among vineyards in the Romagna countryside and settle in for your 3-night stay. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Romagna Countryside - Choice on Tour 😯

Today, **it's your choice!** Bask in the bucolic landscape at your wine resort hotel and pamper yourself with an organic wine-infused mud treatment in the onsite spa **-OR-** spend the day

exploring Ravenna (UNESCO). During the darkness that enveloped the last days of the Roman Empire, Ravenna emerged as a centre of power thanks to its strategic position. The city's rulers - the Byzantines, the Goths - adorned its churches with dazzling mosaics. During a guided walking tour, discover the city's most illustrious monuments including the mosaics that inspired Cole Porter's Night and Day. This evening, join the local chef for a hands-on cooking class centreed on Romagna's most typical pasta dishes with colourful names such as garganelli or strozzapreti (prieststranglers), and enjoy the results of your work for dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Romagna Countryside - San Marino - Romagna Countryside

Grab your passport and journey to the landlocked Republic of San Marino, the fifth-smallest country in the world. Perched at the top of Mount Titano, the old town of San Marino (UNESCO) gives visitors sweeping views over the Adriatic Riviera and the gentle rolling hills of the Romagna countryside. Explore the Old Town's intricate system of fortification towers, walls, gates and bastions during time at leisure. This evening, wrap up your stay in the Romagna Countryside with a winepairing dinner at your wine resort hotel. (B, D)

Day 7: Romagna Countryside -**Emilia Food Valley - Florence**

Today, travel to the Emilia region, Italy's foodie haven. Meet students and teachers at a vocational high school for an **Impact Moment** dedicated to the Culinary Arts and Agriculture. Here, Italy's future chefs and farmers learn how to make Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese according to traditional codes, dating back to the 1300s. Students also try their hand aging Balsamic vinegar, a generational process taking anything from 12 to 25 years. Enjoy a farm-to-table light lunch prepared by the culinary students using ingredients from the School's farm. Later, continue to Florence (UNESCO), the "Cradle of the Renaissance" and your home for the next 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 8: Florence

This morning, meet a local expert for a walking tour of a city that is a work of art all on its own. Your guide will highlight the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Baptistery. You'll also visit the Piazza della Signoria with its impressive Palazzo Vecchio. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Florence's cultural riches independently. Perhaps you'll visit to one of the city's many museums, such as the Uffizi or Academy

Gallery, where Michelangelo's David is kept. (B)

Day 9: Florence - Chiusi - Rome

This morning traverse southern Tuscany, the ancient land of the Etruscans. This mysterious civilization predated the Romans, who assimilated them, erasing most of their way of life, even though many early kings of Rome were Etruscans. By all accounts, they were an advanced society and culture. On a guided walking tour of Chiusi, once part of the Etruscan Dodecapolis, you explore the town's underground water system - which has so many twists and turns that it was nicknamed Labyrinth of King Porsenna. You'll also visit the small archeological museum housing some of the most interesting artifacts archeologists found in the surrounding hills. Arrive in Rome (UNESCO) in the afternoon and settle in for a 3-night stay. (B)

Day 10: Rome 😯

This morning, it's your choice! Explore Rome your way: delve into Rome's second Golden Age on a walking tour exploring its Renaissance and Baroque heritage and featuring Caravaggio's paintings, alongside the Pantheon and Navona Square -ORexplore Rome's Christian heritage on a panoramic tour featuring the Catacombs and the medieval basilica of St. Sabina on the Aventine Hill. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Italy's capital city. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour for an in depth visit of the Colosseum and the Capitol Hill with its monumental piazza designed by Michelangelo. (B)

Day 11: Rome

Make the most of a free day in the Eternal City. Perhaps you'll stroll through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or join an early morning "Breakfast with Michelangelo" option to the Vatican Museums. Your visit begins with a buffet breakfast in the Pinecone Courtyard with views of Michelangelo's cupola - the dome sheltering St. Peter's Basilica. Then, 1 hour ahead of the Vatican Museums' opening to the general public, enjoy the ability to roam freely through one of the world's greatest Art collections. With the aid of an audio guide, you'll be able to independently explore the Museums' highlights, including Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. Gather tonight to toast the end of your Italian adventure during a food tour in Rome's bohemian Trastevere district. (B, D)

Day 12: Rome - Tour Ends

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



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 January - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

June 2023 - May 2024 (featured itinerary)

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This trip requires a passport. Effective for travel after November 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee. when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/. Our air passengers will arrive into Venice and depart from Rome, Airport transfers are available for purchase. The Breakfast with Michelangelo option must be purchased no later than 60 days prior to tour departure date. Once purchased any cancellation within 60 days of tour departure will be nonrefundable. Due to the very limited number of tickets available, this option is not available for purchase on tour. On occasion, due to inclement weather: your gondola boat ride in Venice may be substituted with a motorboat transfer; your pontoon boat ride on the Po Delta may be replaced with an enclosed motorboat ride or a tour of the local River Museum; and your farewell dinner in Rome may be served in a local restaurant instead. Exact concert program is confirmed 6 months ahead of your tour departure date and is subject to change. Occasionally the orchestra may be on tour and unavailable. During school holidays the visit to the culinary vocational school will be replaced by a visit to a local farm producing Parmigiano-Reggiano, and lunch will take place at a local Balsamic vinegar producer. Most state museums in Florence require reservations to access, In order to avoid standing in long lines, we suggest you reserve your ticket online prior to departure if you plan to visit the Academy Gallery or the Uffizi during your free time in Florence. The Colosseum and Vatican Museum optional tours must be purchased at a minimum of 60 days prior to departure. The Vatican Museums and Colosseum dates and times are all subject to change based on availability of reservations. Vatican Museums are not available on Sundays and Catholic holidays. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in the historic areas of Venice, Ravenna, San Marino, Florence and Rome. Agility is required for boarding the gondola boats in Venice and the pontoon boat in the Po Delta. The visits to the underground Labyrinth of Porsenna in Chiusi and to the Catacombs in Rome require negotiating 3 to 4 flights of steps and may not be suitable for people suffering from claustrophobia. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counsellors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you. All rates in Canadian dollars.

BRITISH LANDSCAPES

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HIGHLIGHTS

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



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Behold the Crown Jewels of Scotland on a guided tour of Edinburgh Castle.
- Discover the narrow Snickelway lanes of York.
- Explore William Shakespeare's childhood home in Stratford-upon-Avon.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3 Explore Edinburgh by coach -OR- walk through Edinburgh with a local guide.
- Day 8 Relax on a traditional boat ride through Oxford -OR- explore Oxford on foot during a guided walking tour.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Savour a traditional afternoon tea in Wales
- Enjoy London's culinary renaissance at a dinner highlighting contemporary British cuisine.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Mercure Haymarket,

Edinburgh

Day 4 Holiday Inn York City Centre,

York

Days 5, 6 The Queen at Chester Hotel,

Chester

Day 7 Hotel Indigo, Stratford-upon-

AVOII

Days 8, 9 Mercure London Bridge,

London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: 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: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Edinburgh, the historic capital of Scotland, where rocky hills tower in the distance and the shadows of history can be seen around every corner. Discover Scotland's capital and see how medieval crossroads blend seamlessly with a vibrant modern energy. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Edinburgh 😯

Today visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. Then it's your choice! Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided tour of the Old Town and New Town via motor coach -OR- join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot. Whichever you choose, you can enjoy the rest of the day to explore the city independently. (B)

Day 4: Edinburgh - Borders Region - York, England

Say farewell to the rolling hills of Scotland while travelling south through the Borders Region,

stopping at Gretna Green, a popular wedding destination. Visit the archeological site of Vindolanda, an Ancient Roman fortress built along Hadrian's Wall in the 2nd century to protect Roman Britain from the tribes of Scotland. Arrive in the medieval city of York, which is surrounded by historical city walls. This evening you may join an optional tour to an alehouse to sample a selection of ciders, lagers and ales and enjoy a farm-to-table dinner. (B)

Day 5: York - Chester

Enjoy a leisurely morning to explore York at your own pace. Meander the labyrinth of quaint, narrow streets the locals call Snickelways or maybe visit the city's famous Minster. End the day in Chester, your home for the next two nights, where ancient walls enclose charming Tudor and Victorian houses. (B, D)

Day 6: Chester - Llangollen, Wales - Chester, England

Embark on a panoramic city tour and then walk through Chester's Rows. Here you'll peer into the city's hidden secrets, hopping in and out of the iconic 2-tiered shopping galleries with a local guide. Cross over into Wales and discover Llangollen, one of the country's most picturesque





villages. Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea served in a former chapel, with sandwiches and cakes, before returning to Chester. (B)

Day 7: Chester - Stratford-upon-Avon

Step back in time on a journey through the English countryside to Stratfordupon-Avon. This afternoon, visit the Bard's birthplace - the childhood home of William Shakespeare. After touring the home, enjoy time at leisure to explore on your own. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Stratford-upon-Avon -Oxford - London 😯

Bid adieu to Stratford and travel to the charming university city of Oxford. Upon arrival, it's your choice! Glide gently past Oxford's spires on a traditional punting boat experience -OR- join an expert local guide for a walking tour, including one of the Colleges used as a filming location for Harry Potter. Lunch is at a historic pub. Continue on to London, England's storied capital city. (B, L)

Day 9: London

Take in the sites of London on a tour of the city's quintessential sights. Begin with a walking tour of Westminster, where you'll see Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey. Continue

to Buckingham Palace, the Queen's residence, and make your way past St Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London. Today you may join an optional tour to the Tower of London, with lunch at a traditional pub. This afternoon is yours to explore this cosmopolitan and dynamic city. This evening, toast the end of a wonderful journey during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: London - Tour Ends

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

Optional 3 Night Paris **Post-Tour Extension** Starting at \$1430 pp



Day 10: London, England - Paris, France

Head to the train station and zip through the underwater tunnel that runs beneath the English Channel - known commonly as the "Chunnel." In less than 3 hours, you'll be in Paris, the "City of Light." For dinner, get a taste of the city's local flavours at a Parisian bistro, situated at the base of the Eiffel Tower. As the day draws to a close, admire the city from a relaxing sightseeing cruise, passing by illuminated landmarks as you drift softly along the Seine. Settle into your hotel, just steps away from the Eiffel Tower. (D)

Day 11: Paris

Step into a time gone by as you slide into the backseat of a vintage retro car. Your driver-guide will pick you up at your hotel, providing commentary on the Parisian boulevards as you see some of the city's most famous sights. After your drive, visit the Musée D'Orsay and enjoy your included ticket to this former railroad station, which now houses some of the world's best impressionist art. Take advantage of an afternoon at leisure to explore on your own. Perhaps you'll browse take a stroll down the Champs-Élysées or spend time at a local café for some people watching. (B)

Day 12: Paris

It's your last day in Paris - how will you spend it? Perhaps you'll explore Le Marais. This trendy district abounds with winding streets, gorgeous old mansions, and independent boutiques. Or maybe you'll hop on the metro and spend time in the hip bohemian neighbourhood of Montmartre. No matter how you spend your day - you'll get a true taste of the Parisian lifestyle. (B)

Day 13: Paris - Depart for Home

Wish Paris goodbye as you transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL









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The Optional 3 Night Paris Extension is Hosted. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

EXPLORING BRITAIN & IRELAND

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HIGHLIGHTS

Edinburgh • York • High Speed Train

- London Afternoon Tea Stonehenge
- Bath Wales Cardiff Castle Welsh Evening • Waterford • Blarney Castle
- Killarney Ring of Kerry Jaunting Car Ride - Dublin - Traditional Irish Night



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Behold the sights of Killarney on a traditional jaunting car.
- · Enjoy an evening of traditional Irish song and dance in Dublin.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 9 In Cardiff, visit St. Fagan's National Museum of History -ORenjoy time at leisure to explore Cardiff further.
- Day 11 In Waterford, tour the House of Waterford Crystal factory -OR- enjoy a walking tour of the city.
- Day 14 Ride with a local guide and see Dublin's most famous sites -OR- take a walking tour of the city's historic center.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- · Delve into Scottish culture with a whiskey inspired dinner.
- Explore Wales' rich cultural heritage at an evening of Welsh music, poetry and cuisine.
- · Experience a traditional afternoon tea in London.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Apex Grassmarket Hotel, Days 2, 3

Edinburgh

Days 4, 5 DoubleTree by Hilton York,

Davs 6.7 Leonardo Royal Hotel London Tower Bridge,

London

Days 8, 9 Hilton Cardiff, Cardiff

Granville Hotel or Doolev's Day 10

Hotel, Waterford

Days 11, 12 Scotts Hotel, Great Southern Killarney, or The Heights

Hotel Killarney, Killarney

Days 13, 14 Aloft Dublin City, Dublin



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Day 2: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins

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Day 3: Edinburgh

Today get acquainted with Scotland's regal capital on a locally guided city tour exploring both the Old and New Towns. Explore the Royal Mile and visit Edinburgh Castle, home of the Scottish Crown Jewels. (B)

Day 4: Edinburgh - Alnwick, England -York

Depart Edinburgh, travelling along the picturesque coastline of Northumberland. Visit the market town of Alnwick, known for its castle, and see the 'Angel of the North' statue. Continue south to York, with its historic city walls. (B)

Day 5: York

Take in York's rich and storied history when

you join a local expert on a leisurely walking tour. Explore the quaint, narrow streets of the 'Shambles' that appear today almost as they did during the Middle Ages. At the heart of the city is its impressive Minster, the largest Gothic cathedral in Northern Europe. Venture inside and stand in awe of the seemingly endless sea of stained-glass windows. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant featuring a tasting of Yorkshire ales. (B, D)

Day 6: York - High Speed Train - London

Board a high speed train en route to England's bustling capital. Upon arrival, enjoy a traditional afternoon tea. Afterward, join a local expert for a panoramic city tour. At Westminster, see the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Big Ben, continue to Buckingham Palace, the London home to Britain's royalty since 1837, and the Tower of London. (B, L)

Day 7: London

Enjoy a day to explore this incredible city at your leisure. You may choose to 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 8: London - Stonehenge -**Bath - Cardiff, Wales**

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

Day 9: Cardiff 😯

Join a local expert on a leisurely-paced walking tour of Cardiff. Learn about the city's deep ties to the coal industry, its connection to ancient Rome and its famous Victorian shopping arcades. Tour Cardiff's historic castle, an impressive structure that was once a Roman fort, a Norman castle, and an extraordinary Victorian Gothic fantasy palace. This afternoon, it's your choice! You may choose to accompany your Tour Manager to St. Fagan's National Museum of History, an open-air museum chronicling the history, culture and architecture of the Welsh people -OR- enjoy time to explore Cardiff at your leisure. Tonight, dive into Wales' rich cultural heritage

when you join local artists for an evening of Welsh music, poetry and cuisine. (B, D)

Day 10: Cardiff - Waterford, Ireland

Take in the beautiful Welsh countryside en route to the coastal village of Fishquard. There, board the ferry for Ireland, crossing the Irish Sea. Upon arrival in Rosslare, travel to Waterford, your home for the evening. (B, D)

Day 11: 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 12: Killarney - Ring of Kerry -Killarnev

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. Marvel at the vistas created by windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. Enjoy an evening in Killarney at your leisure. (B)

Day 13: Killarney - Rock of Cashel - Dublin

Today we venture through the "Golden Vale" en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. Continue on to vibrant Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. (B)

Day 14: 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. Tonight, experience Ireland's lively music and dynamic dancing during a fun-filled evening of Irish entertainment. (B, D)

Day 15: Dublin - Tour Ends

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



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HIGHLIGHTS

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



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Overnight on the grounds of a regal castle.
- Experience the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's great coastal roads.
- See Irish sheepdogs in action during a traditional demonstration.



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Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3 Ride with a local guide and see Dublin's most famous sites
 OR- take a walking tour of the city's historic centre.
- Day 4 Tour the Waterford Crystal factory -OR- visit the Medieval Museum and have a glass of wine in the 15th-century Wine Vault.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Dinners (D)

- 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 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin

Day 4 Granville Hotel, Waterford or Dooley's Hotel, Waterford

Days 5, 6 Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney Plaza Hotel, The Heights Hotel or Great Southern Killarney, Killarney

Days 7, 8 Absolute Hotel, Limerick or George Hotel, Limerick

Day 9 Cabra Castle, Kingscourt or Fitzpatrick Castle, Killiney or The Johnstown Estate, Meath

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: 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 quintessential 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 National Gallery, and the historic Phoenix Park -OR- choose a walking tour of the city's historic centre, exploring St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the General Post Office. Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. Later, you may join an optional tour to the Guinness Storehouse, followed by dinner at a contemporary restaurant showcasing Irish cuisine. (B)

Day 4: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford Step back in time and begin the day in the medieval splendour of 12th century Kilkenny on the River Nore. Then, in Waterford, embark on a

leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest

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

Day 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. Enjoy a traditional jaunting car ride through Killarney National Park before boarding a boat and sailing through the breathtaking lakes in the company of an expert boatman. Tonight, it's Diner's Choice... choose your included dinner from a "menu" of Killarney's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 6: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney

Take in the rugged coastline as you loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. The night is free for reminiscing about the day as you find your own authentic taste of Irish culture. (B)







Day 7: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher -Limerick

Today brings you to the dramatic, 700-foothigh Cliffs of Moher for cinematic views of the mighty Atlantic, 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." This evening you may join an optional tour to a Medieval Banquet dinner, which is hosted in a castle. (B)

Day 8: Limerick - Galway -Limerick

Pass through the windswept, limestone landscape of the Burren, known for its stark beauty and Neolithic tombs. See border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration. Continue on to

Galway for a brief tour that showcases "The City of Tribes." Return to Limerick to relax over dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Limerick - 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 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)

FEATURED TOUR EXTENSIONS

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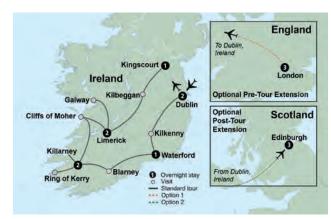


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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You're confident walking 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains - from cobblestone streets to a few flights of stairs.

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Prices based on November 8, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October - November 2022 June - November 2023 March - May 2023

March - May 2024

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ALSO AVAILABLE

(different itinerary - see note*)



Shades of Ireland featuring Northern Ireland

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

★ DATES AVAILABLE: OCT 2022 - MAY 2023 JUNE 2023 - MAY 2024

SPECIAL EVENT

St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate in Ireland in the birthplace of St. Patrick.

★ DATES AVAILABLE MARCH 2023 & 2024

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Dublin. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel. Jaunting car ride and/or boat cruise are included, weather permitting. All rates in Canadian dollars.

Optional Extension Notes. These extensions are Hosted. During these extensions, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

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IRISH SPLENDOUR

8 DAYS · 9 MEALS

STARTING AT \$2249

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

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



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

- Delight in a whiskey tour and tasting.
- Learn how a traditional Irish farm works over homemade scones and tea.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1

Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3

Hotel Riu Plaza The

Gresham, Dublin

Days 4, 5

The Rose Hotel, Tralee

Day 6

Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

Day 7

Cabra Castle, Kingscourt

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the Dublin's charming Grafton Street to the breathtaking sights of County Kerry, savour a true taste of "Irish Splendour."

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Experience a true taste of "Irish Splendor" 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: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Dublin, Ireland's historic capital city. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local farm-to-table restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Dublin

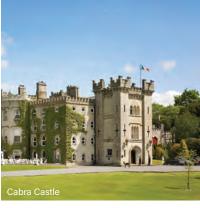
Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Dublin, the "Fair City." Take in the lively atmosphere of O'Connell Street, the city's main thoroughfare dotted with monuments and historic buildings, and charming Grafton Street with its galleries, boutiques and

pubs. See Trinity College before touring medieval Christ Church Cathedral and its imposing crypt. Then, enjoy some leisure time to independently explore the cultural offerings of delightful Dublin. Later, you may join an optional tour to the Guinness Storehouse, followed by a traditional Irish evening with dinner and an Irish dancing performance. (B)

Day 4: Dublin - Tralee

Depart Dublin for Ireland's breathtaking countryside. Visit the town of Cashel for views of the historic Rock of Cashel, the reputed location where St. Patrick preached and converted the King of Munster. Next, journey to historic Blarney Castle where you'll have the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that









those who kiss the stone are bestowed with the gift of eloquence. End your day in the market town of Tralee, and enjoy dinner this evening at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 5: Tralee - Dingle Peninsula -**Tralee**

Set off this morning to follow what is perhaps Ireland's most majestic coastal route - the stunning Dingle Peninsula. Travel to the town of Dingle and drive the beautiful Slea Head road, where some of the country's most spectacular landscapes are found. (B)

Day 6: Tralee - Cliffs of Moher -**Ennis**

Today, experience the customs and daily life of a traditional Irish family and enjoy homemade scones and tea during a memorable visit to the Molanna Dairy Farm. Continue to the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for awe-inspiring views of

the mighty Atlantic and the Aran Islands. End your day in the charming town of Ennis. Enjoy the ambience of your historic hotel, cozy up to its roaring peat fire, and feel the warmth of Irish hospitality. This evening you may join an optional tour to a Medieval Banquet dinner, which is hosted in a castle. (B)

Day 7: Ennis - Whiskey Distillery -**Castle Stay**

Start your day with a cross-country journey to Irish whiskey territory. During a visit to a historic distillery, learn the process of whiskey making and delight in a tasting of the final product. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of a historic castle where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Kingscourt - Tour Ends

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



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You can handle at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk for 15-30 minutes at a time with little difficulty.

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CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT DUBLIN

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DOUBLE Starting at \$2249 SOLO Starting at \$2849

Prices based on January 24, 2024 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - March 2023 October 2023 - March 2024

(different itinerary - see note*)

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for October 2023 – March 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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

66 Everything was taken care of, including luggage, which meant that all I had to do was enjoy the trip. 99

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- Collette Traveller

COUNTRYSIDE OF THE EMERALD ISLE

10 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT \$3499

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Dublin • Irish National Stud • Rock of Cashel • Distillery Tour • Kinsale • Garnish Island • Dingle Peninsula • Aran Islands • Cliffs of Moher



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Overnight on the enchanting Aran Islands and jump head-first into Irish culture.
- Enjoy an after-hours private tour and reception at Christ Church Cathedral.
- Discover a hidden garden island nestled in Bantry Bay.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 7 — Take a walk along the coast from Dunquin Pier -OR- visit the Blasket Centre.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Explore the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey.
- Savour traditional Irish cuisine at a popular local restaurant.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Hampton Hotel or Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin

Days 4, 5 Garryvoe Hotel, East Cork, Cork

Days 6, 7 Dingle Harbour Lodge, Dingle

Day 8 Aran Islands Hotel, Aran Islands

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Day 9 Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Embrace the pure tranquility found in Ireland's quaint villages, less-travelled roads and storybook castles.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

This is your chance to experience a seldomexplored side of Ireland. From the vaults of Christ Church Cathedral to the rolling hills of Dingle, we'll bring you back to your Irish roots (even if you don't have any).

Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Fáilte and welcome to Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral. Within the medieval walls of the city's oldest structure, surrounded by nearly 1,000 years of Irish myths and legends, toast the start of an incredible adventure.

Day 3: Dublin

A local expert escorts you through Dublin's magnificent sights. Exalt in the culture and colour of Ireland's world-famous shopping thoroughfare, Grafton Street. Get lost inside the gardens of St. Stephen's Green, and marvel at the electric green expanse of the largest enclosed city park in all of Europe, Phoenix Park. This afternoon you may join an optional tour to a traditional pub for lunch, followed by a visit to the Guinness Storehouse. This evening, enjoy authentic Irish cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Dublin - Irish National Stud - Cashel - East Cork

Take to Ireland's country roads. Tour the Irish

National Stud, an area of incredible natural beauty that's home to regal thoroughbreds and opulent gardens. Continue south to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. (B, D)

Day 5: East Cork - Kinsale - Midleton - East Cork

This morning head to the coastal town of Kinsale. Enjoy time to peruse the charming shops, galleries and cafes before joining a local expert for a leisurely walking tour. Later this afternoon, visit the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey. Give it a go with a tasting of the distillery's production. (B)

Day 6: East Cork - Garnish Island - Dingle

Travel through forty shades of green before arriving in the charming village of Glengarriff. Board a ferry and sail to a place that must be seen to be believed, Garnish Island. Sheltered in the Glengarriff harbour of Bantry Bay, this hidden island is home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens. Continue over the Cork and Kerry mountains onto the colourful town of Dingle, located on the Dingle Peninsula. Tonight, settle into a charming seaside lodge — your home for two nights. (B)







Day 7: Dingle - Dingle Peninsula -Dingle 😗

This morning explore the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula, with a drive along Slea Head, with its enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs. The locals will remind you that beyond the water "the next parish over is Boston." Then, it's your **choice!** Take a walk along the coast from Dunquin Pier, a secluded bay surrounded by cliffs -OR- visit the Blasket Centre, which shares the story of the people of the Blasket Islands, highlighting their struggles with the elements and the tenacity of their community. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the colourful streets and harbour of Dingle. This evening dinner will be at a pub located in a nearby village. (B, D)

Day 8: Dingle - Aran Islands (Inishmore)

Leave the rugged southern coast behind and embark on an adventure, the likes of which you've never seen. Board a ferry bound for Inishmore, the largest of the three Aran Islands. Upon arriving in Inishmore's ethereal landscape, take a private tour through the labyrinth of stone walls blanketing the island. Visit the east of the island and see the Old Cromwellian Castle and Port Aodh, Learn about the island's 850 inhabitants, their livelihoods and devotion to traditional

culture and customs. As the last ferry leaves for mainland Ireland, breathe in the fresh Atlantic air and settle into your cozy island chalet. The humble accommodations in the heart of Inishmore allow the striking, rocky coast to be the star of your stay. (B, D)

Day 9: Aran Islands (Inishmore) -**Cliffs of Moher - Ennis**

In the morning, visit Dun Aonghusa, a prehistoric hill fort facing the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to the Seven Churches, a pilgrimage site in the Middle Ages. After, you'll meet a family who harvests seaweed, and taste the unique flavour of this nutrient-rich food that supported Ireland's people during times of famine. Nearby, get a glimpse at a colony of seals on your way to visit another family-run enterprise: a goat farm. Savour the flavours of their locally-produced cheese during a sampling. Later, enjoy time in Kilronan village to explore and see the famous Aran sweaters. After, take in unrivalled views while sailing beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher. This evening, after ferrying back to the mainland, toast the end of an incredible adventure! (B, D)

Day 10: Ennis - Tour Ends

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



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







Walking for longer periods of time isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate uneven ground and climb into various modes of transportation. CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

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DOUBLE Starting at \$3499 SOLO Starting at \$4549 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on March 24, 2024 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 March - May 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

June - October 2023 March - May 2024

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Dublin and depart from Shannon. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Christ Church Cathedral is a working cathedral, so closure may occur unexpectedly. Ferry crossings and overnights on the Aran Islands are subject to weather conditions. If weather conditions prohibit crossing to the Aran Islands, alternative arrangements will be made for accommodation and activities. The overnight accommodations on Aran Island require that you bring an overnight bag only. Your large luggage will be stored on the bus in a secure location. Due to the remoteness of Dingle and the Aran Islands, hotels are carefully chosen, yet also reflective of the rustic nature of the landscape and are 3-star properties. All rates in Canadian dollars.

66 I loved driving through the countryside, but my favourite was the visit to Inis Oirr. What a group of people who live there and share their experiences. "

Collette Traveller

THE BEST OF __IRELAND

15 DAYS · 21 MEALS STARTING AT \$4999

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Dublin • Belfast • Pearse Lyons Distillery • Giant's Causeway • Derry • Seanchaí Experience • Galway • Cliffs of Moher • Dingle • Ring of Kerry • Kilkenny



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- With a traditional seanchaí (Irish storyteller), listen to folklore and legends that have been passed down through generations.
- Travel back in time when you explore the thatched cottages of Glencolmcille.
- Enjoy a traditional Irish game of hurling.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 14 — Enjoy a leisurely morning in Kilkenny and visit the iconic castle
 OR- explore Jerpoint Abbey and attend a captivating glass-blowing demonstration.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 7 Dinners (D)

- Savour new Irish cuisine during dinner in Dublin.
- Taste the local whiskey at Pearse Lyons Distillery.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2, 3 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Hyatt Centric The Liberties,
Dublin

Days 4, 5 Europa Hotel, Belfast

Days 6, 7 Mill Park Hotel, Donegal Day 8 Lough Erne Resort, Enniskillen

Days 9, 10 The House Hotel, Galway

Days 11, 12 Dingle Harbour Lodge,
Dingle

Days 13, 14 Kilkenny River Court Hotel, Kilkenny

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



It's time to experience the beauty and culture of Ireland, passed down through generations and reborn in the modern era.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Rocky coasts, animated pubs, a storied past, and endless green hills – where else but Ireland? Experience the country like never before, visiting the traditional sites you'd expect as well as a few off-the-beaten-path spots you couldn't find on your own. Connect with the locals, connect with your roots, and connect with the Emerald Isle.

Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Your Irish adventure starts in Dublin, built upon layered history and featuring a lively local culture. This evening, toast the start of your journey with dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Dublin

Start your morning with an **Impact Moment** and walk with an expert from Secret Street Tours, a non-profit that trains citizens formerly affected by homelessness to be guides in their own city. See the city through their eyes and gain insight into their life story as you discover Dublin's Liberties district. Visit the Pearse Lyons distillery in Dublin, located in a church. The remainder of the day is yours to explore on your own. Later you may join an optional tour to the Guinness Storehouse, followed by dinner at a traditional pub. (B)

Day 4: Dublin - Belfast, Northern Ireland This morning, cross the border into Northern

Ireland and arrive in Belfast. Cruise through town in a traditional black taxicab with a guide, taking in different murals along the way. Pause at the Peace Wall, which separates the Catholic and Protestant communities, adorned with political graffiti. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure in Belfast before joining your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 5: Belfast - Giants Causeway - Belfast

Today visit the ethereal Giant's Causeway, walking in the footsteps of mystical legends. Take in the hexagonal basalt slabs, formed by gargantuan beasts crossing the crashing waves according to legend. (B)

Day 6: Belfast - Derry - Donegal, Ireland

Make your way to Derry, a growing artistic and cultural hub, and site of the infamous Bloody Sunday massacre. Delve into the city's local history on a guided tour before continuing on to Glenveagh National Park. Embark on an expertled tour of park's 19th-century Glenveagh Castle, nestled along the shore of Lough Veagh. End your day in County Donegal. Connect with an age-old heritage when an esteemed *seanchaí* – a traditional Gaelic storyteller – joins you for dinner. (B, D)





Day 7: Donegal

Set out to explore the Wild Atlantic Way. Visit the Slieve League Cliffs, offering stunning views over the Sligo Mountains and Donegal Bay. Three times higher than the Cliffs of Moher, these iconic cliffs are amongst the highest and most scenic in Europe. Afterward, travel back in time to eighteenth century Ireland when you visit the thatched cottages of Glencolmcille, a folk village maintained by the local community of southeast Donegal. Continue on to Donegal Town and enjoy time to shop and explore at your leisure. (B)

Day 8: Donegal - Enniskillen, **Northern Ireland**

Enjoy a leisurely morning before departing Donegal for Fermanagh, a county blanketed by lakes and waterways. Take in pastoral surroundings as you cruise toward Devenish Island, a 6th century monastic site. Explore the ruins of this picturesque island, including one of the finest high towers in Ireland. This afternoon, arrive at your beautiful resort on the banks of Lough Erne. (B, D)

Day 9: Enniskillen - Galway, Ireland

Arrive in Galway, a lively city of medieval relics and modern flare. This afternoon, explore the city with a local guide and learn how Galway went from a major trading city in the medieval period, through to the

present day. Tonight dinner is at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Galway

The day is yours. Perhaps you'll pop into a pub for a drink with the locals. or peruse one of the city's many museums, or even go shopping along bustling Quay Street. Consider taking an optional tour to Kylemore Abbey, where you'll drive through Connemara National Park before embarking on a tour of the monastery. (B)

Day 11: Galway - Cliffs of Moher -**Dinale**

Peek into Irish culture at a sheep farm, where you'll watch a dog-herding demonstration and meet the friendly canine workers. Experience the Ireland you've always imagined at the Cliffs of Moher, where mossy cliffs plunge 700 feet into the ocean. After visiting one of the country's most beloved sites, arrive in the colourful town of Dingle, located on the Dingle Peninsula. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a pub. (B, D)

Day 12: Dingle - Dingle Peninsula - Dingle

This morning, explore the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula, visiting Slea Head, where the locals will remind you that beyond the water, "the next parish over is Boston." After returning to Dingle, the rest of the day is yours to explore how you choose. (B)

Day 13: Dingle - Kilkenny

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

Day 14: Kilkenny 😯

This morning, it's your choice! Enjoy a leisurely day to explore the town and Kilkenny Castle on your own -OR- travel just outside of town to the ruins of Jerpoint Abbey, a Cistercian abbey founded in the 12th century. You will also attend a captivating demonstration at a familyowned glass company and learn about the important role Kilkenny plays in Irish design and craftsmanship. No matter what activities fill your day, come together in the evening for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Sláinte! (B, D)

Day 15: Kilkenny - Tour Ends Wish the Emerald Isle goodbye as you depart for home. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

November 2022 March - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

June - November 2023 March - May 2024 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Dublin. Our return transfers will depart from Kilkenny for Dublin airport. 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. Travel time between Kilkenny and Dublin airport is approximately 90 minutes. Cruise operates seasonally. When not available, you will instead visit Enniskillen Castle and Fermanagh County Museum. All rates in Canadian dollars.

> 66 I loved all the different places we saw and were able to explore. Also, I enjoyed the fact that we had local guides and visited local establishments. 99

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DISCOVER SCOTLAND

10 DAYS · 14 MEALS STARTING AT \$2999

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

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



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit a working farm and meet a shepherd and his sheepdogs.
- Take a cruise on Loch Ness, the largest loch in the Highlands.
- Discover the remains of a Neolithic village at Skara Brae.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 9 — Choose to get acquainted with Edinburgh on a locally guided tour of the Old Town and New Town via motorcoach -OR- for a different perspective you may join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Dinners (D)

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



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Day 2 Maldron Hotel, Glasgow

Days 3, 4 Ballachulish Hotel or Isles of Glencoe Hotel, Ballachulish

Days 5, 6 Pentland Hotel, Station Hotel, Castletown Hotel, Thurso or The Norseman Hotel, Wick

Day 7 Best Western Palace Hotel, Riverness Hotel or Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness

Days 8, 9 Radisson Blu, Edinburgh *On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*



From its rugged sea-sprayed islands to its stately castles layered in history, Scotland awaits.

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 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 - Loch Lomond - Fort William - Ballachulish

This morning, bid Glasgow farewell as you travel to Loch Lomond, located in the Trossachs National Park, with its breathtaking scenery, and onto Fort William. Here you visit one of Scotland's renowned whisky distilleries. Taste and see for yourself why Highland malt whisky is considered the world's finest. Admire the verdant green hills and mountainside waters as you arrive at your remote countryside 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" past Eilean Donan Castle 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 Sound of Sleat. 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 at Mallaig. Returning to Ballachulish along the same road, pass through 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. Travel through the Great Glen, famous for its many lochs (lakes). 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 off the beaten path to Thurso,



one of Scotland's most remote towns on the North Coast. Embrace the rustic environment of the Scottish Highlands as you settle in for your 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Thurso - Orkney Islands - Thurso

Grab your windbreaker – it's time for an adventure on the Orkney Islands. Ferry to this former Viking stronghold off the northernmost coast of Scotland, where artists admire the ever-changing clouds rolling across the sky like a time-lapse at double speed. On the crossing, feel the wind in your hair as you view the abundant bird life and, if you are lucky, porpoises and seals. A local guide introduces this ethereal place that few visitors to Scotland get to experience. Visit Skara Brae and discover the remains of a Neolithic village built at the same time as the Great Pyramids in Egypt. Continue on toward the prehistoric Standing Stones of Stenness, reported to be older than Stonehenge. Make your way through the town of Viking Kirkwall before returning to the mainland. (B)

Day 7: Thurso - Inverness

As you make your way back from the northern coast, visit the majestic Dunrobin Castle which dates back to the 1300s. The Castle is built in the style of a French château and is home to the Duke of Sutherland. Take in the breathtaking views as you drive along the windswept cliffs of Scotland's east coast. Enjoy an overnight stay in Inverness, capital of the Highlands. (B, D)

Day 8: Inverness - Pitlochry - 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 to explore on your own. End your day in Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh. (B)

Day 9: Edinburgh 😯

Today visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. Then, it's your choice! Choose to get acquainted with this regal capital on a locally guided tour of the Old Town and New Town via motorcoach, -OR- for a different perspective you may join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot. 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 EndsYour tour of Scotland comes to a close today. (B)

Optional 3 Night London Pre-Tour Extension Starting at \$1170 pp



Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to the United Kingdom. Begin in England and enjoy a 3-night stay in London.

Day 2: London, England- Extension Begins

Experience London, the esteemed capital of the United Kingdom. Often described as a world within a city, London is a sophisticated metropolis with a timeless style all its own.

Day 3: London

Navigate the city with a local expert. Using your included Oyster card, hop on the famous underground Tube. Take a walking tour along the Thames River, where you can see St Paul's Cathedral, the Tate Modern Art Gallery and Shakespeare's Globe. End at Borough Market, London's premier food market, with history dating back around 1,000 years. You will love independently strolling the small, specialty produce stalls and sumptuous street food traders. Enjoy the afternoon to further explore the city. (B)

Day 4: London

See London your way today! Be sure to take advantage of your included ticket to the Tower of London to peek into the city's storied past and uncover the secrets of this 11th-century fortress. (B)

Day 5: London - Glasgow, Scotland Wish London goodbye as you take a high-speed train through the English countryside to Scotland. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 March - May 2023 June - October 2023 March - May 2024

(different itinerary - see note*) (featured itinerary)

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ALSO AVAILABLE



Discover Scotland featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

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Enjoy tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo Show.

★ DATES AVAILABLE AUGUST 2023

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Glasgow and depart from Edinburgh. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to the remoteness of the Highlands region, hotels are carefully chosen, yet also reflective of the rustic nature of the landscape. The hotels in Thurso, Wick and Ballachulish are 3-star properties. Most of the hotels do not have elevators, requiring guests to navigate stairs to reach their room. Rooms in these hotels are smaller than average. Armadale Castle and Gardens is open from April to October. On other dates a visit to Eilean Donan Castle will be substituted. Weather conditions may sometimes prevent operation of the ferry to the Orkney Islands. In these cases, your Tour Manager will substitute activities on the mainland. Dunrobin Castle is open from August 4-26, 2023 will receive tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The 3 night London extension is Hosted. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

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EXPLORING SCOTLAND & IRELAND

13 DAYS · 18 MEALS STARTING AT \$4349

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

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



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Embark on one of the world's most breathtaking rail journeys along the Causeway Coast.
- Explore the Titanic Experience in Belfast.
- Discover the heritage of Glasgow with a local guide.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 3 — In Edinburgh, take a locally guided panoramic tour and discover the city by motorcoach -OR- join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) - 7 Dinners (D)

- Sample the "Water of Life" at a Scottish whisky distillery.
- Taste apple cider at a family-run farm.
- Join in the fun during a night of traditional Scottish food and entertainment.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight FlightDays 2, 3 Radisson Blu, Edinburgh

Days 4, 5 Best Western Palace Hotel,

Inverness

Day 6 Hilton Glasgow, Glasgow

Days 7, 8 AC Hotel by Marriott,

Belfast

Days 9, 10 City Hotel, Derry

Days 11, 12 Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge,

Dublin

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Experience rugged natural beauty and historic cities and castles in Scotland and Ireland.

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, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Edinburgh 😯

This morning, visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. Then **it's your choice!** Get acquainted with this regal city on a locally guided tour of the city via motorcoach **-OR-** join a local expert and explore the Old Town and Royal Mile on foot. (B)

Day 4: Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Inverness

Depart Edinburgh and visit a whisky distillery built on an old monastery, where you may enjoy a whisky tasting tour. Then travel onto 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. Continue on to Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. (B, D)

Day 5: Inverness - Loch Ness - Inverness

This morning, take a scenic cruise on Loch Ness before disembarking at the base of the 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. Return to Inverness and have time to explore the city or join a riverside walk. This evening, enjoy a Highland evening filled with storytelling, singing and Scottish dancing! (B, D)

Day 6: Inverness - Fort William - Glencoe - Glasgow

Depart Inverness and stop just north of Fort William to take in the historic Caledonian Canal and its famous Neptune's Staircase, a flight of eight locks and an incredible feat of engineering. Continue to the scenic valley of Glencoe, one of Scotland's most historic and breathtaking glens. Your day ends in Glasgow. (B, D)

Day 7: Glasgow - Belfast, Northern Ireland

This morning, explore Glasgow with a local guide. Highlights include a visit to George Square, and passing by Glasgow Cathedral, Provand's

Lordship, the oldest house in the city, and Glasgow Green, discovering the rich industrial heritage of the city. Travel to the scenic Ayrshire coast to your ferry. Cross the famed Irish Sea as you head for Northern Ireland's capital city of Belfast. (B)

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, D)

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

Venture along the stunning Antrim Coastal Route, stopping at the Giant's Causeway (UNESCO). 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. Perhaps you will discover why Derry is one of Ireland's best-kept secrets during an optional evening of storytelling and traditional music at a pub serving traditional pub-style food. (B)

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

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 colorful splendour of one of the finest gardens in Ireland. Tonight, it's Diner's Choice... choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Derry's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 11: Derry - Armagh - Cider Farm Visit - Dublin, Ireland

Depart on a journey through the scenic countryside of Northern Ireland, stopping in Armagh to view the twin cathedrals dedicated to Ireland's Patron Saint. The two St. Patrick's Cathedrals, one Catholic and one Protestant, symbolize the two souls of Ireland. Then, visit a family-run cider farm. Meet the family and explore the orchards before sampling their award-winning Irish ciders. Continue on to the Republic of Ireland. Your day concludes in Dublin, Ireland's vibrant capital city. (B)

Day 12: Dublin

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. You may choose to join an optional tour with lunch at a local pub followed by a visit to the Guinness Storehouse. 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 one of the city's most popular local restaurants. (B, D)

Day 13: Dublin - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close. (B)

 Optional 3 Night London **Pre-Tour Extension** Starting at \$1040 pp



Day 1: Overnight Flight

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Day 2: London, England - Extension **Begins**

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Day 3: London

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Day 4: London

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Day 5: London - Edinburgh, Scotland

Wish London goodbye as you take a high-speed train through the English countryside to Scotland. (B)



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 March - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

June - October 2023 March - May 2024

(featured itinerary)

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ALSO AVAILABLE



Exploring Scotland & Ireland featuring the Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Enjoy tickets to Edinburgh's famous Military Tattoo show.

DATES AVAILABLE AUGUST 2023

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JOURNEY THROUGH SCOTLAND & ENGLAND

14 DAYS · 19 MEALS STARTING AT \$5299

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HIGHLIGHTS

Edinburgh Castle • Lake District • Liverpool • Cotswolds • Bath • Glastonbury Abbey • Cornwall • Great Western Railway • London



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Overnight in a 16th-century Elizabethan manor house.
- Relax as you journey through the countryside by train from Cornwall to London.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 5 In the Lake District, visit Rydal Mount, home of poet William Wordsworth -OR- embark on a guided hike through valleys and trails.
- Day 6 In Liverpool, explore the strawberry fields that inspired John Lennon -OR- tour Albert Dock and visit the Merseyside Maritime Museum.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Personalize your evening with Diner's Choice in Bath.
- Enjoy lunch at the historic Bell Inn nestled in the charming village of Willersey.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3 VOCO, Edinburgh

Days 4, 5 Low Wood Bay Resort and Spa, Lake Windermere

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: Enhance your experience at the Low Wood Bay Resort and Spa with an upgrade to a Lake Front Room. CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 6 Hotel Indigo, Liverpool

Day 7 The Greenway Hotel & Spa,
Cotswolds

Days 8, 9 The Francis Hotel, Bath
The Cornwall Hotel and Spa,

Days 12, 13 Clayton Hotel City of London, London

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From poetic countryside to bustling capitals, experience the different sides of Scotland and England.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

From poetic countryside to bustling capitals, experience the many distinctive sides of Great Britain. Encounter the history, connect with the locals, and see what life is like in the United Kingdom.

Day 2: Edinburgh, Scotland - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Scotland, where age-old legends intersect with scenic beauty. Start in Edinburgh, the country's capital, and enjoy time to settle in for your stay. Delve into Scottish culture with a locally inspired dinner. (D)

Day 3: Edinburgh

See the city like a local during a walking tour of the Old Town, passing by Victorian houses and cobblestone streets. Explore the Royal Mile, ending at Edinburgh Castle, where you'll enjoy a guided tour of this historic fortress. The rest of the day is yours. Take advantage of free time to experience the city however you please. (B)

Day 4: Edinburgh - Lake Windermere, England

Say goodbye to Scotland and travel to the scenic Lake District, eternalized through the works of Scott and Wordsworth. Along the way, pause at the Pan Am Memorial at Lockerbie Cemetery and Gretna Green, where runaway lovers would marry in secret. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon on the shores of Lake Windermere, your home for the next 2 nights. Breathe in the crisp air and admire the rolling hills nestled against the water. (B, D)

Day 5: Lake District 😯

See the area from a different perspective and set sail on Lake Windermere, England's largest lake. Take in the tranquil backdrop before visiting the charming village of Grasmere. Personalize your afternoon because 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- embark on a guided hike through glacial valleys and along lakeside trails. (B)

Day 6: Lake Windermere - Liverpool 😯

Head to Liverpool, England's popular port city. After some free time to explore, it's your choice! Perhaps you will visit Strawberry Field, the site where John Lennon came to play as a child, which he later immortalized in the song, 'Strawberry Fields Forever'. Here you will experience an Impact Moment and learn about the work the Salvation Army does at Strawberry Field to give young people with learning difficulties the opportunity for work





experience -OR- embark on a walking tour of Albert Dock and learn about Liverpool's rich industrial history, connection to the American Civil War, as well as explore the Merseyside Maritime Museum. This evening, perhaps you'll join your Tour Manager at the Cavern Club, where The Beatles used to perform. (B)

Day 7: Liverpool - Cotswolds

Delve into the English's love of horticulture with a visit to a traditional garden. Your glimpse into the quintessential English lifestyle continues as you make your way to the Cotswolds. A region of hilly fields and stone houses, the Cotswolds is a charming collection of storybook villages. Settle into a 16th-century Elizabethan manor house for the night, situated among 8 acres of verdant countryside. (B, D)

Day 8: Cotswolds - Bath

This morning explore the Cotswolds. taking in the rolling hills and honeycoloured stone homes that make this one of England's most beautiful areas. Visit the quaint village of Broadway, and enjoy lunch at the historic Bell Inn located in the village of Willersey. Your day continues in the ancient Roman town of Bath, a beloved getaway for Jane Austen, Thomas Gainsborough, and Charles Dickens. Venture into the Roman Bath Museum to

see the elaborate spas that have been prized since Roman times for their curative properties. The evening is yours to enjoy.

Day 9: Bath

Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps you'll visit the Jane Austen Museum, shop in the quaint boutiques, or simply stroll through Bath's stunning Georgian streets. No matter how you spend your day, this evening is Diner's Choice! Choose where you eat dinner from a selection of different included restaurants. (B, D)

Day 10: Bath - Glastonbury -Cornwall

Visit the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, which legend claims is the home of storied King Arthur. Then travel on 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 far-reaching corner of the earth has been a source of inspiration for so many. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 11: Cornwall

This morning, visit the Eden Project. Dubbed the Eighth Wonder of the World, it is a dramatic global garden housed in some of the world's largest biodomes. This afternoon, explore the idyllic fishing village of Mevagissey, and meet a local fisherman to learn about the history of fishing and tourism in Cornwall. (B)

Day 12: Cornwall - Great Western Railway - London

Wish the countryside goodbye and travel on the Great Western Railway to London, England's lively capital. Upon arriving in London, get the lay of the land on a panoramic tour with a local expert. Take in London's iconic sites, such as Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham Palace. The rest of the day is yours to explore independently. (B)

Day 13: London

Spend the day discovering London on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a pint with the locals, wander through one of the many museums, or see the city from a different perspective at the London Eve. You may choose to join an optional excursion to the Tower of London followed by lunch at a traditional pub. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner and toast the end of an incredible adventure. (B, D)

Day 14: London - Tour Ends

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



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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POST NIGHT

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 March - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

June - November 2023 March - May 2024

(featured itinerary)

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LONDON & PARIS

9 DAYS · 10 MEALS

STARTING AT \$3549

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HIGHLIGHTS

Big Ben • Buckingham Palace • Covent Garden • Eurostar Train • Arc de Triomphe • Eiffel Tower Dinner • Seine River Cruise



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Take advantage of a full day of leisure in both London and Paris.
- Cruise along the Seine against a backdrop of Paris' glittering skyline.
- Discover London on a walking tour to Westminster and see the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 6 In Paris, take in the most iconic sights on a panoramic city tour -OR- explore the hilltop Montmartre district by Métro.
- Day 6 —In Paris, enjoy an eventful dinner at the city's oldest cabaret theatre -OR- savour dinner in a traditional brasserie before sliding into the backseat of a retro Citroën classic car for a drive through the city's chic boulevards.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy London's culinary renaissance at a dinner featuring contemporary British cuisine.
- Savour an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring delicious cuisine and breathtaking views.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 Leonardo Royal Hotel

London City, London

Days 5 - 8 Crowne Plaza Republique or Pullman Paris Tour

Eiffel, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Overnight Flight

From cosmopolitan London to romantic Paris, see the best of the world's most captivating cities. To help make the most of your getaway, unpack just once in each city. Enjoy a leisurely-paced journey with plenty of time for independent exploration.

Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in London, the United Kingdom's dynamic capital. This evening, get a taste of contemporary British fare as you join your new mates for a meal highlighting London's culinary renaissance. (D)

Day 3: London

Join a local expert for a morning in London. Begin with a walking tour of Westminster, where you will see Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey. Continue to Buckingham Palace, the Queen's London residence, to witness the Changing of the Guard ceremony. This afternoon is yours to explore. Visit Covent Garden's elegant boutiques and restaurants at your leisure, returning to the hotel by a cruise on the River Thames. The evening is yours to do as you wish. (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

Today, you're on to Paris! Hop aboard the Eurostar High Speed Train to get there in just two hours. A sophisticated metropolis of style and culture, Paris' bustling city streets are filled with colourful history, fascinating museums, renowned monuments and grand theatres. Settle in for your 4-night stay in the "City of Light" as you join your Tour Manager for an orientation walk around the hotel's neighbourhood. (B)

Day 6: Paris 😯

This morning, it's your choice! Take in the most iconic sights of Paris on a panoramic city tour. With your local guide, see the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Elysees, Notre Dame Cathedral and Place de la Concorde -OR- step into the shoes of a local and navigate Le Métro on your way to the hilltop neighbourhood of Montmartre and its iconic Sacré-Cœur Basilica. Tonight, it's your choice! Enjoy an eventful dinner at the legendary Paradis Latin, the city's oldest cabaret

theatre, complete with wine, champagne and a captivating show -OR- explore Paris' culinary scene during a traditional brasserie dinner, before sliding into the backseat of a retro Citroën classic car for a drive through the city's chic boulevards. (B, D)

Day 7: Paris

Be romanced by Paris - today is yours for the taking. Perhaps you'll wander over to the Left Bank of the Seine and plunge into the bohemian atmosphere of the Saint-Germain-des-Prés neighbourhood and the Latin Quarter. Or, join an optional excursion to Versailles, where you'll explore King Louis XIV's magnificent Palace and Gardens. Relive history as you walk through the various rooms of the State Apartments, including the famous Hall of Mirrors. The day is yours to design! (B)

Day 8: Paris

It's your last day in Paris - how will you spend it? Should you indulge in some of the world's best shopping on the Champs-Elysees, or simply do as the Parisians do and sit at a sidewalk café, watching the beauty that is Paris go by? Or you may choose an optional guided tour of the famous Louvre Museum, where you'll find more than a million precious works of art, including the *Venus de Milo* and the enigmatic Mona Lisa. Tonight, experience an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring French cuisine and breathtaking views. End the day with a romantic Seine River cruise set against Paris' glittering skyline. (B, D)

Day 9: Paris - Tour Ends

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

Optional 2 Night London **Pre-Tour Extension** Starting at \$650 pp



Day 1: Overnight Flight You're on your way to London.

Day 2: London

Arrive in dynamic London, a sophisticated, historic city with a timeless style of its own. The day is yours to explore independently.

Day 3: London

Navigate the city with a local expert. Using your included Oyster card, hop on the famous underground Tube. Take a walking tour along the River Thames, where you will see St Paul's Cathedral, the Tate Modern Art Gallery and Shakespeare's Globe. End at Borough market, London's premier Food Market, dating back over 1000 years. You will love independently strolling the small, specialty produce stalls and sumptuous street food traders. Enjoy the afternoon to further explore the city. (B)

Day 4: London

See London your way today! Be sure to take advantage of your included ticket to the Tower of London to peek into the city's storied past and uncover the secrets of this 11th-century fortress. Later today meet your fellow travellers to start your tour. (B)

Optional 3 Night Amsterdam **Post-Tour Extension** Starting at \$1560 pp



Day 9: Paris - Amsterdam, Netherlands

Board a high-speed train for Amsterdam, the 800-year-old capital of Holland. After some time to settle in, meet up with a local guide to get acquainted with the Jordaan District of Amsterdam. Explore this charming neighbourhood and learn of its multicultural roots during a walking food tour where you'll taste traditional Dutch fare. (D)

Day 10: Amsterdam

Stroll through the city with a local expert.

Get acquainted with the cozy lanes and quintessential Dutch houses as you wander along the canals that lead to Amsterdam's museum district. Explore the Van Goah Museum which houses the largest collection of Vincent van Gogh's artwork. Enjoy an afternoon on your own to do as you please. Perhaps you'll choose to explore the Anne Frank House, a museum dedicated to the young diarist who documented her time in hiding during WWII. (B)

Day 11: Amsterdam

The day is yours. Explore the narrow canals, stone bridges, and bike-brimmed roads at your leisure. Perhaps you'll choose to see the city from a different perspective and embark on a canal cruise or spend some time relaxing at a café. Consider perusing Dutch art at the Rijksmuseum, or even take the train to The Hague to see the renowned Girl with a Pearl Earring in the Mauritshuis Museum. (B)

Day 12: Amsterdam - Tour Ends

Bid Amsterdam farewell as your tour comes to a close today. (B)



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October 2022 - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

June 2023 - May 2024

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Optional Extension Notes.

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12 DAYS · 16 MEALS STARTING AT \$4599

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HIGHLIGHTS

Versailles Palace & Gardens • Giverny
• Normandy • D-Day Landing Sites •
Omaha Beach • American Cemetery
• Le Mont St. Michel • Loire Valley •
Winery Tour • 2-Night Château Stay •
Chenonceau Castle • Amboise • Paris •
Seine River Cruise • Eiffel Tower Dinner



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy 2 nights at your 15th-century castle accommodations at the Château de Beauvois.
- Visit the private apartments of King Louis the Great in the Royal Palace of Versailles.
- Admire famous landmarks while cruising along the River Seine in Paris.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Delight in a tour and tasting at a local winery.
- Savour local flavours during dinner at a traditional French restaurant.
- Enjoy an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring delicious cuisine and breathtaking views.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Le Louis Versailles Chateau - MGallery, Versailles

Days 4, 5 Hotel Le Moderne, Caen

Days 6, 7 Hotel Oceania, Saint-Malo or Hotel de L'Abbaye, Brittany

Countryside

Countryside

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Days 8, 9 Château de Beauvois, Loire

Valley

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From the royal Palace of Versailles to the enchanting streets of Paris, grab a baguette and rendezvous with the best of France.

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: Versailles, France - Tour Begins Your tour begins in the royal borough of Versailles. Celebrate the beginning of your voyage with a savoury French dinner in the culturally-rich town of Versailles. (D)

Day 3: Versailles - Royal Palace and Gardens

Start your day with an exploration of the iconic Palace of Versailles (UNESCO). A guide leads you through the Private Apartments of King Louis XIV, the Sun King, who transformed his father's hunting lodge into the resplendent seat of the Royal Court. Continue your visit independently through the lavish State Apartments. From the prominent Hall of Mirrors to the opulent bedchamber of the queen, take in Versailles' most famous sights at your own pace. This afternoon your explorations continue in the palace's grandiose formal gardens, where the Baroque fountains regularly spout water to the tune of classical music. (B)

Day 4: Versailles - Giverny - Caen

Journey into Normandy and let the art scene leave

its impression on you with a visit to Monet's countryside home at Giverny. Stroll through the colourful living work of art that is Monet's garden, where you'll see the source for the artist's inspiration, including the setting for his iconic *Waterlilies*. Then, set off through the rich pasturelands of Normandy to the city of Caen, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, D)

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

This morning visit Omaha Beach and stop at the Normandy American Cemetery & Visitor Center. See the stars and stripes raised over the graves of the valiant soldiers who gave their lives in the Battle of Normandy. Then, walk through Pointe du Hoc Ranger Memorial and see where the 2nd Ranger Battalion scaled 100-foot cliffs on D-Day to seize the fortified enemy position. Next, make your way to Sainte Mère Eglise, the heart of the American Airborne operations on D-Day, and visit its parachute-shaped Airborne Museum. (B)

Day 6: Caen - Peace Memorial - Saint-Malo

Your exploration of the D-Day Landing Sites continues today with a visit to Juno Beach and to Arromanche-les-Bain, to see the remains





of the artificial Mulberry port built by the Allies to resupply their lines during the liberation of France. Conclude the morning with a visit to the Caen Memorial Peace Museum, built to commemorate those who died in the epic Battle of Normandy in 1944. Then it's off to Saint-Malo, Brittany's famous coastal village. Immerse yourself in the beautiful beaches, striking blue water, and views of the fortified Old Town. Tonight, enjoy a freshly prepared local dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Saint-Malo - Le Mont St. Michel - Saint-Malo

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

Day 8: Saint-Malo - Chinon - Loire Valley

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

Day 9: Loire Valley - Amboise -**Loire Valley**

Explore the spectacular Château de Chenonceau at your own pace. Perched along the banks of the Cher River, this romantic castle 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. (B)

Day 10: Loire Valley - Paris

Travel the French countryside to France's capital, the City of Light - Paris. Pause for lunch at a modern bistro, before gliding under romantic bridges during a scenic cruise along the Seine River. Take in the city's most iconic landmarks such as Notre Dame Cathedral, the Conciergerie, and Île Saint-Louis peaking at you from the Banks of the Seine (UNESCO). As your day comes to a close, make the most of an evening at leisure in this incredibly walkable, world-famous city. Perhaps you will enjoy an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin for a champagneflowing, can-can kicking, music-driven night at the cabaret. (B, L)

Day 11: Paris

Take advantage of a free day to write your own story in romantic Paris. Perhaps you'll take an optional guided tour at the famous Louvre Museum or roam the shops in the elegant Opéra district. This evening, celebrate the conclusion of your French voyage during an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, featuring French cuisine and panoramic views of the City of Light. (B, D)

Day 12: Paris - Tour Ends

Set out for home with many magnificent memories, (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 March - May 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

June - November 2023 March - May 2024

(featured itinerary)

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ESSENCE OF FRANCE

12 DAYS · 15 MEALS STARTING AT \$5499

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HIGHLIGHTS

Paris • Seine River Cruise • High-speed TGV train • Aix-en-Provence • Truffle Hunting • Cassis • Grasse • Perfume Workshop • Nice • Villa Rothschild



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Hunt for truffles with a local chef and his truffle-sniffing dogs.
- Zoom through the French countryside at 186 mph aboard a TGV high-speed train.
- Learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 7 In Cassis, explore the coves and inlets of the Calanques National Park by land or sea. You can relax on a scenic cruise for views of the towering cliffs -OR- challenge yourself on a hike through the Mediterranean shrub to view the rugged landscape from above.
- Day 10 Explore the Old Town
 of Nice during a walking tour of
 the flower and food markets -OR explore the charming walled village
 of St. Paul de Vence, which inspired
 artists such as Matisse and Picasso.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Taste locally made cheese during a visit to a goat farm in the Provençal countryside.
- Enjoy a typical French lunch in the tearoom of the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 M Social Hotel or La Maison Favart, Paris

Days 5 - 8 Boutique Hotel Cezanne or Grand Hotel Roi Rene M-Gallery, Aix-en-Provence

Days 9 - 11 BW Plus Hotel Brice Garden or BW Plus Hotel Massena, Nice

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The wine, cuisine, art and landscapes of France ignite the senses on a journey to romantic Paris, chromatic Provence and the sparkling French Riviera.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Allons-y! Ignite the senses on a journey to romantic Paris, chromatic Provence and the sparkling French Riviera. Mouthwatering cuisine, stunning views, art and history create a trip that shows you the true essence of France.

Day 2: Paris, France - Tour Begins

Welcome to Paris, the brilliant capital of France. A 3-night stay in the "City of Light" showcases its vibrant atmosphere, cuisine and history. Meet your fellow explorers this evening over dinner as you toast "santé" to the beginning of a grand adventure. (D)

Day 3: Paris - Île de la Cité - Seine River Cruise

Do as the locals do as you step aboard Le Métro – your main mode of transportation while in Paris. As you learn to navigate the city via underground with your Tour Manager, embrace the freedom to set off later as you wish. The first stop is at the Île de la Cité, the island set in the heart of Paris. During a walking tour, take in the progress of restoration efforts of the awe-inspiring Notre Dame Cathedral and view the imposing Conciergerie, the last prison of Marie Antoinette. Later, glide along the Banks of the Seine (UNESCO) on a river cruise taking in views of the Eiffel Tower and the

city's famous bridges. Spend the afternoon as you please. Perhaps you'll stroll along the grand Champs-Élysées or join an optional guided tour of the Louvre Museum. (B)

Day 4: Paris

Experience Paris at your own pace today. Perhaps you'll venture to bohemian Montmartre, pausing to observe modern artists at work in Place du Tertre. Or journey to Versailles on an optional visit to the Royal Palace of King Louis XIV, the "Sun King." Tour the State Apartments and Hall of Mirrors with an expert guide before exploring its famous gardens that took over 40 years to complete. This evening, choose to explore more of the culinary scene of the "City of Light" with a gourmet dinner before spinning the wheels of time from the backseat of a retro Citroën 2CV car. (B)

Day 5: Paris - High-Speed Train to Provence - Aix-en-Provence

Au revoir, Paris! Grab your bags and let a TGV – France's high-speed train – whisk you away to colourful Provence. Arrive in Aix in the late afternoon and make yourself at home for the next 4 nights. This evening savour the flavours of Provence during a tasting dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Aix-en-Provence - Truffle Hunting

Let a memorable epicurean adventure commence with a truffle hunt led by a local chef and trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. Avant la chasse (the hunt), visit a goat farm nestled among rich landscapes that inspired van Gogh, Picasso, and Renoir to learn secrets of regional cheese production and sample the results. Then savour a lunch featuring freshly prepared Provençal specialties whipped up by your chef. Back in Aix, the balance of the afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll take a stroll along Le Cours Mirabeau. This tree-lined, pedestrianized avenue is dotted by fountains and cafés cherished by locals and visitors alike. (B, L)

Day 7: Aix-en-Provence - Cassis -Choice on Tour 😯

Journey to the fishing village of Cassis. Sheltered by the Calanques National Park on one side and the mighty Cap Canaille on the other, Cassis charms with its multicoloured houses and array of small fishing boats, yachts and sailboats quietly bobbing in the town's harbour. Then, explore the National Park's coves and inlets by land or sea because it's your choice! Relax on a scenic cruise for views of the towering cliffs -OR- challenge yourself on a hike through the Mediterranean shrub to view the rugged landscape from above. No matter your choice, once back in Cassis make the most of your free time, perhaps tasting a traditional bouillabaisse fish stew before returning to Aix in the midafternoon, (B)

Day 8: Aix-en-Provence

The day is yours to explore Aix-en-Provence at leisure. Perhaps you'll visit the atelier (artist studio) of Aix's most renowned citizen, Paul Cézanne, frozen in time since the painter's death in 1906. Or you may choose a full day optional tour exploring the historic village of Saint-Rémy with its bustling weekly market and the cobbled streets of Les Baux-de-Provence, a picture perfect hilltop village. Before returning to Aix, experience an impressive multimedia presentation at the Carrières de Lumières. Making use of a former quarry, iconic works of art are projected onto the surrounding

rock, accompanied by stirring music. (B)

Day 9: Aix-en-Provence - Grasse -**Nice**

This morning, traverse southern France en route to the French Riviera. Pause in Grasse to learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop led by an expert perfumer, affectionately referred to as "Nez" (Nose). Arrive in Nice in the late afternoon, and settle in for a 3-night stay in the leading resort town of the Côte d'Azur. This evening taste Mediterranean-inspired French cuisine during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Nice - Choice on Tour 😯

This morning it's your choice! On a guided walking tour, discover Nice's famed flower market and be enchanted by the brightly coloured blooms before exploring the atmosphere of the Old Town and its bustling food market -OR- journey to historic St. Paul de Vence, situated atop a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside. Explore this charming walled medieval village, soaking in its distinctive light said to have inspired artists such as Matisse and poet Jacques Prévert. Back in Nice this afternoon, bask in the sunshine at a local café or perhaps take in an artist's perspective at the Chagall National Museum. (B)

Day 11: Nice - Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat - Villa Rothschild

Head to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, the crown jewel of the French Riviera, where you'll visit the impressive Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Uncover the lush gardens replete with lovely views of the Mediterranean Sea. Your visit to the villa is complete with a celebratory lunch served in the Villa's charming tearoom. Gaze over the Bay of Villefranche as you compare notes and experiences with fellow travellers as you say "au revoir" to the magic of France. (B, L)

Day 12: Nice - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many fond memories of the essence of France. (B)



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October 2022 - May 2023

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The 3 night Monaco & Italian Riviera Extension is Hosted. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences. Travel to Cinque Terre requires agility as you will board trains with three (approximately 1-foot tall) steps with the help of handrails. The boat ride to Portofino operates on a weather permitting basis between March and early November. When the weather is uncooperative, you will still visit Portofino, but you will travel there by local bus.



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HIGHLIGHTS

Champs-Elysees • Arc de Triomphe •
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Le Marais • Place des Vosges • Parisian
Food Tour • Notre Dame • Versailles
Palace & Gardens • Montmartre •
Seine River Dinner Cruise



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Navigate Paris like a local by riding the metro to destinations.
- Feel like a true Parisian when you discover the beloved neighbourhood of Montmartre.
- Explore the Le Marais neighbourhood's winding streets, gorgeous old mansions, and oldest planned square in Paris.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 6 — With a local guide, venture into the Musée de Montmartre and glimpse into the roots of cabaret and the lives of Paris' most famous artists -OR- head inside Sacré-Coeur and take in the city from this iconic hilltop basilica.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

5 Breakfasts (B) • 1 Lunch (L) • 2 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower with unparalleled views of the "City of Light."
- Feel the hustle and bustle of the city with your personal foodie guide and sample French delicacies on a walking food tour.
- Admire the city skyline as you float down the Seine on a relaxing dinner cruise.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 6 Le Meridien Etoile, Paris

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Be filled with *joie de vivre* as you soak in the romance and unparalleled charm of Paris.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Iconic skylines of picturesque towers. A trendsetting culinary scene. The inspirational muse for the world's greatest artists. Fashion-forward haute couture. This is the "City of Light." Feel the essence of Paris as the locals do – with its chic cosmopolitan vibe and constant energy. You're on your way to a 5-night stay in the thriving heartbeat of France.

Day 2: Paris, France - Bonjour!

Be swept off your feet as the Paris of your dreams comes alive. Make your way down the Champs-Élysées, the hotspot for Parisian fashion, and marvel at the towering Arc de Triomphe. Words can't do justice to the view from within the Eiffel Tower, where you'll enjoy an exclusive dinner featuring savoury French cuisine. (D)

Day 3: Le Marais: Hip and Historic, and the Local Foodie

Your cultural lesson continues this morning with a culinary quest through the hip and historic district of Le Marais. A favourite of Parisians since time immemorial, Le Marais counts the great writers Victor Hugo and Honoré de Balzac among its famous citizens. Join a local foodie and venture to the neighbourhood's beloved venues, getting a taste of the cozy shops and Parisian flavours.

Along the way, meander through the flourishing trees and bright grassy patches of spectacular Place des Vosges, the oldest town square in all of Paris. Try some sweets and enjoy a tasting of cheese before pausing at a local bistro for a glass of wine and the plat du jour. Take a walk down to the Ile de la Cité to snap a picture of the awe-inspiring Notre Dame or relax in one of Le Marais' cozy cafés and indulge in the Parisian art of people watching. As your day comes to a close, make the most of an evening at leisure. Or, enjoy an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin for a champagne-flowing, can-can kicking, music-driven night at the cabaret. (B, L)

Day 4: The Louvre, the Lisa, and Paris as You Please

Step into the shoes of a local and navigate Le Métro – your main mode of transportation for the week. Get to know this underground system with a local pro, giving you the freedom to set off later as you wish. First stop – the Louvre Museum. The ethereal glass pyramid at the Louvre's entrance serves as your gateway into another realm, where ancient sculptures lead to 19th-century canvases. Wander past and marvel at the palette progeny of Raphael and Botticelli before making your way to Da Vinci's renowned Mona Lisa. Enjoy the



provocateurs. Choose how you discover the area because it's your choice!

Venture into the Musée de Montmartre and glimpse the roots of cabaret and the lives of Paris' most famous artists with a local guide -OR- head inside Sacré-Coeur and take in the city from this iconic hilltop basilica. Tonight, say salut as you toast to the end of your Parisian getaway, admiring the city skyline as you gently float down the Seine on a dinner cruise. (B, D)

Day 7: Paris - Tour Ends

Au revoir! Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



afternoon at leisure to explore Paris as you please. Perhaps you'll take a leisurely stroll through the Tuileries Garden or elegant Place Vendôme with its glittering vitrines displaying jewelry and high-fashion designs. (B)

Day 5: Once Upon Versailles

Channel your inner royal at Versailles - an imperial titan located in the heart of France. There's a reason why Versailles has served as a model for countless international abodes, which you'll discover as you wind your way through sprawling green gardens and palace halls with a local guide. From the prominent Hall of Mirrors to the opulent bedchamber of the queen, take in the palace's most famous sights. The evening is yours to do as you please. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour of L'Opéra district, where you'll have time to peruse luxury Parisian retailers and visit the worldfamous Fragonard Musée du Parfum to discover the art of perfume making. (B)

Day 6: Montmartre: An Artist's Eden 🕜

It's your last day in Paris – spend the morning exploring the hip bohemian neighbourhood of Montmartre. Blending artistic roots and quirky modernity, this 18th *arrondissement* (neighbourhood) is home to classical painters and cultural

Optional 2 Night Paris
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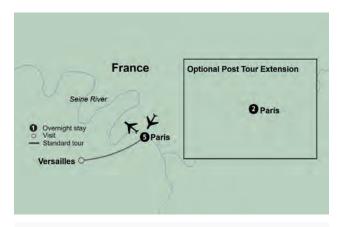
Day 7: Paris - Extension Begins

This morning, step back in time during a walking tour centered on the French Revolution. Your expert guide evokes the shadows of Marie Antoinette and Robespierre as you journey back to the tumultuous years of 1789-1799. Visit landmarks such as Place de la Bastille (where the infamous prison once stood) and Place de la Concorde where the revolutionary government erected a guillotine in the square (and where King Louis XVI was executed on 21 January 1793). The afternoon is yours to explore more of the French capital independently. Perhaps you'll stroll through the Beaubourg neighbourhood and take in the whimsical moving fountain of the Centre Pompidou for Contemporary Art.

Day 8: Paris

The day is yours to explore more of the French capital on your own. Perhaps you'll wander over to the Left Bank of the Seine River and plunge into the bohemian atmosphere of the Saint-Germain-des-Prés neighbourhood and the Latin Quarter. Or visit one of the city's iconic museums, such as the highly acclaimed Musée D'Orsay. This evening, celebrate the end of your extended stay in Paris with dinner in a local brasserie before sliding into the backseat of a vintage retro car, cruising through the chic boulevards and peering up at the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe from the car's open roof. (B, D)

Day 9: Paris - Depart for HomeWish France *adieu* as you return home.
(B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - May 2023

June 2023 - May 2024

(different itinerary - see note*)

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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The Optional Paris Extension is Hosted. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

66 This was an excellent tour... The tour included everything you would want for an introduction to Paris. 99

- Collette Traveller

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HIGHLIGHTS

Copenhagen • Farm Visit • Manor House Stay • Stockholm • Oslo • Fram Museum • Stave Church • Flåm Railway • Geirangerfjord Cruise • Bergen



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit a family-run organic Danish farm.
- See the intricately-designed Borgund Stave Church, erected in 1180.
- Overnight in a historic manor house in the Swedish countryside.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 6 — In Stockholm, choose to explore the Vasa Ship Museum and learn about the vessel's shocking maiden voyage, when it sank in a single nautical mile -OR- visit the ABBA Museum, an interactive exhibition about the Swedish pop sensation.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) - 8 Dinners (D)

- Savour Swedish cuisine in Stockholm's old town.
- Experience traditional Norwegian cuisine in Bergen.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Scandic Spectrum Hotel,
Copenhagen

Day 4 Toftaholm Herrgard,

Vittaryd **Days 5, 6** Scandic Grand Central,

Stockholm

Days 7, 8Hotel Bristol, OsloDay 9Fretheim Hotel, FlamDays 10, 11Hotel Loenfjord, Loen

Days 12, 13 Scandic Neptun, Bergen

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: 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. Take some time to venture out on your own and come to know this cosmopolitan capital, dubbed the "gastro capital of Scandinavia." Tonight, meet your fellow travellers for dinner. (D)

Day 3: Copenhagen

Join a local expert and set off on an engaging tour of Denmark's capital city. Explore Nyhavn, the picturesque harbour lined with colourful facades and charming cafes, as well as Amalienborg Palace, the residence of the Danish royal family. Visit the Little Mermaid Statue, a 1913 sculpture honoring Hans Christian Andersen's famous fictional character. See Christiansborg Palace, home to the Danish parliament, before enjoying some free time to explore Copenhagen on your own. (B)

Day 4: Copenhagen - Farm Visit - Swedish Countryside

Bid farewell to Copenhagen and travel north to meet the Hage family on their organic farm. Learn about their work conserving ancient grains and the old Danish livestock breeds before enjoying some homemade treats. Continue on to Helsingor, home of Kronborg Castle, and board a local ferry for a short ride across the famous Oresund to Sweden. This afternoon, arrive Toftaholm Herrgård, a family-run lakeside manor house and your home for the evening. Before dinner, a local storyteller will enchant you with fabled stories from Sweden's past. (B, D)

Day 5: Swedish Countryside - Granna - Stockholm

Bid farewell to your countryside retreat and travel to Granna, a town situated on the shores of Lake Vättern and famous for its charming wooden houses, cobblestone streets and delectable candy shops. Continue north to Stockholm, Sweden's capital city. Tonight, enjoy a twist on modern dishes from Swedish and European cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Stockholm 😯

View Stockholm's greatest vistas and attractions, including Gamla Stan (Old Town), Riddarholm Church, the Royal Palace and the Parliament. You'll also enjoy a visit inside Stockholm's stunning City Hall. This afternoon **it's your choice!** You may choose to explore the Vasa Ship Museum and learn about the vessel's shocking maiden voyage, when it sank in a single nautical mile; the perfectly preserved ship, commissioned in the 1600s by King Vasa, was raised 334 years later from the bottom of the harbour **-OR-** visit the ABBA

Museum, an interactive exhibition about the Swedish pop sensation. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Stockholm independently. (B)

Day 7: Stockholm - Oslo, Norway

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

Day 8: Oslo

A tour of Oslo begins at the Fram Museum, dedicated to telling the story of Norwegian polar exploration. 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, enjoy some free time to relax or explore. (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. (B, D)

Day 10: Flåm - Flåm Railway - Loen

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 each way. Continue onto the village of Loen, for a relaxing stay in the heart for Norway's fjord region. (B, D)

Day 11: Loen - Fjord Cruise - Loen

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

Day 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 historic and iconic harbour front, known as the Bryggen (UNESCO). Enjoy the afternoon at leisure, or you may choose to join an optional tour to taste the food of Bergen. Reunite with your fellow passengers for an atmospheric farewell dinner in the historic Bryggen neighbourhood. (B, D)

Day 14: Bergen - Tour Ends

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

Optional 3 Night Iceland Post-Tour Extension

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Day 14: Bergen - Fly to Reykjavík, Iceland

Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. After having the day to yourself, gather with your fellow travellers for an included Icelandic dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 15: Reykjavík

This morning, join a local expert for a walking tour of the city's old section featuring Hallgrimskirkja church, city hall, the harbour, and the home of the Kraum Icelandic design centre. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure. Perhaps you will choose to relax on a scenic whale watching cruise; venture out on a horseback riding excursion; or travel out to the Reykjanes peninsula to relax in the geo-thermal waters of the famed Blue Lagoon. (B)

Day 16: Reykjavík - Golden Circle -Reykjavík

Travel the incredible Golden Circle, a route encompassing many of Iceland's natural wonders. Marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100-foot double cascade. Journey to Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Find yourself standing upon one of the globe's most geologically significant landscapes, Thingvellir's rugged rift valley (UNESCO) that marks the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the point where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Return to Reykjavík and have time to explore the city on your own. (B)

Day 17: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

June - October 2023 May 2024

(featured itinerary)

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The Optional 3 Night Reykjavik Extension is Hosted. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

6 I enjoyed all of it, the balance of guided tours, free time, locations of hotels, the food, and the guides were excellent! 99

- Collette Traveller

ICELAND: LAND OF FIRE & ICE

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HIGHLIGHTS

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



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 5 — Follow local tradition and take a hike up Helgafell Mountain, known as the Sacred Hill, with your Tour Manager -OR- spend some time on your own at Stykkisholmur Swimming Pool, a facility with both outdoor and indoor swimming pools and thermal pools to soak in.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- 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,

Reykjavik **Days 4, 5** Fosshotel, Stykkisholmur

Days 6 - 8 Hotel Katla by Keahotels or Dyrholaey Hotel, Vik

Centerhotel Plaza,

Reykjavik

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



An island of dramatic contrasts, uncover Iceland's natural beauty through a land forged by ice and fire.

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 the city hall, the harbour, the Parliament
building and the nearby cathedral, dating from
1796. Then, get to know your fellow travellers
during an Icelandic lunch at a popular local
restaurant before checking into your hotel in the
later afternoon. (L)

Day 3: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík

Travel the Golden Circle and experience renowned natural wonders, including the double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall, the explosive Geysir thermal area, and the famous Thingvellir National Park, where you'll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Along the way, stop at a family-run dairy farm to enjoy various cheeses and their famous ice cream. Your day ends with a visit to Friðheimar's stud farm and greenhouse cultivation centre. Discover how pesticide-free produce is grown with the aid of geothermal energy and then

learn about the tradition of breeding Icelandic show horses before returning to Reykjavík. (B)

Day 4: Reykjavík - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Stykkishólmur

Explore the Snæfellsnes Peninsula and take in black sand beaches, volcanic craters and the Snæfellsjökull glacier. Put your camera to work snapping photos of this dramatic landscape during a walk along the coastline. Connect with the local culture during a visit to a maritime museum illustrating fishing techniques, such as the century-old tradition of catching and preserving the Greenland shark; you'll also taste hákarl – cured shark meat. (B, D)

Day 5: Stykkishólmur - Breiðafjördur Cruise - Stykkishólmur 😯

Begin your day with a walk on Súgandisey Island, searching for marine birds and taking in the views of Stykkishólmur before joining a nature cruise of Breiðafjördur Bay. As you drift across the water, sample fresh scallops and sea urchin roe straight from the ocean. You might spot puffins, cormorants, and the white-tailed eagle soaring as you look out to the shoreline. This afternoon, it's your choice! Follow local tradition and take a hike up Helgafell Mountain, known as the Sacred Hill, with your Tour Manager -OR- spend some time on your own at Stykkisholmur Swimming







Pool, a facility with both outdoor and indoor swimming pools and thermal pools to soak in. (B)

Day 6: Stykkishólmur - Lava **Exhibition Center - Vík**

Learn about geothermal renewable energy on a visit to Hellisheiðavirkjun, the largest power station in Iceland, and the second largest geothermal power station in the world. Visit the Lava Exhibition Centre and delve into Iceland's past and present volcanic eruptions. Arrive in Vík, Iceland's southernmost village, and one of the most remarkable spots in Iceland. (B, D)

Day 7: Vík - Skógar Museum -Sólheimajökull Galcier - Vík

Drive along the scenic south shore to the Skógar Museum. Discover its turfbuilt houses and its collection of farm and domestic artifacts. Nearby is the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of the tallest in Iceland, View Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach scattered with caves and surrounded by basalt columns and cliffs. The beach is rich with bird life, such as the fulmar, black guillemot, razorbill, and gannet. You might also spot some nesting puffins along the unique natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey, a volcanic peninsula towering over the ocean. Cap off your day with a visit to Sólheimajökull

Glacier, part of Iceland's fourth largest ice cap. Take in its dramatic, blue-white ice, rugged crevasses, and stunning views. (B, D)

Day 8: Vík - Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon - Vatnajökull National Park - Vík

Journey to Vatnajökull, Iceland's largest national park and home to the country's highest mountains. Marvel at the vistas and snowy mountain peaks while you set sail along 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. (B, D)

Day 9: Vík - Seljalandsfoss -Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík

Make a picture stop at Seljalandsfoss, where you'll walk behind a waterfall for views from the inside-out. In the afternoon, visit the Blue Lagoon and soak in the warm, mineral-rich waters, located in the heart of a dramatic lava field, before returning to Reykjavik. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a local dining experience and share stories of your days in Iceland. (B, D)

Day 10: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

Depart for home with memories of your Icelandic adventure. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

April - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

June - September 2023 April - May 2024 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this

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66 It was an excellent agenda with interesting excursions - I loved the Blue Lagoon experience! I learned so much about Iceland: the people, their history, and their geography. 99

Collette Traveller

ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS

7 DAYS · 11 MEALS STARTING AT \$2999

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HIGHLIGHTS

Reykjavík • Northern Lights Cruise •
Search for the Northern Lights • Golden
Circle • Thingvellir National Park •
Gullfoss • Lava Exhibition Center • Vik
• Seljalandsfoss • Skógar Museum •
Skógafoss • Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon
• Skaftafell National Park & Vatnajökull
Glacier • Blue Lagoon



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

6 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Savour gourmet Icelandic cuisine at a popular local restaurant.
- Challenge your taste buds and sample traditional hákarl (shark) and brennivín (Icelandic schnapps.)



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

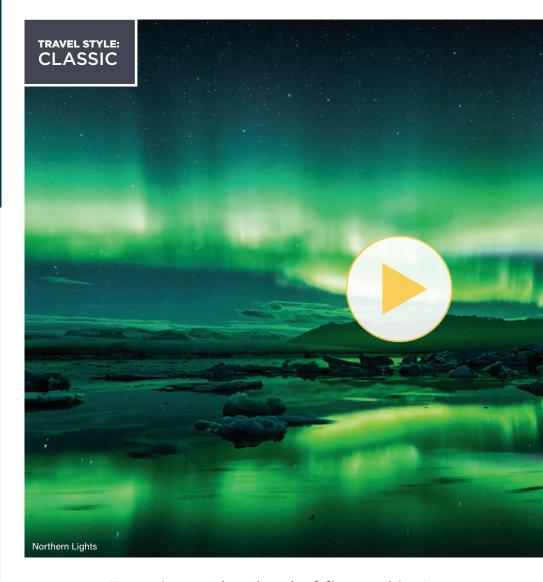
Day 2 Centerhotel Plaza,
Reykjavik

Days 3 - 5 Hotel Katla by Kea or Hotel Dyrhólaey, Vik

Day 6 Centerhotel Plaza,

Reykjavik

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Experience the "land of fire and ice" and chase the aurora borealis across an ethereal wonderland.

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 search for 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 the harbour, city hall, the Parliament building, and the nearby cathedral, dating back to 1796. Gather with your fellow travellers at a popular restaurant for dinner featuring Icelandic cuisine. This evening, take an exhilarating northern lights cruise and sail into the darkness of Faxaflói Bay in search of the aurora borealis. (B, D)

Day 3: Reykjavík - Golden Circle -Lava Exhibition Center - Vík

Travel the Golden Circle to experience renowned natural wonders, including the explosive Geysir thermal area, the double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall, and the famous Thingvellir National Park, where you'll stand upon the crest of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Stop at the Lava Exhibition Center and delve into Iceland's past and present volcanic eruptions. Continue to Vík. Drive out into the stillness of rural Iceland in search of the northern lights or venture out on foot. Enjoy three nights of searching to increase your likelihood of spotting the lights. (B, D)

Day 4: Vik - Seljalandsfoss - Skógar Museum - Vík

Journey to Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most famous and unique waterfalls. Visit Skógar Museum and discover its turf-built homes and artifacts. Stand in awe before the







impressive Skógafoss waterfall, one of Iceland's tallest. Your journey continues to Reynisfjara, a volcanic sand beach surrounded by basalt formations and rich bird life. Look out over the natural rock formations at Dyrhólaey, a volcanic peninsula towering over the ocean. Get a sense of the local culture as you challenge vour taste buds and sample traditional delicacies - hákarl (cured shark) and brennivín (schnapps), After dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights. (B, D)

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

Travel to Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, filled with floating icebergs. Explore this extraordinary landscape and search for seals swimming in cold waters. Travel to Skaftafell National Park, gateway to Vatnajökull Glacier. Vatnajökull is known for having Iceland's highest mountains and Europe's largest ice cap. After dinner, continue searching for the northern lights dancing across the night sky. (B, D)

Day 6: Vík - Blue Lagoon -Reykjavík

Drive along the south shore towards the Reykjanes Peninsula. Known for its rugged landscape, lava fields, and numerous hot springs, the peninsula is home to the Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the warm, mineralrich waters of the geothermal pool, located in the heart 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)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - March 2023 September 2023 - March 2024 (different itinerary - see note*) (featured itinerary)

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66 My favourite experience was swimming in the Blue Lagoon... The water was warm and beautiful. 99

- Collette Traveller

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ICELANDIC ADVENTURE

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HIGHLIGHTS

Reykjavík • Golden Circle • Thingvellir National Park • Gullfoss Waterfall • Lake Mývatn • Húsavík • Whale Watching • Goðafoss Waterfall • Akureyri • Horse Farm Visit • Snæfellsnes Peninsula • Impact Moment • Langjökull Glacier • Blue Lagoon



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Go whale watching in Skjálfandi Bay with specialized RIB Zodiac boats.
- Ascend the massive Langjökull glacier via mountain truck.
- Learn about the 300 years of fishing history during a visit to a maritime museum.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 4 — Soak in the Lake Mývatn Nature Baths, a favourite local spot
 OR- hike through Dimmuborgir and pass by lava pinnacles and mystical caves.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 6 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in Icelandic-inspired cuisine at a local restaurant.
- Taste homemade specialties during an Impact Moment visit to Jóhanna's goat farm.
- Taste a piece of lava bread and learn how locals use geothermal energy to cook food.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

Days 4, 5 Fosshotel, Myvatn

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE: During your stay at the Fosshotel Myvatn, you may choose to upgrade to a Lake View Room.

CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 6

Laugarbakki Hotel,

Laugarbakki

Days 7, 8 Hotel Hamar, BorgarnesDay 9 Centerhotel Plaza, Reykjavik

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Encounter a world of untamed beauty as you discover Iceland's adventurous landscapes and rich cultural heritage.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Iceland, a land forged by fire and ice, where adventurous landscapes give way to a rich cultural heritage. Discover the dramatic contrasts: from ethereal lava fields and thundering waterfalls to charming coastal villages.

Day 2: Reykjavík, Iceland - Tour Begins

Discover culture and history in Reykjavík – Iceland's capital. Explore the old section on a walking tour featuring the Parliament, harbour, city hall, and the city's oldest building. Gaze up at the famous glass façade of the Harpa Concert Hall, a true marvel of modern architecture. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Icelandic dinner at a distinctive local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík

Travel the Golden Circle to see Iceland's most iconic natural wonders, including the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in Thingvellir National Park where you can walk between two continents. Learn how locals use Iceland's geothermal energy to cook food and taste "lava bread," which is submerged into the earth and cooked for 24 hours. Continue along the Golden Circle and take in the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) double-cascade waterfall before

visiting the explosive Strokkur fountain geyser. (B)

Day 4: Reykjavík - Lake Mývatn 😯

This morning, fly to Akureyri and take in the unique volcanic landscape that surrounds Lake Mývatn. You will have a chance to explore the Hverir geothermal area, where bubbling mud pools resemble a Martian terrain. Next, **it's your choice!** Dip into the warm water and steam of the Lake Mývatn Nature Baths, frequented by Icelanders and visitors alike **-OR-** hike through Dimmuborgir and pass by irregular lava formations and mystical caves that inspire your imagination. (B. D)

Day 5: Lake Mývatn - Húsavík - Whale Watching - Lake Mývatn

Venture into the town of Húsavík, where legend claims the Norse first settled in Iceland. Gear up in thermal wear to join expert whale watchers on a cruise on Skjálfandi Bay. Aboard specialized Zodiacs, you'll get as close as you can to whales in northern Iceland. You may see humpback, minke, fin or harbour porpoise, and possibly the orca or giant blue whales that frequent these waters. End your day with a visit to Grenjaðarstaður and peruse Icelandic turf settlement homes. (B)

Day 6: Lake Mývatn - Goðafoss -Akureyri - Laugarbakki

En route to Akureyri, stop at one of Iceland's most historic waterfalls, Goðafoss, where Iceland was converted to Christianity in A.D. 1000. Enjoy time at leisure in Akureyri to explore Iceland's second largest city. Perhaps you'll peruse its botanical garden, a public park positioned just 30 miles south of the Arctic Circle. Next, head to the scenic Norðurland Vestra region, famous for its horse breeding. On a family-owned farm, grab your camera for a photo tour of the stables and interact with these friendly animals. Later this afternoon, travel to the village of Laugarbakki. (B. D)

Day 7: Laugarbakki - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Borgarnes

This morning, journey to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, with its camera-ready black sand beaches, mountain peaks, volcanic craters, rocky coastlines, and tiny fishing villages. Connect with the local culture during a visit to a maritime museum illustrating fishing techniques, such as the century-old tradition of catching and preserving the Greenland shark; you'll also taste hákarl – cured shark meat. End the day in Borgarnes, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 8: Borgarnes - Húsafell -Langjökull Glacier Experience -Borgarnes

This morning, journey inland to Húsafell and look out at the misty waterfalls cascading over lava rocks. Then, experience an **Impact Moment** with a visit to Jóhanna's goat farm. Here, she has helped to bring this unique breed, dating back to the time of Iceland's settlement, back from the brink of extinction. After visiting with the friendly goats, enjoy a simple meal of homemade specialties from the farm. Then, bundle up and ascend Langjökull glacier via mountain truck and go "Into the Glacier" to experience the purest blue ice colour in this man-made tunnel, the world's largest. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Borgarnes - Blue Lagoon - Reykjavík

Visit the Settlement Museum and dive into the origins of Icelandic heritage, including the works of the famous Viking poet Egill Skallagrímsson. Drive to the Reykjanes Peninsula, home to the famous Blue Lagoon. Take a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of this iconic geothermal pool, located in the heart of a dramatic lava field. Come together this evening for a farewell dinner at a restaurant featuring Icelandic cuisine. (B, D)

Day 10: Reykjavík - Tour Ends

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

Optional 4 Night Greenland Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$3900† pp



Day 10: Reykjavik - Ilulissat, Greenland - Post-Tour Extensions Begins

Fly from Iceland to the picturesque coastal town of Ilulissat, Greenland. Ilulissat is the Kalaallisut word for "icebergs," and the Ilulissat Icefjord (UNESCO) offers unforgettable views of colossal fast-moving icebergs. Once you arrive, meet with your local guide before transferring to your nearby hotel. Embark on a walking tour with your guide who will review everything you need to know about navigating the town and point out local landmarks, restaurants, and more. Return to the hotel this evening for a 2-course meal crafted with slow-grown local produce and other ingredients, all sourced from Greenland and other Nordic nations. (D)

Day 11: Ilulissat - Eqi Glacier - Disko Bay - Ilulissat

This morning you'll embark on a full day excursion to the Eqi Glacier! Listen to the thundering sound of ice breaking from the active glacier, disrupting the otherwise peaceful stillness. Savour a buffet lunch on board the ship and take in the stunning views until evening, when you will return to the hotel for another fresh, locally sourced dinner. After, enjoy an evening cruise among the icebergs and see these natural wonders as the sun lingers into the night. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Ilulissat - Sermermuit - Ilulissat

Today, head to Sermermiut for a private guided hike through history and culture. Sermermiut, part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was an Inuit settlement at least 4,000 years ago. Due to the climate and permafrost, this site along Disko Bay offers a remarkably well-preserved look at life here before European settlers came to Greenland. Next, visit the Ilulissat Icefjord Centre and learn about the history of ice, see how it has impacted culture, and how climate change is impacting the ice. After, return to Ilulissat for an afternoon at leisure to explore how you wish. Later, connect with your fellow travellers for dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 13: Ilulissat - Reykjavik, Iceland

Return to Iceland today, and enjoy some free time to explore Reykjavik however you choose. (B)

Day 14: Reykjavik - Extension Ends

Today you depart with lasting memories from this trip across Nordic nations. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







Unfortunately, this tour isn't appropriate for guests who use wheelchairs or walkers as it requires walking on uneven terrain.

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CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE OR POST NIGHT
PRE: REYKJAVIK
POST: REYKJAVIK

CALL FOR DETAILS

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

DOUBLE Starting at \$5199 SOLO Starting at \$6499

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on September 7, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

June - September 2023 May 2024

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2024 - May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Effective for travel after November 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Reykjavik. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 10:00 a.m. The internal flight is not included in the land cost of your tour. This flight needs to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Scheduled activities may vary in time due to the flight schedule from Reykjavík to Akureyri. Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required in some Icelandair gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. The "Into the Glacier" visit is not exclusive to us and you may share the experience with other visitors. The Langjökull Glacier Experience is weather permitting. Cold weather clothing is required to join the activities of your Langjökull Glacier Experience.

The Optional Greenland Extension is Fully Guided. Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

66 Brilliant tour of Iceland. Ticked all my boxes.
Went to all the important sites at the right pace. 99

- Collette Traveller

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

8 DAYS · 11 MEALS STARTING AT \$4699

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

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



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

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



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2, 3

Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Days 4 - 6

Day 1

Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki Kakslauttanen Arctic

Resort - West Village, Kakslauttanen

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE:

Upgrade your stay to a Kelo glass igloo for all 3 nights at the **Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort.**

CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 7

Lilla Roberts Hotel, Helsinki

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Overnight Flight

On an adventure to the top of the world, experience a side of life that feeds the imagination and leaves you forever enchanted with Finland, "Daughter of the Baltic."

Day 2: Helsinki, Finland - Tour Begins

Hei Helsinki! Finland's vibrant capital, where history converges with architectural style and combines with a laid-back vibe across beautiful islands and pristine public parks, welcomes you. This evening, gather with new friends for a welcome dinner in the city centre. Hyvää ruokahalua! (Bon appetit!) (D)

Day 3: Helsinki

Join a local expert for an engaging city tour. If Finland's heart beats in Helsinki, then Helsinki's core is in Senate Square, home of Helsinki Cathedral, the city's most iconic building. Walk the streets of empiric-designed Tori Quarters before

enjoying some free time in Market Square, the city's most famous international market. See the steel monument dedicated to the composer Sibelius. During your leisure time, explore more of Helsinki independently. (B)

Day 4: Helsinki - Kakslauttanen - Northern Lights Search

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







Day 5: Kakslauttanen - Santa Claus' Home - Reindeer Safari -**Northern Lights**

Hit the snow and mush to breakfast aboard an authentic Finnish sleigh. From Kakslauttanen, head to the home of Santa Claus, an epicentre of Christmas cheer. Among prancing reindeer, learn about Santa's origins during a meet and greet at his house. Under the Arctic moonlight, a reindeer farmer introduces you to some friendly Lappish reindeer that will escort you on an exhilarating reindeer safari through remote Kakslauttanen. Gain insight into the importance of reindeer herding to the Sámi indigenous culture. Sip warm berry juice, a Finnish tradition, under the cover of blankets in the surround of northern Finland's unspoiled wilderness as you continue the search for the elusive northern lights. (B, D)

Day 6: Kakslauttanen - Husky Safari - Northern Lights Search Breathe in the fresh Arctic air this morning and step into the role as leader of your

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

Day 7: Kakslauttanen - Helsinki Say goodbye to enchanting Lapland and fly back to Helsinki. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Explore the city's central squares and get in tune with the latest Finnish trends at a collection of charming shops. Tonight, in downtown Helsinki, toast to grand adventures and new friends. (B, D)

Day 8: Helsinki - Tour Ends Set out for home with incredible memories and a longing to return. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

POST NIGHT HELSINKI

CALL FOR DETAILS

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

DOUBLE Starting at **\$4699** Starting at \$5899

Prices based on November 11, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

November 2022 - March 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

November 2023 - March 2024 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for November 2023 - March 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

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66 The most enjoyable thing was the flawless ease with which the entire trip was planned and executed, seeing the northern lights, the meals, the fun activities. In one word: PERFECTION! 99

- Collette Traveller

SUNNY PORTUGAL

10 DAYS · 13 MEALS STARTING AT \$2399

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Portuguese Riviera - Lisbon - Belém Obidos - Sintra - Arraiolos - Cork Factory
- Evora - Winery Visit - Alentejo Monsaraz - Lagos - Algarve - Faro Tavira - 4 UNESCO World Heritage
Sites - Azeitao



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a 3-night stay in the Portuguese Riviera town of Cascais.
- Spend a night in Evora, known as the "Museum City of Portugal."
- Enjoy a leisurely 3-night stay on the sunny coast of the Algarve.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 4 — In Sintra, you can choose to explore the quaint hilltop village independently, taking some time to wander through the winding streets -OR- join a guided tour of the National Palace of Sintra, a medieval royal palace considered the bestpreserved royal palace in Portugal.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Savour the flavours of the Algarve with a tasting menu featuring iconic local dishes, liquors and pastries.
- Taste the wines of the Alentejo region during a winery locally-sourced lunch.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 Hotel Vila Galé, Cascais

ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE:

During your stay in Cascais, you may upgrade to a Sea View Room.

CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 5 Vitoria Stone Hotel, Evora or Selina Evora Hotel, Evora

Days 6 - 8 Hotel Vila Galé Lagos,

Algarve

Day 9 Turim Marques Hotel, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the Portuguese Riviera to the sunny cliffs of the Algarve, venture along Portugal's stunning shoreline.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Ancient castles and Roman ruins, groves of lemon and almond trees, quiet whitewashed villages, and welcoming locals – Portugal is waiting for you.

Day 2: Cascais, Portugal - Tour Begins

Say hello to the Portuguese Riviera, your home for the next three nights. With mansions scattered about Cascais and Monte Estoril – all 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: Cascais - Lisbon - Cascais

Embark on a panoramic Lisbon city tour and uncover the city's most famous sights. Travel to Belém where you'll see the iconic Belém Tower (UNESCO World Heritage site), and the Monument to the Discoveries. Step into the past at the 16th-century Jerónimos Monastery (UNESCO), one of the prime examples of the Portuguese Gothic style. Back in Cascais, enjoy some time to discover the narrow cobblestone streets, meandering past seaside cafés or pausing to shop for ceramics, lace, and hand-woven works. You're on your own for the remainder of the day. You may choose to join an optional experience to savour Portuguese

cuisine and wine while local artists perform traditional Fado, included in UNESCO's list as a World Cultural Heritage. (B)

Day 4: Cascais - Obidos - Sintra - Cascais 😯

Explore the picture-perfect city of Obidos, where white-washed houses sit snug within medieval city walls. Continue on to Sintra (UNESCO), a breathtaking hub that served as the summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. Then, it's your choice! Explore this quaint hilltop village and wander through the winding streets lined with cork products and pastries -OR- venture into the National Palace of Sintra and learn about its 1000-year old history. On your return to Lisbon stop to admire the stunning Cabo da Roca, the western most point of continental Europe. (B)

Day 5: Cascais - Arraiolos - Evora

Make your way through Portugal's charming countryside. Visit Arraiolos, known as the "village of rugs," and delve into the history and art of Portuguese tapestries. Visit a family-owned cork factory, where you'll learn about the product's importance to the local economy and why





Portugal is the world's top cork producer. Your journey then takes you to Evora (UNESCO) - the "Museum City of Portugal." In addition to Evora's 2nd-century Roman temple to Diana, this medieval walled city is also the home to the mysterious 16thcentury Chapel of Bones. (B)

Day 6: Evora - Monsaraz - Lagos

Journey to the stunning coasts of the Algarve - the southernmost region of Portugal, On the way, pause to take in the dramatic vistas from the village of Monsaraz. Indulge in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region during a winery tour, tasting and light lunch. Then, explore the historic resort town of Lagos, where Moorish and Renaissance influences meet towering seaside cliffs. From this bustling port city, many celebrated voyagers began their explorations. (B, L)

Day 7: Lagos

The day is yours to experience the incomparable Algarve on your own. Geraniums, camellias, and oleanders grow alongside fig, orange, and almond trees, while brightly coloured fishing boats bob on the seas. Protected by hills to the north and warmed by the sea, the Algarve's mild climate and beautiful beaches attract visitors from all over the world. You may choose to join an optional experience that will get you closer to the some of the most famous coastal scenery in Portugal. (B, D)

Day 8: Lagos - Faro - Tavira -Lagos

Journey to Faro, the capital of the Algarye. Explore the city's historic centre and see the 9th-century city walls. During lunch, discover the flavours of the region as a local chef highlights Algarve gastronomy during a cooking demonstration. Enjoy a tasting menu featuring iconic dishes of the region complete with local liquors and pastries. Continue to charming Tavira, an ancient Moorish city and one of the bestkept secrets in the Algarve. Here you will feel the unspoiled Algarve when walking its narrow lanes filled with whitewashed buildings. Return to Lagos for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 9: Lagos - Azeitao - Lisbon

En route to Lisbon, make a stop in Azeitao, a charming agricultural village known for red wine, olive trees and beautiful country estates. Meet local artisans at a familyrun shop and learn how the famous hand-painted Portuguese tiles, azulejos, are made. Bid Portugal goodbye during a dinner in Lisbon and celebrate the end of your unforgettable journey. (B, D)

Day 10: Lisbon - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







You're confident walking 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains - from cobblestone streets to a few flights of stairs.

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CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

POST NIGHT LISBON

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UP TO 1 WEEK

STOPOVER

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DOUBLE Starting at \$2399 SOLO Starting at \$3049 Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on December 2, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - May 2023

June 2023 - May 2024

(different itinerary - see note*)

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

ALSO AVAILABLE



Sunny Portugal featuring New Year's Eve in Funchal, Madeira

Start the new year off with a toast and fireworks on the island of Madeira.

DATES AVAILABLE DECEMBER 2022 & DECEMBER 2023

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The Optional Extensions are Hosted. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences. In addition to including overnight accommodations, daily breakfast, and transfers to/from the airport, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what your destination has to offer. Experiences will vary by location, but you can count on this extension style to give you a great mix of flexibility and locally guided experiences.

FEATURED TOUR EXTENSIONS

PORTO 3-NIGHT PRE TOUR STARTING AT: \$780



MADEIRA 4-NIGHT POST TOUR STARTING AT: \$910†



† Additional air segment purchase required.

NEW TOUR

FLAVOURS OF PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

16 DAYS · 21 MEALS STARTING AT \$5099

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Lisbon • Tagus River Cruise • Coimbra • Porto • Port Wine Tastings • Braga • Douro River Valley • Douro River Cruise • Salamanca • La Rioja • Pamplona • Bullfighter's Home Experience • San Sebastian • Cider House Dinner • Bilbao • Guggenheim Museum • Pintxos Tapas Pub Crawl



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend 2 nights in a picturesque quinta estate in the Douro River Valley.
- Visit a bullfighter's home in Pamplona and learn about this tradition.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 14 — Explore the coastline of Basque Country during a visit to the villages of Zumaia and Getaria
 OR- take a hike along the coastal St. James' Way -OR- enjoy time at leisure in San Sebastián.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Explore wine cellars in the Douro and Rioja regions and enjoy wine tastings.
- Go on a "pub crawl" to taste pintxo tapas.
- Enjoy a *petiscos* cooking class in the Douro River Valley.
- Tour a cider house before savouring ciderinfused cuisine in Spain's Basque region.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 Iberostar Selection Hotel, Lisbon

Days 5 - 7 Porto Royal Bridges Hotel, Porto

Days 8, 9 The Wine House Hotel - Quinta da Pacheca, Douro River Valley ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE:

Enhance your stay the Wine House Hotel – Quinta da Pacheca with an upgrade to a unique wine barrel room for 3 nights. CALL FOR DETAILS

Day 10 NH Collection Palacio de Castellanos, Salamanca

Days 11, 12 Eurostars Fuerte Ruavieja, La Rioja

Days 13 - 15 NH Collection Aranzazu, San Sebastian



Taste the essence of Portugal and Spain as you wander through historic cities with rich culture and vintage wines.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Sparkling coastlines... historic cityscapes... mouthwatering cuisine... aromatic wine... Northern Portugal and Spain await!

Day 2: Lisbon, Portugal - Tour Begins

Arrive in Lisbon, the trendy capital of Portugal. At a local restaurant, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner to officially kick off an experience-rich adventure. (D)

Day 3: Lisbon

Set off for a walking tour that takes you to the Praça do Comercio in downtown Lisbon, one of the biggest squares in Europe. Climb aboard a private tram to discover Lisbon from its hills. Travel through historic neighbourhoods where postcardworthy vistas greet you at every turn. Walk to the Chiado neighbourhood and embrace its bohemian vibe or return back to the hotel by subway. (B)

Day 4: Lisbon

Explore Lisbon today at your own pace. If you'd prefer to tour today, choose an optional excursion to Ericeira and Sintra; from wind swept cliffs in Ericeira to the quaint palaces and villas of Sintra you will learn a thousand fascinating tales. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a private cruise on the Tagus River for a truly unique way to experience Lisbon. Sail by the Monument to the Discoveries and the Tower of Belem (UNESCO)

before crossing the river to see "Christ the King" statue. (B)

Day 5: Lisbon - Coimbra - Porto

Today, head to Coimbra, home to the famous University of Coimbra, built in the 14th century. Embark on a panoramic tour of this famed city. Step off the bus as you walk the preserved historic old town. Finally, arrive in the stunning coastal city of Porto. (B, D)

Day 6: Porto

Today, a city tour of Porto reveals all of its many charms. See the São Bento Railway Station, which opened in 1916 and remains one of Portugal's most striking stations. Visit the Bolsa Palace (UNESCO), otherwise known as the Stock Exchange Palace – a 19th century Neoclassical masterpiece. Tonight, relax with dinner on your own... or perhaps you may opt to visit Vila Nova de Gaia and get a taste for the port wine production scene with a tour and tasting before enjoying a market dinner. (B)

Day 7: Porto - Braga - Porto

Today, travel to Braga and behold the "Bom Jesus do Monte" (UNESCO) – a sanctuary and Christian pilgrimage site in Tenões that boasts stunning Baroque architecture. After an included lunch, walk the narrow streets of the historic downtown. Many of Braga's locals place great importance on

religion and the city has one of the highest concentrations of churches in Portugal. After, enjoy some free time to explore on your own. (B, L)

Day 8: Porto - Amarante - Douro

Today, say "tchau" to Porto and set out for the Douro wine region where you'll indulge in two nights on the grounds of a traditional winery. En route to Douro, stop in Amarante, a quaint town set on a bend in the Rio Tamega. Finally, step into your home for the next two nights in the heart of the Douro River Valley. Later, wander down to the cellar for a tasting before enjoying a dinner complete with locally sourced, traditional Portuguese cuisine. (B, D)

Day 9: Douro

Eniov a relaxed morning at Quinta da Pacheca. Then, roll up your sleeves and join a cooking class (of course you'll dine on your creations with a light lunch of petiscos, or Portuguese tapas). This afternoon, join your fellow travellers for a cruise down the Douro River on a traditional wooden rabelo boat. (B)

Day 10: Douro - Salamanca, Spain

Depart the lush Douro wine region and cross the border into Spain! In Salamanca, feel like you've stepped back in time as you take a short walking tour and learn more about this ancient city. With over two thousand years of history and its sandstone architecture, Salamanca is a little gem waiting to be discovered. (B)

Day 11: Salamanca - Burgos - La Rioja

Today, leave for the famous Rioja wine region! On your way, stop in Burgos where you will get to know the city during a walking tour. From its pedestrian-friendly riverside to the historic Plaza Mayor, Burgos delivers a traditional Spanish experience. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own. Finally, arrive in La Rioja, your home for the next two nights. During your stay at a winery hotel, take in the mountainous vistas. Tonight, enjoy a wine tasting before savouring a farm-to-table tasting menu that highlights the local cuisine. (B, D)

Day 12: La Rioja - Pamplona - La Rioja

Today, it's off to Pamplona, home to the legendary Festival of San Fermin - the Running of the Bulls. Once every year, bulls are led through the city's streets by daredevil runners and today, a local guide takes you on a city tour of Pamplona where you can hear all about its colourful, unique history before visiting the family home of a bullfighter. The bullfighter's family greets you in the traditional way - with light tapas and drinks - truly welcoming you into their world for a little while. During your

visit, learn about bullfighting traditions, controversies and enjoy the chance to ask your own questions. As you make your way back to stunning Rioja, stop at the Marques de Riscal Winery nestled in the centre of Spain's beautiful Basque country - one of the most fascinating wineries to behold with its famously avant-garde design. Taste some of the wines and walk the vineyards. (B)

Day 13: La Rioja - San Sebastian

Today, set off for an extensive walking tour of the coastal city of San Sebastian. With its strong regional character, quaint old town and beachfront life, you will feel like a local as you meander through charming neighbourhoods boasting with traditional architecture. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own before rejoining your fellow travellers for a panoramic tour along the coastal road, finding picture-perfect views that will take your breath away. (B)

Day 14: San Sebastian 😯

Today, it's your choice! You can choose a guided tour of the coastal villages of Zumaia and Getaria for a special opportunity to explore the glimmering Spanish coastline and enjoy a tasting of Txakoli wine -ORtake a leisurely hike along the "Camino of Saint James" and make your way back to the city centre, enjoying a healthy, scenic experience in this beautiful destination. Lastly you can choose to stay in San Sebastian to relax or further explore on your own! A great spot for shoppers and foodies alike, there is plenty to do to pass the time. Later, travel with your fellow travellers to Astigarraga - famous for its hard cider - for a truly special dinner inside of a sagardotegi, a cider house. Tour the *sagardotegi* learning all about the importance of cider in Basque cuisine, before savouring a traditional meal. (B, D)

Day 15: San Sebastian - Bilbao -San Sebastian

Head to Bilbao to visit the world-renowned Guggenheim Museum, hailed as a true icon of architectural culture, with its contemporary design. See some of the modern art housed inside its fascinating walls. Then take a walking tour of Bilbao's old town where you can find historic old churches, festive markets and quintessential Spanish squares. After all this walking, it's time for a "pub crawl" - tapas style! Experience tasty pintxos - the Basque version of tapas at various local spots for a truly unique lunch experience. Enjoy some free time in the Bilbao before returning to San Sebastian and toasting the end of your unforgettable journey! (B, L)

Day 16: San Sebastian - Tour Ends Today, your tour of Portugal and Spain comes to a close, (B)



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(featured itinerary)

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ALSO AVAILABLE



Flavours of Portugal & Spain with Barcelona

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SPAIN'S CLASSICS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Madrid • The Prado Museum • Toledo

- Cordoba La Mezquita Seville
- Flamenco Show Granada The

Alhambra • Valencia • Paella Experience • Barcelona • La Sagrada Familia



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.
- Step back in time in Toledo, the former capital of the Spanish Empire.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 6 — In Seville, walk along the charming and quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with an expert guide
 OR- see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Savour a "paella experience" including a paella-making demonstration and lunch.
- Take a bite of the local culture on a tapas tasting food tour in Granada.
- Indulge in Spanish wines with every included dinner.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 Riu Plaza Espana, Madrid

Days 5, 6 NH Sevilla Plaza de Armas, Seville

Day 7

Barcelo Carmen or Barcelo

Granada Congress,

Granada

Days 8, 9 SH Valencia Palace,

Valencia

Days 10, 11 Catalonia Plaza Catalunya,

Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Embark on a Spanish adventure as you take in medieval architecture, idyllic landscapes and delectable cuisine.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to a colourful and cultural adventure featuring the best of Spain.

Day 2: Madrid, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Madrid, Spain's lively capital and largest city. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers and enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Madrid

During a locally guided panoramic tour of Madrid's historic centre, see iconic sites such as the Puerta del Sol and Plaza Mayor, where events have been held since the 17th century. Join a local expert to explore the priceless masterpieces of the Prado Museum, which opened in 1819 and boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya. Tonight, you might choose to experience Madrid like a local with a metro ride, a walking tour and dinner with traditional entertainment at a local restaurant. (B)

Day 4: Madrid - Toledo - Madrid

Travel to the hilly town of Toledo (UNESCO), the capital of medieval Spain until 1560. Embark on a comprehensive tour, highlighting the magnificent Gothic cathedral. Then, visit the Church of Santo Tome and view El Greco's masterpiece painting,

The Burial of Count Orgaz, before returning to Madrid. (B)

Day 5: Madrid - Cordoba - Seville

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba by the AVE high-speed train to reduce travel time and allow you to enjoy more free time in Cordoba. Embark on a walking tour of Cordoba's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Then visit La Mezquita (UNESCO), an 8th-century mosque that was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. End your day in Seville, considered to be Spain's "cultural capital" with dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6: Seville 😯

Embark on a panoramic tour before arriving at the iconic Plaza de España. Then decide on how you see Seville because **it's your choice!** Walk the charming and quaint Santa Cruz Quarter with an expert guide, admiring the orange trees and white-washed houses **-OR-** see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River, drifting by timeworn bridges and towers. Later, visit the Seville Cathedral (UNESCO) – the largest gothic church in the world – and see Columbus' tomb and the Giralda

Bell Tower. End the afternoon with a light tapas lunch, overlooking the cathedral. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B, L)

Day 7: Seville - Granada

Travel to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Upon arrival, join a local expert for a tour of the worldfamous Alhambra (UNESCO), a stone fortress overlooking the entire city and serving as a mesmerizing example of Islamic architecture. This evening, a guided tapas tour on foot is on the menu! (B, D)

Day 8: Granada - Valencia

Travel through Spain's amazing landscape on your way to the Mediterranean coast. Pass by rolling hills dotted with picturesque olive and orange groves before arriving in the city of Valencia. A treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, Valencia is Spain's third largest city melding historic and modern culture. (B)

Day 9: Valencia - Albufera -**Valencia**

On a panoramic tour of Valencia, see the City of Arts and Sciences - an ultramodern educational institution. Explore the city's old town on foot, discovering the history with a local expert. View the ornate towers before wandering through the bustling central market, where you'll shop sideby-side with the locals. Enjoy time on your own to explore as you wish. Travel to Albufera, the area where paella first originated. Enjoy a boat ride on the canals surrounding the rice field plantations. Visit a traditional fisherman's home, known as a barraca, and enjoy a paella-making demonstration and an authentic paella lunch. (B, L)

Day 10: Valencia - Barcelona

Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Barcelona's fascinating boulevards including the famous Las Ramblas, dotted with colourful bird and flower stalls. (B)

Day 11: Barcelona

Embark on a panoramic tour of Barcelona, showcasing the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuic, and Antoni Gaudi's Batllo House and Casa Mila building (UNESCO). A local expert will accompany you on a visit to the awe-inspiring La Sagrada Familia (UNESCO), considered to be the most famous of Gaudi's works. Work on the basilica began in 1882, and it is scheduled to be completed in 2026 on the 100th anniversary of the architect's death, As the day draws to a close, enjoy a farewell

dinner celebrating the end of your trip to Spain. (B, D)

Day 12: Barcelona - Tour Ends

Return home with memories of a beautiful land and a diverse cultural heritage or begin your Costa Brava post-trip extension.

Optional 4 Night Barcelona & Costa Brava Post-Tour **Extension**

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Day 12: Barcelona

Take a full day at leisure in Barcelona. Delve into the historic Gothic Quarter with quaint shops and eateries within its narrow medieval alleyways. Perhaps head over to Park Güell and its mosaic walls, or maybe spend some time exploring the shops and street-side restaurants of Las Ramblas.

Day 13: Barcelona - Girona - Costa Brava

Set out for Girona in the morning, a beautiful medieval city known for its Old Quarter. You'll meet with a local guide and take a tour of the city before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. Then, head for the Catalonian coast, where you'll arrive at your seaside hotel and settle in for the next 3 nights. Costa Brava is an incredibly alluring place, and the perfect region to spend your days relaxing and exploring. (B, L)

Day 14: Costa Brava

Today is yours to enjoy Costa Brava how you'd like. Take advantage of this day at leisure - maybe heading down to the private beach or venturing into the local towns for some souvenir shopping. (B)

Day 15: Costa Brava - Calella de Palafrugell - Llafranc - Besalu - Costa **Brava**

Today, your local guide will meet you at your hotel for an incredible walking tour. You'll head first to the beautiful village of Calella de Palafrugell for a coastal walk towards the quaint village of Llafranc. Then, you'll drive to the Dalí Theatre-Museum, where the surreal outside architecture matches the legendary works inside. After taking in the mind-boggling art of Salvador Dalí, you'll continue on to the medieval village of Besalu for free time and lunch. Arrive back at your hotel with enough time to relax before your farewell dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 16: Costa Brava - Barcelona

Say farewell to the Catalonian coast and Spain as you depart for home. (B)



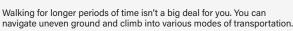
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ALSO AVAILABLE



Spain's Classics featuring New Years Eve in Madrid

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The Optional 4 Night Barcelona and Costa Brava Extension is Hosted. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should be booked after 10:00 a.m. Travel time between Costa Brava and Barcelona airport is approximately

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HIGHLIGHTS

Barcelona • La Sagrada Familia • Valencia • Paella Experience • Granada • The Alhambra • Seville • Flamenco Show • Cordoba • Madrid • The Prado Museum • Toledo • Elvas • Lisbon • Jeronimo's Monastery • Belém • Obidos



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Feel the energy of Spain at a flamenco performance in Seville.
- In Cordoba, take a walking tour of La Mezquita, an architectural marvel.
- A stop in the little known town of Peniscola, the "City in the Sea."



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

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 Day 8 — In Seville, walk along the Santa Cruz Quarter and Plaza de España with an expert guide
 OR- see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Savour a "paella experience" including a paella-making demonstration and lunch.
- Take a bite of the local culture at a tapas lunch.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2, 3 H10 Casanova, Barcelona
Days 4, 5 SH Valencia Palace,

Days 4, 5 SH Valencia Pala Valencia

Day 6 Catalonia Hotel, Granada Days 7, 8 Barcelo Renacimiento,

Seville

Days 9, 10 H10 Puerta de Alcala,

Madrid

Day 11 Vila Gale Collection, Elvas

Days 12 - 14 Altis Grand Hotel, Lisbon

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Day 2: Barcelona, Spain - Tour Begins

Welcome to Spain. Begin your journey in the vibrant city of Barcelona. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers and enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Barcelona

Start your morning with a walk from your hotel to some of Barcelona's main sights, getting to experience this amazing city as it was meant to be explored - on foot. After lunch on your own, embark on a panoramic tour of Barcelona, showcasing the Columbus Monument, Parc de Montjuic, and Antoni Gaudi's Batllo House and Casa Mila building (UNESCO). A local expert will accompany you on a visit to the awe-inspiring La Sagrada Familia (UNESCO), considered to be the most famous of Gaudi's work. Work on the basilica began in 1882, and it is scheduled to be completed in 2026 on the 100th anniversary of the architect's death. (B)

Day 4: Barcelona - Peniscola - Valencia

Today, say goodbye to Barcelona! On your way to Valencia, stop in beautiful Peniscola where you will enjoy free time to explore on your own.

Known as the "City in the Sea," this fortified town and its Knights Templar Castle dating back to the 13th century are a little hidden gem. End your day in Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture, surrounded by citrus groves. Perhaps you will join an optional tour that explores the myths and legends of Valencia. (B)

Day 5: Valencia - Albufera - Valencia

On a panoramic tour of Valencia, see the City of Arts and Sciences – an ultramodern educational institution. Explore the city's old town on a walking tour with a local expert. View the ornate Serranos Towers before wandering through the bustling central market, where you'll shop side-by-side with the locals. Enjoy time on your own to explore as you wish. Travel to Albufera, the area where paella first originated. Enjoy a short boat ride on the canals surrounding the rice field plantations. Visit a traditional fisherman's home, known as a barraca, and enjoy a paella-making demonstration and a delicious paella lunch. (B, L)

Day 6: Valencia - Granada

Today make your way to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a nearby restaurant. (B, D)

Day 7: Granada - Seville

This morning, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra (UNESCO,) a stone fortress overlooking the entire city and serving as a mesmerizing example of Islamic architecture. End your day in Seville, considered Spain's "cultural capital." (B, D)

Day 8: Seville 😯

Decide how you see Seville because it's your choice! Walk the Santa Cruz Quarter with an expert guide, admiring the orange trees and white-washed houses before continuing to the Plaza de España -OR- see the city from a different perspective with a boat ride on the Guadalquivir River, drifting by timeworn bridges and towers. Later, visit the Seville Cathedral (UNESCO) - the largest gothic church in the world – and see Columbus' tomb and the Giralda Bell Tower. End the afternoon with a light tapas lunch, overlooking the cathedral. This evening, enjoy an authentic flamenco show (UNESCO) featuring Seville's most famous traditions. (B, L)

Day 9: Seville - Cordoba - Madrid

Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of Cordoba. Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour of La Mezquita (UNESCO), an 8th-century mosque that was converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved Jewish Quarter. Then, perhaps board the AVE high-speed train to Spain's capital city, Madrid! Arrive in the late afternoon and enjoy some free time to rest or venture out and explore on your own. (B)

Day 10: Madrid

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EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Day 11: Madrid - Toledo - Elvas, Portugal

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Day 12: Elvas - Lisbon

After enjoying a relaxing morning in Elvas, make your way to Lisbon, the capital of Portugal. Spend your day uncovering legends of the country's past, including visits to Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO), the Monument to the Discoveries, and the Tower of Belém (UNESCO). Enjoy time in the evening to settle into your new home for the next 3 nights. (B)

Day 13: Lisbon

The day is yours! Discover the capital city on your own. Consider tasting the city's mouthwatering cuisine or taking the historic tram to the vibrant Alfama district. Perhaps you will go on an optional excursion to the Portuguese Riviera, visiting the picturesque towns of Cascais and Sintra. (B)

Day 14: Lisbon - Obidos - Lisbon

Today, visit one of Portugal's most famed towns – Obidos! With its labyrinth of cobblestoned streets and whitewashed houses, this medieval town beckons you to linger and enjoy its charm. You may choose to try one of the local delicacies – sour cherry liquor served in chocolate cups, or simply enjoy the narrow streets and picture perfect alleyways. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip to Spain and Portugal. (B, D)

Day 15: Lisbon - Tour Ends

EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

† Additional air segment purchase required.

Return home with memories of a beautiful land and a diverse cultural heritage. (B)

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Optional Extension Notes. These extensions are Hosted.

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NEW TOUR

SPAIN'S COSTA DEL SOL & MADRID

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HIGHLIGHTS

Málaga • Picasso Museum • Marbella • Sentenil de las Bodegas • Ronda • Home-Hosted Lunch • The Alhambra • Madrid • Segovia



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Tour the centuries-old port city of Málaga during a guided tour.
- Experience Ronda, one of Spain's loveliest and most historic towns.
- Wander the picturesque, whitewashed village of Setenil de las Bodegas.
- Tour the Alhambra palace, a wonder of the Muslim world in Granada.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Enjoy a home-hosted meal in Ronda.
- Enjoy two iconic Spanish culinary staples: Tapas and paella at local restaurants.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1

Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 6

Occidental Torremolinos Playa, Torremolinos or NH

Malaga, Malaga

Days 7, 8

NH Madrid Principe de Vergara or Riu Plaza Espana, Madrid

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Let yourself be charmed by the sunny Andalusian lifestyle and discover the culture, cuisine, and charm of southern Spain.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Get ready for a true taste of southern Spain, from the sparkling blue waters of Costa del Sol to the chic avenues of Madrid. Your tour begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Málaga, Spain - Torremolinos - Tour Begins

Welcome to Málaga, one of the oldest cities in Europe, known for its sunny, Andalusian lifestyle and for being the birthplace of artist Pablo Picasso. Settle into your new surroundings and start enjoying the unofficial capital of the Costa del Sol. Depending on your flight arrival time, join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers this evening for a welcome reception at your hotel.

Day 3: Torremolinos - Málaga - Torremolinos

Discover the port city of Málaga with a local guide. Walk through the colourful market stalls and learn about the history and culture of this seaside community. Let Malaga's winding old town streets and historic Roman Theatre transport you back in time, then end your morning with a guided visit at the Picasso Museum, where you'll see paintings by this iconic artist who called Málaga his first home.

After lunch on your own in the city centre, return to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure before joining your fellow travellers for dinner. (B, D)

Day 4: Torremolinos - Marbella - Torremolinos

Journey to romantic Marbella today and enjoy a walking tour of the city's winding cobblestone streets before spending some free time to explore Marbella's charming shops, cafés, and galleries on your own. Afterwards, return to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure, perhaps relaxing on the beach, just a short walk from your hotel. (B, L)

Day 5: Torremolinos - Setenil del las Bodegas - Ronda - Torremolinos

Travel to Setenil de las Bodegas, a town known for its whitewashed houses built into the cliffs. Like many of the Andalusian white villages, Setenil has deep ties to the Arab population that once ruled the region. Enjoy some time to explore on your own before heading to Ronda, where you'll be welcomed into a local's home for lunch. Then, walk the old town and see its









TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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18th-century *Puente Nuevo* (New Bridge) over the El Tajo gorge. With new made friends and a taste of the local cuisine. head back to Torremolinos where the sunsets beckon a relaxing ending to the day. (B, L)

Day 6: Torremolinos - Granada -**Torremolinos**

Today travel to Granada, the last capital of the Moors in Spain before it fell to the Catholic monarchs in 1492. Here, spend the morning with a local expert visiting the Alhambra, a UNESCO World Heritage site also known as one of the Wonders of the Muslim world. After your extensive morning walk at this centuries-old palace and fortress complex, enjoy some free time in Granada for lunch on your own before returning to your hotel in Torremolinos to spend the evening as you please. (B)

Day 7: Torremolinos - Malaga -Madrid

This morning, say adiós to the Costa del Sol and hop on a northbound fast-speed train to the capital city of Madrid. Relax and enjoy the scenic ride, then join a panoramic tour of the city's historic centre. See iconic sites like the Gran Via and Puerta de Alcala and get a better sense of the layout of this famous capital city. Tonight, you

might choose to experience Madrid like a local with a metro ride and a walking tour followed by dinner with traditional entertainment at a local restaurant. Or, take advantage of your centrally located hotel and explore the city and its culinary delights on your own. (B)

Day 8: Madrid - Segovia - Madrid

This morning travel to the historic town of Segovia. Join a local guide for a walking tour and learn about its iconic Roman Aqueduct, massive 16th century cathedral, and historic Main Square. Next, take a tour of the Alcázar de Segovia (Segovia Castle), an impressive medieval castle with lavish interiors, a museum, and military archives. Enjoy lunch on your own in Segovia before heading back to Madrid. Tonight, bid farewell to Spain and your fellow travellers during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Madrid - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. Reflect on the warmth and spirit of the Costa del Sol as you journey home. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$2599 Starting at \$3249

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE May 2023 - May 2024

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HIGHLIGHTS

Athens • The Acropolis • Parthenon • Metéora • Delphi • Olympia • Greek Farm Visit • Cooking Class • Greek Dance Class • Mykonos • Santorini • Ancient Akrotiri



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit two breathtaking Byzantine monasteries in Metéora.
- Experience the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient artifacts.
- Broaden your knowledge of traditional Greek music with a delightful Greek dance class.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 9 — Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, and visit the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate -OR- linger in Nafplio, and join a walking tour of Greece's first capital city.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 8 Dinners (D)

- Taste olive oil and homemade jams at a local farm.
- Partake in a Mediterranean cooking experience followed by a traditional Greek lunch.
- Sample the finest wines in Greece during a winery tour in Santorini.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Crowne Plaza City Center or Titania Hotel, Athens

Day 4 Grand Hotel Meteora, Kalambaka

Day 5 Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort, Amalia Hotel, Delphi or Nafsika Palace, Itea, Arachova

Days 6, 7 Europa Hotel or Amalia Hotel, Olympia

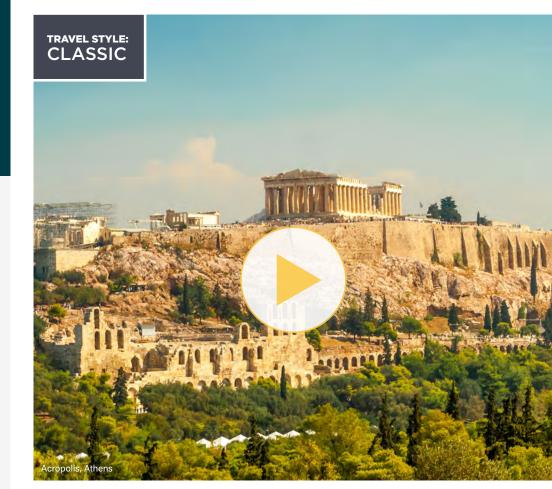
Days 8, 9 Nafplia Palace Hotel & Villas, Amphitryon Hotel, Amalia Hotel, Nafplio or King Minos Hotel, Tolo

Days 10, 11 San Marco Hotel or Petinos Hotel, Mykonos

Days 12 -14 Aegean Plaza, Santorini Palace or El Greco Resort, Santorini

Day 15 Crowne Plaza City Center or Holiday Inn Attica, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece and bask in the brilliance of the Mediterranean.

Day 1: 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 featuring Greek specialties at a local restaurant in Athens. (D)

Day 3: Athens

Enjoy a panoramic tour of the highlights in Athens showcasing the city's ancient and glorious monuments, such as the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, and the Olympic Stadium. Next, ascend the steep hill of the Acropolis. Greek for "highest city," the Acropolis was the religious centre of ancient Athens and is crowned by the Parthenon, considered the pinnacle of classical Greek architecture. This evening, perhaps you'll choose to join an optional local food tour of Athens. (B)

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 family-owned taverna where you will savour a delicious meal with recipes passed down from generations. (B, D)

Day 5: Kalambaka - Delphi - Arachova

This morning, visit a local studio to see painters at work creating beautiful Byzantine icons. Continue to the ancient city of Delphi, one of Greece's most important religious centres during Classical times. A local expert guides you on a visit to the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric Temple, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum with its priceless collection of ancient 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 in rural Peloponnese, Following the tour, enjoy a light lunch including a tasting of local wines, olive oil, homemade jams, marmalades and sweets. (B, L, 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 - Nafplio

Enjoy spectacular scenery as you cross the Arkadian Mountains on your way to the picturesque seaside resort of Nafplio. En route, stop at a family-owned ouzo distillery producing Greece's signature anise-flavoured aperitif since 1869. (B)

Day 9: Nafplio 😗

Today, it's your choice! Journey to ancient Mycenae, once ruled by mythological King Agamemnon, commander-in-chief of the Greeks during the Trojan War. Explore the excavations during a guided visit featuring the Beehive Tombs and the Lion Gate -OR- linger in Nafplio, and join a walking tour of Greece's first capital city. Nafplio's mix of Venetian and Neo-classical architectural influences make it Greece's most elegant city. (B)

Day 10: Nafplio - Athens - Mykonos - Chora

Early 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. Spend time in Chora (Mykonos Old Town), where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. (B, D)

Day 11: Mykonos

Enjoy a relaxing day to independently explore the charms of Mykonos. Or join an optional excursion to the nearby island of Delos, the fabled birthplace of Apollo and Artemis, (B)

Day 12: Mykonos - Santorini - Oia Village

Cruise to the most spectacular destination in the Mediterranean, the fabled island of Santorini. 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. (B, D)

Day 13: Santorini - Akrotiri - Wine **Tasting**

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. End your morning with a visit to a local winery that produces the unique and famous wines of Santorini. (B)

Day 14: Santorini

Your day is at leisure to relax or independently explore Santorini, considered one of the most stunning landscapes in the world. Shop in Thira's charming town centre, take in the breathtaking scenery, visit a local museum or simply enjoy the amenities of your hotel. Perhaps you'll join an afternoon optional tour of Megalochori, one of the most picturesque villages on the island, followed by a dinner of flavourful regional cuisine. (B)

Day 15: 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.

Day 16: Athens - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 March - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

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FEATURED TOUR EXTENSIONS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Athens • Taverna Dinner Show
• Acropolis • The Parthenon • Mykonos
Old Town • Santorini Island • Oia Village
• Ancient Akrotiri • Wine Tasting



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Join a local expert in Athens and explore the city's world-renowned sites.
- Enjoy three days at leisure in Mykonos, the whitewashed island in the Aegean Sea.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Sample the finest wines in Greece during a winery tour in Santorini.
- Indulge in local food and wine accompanied by traditional music.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Titania Hotel Athens or Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens

Days 4 - 6 San Marco Hotel or Petinos Hotel, Mykonos

Days 7 - 9 Aegean Plaza, Santorini Palace or El Greco, Santorini

Day 10 Titania Hotel Athens or Crowne Plaza City Center, Athens

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In Greece, discover a place where age-old legends and monuments intertwine with warm sunshine and island-style living.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Greece – where Mediterranean sunshine and bright blue waters meet eons of creative ingenuity and an everlasting legacy. Feel the energy of the past and allow the ocean breeze to ruffle your hair – this is the picture-perfect getaway you've always dreamt of.

Day 2: Athens, Greece - Tour Begins

Begin your journey in Athens, the immortalized capital of Greece. Meet your fellow travellers at a local taverna in the city's historic district, indulging in local cuisine and wine with traditional Greek entertainment. (D)

Day 3: Athens

See the best of Athens with a local expert who highlights the city's ancient roots on a comprehensive panoramic tour. Make your way along the world-renowned monuments, including the Temple of Zeus, the Parliament, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Olympic Stadium. Step into the past on a tour of the legendary Acropolis, an ancient complex housing a collection of temples. Admire the breathtaking view of the city below and discover the country's beloved icon: the illustrious Parthenon. Make the most of an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Athens - Mykonos

Start your day aboard a sleek, high-speed boat ride to Mykonos, an island paradise surrounded by the crystal-clear Aegean Sea. Start your island stay with an exploration of Chora, Mykonos' Old Town, where you discover its winding lanes independently. In the afternoon, check in to your hotel for a relaxing 3-night stay. From sandy beaches and seaside cafes to street musicians and a never-ending nightlife scene, Mykonos offers limitless opportunities to kick back and enjoy the island's irresistible lifestyle. (B, D)

Day 5: Mykonos

The day is yours! Perhaps you will head down to the beach to soak up some sun, sip a cup of coffee on the waterfront promenade, or explore the town's winding streets as you weave in and out of whitewashed buildings. Or, you may join an optional excursion to the colourful village of Ano Mera followed by a visit to a local farm for a cheese tasting exploring the true flavours of Mykonos. (B)

Day 6: Mykonos

Enjoy another day at leisure. Take time to explore on your own and discover this trendy destination however you'd like. Or, step into the past on a



optional excursion for a visit to some of the magical islets that surround Santorini before enjoying dinner on board and sunset from the water. (B)

Day 10: Santorini - Athens

Depart the islands and fly back to Athens for your final night in Greece. Toast to the end of your sun-filled getaway at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Athens - Tour Ends

Wish the Mediterranean goodbye as your tour draws to a close today. (B)



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Day 11: Athens - Istanbul, Turkey

Fly to Istanbul, Turkey's most popular city. Considered to be the bridge between the East and the West, Istanbul is a central hub for intermingling cultures, complicated history, and legendary architecture. The city was the former capital of the Byzantine and Ottoman empires - which is seen through its blend of times-gone-by nostalgia and ever-evolving modernity. This evening, kick-start your exploration of Istanbul by sampling Turkish cuisine during dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 12: Istanbul

Discover the city with a local guide. Start your morning at the famous Hagia Sophia, the Church of the Holy Wisdom. At the time it was built, this massive cathedral was the largest in the world. Continue on to the Blue Mosque, where vibrant blue tiles line the building's opulent interior walls. After free time for lunch, continue exploring Istanbul with your local expert. Make your way through the lively Grand Bazaar and Spice Market, surrounding yourself with artisan crafts, buzzing energy, and exciting vendors. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 13: Istanbul

The day is yours to spend however you choose! Explore the local boutiques or maybe taste the culture through Turkish favourites. Perhaps you will choose to go on an optional excursion to a Hammam Turkish bath, where you'll enjoy an authentic scrub and foam bath. (B)

Day 14: Istanbul - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

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half-day optional excursion to the isle of Delos taking you to the fabled birthplace of the Greek Gods Apollo and Artemis. (B)

Day 7: Mykonos - Santorini

Your journey continues to Santorini, the Eden-like island where blue-domed rooftops and gentle ocean waves complement the bright white buildings and rocky hillsides. A picturesque landscape and iconic destination, Santorini's charms reveal themselves during your 3-night stay. (B, D)

Day 8: Santorini - Akrotiri - Oia -Santorini

Uncover the past at Akrotiri, an ancient city buried and preserved in volcanic ash that is commonly referred to as the "Minoan Pompeii." Take a peek into the 15th century BC and explore the town. Head through a landscape of vineyards and volcanic cliffs to Oia, a seaside village with the island's best viewpoints. Next, visit a local winery and enjoy the famous wines of Santorini. The rest of the afternoon is yours to relax and explore more of this Mediterranean gem. (B)

Day 9: Santorini

Make the most of a day at leisure. Relax, shop in the island's charming town center, or even visit a local museum. Or, join our full day Island Hopping and Sunset Cruise

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HIGHLIGHTS

Istanbul • Hagia Sophia • Topkapı Palace • Grand Bazaar • Spice Market • Food Tour

Bosphorus Cruise - Gallipoli - Pergamon
 Ephesus - Aegean Coast Boat Ride Impact Moment - Konya - Cappadocia



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Cruise the Dalyan River to the Aegean Coast.
- Explore the towering rock formations of Cappadocia.
- Experience a transcendent Whirling Dervishes ceremony.



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Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 8 — Bathe in the thermal spring waters of the Cleopatra Antique Pools -OR- take a guided golf-cart tour of Pamukkale's Roman ruins.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Lunches (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Taste your way around Istanbul's Golden Horn district and Spice Market.
- Savour organic wines at a vineyard on the Dardanelles Strait.
- Learn family recipes during a handson cooking class at a restaurant in Cappadocia.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 Port Bosphorus Hotel, Istanbul

Day 5 Hotel Cura, Çanakkale
Days 6, 7 Izmir Marriott Hotel, Izmir
Day 8 Doga Thermal Hotel,
Pamukkale

Days 9, 10 Arp Hotel, Dalyan
Day 11 Hilton Garden Inn, Konya
Days 12 - 14 Exedra Hotel, Cappadocia
Day 15 Port Bosphorus Hotel,
Istanbul

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Explore ancient ruins and legendary architecture, otherworldly landscapes and underground cities in the country that bridges the gap between east and west.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Turkey, a country straddling two continents (Europe and Asia) and brimming with rich culture, diverse people, and sublime landscapes.

Day 2: Istanbul, Turkey - Tour Begins
Welcome to Istanbul, the bridge between East
and West. Settle in to your hotel for the next three
nights, and then meet your fellow travellers at
a welcome briefing before taking the rest of the
evening to relax as you please.

Day 3: Istanbul - Blue Mosque - Hagia Sophia - Topkapı Palace

Today, sample some of Istanbul's most iconic sites, like the 17th century Blue Mosque, followed by the Hippodrome, the former sporting and social centre of the Roman Empire. Then continue on to Hagia Sophia (UNESCO), a church-turned-mosque and a true embodiment of Byzantine architecture, followed by Topkapı Palace and Harem. While we explore the city's legendary history and architecture, please know that Istanbul is also known for its legendary traffic, which is an iconic experience that requires great patience! This evening gather at a local restaurant where the chef will delight you with Ottoman-inspired cuisine. (B, D)

Day 4: Istanbul - Spice Market - Bosphorus Cruise

Explore Turkey's culinary heritage as you taste

your way around Istanbul's Golden Horn district during a walking to that includes a visit to the city's famous Spice Market and multiple tastings of Turkish specialties sampled from local street vendors. This afternoon, take in the high-rises and minarets of Istanbul's majestic skyline as you cruise the Bosphorus Strait. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore. Perhaps you'll choose to go on an optional excursion to an historic Hammam, to enjoy an authentic Turkish scrub and foam bath. (B, L)

Day 5: Istanbul - Gallipoli - Çanakkale
Early this morning leave Istanbul behind and ride
along the sparkling Sea of Marmara during your
full-day transfer to Turkey's Mediterranean coast.
Head to a local organic winery for a tasting.
Finally, cross the Dardanelles Strait to Çanakkale,
a small coastal city and your home for the night.
The evening is yours to enjoy. (B)

Day 6: Çanakkale - Carpet Weaving Experience - Ancient Pergamon - Izmir

Another long but rewarding day of travel begins with a transfer to the countryside of Pergamon, where you'll learn about the traditional Turkish craft of carpet weaving. This afternoon, visit the Ancient City of Pergamon (UNESCO), where you'll take a short cable car ride up to the acropolis and tour the Greek ruins. End the day in Izmir

(known as Smyrna in antiquity), your home for the next two nights. Enjoy free time this evening to explore the seafront promenade. (B, L)

Day 7: İzmir - Ancient Ephesus - Şirince - İzmir

This morning, your in-depth tour of Ancient Ephesus (UNESCO) takes you to the Terrace Houses for a walking tour of these impressive residential villas. Walk the paths that Paul the Apostle once walked. Conclude the morning with a visit to the Archeological Museum where most of the artifacts from the excavations are exhibited. This afternoon, travel to charming Şirince, a hilltop village once inhabited by the Greek community. Here, relax at a café, taste a traditional Turkish coffee, and meet with locals who offer Turkish coffee grounds readings for those who want to get their fortunes told! Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own. (B)

Day 8: İzmir - Pamukkale

Start the day by learning about the folklore of the *nazar boncuk* (evil eye) at a workshop. Next, continue your journey inland to Pamukkale (UNESCO) to visit the famous Cotton Castle. While here, **it's your choice!** Visit the Cleopatra Antique Pools and bathe in thermal spring water surrounded by columns from the ancient city **-OR-** take a guided tour of the archeological site via golf cart and visit the local museum. Whichever you choose, all will have free time to visit the site's "Cotton Candy" pools as well. Tonight, enjoy a relaxed buffet dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Pamukkale - Ancient Kaunos - Dalyan

Today, return to the coast after a fullmorning transfer to the quaint riverbank town of Dalyan. In the early afternoon, tour the ruins of Ancient Kaunos. The evening is yours. (B)

Day 10: Dalyan - Coastal Boat Ride - Impact Moment - Dalyan

After breakfast, sail along the river connecting Dalyan to the Mediterranean Sea. After lunch in a local restaurant, get ready for your **Impact Moment** at a loggerhead turtle rescue and conservation centre. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 11: Dalyan - Isparta - Konya

Prepare for a full day of travel, beginning early and following the path of the ancient Silk Road trading route. Your first stop is in Isparta where the landscape and climate have proven ideal for the cultivation of aromatic plants. Visit an eco-centre that uses sustainable practices to cultivate their organic crops. After a light lunch of Turkish pancakes, continue on to Konya, pausing

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

Day 12: Konya - Sultanhanı Caravanserai - Cappadocia

This morning, visit the Mevlana Museum, the world centre of the Whirling Dervishes. Next, visit Sultanhani, one of the largest surviving caravanseral along the Silk Road. Arrive in Cappadocia in the early afternoon for a tour of one of the region's famous underground cities. These subterranean towns, some built almost 3000 years ago, provided refuge for their inhabitants during times of war and invasions. As you head onto your hotel, take in the ethereal scenery and mesmerizing rock formations created by thousands of years of volcanic activity and erosion. This evening, check into your home for the next three nights—a cave hotel with rooms carved out of the soft stone of the natural landscape. (B)

Day 13: Cappadocia - Göreme Open-Air Museum

Get an early start with an optional balloon ride that takes you soaring above the "fairy chimneys" and rock dwellings dotting the hills and valleys below you. After reconvening with your fellow travellers, immerse yourself in Cappadocia's lunar landscape. Visit Göreme's Open-Air Museum (UNESCO), a vast site comprising 11 early Christian rock-cut churches and monasteries often adorned with colourful frescoes. For lunch, join a local family at their home for a taste of homecooked burek (a savoury pastry filled with cheese or potatoes), accompanied by tea. This evening, come together for a Whirling Dervishes ceremony. (B, L)

Day 14: Cappadocia - Love Valley - Cooking Class

Start the day with a countryside walk in Love Valley. Then, visit a pottery workshop and learn how locals make use of the area's natural resources by extracting clay from the surrounding soil and developing pottery into an art form. This afternoon, participate in a hands-on cooking class learning how to make traditional Cappadocia dishes, and enjoy the results for dinner. (B, D)

Day 15: Cappadocia - Istanbul - Grand Bazaar

This morning, take a short flight back to Istanbul. Stop at the colourful Grand Bazaar, an intricate complex of covered streets and shops. Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant along the waterfront. (B. D)

Day 16: Istanbul - Tour Ends

Your exploration of Turkey comes to a close today. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

May - November 2023 March - May 2024

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport and a visa. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Istanbul, Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flight between Kayseri and Istanbul is not included in the cost of your tour and must be arranged by us. The exact flight time may vary from early morning to mid-afternoon. In some cases, your visit to the Grand Bazaar may be moved to Day 3. Some of our hotels on these programs are located in smaller towns or on country roads where access is limited to large coaches, in which case you will be dropped off as close as possible and there will be a short walk to access the hotel from the drop-off area. If travelling during the month of Ramadan, please note that the order of some features may vary and that some meal experiences may be replaced with meals in the hotel instead of local restaurants/venues. Ramadan observances are from March 10-April 10, 2024. Modest attire is required for visiting religious sites. Mosque visits require removing your shoes. We recommend wearing or bringing a pair of socks to use during the Mosque visits. Women will have to cover their heads with a scarf and wear long skits or trousers, while men will need to wear trousers or shorts that fall below the knee. The natural pools of Pamukkale's "Cotton Castle" are visible from a viewpoint. Due to the reduction in the strength of the natural water spring, only about 15% of the pools have water in them. Accessing the pools requires the ability to walk barefoot on wet, slippery limestone. Due to the fragile nature of the limestone, the use of any kind of shoes is forbidden. We suggest bringing a towel with you if you plan to access the pools. Bathing in the pools is not allowed. If you choose the Cleopatra Antique Pools, please note that the admission includes access to changing rooms with lockers and showers. You are responsible for bringing your own towel and bathing suit. Swimming stops will be made weather permitting. Swimming stops from the boat require the use of a pool ladder to enter and exit the water. If joining the optional hot air balloon ride you will depart the hotel around 5AM and return in time for breakfast, prior to joining the tour group for your included activities. Agility is required for climbing into and out of the balloon's basket. The balloon ride is subject to wind and weather conditions. The option is available for sale only prior to the tour and must be purchased no later than 30 days prior to departure. When demand exceeds availability the hot air balloon operators retain the right to cancelling reservations even when previously confirmed. If this situation should occur, you will be refunded. This tour is not exclusive to Collette travellers and therefore you may be with passengers from other tour companies. Please note the Whirling Dervishes ceremony is a religious ceremony (not a performance) and photography will not be permitted, though the Dervishes may linger for pictures afterwards. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas. In particular, the sightseeing in Istanbul on Days 3 and 4 requires a minimum of 2 miles of walking per day. You will be walking over cobblestoned streets with narrow sidewalks, at time uphill. At the archeological sites of Pergamon, Ephesus, and Kaunos and in Cappadocia, many activities require walking on uneven, unpaved terrain, often with loose stones. Visiting sites such as the Underground City and the Göreme Open-Air Museum require climbing and descending steep staircases and/or ramps with limited to no help from handrails. Some of these visits may not be suitable for people suffering from claustrophobia. Agility is required for boarding the boats for your included tours on days 4, 9, 10. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you will not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you. All rates in Canadian dollars.

A TASTE OF THE BALKANS

16 DAYS · 23 MEALS STARTING AT \$5099

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HIGHLIGHTS

Dubrovnik • Kotor • Mostar • Sarajevo • Home-Hosted Dinner • Plitvice Lakes

 Impact Moment • Motovun • Rovinj • Truffle Hunt • Ljubljana • Lake Bled • Zagreb



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Meet the famous Lipizzan horses and take a carriage ride to a picnic lunch in the meadows.
- Impact Moment: Visit a Serbian community centre, and learn how the local women are keeping the community alive through their traditions and crafts.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3 See the famous city walls of Dubrovnik, still standing from the Middle Ages -OR- hop into a cable car for incredible views of the city from above.
- Day 7 With a local siege survivor, visit the Sarajevo Tunnel Museum and the bobsled track on Olympic Mountain -OR- visit Gallery 11/07/95, which documents the city's conflict through photography.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Follow friendly dogs on a quest for coveted mushrooms, followed with a tasty truffle-inspired lunch.
- Feel like a local and taste regional specialties during a hosted-meal in Sarajevo.
- Enjoy local fresh fish in Dubrovnik.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3 Hotel More, Dubrovnik
Days 4, 5 Hotel Cattaro, Kotor
Days 6-8 Colors Inn, Sarajevo
Day 9 The Lyra Hotel, Plitvice Lakes
Days 10-12 Roxanich Wine & Heritage
Hotel, Motovun

Days 13, 14 Grand Plaza Hotel, LjubljanaDay 15 Hotel Le Premier, Zagreb

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Uncover a region where rocky coastlines and towering mountains meet a complex history and medieval city walls.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Uncover a region where rocky coastlines and towering mountains meet a complex history and medieval city walls. Explore this unique region, and get a glimpse into generations of traditions while connecting with welcoming locals.

Day 2: Dubrovnik, Croatia - Tour Begins

Discover the twisting cobblestone streets and burnt-orange rooftops of Dubrovnik, a city rich in history and charm. Meet your fellow travellers and look out over the sparkling Adriatic Sea during dinner, featuring local seafood dishes. (D)

Day 3: Dubrovnik 😯

Tour ancient streets of Dubrovnik, and feel the history and timelessness of the city. Then, **it's your choice!** See the famous city walls, still standing from the Middle Ages **-OR-** hop into a cable car for incredible views of the entire city from above. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you please. (B)

Day 4: Dubrovnik - Kotor, Montenegro

Leave Croatia and make your way into Montenegro. Sail on a private boat to the islet of Our Lady of the Rocks. Visit the church before continuing on to the Kotor's Old Town (UNESCO). Settle into your historic hotel – an 18th-century building that is part of the original city walls. Then, explore this beautiful city on your own. (B)

Day 5: Kotor

Today is yours to continue exploring Kotor. You might choose to join your Tour Manager and hike up the 2.7 miles long Kotor City walls all the way up to the fortress of St. John. Perhaps this afternoon you'll go on an optional excursion to a familyowned olive grove for a tour and some snacks. (B)

Day 6: Kotor - Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina - Sarajevo

Cross into Bosnia and Herzegovina and spend time in Mostar, home to the iconic arched Stari Most Bridge (UNESCO). Explore Mostar with your guide before having lunch in a traditional restaurant in the old part of the city. Continue on to Sarajevo. Perhaps you'll take an evening stroll with your Tour Manager to get familiar with the area. (B, L)

Day 7: Sarajevo 😯

With an expert guide, discover Sarajevo, perhaps most famous as the starting point of WWI. As you make your way along the storied roadways, admire the significant blend of religions and architectural styles. Take advantage of free time before **it's your choice!** Meet a local siege survivor, spending time in the Sarajevo Tunnel Museum and the bobsled track on Trebević Olympic Mountain **-OR-** visit Gallery 11/07/95, which documents the city's turmoil through photography. (B)

Day 8: Sarajevo

Enjoy time on your own today. Consider an optional excursion to Lukomir Highland, where

you'll hike to a remote village and bond with locals over lunch, Or maybe you'll embark on an optional tour of Tito's Bunker, exploring the former president's personal hideout. Later, connect with locals at a home-hosted dinner. Enjoy regional favourites such as klepe (meat dumplings) and burek (flaky filled pastries). Drink Bosnian coffee as you listen to traditional folk music. (B, D)

Day 9: Sarajevo - Plitvice, Croatia Your hotel in Plitvice supports a Serbian community centre. Experience an Impact Moment when you learn how the local women are keeping the community alive through their traditions and crafts. As the day ends, enjoy an included dinner at your

Day 10: Plitvice Lakes - Motovun

hotel's restaurant. (B, D)

Take in the forested landscape of Plitvice Lakes National Park (UNESCO) with a guide. Walk along the cascading lakes and the free-flowing waterfalls before cruising through the park by boat. Head to the Istrian Peninsula. Enjoy an authentic "under the bell" lunch, where lamb and vegetables are slow-roasted under a giant iron bell for hours. Settle into the Roxanich Wine and Heritage Hotel, your home for the next 3 nights. (B, L)

Day 11: Motovun - Rovinj - Motovun

Travel off the beaten path to the fishing village of Rovini. After getting acquainted with the humble port town, take advantage of some free time to explore on your own. Return back to Motovun and enjoy dinner in a family owned restaurant. (B, D)

Day 12: Motovun

Feel like a local and join a family on their forested property for a truffle-hunting adventure. Follow their friendly dogs on your quest for the coveted mushrooms, then sit down for a tasty truffle-inspired lunch. Head back to town for an evening on your own. Consider joining your Tour Manager on a leisurely walk to the top of the village for views of the surrounding area. (B, L)

Day 13: Motovun - Ljubljana, Slovenia

Cross into Slovenia and spend time at Lipica Stud Farm, the famous breed of the Habsburg Empire. Meet purebred Lipizzan horses, dating back to the 16th century, and take a horse-drawn carriage ride and enjoy lunch. Arrive in Ljubljana's city centre, your home for the next two nights. Embark on a city tour to acquaint yourself with this incredible city. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 14: Ljubljana - Bled - Ljubljana Today, ride in a Pletna Boat to the isle of

Bled, and then get a chance to sample delicious kremšnita (cream cake). Return to Ljubljana to enjoy the remainder of your day on your own. (B)

Day 15: Ljubljana - Zagreb, Croatia

Continue your journey to Zagreb, the storied capital of Croatia. After discovering the city with local guide, toast to the end of your adventure at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 16: Zagreb - Tour Ends Wish Croatia goodbye as you depart for home, (B)

Optional 3 Night Belgrade **Post-Tour Extension**

Starting at \$1370[†] pp



Day 16: Zagreb, Croatia - Belgrade,

Journey from Zagreb to Belgrade, the awe-inspiring capital of Serbia. Once you stop to settle into your hotel, take a guided walking tour around this historic city, where Roman, Byzantine, Austrian, and Serbian empires have left their marks on the landscape. Later, head to the Museum of Yugoslavia to learn about the region's history. On the museum grounds, visit the House of Flowers, the resting place of Josip Broz Tito, President of Yugoslavia. Tonight, dine in a traditional Serbian restaurant. (D)

Day 17: Belgrade

The first half of your day is yours to explore Belgrade. Later, you'll join your guide and hop on Belgrade's public transportation to dine at a local restaurant on the banks of the Danube River. (B, D)

Day 18: Belgrade

Today, journey to the unique and beautiful city of Novi Sad. Take a city tour before having some free time to explore on your own. Perhaps you'll want to take in the views of the city from atop the impressive Petrovaradin Fortress or explore the charm of the nearby Stari Grad neighbourhood with its monuments, cafes, and shops. Tonight, you'll have a farewell dinner and traditional music in Skadarlija, the bohemian area of Belgrade. (B, D)

Day 19: Belgrade - Extension Ends

Say farewell to the captivating city of Belgrade, and depart with fond memories of Serbia and its incredible culture. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 April - May 2023

June - October 2023 March - April 2024

(different itinerary - see note*)

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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This trip requires a passport. Effective for travel after November 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/. Our air passengers will arrive into Dubrovnik and depart from Zagreb. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Rovinj visit is weather dependent. In case of the bad weather your Tour Manager can decide to take you to Pula instead. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The Optional Belgrade Extension is Fully-Guided. Fully guided extensions feature all the great inclusions of a full tour. Daily breakfast, some lunches and dinners, sightseeing, and a local experience are all included and led by a local guide. Your overnight accommodations and transfers to/from the airport are included. This is a great way to fully experience a new destination before or after your tour. The transfer from Zagreb to Belgrade, Serbia, will be done by an English - speaking driver. Your Serbian local guide will meet you at the hotel upon arrival.

CROATIA & ITS ISLANDS

12 DAYS · 20 MEALS STARTING AT \$4699

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Zagreb • Stone Gate • Šibenik • Cathedral of St. James • Krka National Park • Split • 7-Night Adriatic Cruise • Trogir • Bol • Hvar • Biševo Blue Cave • Vis • Korcula • Mljet National Park • Slano • Dubrovnik



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stand before the breathtaking waterfalls in Krka National Park.
- Meet the owner of a family farm and learn about prosciutto production.
- Explore the Old City of Dubrovnik with a local expert.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

Day 5 — Visit the oldest museum institution in Croatia, Split's Archaeological Museum and marvel at a diverse range of artifacts
 OR- visit the Cellars of Diocletian's Palace, one of the best preserved ancient complexes of their kind in the world.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Lunches (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Dine on Continental cuisine at a favourite local restaurant in Zagreb.
- Enjoy Dalmatian delicacies prepared according to traditional recipes.
- Experience a Captain's welcome dinner upon arrival in Split.

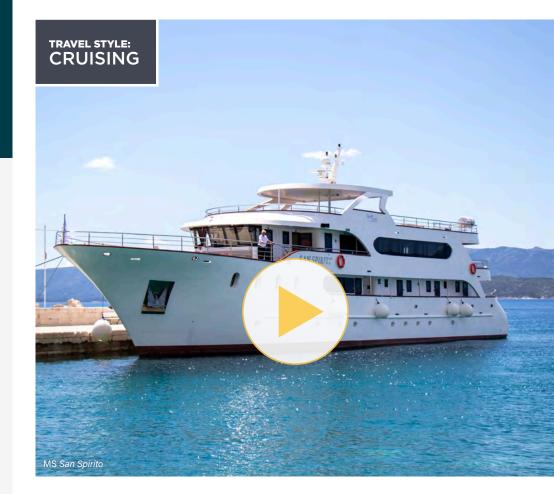


ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight
Day 2 Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb
Days 3, 4 Hotel Olympia Sky, Vodice
Days 5 - 11 MS San Spirito

or MS Invictus

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From medieval architecture to ethereal waterfalls, coast along the sparkling Adriatic Sea and experience the best of Croatia.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Wander along medieval walls, marvel at enchanting waterfalls, and relax on sunny islands. From Zagreb to Dubrovnik, set out to experience the best of Croatia and the Adriatic Coast.

Day 2: Zagreb, Croatia - Tour Begins

Welcome to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia! Settle into your hotel amidst the vibrant cafes and cobblestone streets before meeting your fellow travellers over dinner featuring Continental and Istrian cuisine. (D)

Day 3: Zagreb - Vodice

Step right into the history and culture of everyday life in Zagreb as you tour the city with a local guide. Become acquainted with the city as you see the main sights of the capital, including the Croatian National Theater and Mimara Museum, the Croatian Parliament building, the illustrious Zagreb Cathedral, and the legendary Stone Gate. Then, it's off to Vodice! Tonight, embrace the culture of Croatia when you meet the owner of a family farm to learn about prosciutto production and enjoy a traditional Dalmatian dinner at the farm restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Vodice - Šibenik - Krka National Park - Vodice

Set off on a walking tour through the ancient

alleyways and roads of Šibenik, where you'll get a chance to see the Cathedral of St. James, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Then, venture to the breathtaking Krka National Park, where waterfalls tumble through dramatic gorges. Meander along the trails that surround the falls before embarking on a boat ride that takes you along the river to Skradin. Make the most of your free evening and get to know this Dalmatian town's historic architecture and striking coastline. (B)

Day 5: Vodice - Split - Board Ship 😯

Your adventure continues! Discover Split, one of the oldest cities in this historic region. In this bustling port, explore Diocletian's Palace. One of Croatia's UNESCO World Heritage sites, Emperor Diocletian chose the palace to be his retirement home because of the incomparable beauty of Split. A guided tour takes you through the mysterious passageways and into the lower levels of this massive structure. Then, it's your choice! Visit the oldest museum institution in Croatia, Split's Archaeological Museum, founded in 1820; marvel at a diverse range of artifacts from the Paleolithic to the Iron Age -OR- explore more of the Diocletian's Palace during a visit to the Cellars. These substructures, set below the imperial apartments, represent one of the best preserved ancient complexes of their kind in the world. This afternoon you'll board a private 4-star ship, your new home for the next seven nights. Later, relax onboard before experiencing a Captain's welcome dinner. Enjoy your meal accompanied by live Klapa music, the traditional Croatian style of singing. (B, D)

Day 6: Split - Trogir

After an overnight in Split enjoy a morning at leisure to discover this city on your own. Then it's off to Trogir, a coastal gem renowned for its picturesque Venetian architecture. Stop for a quick swim along the way before arriving in this charming town. Admire the striking stone houses and towering cathedral as you tour the city with a guide. (B, L)

Day 7: Trogir - Bol - Hvar

Start your day in the town of Bol, located on the picturesque island of Brac. With free time this morning, perhaps you'll choose to swim along the shore of the "Golden Cape," known to be one of the most popular beaches in Croatia. Return to the ship for lunch, then cruise to the sunny island of Hvar. Along the way, you'll coast by quaint coves and bays tucked along the Adriatic Sea. Upon arrival in Hvar, get acquainted with the area when a local guide introduces you to the history, culture, and lifestyle of the city. Discover how lavender was traditionally grown in the region for centuries and learn about some of its uses. Enjoy an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will choose to dine in one of the many local, family-owned restaurants that Hvar is known for. (B, L)

Day 8: Hvar - Biševo - Vis

Embark on a morning cruise to the island of Biševo. This island is home to the Blue Cave, a stunning grotto with a luminous blue glow. Cruise on to Vis, a small island overflowing with Renaissance architecture

and beautiful beaches. With free time this afternoon, relax onboard the ship or choose to go on an optional tour of the island ending with a traditional dinner. (B. L)

Day 9: Vis - Korcula

This morning, it's on to Korcula, debated home to one of the world's most famous explorers: Marco Polo. Decide for yourself if he was born in Korcula or Venice as you tour his alleged home and take in the fantastic sea views from its tower. Join a local guide and make your way along the narrow stone streets while you wander among the medieval buildings and vibrant houses in the town known as "Little Dubrovnik." Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to discover the charms of this age-old city. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a dinner on board. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Korcula - Mljet National Park - Slano

This morning, arrive in Mljet National Park. Stroll around the Large and Small lakes before exploring the Islet of St. Mary, home to a Benedictine Monastery from the 12th century. Don't miss out on a chance to take a swim in the strikingly blue waters. Then, your journey continues to Slano, a port city just outside of Dubrovnik. Your afternoon and evening are at leisure... consider an optional excursion to Ston, a nearby fortified city known for its decadent oysters and seafood. (B, L)

Day 11: Slano - Dubrovnik

This morning, cruise past the Elafiti Islands and be welcomed into Dubrovnik. You'll see why the city is called the "Pearl of the Adriatic" when you take in the medieval stone walls, iconic Baroque rooftops, and winding cobblestone streets. Embrace the unspeakable feeling that you've stepped into another time as you explore the Old

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City with a local guide. Enjoy outstanding views of the city during your farewell lunch onboard. With free time in the evening, perhaps you'll ride a cable car to the top of Mount Srd for awe-inspiring views of Dubrovnik or simply enjoy the evening on the *Stradun* (main street) by treating yourself with a glass of Malvasija wine in one of many local bars. (B, L)

Day 12: Dubrovnik - Disembark Ship - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Croatia as your tour of the Adriatic Coast comes to a close today. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$4699 SOLO Starting at \$7399

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on April 6, 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 & April 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

May - October 2023 April - May 2024

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 – May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Zagreb and depart from Dubrovnik. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour. Order of sightseeing on board the ship may vary based on departure and weather conditions and is at the sole discretion of the cruise line. Both the boat ride to Skradin and the Blue Cave operate on a weather-permitting basis and depending on water conditions. Embarkation on day 5 is after 1:00 p.m. On the last day, disembarkation is no later than 10:00 a.m. Cabins are available on the Standard Deck. Upgrades may be available to Main Deck. Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at time of booking. If the cabin category preferred is not available, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply. Stateroom numbers will be supplied upon arrival at the ship. The price published is for the Standard Deck. Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Suggested tipping on board cruise: 18.00 Canadian dollars (10-12 euros) per person for each day for the cruise staff. This can be made in a single payment in euros or Canadian dollars at the front desk at the end of your voyage or by the envelopes provided in your cabin. On some dates, this tour operates in reverse. All rates in Canadian dollars.

Optional 2 Night Dubrovnik Extension Notes. This extension is Hosted. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

Optional 2 Night Dubrovnik Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$615 pp



Day 12: Dubrovnik - Extension Begins

Continue your exploration of Dubrovnik accompanied by a local guide. Do as locals do and take the advantage of using public bus on your way to the Old Town. The stunning Old Town is reminiscent of a coastal fairytale, where immovable

stone buildings meet bright blue waters. Hidden amongst the dazzling town alleys, enjoy Croatian and Italian cuisine at a small family restaurant while soaking in its relaxed atmosphere. (L)

Day 13: Dubrovnik

Discover Dubrovnik's timeless secrets with a full day to explore the city independently. Perhaps you'll venture to the medieval stone walls, an iconic winding fortress that serves as the backdrop for endless filming locations. Feel the ancient stone beneath your hands and marvel at the sparkling Adriatic Sea in the distance. With the city laid out before you, follow the twisting cobblestone streets that cut through the red rooftops. (B)

Day 14: Dubrovnik - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to Croatia and the Adriatic Sea as your tour draws to a close. (B)

DISCOVER CROATIA, **SLOVENIA & THE ADRIATIC COAST**

14 DAYS · 19 MEALS STARTING AT \$3549

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HIGHLIGHTS

Ljubljana • Castle Dinner • Opatija • Istrian Peninsula • Farm-to-Table Dinner Plitvice Lakes National Park - Split -Diocletian's Palace • Countryside Lunch with Folklore Entertainment • Dubrovnik - Zagreb



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- · Visit Dubrovnik's Franciscan Monastery where Europe's oldest pharmacy lies.
- · Stroll through Split and see the famous Diocletian's Palace.
- · Explore romantic Ljubljana, exploring the riverfront dotted with cafes and bridges.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

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• Day 10 - See the famous city walls of Dubrovnik, still standing from the Middle Ages -OR- hop into a cable car for incredible views of the city from above.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- · Sample farm-to-table delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula during dinner at a local restaurant.
- Dine in historic Ljubljana Castle.
- · Visit a village outside Dubrovnik and share a meal at a local home.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Overnight Flight Day 1 Days 2, 3 Grand Plaza Hotel, Ljubljana Liburnia Riviera Hotels: Days 4, 5 Imperial Hotel, Opatija Day 6 Atrium Hotel, Split Days 7, 8

Palace Bellevue Hotel or Lyra Hotel, Plitvice Lakes Days 9 - 11 Valamar Lacroma, Dubrovnik Days 12, 13 Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Dive into beauty and history as you explore the medieval cities, tranquil lakes, stunning coastlines and quaint villages of Croatia and Slovenia.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Explore Croatia and the countries of the Adriatic, a region filled with ancient cities, medieval architecture, intriguing cultures with a complex history, rolling hills and stunning coastal scenery.

Day 2: Zagreb, Croatia - Ljubljana, Slovenia - Tour Begins

Arrive in Zagreb, Croatia and meet your transfer to Ljubljana, Slovenia, a romantic capital city in the midst of a cultural renaissance. Get to know vour fellow travellers during a welcome dinner in this fairy tale spot. (D)

Day 3: Ljubljana

This morning a local expert introduces you to beautiful Ljubljana. Nestled gently along the banks of the Ljubljanica River, the city is dotted with green parks, picturesque bridges, sidewalk cafes and a lively central market. See Prešeren Square, the impressive City Hall, Ljubljana University and the many bridges that the city is known for, such as Dragon Bridge where this majestic symbol of the city is on full display representing courage and power. Visit the magnificent Cathedral of St. Nicholas, known for its Baroque architecture and frescos before enjoying the rest of the day to relax and explore the city. (B)

Day 4: Ljubljana - Opatija, Croatia

This morning is yours to relax and enjoy Ljubljana. This afternoon, depart Slovenia for Croatia and the lovely seaside resort of Opatija, known as "Croatia's Riviera." This fashionable region was once the summer retreat for Roman Caesars and Habsburg Monarchs. Get acquainted with this coastal town on a brief walking tour. Your evening is at leisure. (B)

Day 5: 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 farm-to-table dinner at a local restaurant lets you sample the regional wines and culinary delicacies of the Istrian Peninsula. (B, D)

Day 6: Opatija - Plitvice Lakes

This morning depart for 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. 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. (B, D)

Day 7: Plitvice Lakes - Split

From the forest landscapes of Plitvice Lakes travel through the Croatian countryside and stop in a traditional small village to meet the Perajica family. Croatia has a long history creating high quality, artisanal prosciuttos and this family makes one of the best. After a short tour to learn how the meat is produced enjoy a light lunch of homemade specialties. Arrive in Split, a seaside city full of Roman ruins and natural splendours. Have time to relax this afternoon before sampling classic Croatian cuisine during dinner at a cozy local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Split

It's time to uncover the historical treasures of Split! This morning set out on a walking tour featuring the impressive Diocletian's Palace (UNESCO), one of the most significant late Roman historical monuments built by Emperor Diocletian when he left Rome at the turn of the 4th century. Explore its peristyle and the Temple of Jupiter. The afternoon is yours to explore Split's coastal charms independently, or you might consider an optional trip to Trogir, a city of medieval walls, towering cathedrals, and captivating Venetian architecture. (B)

Day 9: Split - Dubrovnik

Savour stunning sea views as you travel the winding coastal road, hugging the sheer cliffs that drop dramatically into the Adriatic Sea. Stop in a quaint village in the Croatian countryside where a local family hosts you for a delicious lunch made from ingredients they have produced themselves. Learn about village life and listen to Croatian folk music played on the "lijerica," a traditional instrument. Continue on to Dubrovnik, a city of twisting cobblestone streets and burnt-orange rooftops, rich in history and charm. (B, L)

Day 10: Dubrovnik 😯

Join a local guide on a tour of the "Old Dubrovnik," a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, where Europe's oldest pharmacy resides, and see Dubrovnik's many historical sites like the Rector's Palace, Sponza Palace, Dubrovnik Cathedral, and Old Town's famous main street, Stradun. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Ascend Mount Srd by cable car for breathtaking views of the Old City of Dubrovnik, the crystal clear Adriatic Sea, and the islands -OR- receive a ticket to access the walls that contain the old city of Dubrovnik and gain a different perspective on this remarkable place. (B)

Day 11: Dubrovnik

Spend today at leisure relaxing or independently exploring the marble streets and beautiful baroque buildings of Dubrovnik's breathtaking Old Town.
Or, perhaps you'll embark on an optional tour to the culturally rich Konavle region, where you'll be welcomed at a familyowned vineyard for a discussion about their cultivation and production methods before indulging in a tasting of their wines. Then, experience lunch at a locally-owned restaurant that prepares culturally rich recipes prepared in traditional ways passed down for generations. (B)

Day 12: Dubrovnik - Zagreb, Croatia

This morning we depart Dubrovnik and travel to lovely Cavtat, a coastal resort town. After a short tour reveals its highlights, enjoy free time to grab coffee or lunch at one of its seaside cafes. Continue to the airport for a short flight to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. A late afternoon tour highlights the best of this fascinating city that has marked the intersection of Eastern and Central Europe for more than 1000 years. Ride one of the most beautiful funiculars in Europe to the charming upper town. (B)

Day 13: Zagreb

The day is yours to explore Zagreb



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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however you wish! Explore old towns' two medieval settlements, stroll the many open squares and parks, or enjoy the Dolac Market. Or, perhaps you will choose to take an optional tour to Croatia's Zagorje region with visits to historic Kumrovec and the foodie favourite of Samobor. This evening a farewell dinner in a local restaurant celebrates the end of an unforgettable trip. (B, D)

Day 14: Zagreb - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end in Zagreb this morning. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$3549 SOLO Starting at \$4599

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Prices based on February 22, 2024 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 April - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note*) June 2023 - May 2024

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Zagreb. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flight is not included in the land cost of your tour. This flight needs to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Scheduled activities may vary in time due to the flight schedule from Dubrovnik to Zagreb. Due to tour scheduling, arrival flights should arrive prior to 4:00 p.m. Based on return flight options, an early morning departure from the hotel may be required on the last day. The exact hotel to be used while in Opatija will be available 15 days prior to the tour departure date. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The Optional Belgrade extension is Fully Guided. Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

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Day 14: Zagreb, Croatia - Belgrade, Serbia

Journey from Zagreb to Belgrade, the aweinspiring capital of Serbia. Once you stop to settle into your hotel, take a guided walking tour around this historic city. Later, head to the Museum of Yugoslavia to learn about the region's history. Tonight, dine in a traditional Serbian restaurant. (D)

Day 15: Belgrade

The first half of your day is yours to explore Belgrade as you wish. Later, you'll join your guide and hop on Belgrade's public transportation to dine at a local restaurant on the banks of the Danube River. (B, D)

Day 16: Belgrade

Today, journey to the unique and beautiful city of Novi Sad. Take a city tour before having some free time to explore on your own. Perhaps you'll want to take in the views of the city from atop the impressive Petrovaradin Fortress or explore the charm of the nearby Stari Grad neighbourhood. Tonight, you'll have a farewell dinner and traditional music in Skadarlija, the bohemian area of Belgrade. (B, D)

Day 17: Belgrade - Extension Ends

Say farewell to the captivating city of Belgrade, and depart with fond memories of Serbia and its incredible culture. (B)

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HIGHLIGHTS

Prague • Prague Castle • Cesky Krumlov • Vienna • Schönbrunn Palace • Classical Music Performance • Bratislava • Lunch with Locals • Budapest • Matthias Church

 Fisherman's Bastion - Visegrad -Renaissance Dinner



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Tour the majestic Prague Castle.
- Get a glimpse into Hungary's communist past during an exclusive talk with a local.
- Get to know Bratislava's 4,000-yearold history on a tour with a local expert.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 7 — Head to the medieval town of Durnstein and cruise to Melk Abbey -OR- join a local guide in the Belvedere Museum, home to *The* Kiss -OR- attend a Viennese Waltz lesson.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Join local residents for a community hosted lunch in Dunaalmas.
- Savour a Renaissance-style dinner at a medieval castle restaurant near Budapest.
- Choose from a selection of different venues in Prague for Diner's Choice.



ACCOMMODATIONS

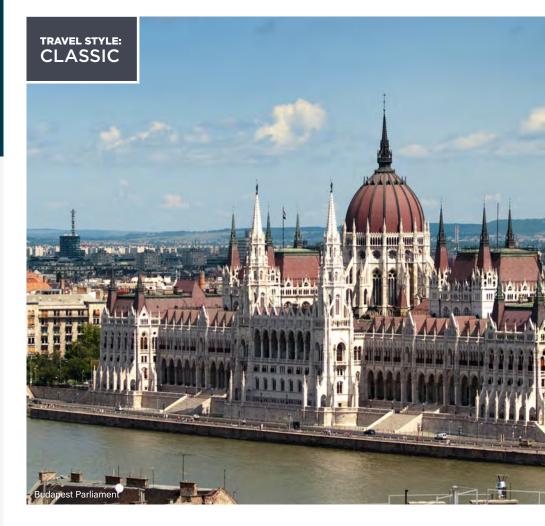
Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 Grandior Hotel, Prague

Days 5 - 7 Intercontinental Hotel, Vienna or Grand Hotel Wien, Vienna

Days 8 - 10 Up Hotel, Budapest

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Bask in the splendour, history, and romance of Europe's regal capital cities of Prague, Vienna, and Budapest.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out on a grand cultural adventure through the Imperial Cities of Central Europe – Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Along the way, enjoy traditional entertainment, local cuisine, and a glimpse into this region's eminent history.

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 at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Prague

Feel the magic and wonder of Prague. Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Explore the "Castle District," including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and the majestic Prague Castle. Next, take in the iconic, statue-lined Charles Bridge, a picturesque structure stretching over the Vltava River. Spend the afternoon at your leisure. (B)

Day 4: Prague

This morning, discover Prague on your own.

Consider shopping for Bohemian crystal or visiting the city's museums, such as the Lapidarium.

Perhaps, you will join an optional excursion to

Prague's Old Jewish Quarter to see its historic Jewish Museum and Europe's oldest Jewish cemetery, founded in 1478. Personalize your evening with Diner's Choice, choosing from a selection of different venues. Perhaps you'll enjoy traditional cuisine at a local restaurant, or discover the city through its craft beer and food scene, or opt for a more quiet dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 5: Prague - Cesky Krumlov - Vienna, Austria

Travel through the scenic countryside on your way to Vienna. En route, make a stop in the medieval town of Cesky Krumlov. Lined with towering Baroque architecture, explore the quaint preserved streets before continuing on to the grand city of Vienna. (B)

Day 6: Vienna

Join a local guide at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue on to Vienna's city centre and behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks, and gothic spires that fill the city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure where perhaps you'll partake in the city's famous café culture as you walk the streets, watching







locals take a moment out of their day for a hot coffee and bite of cake. Tonight, hear Vienna's past come alive and experience a classical performance featuring the works of Mozart and Strauss. (B, D)

Day 7: Vienna 😯

Choose how you spend your day because it's your choice! Venture down the Danube to the medieval town of Durnstein and cruise to the 11th-century Melk Abbey -ORjoin a local guide in the Belvedere Museum, home to Gustav Klimt's iconic painting The *Kiss* **-OR-** enjoy a leisurely morning before attending a Viennese Waltz lesson in the afternoon. The rest of the day is yours. (B)

Day 8: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary

Say hello to Bratislava, the former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Get to know the city's 4,000-year-old history on a tour with a local expert. Connect with the villagers of Dunaalmas during a community-hosted lunch, learning how to make traditional strudel. Arrive in Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube" and your home for the next 3 nights. Chat with a local and hear stories about his life in the former communist area. Enjoy the evening on your own. (B, L)

Day 9: Budapest

Join a local expert for a panoramic tour of the city, where you'll discover the incredible Neo-Gothic marvel of Matthias Church atop Buda Castle Hill, the Fisherman's Bastion, the historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, and the Parliament House. This afternoon, enjoy some free time to explore Budapest on your own. Perhaps vou will head to the city's famous thermal pools for an afternoon of relaxation. (B)

Day 10: Budapest - Visegrad -**Budapest**

After a morning at leisure, head out of the city to the former Renaissance capital of Visegrad for a magnificent view of the Danube Bend and the Borzsony Mountains. Step into the past at a 14th-century castle, where knights with authentic weaponry recreate the times of chivalry and kingdoms. Then, embrace the lifestyle yourself and enjoy an exclusive Renaissance-style dinner in the castle. (B, D)

Day 11: Budapest - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to these regal cities as your tour comes to a close today. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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(featured itinerary)

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HIGHLIGHTS

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Innsbruck • Salzburg • Mirabell Gardens

• St. Peter's Restaurant • Bavaria • Linderhof Palace • Tyrolean Folklore Show



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Ride the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad.
- Witness the musical tradition of Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 6 — Join a local guide as you discover Innsbruck's history, culture and popular attractions -OR- you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski iump.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Delight in dinner at the 1,200-yearold St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.
- Glimpse into the cheese production of Gruyères and sample these dairy delights.



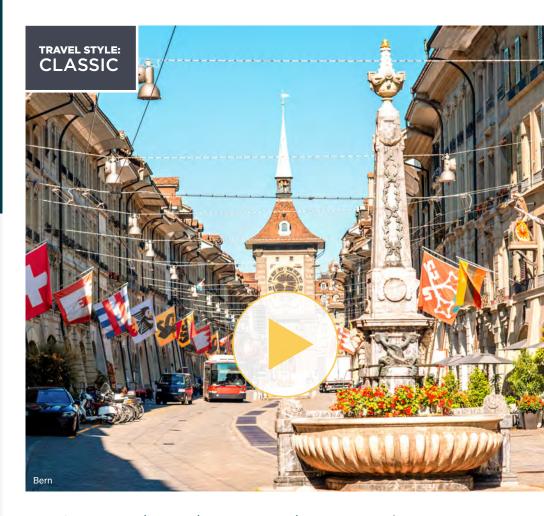
ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 5 Hotel Bern, Hotel Ambassador or Hotel Baeren am Bundesplatz,

Days 6 - 9 Hotel AC by Marriott, Innsbruck

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Journey through spectacular mountain scenery and picturesque cities as you experience three Alpine countries.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover spectacular Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria on a tour featuring 4-night stays in two cities.

Day 2: Bern, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. This UNESCO World Heritage site rests in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine in a traditional Swiss restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Bern

Explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour, led by a local guide, 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. Perhaps you'll 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: Bern - Gruyères - Montreux -Panoramic Train Ride - Gstaad - Bern

Travel to Gruyères, famous for its creamy cheeses. Sample some of these delectable dairy treats during a cheese making demonstration. Later, enjoy inspiring Alpine views with a ride on the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad. Discover the delightful ambience of this world-famous Alpine ski resort with its numerous traditional wood chalets. (B)

Day 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 this 800-year-old city such as the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower, which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved in rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. Tonight, dine at one of Bern's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 6: Bern - Innsbruck, Austria 😯

En route to Innsbruck, make your way through Liechtenstein, the smallest German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. Upon arrival in





Innsbruck, it's your choice! Select one of two leisurely walking tours: join a local guide as you discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions including Maria-Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the "Golden Roof" -OR- you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. (B)

Day 7: Innsbruck - Salzburg -Innsbruck

Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. Enjoy a walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in The Sound of Music), the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart), and many other highlights of this beautiful city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to independently explore and enjoy Salzburg's fabulous sights. Complete your day with a delightful dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. (B, D)

Day 8: Innsbruck - Bavaria, **Germany - Innsbruck**

Tour Linderhof Palace, the only palace - out of three - that King Ludwig II lived to see completed. Walk the extraordinary halls that were modeled after Versailles with an expert guide and bask in the luxury of past royals. Next, return to Innsbruck. Later, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a well-known local musical family. (B)

Day 9: 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. Tonight you are treated to a farewell dinner in one of Innsbruck's traditional restaurants. (B, D)

Day 10: Innsbruck - Tour Ends Your tour comes to an end in Innsbruck. (B)

Optional 3 Night Vienna **Post-Tour Extension** Starting at \$1300 pp



Day 10: Innsbruck - Vienna

Transfer to Vienna, the largest city in Austria, As the country's capital, Vienna is home to age-old traditions and well-known heritage. It was the former centre of the Habsburg Empire, as well as the home for historical figures such as Freud, Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss.

Day 11: Vienna

Start your morning on a city tour with a local guide. You'll make your way through the city like the locals do - on public transportation - and stop to visit Vienna's most popular sights. Visit the 12th-century St. Stephen's Cathedral, standing at nearly 450-feet tall and featuring an eye-catching mosaic roof. Enjoy time in the afternoon to explore on your own. Gather in the evening for a dinner and classical music concert, highlighting the works of Austrian-born Mozart and Strauss. (B, D)

Day 12: Vienna

The day is yours. With your free time, consider visiting the legendary Schönbrunn Palace, former residence of the Habsburgs and containing more than 1,000 rooms. Or maybe you'll spend the day exploring the museum at Belvedere Palace, home to Gustav Klimt's famous painting The Kiss. Or you could even grab a slice of Sachertorte in a Viennese café. No matter how you spend your day, soak in the Austrian culture and experience the best of this capital city. (B)

Day 13: Vienna - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

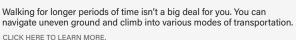


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October - November 2022 June - November 2023 March - May 2023

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HIGHLIGHTS

Swiss Travel Pass • Neuchâtel • Walking
Tour of Neuchâtel's Historic Quarter
• Museum of Vine and Wine • Bern •
Zermatt • Lake Geneva • Vevey • Lavaux
Terraced Vineyards • Wine Tastings •
Lucerne • Mount Stanserhorn



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover Neuchâtel's historic quarter and the treasures of the Belle Époque period.
- Visit the 13th-century Château de Boudry, where you'll tour the Museum of Vine and Wine with a tasting.
- Use your Swiss Travel Pass as an allaccess entry to museums and more.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 9 — Enjoy a day of leisure in Vevey -OR- discover Montreux and Chateau de Chillon before ferrying back to Vevey on Lake Geneva.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Savour lunch at a family-owned restaurant followed by a wine tasting at a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Dine at the top of Mount Stanserhorn, taking in 360-degree views of the Swiss Alps.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 Best Western Premier Hotel Beaulac, Neuchatel

Days 5, 6 Hotel Monte Rosa, Hotel Alex, or Hotel National, Zermatt

Days 7 - 9 Astra Hotel, Vevey

Days 10, 11 Hotel Astoria, Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to a world wedged between Germany, Austria, France and Italy - the country of four languages that's one of the most heralded destinations in Europe. Your journey through Switzerland will be entirely by train, offering an up close and personal rendezvous with the best the country has to offer from the Alps to the historic villages of the Swiss Riviera. Get ready to experience the culture, history and lifestyle of Switzerland firsthand.

Day 2: Neuchâtel, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Willkommen! After you collect your luggage at the airport, board a Swiss Rail train to Neuchâtel, where Gothic landmarks and sandstone grandeur beckon you to discover the abundant history of this medieval waterfront city. This evening, look out over Lake Neuchâtel at dinner with your fellow travellers before retiring to your lakefront room. (D)

Day 3: Neuchâtel - Boudry - Neuchâtel

Start your morning on a walking tour and discover the treasures of Neuchâtel's historic quarter, taking in its unique architecture and structures from the Belle Époque period. Your day continues at Château de Boudry, a 13th-century castle home to the Museum of Vine and Wine. Wander through the museum with an expert insider, ending with a taste of the local favourites and a sample of 4 different wines. (B)

Day 4: Neuchâtel

Enjoy a day at leisure in Neuchâtel to explore as you please, taking full advantage of your Swiss Travel Pass. Perhaps you'll stroll along Lake Neuchâtel and enjoy the views from a waterfront café or travel to the walled town of Morat by boat. (B)

Day 5: Neuchâtel - Bern - Zermatt

From Neuchâtel, travel via train to Bern, the Swiss capital city. Enjoy time at leisure to discover Bern's enthralling blend of influences - old and new. Then it's on to the resort village of Zermatt, nestled against the backdrop of the Matterhorn. This evening, join a resident expert for a discussion on what villages like Zermatt and its cableways are doing to create a sustainable future. (B, D)

Day 6: Zermatt

This morning, scale the Alps on a funicular ride to the mountain paradise of Sunnegga to take in breathtaking views of the famed Matterhorn. The







remainder of the day is yours to explore all that Zermatt has to offer. Consider joining an optional tour with a local Alpinist and ascend more than 10.000 feet on Europe's highest mountain railway - the Gornergrat. Set out on a leisurely hike and learn about the flora and fauna that inhabit the mountain landscape. (B)

Day 7: Zermatt - Vevey

Head to the north shore of Lake Geneva to Vevey, one of the "Pearls of the Swiss Riviera," with awe-inspiring views of the Alps. Enjoy a walking tour before exploring the sights and sounds independently during an afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Vevey - Lavaux - Vevey

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

Day 9: Vevey 😯

Today, it's your choice! Enjoy free time, perhaps taking advantage of your Swiss Travel Pass to discover the city's museums, including the Swiss Camera Museum. Charlie Chaplin Museum, and the Nestle

Foundation's Nest -OR- discover Montreux and Château de Chillon, before ferrying back to Vevey on Lake Geneva. Join your travel companions for dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 10: Vevey - Lucerne

Travel by train to Lucerne, known as the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Amble through Altstadt (Old Town) with your guide, uncovering the town's 800-year-old secrets and history. You'll walk along the famous covered Chapel Bridge, built in the early 14th century and stretching its way across the River Reuss. The remainder of the day is yours to explore however you'd like. (B)

Day 11: Lucerne

Make the most of a relaxing morning on your own. Wish Switzerland goodbye at a farewell lunch, taking an open-air cable car to the top of Mount Stanserhorn and dining at its revolving restaurant. Enjoy your meal as you take in stunning 360-degree views, the perfect ending to your Swiss sojourn. The evening is yours to soak up the last of Lucerne's inviting ambience. (B, L)

Day 12: Lucerne - Tour Ends

Depart for home, dreaming of snowy Alps and captivating cultures. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







Unfortunately, this tour isn't appropriate for guests who use wheelchairs or walkers as it requires walking on uneven terrain.

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

April - May 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

June - October 2023 April - May 2024

(featured itinerary)

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66 I loved travelling by train. Staying at the same hotel for 2 to 3 days gave us time to rest and explore the area. 🤊

Collette Traveller

EXPLORING THE ALPINE COUNTRIES

12 DAYS · 16 MEALS STARTING AT \$4599

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Vienna • Classical Concert • Schönbrunn Palace • Danube Cruise • Salzburg • Dinner at St. Peter's Stiftskeller

- Munich Oberammergau Linderhof Palace - Wine Tasting - Black Forest
 - Freiburg Lucerne



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Cruise along the legendary Danube River
- Enjoy a performance by opera singers and ballet dancers set to the music of Strauss, Mozart, and more, in Vienna.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 5 Discover Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town -OR- feel like you've joined the Von Trapp family on a city tour featuring iconic film locations from The Sound of Music.
- Day 6 Take a panoramic tour of Munich to see the National Theatre of Bavaria and much more -OR- visit the lavish Treasury of the Munich Residence.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Dinners (D)

- Savour a dinner of local Swiss specialties in Lucerne.
- Taste local German wines at a lakeside winery.
- Dine at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Intercontinental Hotel Wien or Grand Hotel Wien,

Vienna

Days 4, 5 Arcotel Castellani, Salzburg

Days 6, 7 Hotel Alte Post, Oberammergau

Days 8, 9 Hotel Hofgut Sternen,

Titisee

Days 10, 11 Radisson Blu Hotel,

Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Discover storybook castles and opulent palaces amidst stunning Alpine vistas in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

From regal Austrian palaces to handcrafted German clocks and snowcapped Swiss Alps, set out to experience three Alpine cultures set amid postcard-worthy landscapes.

Day 2: Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's stately capital city. Built by the Habsburg Empire and amplified by classical composers, Vienna exudes an old-world charm that can be found in its cobblestone streets and elegant architecture. This evening, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner in the city. Following your meal, enjoy a performance by opera singers and ballet dancers set to the music of Strauss, Mozart, and more. (D)

Day 3: Vienna

Come to know Vienna this morning during a locally guided tour that showcases its architectural marvels. Visit the 17th-century Schönbrunn Palace, containing more than 1,440 rooms, and see the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is yours. Enjoy free time to explore the avenues of Vienna or perhaps visit one of its many museums. (B)

Day 4: Vienna - Salzburg

Journey through the countryside before taking a cruise along the Danube, one of Europe's most renowned waterways. Continue to Salzburg, the

"City of Music," and find lush gardens and oldworld charm. Step into another time with dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant. Home to aged stone walls and sleek wooden ceilings, St. Peter's is the oldest restaurant in Austria and is still owned by monks. (B, D)

Day 5: Salzburg 😯

Choose how you spend your morning because **it's your choice!** Discover Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town **-OR-** feel like you've joined the Von Trapp family on a city tour featuring iconic film locations from The Sound of Music. No matter how you choose to spend the morning, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore the beloved town on your own. (B)

Day 6: Salzburg - Munich - Oberammergau, Germany 😯

Look out upon the Bavarian Alps en route to the most popular Bavaria city, Munich. Upon arrival, it's your choice! Take a panoramic tour of Munich, highlighting the National Theater of Bavaria and much more -OR- visit the lavish Treasury of the Munich Residence. Both choices end with a viewing of the Rathaus – Glockenspiel chiming at Marienplatz. Continue on to Oberammergau, renowned for its 380-year tradition of producing a Passion Play every 10 years, and your home for the next two nights. (B, D)







Day 7: Oberammergau - Ettal -Oberammergau

Tour Linderhof Palace, the only palace - out of three - that King Ludwig II lived to see completed. Walk the extraordinary halls that were modeled after Versailles with an expert guide and bask in the luxury of past royals. Later, fairytales become reality during a picture stop of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's third palace, Neuschwanstein. Regarded as the most photographed castle in Germany it was the inspiration for the castle in *Sleeping Beauty*. Return to Oberammergau for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Oberammergau - Black **Forest**

You're off to the heart of the Black Forest, a region famous for artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks and Hummels. On your way, get a taste of local flavours at a German winery. Enjoy a tour before sampling the vintages and looking out over the rows of vines and nearby Lake Constance. End your day amongst the tree-studded mountains of the Black Forest. (B, D)

Day 9: Black Forest - Freiburg -**Black Forest**

This morning, hop on the train and journey to Freiburg, a vibrant city in southwest Germany's Black Forest region. With a local guide by your side, explore Freiburg, a city with a rich medieval flare including its Gothic cathedral at the center of town and

Bächle -- narrow channels with flowing water alongside the roads that once acted as a water supply for the town. Before returning to your hotel, stop at Lake Titisee and enjoy a short boat ride to take in the Black Forest scenery from a different perspective. (B, D)

Day 10: Black Forest - Zurich, **Switzerland - Lucerne**

Enjoy a scenic drive through the Black Forest region before arriving to Zurich, Switzerland's luxurious cultural hotspot, also known as a global leader in banking and finance. Join a local guide for a tour of the city on foot, and then enjoy some free time to have lunch on your own in Zurich. After, head to Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Upon arrival, set out on a scenic walking tour of the city, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. (B)

Day 11: Lucerne

The day is yours to relax or independently explore the best of Lucerne. Perhaps you will embark on an optional excursion to Mount Pilatus, ascending the world's steepest railway on a panoramic gondola to the summit. 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 12: Lucerne - Tour Ends

Wish the Alps goodbye as your tour comes to a close today. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







Walking for longer periods of time isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate uneven ground and climb into various modes of transportation. CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE OR POST NIGHT PRE: VIENNA **POST: LUCERNE**

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 April - May 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

June - October 2023 April - May 2024

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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66 We had a small group and really enjoyed the friendships with all of them. Loved doing the train up the mountain and coming down, and touring Lucerne. 99

- Collette Traveller

NEW TOUR

EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS

9 DAYS · 11 MEALS STARTING AT \$2649

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Prague's Christmas Markets • Prague
Castle • Train Ride to Dresden • Dresden's
Christmas Markets • Vienna's Christmas
Markets • Schönbrunn Palace •
Viennese Candy Workshop • Bratislava
• Locally-Hosted Dinner • Budapest's
Christmas Markets • Matthias Church •
Fisherman's Bastion



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Tour the majestic Prague Castle.
- Be whisked by train from Prague to the "Florence on the Elbe" – Dresden, Germany.
- Visit 5 different countries filled with the Holiday Spirit.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

Day 3 — Learn about Prague's
 Jewish history on a heritage tour
 -OR- experience a different side of
 Prague on a Vltava river cruise.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

7 Breakfasts (B) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Join local Hungarian residents for a community hosted dinner in Dunaalmas.
- Learn the secrets of Viennese confectionary during a candy making demonstration.
- Dine at the famous Marchfelderhof, an iconic restaurant with a rich Viennese tradition.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 K+K Central Hotel, Prague **Days 5, 6** Grand Hotel Wien, Vienna

Days 7, 8 Up Hotel, Budapest

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Set out on a grand holiday adventure through the winter wonderland of the Imperial Cities of Central Europe - Prague, Vienna and Budapest.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out on a grand holiday adventure through the winter wonderland of the Imperial Cities of Central Europe – Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Along the way, immerse yourself in festive Christmas markets, enjoy traditional entertainment, sample local cuisine, and glimpse this region's rich history.

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 at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Prague 😯

Feel the magic and wonder of Prague dressed up for the holiday season. Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Explore the "Castle District," including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and the majestic Prague Castle. Next, take in the iconic, statue-lined Charles Bridge, a picturesque structure stretching over the Vitava River. You decide how to further explore Prague because **it's your choice!** Learn more about the city's Jewish heritage and visit Europe's oldest active Synagogue on a heritage tour **-OR-** let a boat reveal a different side of Prague on a Vitava river cruise. The remainder of your

afternoon and evening is at leisure for you to take in the best Prague has to offer independently – don't miss the famous Christmas market in Prague's Old Town Square where brightly decorated wooden huts are filled with the work of local artisans, and traditional food and drink is prepared right in front of you. (B)

Day 4: Prague - Dresden, Germany - Prague, Czech Republic

Hop aboard a train for Dresden, Germany, known as "Florence on the Elbe." Meet a local guide for a tour highlighting its baroque splendour and architectural treasures such as Frauenkirche, the Cathedral of our Lady and the Royal Palace. Visit the world's oldest Christmas market – the Striezelmarkt – which has been delighting travellers and locals alike since 1434. Take time to explore the stalls overflowing with ornaments, sample local sweets and have time for lunch on your own before returning to Praque. (B)

Day 5: Prague - Cesky Krumlov - Vienna, Austria

Depart Prague and travel through the scenic countryside on your way to Vienna, Austria. En route, make a stop in the medieval town of Cesky-Krumlov. Lined with towering Baroque architecture, explore the quaint-preserved streets









TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT BUDAPEST

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independently and have time for lunch on your own. Continue to the one-of-a-kind Marchfelderhof Restaurant, a favourite since the 1800s of locals, visitors and the famous alike. Indulge in dinner at this iconic spot rich with Viennese tradition. Arrive in the grand city of Vienna, capital of Austria, aglow with holiday lights. (B, D)

Day 6: Vienna

This morning, meet your local guide and visit the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue on to Vienna's city centre and behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks, and gothic spires that fill the city. Learn more about Vienna's sweet confectionary history when you visit a candy workshop where candies are still being made according to traditional recipes dating back over 150 years. An afternoon at leisure allows time to visit the Christkindlmarkt, perhaps the biggest and most famous in the city, at the neo-gothic Rathaus City Hall. Tonight, you may choose an option to hear Vienna's past come alive and experience a classical music performance featuring the works of Mozart and Strauss. (B)

Day 7: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary

Say hello to Bratislava, the former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Enjoy

free time to have lunch and explore some of the city's 4,000-year-old history independently - don't miss the charming Christmas markets! Continue to the village of Dunaalmas in the Hungarian countryside and immerse yourself in typical country life of the village. Learn how to make traditional strudel before enjoying a community-hosted dinner. Arrive in Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube" and your home for the next 2 nights. Enjoy the evening on your own. (B, D)

Day 8: Budapest

Join a local expert for a panoramic tour of the city, where you'll discover the incredible neo-gothic marvel of Matthias Church atop Buda Castle Hill, the Fisherman's Bastion, the historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, and the Parliament House. This afternoon, enjoy some free time to explore Budapest on your own. Perhaps you will visit the cozy Christmas market at St. Stephen's Basilica with its ice rink and gorgeous tree, or head to the city's largest market at Vörösmarty Square brimming with food and crafts stalls where local musicians often perform. This evening join your fellow travellers to toast the end of a festive trip at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Budapest - Tour Ends

Say goodbye to these regal cities as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$2649 Starting at \$3299

Prices based on December 4, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

November - December 2023

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

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NEW TOUR

NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM AND FRANCE

12 DAYS · 16 MEALS STARTING AT \$5649

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HIGHLIGHTS

Amsterdam • Canal Cruise • Kinderdijk • Bruges • Reims • Route du Champagne • Paris • Parisian Retro Cars • Montmartre • The Louvre Museum • Seine River Cruise



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Spend 2 nights in the storybook Belgian town of Bruges (UNESCO).
- Immerse yourself in France's countryside during an exploration of its Route du Champagne (UNESCO).
- Ride through the "City of Light" in an open-roof retro car.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 8 — Stroll through the vineyards for a visit to the eco-museum of Verzenay -OR- climb the 101 steps to the top of the museum's lighthouse for unencumbered views of the Champagne countryside.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Taste Dutch specialties on a food tour of Amsterdam's Jordaan district.
- Tour a traditional brewery in Bruges and sample some legendary Belgian beers.
- Meet local cheese enthusiasts in Meaux and sample their famous Brie.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2 - 4Swissôtel, AmsterdamDays 5, 6Hotel Aragon, BrugesDays 7, 8Continental Hotel, ReimsDays 9 - 11La Maison Favart, ParisOn some datesalternate hotels may be used.



Dutch windmills, cozy streets, bubbling champagne, and the "City of Light" - experience the essence of 3 must-visit European countries.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

From iconic Dutch windmills and cozy Belgian streets to the world-renowned Champagne region and the "City of Light," experience the essence of 3 European countries.

Day 2: Amsterdam, Netherlands - Tour Begins

Narrow canals, stone bridges, and bike-brimmed lanes – this is Amsterdam, the lively starting point of your journey. Check into your hotel, located in the heart of the city centre and your home for the next 3 nights. Get a taste of the local flavours and meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Amsterdam

See the city the way it's meant to be seen – by canal. On your private boat, cruise under sloping bridges and pass by quintessential Dutch houses. Then, discover Amsterdam's rich culinary heritage on a locally-led food tour of the multicultural Jordaan district. During your walk, you will get to experience a historic *proeflokaal* (tasting room) and partake in a tasting of genever, local Dutch gin. As the day draws to a close, meet with a local for a chat about the city's progressive and often controversial culture. The evening is yours. (B, L)

Day 4: Amsterdam - Optional Excursion

Make the most of a free day in Amsterdam. You could visit the Van Gogh Museum and explore the Anne Frank House. Or opt to spend the day in Royal Delft. This picture-perfect town has changed little since the times of Johannes Vermeer, who captured its charm in the most iconic paintings of the Dutch Golden Age. Your guided tour concludes with a visit to the Royal Delft porcelain factory which has been producing the renowned hand-painted, blue motives since the 16th century. Try your hand at painting a tile before returning to Amsterdam for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Amsterdam - Kinderdijk - Bruges, Belgium

Cross the Dutch countryside to Kinderdijk (UNESCO), where iconic Dutch windmills spin slowly over the marshy landscape. Experience the story of wind, water, and of the Dutch willpower that harnessed the elements during a guided tour of the Nederwaard Museum Mill built in 1738. This evening, step into a storybook when you end your day in Bruges, settling in for the next 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 6: Bruges

This morning, wander the cobblestone streets of Bruges during an orientation walk. Cruise through fairytale canals before connecting with local traditions – tasting Belgian chocolate and learning about the intricate craft of lace making. After an afternoon at leisure, conclude the day with a visit to a local brewery, tasting Belgium's most quintessential beverage. (B)

Day 7: Bruges - World War I Battlefields - Reims, France

Today, traverse the Flanders, a major battle theatre on the Western Front during the First World War between 1914-18. A local expert recounts the area's eventful history as you pause to see the stars and stripes raised over the graves of the valiant soldiers who gave their lives in the same battlefields that inspired John McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields". Early this evening, trade your waffles for wine as you enter Reims, set in the heart of France's illustrious Champagne region. Settle into your city-centric boutique hotel before dining your way through French cuisine with a 5-course tasting menu and glass of champagne. (B, D)

Day 8: Reims - Champagne Winery - Reims 💎

Discover Reims, uncovering the city's Celtic roots and Gothic architecture during a guided walking tour. Step into the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Reims, gazing up at a sea of colourful stained glass. Cityscapes give way to vineyard rows as you make your way along the Route du Champagne, learning about this world-famous artisan production during a tour and tasting at a nearby maison du champagne. Then immerse yourself in the countryside because it's your choice! Stroll through the vineyards for a visit to the eco-museum of Verzenay -OR- climb the 101 steps to the top of the museum's lighthouse for unencumbered views over the rolling hills of the Champagne countryside. (B)

Day 9: Reims - Meaux - Paris

Make your way to Paris this morning. Pause in Meaux, the capital of brie cheese – one of France's famous soft cheeses. Learn about the artisanal production methods and aging process from a local cheese enthusiast

before sampling some product for yourself. This afternoon say *bonjour* to Paris, your home for the next 3 nights. Explore your new neighbourhood until the sun fades and the "City of Light" debuts its sparkling grandeur. Then, spin the wheels of time from the backseat of a retro car, cruising through the chic boulevards to the Montmartre neighbourhood, where hip bohemia meets heaven-seeking basilicas. (B, L)

Day 10: Paris - Optional Excursion

This morning, the ethereal glass pyramid at the Louvre's entrance serves as your gateway into another realm, where ancient sculptures lead to 19th-century canvases. In company of an expert guide-lecturer, marvel at masterpieces such as the Venus de Milo and Delacroix's Liberty Leading the People before making your way to da Vinci's renowned Mona Lisa. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore Paris as you please. Perhaps you'll take a leisurely stroll through the Tuileries Garden or elegant Place Vendôme with its glittering vitrines displaying jewelry and high-fashion designs. This evening, experience Paris' nightlife during an optional dinner at the dynamic Paradis Latin cabaret show, featuring champagne, can-can dancers, and endless excitement. (B)

Day 11: Paris - Optional Excursion

Be romanced by Paris - today is yours for the taking. Perhaps you'll visit the Orsay Museum, a former railway station that now houses the world's best impressionist art. Or channel your inner royal on an optional excursion to the magnificent Royal Palace of Versailles. Relive history as you wind your way through sprawling green gardens and palace halls with a local guide. From the prominent Hall of Mirrors to the opulent bedchamber of the queen, take in the palace's most famous sights before returning to Paris. Tonight, enjoy a romantic dinner cruise along the Seine River. Set against Paris' glittering skyline, dine on French specialties while peering up at the Eiffel Tower and gently gliding under romantic bridges. (B, D)

Day 12: Paris - Tour Ends

Say *au revoir* to Europe as you depart for home. (B)

FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION ADD 3 NIGHTS IN LONDON



POST TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$1300 PP

Extend your stay in London. Ride the Tube with a local expert and zoom to the city's beloved attractions. Visit Kensingston Palace. Visit the Tower of London independently with your included pass and enjoy free time to explore.

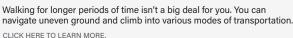


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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October - November 2022 March - May 2023

June - November 2023 May 2024

(different itinerary - see note*)

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

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ALSO AVAILABLE



Netherlands, Belgium & France featuring Keukenhof Gardens

Peruse the world's largest flower garden.

★ DATES AVAILABLE: MARCH - APRIL 2023 MARCH - APRIL 2024

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The 3 night London extension is Hosted. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences. Porterage is not available in Paris and London train stations. To make your train ride hassle-free your checked-luggage will be transferred by courier from the Paris to the London hotel the day prior to your train ride to London. For this reason, we recommend travelling with a cabin-sized trolley in addition to your checked-luggage. You'll be responsible for handling your own bags from the vehicle drop off point to the train in Paris and in London from the train to the vehicle that will transfer you to the Hotel. You must be able to lift your luggage from the platform on to the carriage and off the carriage upon your arrival in London.

PEAKS OF EUROPE: THE ALPS TO THE DOLOMITES

13 DAYS · 17 MEALS STARTING AT \$5749

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HIGHLIGHTS

Chamonix • Mont Blanc • GoldenPass Train - Gstaad - Jungfrau - Lucerne Alpine Walks & Nature Experiences • Innsbruck • Dolomites • Cortina • Prosecco Region • Venetian Villa Stay



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Inhale fresh alpine air with 4 unique mountaintop experiences.
- · Discover the local flora and fauna during a nature walk with a local alpinist.
- · Meet the pups of Barryland, a foundation that protects Switzerland's national dog - the St. Bernard.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3 - Ascend the Aiguille du Midi via cable car **-OR-** take in the views aboard the Tramway du Mont Blanc.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) · 2 Lunches (L) · 4 Dinners (D)

- · Savour the flavours of Switzerland during a raclette brunch at a dairy farm.
- Taste the fruits of Italy's Prosecco region, with a vineyard visit and tastina
- · Toast to the end of your journey at a farewell dinner in a Venetian Villa.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

La Folie Douce Hotel, Days 2, 3 Chamonix

Days 4, 5 Golf Hotel Le Hauts de Gstaad, Gstaad

Days 6, 7 Sunstar Alpine Hotel, Grindelwald

Days 8, 9 Seelos Hotel NIKO, Seefeld

Days 10, 11 Hotel Bellevue Suites & Spa, Cortina D'Ampezzo ROOM UPGRADE AVAILABLE:

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Day 12 Hotel Villa Condulmer, Mogliano Veneto, Venice

Mainland



Embark on an invigorating journey through Europe's towering Alps and charming towns.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Postcard-perfect vistas and storybook villages. Rolling hills and the crisp scent of fresh mountain air. There is nothing in this world quite like the Alps. You're on your way to explore Europe's iconic peaks and valleys on an invigorating journey through France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria

Day 2: Chamonix, France - Tour Begins

Say bonjour to Chamonix - the perennial skihub nestled at the foot of Mont Blanc. Take the afternoon to wander the pedestrian-friendly streets of this quaint town steeped in hundreds of years of history. Tonight, join with new friends and toast to the beginning of your alpine adventure. (D)

Day 3: Chamonix 😯

Today, decide how to explore the legendary Mont Blanc - the birthplace of mountaineering because it's your choice! Ascend the Aiguille du Midi by cable car to an elevation of over 12,600 feet (3,842 meters). This is the closest you can get to the summit of Europe's tallest peak -OR- relax aboard the Tramway du Mont Blanc rack-railway taking in its vintage charm and the impressive views from the Eagle's Nest, located 7,782 feet above sea level (2,372 meters). This afternoon,

enjoy a stroll through the woods in the bottom of the valley. (B)

Day 4: Chamonix - GoldenPass Train -**Gstaad, Switzerland**

Bid Chamonix and France adieu and set out for Switzerland. During today's Impact Moment, get to know the pups of Barryland, a local foundation that promotes and protects the heritage of the St. Bernard, the official dog of Switzerland. An afternoon train ride on the GoldenPass whisks you through the pastoral Swiss landscape en route to Gtsaad. Check in to your home for the next 2 nights before relaxing over dinner at a local restaurant located in a traditional chalet. (B, D)

Day 5: Gstaad

Venture into Gstaad this morning and explore this car-free town dotted with iconic ski chalets immersed in the surrounding countryside. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour to Glacier 3000, ascending via cable car to its 9,700-foot summit (2,965 meters). Take in the views over the Bernese Oberland while dining at a mountaintop restaurant. Scan the horizon for famous peaks such as the Grand Combin, or even the legendary Matterhorn,

before taking the exciting walk across a suspension footbridge spanning two summits. (B)

Day 6: Gstaad - Trümmelbach Waterfalls - Grindelwald

Travel through the alpine meadows of the Bernese Oberland, an area renowned for its cheese production. Visit an artisanal creamery producing raclette cheese and taste the local produce during a brunch on the farm. Continue on to Trümmelbach, a complex of waterfalls located inside a cavern in the Lauterbrunnen Valley. This afternoon, head on to Grindelwald, nestled at the base of legendary Mount Eiger. Settle in for a 2-night stay in this charming alpine village. (B, L)

Day 7: Grindelwald - Jungfraujoch -Grindelwald

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

Day 8: Grindelwald - Lucerne -Seefeld, Austria

Before departing Switzerland, spend some time to learn for yourself why the lakeside city of Lucerne is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. Make your way through Liechtenstein, the only country to lie entirely within the Alps on your way to Austria. This evening is yours to relax and to get to know your home in Seefeld for the next 2 nights. (B, D).

Day 9: Seefeld

This morning explore the idyllic town of Seefeld in a horse-drawn carriage, pausing to take in the unspoiled beauty of the Tyrolean mountains and forests. This afternoon cross into Germany on an optional tour of Oberammergau, the worldrenowned home of the Passion Play. This Bayarian village of traditionally painted houses comes together every 10 years to perform a marathon 10-hour folk theatre

rendition of the Passion in thanksgiving for escaping the plague of 1633. After visiting the theatre site and town, indulge in homemade Tyrolean cuisine at a local restaurant before returning to Seefeld. (B)

Day 10: Seefeld - Innsbruck -Cortina, Italy

Take in the scenery of the spectacular Bavarian Alps en route to enchanting Innsbruck. Walk the charming streets, discover the historic old town, and take in landmarks such as the Golden Roof. Depart Austria for Italy to witness the unique jagged limestone peaks of the Dolomites. Arrive in Cortina, the Queen of the Dolomites (UNESCO), and your home for the next 2 nights. (B)

Day 11: Cortina

The day is yours. Bask in the charm of Cortina, strolling along its main street and taking in the views of the surrounding Dolomite peaks. Perhaps you'll join a full-day optional excursion taking you further into this legendary mountain range to discover natural beauty and local traditions. During this excursion, take a walk in the Badia valley, learn about the centuries old Ladin culture before stopping at a nearby *maso* – an alpine farm – for a taste of local Landin fare. After, a cable car ride brings you to Rifugio Lagazuoi for a feast of stunning views of the skyskimming peaks. The evening continues to be yours to explore Cortina as you wish. (B)

Day 12: Cortina - Prosecco Winery - Mogliano Veneto

Journey south this morning and into the rolling hills of Italy's Prosecco region. Visit a local vineyard where you'll taste the region's sparkling specialty combined with assorted local cheeses and cold cuts during a light lunch. This evening, explore the frescoed halls and grounds of your historic countryside villa before you gather for dinner and toast to new friends, fond memories, and unforgettable scenery. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Mogliano Veneto - Tour **Ends**

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



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

April - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note*) June - October 2023 April - May 2024

(featured itinerary)

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FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION 2 NIGHTS IN VENICE



POST TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$910 PP

Continue your exploration of Italy with a 2-night stay in Venice. Join a local guide for an immersive walking tour, see a glassblowing demonstration, and have time at leisure to discover this iconic city independently.

TREASURES OF EUROPE

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HIGHLIGHTS

London • Eurostar Train • Paris • Seine River Cruise and Dinner • TGV High-Speed Train • Lucerne • Venice • Italian Vineyard Experience • Florence • Michelangelo's David • Rome • The Colosseum



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy free time in London and Rome to explore at leisure.
- Stroll through the floating city of Venice.
- Travel across 3 countries on high-speed trains.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 5 — In Paris, take in the most iconic sights on a panoramic city tour -OR- explore the hilltop Montmartre district by Métro.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) - 1 Lunch (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the Seine River and drift past famous landmarks as you dine on French cuisine.
- Sample delectable wines and traditional cuisine at a vineyard in the Chianti region.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Leonardo Royal Hotel London Tower Bridge, London

Days 4, 5 Hyatt Regency Paris Etoile, Paris

Days 6, 7 Radisson Blu Hotel, Andermatt or Hotel Astoria, Lucerne

Days 8, 9 Leonardo Royal Venice, Mestre, Venice

Days 10, 11 Starhotel Tuscany, Florence

Days 12, 13 Donna Laura Palace Hotel, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Overnight Flight

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

Day 2: London, England - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in London, England's sophisticated capital. Discover a bustling city where centuries of history meet an evolving modern culture. Join your fellow travellers and toast to the start of an incredible journey during a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: London

Start your morning on a tour of 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. The remainder of the day is yours. Take advantage of free time to explore this iconic city on your own.

(B)

Day 4: London - Eurostar Train - Paris, France

Venture inside the St. Pancras railway station – a masterpiece of Victorian engineering – and board the high-speed Eurostar train. Relax in style as you're whisked away to Paris, the "City of Light." Famous for its world-renowned art, food, and fashion, Paris' captivating energy can be found around every corner. This evening, enjoy views

of the Eiffel Tower as you gently float down the Seine River, tasting savoury French cuisine on a dinner cruise. (B, D)

Day 5: Paris 😗

This morning, **it's your choice!** See Paris at its best during a panoramic city tour featuring views of the endangered Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées and more **-OR-** step into the shoes of a local and navigate *Le Métro* on your way to the hilltop neighbourhood of Montmartre and its iconic Sacré-Cœur basilica. Enjoy an afternoon on your own to explore Paris independently. Perhaps you will have lunch in the elegant district of Le Marais, or consider an optional tour of the Louvre Museum, where you'll find more than a million precious works of art, including the *Venus de Milo* and *Mona Lisa*. (B)

Day 6: Paris - TGV Train - Basel, Switzerland - Andermatt

On board the TGV – France's high-speed train – depart Paris and make your way to Basel. Take in the scenery on your journey into Switzerland, passing gentle hills and verdant fields. From Basel, enjoy views of Alpine lakes and snowcapped mountains as you transfer to





the quaint village of Andermatt, nestled in the Ursern Valley. (B, D)

Day 7: Andermatt - Lucerne - Andermatt

Explore Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake". Upon arrival, set out on a walk through its romantic Altstadt (Old Town), passing through Lucerne's iconic covered Chapel Bridge. During free time, seek out the renowned Lion Monument commemorating the heroic Swiss Guard or visit the Alpineum museum dedicated to alpine landscape painting. Perhaps, you'll embark on an optional excursion to Mount Pilatus, ascending the world's steepest railway on a panoramic gondola to the summit. Return to Andermatt in the late afternoon for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Andermatt - Bergamo, Italy - Mestre

Travel south through the pastoral landscapes of Switzerland. Crossing into Italy, traverse through the heart of the Alps, taking in vistas of rugged mountains as far as the eye can see. Pass through the picturesque Italian Lake District – a holiday destination since Roman times, and soak in Bergamo's captivating medieval atmosphere during a pause in this hilltop town. Settle in for a 2-night stay in Mestre, situated on the Venetian mainland. (B, D)

Day 9: Mestre - Venice - Mestre

Cruise to the island of Murano, renowned for its age-old glass-blowing tradition. After leaving Murano, embark on a walking tour of Venice, a 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 along boat-filled canals. The afternoon is yours to explore the hidden secrets of this charming city. Perhaps you will take an optional gondola ride through the narrow waterways. (B)

Day 10: Mestre - Florence

Traverse the Po River Valley en route to Tuscany. Stop at a vineyard in the heart of the Chianti region and enjoy a tour, tasting, and traditional bites. Continue to Florence, where you'll spend 2 nights in the "Cradle of the Renaissance," home to masterpieces of art and iconic symbols of centuries-old history. (B, L)

Day 11: Florence

Tour Florence, the legendary city of the Medici and the iconic Duomo. Enjoy a real-life history lesson as you discover the 4 pillars of city life: art, architecture, food, and fashion. You'll also visit the Galleria dell'Accademia, home to Michelangelo's *David*. (B)

Day 12: Florence - Rome

Say arriverderci to Florence and journey to Rome, Italy's capital city. Upon arrival, a locally guided tour of Classical Rome will allow you to discover famous sights such as the Baths of Caracalla, the legendary Aventine and Palatine hills, the ancient Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. Recount the rich history of the Colosseum during an indepth visit with a guide. (B)

Day 13: Rome

Enjoy a day at leisure in the Eternal City. Gaze at the Pantheon and see the oval-shaped Piazza Navona that's lined with restaurants and shops. Or consider an optional tour to the Vatican Museums (UNESCO), where you'll discover masterpieces of art and architecture. Tonight, gather together and toast the end of an epic journey through Europe at a farewell dinner paired with local musical entertainment. (B, D)

Day 14: Rome - Tour Ends

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



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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POST NIGHT

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

January - May 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

June 2023 - May 2024 (featured itinerary)

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ICONIC ISRAEL

10 DAYS · 16 MEALS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Tel Aviv • Jaffa • Carmel Market Food
Tour • Caesarea • Druze Lunch • Winery
Visit • Sea of Galilee • Nazareth • Mount
of Olives • Jerusalem • Home-Hosted
Dinner • The Western Wall • Yad Vashem •
Holocaust Survivor Discussion •
Masada • Dead Sea



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Connect with the Orthodox Jewish community at a home-hosted dinner in Jerusalem.
- Engage in a conversation with a Holocaust survivor at Yad Vashem.
- Enjoy 2 nights in Tel Aviv, Israel's dynamic and thriving strip of metropolitan life.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

8 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Lunches (L) - 5 Dinners (D)

- Sample wines integral to Israeli traditions at a vineyard in Upper Galilea
- Enjoy a traditional Druze lunch and learn about this Arab-Israeli community.
- Get a taste for Israeli cuisine on a walking food tour in Carmel Market.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Isrotel Sea Tower Hotel, Tel Aviv

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Days 4, 5 Leonardo Plaza Hotel,

Tiberias

Days 6 - 9 Dan Panorama, Jerusalem

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Discover the ancient world of Israel, where legendary stories of humanity's collective history blend with the thriving dynamic of modern life.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Explore Israel, an ancient land rich in tradition. Step into a living history museum and discover some of the most celebrated treasures in the world.

Day 2: Tel Aviv, Israel - Tour Begins

Welcome to Tel Aviv, a thriving, reinvented city on the Mediterranean coast. Feel the bustling energy humming around you and jump right into this epicentre of Israeli-chic. The city cultivates an ever-evolving restaurant scene paired with sparkling coastlines, resulting in an irresistible hub of urban sophistication. This is Tel Aviv, a non-stop celebration of innovation and excitement. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception at your hotel.

Day 3: Tel Aviv

This morning, explore Tel Aviv's "White City" (UNESCO), highlighting famous Bauhaus architecture. Then it's on to Carmel Market for a walking food tour. Sample fresh hummus and savoury street foods as you connect with the locals, getting a true taste of everyday life. This afternoon, walk the narrow stone streets of Jaffa, an ancient port city. Enjoy an evening at leisure

to take in the sunset along Tel Aviv's rejuvenated waterfront promenade or delve into the city's captivating nightlife of rooftop lounges, sophisticated cocktail bars, and more. (B, L)

Day 4: Tel Aviv - Caesarea - Winery Visit - Sea of Galilee - Tiberias

Follow the coast to the ruins of the ancient city of Caesarea, built by Herod the Great in the 1st century BC. Pause for a visit of a winery set among the hills of Upper Galilee. Enjoy lunch and taste the wines produced according to the Kosher tradition. This evening, set sail on the tranquil waters of the Sea of Galilee aboard a replica boat reminiscent of the 1st century. Your day comes to a close in Tiberias, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tiberias - Magdala - Druze Lunch - Tiberias

Begin your day by exploring the excavated ruins of Magdala, regarded to be the hometown of Mary Magdalene, and find an ancient city of stone carvings and excavated temples. Journey to Daliyat al-Karmel and chat with locals over a plate of enticing Arabic food as you bond with





members of the Druze community at a home-hosted lunch. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Tiberias - Nazareth - Mount of Olives - Jerusalem

Depart Tiberias for the historic city of Nazareth. Visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. Continue south to the Mount of Olives and marvel at the all-encompassing view of Jerusalem, including the shining Dome of the Rock. Housing layers of history and heritage, allow the resilient spirit of the city to capture your senses. Tonight, get to know a local family as you enjoy a traditional meal in their home. (B, D)

Day 7: Jerusalem

Walk in the footsteps of millions before

you and discover the old walled city of Jerusalem (UNESCO), On this walking tour, see the Western (Wailing) Wall and the storied path of the Stations of the Cross. Immerse yourself in the everyday culture of Jerusalem's Shuk (the Bazaars of the Old City), with each narrow street dedicated to different trades passed down through generations. As you explore, breathe in the smell of freshly baked bread, roasting sesame seeds, and savoury spices. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional tour of Jerusalem by night, which includes a sound and light show. (B, D)

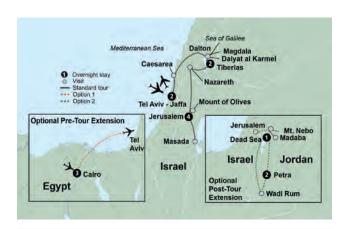
Day 8: Jerusalem

Begin your day with a poignant visit to Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center. You won't just tour this powerful museum, but you'll get to have an open conversation with a Holocaust survivor. The rest of your day is at leisure to explore more of Jerusalem. Perhaps you'll visit the Israel Museum to view the Dead Sea scrolls or consider an optional trip to the city of Bethlehem, spread along the Judean Hills. Visit the Church of the Nativity - the birthplace of Jesus and the first church ever built. (B)

Day 9: Jerusalem - Masada - Dead Sea - Jerusalem

Travel to the desert fortress of Masada (UNESCO), situated on a cliff next to the Dead Sea, Ascend the ancient walls of Masada by cable car and explore Herod's Palaces, the Roman Camp, and the Synagogue, Float in the tranguil healing waters of the Dead Sea, experiencing its unique natural buoyancy. This evening, toast the end to an incredible journey during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant featuring ingredients inspired from the Bible. (B, D)

Day 10: Jerusalem - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023 May - September 2023 (different itinerary - see note*)

April 2024 (featured itinerary)

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Tel Aviv. All transfers will depart from Jerusalem for Tel Aviv airport. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day (Day 10). Travel distance from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport is approximately 1.5 hours (depending upon traffic conditions). Due to security checkpoints, it is recommended that you arrive at Ben Gurion Airport 3 hours prior to departure. In addition to Israel, this tour travels through the occupied Palestinian territory of the West Bank. If the food market tour falls on a Saturday or a Jewish holiday, then your food tour will take place at the Mahane Yehuda Market while in Jerusalem. Due to fragile health conditions of Holocaust survivors, on occasion this interaction may be replaced with the screening of a poignant recorded testimony. Time will be allotted while in Bethlehem for entry into the Nativity Grotto. There is often a wait time that can exceed 2 - 3 hours; therefore, you must be prepared to stand in line for the entire time. If the dinner with a local family falls on a Friday, you will attend the traditional Shabbat dinner. In such case, the use of any electronic device is prohibited due to religious beliefs (including mobile phones and cameras). The day of the dinner in local restaurant may differ due to local holidays and religious observances. In some rare instances, when your tour falls over the Jewish High Holidays, the dinner in local restaurant may have to be replaced by an additional meal at the hotel. While touring in Jerusalem, you will be required to walk over cobblestones and up/down steep roads for an extended amount of time. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. In this destination, temperatures may exceed over 40.5° C with high levels of humidity, especially while in Tel Aviv, Caesarea and Tiberias. You should bring adequate sun protection and be prepared to walk and stand in the heat with limited to no shade. All rates in Canadian dollars

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JORDAN & ISRAEL: CULTURAL CROSSROADS

15 DAYS · 24 MEALS STARTING AT \$6099

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Dead Sea • Madaba • Petra • 2 Impact Moments • Wadi Rum • Red Sea • Eilat • Desert Agriculture Research Center • Masada • Jerusalem • Yad Vashem • Sea of Galilee • Safed • Golan Heights • Nazareth • Tel Aviv



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Head into the desert on a 4x4 and see the striking landscape of Wadi Rum.
- Engage in a discussion with a Holocaust Survivor at Yad Vashem.
- Impact Moment: Visit a non-profit community center and learn a traditional craft from local women.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 3 Reflect at Bethany Beyond the Jordan, the site of Jesus Christ's baptism -OR- enjoy time on your own to float in the Dead Sea.
- Day 7 Snorkel in the crystalline waters of the Red Sea -OR- relax aboard a glass bottom boat cruise in search of marine life.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

- Dine with a local Jewish family during a home-hosted dinner.
- Try your hand at Arabic culinary techniques during an authentic cooking class.
- Visit an unconventional bookstore to enjoy a lunch cooked by locals.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Dead Sea Marriott Resort, Dead Sea, Jordan

Days 4, 5 Petra Marriott, PetraDays 6, 7 Dan Panorama or

Dan Neptune Eilat Hotel, Eilat, Israel

Days 8 - 10 Atlas Arthur Hotel, JerusalemDays 11, 12 Ruth Zefat Hotel, Safed

Days 13, 14 Atlas Artist Hotel, Tel Aviv

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Delve into the past and present of Jordan and Israel, uncovering a land of quiet deserts, modern coastlines, ancient ruins, and spiritual roots

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2: Amman, Jordan - Dead Sea - Tour Begins

Start your journey in Amman, the capital of Jordan. Make your way to the Dead Sea. As the sun sets on the turquoise tides, get to know your fellow travellers over dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 3: Dead Sea - Madaba - Dead Sea 😯

Visit Mount Nebo, where Moses shared his vision of the elusive Promised Land. In Madaba, visit St. George's Church, whose Byzantine mosaics illustrate a glimpse into ancient history. Connect with an inspiring entrepreneur at his progressive bookstore. After enjoying lunch cooked by locals, it's your choice! Reflect at Bethany Beyond the Jordan (UNESCO), the site of Jesus Christ's baptism -ORenjoy time on your own to float in the Dead Sea's ethereal waters. (B, L)

Day 4: Dead Sea - Petra

Start your morning with an Impact Moment at Bani Hamida, a women's rug weaving cooperative, where you'll participate in a hands-on lesson before lunch. Continue on to Petra, a red sandstone city. Enjoy an authentic Arabic cooking class. After you prepare your meal, discover the unique blend of flavours for dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Petra

Beat the crowds and the heat of the sun with an early-morning tour of Petra's archaeological remains (UNESCO). Delve into this ancient crossroad with a local guide. The remainder of the day is yours. (B)

Day 6: Petra - Wadi Rum - Border Crossing - Eilat, Israel

Today, make your way to Wadi Rum. Cruise through the reserve on the back of a pick-up truck and take in the vast landscape around you. Take time for lunch before returning back through the desert. Grab your bags and get ready for the second part of your adventure as you cross the border into Israel. A short transfer takes you to your hotel located in Eilat's Marina, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 7: Eilat 😯

Today, it's your choice! Spend a morning at the Coral Beach Nature Reserve, snorkeling in the crystalline waters of the Red Sea -OR- relax aboard a glass bottom boat cruise of the Gulf of Aqaba in search for marine life. With a free afternoon, perhaps you'll go on an optional excursion to the Eilat Mountains, where you'll be able to take in the sun as it sets over four countries: Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and Egypt. Gather around a bonfire and gaze over the Sinai. (B, D)

Day 8: Eilat - Masada - Jerusalem

Visit the Desert Agriculture Research Center in the Arava Valley, where you'll learn about drip irrigation and other innovative techniques that allow crops to flourish in the desert. Travel to Masada (UNESCO), perched upon a cliff next to the Dead

Sea. With a guide, explore Herod's Palace and the Roman Camp. Descend the ancient walls by cable car before continuing on to Jerusalem. (B)

Day 9: Jerusalem - Mount of Olives - Old City

Today, head to the Mount of Olives, where you'll marvel at the panoramic view of the Holy City. Get ready to see Jerusalem on foot and embark on a comprehensive tour of the old city. Pause at the Western (Wailing) Wall, follow the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa, and walk in the footsteps of millions before you. With the remainder of your day at leisure, delve into Jerusalem's Shuk (the Bazaars of the Old City), with each narrow street dedicated to different trades passed down through generations. (B)

Day 10: Jerusalem

Reflect on the sorrows of the past at Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, followed by a poignant discussion with a Holocaust survivor. The rest of the day is yours to do as you please. Perhaps you'll take an optional tour through the Judean Hills to Bethlehem. (B)

Day 11: Jerusalem - Sea of Galilee - Safed

Head to Magdala, regarded to be the hometown of Mary Magdalene. Sail in a historic replica boat before continuing on to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave his famous Sermon of the Mount. (B, D)

Day 12: Safed - Golan Heights - Safed

Wander along rumbling waterfalls, quiet ponds, and temple ruins in Caesarea Philippi National Park. Travel by apple orchards and green groves on your way to Majdal Shams, a town in Golan Heights. Meet with a member of the Druze community to learn more about this mysterious and secretive sect of Islam. Return to Safed for a walking tour led by an expert. Learn about Kabbalah's mystical beliefs and connect with one of the town's Orthodox Jewish families over a home-hosted dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Safed - Nazareth - Tel Aviv

Explore Nazareth, the childhood town of Jesus. Nazareth's culinary scene and growing businesses brought the city into the 21st century. After visiting the Basilica of the Annunciation, experience an Impact Moment at a non-profit community center where local women lead a lesson on traditional crafts. Discover the nearby open-air market before enjoying a homehosted lunch in a historic house, featuring

Arab-Israeli favourites such as hummus, baba ghanoush, pastries, and more. Head to Tel Aviv and enjoy a day at leisure. (B, L)

Day 14: Tel Aviv

Make your way through Tel Aviv's historic section, Jaffa, passing by St. Peter's Church, Wishing Bridge, Ramses Gate, and the unique Suspended Orange Tree. Then taste your way through one of Tel Aviv's lively street markets as you connect with the locals. This evening, toast to the end of your trip at a farewell reception. (B, L)

Day 15: Tel Aviv - Tour Ends

Wish Israel goodbye as you depart for home. (B)



Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Egypt. Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend, and lore as you walk amongst timeless wonders.

Day 2: Cairo, Egypt

Settle into Cairo, an ancient city with an intriguing past. This evening, connect with your fellow travellers and get a taste of local cuisine at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Cairo

Start your day by exploring the remarkable collections of the Grand Egyptian Museum. See the statues, reliefs, sarcophagi, and treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun. Walk along el-Moez Street, admiring the elegant Islamic architecture of Historic Cairo (UNESCO) and enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous Khan el Khalili Bazaar. Peruse colourful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more. (B)

Day 4: Cairo - Giza - Cairo

Fulfill a lifelong dream and head to nearby Giza (UNESCO). Embark on an in-depth visit to the Pyramids of Giza, one of the 7 ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the world's oldest and largest monuments. Take advantage of some free time to explore these ancient temples on your own. The remainder of the day is yours. (B)

Day 5: Cairo - Extension Ends - Amman, Jordan

Wish Egypt goodbye as you depart for Jordan. (B)

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TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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Prices based on April 29, 2023 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023 May - June 2023 (different itinerary - see note*) September 2023 - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Jordan and depart from Tel Aviv. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Border crossing between Jordan and Israel will take place on foot. You will be dropped off by your Jordan Tour Manager at the Jordanian border, proceed through customs patrol and baggage security, and pay the Jordan departure tax in local currency, approximately 8 Jordanian Dinar (13 US Dollars) per person, subject to change without advance notice. You will be picked up at the Israeli border where you will meet the Tour Manager for the Israel portion of your tour. Your Tour Managers cannot assist with border crossing and all guests are responsible for handling their own luggage. Total walking distance is approximately 750 feet. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Snorkeling gear is provided at the Coral Beach Nature Reserve. A towel is recommended for laying on the beach. The average annual water temperature in Eilat is 76°F. The water reaches its lowest temperature in March at 68°F and highest in August at 84°F. Occasionally this activity may be unavailable due to sea and weather conditions. Due to fragile health conditions of Holocaust survivors, on occasion this interaction may be replaced with the screening of a poignant recorded testimony. If the food market tour falls on a Saturday or a Jewish holiday, then your food tour will take place at the Mahane Yehuda Market while in Jerusalem. Modest dress is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries basilicas, etc. If travelling during the month of Ramadan, please note that the order of some features may vary and that some meal experiences may be replaced with meals in the hotel instead of local restaurants/venues. Ramadan observances are from March 22-April 22, 2023 and from March 10-April 10, 2024. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. In this destination, temperatures may exceed over 105° F during the day, with cooler evenings, especially while in Petra, the Filat and Jerusalem. You should bring adequate sun protection, appropriate layers and sturdy walking shoes to be prepared to walk and stand in the heat with limited to no shade. In particular, while touring in Petra and Jerusalem, you will be required to walk over cobblestones and up/down steep roads for an extended amount of time. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The Optional Cairo Extension is Fully-Guided. Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert. Grand Egyptian Museum is projected to open Fall 2022. If opening is delayed, groups will visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities. During your free time at the Pyramids in Giza, you may wish to visit the inner chamber of the Great Pyramid of Pharaoh Cheops. Accessing the Great Pyramid requires agility as you will have to climb up steep, narrow steps (approximately 1-1½ feet tall) on the side of the Pyramid without the help of handrais. From there, you may access the inner chamber and will need to crouch and at times to crawl up the narrow shaft with minimal help of handrails. This activity is not suitable for guests who have claustrophobia. Access to the interior of the Great Pyramid requires a separate ticket, for an additional cost of approximately 35 US Dollars. The ticket can only be purchased on site and your Tour Manager will assist you with his request. An Egyptian visa is required for this tour and costs approximately 25 US Dollars. You must obtain your own visa upon your arrival in Egypt. Visas can be obtained at the airport and payment should be made in cash. Rates are subject to change at any time based on governing authority.

JOURNEY THROUGH EGYPT **& JORDAN**

14 DAYS · 26 MEALS STARTING AT \$4699

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HIGHLIGHTS

Cairo • Egyptian Museum • Giza Pyramids & Sphinx • Historic Cairo • Aswan • 3-Night Nile River Cruise • Kom Ombo • Edfu • Luxor • Valley of the Kings • Amman • Wadi Rum • Petra • Impact Moment at Bani Hamida Cooperative • Dead Sea - Arabic Literature Discussion



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Discover the secrets of the Nile on a 3-night cruise.
- · View of the tombs of King Tut and Ramses VI.
- Connect with locals at a women's rug weaving cooperative.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 8 In Luxor, visit a farm and learn about rural life between sips of freshly brewed tea -OR- admire views of the Nile while you enjoy high tea at the Old Winter Palace.
- Day 11 In Petra, spend the afternoon exploring its vast archeological site on your own -OR- join a local family at their home for tea and conversation about life in their Bedouin community -OR- visit Little Petra, located a few miles from its famous big sister.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Lunches (L) - 8 Dinners (D)

- · Taste your way through street food culture during dinner in Amman.
- Enjoy a traditional Bedouin lunch baked in the sand of Wadi Rum's
- · Prepare your meal and eat familystyle at an Arabic cooking class.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo

Day 5 Anakato Wadi Kiki Nubian Houses, Aswan

Davs 6 - 8 Sonesta St. George 1

Day 9 Amman Marriott Hotel, Amman Days 10, 11 Movenpick Resort, Wadi Musa,

Petra

Days 12, 13 Movenpick Resort and Spa,

Dead Sea



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

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Feel as if you've stepped into another time as you enter a world of legends, relics, and indescribable beauty. Eons of history and iconic wonders, mouthwatering bites of savoury cuisine, and stretching sunsets fading against the desert horizon - discover the essence of Egypt and

Day 2: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Your adventure starts in Cairo, the capital of Egypt. A constant thrum of energy wrapped around you, feel the ever-present heartbeat of the country in the city streets. Located strategically along the banks of the Nile, generations of wanderers have traversed these grounds just as you do now. This evening, connect with your fellow adventurers at a welcome dinner featuring local specialties. (D)

Day 3: Cairo

This morning, join your Tour Manager-Egyptologist for an introductory talk on ancient Egypt. Get a glimpse into ancient Egypt's Pharaohs, power struggles, and dynasties before navigating Cairo's famous traffic on your way to the remarkable collections of the Grand Egyptian Museum, a collection featuring some of the country's oldest artifacts. (B)

Day 4: Cairo - Giza - Khan el-Khalili Bazaar - Cairo

Venture to nearby Giza and embrace the Egypt you have always imagined at the iconic Pyramids, Stand in awe before the Pyramids of Giza, one of the seven ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the Great Sphinx's stoicism, a colossal structure jutting out of the desert sand, full of mystery and intrigue. This afternoon, walk along el-Moez Street, admiring the elegant Islamic architecture of Historic Cairo (UNESCO) and enjoy some free time to shop in the worldfamous souk of Khan el-Khalili. Peruse colourful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more. (B)

Day 5: Cairo - Aswan

A 2-hour flight brings you to Aswan, a breathtaking port city up the Nile. You may choose to partake in an optional tour to Abu Simbel and see the extraordinary temples of Ramses II relocated there during the construction of the High Dam. Experience the Nubian culture of Upper Egypt as you transfer by motorboat to your riverside lodge, with its colourful decorations and naïve architectural style. This afternoon, learn more about the Nubian people, their ancestral heritage and language during a walk in the

nearby village, before relaxing over dinner at your lodge. (B, D)

Day 6: Aswan - Philae Temple -**Board Ship**

This morning, discover the mysteries of Philae Temple. Located on a small island, this complex can only be reached by motorboat. Philae is among the architectural wonders rescued from the rising waters of the Nile during the construction of the High Dam. Then, board your cruise ship and settle in for the next three nights. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aswan. Perhaps you'll visit the fascinating artifacts at the Nubian Archeological Museum. This evening, aboard a felucca (wooden sailboat), take in the views of the tall sand dunes on the western shore of the Nile before relaxing over dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Kom Ombo - Edfu

Coast along to Kom Ombo and visit a rare double temple. Watch the Egyptian landscape slowly drift by as you sail on to the mesmerizing Temple of Edfu, dedicated to the ancient god Horus. Relax during an afternoon on board as you glide down the Nile, before enjoying a festive Galabeya Party, where you might don a traditional Egyptian gown. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Luxor - Valley of the Kings -Luxor 😯

Start the day on Luxor's West Bank, trekking along elaborate tombs in the Valley of the Kings. Delve even further into Egyptian legends with an included viewing of the tombs of King Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut as well as the Colossi of Memnon before returning to the ship for lunch. This afternoon, it's your choice! Visit a local farm nestled along the banks of the Nile, where you will learn about rural life in Upper Egypt between sips of freshly brewed tea **-OR-** admire expansive views of the Nile while you enjoy high tea at the Old Winter Palace which hosted esteemed quests such as Agatha Christie, Winston Churchill and the great Egyptologist Howard Carter. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Luxor - Disembark Ship -Amman, Jordan

Early this morning, say goodbye to the land of the pyramids as you fly from Luxor to Amman, the capital of Jordan. Get a peek into this innovative city housing both modern technologies and ancient relics. Tonight's street food dinner includes local specialties of hummus, falafels and kunafa. (B, D)

Day 10: Amman - Wadi Rum - Petra Cross Jordan all the way to the south as

you leave Amman for the isolated desert

of Wadi Rum. Nicknamed the Valley of the Moon, this ethereal landscape resembles nothing found on earth. Cruise through the reserve on the back of a pick-up truck and take in the vast landscape around you. Enjoy lunch at a local camp before venturing onward to Petra, the fabled "Rose Red City." In the evening, stroll down the street to an authentic Arabic cooking class. Prepare your meal, featuring fresh ingredients from local markets and traditional Jordanian recipes, before digging in family-style. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Petra 😯

Weave along sandstone carvings as you tour the archeological site of Petra with your guide. Serving as a crossroads between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea, Petra contains ages of hidden wonders just waiting to be explored. This afternoon, it's your choice! Keep exploring Petra's vast archeological site on your own. Perhaps you'll trek up to the "Monastery," one of Petra's legendary monuments -OR- join a local family at their home for tea and friendly conversation about life in the Bedouin community of Wadi Musa -OR- visit Little Petra, a Nabatean outpost located a few miles from its famous big sister, and featuring a 2000year old Nabatean fresco that finds no corresponding in its larger neighbor. (B)

Day 12: Petra

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

Day 13: Dead Sea - Madaba -**Mount Nebo - Dead Sea**

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

Day 14: Dead Sea - Tour Ends

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



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

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(different itinerary - see note*)

May 2023 September 2023 - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

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This trip requires a passport. Please provide your passport number at time of booking. A visa is required for Egypt and Jordan. An Egyptian visa must be obtained at your own expense upon arrival in Egypt, at the approximate cost of 25 US Dollars, paid in cash. You need to purchase the visa before getting in line for immigration. A Jordanian visa is arranged by our local Jordanian agent in advance. The Jordan exit fee is approximately 20 CAD per person, paid in local currency. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details or specific entry requirements for this tour. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time without notice, based on governing authority. Our air passengers will arrive into Cairo and depart from Amman. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager, If opening of the Grand Egyptian Museum is delayed, groups will visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities. 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 The Egyptian Government charges a camera and/or video fee of approximately 18 US Dollars, per camera, for taking photos or video inside any enclosed sites such as tombs. There is an additional cost to enter the Pyramids. Rates are subject to change at any time based on governing authority. If you wish to take advantage of any of these extras, your Tour Manager will facilitate the onsite purchase of these tickets by collecting the fees at the beginning of the tour day. Due to flight schedules, the Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking. Please be aware that the airline schedule is subject to change and that the option may take place on the early morning of embarkation day. Visiting the Valley of the Kings requires walking on sand and mostly unpaved paths. In addition, visiting the tombs requires navigating through multiple steep staircases and/or ramps with limited help from handrails. During your free time at the Pyramids in Giza, you may wish to visit the inner chamber of the Great Pyramid of Pharaoh Cheops. Accessing the Great Pyramid requires agility as you will have to climb up steep, narrow steps (approximately 1-1 ½ feet tall) on the side of the Pyramid without the help of handrails. From there, you may access the inner chamber and will need to crouch and at times to crawl up the 300-foot narrow shaft with minimal help of handrails. This activity is not suitable for guests who have claustrophobia. Access to the interior of the Great Pyramid requires a separate ticket, for an additional cost of approximately 50 CAD. The ticket can only be purchased on site and your Tour Manager will assist you with this request. Temperatures can reach over 40.5° C, particularly in Aswan, Luxor, Wadi Rum and Petra. Be sure to bring adequate sun protection. If travelling during the month of Ramadan (March 10-April 10, 2024), please note that the order of some features may vary and that some meal experiences may be replaced with meals in the hotel instead of local restaurants/venues. While in Cairo, Aswan and Luxor, you may depart between 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. to transfer to the airport for your internal flights (including the option to Abu Simbel). On days visiting Giza, Edfu, Valley of the Kings and Petra, expect early morning departures from your hotel and ship between 5:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. to ensure you profit from the cooler hours of the day and reach the sites ahead of the larger crowds. While in Jordan, your program includes many long drives. In particular, your transfer from Amman to Petra via Wadi Rum involves 8 hours of driving, and your

transfer from Petra to the Dead Sea involves 5 hours of driving. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TREASURES OF EGYPT

12 DAYS · 22 MEALS STARTING AT \$3299

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Cairo • Grand Egyptian Museum • Luxor • Temple of Karnak • Valley of the Kings • Deluxe 4-Night Nile River Cruise • Queen Hatshepsut Temple • Kom Ombo • Aswan • Philae Temple • Historic Cairo • Khan el-Khalili Bazaar • Giza • Pyramids • Sphinx



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Dress up and join the fun at a traditional galabeya party.
- Journey by motorboat to Philae Temple, rescued stone by stone during the construction of the High Dam.
- Embark on a leisurely paced 4-night cruise and discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 11 — Meet with a local archeologist to learn about the most recent findings in Egyptology and how they influence the active digs on the Giza plateau -OR- channel your inner explorer and venture inside the largest Pyramid of Giza via the Robber's Tunnel.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

10 Breakfasts (B) - 5 Lunches (L) - 7 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a special welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile.
- Experience freshly prepared traditional local cuisine each night on your Nile cruise.
- Get a first-hand introduction into how Egyptian cuisine is prepared during a cooking demonstration.



ACCOMMODATIONS

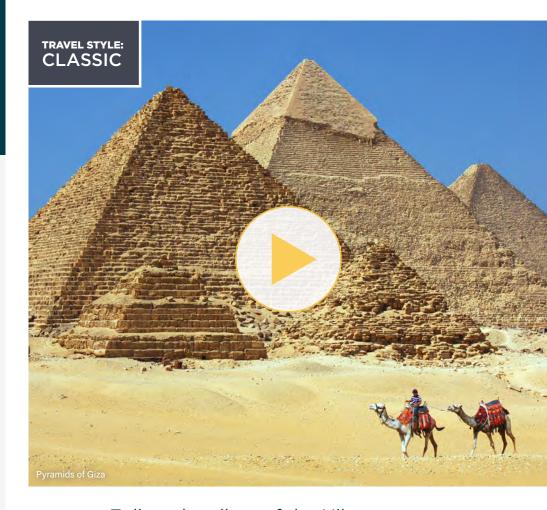
Days 2 - 4 Sheraton Cairo Hotel
& Casino, Cairo

Days 5 - 8 Movenpick Royal Lily

Day 9 Movenpick Resort, Aswan

Days 10, 11 Intercontinental Citystars Hotel, Cairo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Follow the allure of the Nile, uncover complex legends, and retrace the steps of the pharaohs in ancient Egypt.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend, and lore as you walk amongst Egypt's timeless wonders.

Day 2: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Begin your journey in Cairo, a modern megalopolis with an intriguing past.

Day 3: Cairo - Grand Egyptian Museum - Cairo

Get a glimpse into ancient Egypt's Pharaohs, power struggles, and dynasties during an introductory talk before navigating Cairo's famous traffic on your way to the remarkable collections of the Grand Egyptian Museum. See the statues, reliefs, sarcophagi, and treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile. (B, D)

Day 4: Cairo - Optional Excursion

The day is yours to experience the energy of Cairo's buzzing streets. Wander a maze of stalls at the market, relax at a local café, or spend time in one of the city's museums. Perhaps you will join a full-day exploration of Alexandria, Egypt's second-largest city; you'll discover the city's Hellenic roots and Greco-Roman architecture, set in unique harmony with ultramodern facades like the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

Or you may choose to join a local guide for a tour of Sakkara and Dioser's Step Pyramid. (B)

Day 5: Cairo - Luxor - Karnak Temple - Board Cruise Ship

Early this morning, fly to Luxor, site of Ancient Thebes (UNESCO) and home to the expansive Karnak Temple. Wander through this 4,000-year-old complex of pylons and obelisks, often of near-mythic proportions. This afternoon, board your cruise ship for a voyage on the Nile River. Relax aboard, taking in the views from the sundeck or participate in an informative talk covering Egypt from past to present. Tonight you might opt to join an evening visit to Luxor temple, all lit up and boasting fascinating plays of light and shadow, ending your evening at a local café for a taste of mint tea. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Luxor - Valley of the Kings - Esna - Edfu

Start the morning by venturing thousands of years into the past. Cross over to the West Bank of the Nile for a day in ancient Thebes. Explore the Valley of the Kings, including the world-renowned tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut as well as the Colossi of Memnon before returning to the ship for lunch. Relax as you continue down the Nile towards

Esna on your way to Edfu. Join a culinary demonstration and learn about the staples of Egyptian cuisine from your chef. This evening, dress up and join the fun during a traditional *galabeya* party. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Edfu - Kom Ombo - Aswan

Step into another world at the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu. Peruse the endless carvings of scenes depicting the power and grandeur of the pharaohs. After lunch, set sail for Kom Ombo and continue to Aswan, the Nubian City. Following dinner, enjoy a folklore show featuring a belly dancing performance. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Aswan - Unfinished Obelisk - Philae Temple

Board a motorboat towards the sanctuary island dedicated to the goddess Isis. Philae Temple (UNESCO) is among the architectural wonders rescued from the rising waters of the Nile during the construction of the High Dam. Then, learn about Aswan's ancient trade of granite extraction and carving techniques during a visit to an ancient quarry and its unfinished obelisk. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aswan. Perhaps you'll visit the fascinating artifacts at the Nubian Archeological Museum. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Aswan - Disembark Cruise Ship - Kitchener Island

Disembark the ship this morning and sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island where you embark on a stroll through the botanical gardens. Aboard a *felucca* (wooden sailboat), take in the views of the tall sand dunes on the western shore of the Nile before arriving at your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Perhaps you'll stroll along the Corniche, Aswan's waterfront promenade before regrouping for dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 10: Aswan - Cairo - Khan el-Khalili Bazaar

Pre sunrise, consider an optional tour to Abu Simbel to visit the extraordinary temples of Ramses II relocated here during the construction of the High Dam. Early this morning, return to Cairo. Walk along el-Moez Street, admiring the elegant Islamic architecture of Historic Cairo (UNESCO) and enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous souk of Khan el Khalili. Peruse colourful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more. (B)

Day 11: Cairo - Giza - Cairo 😯

Fulfill a lifelong dream and head to nearby Giza (UNESCO). Embark on an in-depth visit to the Pyramids of Giza, one of the 7 ancient wonders of the world. Marvel at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the world's oldest and largest monuments. Then, it's your choice! Meet with a local archeologist

to learn about the most recent findings in Egyptology and how they influence the active digs on the Giza plateau **-OR**-channel your inner explorer and venture inside the largest Pyramid of Giza via the Robber's Tunnel, winding through the inner chamber. Join your fellow travellers this evening for a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Cairo - Tour Ends

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

Optional 3 Night Jordan Post-Tour Extension Starting at \$1300† pp



Day 12: Cairo - Amman, Jordan -Madaba - Mt. Nebo - Petra

Fly to Amman, the capital of Jordan. Travel to 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 where many other mosaic examples are on display. 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 the ancient city of Petra for a 2-night stay. This evening, experience the flavours of the region during dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 13: Petra

Enjoy a full day tour of the remarkable stone-carved city of Petra (UNESCO), one of the new Wonders of the World. Petra was "hidden" behind rugged mountains prior to its discovery in 1812 after being lost for over 500 years. Explore this breathtaking city, carved from sandstone, with an expert guide and learn about the importance of Petra to the ancient trade routes, the history of its prominence and decline, its rediscovery, and efforts at preservation. (B)

Day 14: Petra - Wadi Rum - Dead Sea

This morning depart for the immense desert of Wadi Rum, home of the famous film, *Lawrence of Arabia*. Experience desert life and learn about the fascinating history of the Bedouin people who have lived for generations in the Wadi Rum's stark, fragile and unspoiled desert. Pause for lunch at a local campsite before relaxing on an afternoon-long transfer to the Jordanian shore of the Dead Sea. Arrive in the late afternoon and enjoy sunset overlooking the Promised Land. (B, L)

Day 15: Dead Sea - Depart for HomeTransfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 – April 2023 May 2023 (different itinerary - see note*) September

September 2023 - April 2024
(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport and visa. Please provide your passport number at time of booking. An Egyptian visa is required for this tour and costs approximately 25 USD. You must obtain your own visa upon your arrival in Egypt. Visas can be obtained at the airport and payment should be made in cash. Rates are subject to change at any time based on governing authority. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Cairo. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. If the opening of the Grand Egyptian Museum is delayed, groups will visit the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities. The Egyptian Government charges a fee of approximately 25 CAD for taking photos inside of the Valley of the Kings. There is an additional cost to enter special tombs and sites in the Valley of the Kings and at the Pyramids of Giza. We cover the entrance fee to many sites and to some special tombs/sites, but other special tombs/sites will be at your expense. Rates are subject to change at any time based on governing authority. Your Tour Manager will collect these fees at the beginning of the tour day and pay the government accordingly. If travelling during the month of Ramadan (March 10-April 10, 2024), please note that the order of some features may vary and that some meal experiences may be replaced with meals in the hotel instead of local restaurants/venues. Visiting the Valley of the Kings requires walking on sand and mostly unpaved paths. In addition, visiting the tombs requires navigating through multiple steep staircases and/or ramps with limited help from handrails. Due to flight schedules, the Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking. Please be aware that the airline schedule is subject to change and the option may take place on the early morning of disembarkation on select dates. Visiting the Great Pyramid of Pharaoh Cheops in Giza requires agility as you will have to climb up steep, narrow steps (approximately 1-1 1/2 feet tall) on the side of the Pyramid without the help of handrails. To access the inner chamber, you will need to crouch and at times to crawl up the narrow shaft with minimal help of handrails. This activity is not suitable for people suffering from claustrophobia. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. Some sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches. For your comfort, we recommend bringing sturdy walking shoes. Temperatures can reach over 40.5° C, particularly in Luxor and Aswan. Your program includes many early morning departures. While in Cairo and Aswan, you may depart sometime between 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. to transfer to the airport for your internal flights (including the option to Abu Simbel). On days visiting the Valley of the Kings, Kom Ombo, and Giza, expect early morning departures from your hotel between 5:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. to ensure you profit from the cooler hours of the day and reach the sites ahead of larger crowds. In addition, if you elect to join the optional tour to Alexandria, you will depart the hotel in Cairo around 7:00 a.m. and expected to return by 7:00 p.m. The drive to Alexandria is approximately 3.5 hours each way depending on traffic. All rates in Canadian dollars.

Optional 3 night Jordan Extension notes: This extension is Fully Guided. Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

THE PLAINS OF AFRICA

14 DAYS · 33 MEALS

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HIGHLIGHTS

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



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visit with Rothschild giraffes up-close at a sanctuary.
- Learn the traditions of the Samburu people during a visit with a tribe member.
- Enrich yourself in the culture during a visit to a Masai village.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) - 11 Lunches (L) - 10 Dinners (D)

- Indulge in a traditional dinner in the bush with Masai entertainment.
- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the bush, surrounded by nature.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight FlightDay 2 Sarova Stanley Hotel,

Nairobi

Day 3 Aberdare Country Club,

Nveri

Days 4, 5 Sarova Shaba Lodge,

Shaba Reserve

Day 6 The Ark Hotel, Nyeri

Days 7, 8 Sarova Lion Hill Lodge,

Lake Nakuru

Sarova Mara Camp, Masai

Days 9, 10

Day 11 Sarova Stanley Hotel,

Nairobi

Days 12, 13 Ol Tukai Lodge, Amboseli

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Prepare to see an Africa you've only known in your dreams, and one you never knew existed. Explore Kenya's wildlife, up close and personal, against stunning vistas across the plains of Africa.

Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins

A continent of adventure stirs the soul in Kenya, the heart of safari country. Your adventure begins today!

Day 3: Nairobi - Aberdare National Park

After breakfast, travel to Aberdare National Park. Inside this isolated volcanic range, peaks reach as high as 14,000 feet. Indigenous forests surround you on all sides, and red soil stirs under brilliant waterfalls. Set your eyes on Mweiga Hill, where a welcome party of giraffes wait to greet you at your lodge. Overlooking the park, enjoy the lodge's amenities at leisure this afternoon. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Aberdare National Park - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba Reserve

Discover the magic of the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves – home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife – particularly two species you can only find north of the Equator: Grevy's zebra and the reticulated giraffe. Arrive at peaceful Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. This afternoon, head for Buffalo Springs

– a starkly beautiful semi-desert. On your game drive in this remarkably serene landscape, see if you can spot the "Big 5" – lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards and rhinos. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Shaba Reserve - Samburu National Reserve - Shaba Reserve

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

Day 6: Shaba Reserve - Aberdare National Park

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

Day 7: Aberdare National Park -Lake Nakuru

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

Day 8: Lake Nakuru

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

Day 9: Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve

Welcome to the Masai Mara Game Reserve, one of Kenya's best spots for game viewing. Your tented accommodations in the Mara provide you with all the deluxe amenities of a proper lodge, with the added adventure of being on level with the wild. Graced with an astounding collection of wildlife including lions, giraffes, zebras and elephants, the Mara offers an unsurpassed safari experience on your game drive this afternoon. After a Mara sunset, head over to your tent and be lulled to sleep by the sounds of the animals in the distance. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Masai Mara Game Reserve

Ernest Hemingway said, "I never knew a morning in Africa when I woke up and was not happy." During our early morning game drive, enjoy the grassy plains and rolling hills of the Masai Mara. This is truly nature's greatest theater, where savanna, cloud shadows and amazing wildlife spot the horizon. Tonight, indulge in a traditional bush dinner, complete with a Masai dance performance. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Masai Mara Game Reserve - Nairobi

Return to Nairobi and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen for a true *Out of Africa* experience. Visit the Giraffe Sanctuary and get up close and personal with these fantastic creatures. (B, L)

Day 12: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park

This morning, experience an **Impact** Moment when you visit Ocean Sole, a social enterprise that turns ocean debris into colorful works of art. Learn about their mission to clean the waterways and grow the Kenyan economy. You'll also get a chance to peruse their collection of products before continuing on to Amboseli National Park. Later, learn about Masai culture during a visit to a local village (an enkeng in Maa, the Masai language). Take to the plains for an afternoon game drive in the breathtaking aura of snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro. Complement your journey with an opportunity to give back to nature with a "seedball." The compact balls of seed limit the cost of planting indigenous trees around the world. A moment of impact can grow into a lifetime of change, so toss your seedball out the window anytime during your stay in Amboseli. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Amboseli National Park

Today will start with an early morning game drive followed by breakfast back at the lodge. All of Amboseli is at your feet during morning and afternoon game drives. This unique corner of Kenya is one of the best places in Africa to see hundreds of elephants up close. Wildebeests and zebras are ever-present, plus there's a good chance you'll see a cheetah and a hyena or two. Today is your last full day on the continent and your last chance to spot some more members of the elusive "Big 5." If you haven't tossed your "seedball" into the wilds yet, now's your chance to make



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an impact on the continent you've grown to love. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Amboseli National Park - Nairobi - Tour EndsReturn to Nairobi for your departure home. You may choose to reserve a day room to freshen up prior to your flight. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$5419 SOLO Starting at \$6619

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on April 4, 2024 departure.

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022
January - April 2023
(different itinerary - see note*)

May 2023 - April 2024 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 – April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. A Kenya visa is required for this tour and must be obtained in advance. To apply for your visa in advance, please go to www.ecitizen.go.ke to submit an application and register yourself as a visitor. You will need a scanned copy of your passport as well as a passport photo to apply for the visa. Please allow for ample time as it may take up to a week or more to process. Bring a printed copy of your visa to present upon arrival in Kenya. The current cost of the single entry visa through this website is 51 USD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Should you wish to use an alternate visa service provider, additional processing fees may apply. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Nairobi. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 2:00 p.m. Park fees are included in the land price of your tour. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. Soft duffel bag luggage is required for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The 5 night Tanzania extension is Fully Guided. Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert. The approximate cost of a Tanzania visa, purchased at the border, is approximately \$100 USD, for US and Canadian citizens, payable in USD cash only. This requires a second blank page in your passport in addition to the required blank page for your Kenya visa. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Soft duffel bag luggage is required for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs. (Approximately 33 pounds). Park fees and concession fees in Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti National Park are not included in the land price of your extension. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment.

FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION ADD 5 NIGHTS IN TANZANIA



POST TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$2340† PP

Extend your adventure with an optional 5 night tour of Tanzania. Witness even more wildlife and spot the Big 5 with game drives in Serengeti National Park.

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AFRICAN SAFARI: KENYA & TANZANIA

15 DAYS · 38 MEALS STARTING AT \$7554

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Nairobi • David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust
• Out of Africa Farmhouse • Amboseli
National Park • Shanga Workshop
• Karatu • Ngorongoro Crater •
Serengeti • Lake Eyasi • Tarangire
National Park • 12 Game Drives



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- See how a local workshop empowers citizens with disabilities through the Shanga Project.
- Get a peek into the daily lives of two local tribes at Lake Eyasi.
- Seek out the elusive "Big 5" on 12 different game drives.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 13 — Chat with a local fruit vendor in Mto Wa Mbu village -ORspend time with a local craftsman who will show you current projects at African Galleria.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

 Enjoy five picnic lunches on your game drives, taking in the natural landscape around you.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Ole Sereni Hotel, Nairobi

Days 4, 5 Kilima Safari Camp,
Amboseli

Days 6, 7 Country Lodge, Karatu

Days 8 - 10 ThornTree Camp, SerengetiDays 11, 12 Lake Eyasi Safari Lodge,

Days 11, 12 Lake Eyasi Safari Lodge, Lake Eyasi

Days 13, 14 Sangaiwe Tented Lodge, Tarangire National Park

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



In the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro, embark on 12 lively safaris to seek out the elusive "Big 5"

– Africa's "bucket list" of animals.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Africa – where sprawling grasslands and cultural traditions intersect into a land like no other. In the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro, discover a natural wonderland of curious giraffes, playful elephants, and wandering lions. From the picturesque savanna in Kenya to the renowned Serengeti in Tanzania, this is the wild Africa of your dreams.

Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. Serving as the gateway to Africa's soughtout wildlife, Nairobi is the ideal place to get acclimated to the Kenyan lifestyle.

Day 3: Nairobi

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

Day 4: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park

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

Day 5: Amboseli National Park

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

Day 6: Amboseli National Park - Arusha, Tanzania - Karatu

Enter Tanzania, a country devoted to harmony among its people and animals. Today will be an **Impact Moment** as you visit Shanga, a local jewelry workshop that trains and employs citizens with disabilities. Your day ends in Karatu, a humble town located on the precipice of untamed nature. Overnight in a charming lodge





where colourful gardens meet welcoming hospitality. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Karatu - Ngorongoro Crater - Karatu

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

Day 8: Karatu - Serengeti

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

Day 9: Serengeti

Say good morning to the Serengeti! Take to the grasslands on an early morning game drive, then return to camp for breakfast before enjoying a full day of animal-seeking safari adventures and a picturesque picnic lunch. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Serengeti

Lions. Gazelles. Cheetahs. Hippos. There's no telling what you might spot on your morning and afternoon game drives. Under the careful guidance of an expert, discover the savanna's wild residents and get a glimpse into the untamed animal kingdom. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Serengeti - Lake Eyasi

You're on your way to Lake Eyasi, an unexpected splash of blue amidst the plains and mountains. Pause for a picnic lunch along the way, providing more chances to view the local wildlife. Meander around the salt lake, perhaps passing a wading pat of flamingoes or some lively hippos cooling off in the water. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Lake Eyasi

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

Day 13: Lake Eyasi - Tarangire National Park 💎

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

Day 14: Tarangire National Park

Enjoy a full day of game drives, venturing out in the morning and afternoon on your quest for animal sightings with a break for a picnic lunch in between. Make sure you look to the skies because Tarangire is an aviary paradise, home to more than 500 bird species. Keep your eyes peeled for various starlings, weavers, and guinea fowl. Wish Africa goodbye at a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Tarangire National Park - Arusha - Tour Ends

Return to Arusha on the final day of your African adventure. Settle into a dayroom to relax before lunch. Depart for home with memories of the endless plains and unparalleled wildlife. (B, L)



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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 January - March 2023 May 2023 - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

(different itinerary – see note*)

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EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA

15 DAYS · 29 MEALS STARTING AT \$6169

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Pilanesberg National Park • Victoria Falls • Chobe National Park • 8 Wildlife Safaris • Cape Winelands • Cape Town • Table Mountain



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Head out for an African sundowner via 4x4 and enjoy the sunset.
- Learn about African elephants during a sanctuary visit.
- Explore the Dutch architecture and vineyards of the Cape winelands.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 9 — Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon game drive
 OR- venture down the river for a different perspective on a safari cruise.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Lunches (L) - 10 Dinners (D)

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



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Day 2 Southern Sun O.R. Tambo,

Johannesburg

Days 3 - 5 Ivory Tree Game Lodge or Black Rhino Game Lodge, Pilanesberg National Park

Days 6, 7 The Wallow, The Elephant Camp, or Old Drift Lodge,

Victoria Falls

Days 8, 9 Chobe Marina Lodge,

Casane

Days 10, 11 Spier Hotel, Stellenbosch

Days 12 - 14 Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel or The Portswood

Hotel, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to southern Africa, where incredible landscapes lead the way to a blend of cultural diversity, an abundance of wildlife, and a remarkable history.

Day 2: Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Begins

Your adventure starts in Johannesburg – a vibrant city that revolves around modernity and a gold-mining history. As South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg is home to a wide collection of cultures, museums, and attractions. Enjoy time to get settled on your own before tomorrow's exploration into the wild.

Day 3: Johannesburg - Pilanesberg National Park

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

Day 4: Pilanesberg National Park

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

Day 5: Pilanesberg National Park

Discover more wildlife with another full day in Pilanesberg. On morning and afternoon game drives, continue your search for the "Big 5." (B, L, D)

Day 6: Pilanesberg National Park -Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

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

Day 7: Victoria Falls

Embark on an experience of a lifetime. Greet African elephants, spend some quality time interacting with them in their own habitat, and witness some of their unique behaviours. Then, experience an **Impact Moment** during our visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust and learn how their programs are having a positive impact in the local communities and animals. After you've worked up an appetite, travel to a township where you will join a local family for a simple home-hosted lunch. Your evening continues with dinner on the shores of the Zambezi River overlooking Victoria Falls. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Victoria Falls - Chobe, **Botswana**

Start your day with a visit to a traditional rural homestead where we will meet the village chief and learn about their traditional ways of living. Cross the border into Botswana and arrive in Chobe - an untamed national park whose namesake river twists its way throughout the area. During a captivating safari cruise along the Chobe River, spot elephants and hippos that linger along the shores, and crocodiles basking in the sun. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Chobe National Park 😯

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

Day 10: Chobe - Cape Town, South Africa - Stellenbosch

The winelands of the Western Cape await. See for yourself why this area boasts a reputation as one of the world's most beautiful wine countries. Head to Victoria Falls and board your flight to Cape Town, South Africa. A short drive takes you to the idyllic town of Stellenbosch - one of South Africa's most famous wine regions. Settle in for a two-night stay among

rolling vineyards and historic Cape Dutch architecture. (B)

Day 11: Stellenbosch -Franschhoek - Stellenbosch

Sip the South African specialties with a full day exploring the country's winelands. Start in the Stellenbosch Valley and enjoy a tasting at your first winery of the day. Travel to the charming village of Franschhoek for lunch. Take advantage of time at leisure before visiting a second winery in the afternoon. Cap the evening off with a dinner featuring locally-sourced ingredients. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Stellenbosch - Cape Town

Say hello to Cape Town, South Africa's electric cultural mecca. Explore Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, a Cape Town hotspot. From heritage sites to historic landmarks. markets and restaurants, the waterfront is one of South Africa's most compelling destinations. On arrival, rise over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain, taking in views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic Robben Island. Return to the city via Table Bay. Pass through the Moorish Malay Quarter and pause at Milnerton Lighthouse. (B)

Day 13: Cape Town

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

Day 14: Cape Town

Enjoy your final day at leisure before gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner, starring a host of South African specialties and delicacies. (B, D)

Today you bid farewell to your fellow travellers when you leave beautiful Cape Town. Depending on your departure flight time, you will have access to a day room. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL









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Prices based on August 18, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

(different itinerary - see note*)

October 2022 - April 2023 May 2023 - April 2024 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for June 2023 - May 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Important Passport Information: You must have at least 4 blank pages (with visa hologram) remaining in your passport to allow for the entry stamps issued for South Africa and Botswana as well as the visa for Zimbabwe. The 2 pages for South Africa MUST be facing each other. Failure to comply with this law will result in denied boarding of your international flight. If you have questions please see your travel professional or call us. A valid multiple entry visa is required for Zimbabwe. Multiple entry visa cost is approx. \$45 USD for US citizens. Canadian citizens are required to purchase two single entry visas at a cost of \$75 USD for each visa (total of \$150 USD). The visa may be purchased upon arrival, in cash only. Payments at Ports of Entry for visa can be done in USD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Our air passengers will arrive into Johannesburg and depart from Cape Town. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. These flights need to be arranged and purchased separately, through us, if you arrange your own air. Internal flights are included with the air portion of your tour if you purchase air through us. Park fees are included in the land price of your tour. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. Table Mountain Cableway is subject to weather conditions, Due to economic difficulty in Zimbabwe, local shops only accept payment in local currency or credit card. US dollars, Canadian dollars, British pounds, Australian dollars and South African rand are no longer accepted for local payment. Foreign credit cards continue to be accepted at hotels, shops, and restaurants. For tipping, US dollars are acceptable, and we advise all our quests to carry smaller denominations, as change is not always available Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Zimbabwe and Botswana. Consult your physician 2-3 weeks prior to departure. When travelling in Africa you will encounter full days of sightseeing, frequently in warm temperatures. In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be traveling by custom built safari vehicle which requires climbing in and out frequently and travel on bumpy roads. To experience Africa fully, we recommend that all guests be in reasonably good health and prepare properly. Unfortunately, wheelchairs cannot be accommodated on this trip. In addition, passengers who require assistance walking or who travel with oxygen tanks will not fully enjoy this trip and we strongly recommend a different tour. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The 3 night Dubai extension is Hosted. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences. No advance visa arrangement is required to visit the UAE when your stay is less than 30 days. Simply disembark your flight at Dubai International Airport and proceed to Immigration where your passport will be stamped with a 30-day visit visa free of charge. Rates can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

Day 15: Cape Town - Tour Ends



FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION

ADD 3 NIGHTS IN DUBAL



PRE TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$1170† PP

Visit Dubai, one of the world's fastest growing and most intriguing countries. With its many famous man-made structures, Dubai is a must-see destination for any traveller.

† Additional air segment purchase required.

NEW TOUR

WILDERNESS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA: SAFARI BY LAND & WATER

15 DAYS · 33 MEALS STARTING AT \$7214

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Chobe National Park • 3 Cruises on the Chobe River • Hwange National Park • Private Lake Kariba Safari Boat • Victoria Falls • 7 Game Drives & Game Cruises • Home Hosted Meal



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Cruise Chobe River for a unique way to search for game species in Chobe National Park.
- Board a privately chartered safari boat on Lake Kariba for 3 nights.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 8 — While at Hwange National Park choose to join a morning game drive -OR- a morning game walk with a specialized ranger. A privilege few people ever get to experience!



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) - 10 Lunches (L) - 10 Dinners (D)

- Share a simple traditional meal during a home hosted lunch in Victoria Falls.
- Enjoy a beach barbecue on the shores of Lake Kariba.
- Savour an al fresco dinner on the banks of the Zambezi River.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Day 2 Radisson Hotel &
Convention Centre or

Days 3 - 5 Chobe Bush Lodge, Chobe National Park, Kasane

Tambo, Johannesburg

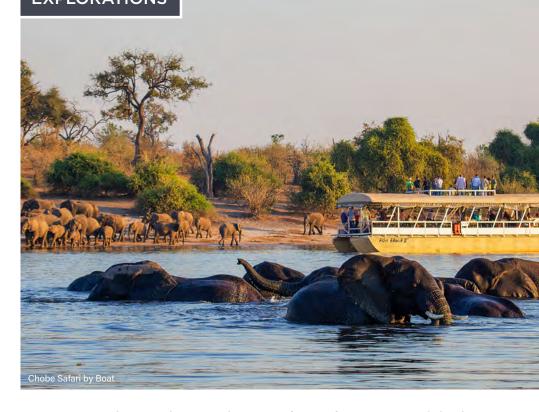
Days 6 - 8 Iganyana Tented Camp, Hwange National Park

Days 9 - 11 Lake Kariba Safari Boat

Days 12 - 14 Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

TRAVEL STYLE: SMALL GROUP EXPLORATIONS



Journey through Southern Africa from its wild plains and dry woodlands to rivers and lakes on a true safari adventure by land and water.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to southern Africa, where your search for wildlife will take you from grasslands and dry woodlands to rivers and lakes.

Day 2: Johannesburg, South Africa - Tour Begins

Welcome to Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city! This afternoon, transfer to your hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening before your adventure begins.

Day 3: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, ZW - Chobe National Park, Botswana

This morning, board a plane for a short flight to Victoria Falls, where you will meet your Tour Manager before continuing to your lodge for the next three nights in Botswana. Enjoy some time at leisure at the lodge before embarking on a private cruise on the Chobe River. Perhaps you'll see some hippopotamuses or crocodiles while you scan the water. After, return to the lodge and gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 4: Chobe National Park

Rise early with the sounds of the local wildlife ahead of your first game drive in Chobe National Park, an excellent location to search for the Big 5. You and your fellow travellers will ride in open-air vehicles with a local expert who will be able to tell you all about the creatures you'll see along the way. Later in the morning, enjoy some free time,

either at the lodge or to drive into the nearby town of Kasane. After lunch at the lodge, return to your private boat and take to the waters of the Chobe River once more, in search of elephants and aquatic birds. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Chobe National Park

Start your day early with a private game cruise on the Chobe River and see the animals visiting the water. After your search, return for some free time at the lodge, perhaps relaxing at the pool or stopping by their beauty salon. After lunch this afternoon, enjoy a game drive in Chobe National Park, where you may spot buffalo, hyenas, or zebras. Later, enjoy a dinner cruise along the gentle waters of the Chobe River during an exclusive boat ride with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Chobe National Park - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Hwange National Park

Enjoy your last game drive in Chobe National Park for a final opportunity to see nature at its best. After breakfast, take a 90-minute drive to Victoria Falls, where we will stop for lunch. Savour fresh, local ingredients while you look over the gorge to the Zambezi River below. Next, it's off to Hwange National Park, the largest national park in Zimbabwe, for a late afternoon game drive. This national park is home to over 100 types of mammals and 400 bird species, giving you the

chance to look out for cheetahs, lions, giraffes and so much more. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Hwange National Park

Today you'll spend a full day on a game drive in Hwange National Park. By enjoying a picnic lunch break, you can venture deep into the bushland and maximize your chances to spot buffalo, elephants and more. Return to the lodge for dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Hwange National Park 😯

This morning, search for the Big 5 your way, because it's your choice! Return to an open-air vehicle and enjoy a morning game drive -OR- join an expert national park guide on a game walk, giving you the rare opportunity to search for wildlife up close, including seeing some plants, insects, and reptiles you may not spot otherwise. After, return to the lodge and relax over tea and pastries. This afternoon, you will be returning to the park for another glimpse into the animal kingdom. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Hwange National Park -Binga - Lake Kariba

After breakfast, depart Hwange and venture to the town of Binga. The drive provides views of the local countryside seldom seen by travellers. Upon arrival, you will embark on a private safari boat on Lake Kariba, which will be your home for three nights. With limited access to technology, revel in the experience of floating along the still waters, seeing breathtaking sunsets, and searching for local wildlife in the water. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Lake Kariba

Trade in your safari boat for a smaller tender boat, perfectly sized to cruise upriver channels off the lake. You will return to the safari boat for brunch. Later, enjoy the chance to try your hand at fishing in Lake Kariba from a tender boat. This evening, you and your fellow travellers will take to the shore and enjoy a barbecue dinner on the beach. The stargazing conditions overhead, coupled with the delicious meal, will be a dining experience you won't soon forget. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Lake Kariba

Start your day with a return to land. Alongside an expert ranger, venture out on a two-hour walking safari, offering a more secluded atmosphere than the national

park game searches you have experienced. Return to the safari boat for brunch later this morning and enjoy another trip and chance to fish on tender boats in the afternoon. Before having dinner on the safari boat, take time to admire the stunning red and orange hues of the setting sun over Lake Kariba. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Lake Kariba - Binga -Victoria Falls

Your safari boat experience will come to a close this morning as you return to Binga and begin the trek for Victoria Falls. Upon arriving at the Ilala Lodge, take time to have lunch and rest after your journey. The rest of the day is yours. You can explore, as the lodge is just minutes from the aweinspiring waterfall, or enjoy the facility's amenities, like its pool. (B, L)

Day 13: Victoria Falls

Bring your ponchos because this morning, your day begins with an exhilarating visit to Victoria Falls. At 5,600 feet wide and 354 feet tall, this waterfall is one of the world's largest. Walk along the edge of the falls beside the powerful, rushing water. Next, take a short drive to Chinotimba township. Visit a local market, where you can barter for goods. After, you will visit the modest home of a local family for lunch. Your host will prepare an authentic, simple meal with you and share what life is like in around Victoria Falls. Following your home visit, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will join an optional tour taking a relaxing cruise on the Zambezi River, (B, L)

Day 14: Victoria Falls

Your last full day on tour will bring you up close to elephants at a local sanctuary. Hear stories from these gentle giants' caretakers and learn about the efforts to understand, care for, and protect these intelligent and inspiring creatures, all while marvelling at the animals interacting and walking by their side. Continue learning about animal conservation and care with a visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust. The staff at the VFWT will review some of the incredible work they do, ranging from wildlife rehabilitation to community outreach and disease research. You will



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have the afternoon free to do as you wish. This evening, you will join your fellow travellers for a 3-course farewell dinner under the stars on the bank of the Zambezi River. (B, D)

Day 15: Victoria Falls - Johannesburg, South Africa -**Tour Ends**

Say goodbye to your safari companions as you depart your African adventure and head home. (B)

DOUBLE Starting at \$7214 SOLO Starting at \$7964

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on September 14, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE MAY 2023 - APRIL 2024

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FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION

ADD 4 NIGHTS IN CAPE TOWN



POST TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$1300† PP

Extend your journey and explore Cape Town! Take a ride up Table Mountain by cable car; visit the Cape of Good Hope; visit the famous penguins on Boulders Beach and more!

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COLOURS OF MOROCCO

15 DAYS · 24 MEALS STARTING AT \$4549

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HIGHLIGHTS

Rabat • Fes • Sahara Desert Luxury
Tented Camp • Camel Ride • Khamlia
Music Village • Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou
• High Atlas Mountains • Marrakech •
Cooking Class • Casablanca •
Hassan II Mosque



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of ancient markets and medinas.
- Experience the desert both by 4x4 and on camelback during your 2-night camp stay.
- Visit with a Nomad family and learn about their ancient traditions.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 12 — Visit the Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum, two iconic sites that showcase the beauty and ingenuity of Morocco's cultural heritage -OR- explore the Musée Yves Saint Laurent and discover how the colours and textures of Morocco inspired this iconic designer.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Lunches (L) - 8 Dinners (D)

- Select your own ingredients before a culinary workshop at a local women's cooperative.
- Indulge in a tour and tasting at a winery estate.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Flower Town Hotel & Spa,
Rabat

Days 4 - 6 Palais Sheherazade & Spa,

Fes

Day 7 Kasbah Xaluca, Erfoud Days 8, 9 Sahara Desert camp,

Merzouga

Day 10 Hotel Xaluca Dades,

Boumalne du Dades

Days 11 - 13 Es Saadi Hotel, Marrakech
Day 14 Barcelo Anfa, Casablanca

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Overnight Flight

On a captivating adventure through a land of centuries-old culture and customs, discover the "Land of Sunset" and "Gateway to Africa" – the place they call Morocco.

Day 2: Casablanca, Morocco - Rabat -Tour Begins

Welcome to Morocco! After you land in Casablanca you will transfer to Rabat. Depending on your arrival flights, you may join your local Tour Manager on a vicinity walk to get acquainted with the area around your hotel in Rabat, your home for the next two days.

Day 3: Rabat

Come to know Rabat on an in-depth tour with a local guide who will share his knowledge of this city and its architectural gems. Visit the Chellah Necropolis, a walled town containing both Roman ruins and a medieval necropolis. Explore the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, the epitome of modern Moroccan design. The mausoleum's ornate woodwork, marble, and bronze ornamentations make this a tomb truly fit for a king. See the Kasbah de Oudaias and its whitewashed buildings. Enjoy free time to explore on your own in the afternoon. At the end of your day, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Rabat - Fes

Depart Rabat for Fes this morning. En route, stop at a winery estate for a tour, tasting and lunch. Explore the winery's lovely grounds on a guided tour through the vineyard and cellar, and tasting some of the vintages. End your tour with a lunch in the estate. Then continue on to Fes where you will spend the next three nights at your riad. (B, L)

Day 5: Fes

Get ready to discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn about its history as a centre of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion. Visit the Royal Palace and the Al-Qarawiyyin University, the oldest continuously-operating university in the world (UNESCO). On a walking tour of the 9th-century medina, explore the alleyways and stalls of this ancient market. (B, D)

Day 6: Fes

Enjoy your day at leisure in Fes. Explore the city further, strolling through marketplaces or visiting a museum. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to Meknes and Volubilis. On this full-day tour, experience Meknes, one of four Imperial cities in Morocco where you will see the Bab Mansour gate. After an included lunch, travel to Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its impressive and well-preserved Roman ruins. (B)

Day 7: Fes - Midelt - Erfoud

Cross some of Morocco's most breathtaking desert landscapes on the way to the Sahara. En route, pause in Midelt to bask in majestic views of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Arrive in Erfoud, called "Door to the Desert," and where many famous movies were filmed, including The Prince of Persia and The Mummy. (B, D)

Day 8: Erfoud - Sahara Desert

Enjoy your morning at leisure in Erfoud, taking in the peaceful desert landscape. Later in the day, visit a local date farm. Here, you will have the opportunity to interact with the farmer and learn about the process of farming in the desert. This evening, make your way into the Sahara Desert aboard adventurous 4x4 jeeps, before slowing your rhythm to a gentle bobbing gate as you traverse the dunes on camel back en route to your tented camp for a magical 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 9: Sahara Desert

Rise early to watch the sun illuminate the Sahara in stunning hues of orange, vellow and red. Then, continue your day by travelling to the village of Khamlia. Meet with locals to have an eye-opening and meaningful discussion before experiencing traditional sub-Saharan Gnawa music. Continue on your desert expedition and meet a nomadic community where you'll learn more about this ancient way of living and how their traditions have changed. Return to your camp as the sun sets over the dunes. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Sahara Desert - El **Khorbate - Boumaine du Dades**

Return to the edge of the desert this morning and marvel as the sun illuminates the vast sands. Visit the fortified village of El Khorbat. Dating back to the 17th century, this village showcases Jewish and Muslim architecture and artifacts. Learn more about Berber culture while visiting the museum within the village. Later, arrive in Boumaine du Dades, where a golden sun lights up the gorge's river valleys, palmeries and burnished mud-brick homes. (B, D)

Day 11: Boumaine du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech

Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs," where turreted fortresses rise

up like sandcastles along this ancient trading route. Arrive at the UNESCO site of the Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou and discover the earthen buildings, defensive walls, and corner towers that make the ksar a striking feat of Moroccan architecture. Before you reach the exotic city of Marrakech, continue along the Tizi n'Tichka Pass in the High Atlas Mountains, a scenic route through lush oasis valleys, imposing mountains and several Berber villages. (B)

Day 12: Marrakech 😯

Among the mosques and palaces, souks and riads, visit the ancient El Bahia Palace, whose architecture is a distinct blend of both Islamic and Moroccan styles. Embark on a walking tour with a local guide, stopping at shops along the way, or perhaps walk into the Jemaa El Fna Square, Marrakech's main square. Then it's your choice! Visit the Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum, two iconic sites that showcase the beauty and ingenuity of Morocco's cultural heritage -OR- explore the Musée Yves Saint Laurent and discover how the colours and textures of Morocco inspired this iconic designer. (B, D)

Day 13: Marrakech

Today experience an Impact Moment and join a local women's training centre in an interactive cooking class. Head to le jardin to source your own herbs and vegetables and learn the secret to making the country's most celebrated dish: the tagine. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. This evening, perhaps you will join an optional horse-drawn carriage through Marrakech, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 14: Marrakech - Casablanca

Depart Marrakech for Casablanca, and upon arrival visit the largest functioning mosque in Africa, the Hassan II Mosque. Learn about the history and the significance of this mosque on a privatelyled tour. Gaze upon the intricate, colourful artistry of ceramic tile and hand-carved stone of this architectural wonder. Then bid farewell to your fellow travellers during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 15: Casablanca - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close this morning. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL









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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023 May 2023

date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

(different itinerary - see note*)

September 2023 - April 2024 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Casablanca. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive into Casablanca prior to 4pm. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counsellors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you. The fully equipped Berber-style tents offer beds, linens, pillows, flush toilet, running water, shower and solar lighting to make for an authentic yet enjoyable stay in the desert. Due to luggage size and weight restrictions, please bring an overnight bag for the 2-night stay in the Sahara. Your main luggage will be stored during this stay. The Rabat city tour may change due to Royal or Government official events. Museum visits and shopping may be affected by observance of religious or local holidays. If travelling during the month of Ramadan, please note that the order of some features may vary and that some meal experiences may be replaced with meals in the hotel instead of local restaurants/venues. Ramadan observances are from March 10-April 10, 2024. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The Optional 4 Night Chefchaouen & Tangier Extension is Fully-Guided. Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

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FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION **NIGHTS IN CHEFCHAOUEN & TANGIER**



PRE TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$1690† PP

Start your trip with 3 nights in Northern Morocco. Visit Chefchaouen, "the Blue City," a photographer's paradise, and Tangier, Europe's gateway to Africa.

† Additional air segment purchase required.

MYSTERIES OF INDIA

15 DAYS · 26 MEALS STARTING AT \$3299

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Old Delhi • Jaipur • Hawa Mahal • Amber Fort • Home-Hosted Dinner • Ranthambore National Park • Abhaneri Stepwell • Taj Mahal • Chandela Temple Complex • Varanasi • Ganga Aarti Ceremony



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Travel to Khajuraho on an exciting train journey.
- Venture through the main streets and back roads of Old Delhi via rickshaw.
- Marvel at the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 9 — Return to your hotel to simply relax while in Ranthambore
 OR- visit Dastkar Ranthambore, a social enterprise dedicated to providing employment and training for local artisans.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Lunches (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

 Learn the secrets to preparing incredible Indian food at a home-hosted dinner.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 The Park New Delhi, Delhi

Days 5 - 7 Radisson Jaipur City

Center, Jaipur

Days 8, 9 Sawai Vilas, Ranthambore

Days 10, 11 Crystal Sarovar Premiere,

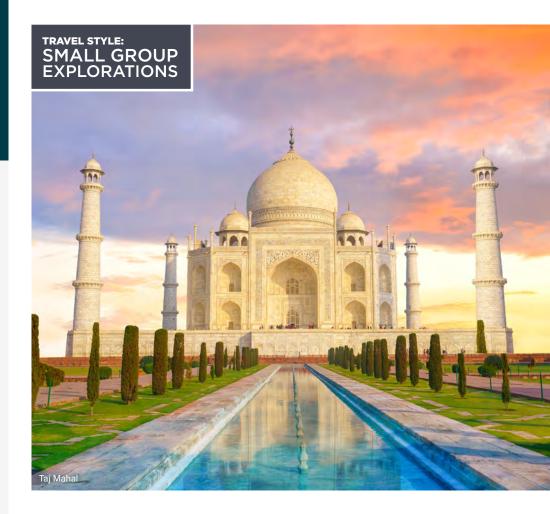
Agra

Day 12 Radisson Jass Hotel,

Khajuraho

Days 13, 14 Radisson Hotel, VaranasiDay 15 Lemon Tree Premier, Delhi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover India's perfect synthesis of nature, spirituality, and regal legacy. From the fabled Taj Mahal to the iconic tigers of Ranthambore, step into a world of captivating mysteries and vibrant colour.

Day 2: Delhi, India - Tour Begins

A paradise of contradiction, Delhi features a bustling energy, age-old monuments, and an all-encompassing vitality that courses its way through the busy streets. Experience everything this dynamic metropolis has to offer, from modern New Delhi to historic Old Delhi.

Day 3: Delhi

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

Day 4: Delhi

Cut through Old Delhi's buzzing streets on a rickshaw – your mode of transportation for an

exhilarating tour of old Delhi. See the city's friendly vendors as you travel down narrow streets and busy corridors. Visit Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India, and stand in awe before its iconic red sandstone towers. Your exploration of New Delhi continues on a journey by the city's famous monuments, including the India Gate and Parliament building. (B, L)

Day 5: Delhi - Jaipur

Wish the city goodbye and embark on a scenic drive through the countryside. Stop for lunch in a local restaurant before arriving in Jaipur, the "Pink City." See Hawa Mahal, the former home of a *maharaja* (Indian prince). Marvel at the city's architectural brilliance as you stroll through the heart of the Old City during your free time. (B, L)

Day 6: Jaipur

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

Day 7: Jaipur

Set out to explore the beautiful city of Jaipur, starting with the City Palace. Nearby, take in

the impeccable masonry of the Jantar Mantar - the world's oldest stone sundial. The afternoon is yours to discover Jaipur however you please. (B)

Day 8: Jaipur - Ranthambore **National Park**

Travel to Ranthambore National Park where we will seek out tigers in their natural habitat. Learn about Project Tiger's conservation efforts and the impact the organization has had on the Ranthambore sanctuary. Connect with a naturalist, introducing you to India's extensive wildlife. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Ranthambore 😗

Board a canter (open-air truck) for your first game drive. Seek out barking deer, Indian gazelles, and exotic birdlife. Follow the tigers' paths in search of the sanctuary's renowned wildlife. Then, it's your choice! Return to your hotel to relax -OR- experience an Impact Moment with a visit to Dastkar Ranthambore, a social enterprise dedicated to providing employment and training for local women artisans. No matter what you choose, return to the wild for another chance to seek out marsh crocodiles, sloth bears, and the park's famous Bengal tigers. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Ranthambore - Agra

Today we depart early as we make our way to Agra, a city rich with the splendours of the past. Along the way, visit the impressive Abhaneri step well. Built over 1,000 years ago it is an architectural marvel hidden from visitors until recently. Then stop for lunch and get another taste of local flavours. Home to stone forts and marble mausoleums, Agra features a lively culture and picture-perfect architecture. (B, L)

Day 11: Agra

The Taj Mahal, a stunning vision in white marble and sandstone, was built as an expression of love by Emperor Shah Jahan. Experience the romantic spirit of the Taj Mahal in the early morning, when the colours of the sky dance on the bright façade and shimmer in its reflective pool.

Visit Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire. During a second Impact Moment, enjoy lunch at Sheroes' Hangout - a café that empowers female survivors of violence, allowing them to reclaim their lives through employment and sisterhood. (B, L)

Day 12: Agra - Khajuraho

Start your morning with a train ride to Jhansi where you will connect with your coach and make your way to Khajuraho. In the shadow of the Vindhya mountain range, find a city of stone temples and mystifying sculptures. Make the most of time at leisure this afternoon to explore the area on your own. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Khajuraho - Varanasi

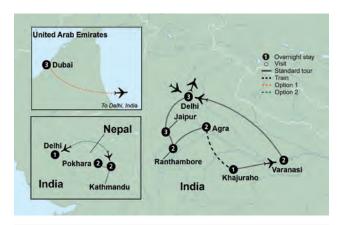
Take in the Chandela Temple complex, home to unparalleled temple architecture and intricate stone carvings. Fly to Varanasi - India's holiest city - where spiritual energy radiates from the ground up. Sail along the River Ganges and pass by the *ghats* (banks) where locals wade into the river. From the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

Day 14: Varanasi

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

Day 15: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour **Ends**

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



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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CHOOSE TO ADD MORE TIME TO YOUR TRIP

1-2 NIGHTS

PRE NIGHT **DELHI**

CALL FOR DETAILS

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

DOUBLE Starting at \$3299 SOLO Starting at \$4599

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on September 18, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

November 2022 - April 2023 September 2023 - April 2024 (different itinerary - see note*)

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for September 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. A visa is required for this tour at your expense. The approximate visa cost is \$135 USD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Passport information is required in advance. Please provide at time of booking. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Delhi. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, flights arriving into Delhi may arrive very late in the evening on Day 2 or just after midnight the morning of Day 3. A pre night may be required (at an additional cost). Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 8:00 p.m. on the last day. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. Each quest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. All rates in Canadian dollars.

Optional Extension Notes.

The 3 night Dubai extension is Hosted. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences

The 5 night Nepal extension is Fully Guided. Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local

66 Our tour guide was the best! He took good care of us - answered all our questions- went out of his way to make sure we understood- he was the best tour guide I've ever had - very accommodating - pleasantalways had a smile on his face...everyone in our group loved him! 99

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FEATURED TOUR EXTENSIONS

DUBAI 3-NIGHT PRE TOUR STARTING AT: \$1170+



† Additional air segment purchase required.

NEPAL 5-NIGHT POST TOUR STARTING AT: \$1300†



CULTURAL TREASURES OF JAPAN

14 DAYS · 19 MEALS STARTING AT \$6599

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HIGHLIGHTS

Tokyo • Asakusa Sensoji Shrine • Ginza
• Tea Ceremony • Hakone • Lake Ashi
Cruise • Matsumoto Castle • Takayama
• Sake Tasting and Hida Beef Dinner •
Shirakawa-go • Kanazawa • Kyoto • Bullet
Train • Hiroshima • Kaiseki Dinner &
Maiko Show



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Try your hand at the centuries-old art of the Japanese tea ceremony, gold leaf decorating and stenciling.
- Travel by the famous Shinkansen bullet train.
- Explore the famous Ginza District, the first Western-style shopping district in Japan where modern and history blends.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) · 2 Lunches (L) · 5 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a sake tasting at a local sake brewery followed by a Hida beef dinner.
- Participate in a sushi-making class.
- Experience a traditional kaiseki dinner with maiko show in Kyoto.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 - 4 Grand Nikko Daiba, Tokyo

Day 5 Odakyu Hotel de Yama
or Hakone Highland
Hotel, Hakone

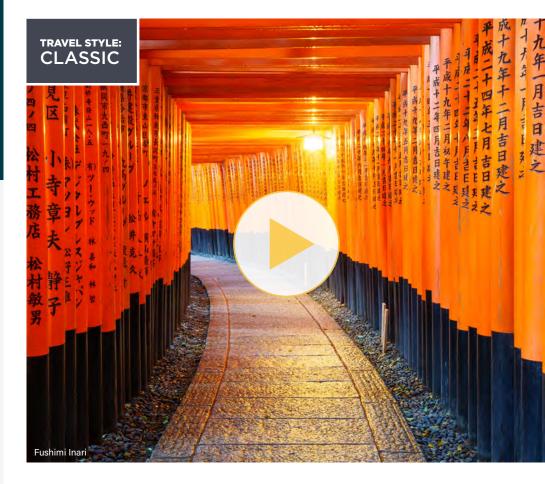
Days 6, 7 Takayama Green Hotel,

Takayama

Days 8, 9 Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel, Kanazawa

Days 10 - 13 Kyoto Tokyu Hotel, Kyoto

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From the tranquility of ancient temples to the energy of bustling cities, find a blend of all things old and new in Japan.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Explore ancient and modern Japanese culture firsthand. Discover peaceful temples and technological marvels set against unimaginable natural beauty.

Day 2: Tokyo, Japan - Tour Begins

Welcome to Japan, the "Land of the Rising Sun." Begin in the electrifying city of Tokyo, where pop culture is turned up and traditions are long-kept.

Day 3: Tokyo

Feel the excitement start to build as you pass by the grounds of the Imperial Palace and see the Niju Bridge and Sakurada Gate. Walk through Ginza, one of the most elegant and luxurious streets in the world. Enjoy shopping at some of the most renowned "department stores" in Japan. Later, amid a lush forest outside of Tokyo, visit the Meiji Shrine, dedicated to Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. Tonight, join your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 4: Tokyo

Begin the day exploring Asakusa, Tokyo's oldest Geisha district. Visit the famous Buddhist temple, Senso-ji, the colourful temple famous for the red *chochin* (lantern) hanging at the entrance gate. Experience the long standing tradition of the Japanese tea ceremony, dating back to the 15th century. During your free time, explore the Nakamise Shopping Arcade and feel the energy of the oldest shopping street in Japan. Then, head to Tokyo National Museum to learn about the fascinating history and culture of Tokyo. (B)

Day 5: Tokyo - Hakone

Journey to the lakeside resort of Hakone, renowned for its hot springs. In the shadow of Mt. Fuji (UNESCO), this scenic town hugs the shorelines of Lake Ashi. Make a stop at Owakudani, located in an active volcanic zone. The Owakudani crater was created some 3,000 years ago, when Mt. Hakone erupted. Climb aboard the Hakone Ropeway, an aerial cable car descending from Owakudani for a breathtaking view of Mt. Fuji. Next, take to the deep-blue waters of Lake Ashi on a cruise where you'll see epic views of the local mountains before stopping in the charming town of Moto-Hakone. (B, D)

Day 6: Hakone - Matsumoto - Takayama

This breathtaking day begins in Matsumoto at Matsumoto Castle, known as the "Crow Castle" because of its striking black exterior. Enjoy the local cuisine as we stop for lunch at a Soba noodle shop. Later, you'll step back in time in the rural Edo-period town of Takayama, nestled in the Japanese Alps. Well known to the locals for its connection to sake, this is the perfect place to





gather for a visit to one of Japan's 200-yearold sake breweries. Afterward, experience a true Japanese epicurean treat - traditional rice wine paired with a special Hida beef dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Takayama

The ancient cultures of Takayama come alive this morning in the town's historic district. Take a walk through the past and glimpse the 19th-century Jinya government building. Stroll through the morning market, a 600-year-old open air market with locally grown and produced products, located along the Miyagawa River. Circuit the winding streets, where the town's traditional charms are preserved in the inns and houses. This afternoon, relish some free time to explore on your own. (B)

Day 8: Takayama - Shirakawa-go -Kanazawa

Today, embrace the unique charms of Shirakawa-go (UNESCO). Hidden away in the mountain, this harmonious village is famous for its gassho-zukuri style houses - thatched rooftops designed to resemble two hands joined in prayer. Journey to Kanazawa, the origin of gold-leaf making since the 16th century. Visit the Samurai district where we will enter the former home of the Nomuras, a wealthy samurai family who served the ruling Maeda family. Then, travel to the Geisha quarters of Kanazawa, the Higashi Tea district. (B, D)

Day 9: Kanazawa

More than 25 acres of absolute beauty await you today at Kenroku-En - Garden of Six Qualities. From the beauty of Japan's most stunning gardens, dive into the ancient craft of gold leaf making during a hands-on lesson in decorating your own lacquer box! In the centre of town, take in the action of the Omicho fish market before venturing out on your own to really immerse yourself in Kanazawa's dynamic culture. (B)

Day 10: Kanazawa - Kyoto

Kyoto awaits! The former Imperial capital of Japan is now one of the nation's top cosmopolitan cities. At the same time, Kyoto's connection with its past is strong; you won't need to look far to see one of its 2,000 temples and shrines. For lunch, participate in a sushi making class and master the art of sushi making. This afternoon, visit Kinkakuji (UNESCO), the Golden Pavilion, a Zen temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. (B, L)

Day 11: Kyoto - Bullet Train -Hiroshima - Kyoto

All aboard the Shinkansen bullet train to Hiroshima. Upon arrival, board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, or "Shrine Island" (UNESCO). Afterwards, head into Hiroshima city to visit the Peace Memorial Park, and pause to see the ruined Atomic Dome (UNESCO). Reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. As this long and moving day comes to a close, return to Kyoto by the Shinkansen bullet train. (B)

Day 12: Kyoto

This morning, explore Fushimi Inari Taisha for a tour of the most revered shrine of Inari. Follow the spectacular rows of orange torii (made famous in the movie Memoirs of a Geisha) that weave through the forest, leading you to the inner shrine. Move on to the home of the first Shogun. Nijo Castle (UNESCO), and see intricate woodcarvings, wall paintings, and the Ninomaru Garden, designed by Kobori Enshu, a landscape architect and tea master. Next, learn about the ancient craft of stenciling during a hands on lesson. (B)

Day 13: Kyoto

Today, spend some time relaxing or set out to explore Kyoto on your own. Fully immerse yourself in Japanese culture tonight during a special kaiseki farewell dinner and maiko show. (B, D)

Day 14: Kyoto - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in this fascinating land. As you depart, reflect on its beauty and all you have learned about its rich history and culture. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

(different itinerary - see note*)

October 2022 - April 2023 May 2023 - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

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See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Tokyo and depart from Osaka. Return flights should not be booked from Kansai Airport or Itami Airport prior to 9:00 a.m. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Some venues, such as temples and shrines, require guests to remove their shoes in order to enter. We recommend wearing footwear that is easily removed for sightseeing on these days. The view of Mt. Fuji from the Hakone Ropeway is weather dependent. The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour. Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays. This tour provides authentic dining experiences. Vegan, vegetarian, and even gluten-free diets are uncommon in Japan and not widely catered to. If you have any dietary restrictions, please notify us at time of booking so we can accommodate you as best as possible. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. All rates in Canadian dollars.

> 66 A really great tour. We were very fortunate to see Mt. Fuji in all its glory! The maiko show at our farewell dinner capped off a very memorable experience. 99

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NEW TOUR

JAPAN: PAST & PRESENT

14 DAYS · 20 MEALS STARTING AT \$8099

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Tokyo • Ginza • Asakusa • Tea Ceremony
• Tokyo National Museum • Bullet Train • Ise Grand Shrine • Toba • Kaiseki Dinner
• Mikimoto Pearl Museum • Ama Pearl
Divers Dinner • Kyoto • Golden Pavilion
• Arashiyama Bamboo Forest • Women's
Association of Kyoto • Gion • Okunoin
Cemetery • Monastery Stay • Hiroshima •
Okonomiyaki Cooking Class &
Lunch • Peace Memorial Park &
Museum • Discussion with an
A-Bomb Survivor • Osaka



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Stay among Buddhist monks at a monastery on Mount Koya.
- Meet Japan's ama pearl divers and learn more about their elite profession.
- Visit Hiroshima's Peace Park and Memorial Museum and hear accounts of the atomic bomb's devastation.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 6 Dinners (D)

- Dive deep into the culture and social norms of Japan over dinner with the Women's Association of Kyoto.
- Enjoy a traditional, multi-course kaiseki meal.
- Make delicious okonomiyaki, savoury pancakes that are a Japanese favourite.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight Days 2 - 4 Hotel the Celestine Tokyo Shiba or Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba, Tokyo Days 5, 6 Hotel Altia Toba or Shimo Kanko Hotel, Toba Days 7 - 9 Hotel Granvia, Kyoto Day 10 Sekishoin, Mt. Koya Days 11, 12 ANA Crowne Plaza, Hiroshima

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

ANA Crowne Plaza, Osaka



From neon-lit streets filled with people to quiet shrines filled only with silence, come face-to-face with a culture thousands of years in the making.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2: Tokyo, Japan - Tour Begins

Say "Konnichiwa!" to the incredible, eclectic city of Tokyo. You'll soon discover that you could explore Japan for a thousand years and only experience a part of what this country has to offer.

Day 3: Tokyo

This morning, start your first day in Tokyo like a true local – by hopping on the subway. Clean, efficient, fast, and easy to use, the Tokyo subway system is one of the best in the world. Follow your Tour Manager on a walk through Ginza, one of the most elegant and luxurious streets in the world. Shop at some of the most renowned "department stores" in Japan. This afternoon, visit Zojoji Temple, standing in the shadow of Tokyo Tower. Zojoji is the centre of Japanese Buddhism in the region. Head back to the hotel through the lush and beautiful Shiba park. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 4: Tokyo

Head to Asakusa, passing by the grounds of the Imperial Palace and see the Nijubashi Bridge and Sakurada Gate. Experience a green tea ceremony and learn about the ancient practice during the ceremony. Enjoy free time exploring Nakamise shopping street to buy local souvenirs and sweets.

Then, head to Tokyo National Museum to learn about the fascinating history and culture of the city. (B)

Day 5: Tokyo - Toba

Climb aboard the high-speed *shinkansen*, or bullet train which flashes through the Japanese countryside at 200 miles per hour. Keep an eye peeled for Mt. Fuji in the distance. Arrive at one of the most important shrines in Japan – Ise Shrine. This grand shrine is built to honour the Shinto sun goddess Amaterasu. Tonight, enjoy a Japanese *kaiseki* dinner, a delicious multi-course meal. (B, D)

Day 6: Toba

Today, you'll head to the Mikimoto Pearl Museum. Explore the island and the legacy of the skilled *ama* pearl divers, women who defied conventional gender roles to dive in the sea to harvest oysters and their pearls. Watch divers take the plunge and learn about the history and science of pearl diving. This afternoon, visit an *ama* hut for an incredible dining experience. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Toba - Kyoto

En route to Kyoto, stop at Nara Park and Todaiji Temple. Venture inside the massive building to take some time in this sacred place. Next,

Day 13





it's off to Kyoto, one of the nation's top cosmopolitan cities. (B)

Day 8: Kyoto

Begin your day at Kinkakuji (UNESCO), the Golden Pavilion, a Zen temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. Depart for the Arashiyama bamboo forest. Set out among the towering bamboo stalks that gently sway in the breeze. Later, visit the Women's Association of Kyoto in a traditional Kyoto town house. With your hostesses, sip different sakes, try your hand at making sushi, fold intricate origami shapes, and speak about Japan, and women's roles in this complex society. (B, D)

Day 9: Kyoto

Head to Gion, Kyoto's famous geisha

district. Here, your Tour Manager leads you through the narrow cobblestone streets. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore how you want. (B)

Day 10: Kyoto - Mt. Koya

Today, head for the mountain village atop Mount Koya, filled with shrines, temples, and monasteries. Walk into the heart of the Okunion Cemetery, and make your way to the mausoleum of Kobo Daishi. Settle into your accommodations for the night – a traditional Japanese monastery, complete with sliding paper doors and tatami mats. Meet with one of the monks of the temple before sitting down for dinner. (B, D)

Day 11: Mt. Koya - Hiroshima

If you so choose, rise in the early morning to join the Buddhist monks in prayer. Then, you'll once again board the *shinkansen* bullet train to Hiroshima. Enjoy lunch at a local cooking studio, and learn how to make the famous Japanese *okonomiyaki*, or savoury pancake. After, visit the Peace Memorial Park, and see the ruined Atomic Dome (UNESCO), reflecting the devastation caused by the dropping of the atomic bomb during World War II. Visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. (B, L)

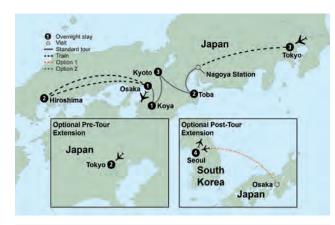
Day 12: Hiroshima

At the Peace Park and Memorial Museum this morning meet with someone who experienced the devastating effects of the Atomic bomb firsthand. After, board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, or "Shrine Island" (UNESCO). Famous for the Itsukushima Shrine and its mythic 0-torii Gate. (B)

Day 13: Hiroshima - Osaka

Today, journey to Osaka. Enjoy a walking tour through the famous Dotonbori district. From shopping, to dining, to nightlife, Dotonbori has it all. Sample its famous and delicious street food. Tonight, at your farewell dinner raise a cup of sake and toast to the adventures you've had. (B, D)

Day 14: Osaka - Tour Ends
(B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE







Unfortunately, this tour isn't appropriate for guests who use wheelchairs or walkers as it requires walking on uneven terrain.

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(featured itinerary)

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FEATURED TOUR EXTENSIONS

TOKYO 2-NIGHT PRE TOUR STARTING AT: \$820



SEOUL 4-NIGHT POST TOUR STARTING AT: \$1645†



NEW TOUR

ESSENCE OF THAILAND

16 DAYS · 24 MEALS

STARTING AT \$3299

Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy, and varies by departure date.

HIGHLIGHTS

Bangkok • Reclining Buddha • Emerald Buddha • Bangkok Street Food • Sukhothai • Chiang Rai • The Golden Triangle • Chiang Mai • Elephant Experience in Chiang Mai • Lanna Home Visit • Home-Hosted Meal • Phuket • Tuk Tuk Rides



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Zip around the buzzing city streets of Bangkok on a tuk tuk.
- Trek by 4x4 vehicle to an elephant sanctuary where you will prepare tasty treats for the endangered residents.
- Explore the canals of Bangkok's old town on a boat trip.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 5 Choose between a visit to the Suan Pakkad Palace Museum in Bangkok, known for its Thai antiques
 OR- take the coach to visit the Marble temple where you will join Buddhist monks in their daily chanting.
- Day 10 Choose between a relaxing one-hour Thai massage experience in Chiang Mai -OR- get a taste of the local flavour during dinner at a local restaurant.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

14 Breakfasts (B) - 6 Lunches (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Savour the sweet, spicy, and salty flavours of Bangkok's famous street food.
- Join a Lanna family, thought to be the first people of Thailand, for a home-hosted meal.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2-4 Amari Watergate, Bangkok

Days 5, 6 Sukhothai Treasure Resort

& Spa, Sukhothai

Days 7, 8 The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa, Chiang Rai

Days 9 - 11 Kantary Hills Chiang Mai,

Chiang Mai

Days 12-14 Cape Panwa Hotel, Phuket

Day 15 Kantary House, Bangkok



Delve into a land where bustling modern cities, ornate ancient temples, and stunning jungle beaches coexist.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embrace the diversity of Southeast Asia as you explore Thailand on this classic journey.

Day 2: Bangkok, Thailand - Tour BeginsBegin your discovery of Thailand in Bangkok, its capital city.

Day 3: Bangkok

Begin your journey exploring the winding canals in Bangkok's old town on a private boat trip. On Rattanakosin Island, visit Wat Po, the famous Buddhist temple complex in the Phra Nakhon District and see the world-renowned Reclining Buddha. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 4: Bangkok

Today, experience more of Bangkok's highlights, including a visit to the Wat Phra Kaew. Visit the ornately decorated Grand Palace – the official residence of the Kings of Siam. This evening, a night tour of Bangkok will create memories for a lifetime as you experience the city from a completely fresh perspective. Climb aboard your tuk tuk – a motorized rickshaw – for a front row seat to the bustling Bangkok city streets lit up at night. Your tuk tuk brings you for food tastings that capture the local flavour. End with a visit to the flower market – this normally busy, bustling landmark feels solitary and peaceful in the quiet of night. (B, D)

Day 5: Bangkok - Sukhothai 😯

Today, it's your choice! Choose between a walk

from the hotel to visit the Suan Pakkad Palace Museum, known for its Thai antiques **-OR-** take the coach to visit the Marble Temple where you will join Buddhist monks in their daily chanting. Head to the airport for a short flight to Sukhothai. (B, D)

Day 6: Sukhothai

Dive into history today as you discover the archaeological sites in Sukhothai. Visit its Historical Park, spanning the ruins of Sukhothai – as well as the famous site of Wat Si Chum. (B, L)

Day 7: Sukhothai - Chiang Rai

Set off today for Chiang Rai. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant and visit the White Temple, called Wat Rong Khun. Arrive in Chiang Rai. (B, L)

Day 8: Chiang Rai

Explore the beauty of Chiang Rai today. Enjoy a tour of the Golden Triangle, where Burma, Laos and Thailand meet, separated by the Mekong River. Visit the Opium Museum today learning all about the opium trade and the impact to local communities. Then, it's all aboard for a short boat ride along the Mekong River. Back on land, enjoy lunch and then drive to the hill tribe village to learn from locals about the traditions of this beautiful area. Most of the Thai ethnic groups are set off in remote locales, and the hill tribes relocated here to warmly welcome visitors and introduce them to each of the ethnic groups. Meet with Akha and Karen Long Neck people.



As the women weave during the visit, you have the opportunity to support these local artisans by purchasing some of the products they make for tourists. This evening, enjoy a walk in a night bazaar. (B, L)

Day 9: Chiang Rai - Chiang Mai

Today, it's off to Chiang Mai - where elaborate Buddhist temples create a beautiful backdrop. En route, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting Doi Suthep - one of the twin peaks of a beautiful granite mountain to the west of Chiang Mai, A cable car whisks you to its peak to visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep. Enjoy dinner on your own this evening. (B, L)

Day 10: Chiang Mai 😯

Today, visit ChangChill, which literally means "relaxed elephants." This sanctuary prides itself on its ethical treatment of these endangered species. Climb aboard your 4x4 vehicles to reach the camp. Then walk through rice paddy fields and meet the resident elephants. From a distance

watch them graze, bathe in the river, roam the lush forest, and embrace their freedom. Make herb balls and fruit snacks to place in feeding stations. Enjoy a simple vegetarian lunch served by the camp staff as the elephants arrive for their snacks. Participate in a discussion with a mahout on changes to the elephant trade practices. Tonight, it's your choice! Choose between a relaxing one-hour Thai massage -OR- get a taste of the local flavour during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L)

Day 11: Chiang Mai

Enjoy a warm welcome today from an extended family belonging to the Lanna ethnic group. Visit their home where you can learn from one of the family members about their customs and religion, see their garden and hear all about the herbs grown here. Learn how to prepare local dishes and then enjoy the fruits of your labour with a simple lunch. (B, L)

Day 12: Chiang Mai - Phuket

Fly to Phuket this morning and head to your resort, set on a private tropical beach. Relax for the rest of the day as the salty sea breeze rolls in, rustling the palms and soothing the soul. (B)

Day 13: Phuket

Travel to Phuket's Old Town, to explore all morning and enjoy free time for lunch on your own. After lunch, return to your beachfront resort to soak up those salt water vibes for the day. (B)

Day 14: Phuket

It's a completely free day today, so take advantage of your idyllic tropical resort or perhaps head back to the old town and dive into some of Phuket's most popular haunts. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner, toasting an experience full of history, beauty, culture and incredible discoveries in Thailand. (B, D)

Day 15: Phuket - Bangkok

Fly to Bangkok this afternoon and head to an airport hotel, preparing to return home with a lifetime of memories. (B)

Day 16: Bangkok - Tour Ends

Say farewell to Thailand and return home today.

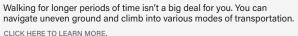


TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL









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1-2 NIGHTS

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Prices based on October 12, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023 September 2023 - April 2024

(different itinerary - see note*) (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for September 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Bangkok. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. Due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. For your comfort, we recommend wearing comfortable walking shoes during your visit to Changchill. Not all vendors accept credit cards or travellers checks; therefore, it is recommended you bring small amounts of US dollars which are widely accepted for personal use. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The 4 night Singapore Extension is Hosted. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences. Please note that departures that fall during Chinese New Year in January of 2024 will require changes to included features based on closures during this important annual festival. Due to religious holidays or festivities, the visit to the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple may not be available during your departure.





PRE TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$2600† PP

Explore Singapore with a local guide. Visit the heritage neighborhoods and learn about what makes this country so unique. Then visit the must-see Gardens by the Bay. End your time in Singapore with dinner.

KINGDOMS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

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HIGHLIGHTS

Hanoi • Walking Food Tour • Discussion with Vietnam War Veteran • Ha Long Bay • Hoi An • Ho Chi Minh City • Reunification Palace • Mekong Delta • Siem Reap • Angkor Wat • Luang Prabang • Wat Xieng Thong • Monk Alms Offering • Pak Ou Buddha Cave • Bangkok



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore Hanoi's historic Old Quarter on an exciting walking tour.
- See the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used by the Viet Cong.
- Visit with a Vietnam War veteran and learn about the war from his perspective.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 15 — In Luang Prabang, venture into the lively outdoor markets at night -OR- return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

17 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

- Learn the secrets of Vietnamese cooking during an interactive class.
- Sample several famous Vietnamese dishes on a walking food tour.
- A local Laotian family welcomes you into their home for dinner.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1Overnight FlightDays 2 - 4Mercure La Gare, HanoiDay 5Bhaya Classic

Days 6 - 8 Allegro Hoi An Hotel & Spa, Hoi An

Days 9 - 11 Novotel Saigon Centre, Ho Chi Minh City

Days 12 - 14 Tara Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap

Days 15 - 17 Souphattra Hotel, Luang Prabana

Day 18 Rembrandt Hotel & Suites, Bangkok

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Delve into an ancient and mysterious world of rural landscapes, bustling cities, and fascinating history in Southeast Asia.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

From the villages of Vietnam and the temples of Cambodia to the friendly locals of Laos and the lively energy of Thailand, embark on an unforgettable cultural adventure.

Day 2: Hanoi, Vietnam - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Hanoi. Known for its French colonial architecture, tree-lined streets, and vibrant street food scene, Hanoi is Vietnam's dynamic capital and second most populous city.

Day 3: Hanoi

Start your morning with a city tour of Hanoi and the Old Quarter. Visit Ba Dinh Square and the Temple of Literature. After working up an appetite, enjoy a walking food tour featuring some of Vietnam's most famous dishes such as banh mi and pho. Enjoy coffee and views of Hoan Kiem Lake – the "Lake of the Restored Sword" – at a rooftop café. Later this evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Hanoi

Today you may choose to start your day early by joining your Tour Manager and locals as they practice tai chi at a local park. After, visit the infamous Hoa Lo Prison, now a museum that tells the story of colonial history from the Vietnamese perspective. Following your visit, sit down with a local veteran from the Vietnam War to chat and connect with him as he recounts his history. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy as you see fit. You may choose to join an optional tour to see the famous water puppets of Hanoi followed by dinner. (B)

Day 5: Hanoi - Ha Long Bay

Journey to Ha Long Bay and board a charming junk boat for an overnight cruise. Once on board, enjoy fresh seafood as you sail past vistas of low green mountains, small villages, hundreds of islands, and limestone peaks jutting out from the sea. Disembark to discover the wonders of nature, history, and archaeology. Back on board, sit back and relax as the sounds and peaceful sway of the boat lull you to sleep. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Ha Long Bay - Hanoi - Da Nang -Hoi An

Your day begins with a Tai Chi lesson. After a light breakfast we head off to visit Sung Sot cave, one of the many limestone grottos accessible by boat in the UNESCO World Natural Heritage that is Halong Bay. Then cruise back to the mainland. Fly to Da Nang and travel to Hoi An (UNESCO), an ancient trading port. (B, D)

Day 7: Hoi An

Board a basket boat and journey along the Co Co River for an immersive cooking class. Learn how to catch seafood in the river and grind rice into flour. Use your ingredients to cook four classic dishes which you'll enjoy for lunch. Later, on a walking tour of the old town, stroll by the ornate Chinesestyle temple Phuc Kien Assembly Hall and a 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge. End at the vibrant market on the banks of the Thu Bon. (B, L)

Day 8: Hoi An

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the magic of Hoi An. Walk along the canals that cut through Ancient Town on your own. Perhaps you'll visit an art gallery, wander through a cultural museum, or go shopping for the perfect souvenir. (B)

Day 9: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

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

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City

Take to the waters of the famous Mekong Delta. As you sail along, your guide will delve into the history and culture of the region. Discover the region's cottage industry with a visit to a coconut candy factory. Enjoy lunch featuring southern Vietnamese cuisine before travelling back to Ho Chi Minh City. (B, L)

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City

Spend your morning at the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in metropolitan Ho Chi Minh City before your dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap, Cambodia

This afternoon, board your flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia's gateway to the wonders of Angkor. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant accompanied by a traditional Khmer dance performance. (B, D)

Day 13: Siem Reap - Angkor Wat - Siem Reap

Depart for a sunrise at Angkor Wat, a perfect example of classic Khmer architecture. Later, visit Ta Prohm, a sprawling monastic complex that is overgrown with jungle. At Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmers, visit the Terrace of the Leper King and the temples of Baphuon and Bayon, 11th- and 12th-century masterpieces at the centre of the city. (B)

Day 14: Siem Reap - Preah Dak - Siem Reap

Start your day at the Visitor Center of APOPO, where "hero rats" are trained to navigate minefields and save lives. Then travel to the village of Preah Dak to learn about daily life and see how Nom Banh Jok (rice noodles) are created. Get a peek into the local culture at the palm sugar market. Make your way to Les Chantiers Ecoles, where local apprentices are trained in fine arts, and peruse the different workshops of sculpture, carving, and more. You may

choose to end your day with a visit to Phare, the Cambodian Circus. (B, L)

Day 15: Siem Reap - Luang Prabang, Laos ♥

Connect with locals at the JWOC
Community Center and learn about their
ongoing projects. Your day continues with
a flight to Luang Prabang, the spiritual
capital of Laos. Get acquainted with
the city with your guide. Then, it's your
choice! Venture into the lively outdoor
markets at night -OR- return to the hotel
for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 16: Luang Prabang

Hop into a tuk tuk with a guide and make your way to the city centre, including a visit to the National Museum – the former Royal Palace. Continue to Wat Xieng Thong monastery. Meander along the Nam Khan River to Wat Khili. After lunch, cruise to the Pak Ou Caves, shrouded in mystery and home to thousands of Buddha statues. End your day with a home-hosted dinner and traditional Baci ceremony – celebrating a significant event in someone's life. (B, L, D)

Day 17: Luang Prabang - Ban Long Lao - Luang Prabang

You may choose to rise early and begin your day with a traditional alms offering to local monks. After breakfast, journey to a traditional Hmong hill tribe village in Ban Long Lao. Set out on an easy hike through lush jungle and panoramic mountain scenery to the Kuang Si Waterfall. After a picnic lunch, return to Luang Prabang. This afternoon you may choose to join an optional tour to visit with Laotian weavers. (B, L)

Day 18: Luang Prabang - Bangkok, Thailand

Board your flight to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. Tonight, join your fellow travellers and toast to the end of your adventure on a Klong dinner cruise. (B, D)

Day 19: Bangkok - Tour Ends

Return home with memories of your travels through the kingdoms of Southeast Asia. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

May 2023 September 2023 - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

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See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Visas are required for this tour at your expense. The approximate cost for a onemonth single entry Vietnam visa is 40 US Dollars and must be obtained prior to departure. To enter Vietnam, you will need 1 blank page in your passport. You can obtain the visa for Cambodia at the airport upon arrival. The cost is approximately 30 US Dollars and two complete blank pages are required in your passport along with one passport photo. A Laos visa is required for this tour at your expense. This can be purchased upon arrival in Luang Prabang, Laos. The approximate cost is 35 US Dollars. One blank page is required in your passport. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from the date of return home. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Our air passengers will arrive into Hanoi and depart from Bangkok. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. Saigon's Notre Dame Cathedral will be viewed from the exterior. If you would prefer not to hike on Day 17, a vehicle is available to bring you to the falls. Not all vendors accept credit cards or travellers checks; therefore, it is recommended you bring small amounts of US dollars which are widely accepted for personal use. It is recommended that you bring an overnight bag (rather than your large luggage) on the overnight Ha Long Bay cruise. This will afford you more room to move about your cruise cabin. Your large luggage will be stored on the bus in a secure location. Please note that Collette Foundation sites may not be available for visits due to school schedules, holidays, or weekends. Each quest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The Optional Bangkok Extension is Fully-Guided. Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

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FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION

ADD 3 NIGHTS IN BANGKOK



POST TOUR EXTENSION STARTING AT \$910+ PP

Set out on a journey that introduces you to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. Marvel at ancient monuments, explore local culinary treasures, shop for unique souvenirs or just soak in the energy of the city.

TROPICAL COSTA RICA

9 DAYS · 14 MEALS

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HIGHLIGHTS

San Jose • Coffee Plantation • Arenal Volcano • Cano Negro Refuge • Lake Arenal Cruise • Farm Tour and Lunch • Monteverde Cloud Forest • Guanacaste



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy soaking in geothermal pools at your hotel during your 3-night stay in Arenal.
- Put your feet up and relax during a 2-night stay in Guanacaste known for the country's most beautiful beaches.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 6 — Climb high into the trees for your choice of a "Hanging Bridges" tour -OR- zip lining in the cloud forest.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Discover the history of coffee in Costa Rica during your visit to a coffee plantation.
- Learn about local farming practices and learn to make tortillas while having lunch at Don Juan Finca Educativa.



ACCOMMODATIONS

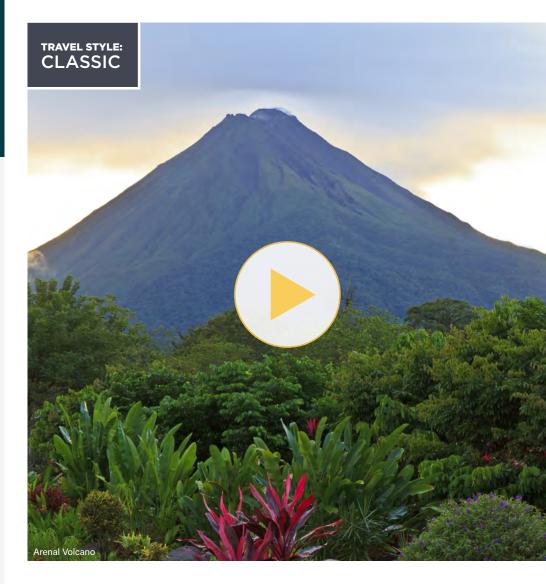
Day 1 DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San Jose

Days 2 - 4 Arenal Springs Resort, Arenal or Hotel Arenal Kioro, Arenal or Tilajari Hotel Resort, San Carlos

Days 5, 6 El Establo Hotel, Monteverde Cloud Forest

Days 7, 8 Nammbu Beachfront Bungalows, Playa Carrillo, Guanacaste

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Discover Costa Rica's *pura vida* on a rendezvous with exotic fauna, lush rainforests, and endless coastlines.

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins

Your trip to Costa Rica opens in the colourful capital city of San Jose, the perfect place to relax and soak up the sights as your adventure begins.

Day 2: San Jose - Coffee Plantation - Arenal

Welcome to the Central Valley. Begin with a tour of a local coffee plantation highlighting the history and cultivation of this driver of the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, check in for a leisurely 3-night stay at a lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. Get to know the Costa Rican culture this evening. (B, D)

Day 3: Arenal - Cano Negro - Arenal

Embark on a Cano Negro guided riverboat trip in a covered canoe known as a panga. These 20,000 acres are home to the largest viewable collection of indigenous wildlife in all of Costa Rica. Go in search of caimans, river otters, sloths, monkeys, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies. Later, return to Arenal for the chance to relax during an optional spa visit. (B)

Day 4: Arenal

Today, explore a family-owned farm, getting a peek into the daily lives of the locals. During a tour of the gardens, learn how the plants are organically grown through the concept of sustainability. The farm considers itself a "classroom without borders." Taste the exotic fruit harvest and experience the traditional way to process sugar cane. Enjoy a sip of cane liquor before engaging in a culinary demonstration and a farm-to-table lunch. (B, L)

Day 5: Arenal - Lake Arenal Cruise - Monteverde

Enjoy a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, Costa Rica's largest and most important lake. Then, it's off to the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, a place you have to see to believe, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Set off on a nature walk through





this spectacular ecosystem, where you're sure to encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna. (B, D)

Day 6: Monteverde 😯

It's your choice! Explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens. Then, join an expert for a leisurely paced "Hanging Bridges" walking tour to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest's lush ecosystem -OR- take an exhilarating ride on one of the longest canopy zip line tours in Costa Rica. If you would like to do both the hanging bridges and the zip line tour, you may purchase the second as an option on tour. (B, D)

Day 7: Monteverde - Guanacaste

Today we make our way to breathtaking Guanacaste, known for its fine sandy beaches. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort and take in the mesmerizing ocean views. (B, D)

Day 8: Guanacaste

Fun in the sun is in store today as you explore the nearby beaches, or simply relax by the pool and take advantage of your

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

Day 9: Guanacaste - Tour Ends Today you depart for home with fabulous memories of your Costa Rican adventure.

Optional 3 Night Jungle **Adventure Pre-Tour Extension** Starting at \$1105 pp



Day 1: San Jose

Arrive in San Jose, Costa Rica's capital city for an overnight stay.

Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park

This morning set out for an exciting soft-adventure jungle experience in Tortuguero, the Amazon of Costa Rica, in search of wildlife such as macaws, sloths, monkeys, falcons and other native species, Depart your San Jose hotel via private transportation for a transfer to the dock where you board an open-air boat with other travellers to journey into Tortuguero's unspoiled paradise. Check into an eco-lodge built in harmony with nature using the best sustainability practices where fans create breezes instead of air conditioning and meals feature locally sourced ingredients prepared with Caribbean flair. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tortuguero National Park

An early morning bird watching excursion is offered so you may learn about the variety of local species and migratory birds that flock to this area. Join your fellow lodge guests on a spectacular boat cruise through the various canals and be sure to keep an eye out for wildlife including howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, aquatic birds, bats and caimans, as well as exotic flora. Tortuguero National Park is a study in rainforest, freshwater, and marine biology. It protects over 350 species of birds and mammals including green macaws; 57 species of amphibians; 111 species of reptiles; and 60 mammal species, including 13 of Costa Rica's 16 endangered species such as jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and manatees. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - San Jose

Depart Tortuguero National Park today to return to San Jose. Upon arrival, meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for the start of your Tropical Costa Rica tour. (B, L)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023 May 2023 - April 2024 (featured itinerary)

(different itinerary - see note*)

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See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into San Jose and depart from Liberia. Approximate travel time between Playa Carrillo, Guanacaste and Liberia airport is approximately 2 hours. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Most hotels/lodges utilized on this program consist of two floors with no elevators. All hotels have air conditioning. All rates in

The Optional 3-Night Jungle Adventure Extension is Fully-Guided. Fully-Guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert. The land transportation to and from Tortuguero is private for Collette travellers. Upon arrival at the dock all transportation is provided by your Eco Lodge, which also provides your naturalist guides and all included activities and meals. Once arriving at the dock for your boat transfer you will not be on a Collette exclusive program and will be joined by other like-minded adventurous guests of the Lodge. This price includes meals as outlined; roundtrip transportation to Tortuguero; 2 nights at the Evergreen, Aninga or Pachira lodge, and 1 night in San Jose. During your time in Tortuguero you will have a Collette exclusive local guide. In keeping with best practices for sustainability and responsible tourism set forth by the Rainforest alliance the hotel in Tortuguero does not offer air conditioning. Morning bird watching excursion is weather-dependent. Due to luggage size and weight restrictions on the boats, please bring an overnight bag for the 2-night stay in Tortuguero National Park. Please make arrangements with the concierge's desk at the hotel in San Jose for luggage pick up and for storage until your return from Tortuguero.

66 We had a very caring and knowledgeable tour manager. He was really great, and knew the country very well. 99

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COSTA RICA: A WORLD **OF NATURE**

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HIGHLIGHTS

Tortuguero National Park - Cooking Demonstration - Sarapiquí - Tirimbina Rainforest Center - Chocolate-Making Demonstration & Tasting - River Safari -Forest Reserve Guided Walk - Hanging Bridges - Arenal Volcano - Manuel Antonio National Park - Jungle Crocodile Safari & Bird Watching



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

- Day 7 - Embark on one of Costa Rica's most thrilling zip lining experiences and take in views of the Arenal rainforest -OR- enjoy a moderate hike along the trails of Arenal Volcano National Park; cross lava fields and pause to enjoy spectacular views of the volcano.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

11 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Taste for yourself why cacao is called "the food of the gods" and observe the process of converting this seed from bean to bar.
- Enjoy a traditional Costa Rican dinner.
- · Learn how to cook using a coconut before making some delicious local candy.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Day 1 Hotel, San Jose

Evergreen Lodge, Days 2, 3 Tortuguero

Days 4, 5 Tilajari Hotel Resort, San Carlos

Days 6 - 8 Mountain Paradise Resort & Spa, Arenal

Days 9, 10 Marriott Los Suenos, Playa

Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Day 11 Hotel, San Jose



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

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins

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

Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National **Park**

Seemingly endless mountain horizons. Complex evergreen forests. These are the wonders of Tortuguero National Park. Travel by boat to your hotel before heading further down the rivers and canals to the world's first sea turtle research station. Later, have time to explore Tortuguero town with your Tour Manager. Get away from it all and relax at your lodge set in the middle of the jungle, your home for the next two nights. From the morning calls of the monkeys to the gentle chatter of the birds, listen to the active sounds of the rainforest around you. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tortuguero National Park

Begin the day on an excursion to search for the elusive green macaw and other unique winged creatures that flock to Tortuguero. Embark on a nature cruise, getting a glimpse into the life of jaguars, manatees, ocelots, and more. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy your Tortuguero resort. Tonight, a local will teach you all about his village and its previous history as a coconut plantation. Watch as he demonstrates how they use coconuts before trying your hand at making a local favourite: coconut candy. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tortuguero National Park -Sarapiquí - San Carlos

Take a boat back to the mainland and make your way towards Sarapiquí and Tirimbina Rainforest Center. Spend time at a cacao plantation and see the process of converting the seed from bean to bar, tasting for yourself why cacao is called "the food of the gods." Later, arrive at your secluded nature resort, nestled on the edge of the San Carlos River. Stroll the butterfly and botanical gardens lined with fruit trees, including lemon, soursop, guava, mango and tangerine. (B, L, D)





Day 5: San Carlos

Explore the beauty of your surroundings on a Peñas Blancas River Safari. Paddle and float down the river on a peaceful adventure, taking in the sights and sounds of the rainforest as your naturalist guide describes the intricacies of the wildlife around you. Visit the *finca* of a local family and try specialty snacks such as banana bread, gourmet Costa Rican coffee and more. End your day with a guided walk through a private, primary forest reserve for a look at the various flora and fauna. (B, D)

Day 6: San Carlos - Hanging Bridges - Arenal

Today, suspended over the rainforest floor, relish a bird's-eye view of the jungle on a guided tour of Arenal's famous hanging bridges. High above the jungle canopies, marvel at a cloud forest taking shape around you. Settle into your resort where you'll be surrounded by striking views of Arenal's famous volcano for the next 3 nights. (B, D)

Day 7: Arenal 😗

Today, **it's your choice!** Since Costa Rica is the birthplace of zip lining, glide over the canopies on a mind-blowing rip through

the jungle **-OR-** make your way across lava fields for an up-close-and-personal look at the volcano on a moderate hike along the trails formed by lava during the 1968 eruption. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll discover the town of La Fortuna or relax in the hotel's naturally heated pools. Also consider an optional excursion to a family-owned *finca* with an included farm to table lunch. (B, D)

Day 8: Arenal

In the shadow of Arenal Volcano, the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Perhaps, if you're feeling adventurous, you'll opt for an exhilarating white water rafting experience. Or simply hang back at the resort, choose a spa service, explore the grounds, and soak in one of Arenal's famous hot springs. (B)

Day 9: Arenal Volcano - Coffee Plantation - Playa Herradura

This morning, wake up and smell the coffee at a local farm that produces some of Costa Rica's well-known beans. Take a tour with local plantation workers and have a chance to discuss what life is like for these coffee farmers. In the afternoon, head to Playa Herradura and settle into your resort for the next 2 nights. As the day draws to a close, watch the sun set over the Pacific alongside birds in every colour of the rainbow. (B, D)

Day 10: Playa Herradura - Manuel Antonio National Park - Playa Herradura

Welcome to Manuel Antonio National Park, home to verdant rainforests and white sand beaches. In this natural wonderland, traverse the trails where the wild things are, or go for a swim in the turquoise waters as wildlife rummages in the canopies. (B)

Day 11: Playa Herradura - Tárcoles - San Jose

See wild crocodiles among the mangroves of Tárcoles' Rio Grande. On this exhilarating jungle crocodile safari, you'll boat beneath the towering jungle, looking along the river banks for a glimpse of these incredible creatures. Then say goodbye to the coast and hello to San Jose. Toast to the *pura vida* of Costa Rica tonight over a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends Bid Costa Rica farewell as your tour comes to an end today. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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Prices based on June 17, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 29 (different itinerary - see note*)

October 2022 - April 2023 May 2023 - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from San Jose. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to luggage size and weight restrictions on the boats, please bring an overnight bag for the 2-night stay in Tortuguero National Park. Your main luggage stays in San Jose and joins you upon your return to the mainland. White water rafting is subject to the operator's safety restrictions. We want you to enjoy your tour with us; therefore, it is important that you know this tour is an adventure! You will view spectacular scenery while experiencing the culture and heritage of the region. We have selected small, comfortable hotels and eco-lodges for their locations and they may be considered rustic. Air conditioning and elevators are not available in all properties used on this tour. Travellers must be in good health as sightseeing requires walking on uneven terrain; wheelchairs and walkers cannot be accommodated on this tour. All rates in Canadian dollars.

66 Everything about our tour was excellent. Our guide had a real passion for the nature of Costa Rica and provided a great experience. 99

Collette Traveller

PATAGONIA: EDGE OF THE WORLD

14 DAYS · 24 MEALS STARTING AT \$7269

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HIGHLIGHTS

Buenos Aires • Perito Moreno Glacier
• Patagonian *Estancia* • Torres del Paine
National Park • 4-Night Fjord Cruise
• Ainsworth Bay • Tucker Islets • Pia
Glacier • Glacier Alley • Cape Horn

• Wulaia Bay • Ushuaia • Tierra del Fuego National Park • Tango Show



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

12 Breakfasts (B) • 4 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

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



ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta or Palladio Hotel Buenos Aires MGallery, Buenos Aires

Days 4, 5 Esplendor by Wyndham El Calafate, El Calafate

Days 6, 7 Remota Patagonia Lodge, Puerto Natales

Days 8 - 11 Ventus Australis

Day 12 Los Acebos, Ushuaia

Day 13 Palladio Hotel Buenos Aires

MGallery, Buenos Aires

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Snowcapped mountains towering in the distance. Vibrant teal waters lapping against the shore. Glaciers carving their way through the valleys. This is Patagonia – a rugged wonderland of nature nestled along Argentina and Chile.

Day 2: Buenos Aires, Argentina - Tour Begins

Your journey starts in Buenos Aires. The city radiates a Latin-infused rhythm interwoven with its European heritage. Meet your fellow travellers for a cocktail reception at your hotel, located in the heart of the chic and stylish Recoleta neighbourhood. Head to a local restaurant with your new friends and indulge in savoury Argentine flavours. (D)

Day 3: Buenos Aires

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

Day 4: Buenos Aires - El Calafate

Fly to El Calafate, gateway to Patagonia's natural splendour and known as the "National Capital of the Glaciers." Get acquainted with the city on a brief walking tour before enjoying free time to explore on your own. Gather in the evening for dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

Day 5: El Calafate - Perito Moreno Glacier - El Calafate

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

Day 6: El Calafate - Puerto Natales, Chile

Make your way into Chile at Puerto Natales. En route, stop to spend time with some local *gauchos* at a typical Patagonian *estancia*. Enjoy a traditional lamb roast lunch as you chat and learn about the culture. Venture through the edge of the Patagonian countryside before settling into your hotel, featuring unparalleled views of lakes and mountains. (B, L)





Day 7: Puerto Natales - Torres del Paine - Puerto Natales

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

Day 8: Puerto Natales - Punta Arenas - Board Ship - Chilean Waters

Discover this coastal metropolis city of Punta Arenas with an expert guide, where brightly coloured houses meet modern skyscrapers. As the day draws to a close, leave the mainland on the *Ventus Australis*, your home for the next four nights. Head for one of the most remote corners of the world as you sail through Chilean waters. (B, D)

Day 9: Ainsworth Bay - Tucker Islets

Dock in Ainsworth Bay. As you take your Zodiac to shore, keep an eye out for the area's extensive birdlife or perhaps a colony of elephant seals. Spend your day with a choice of two guided excursions:

you may explore a peat bog and beaver habitat or embark on an active hike along a glacial moraine. Back on the ship, sail to the Tucker Islets where you'll head to shore for a close-up view of the Magellan penguins. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Pia Glacier - Glacier Alley

Take a Zodiac to shore and stand in awe before the Pia Glacier, a colossal mass of ice slowly crawling down the mountains, followed by a choice between two hikes. Back onboard the ship, continue through the Beagle Channel and into Glacier Alley. These impressive masses of ice are so large that most of them are named after countries – including Holland, Italy, Germany, and France. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay

Disembark at Cape Horn National Park, home to an archipelago of islands considered to be the "End of the Earth." This afternoon, anchor at fabled Wulaia Bay and visit the historic radio station, formerly used by the Chilean Navy. Choose how you explore the area with an expert guide, selecting between three different hikes of varying difficulty. Each choice will offer sprawling vistas of the gentle bay. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Disembark Boat - Tierra del Fuego National Park - Ushuaia

Embark on your final sail through Patagonia as you enter Argentine waters, docking at Ushuaia. End your Patagonian adventure at Tierra del Fuego National Park. With the wind in your hair and fresh air in your lungs, breathe in the peace and serenity around you, intensified by the dramatic landscape of waterfalls, glaciers, and forests. (B)

Day 13: Ushuaia - Buenos Aires

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

Day 14: Buenos Aires - Tour EndsSay *adios* to Argentina as your tour draws to a close this morning. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - March 2023 October - December 2023 (different itinerary - see note*) January - March 2024

(featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for October 2023 - March 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Buenos Aires. Airport transfers are available for purchase. Due to flight schedules, a pre/post night may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Port taxes and fees (subject to change without advance notice), quoted at time of printing, per guest are included in the land only tour cost. Hikes of varying difficulty will be offered during each of the landings. Details of the length, terrain and difficulty will be provided by the ship's crew. Cape Horn landing is strongly dependent on weather and sea conditions. All shore landings are dependent on weather and sea conditions, and at the discretion of the cruise line. Due to unpredictable sailing conditions or National Park directives, all of the timing and landing details featured in the cruise portion of your itinerary are subject to change. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. Travel with a maximum of 210 people while cursing on the Ventus Australis. While you will be joined by other travellers on the ship, your dedicated Tour Manager will be with your group for the entire journey. Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each category. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at time of booking. If the preferred cabin category is not available at time of booking, the next closest category will be offered and a surcharge may apply. Cabin category choices are: Cabin B (second deck), Cabin A (second deck), Cabin AA (third deck), Cabin AAA (fourth deck), or Cabin AAA Superior (fourth deck with larger room). Cabin availability is first come, first served and upgrade pricing will apply. Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Suggested tipping on board the cruise is 15 US Dollars per person, per day for the staff and crew, handed in at the reception desk on the last day of the cruise. Accepted currencies for tipping include: US Dollars, Euro, Argentinian or Chilean pesos. Upon entry into and exit from Argentina, all passengers, regardless of their citizenship, are submitted to biometrics checks, such as digital fingerprints and a digital photograph, at the immigration counter. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. All shore landings excursions to/from the ship are by small boats called "Zodiacs," which requires a level of fitness to board and disembark these inflatable crafts. At all times you are accompanied by expedition staff. In some cases, the terrain can be a little strenuous. Passengers should consult their physician should they have any concerns regarding their physical condition. It is recommended that you bring hiking boots for specific excursions. All rates in Canadian dollars.

PERU: MACHU PICCHU & LAKE TITICACA

10 DAYS · 15 MEALS STARTING AT \$2999

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HIGHLIGHTS

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



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Explore the colourful markets of Peru, including the famous Pisac village market.
- Discover the artist's techniques and designs at Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 7 — Travel above the city of Cuzco to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress -OR- embark on a walking tour of San Blas, the traditional old quarter of Cuzco.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

9 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 4 Dinners (D)

- Enjoy a culinary demonstration at your hotel at the base of Machu Picchu.
- Delight in a home hosted farmto-table lunch at a local Quechua community.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2 Hilton Garden Inn Lima Miraflores, Lima

Days 3, 4 Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Yucay

Day 5 Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes

Days 6, 7 Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco

Days 8, 9 GHL Lago Titicaca, Puno

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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

Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

Welcome to Peru, one of the treasures of South America. Travel through this intriguing land visiting some of the world's most legendary sites, including Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas." Arrive late this evening in Lima, the "City of Kings."

Day 2: Lima

Discover Lima's fascinating history during a colonial tour through the historic city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas and visit the Casa de Aliaga – former house of the conquistador Jeronimo de Aliaga y Ramirez – where the energy of colonial and republican Lima comes to life. Get to know your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner featuring artfully crafted Peruvian dishes. (B, D)

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

Fly to Cuzco, in the heart of the Inca civilization. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas, the agricultural centre of their grand empire. While en route to your hotel, explore different towns in the valley, each a representation of the region's unique culture. After a short lesson on the local language, stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market. Settle into your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. (B)

Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas -Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley of the Incas This morning, visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo

ruins, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. A uniquely terraced complex topped with carved stone panels, these ruins reflect ancient Incan architecture and heritage. Then, head to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get firsthand knowledge of this internationally renowned artist's techniques and designs, inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people and delve into their culture when you travel to a nearby Quechua community and interact with the locals. You'll get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group workshops that teach you traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving. Celebrate their culture as you learn their dances and listen to their musical instruments before enjoying a home-hosted farm-to-table lunch featuring local specialties. (B, L)

Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu

Climb aboard your train to Machu Picchu for breathtaking views through panoramic windows as you ride through the Andes to the "Lost City of the Incas." Hidden by mountains and semitropical jungle, Machu Picchu is considered the most spectacular sight in South America. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu for a chance to further soak up its atmosphere. Enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration and learn how to craft the perfect ceviche and pisco sour before your

dinner featuring a Peruvian menu. (B, D)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

This morning, take advantage of free time and explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own, or you may choose to visit Machu Picchu at sunrise. Return to the Sacred Valley by train. Upon arriving in Cuzco, take time to explore the captivating city at your leisure. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco 😯

Start your morning with a local guide on a tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the Koricancha temple, the central Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral. Later, it's your choice! Travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress -ORembark on a walking tour of San Blas, the traditional old guarter of Cuzco, lined with restaurants and artisan shops. The rest of the afternoon is yours. This evening, dine at your leisure at a local restaurant featuring the local flavours of Cuzco. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Puno

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

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

The Titicaca area, steeped in tradition and folklore, is the centre of Incan legends. Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca; experience walking on the island's spongy surface made from compacted beds of tortora reeds and meet the locals, learning about their history and lifestyle. Later, cruise to a local rustic village for a home-hosted meal and swap stories with Peruvian families before visiting the mystical Chullpas de Sillustani - an archaeological area boasting 13th-century funerary monuments. (B, L)

Day 10: Puno - Lima - Tour Ends

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

Optional 3 Night Peruvian **Amazon Post-Tour Extension** Starting at \$599† pp



Day 10: Lima

Your extension begins with an overnight stay in Lima.

Day 11: Lima - Puerto Maldonado -Peruvian Amazon Basin

Fly from Lima to the Puerto Maldonado airport where you meet your naturalist guide. Board a canoe and transfer up the Madre de Dios River to the Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion Lodge. After a welcome lunch, take a walk through the Concepcion trails and learn about the rainforest's composition, its uses, the human impact and its relevance to the world climate. At dusk, once again take to the water on a motorized canoe. Your evening excursion will teach you about the river's ecosystem, Amazonian creeks, nocturnal animals' behaviour and the southern sky's constellations. Then, you'll enjoy a delightful dinner in the Casa Grande's dining room. (L, D)

Day 12: Tambopata National Reserve -Lake Sandoval

After an early breakfast, your naturalist guide will lead you on a trek through Tambopata National Reserve. Arrive at pristine Lake Sandoval and board a dugout canoe, Glide along taking in your peaceful surroundings. Keep an eye out for the endangered giant river otter, blue and yellow macaw, red howler monkey, black caiman, and one of the world's biggest fresh water scaled fish, the paiche. After lunch, the Inkaterra canopy walkway awaits. Begin at the Interpretation Center to learn about the project. Then ascend 98 feet in the air and cross a series of hanging bridges that connect the treetops, taking in the breathtaking panoramas and discovering the wildlife that surrounds you. This evening, explore the Amazon rainforest by moonlight and listen to the unique nocturnal sounds of the rainforest. Your day concludes with a wonderful dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Puerto Maldonado - Lima - Tour **Ends**

After breakfast, take a scenic boat ride back to Puerto Maldonado. Arrive at the Inkaterra Lounge (Butterfly House) where you may wait for your flight back to Lima. Later, depart Lima for your overnight flight home. (B)

† Additional air segment purchase required.



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023 May 2023 - April 2024 (different itinerary - see note*)

(featured itinerary)

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See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Complete passport information is required 60 days prior to departure to book train tickets to Machu Picchu. If passport information is incomplete or inaccurate within 60 days, there is a strong possibility that we will be unable to confirm you on the same travel schedule as the rest of your group. You will be subject to any additional charges incurred from failing to provide passport information within the designated time frame. Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Lima. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Due to tour scheduling, return flights on the last day of your tour should be booked after 10:00 p.m. The highest elevation is approximately 3,810 metres (Puno). During this tour you will spend 4 consecutive days at altitudes over 3,353 metres. Please be advised that backpacks brought into Machu Picchu cannot exceed 40x35x20cms or have a capacity larger than 20 liters. Backpacks that exceed the indicated measurements can be left in storage, at an approximate cost of 2 US Dollars. Also, please take notice that bringing in single-use plastic bottles, plastic bags, plastic straws or Styrofoam containers has been forbidden. We suggest bringing reusable water bottles. In general, hotels outside of Lima are small with one or two levels and do not have elevators, which may require you to climb 10-15 steps to get to/from the room. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The 3 night Peruvian Amazon Extension is Hosted. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences. When travelling in the Amazon you will encounter full days of sightseeing, frequently in warm temperatures. The lodge does not have air conditioning. Wi-Fi is free in the main area when electricity is running. Electricity will only be available between 4:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. You will be travelling by small river boats to reach the lodge and by canoe during some excursions and should be reasonably fit in order to board comfortably. You will be walking on nature trails which may be muddy and over one mile in length. To experience the Amazon fully, we recommend that all travellers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. In addition, guests who require assistance walking or who travel with oxygen tanks will not fully enjoy this trip and we strongly recommend a different tour. The Hacienda Concepcion has fully screened cabanas, mosquito net protection and private bathrooms in each room. Snacks and beverages are available 24 hours.

MACHU PICCHU & GALAPAGOS **WONDERS**

14 DAYS · 27 MEALS STARTING AT \$8159

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HIGHLIGHTS

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



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

• Day 7 - Visit the Incan ruins of Sacsayhauman Fortress -ORexplore the neighbourhood of San Blas' charming cobblestone streets.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

13 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

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



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2 Casa Andina Premium Miraflores, Lima Casa Andina Premium Days 3, 4 Sacred Valley, Yucay Day 5 Casa Andina Standard

Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes

Days 6, 7

Casa Andina Premium, Cuzco Mercure Hotel Alameda, Days 8, 9

Ouito Days 10 - 13 M/Y Coral II

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

Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

Touch down in Lima, the "City of Kings." Across ancient lands and earthly legends, experience the mysticism of the Peruvian Andes.

Day 2: Lima

Become fascinated by Lima's history on a tour through the historic centre, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site, where the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas stands out among the colonial architecture. Visit the former home of a conquistador. Get to know new friends over a menu of artful Peruvian dishes at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

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

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

Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas -Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley of the

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

Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas -Machu Picchu

Hop aboard your train to Machu Picchu, where views of the Andes astound through panoramic windows as you climb toward the "Lost City of the Incas." Wrapped inside a semi-tropical jungle and hidden by mountains, Machu Picchu or La Ciudadela (the Citadel), is one of the world's most spectacular archaeological sites. (B)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco

Enjoy some leisure time this morning. You may choose an optional excursion to Machu Picchu at sunrise, or maybe you'll explore the local markets

before boarding your train back to the Sacred Valley. Continue to Cuzco and feel the local culture at a special community dining experience. (B, D)

Day 7: Cuzco 😯

Start your morning with a local guide on your tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the Koricancha Temple, the central Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral. Later, it's your choice! Travel above the city to discover the Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress -OR- embark on a walking tour of San Blas, the traditional old guarter of Cuzco, lined with restaurants and artisan shops. The rest of the afternoon is yours. This evening, enjoy flexible dining at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador

This morning, fly to Ecuador's stunning capital city - Quito, your home for the next two nights. (B)

Day 9: Quito

Today, tour the Presidential Palace in Quito's colonial centre. After lunch, stand at the "Middle of the World," situated between two hemispheres, at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)

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

Fly to the gateway of the Galápagos, Baltra to launch your eco-adventure aboard the M/Y Coral II, an exclusive yacht that serves as your home for the next four nights. After dry landing on Santa Cruz Island head from the coast to the dense humid forests and the Highlands Tortoise Reserve. In addition to famed Galápagos Giant Tortoises you may also spot many different kinds of birds, such as tree and ground finches, vermillion flycatchers, paint-billed crakes, yellow warblers, and cattle egrets. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Isabela Island - Fernandina Island

On Isabela Island enjoy deep-water snorkeling at the Bolivar Channel. Then, take a dinghy ride along the coast to observe a great diversity of sea and coastal birds; Nazca and blue-footed boobies, brown pelicans, penguins, and flightless

cormorants. Continue on to make a dry landing on Fernandina Island, where the large marine iguanas mingle with sea lions and Sally Lightfoot crabs. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Isabela Island

Make a wet landing today on the volcanic black beaches of Urbina Bay - home to giant tortoises, land iguanas, and more. Enjoy time to snorkel, possibly swimming alongside with sea turtles, sea lions, and tropical fish. Travel from Urbina to Tagus Cove for a dry landing. Take the trail that leads to Darwin's salt-water crater lake, offering views of lava fields and volcanic formations. A dinghy ride along the shoreline highlights a variety of seabirds, such as Bluefooted Booby, Brown Noddy, terns, and - depending on the season - a large number of Galápagos Penguins which the only penguin species to live in the tropics. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Santiago Island

Walk in Darwin's footsteps today on Santiago Island. Begin with a wet landing at Egas Port's black volcanic sand beach. Take a unique trail formed of volcanic ash that transitions halfway to uneven terrain of volcanic basaltic rock. The unique, truly striking layered terrain of Santiago is home to the bizarre, yellow-crowned night heron. Colonies of fur seals swim in volcanic rock pools. After landing in Sullivan's Bay on southeastern Santiago Island, walk through the otherworldly landscape of solidified pa-hoe-hoe lava flows, formed during the last quarter of the 19th century. (B, L, D)

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

Your last landing in the Galápagos is on the north side of Santa Cruz at Bachas Beach where ponds entice Galápagos Flamingos to visit and iguanas to sunbathe. This beach is also one of the main sea turtle nesting sites in the Galápagos and home to the remains of barges that sank during World War II. Bid the Galápagos goodbye and return to Quito, where a day room will be available close to the airport before your flight home. (B)

4 Night Galápagos Cruise To/From Quito Peru Optional Pre-Tour Extension Peru Basin

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







Unfortunately, this tour isn't appropriate for guests who use wheelchairs or walkers as it requires walking on uneven terrain.

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1-2 NIGHTS

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Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on August 21, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October - November 2022 January - April 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

May 2023 August - October 2023 January - April 2024 (featured itinerary)

*Itinerary featured is for May 2023 - April 2024 tour departures. Departures prior to this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

See this tour online for available departure dates and pricing.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Lima and depart from Quito. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program in Peru and Ecuador are not included in the land price of your tour and must be purchased hrough us. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your four Manager. For guests wishing only to purchase internal flights from us, your international air must be arranged into Lima and out of Quito. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 800 pm on the last day Galapagos National Park entrance fees and MGAA Transit Control Card (total of approximately \$160 CAD) are included in the land price of your tour. These fees are government driven and may change due to the unique nature of the government restrictions on the Galapagos Islands. Dhobard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Suggested tipping on board cruster is 5–20 US dollars per person, per day, for the on-board crew and to 15 US dollars per person, per day for the on-board crew and to 15 US dollars per person, per day for the on-board crew and to 15 US dollars per person, per day for the on-board crew and to 15 US dollars per person, per day for the on-board crew and to 15 US dollars per person, per day for the on-board crew and to 15 US dollars per person, per day. exceed 40.55/20cms or have a capacity larger than 20 liters. Backpacks that exceed the indicated measurements can be left in storac at an approximate cost of 2 US Dollars. Also, please take notice that bringing in single-use plastic bottles, plastic bags, plastic straws o Styrofoam containers has been forbidden. We suggest bringing canteens or reusable water bottles. In general, hotels in Peru (outside rements can be left in storage of tima) are small with one or two levels and do not have elevators which may require you to climb 10-15 steps to get to from the room. While cruising the Galapagos, our ship's program is subject to change due to weather conditions or national park directives, as well as seasonality which may influence animal behaviors. The captain may deviate from the published itinerary for any reason he deems advisable. Each quest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. This tour may require a certificate of Yellow Fever inoculation if you have travelled to Brazil, Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo or Uganda prior to arrival in Ecuador. These fees are at your own expense. Visitors are required to have valid travel/health insurance to travel to Ecuador. The health insurance must cover medical services abroad if you have purchased our Travel
Protection Plan, your coverage meets this requirement. If you opted not to purchase our travel protection, you will be required to have
proof of your own coverage. Cabins available are Lower (Standard) Cabins, located on the Lower (Sea) Deck. Upgrades may be available. for Junior Cabins located on the Main (Earth) or Upper (Sky) Decks. Please inquire at time of booking. This salling will have a maximum of 16 passengers; however, if we are unable to fill the minimum capacity of 9 on the yacht, inventory will be opened to the general public. In some cases, the terrain can be a little strenuous. Passengers should consult their physician if they have any concerns regarding their physical condition. Complete passport information is required 60 days prior to departure to book train tickets to Machu Picchu and to confirm flights to the Galapagos Islands. If passport information is incomplete or inaccurate within 60 days, there is a strong possibility that we will be unable to confirm you on the same travel schedule as the rest of your group. **All rates in Canadian dollars**.

The 3 night Peruvian Amazon extension is Hosted. During this extension, you can expect to have a hosted experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences. When travelling in the Amazon you will encounter full days of sightseeing, frequently in warm temperatures. The lodge does not have air conditioning. Wi-Fi is free in the main area when electricity is running. Electricity will only be available between 4:00 a.m. to 130 pm. and 5.00 pm. to 10:00 pm. You will be travelling by small river boats to reach the lodge and by cance during some excursions and should be reasonably fit in order to board comfortably. You will be walking on nature trails which may be muddy and over one mile in length. To experience the Amazon fully, we recommend that all travellers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. In addition, guests who require assistance walking or who travel with oxygen tanks will not fully enjoy this trip and we strongly recommend a different tour.

FEATURED TOUR EXTENSION ADD 3 NIGHTS IN PERUVIAN AMAZON



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Complete your immersion in Peru with a visit to the Peruvian Amazon. Delight in the sights and sounds of this mighty rainforest and uncover a fascinating array of flora and fauna.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Sydney - Sydney Opera House - Cairns -Great Barrier Reef . Alice Springs . Uluru • Melbourne • Queenstown • Milford Sound • Mt. Cook National Park - Christchurch



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Overnight in the majestic Mt. Cook National Park.
- Take a guided tour of the Sydney Opera House - an architectural wonder.
- · Cruise Milford Sound, taking in the natural beauty that surrounds you.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

• Day 13 - Enjoy free time to explore on your own -OR- visit the Melbourne Botanical Gardens and Shrine of Remembrance.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

17 Breakfasts (B) - 2 Lunches (L) - 9 Dinners (D)

- · Witness Ayers Rock at sunset while you sip champagne.
- Take in the sights during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour.
- · Dine with a Kiwi family in their home.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2 Overnight Flight

Days 3 - 5 Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, Sydney

Bailey Crystalbrook Days 6 - 8 Collection Hotel, Cairns

Days 9, 10 Crowne Plaza Alice

Springs Lasseters Hotel,

Alice Springs

Day 11 Desert Gardens, Uluru

Days 12, 13 Mantra on Little Bourke,

Melbourne

Days 14 - 16 Novotel Queenstown

Lakeside, Queenstown The Hermitage, Mount

Day 17

Days 18, 19

Distinction Christchurch,

Christchurch

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Venture through the natural splendour of New Zealand's Southern Alps and the stillness of Australia's rugged Outback.

Day 1 - Day 2: Depart from Home

Cross the International Dateline (skipping a day ahead) for an adventure discovering the treasures of Australia and New Zealand.

Day 3: Sydney, Australia - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Sydney. Tonight join your fellow travellers and toast to the start of your adventure down under during dinner in Darling Harbour. (D)

Day 4: Sydney

Enjoy a city tour of Sydney, featuring Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, and Darlinghurst. Take an expert-led tour of the Sydney Opera House. Then, have the chance to join a special presentation at the National Opal Collection, In the evening, consider an optional dinner and engaging performance at the famous Opera House. (B)

Day 5: Sydney

Explore Sydney on your own today. Tonight, enjoy scenic vistas of Sydney during a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour. Marvel at the magnificent skyline and iconic attractions. (B, D)

Day 6: Sydney - Cairns

Fly to Cairns, the tropical gateway to the Great

Barrier Reef (UNESCO), home to thousands of species of sea life, as well as turtles and birds. (B, D)

Day 7: Cairns

Soak up the tropical atmosphere - the morning is yours. Perhaps you will take an optional tour on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, above the rainforest canopy. This afternoon, visit Hartley's Crocodile Adventures to see crocodiles on a nature cruise. Head through rainforests to see animals such as wild birds, reptiles, and wallabies. Visit with a koala and chat with a wildlife naturalist to learn more about them. (B)

Day 8: Cairns - Great Barrier Reef -**Cairns**

Board a glass-bottom catamaran and sail to the Great Barrier Reef. Spend the day however you please, perhaps choosing from a selection of included activities. Maybe you'll soak up the sun on a tiny remote island, located along the outer reef. Or, consider snorkeling in the rolling waves. You can also meet with a marine biologist or join an expert on a heritage trail walk. (B, L)

Day 9: Cairns - Alice Springs

Experience the vast landscapes and tranquility of the Outback. Your flight takes you to Alice

Springs. Tonight, continue your cultural immersion with a memorable bush dinner set against the backdrop of this unique desert environment. (B, D)

Day 10: Alice Springs

Access the history and culture of the Arrernte Aboriginal people during a guided walk on their sacred land, followed by a talk with an Aboriginal guide. This afternoon, discover a more modern side to Outback living when you visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, a lifeline to thousands across the vast terrain of Central Australia. Later, tour the Old Telegraph Station and Anzac Hill with its excellent views of Alice Springs. (B)

Day 11: Alice Springs - Uluru

Traverse the "Red Centre" and head to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock) in the heart of the Australian Outback. This huge monolith and the sandstone domes known as Kata Tjuta were created through upheaval and erosion. Tour the base of "the Rock," learning about its geology and significance to Aboriginal culture. Witness the changing colours of Uluru at sunset accompanied by a champagne toast. (B)

Day 12: Uluru - Melbourne

Fly to the beautiful Victorian city of Melbourne. Set upon the shores of Port Phillip Bay and the Yarra River, the city exudes a lively and cosmopolitan atmosphere. (B, D)

Day 13: Melbourne 😗

Set out on a city tour and see Fitzroy Gardens and Melbourne's bustling "laneways." Then, it's your choice! Enjoy free time to explore on your own -OR-visit the Melbourne Botanical Gardens and Shrine of Remembrance. With an afternoon to yourself, perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Phillip Island, home to the world's largest colony of Little Penguins, where you'll see hundreds of these birds waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their dune burrows. (B)

Day 14: Melbourne - Queenstown, New Zealand

Leave Australia behind and fly to Queenstown, New Zealand. One of New Zealand's most popular towns, Queenstown is nestled against a picturesque bay and snowcapped mountains. Home to ski resorts, hiking trails and an abundance of natural beauty, the city is known as the "Adventure Capital of the World." Settle into your new home for the next 3 nights. (B, D)

Day 15: Queenstown - Milford Sound - Queenstown

Soak in the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley as you travel through an ancient beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. Cruise the Milford Sound and see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following the cruise, consider returning to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)

Day 16: Queenstown

Your day is free to experience Queenstown your way. Shop or people-watch in the village, find a unique eatery for lunch, sample some New Zealand wine – the day is yours to enjoy this stunning city. (B)

Day 17: Queenstown - Mt. Cook National Park

Set off for the 19th-century settlement of Arrowtown, founded in the gold fever. Follow the Kawarau River and cross Lindis Pass before arriving in New Zealand's most famous national park – Mt. Cook. With free time you may choose to take a nature walk or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

Day 18: Mt. Cook National Park - Christchurch

Depart for Christchurch this morning and pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve for the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" up close. Later, join a local Kiwi family for a home hosted dinner. (B. D)

Day 19: Christchurch

Enjoy a sightseeing tour that highlights Christchurch's magnificent gardens and park district. Toast to your adventure down under at a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

Day 20: Christchurch - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







Walking for longer periods of time isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate uneven ground and climb into various modes of transportation.

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023

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This trip requires a passport. ETAs (Electronic Travel Authority) are required for this tour. For travel to Australia: Your ETA must be processed in advance of travel through the Australian Immigration website by visiting https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-travel-authority-601#HowTo or by downloading the Australian ETA app on a smartphone. The approximate cost of the ETA application is \$20 Australian Dollars. Please allow for up to 72 hours for processing. For travel to New Zealand, your NZeTA must be processed in advance through the New Zealand Immigration online system by visiting https://nzeta.immigration.govt.nz/ (approximate cost of 12 NZD) or through their mobile app NZeTA (approximate cost of 9 NZD) in addition to Tourism Levy of 35 NZD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Our air passengers will arrive into Sydney and depart from Christchurch. Airport transfers are available for purchase. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. For your sail to the Low Isles, there will be minimal amenities available on the island. Be sure to bring everything you may need for the day including water and a change of clothes. All rates in Canadian dollars.

The 3 night Fiji extension is Independent. Independently explore this destination! While this extension is not hosted or guided, it is intended to give you freedom and flexibility to explore a destination – or return to a favourite one. Due to flight schedules, on some departures the optional Fiji extension is 2 nights and is slightly lower priced.

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ADD 3 NIGHTS IN FIJI



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HIGHLIGHTS

Melbourne • Little Penguins • Tasmania • Barossa Valley Wine Tasting • Uluru • Cairns • Great Barrier Reef • Sydney Opera House • Auckland • Rotorua • Wellington • Christchurch • Queenstown • Milford Sound



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Learn about the endangered Tasmanian Devil and the conservation efforts aimed at its survival.
- See koalas in their natural setting during a stop at a koala conservation centre.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

 Day 6 — Embark on an early morning walking tour of Hobart -ORtake the morning to relax and enjoy a walking tour in the afternoon.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

24 Breakfasts (B) - 3 Lunches (L) - 11 Dinners (D)

- At sunset, enjoy a champagne toast while gazing at Uluru.
- Taste world-class wines during a private tour of Chateau Tanunda in the Barossa Valley.
- Join a local Kiwi family for a home-hosted dinner.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2
Overnight Flight

Days 3, 4
Citadines on Bourke,
Melbourne

Days 5 - 7
Hadley's Orient Hotel,

Hobart

Hobart

Days 8, 9 Pullman Adelaide,

Adelaide

Day 10 Desert Gardens Hotel,

Ayers Rock

Days 11 - 13 Flynn Crystalbrook Collection Hotel, Cairns

Days 14 - 16 Sofitel Sydney Wentworth,

Sydney

Day 17 Stamford Plaza, Auckland

Days 18, 19 Millennium Hotel, Rotorua Days 20, 21 Novotel Wellington,

Wellington

Day 22, 23 Distinction Christchurch,

Christchurch

Days 24 - 26 Heritage Hotel,

Queenstown





From the underwater splendour of the Great Barrier Reef to the towering peak of Mt. Cook – this is the South Pacific.

Day 1 - Day 2: Overnight Flight

Day 3: Melbourne, Australia - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Melbourne. Set upon the shores of Port Phillip Bay and the Yarra River, the city exudes a lively and cosmopolitan atmosphere. (D)

Day 4: Melbourne

Set out on a panoramic city tour and see Fitzroy Gardens and Melbourne's bustling "laneways." Later, head to Phillip Island, where you'll visit koalas in their natural setting at a conservation centre. Continue to the nature reserve that houses the world's largest colony of Little Penguins. Hundreds of them waddle out of the sea and cross the beach to their burrows. (B)

Day 5: Melbourne - Hobart

A flight to Hobart, Tasmania brings you to Australia's second oldest city. Tasmania is surrounded by more than 300 scattered isles. (B, D)

Day 6: Hobart 😯

Today, **it's your choice!** Embark on an early morning walking tour of the city **-OR-** take the morning to relax and enjoy a walking tour in the afternoon. No matter how you start your day, visit the Tasmanian Devil Conservation Center and

learn about this unique marsupial. Tour the Port Arthur Historic Site, the best-preserved example of Australia's original penal colonies. (B)

Day 7: Hobart

Enjoy a free day to explore Tasmania's capital city on your own. (B)

Day 8: Hobart - Adelaide

Fly to Adelaide, South Australia's bustling cosmopolitan capital. (B, D)

Day 9: Adelaide - Barossa Valley - Adelaide

Today, explore the Barossa Valley. Breathe in the calming essence of lavender at Lyndoch Lavender Farm, joining an expert on a guided tour of the estate. Savour a light lunch during a lavender tea party. Continue to Chateau Tanunda for a private tour and tasting. (B, L)

Day 10: Adelaide - Uluru (Ayers Rock)

This morning, make your way to Uluru (the Aboriginal name for Ayers Rock). As the day draws to a close, sip a glass of champagne as the sun sets over Uluru. (B)

Day 11: Uluru - Cairns

Fly to Cairns. Before your departure, perhaps you will choose to partake in an optional camel ride,

taking in the magnificent Uluru at sunrise.

Day 12: Cairns

Enjoy an unforgettable ride over the rainforest canopy. Explore the forest floor up close with access to specially designed boardwalks. (B, D)

Day 13: Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns

Board a glass-bottom catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to discover the aquatic realm of the Great Barrier Reef. Spend the day however you please, perhaps choosing from a selection of included activities like snorkeling in the rolling waves. You can also meet with a marine biologist, or join an expert on a heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

Day 14: Cairns - Sydney

Fly to Sydney. This evening, it's Diner's Choice - choose from a variety of local restaurants for an included dinner along Darling Harbour. (B, D)

Day 15: Sydney

Enjoy a city tour of Sydney, featuring Kings Cross, the Harbour Bridge, Chinatown, the Rocks, Circular Quay, the Botanic Gardens, and Darlinghurst. Take an expert-led tour of the Sydney Opera House, poised majestically on Sydney Harbour. You'll have the chance to join a special presentation at the National Opal Collection. In the evening, consider an optional dinner and performance at the Sydney Opera House. (B)

Day 16: Sydney

Enjoy a day at leisure in beautiful Sydney. (B)

Day 17: Sydney - Auckland, New Zealand

Fly to New Zealand and arrive in Auckland, the "City of Sails" for a city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, Queen Street, and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

Day 18: Auckland - Rotorua

Head to Rotorua, the Maori capital of New Zealand. (B, D)

Day 19: Rotorua

Discover Whakarewarewa - a Maori experience. Explore an authentic Maori village where people live using natural geothermal resources. At the Agrodome. see a sheep-shearing demonstration. (B)

Day 20: Rotorua - Wellington

Head to Wellington, New Zealand's capital city and the world's southernmost capital city. (B, D)

Day 21: Wellington

Tour the Beehive, New Zealand's Parliament, historic St. Paul's Church, and the Old Government Building, Explore the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongawera. (B)

Day 22: Wellington - Picton -Christchurch

Sail across the Cook Strait on your way to the historic city of Christchurch. Enjoy some free time to explore. This evening, join a local Kiwi family for a home-hosted dinner. (B, D)

Day 23: Christchurch

Enjoy a city tour that highlights the city's gardens and elegant park district. Then, visit Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. Willowbank offers the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" up close and personal. (B)

Day 24: Christchurch -Queenstown

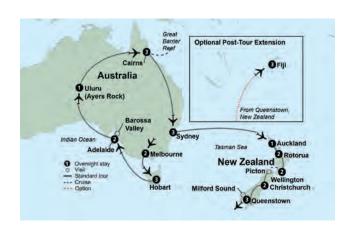
Make your way to Queenstown, nicknamed the "Adventure Capital of the World." Nestled on Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown is surrounded by stunning natural beauty. (B, D)

Day 25: Queenstown

Enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley as you travel through a beech forest via the Homer Tunnel. Cruise the breathtaking Milford Sound and see why this fjord is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, consider returning to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)

Day 26: Queenstown

A free day in Queenstown offers limitless activities set amidst breathtaking Alpine scenery. Today, you have the opportunity to partake in a tour through the charming Queenstown countryside, showcasing the filming locations of many blockbuster



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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movies. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner and toast to a fabulous trip. (B, D)

Day 27: Queenstown - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Queenstown. (B)

OUBLE Starting at \$8949 SOLO Starting at \$11549 DOUBLE

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Prices based on September 16, 2023 departure

TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023 September 2023 - April 2024

(different itinerary - see note*) (featured itinerary)

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HIGHLIGHTS

Maori Culture in Wellington - Cook Strait

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



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

Be sure to choose your option before departure.

• Day 9 - View the Franz Josef Glacier with a local guide, traversing an exclusive trail -OR- learn more about Kiwi conservation at the West Coast Wildlife Centre.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

- Taste Maori culture at a Hangi lunch.
- Sip lavender tea and enjoy culinary treats at a lavender farm in Barossa Valley.
- At a memorable Sounds of Silence dinner, dine under the stars overlooking Uluru (Ayers Rock).



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2 Overnight Flight Rydges, Wellington Days 3, 4 Days 5, 6 Hotel Nelson, Nelson Beachfront Hotel, Hokitika Day 7 Days 8, 9 Rainforest Retreat, Franz Josef

Days 10 - 12 Peppers Beacon or Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown

Days 13 - 15 Park Royal Darling Harbour, Sydney

Peppers Waymouth, Days 16, 17 Adelaide

Desert Gardens Hotel, Day 18 Ayers Rock

Days 19 - 21 Flynn Crystalbrook Collection Hotel, Cairns



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

Day 1 - Day 2: Overnight Flight

Encounter the untamed vitality and the captivating culture of New Zealand and Australia.

Day 3: Wellington, New Zealand - Tour **Begins**

Your journey starts in New Zealand, Say hello to Wellington, the colourful capital city of New Zealand.

Day 4: Wellington

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

Day 5: Wellington - Picton - Nelson

The Cook Strait will offer a picturesque landscape as you cruise over the stunning waters on your way to the South Island. Visit Nelson and enjoy an evening at leisure to experience this coastal hub. (B)

Day 6: Nelson - Abel Tasman National Park - Nelson

Explore the open-air Nelson Market. Chat with

artisans as you peruse an ever-evolving library of Kiwi crafts. Venture on to Kaiteriteri, a coastal paradise where you'll set sail through the graceful natural beauty of Abel Tasman National Park. Enjoy a picnic lunch at Anchorage, a scenic bay set amongst gentle waves and sandy coasts. (B, L)

Day 7: Nelson - Hokitika

Today venture to the natural phenomenon of Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks. Tonight, dine at your beachfront hotel. (B, D)

Day 8: Hokitika - Franz Josef

Wake up in Hokitika, better known as a "cool little town." Visit Hokitika Gorge and then return to town for a tour, ending with a walk along the beach and some free time. Make your way to Franz Josef, New Zealand's glacier country. Discover the area's seaside allure by combing the beach in search of New Zealand jade. (B)

Day 9: Franz Josef 😯

Today, it's your choice! View the Franz Josef Glacier with a local guide, traversing an exclusive trail not open to the public -OR- get a glimpse of kiwis at the West Coast Wildlife Centre. where you'll learn more about conservation and rehabilitation of this national icon. Enjoy free time to relax. (B)

Day 10: Franz Josef - Queenstown

Journey through the thick rainforest and emerge on the "wild" west coast. Flanked by beaches and the snowcapped Alps, there will be no shortage of riveting landscapes. Pause in Wanaka, and then continue to Queenstown to settle into your home for the next 3 nights. (B)

Day 11: Queenstown - Milford **Sound - Queenstown**

Enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley and cross through an ancient red beech forest. Cruise along the waters of the dramatic Milford Sound, taking in the natural splendour around you. Following your cruise, you may choose to return to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting). (B, L)

Day 12: Queenstown

Today is yours! Explore the adventure capital whichever way your heart desires. Perhaps you'll choose an optional tour to cruise Lake Wakatipu. Once on land, enjoy a BBQ lunch lakeside followed by a sheepdog demonstration. (B, D)

Day 13: Queenstown - Sydney, **Australia**

Today, enter Australia, starting your Aussie adventure in Sydney. (B)

Day 14: Sydney

During a city tour get a glimpse at all the main highlights Sydney has to offer. Then, take a step into the past and explore the historic Rocks neighbourhood. Continue along to the port Circular Quay and stroll the Royal Botanical Gardens. Here, you'll delve into Aboriginal culture by learning about native plants and foraging for traditional foods. Go behind the scenes of the Sydney Opera House on an expert-led guided tour. As the sun sets, admire the city skyline on a dinner cruise through Sydney Harbour and watch the sky transform into a myriad of pinks and oranges over the iconic Sydney Opera House. (B, D)

Day 15: Sydney

Eniov your final day in Sydney with a full day at leisure and take advantage of your included hop-on, hop-off bus passes! Perhaps go on an optional Sydney Foodie Safari or take in a performance at the Sydney Opera House. (B)

Day 16: Sydney - Adelaide

Set off on a short flight to Adelaide and indulge in a wine tasting at d'Arenberg Cube. Discover why the wine maker is referred to as the "Willy Wonka of Wines."

Day 17: Adelaide - Barossa Valley -**Adelaide**

Enjoy a full-day exploration of the Barossa Valley's fine food and wine. Breathe in the calming essence of lavender at Lyndoch Lavender Farm, joining an expert on a guided tour. Savour a light lunch during a lavender tea party, featuring flavourful bites and lavender sweets. Your vintner voyage continues with a tour and tasting at the famous Seppeltsfield Winery. (B, L)

Day 18: Adelaide - Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Your adventure continues to Uluru (Avers Rock). After your flight from Adelaide, relish in free time this afternoon before gathering for an unforgettable evening in this Aboriginal destination. Experience the Sounds of Silence dinner, a gourmet meal overlooking the glowing Uluru. Savour dinner under a bed of stars, overlooking Australia's greatest natural wonder. (B, D)

Day 19: Uluru (Ayers Rock) - Cairns

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

Day 20: Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns

Board a glass-bottom catamaran and sail to the Low Isles to discover the aquatic realm of the Great Barrier Reef. Spend the day however you please, perhaps choosing from a selection of included activities. Maybe you'll soak up the sun on a tiny remote island, located along the outer reef. Or consider snorkeling in the rolling waves, uncovering a pod of vibrant sea life. You can also meet with a marine biologist, or join an expert on a heritage trail walk along the island. (B, L)

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Day 21: Cairns

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

Day 22: Cairns - Tour Ends

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

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TOUR DATES AVAILABLE

October 2022 - April 2023 May 2023

(different itinerary - see note*)

September 2023 - April 2024

(featured itinerary)

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HIGHLIGHTS

Auckland • Bay of Islands • Rotorua •
Maori Cultural Experience • Wellington
• Christchurch • Mt. Cook Region •
Dunedin • Milford Sound • Queenstown
• Lake Wakatipu Cruise & Sheepdog
Demonstration



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Cruise through the Bay of Islands' famous "Hole in the Rock."
- Overnight in the spectacular Mt. Cook region where permanent ice fields and glaciers blanket the ragged peaks.
- Visit Walter Peak High Country farm for a sheepdog demonstration.



IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

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 Day 18 — Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park -OR- take a gondola to the top of Bob's Peak for stunning panoramic views of the region.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

16 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

- Experience an authentic Hangi dinner and learn about Maori culture.
- Enjoy a BBQ on the western shore of Lake Wakatipu.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1, 2 Overnight Flight

Days 3, 4 Stamford Plaza Hotel,
Auckland

Days 5, 6 Copthorne Hotel and
Resort, Waitangi, Bay of
Islands

Days 7, 8 Millennium Hotel, Rotorua

Days 9, 10 Novotel, Wellington
Days 11, 12 Distinction, Christchurch
The Hermitage Hotel,

Mount Cook

Days 14, 15 Scenic Hotel Southern
Cross, Dunedin

Days 16 - 18 Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, Queenstown

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



From geothermal springs and ice fields to stunning fjords and Maori culture, experience New Zealand at its best.

Day 1 - Day 2: Depart from Home

Cross the International Dateline and begin the adventure of a lifetime by skipping a day ahead.

Day 3: Auckland, New Zealand - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Auckland, the "City of Sails." This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 4: Auckland

Today, your panoramic city tour features the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, bustling Queen Street, and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. The afternoon is yours to explore on your own. Perhaps you will choose to go on an optional America's Cup sailing experience. (B)

Day 5: Auckland - Bay of Islands

Depart Auckland and travel north to the Bay of Islands, your home for the next 2 nights. This sunsoaked region boasts more than 144 islands and warm waters with abundant marine life. Visit the Waitangi Treaty House, the site where Maori and British leaders signed the 1840 treaty establishing New Zealand as a nation. (B, D)

Day 6: Bay of Islands

Begin the day with a cruise that features the bay's famous Hole in the Rock. Look out at the Cape

Brett Lighthouse, standing nearly 500 feet above sea level at the edge of the Cape Brett Peninsula. The rest of the day is yours to independently explore Paihia - the quaint town known as "the jewel of the Bay of Islands." (B)

Day 7: Bay of Islands - Matakohe - Rotorua

Leave the sparkling waters of the Bay of Islands behind and head to Matakohe in the heartland of the North Island. Make a stop at the Kauri Museum and come to know the stories surrounding the giant kauri tree that can live for 2,000 years. Discover how the early settlers used this abundant tree to build a life for themselves. Later, continue on to the town of Rotorua, known for geothermal activity and Maori culture. (B, D)

Day 8: Rotorua

Find yourself amid the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua, known as the Maori capital of New Zealand. Visit Whakarewarewa, a Maori cultural and geothermal experience. Explore an authentic Maori village where people live using natural geothermal resources to cook, bathe and heat their homes as they have done for centuries. In the evening, experience ceremonial Maori rituals at an authentic Hangi dinner and performance. (B, D)

Day 9: Rotorua - Wellington

Today we travel to Wellington, a coastal city nestled against the mountains. Embark on a tour of New Zealand's capital city and see the Beehive - New Zealand's Parliament; historic St. Paul's Church; and the Old Government Building, the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. (B, D)

Day 10: Wellington

Explore the Te Papa Tongawera Museum, a fascinating centre dedicated to art, history, and the Maori culture before enjoying the rest of the day at leisure to explore on your

Day 11: Wellington - Picton -Christchurch

Board a ferry and sail across Cook Strait. Experience what is considered to be one of the most beautiful ferry rides in the world. Arrive in Picton on the South Island where you will have free time for lunch. Continue along the breathtaking east coast to Christchurch, (B)

Day 12: Christchurch

Christchurch, the "Garden City," is recreating itself after a devastating earthquake in 2011. See firsthand how this city is evolving on a sightseeing tour that highlights the city's magnificent gardens and elegant park district. Pay a visit to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve, a leader in the conservation of New Zealand species. Here, you'll have the chance to view New Zealand's "Big 5" - kiwi, kaka, tuatara, kea, and takahe - up close and personal. (B)

Day 13: Christchurch - Mt. Cook Region

Journey through New Zealand's unspoiled wilderness and arrive in the Mt. Cook region, where permanent ice fields and glaciers blanket the ragged peaks. The Maori word for Mt. Cook is *Aoraki*, which means "cloud piercer." This is where famed New Zealand mountaineer Sir Edmund Hillary honed his skills before conquering Everest. You can take a nature walk, enjoy an optional glacier flightseeing tour (weather permitting), or simply meditate on the beauty of the Southern Alps. (B, D)

Day 14: Mt. Cook Region - Dunedin Travel to Dunedin, situated on the southeast

coast of New Zealand. One of the earliest European settlements on the islands. Dunedin holds proudly to its Scottish heritage and traditions. Enjoy time to explore this cultural city on your own. (B)

Day 15: Dunedin

Start your morning with a panoramic tour, visiting Larnach Castle and Baldwin Street - the world's steepest public road. Later, spend time at the Royal Albatross Centre, the only mainland breeding location in the world for these otherworldly birds. Albatrosses are the focus in many seafaring myths, and their epic wingspan can reach nearly 10 feet. (B, D)

Day 16: Dunedin - Queenstown

Enjoy the rugged grandeur of the Hollyford Valley and the Homer Tunnel as you head to Queenstown, a mountainside town set against the shores of Lake Wakatipu. The rest of your day is yours to explore the city dubbed the "adventure capital of the world." (B)

Day 17: Queenstown - Milford **Sound - Queenstown**

During a cruise of the beautiful Milford Sound, you will see why this fjord is one of the most visited sites on the South Island. With rock faces that rise nearly 4.000 feet on either side, the scenery will take your breath away. On your return to Queenstown, perhaps you will consider an optional scenic flight, allowing you to see the landscape from an entirely new perspective. (B, L)

Day 18: Queenstown 😯

Cruise Lake Wakatipu surrounded by Queenstown's stunning landscape aboard an iconic coal-fired steamship. Then, enjoy a BBQ lunch lakeside followed by a sheepdog demonstration before sailing back. Later, it's your choice! Go bird watching at the Kiwi Birdlife Park -OR- take a gondola to Bob's Peak for stunning views of the area. Gather for a farewell dinner and enjoy a locally sourced meal. (B, L, D)

Day 19: Queenstown - Tour Ends Your adventure comes to a close today,

leaving you with many pleasant memories of a wonderful trip. (B)



TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL







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Payments

Land Package Deposit

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- 60 16 days prior to departure: 40% of total price
- 15 1 day prior to departure: 75% of total price
- Day of departure and after: 100% of total price

Exceptions:

Ocean Cruises:

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- 90 61 days prior to departure: 35% of total price
- 60 31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price
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- 60 31 days prior to departure: 85% of total price
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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.

RESERVATION information

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 baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. 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 travelling 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 accepts the condition that Collette reserves to itself the exclusive right to cancel, re-schedule or make other adjustments to any guided vacation departure in any circumstances deemed necessary, including in accordance with operating requirements or circumstances beyond its control, including for tours designated as "guaranteed departures." If cancellation is made by Collette any time prior to the departure date of the guided vacation, except when a customer fails to pay the final balance on time, Collette, at its sole discretion, will offer a comparable vacation on an alternate departure date, or reserves the right to offer a future travel credit. Collette will refund any difference in price if the alternative date is of a lower price, however the guest will be responsible for additional costs if the alternative is priced higher. Collette will not be liable for cancellation, delay, rescheduling or other adjustment or impact to a departure or itinerary or other aspect of the vacation brought about due to force majeure or other circumstance beyond its control that prevents or interferes with any aspect of the tour, also including governmental and administrative actions. Collette is not responsible for other travel arrangements affected due to our cancelations or change costs or penalties incurred on other travel arrangements, including air tickets.

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 211 and supersede any other previously printed policies relating to these same charges.

GENERAL DISCLAIMER

Collette monitors 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 instrument owned,

operated or otherwise used by any of these suppliers, 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 travelling 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 travelling 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 travelling with children, you are solely responsible for their behaviour 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

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.

FORUM SELECTION AND CHOICE OF LAW

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED AND INTERPRETED PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES HERETO AND THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL COURTS IN ONTARIO SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE AND SOLE JURISDICTION OVER ANY DISPUTE, CONTROVERSY OR SUIT ARISING RELATIVE TO THIS AGREEMENT.

DISPUTES/CLASS ACTION WAIVER

YOU AGREE THAT YOU WILL ONLY BRING CLAIMS AGAINST COLLETTE IN YOUR INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY AND NOT AS A PLAINTIFF OR CLASS MEMBER IN ANY PURPORTED CLASS ACTION OR REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDING. COLLETTE SHALL NOT IN ANY CASE BE LIABLE FOR OTHER THAN COMPENSATORY DAMAGES, AND YOUR PAYMENT OF A DEPOSIT ON A TOUR MEANS THAT YOU AGREE TO THESE CONDITIONS OF SALE AND EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO PUNITIVE DAMAGES.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of information in our brochures, on our website or communicated by our reservation staff, errors or omissions are possible and Collette is not responsible for such error. If a mistake is made in billing, we reserve the right to correct the invoice and you will be responsible for proper payment.

SEVERABILITY

In the event that any clause in this agreement is determined to be invalid, the remaining provisions are valid and enforceable. The invalid provision shall be replaced by Collette by a clause as similar as practicable.

Consumer Protection Plans

Collette is a member of the following organizations: the National Tour Association, the United States Tour Operators Association, and the Travel Industry Council of Ontario. 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*) Collette's Travel Protection Plan (for Canadian citizens or residents only*)

For all Canadian Residents who purchased a Travel Protection Plan, the Post Departure coverage and benefits are administered by TuGo and underwritten by Industrial Alliance. TuGo will provide your specific policy document and an individual policy number that will be sent directly to you as

confirmation of your enrollment. The policy will be emailed from: donotreply@tugo.com. If you have further questions about your policy, please call TuGo at 1-855-929-8846 or email info@tugo.com.

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 Industrial Alliance of Canada. 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. Hotel and meal costs only (up to \$200/day and MAX \$1,000 total) incurred as a result of post tour government imposed quarantine may be eligible for reimbursement under this this plan. The Travel Protection Plan fee with air only covers airline tickets that you purchase from

Exception: If you originally purchased Instant Purchase 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.

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

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. The individual travelling will be required to pay the single supplement to Collette and any eligible claims will be through TuGo. .

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 Cancellation Fee Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan, please call Collette and send any unused airline tickets to:

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 Industrial Alliance of Canada.

Part B Insurance Benefits is administered by North American Air Travel Insurance Agents Ltd. doing business as TuGo°. (*NOT AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF QUEBEC).

TuGo will provide your specific policy form and an individual policy number that will be sent directly to you as confirmation of your enrollment. The policy will be emailed from: donotreply@tugo.com. If you have further questions about your policy, please call TuGo at 1-855-929-8846 or email info@tuqo.

Schedule of Benefits

The following plans are included in your insurance package:

COVERAGE		MAXIMUM LIMITS PER INSURED
Emergency	Medical	\$1,000,000*
Accidental	Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Baggage	-Baggage & Personal Effects	\$25,000
	-Baggage Delay	\$500**

^{*}Some benefits within this coverage have their own limits. Refer to the policy wording for details.

Non-Insurance Services

OneWorld Assist Inc. doing business as Claims at TuGo is our claims and assistance provider and performs all assistance services and administers claims on our behalf under this policy. Claims at TuGo provides ISO 9001:2015 certified service.

For hospitalizations, contact Claims at TuGo immediately:

From Canada & USA......1-800-663-0399 From Mexico.......001-800-514-9976 or 800-681-8070

Outside North America & Mexico (global toll-free)*800-663-0399 Worldwide (collect).......604-278-4108

When you call, please be ready to provide:

- The partner code listed on your policy declaration

Generali Global Assistance Concierge Services

To speak with Generali Global Assistance (GGA) for concierge services only, simply call: From Canada & USA......1-833-430-3653

Worldwide (collect)......954-308-3925 ops@gga-usa.com

When you call, please be ready to provide:

- The partner code listed on your policy declaration
- A phone number where Generali Global Assistance may reach you

Please Note: Plan cost is based upon the cost of your trip. Benefits are described on a general basis only. The information noted here is only an outline of the coverage available, and is subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of the policy. Please refer to the individual policy documents for complete details. Plan benefits, limits and provisions may vary by province jurisdiction. You will receive a policy and a Description of 24-Hour Emergency Assistance Services which describe the benefits and limitations in detail.

Payment for the plan(s) is required at time of purchase and is non-refundable outside of the 10-day free look period. Prices and coverage are subject to change. For full plan details, please call TuGo at 1-855-929-8846 or email info@tugo.com (except for the Part A: Cancel for Any Reason Waiver).

Any notices of claim or correspondence concerning a claim should be promptly sent to:

Claims Contact Information

For hospitalizations, contact Claims at TuGo immediately:

From Canada & USA.....1-800-663-0399 Outside North America & Mexico (global toll-free).....*800-663-0399 Worldwide (collect)......604-278-4108

*Visit tugo.com/claims for international access codes.

Email claims@tugo.com

- When you call, please be ready to provide:
- The partner code listed on your policy declaration

Collette's Travel Protection Plan Pricing (per person)

The Cost below of the Travel Protection Plan includes both the optional Part A Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver Provided By Collette Travel Service, Inc. and the Part B insurance benefits underwritten by TuGo, as well as non-insurance assistance services. Pricing is available for either Part A or Part B on a stand alone basis, please contact Collette for more information.

Land Only Clients:

- \$199 adult/\$199 child for all North America escorted tours under 6 days
- \$349 adult/\$249 child for all North America escorted tours of 6 days or more
- \$449 adult/\$299 child for all international tours (not otherwise listed below)
- \$499 adult/\$349 child for all Canadian Rockies train tours
- \$549 adult/\$399 child for all cruises, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- \$549 adult/\$399 child for Galapagos tours
- \$999 adult/\$549 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 fees. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

Air-Inclusive Clients (Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)

- \$249 adult/child for all North America tours under 6 days
- \$399 adult/child for all North America tours of 6 days or more
- \$499 adult/child for all international tours (not otherwise listed below)
- \$549 adult/child for all Canadian Rockies train tours
- \$649 adult/child for all cruises, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- \$649 adult/child for Galapagos tours
- \$1099 adult/child for Antarctica tours

Collette's Travel Protection Plan for air-inclusive clients 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. 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

To review full plan details, see our travel protection plan info on the terms and conditions pages of our website.

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^{**} This limit is subject to the overall maximum limit for baggage coverage.



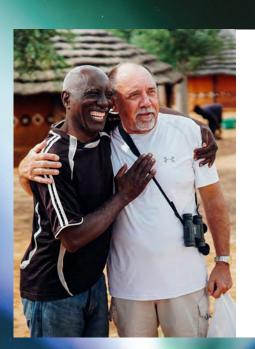
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Making a better world... together

Collette travellers – you know that this world is amazing; it's why exploring it drives you every day. Caring for this world, and protecting it matters to us all.

Travellers participate in on-tour experiences that support the communities we visit and the locals who live there. Travellers take carbon-neutral land tours with us as well, with our small group Explorations style. Collette employees volunteer in local communities. We support organizations doing amazing work through grants from our nonprofit, **The Collette Foundation.** From hunger and education to sustainable travel and carbon offsetting (and so much more!), we have big goals. There's a lot of work to do.

Thank you for blazing this trail with us. Together, let's make a better world.

Collette is honoured to earn these awards:

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