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Small Group
EXPLORATIONS

2027–2028

A cooking class held in a 13th-century tower in Italy. Learning about tradition and craft from a Peruvian weaver. Spending a night singing sea shanties with a local band in Cornwall.

These aren't the kinds of experiences you just stumble upon while travelling. They come from local relationships and local knowledge — the kind that turns a visit into a genuine connection with a place.

When we design our Explorations tours, we cap our groups at 24 travellers (19 on average) to allow for the type of access that you simply can't get with larger groups. But the truth is, these journeys are defined by so much more than group size. We take a "By Travellers, For Travellers" approach to crafting them. That means they're created in destination, by the people who call these places home. Locals who know the details that reveal something deeper than what you might find on your own.

In my own travels, those moments of genuine connection are what I value most. It's the conversation that wasn't on the itinerary, the insider perspective that helps you see a place differently, or the realization that despite different backgrounds and experiences, we often have more in common than we expect. And those are exactly the kinds of experiences Explorations is designed to make possible.

I can't wait to hear where your next journey takes you, and what stories come back with you.

Warm Regards,

Jaclyn Leibl-Cote
President & CEO, Collette

What Makes Explorations *Feel Different*

Crafted for an average of just 19 travellers (24 maximum), these experiential journeys feel both relaxed and immersive. You'll stay in places others can't, connect with people you've just met, and experience moments others only dream of.

The Premium Experience

NEW! *Tips & Drinks Now Included*

You asked and we answered! Now, when you book your tour, you can enjoy complimentary drinks with your included lunches and dinners and included gratuities for your local tour guides.

EXPERIENCE-RICH DESIGN

A conversation with a North Korean defector. An off-road ride on Mt. Etna. A shared meal in a Victoria Falls home. Our Explorations small group tours are designed by locals to offer you moments you simply won't find in a guidebook.

MORE TIME WELL SPENT

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

FREE TIME TO DO AS YOU PLEASE

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

INDUSTRY-LEADING SERVICE

Rest easy knowing you have 24/7 support throughout your trip. Plus, our industry-leading Travel Protection Plan lets you cancel up to 24 hours before departure and receive a full refund, minus the cost of the plan.*

IMPACT MOMENTS

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

Locally Designed. Globally Delivered. *Never Generic.*

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Travel built for connection through local relationships and insight. It's how we've designed tours since 1918.

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By Travellers. *For Travellers.*

You probably wouldn't knock on a stranger's door while travelling. But through the connections and insight that go into every Explorations tour, you'll be welcomed inside local homes. This is what it feels like to have the type of access that unlocks a destination in a meaningful way.

What This Means for You

- You'll stay in culturally reflective accommodations like secluded ecolodges and tented desert camps.
- You'll ride the way locals often ride through destinations — on boats, rickshaws, gondolas, or the back of a vespa.
- You'll go where locals go — to the market for fresh ingredients or to the temple for a moment of reverence.
- You'll learn about First Nations traditions or what life in East Germany was like before the fall of the wall.

Plus, you'll support local communities. We weave Responsible Travel Highlights and Impact Moments into our tours, so you can experience authentic daily life while benefiting the community.

Sahara Desert Camp, Morocco

A Tour Designer's Touch

Born and raised in Rome, Shannon grew up among the people who make travel work — tour managers, local guides, airline agents, and hoteliers.

She brings her encyclopedic knowledge of local history, culture, and hidden gems to hand-picking every moment, so you can spend your travels connecting with the essence of Italian life.

Alcamo, Sicily

Salina, Sicily

Calatafimi-Segesta, Sicily

"I loved meeting the local people throughout our journey. The winemakers at Tonnino Winery, the salt pans, the caper farm with lunch... I could go on and on."

– LINDA W., TRAVELLER ON SICILY AND ITS ISLES, PG. 144

Shannon L.

TOUR DESIGNER: ITALY

Rooted in Curiosity.
Built on Legacy.

So much of travel is driven by curiosity. That's why we created Explorations — to help you unlock a destination through experiences. It's an approach rooted in our philosophy of By Travellers, For Travellers and refined over 109 years.

Moments That Go Deeper

CO | *Aurora Adventure: Winter in the Canadian Rockies & Yukon*

At a Calgary farmers market, conversations with local ranchers and farmers reveal how Alberta's culture and traditions have been shaped by the land and its bounty. *See page 164.*

CO | *Peru: Machu Picchu & Lake Titicaca*

Visit the ceramics studio of Pablo Seminario, whose work draws inspiration from ancient Andean traditions, and learn some of the signature techniques behind his distinctive pottery. *See page 78.*

CO | *The Balkans*

Meet with a survivor of the Siege of Sarajevo and hear a firsthand account of resilience during the conflict. Then walk the Tunnel of Hope, the underground lifeline that sustained the city throughout the siege. *See page 92.*

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

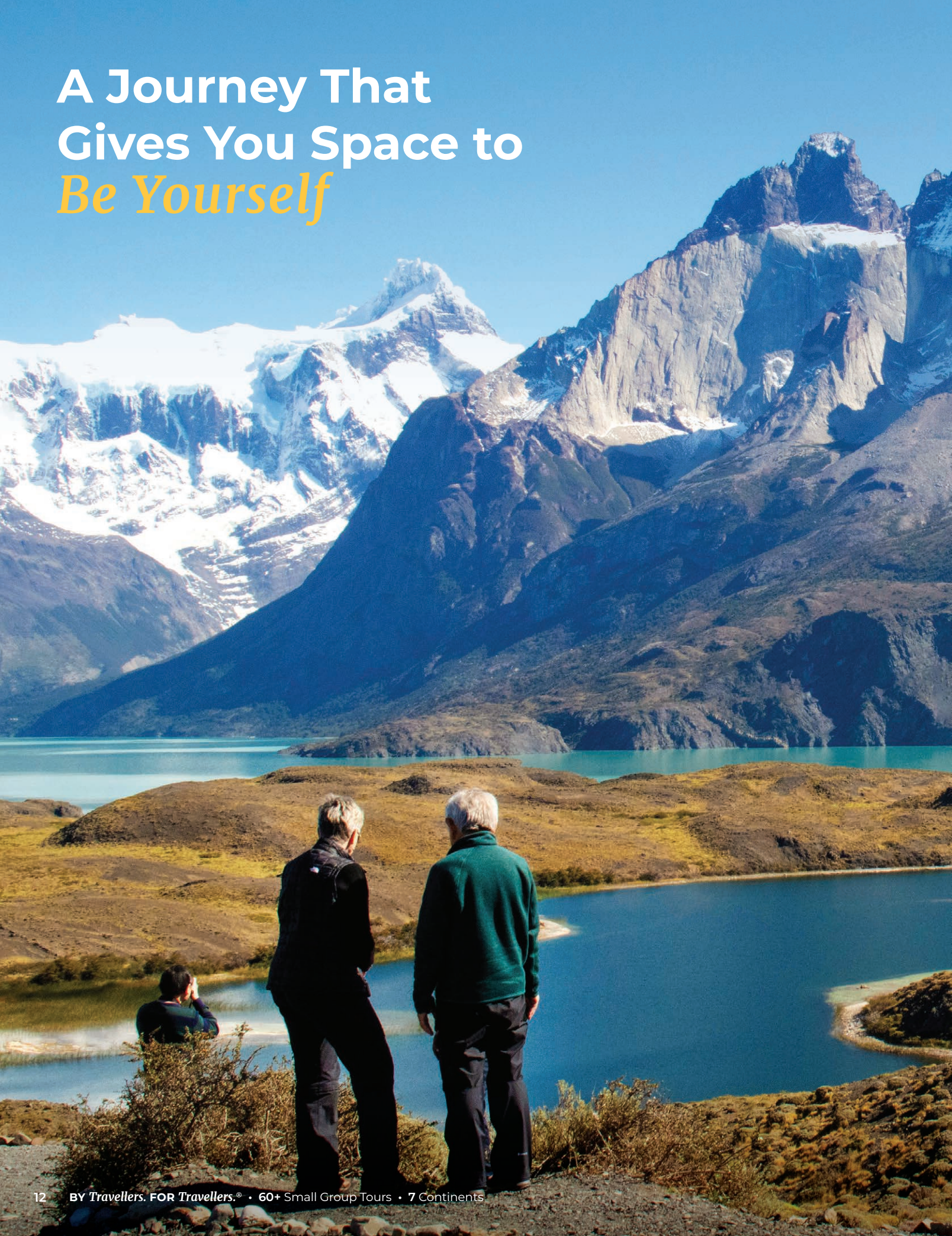
Peace of Mind, by Design

You're a born traveller. We are too, so we get it — you don't want to worry about the details when you're embarking on a big trip. That's why Collette takes on all the planning and logistics, so you can stay focused on the adventure ahead.

- Our Travel Protection Plan allows you to cancel for any reason up to 24 hours before departure for a full refund, less the cost of the plan.*
- Enjoy private chauffeur service to and from the airport when you purchase air through Collette.*
- Always-there 24/7 support means assistance is available whenever you need it.

*Conditions Apply.

A Journey That Gives You Space to *Be Yourself*



How to Personalize *Your Trip*

Make your journey your own with flexible options that let you tailor your experience before, during, and after your tour.

PRE- OR POST-NIGHTS

Looking to start early or not ready to head home? Add extra nights before or after your tour to settle in, revisit a favourite spot, or explore at your own pace. Plus, if you book your air travel with us, you'll receive a ride to the airport while travelling, no matter how many days you add before or after your trip.*

IT'S YOUR CHOICE

Enjoy the freedom to choose. Some days offer the opportunity to choose between two included experiences, allowing you to personalize your tour while staying with the group. Look for "**IT'S YOUR CHOICE!**" in the itinerary.

FREE TIME

Discover on your own terms. Enjoy a thoughtful blend of guided experiences and free time to wander, relax, shop, or uncover your own favourite corners of a destination.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Add even more to your journey. Choose from optional excursions that let you dive deeper into the places that capture your imagination.

BACK-TO-BACK TOURS

Why stop at one adventure? Many tours are designed to pair together, making it easy to continue your travels with another unforgettable journey.

Solo Travellers Love Explorations

Small group travel allows you to explore with comfort and confidence. Enjoy moving at your own pace during free time, connecting with a community of like-minded adventurers, and discovering somewhere new with all logistics handled.

*Conditions Apply.

PACIFIC OCEAN

North America

6 Explorations
+34 other tours

ATLANTIC OCEAN

Central & South America

6 Explorations
+1 other tour

Where to Next?

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

Trending Explorations Tours Travellers Love:

- Aurora Adventure: Winter in the Canadian Rockies & The Yukon
- Gems of Greece: Athens, Naxos & Crete
- Nordic Discovery
- Journey Through Northern Vietnam
- Peaks of Europe
- Portugal's Old-World Charms

ARCTIC OCEAN

NEW Sardinia & Corsica: Islands of Italy & France

NEW Treasures of the Mekong

Europe

29 Explorations
+48 other tours

Asia

8 Explorations
+1 other tour

Africa

9 Explorations
+1 other tour

INDIAN OCEAN

NEW Iconic South Africa: Cities, Safaris & Landscapes

South Pacific

2 Explorations
+4 other tours

SOUTHERN OCEAN

Antarctica: The White Continent

Antarctica

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AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST

Kruger National Park, South Africa

Navigating the Nile's Legends

A motorboat ride along the Nile brings you to the island home of Philae Temple — and into the world of ancient Egypt. Dedicated to the goddess Isis, this sacred site survived centuries of change and was carefully relocated to ensure flooding wouldn't damage its treasures. On **Cape Town to Cairo: The Ultimate African Expedition**, you'll explore its enduring legacy firsthand.

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Life Along the Water's Edge

It's a side of Southern Africa that few travellers experience: three days spent on a privately chartered boat sailing across Lake Kariba. You'll spot incredible wildlife, speak to locals who live along the water, and discover a different style of safari. It's one of the many ways **Wilderness of Southern Africa: Safari by Land & Water** will broaden your horizons and enrich your understanding of the region.

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NEW TOUR

Small Group

Cape Town to Cairo: The Ultimate African Expedition

featuring Victoria Falls, Masai Mara, & 4-Night Luxor to Aswan Cruise

25 DAYS • 50 MEALS • STARTING AT $18,599

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$18,599 (DOUBLE)** or **$22,699 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on May 18, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

September – November 2027; February – May 2028
(featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight Your adventure through Africa begins!

Day 2: Johannesburg, South Africa Welcome to Johannesburg, South Africa's vibrant gateway city. After your long international flights, there are no scheduled activities today.

Day 3: Johannesburg - Kruger National Park Leave the city behind and start your adventure with a six-hour overland drive into the wild as you head to Kruger National Park, South Africa's largest game reserve. See the expansive savannas and diverse ecosystems that make Kruger so unique. Your lodge, positioned at the park's entrance, sets the stage for your safari experience. Tonight, gather with fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 4: Kruger National Park Set out on a full-day game drive in an open-air vehicle, searching for Africa's iconic "Big 5" — lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and buffalos. Pause midday for a picnic lunch, then continue your safari into the afternoon. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Kruger National Park This morning in Kruger National Park, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Rise early for a sunrise safari to watch the landscape awaken **-OR-** or enjoy a slower start and head out later for an afternoon game drive. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Kruger National Park - Cape Town Fly south to Cape Town, South Africa's electric cultural mecca, and settle in for your three-night stay. (B)

Day 7: Cape Town Start your day with a ride up Table Mountain by cable car, where panoramic views stretch from Lion's Head to Robben Island. Then, dive into Cape Town's rich history on a guided city tour including a drive past the colourful Bo-Kaap and a walk through The Company's Garden. Your tour will end early afternoon. Tonight, travel to a home of a Capetonian family where you're an honoured guest. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like in Cape Town. (B, D)

Day 8: Cape Town Venture along the Western Cape, stopping at the legendary Cape of Good Hope, where dramatic cliffs meet the crashing sea. Take a funicular to the top of Cape Point and hike up sandstone steps to the lighthouse. Enjoy free time for lunch before heading to Boulders Beach to see the protected colony of endangered African penguins. (B)

Day 9: Cape Town - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe Fly to the awe-inspiring Victoria Falls. Settle in at your lodge overlooking Zambezi National Park. (B, D)

Day 10: Victoria Falls Feel the mist on your face as you stand before the mighty Victoria Falls. After a free afternoon, unwind with a sunset cruise along the Zambezi River. (B)

Day 11: Victoria Falls This morning, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you connect with conservation efforts during a visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust. After, travel into Chinotimba township and market — a bustling hub and great place to shop for some African souvenirs to take back home. (B, L)

Day 12: Victoria Falls - Nairobi, Kenya This morning, you might opt to join a responsibly organized wildlife viewing with African elephants in their natural habitat as you learn about them from their handlers. Later this afternoon, fly to Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya. (B, L)

Day 13: Nairobi - Masai Mara National Reserve Depart Nairobi early this morning and begin your journey in specially designed 4x4 safari vehicles into the Masai Mara. Traverse along roads that can be bumpy and dusty

at times — it all adds to the adventure! Settle into your tented safari camp — an experience that brings you closer to nature. You won't sacrifice comfort in these unique semi-permanent tents complete with plush bedding and en-suite facilities. This afternoon, head out on your first game drive and witness the Mara's incredible biodiversity. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Masai Mara National Reserve Today, go deeper into the wild with a morning and afternoon game drive. As you explore the Mara's open grasslands and rolling plains, you'll have the chance to see large herds of antelope and wildebeest. Keep your eyes peeled for the "Big 5" and enjoy a picnic lunch on the open plains, surrounded by zebras and scattered acacia trees. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Masai Mara National Reserve After breakfast, depart on an early morning game drive, returning to camp mid-morning. Perhaps you'll spend some time in one of the camp's treehouses, spotting giraffes in the distance. Later, head out on an afternoon game drive, returning to camp as the sun sets. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Masai Mara National Reserve - Nairobi Return to Nairobi and step into the world of *Out of Africa* with a visit to Karen Blixen's farmhouse. Enjoy a free evening to relax. (B, L)

Day 17: Nairobi - Cairo, Egypt Pre-dawn this morning, say goodbye to your African Tour Manager before boarding your five-hour flight to Cairo, Egypt. Upon arrival, meet your Egyptian Tour Manager, who will accompany you for the rest of the tour. Feel Cairo's energy wrap around you as you arrive to your hotel for a two-night stay. Take the rest of the day to relax and catch up on sleep after the red-eye flight. This evening, gather for your first taste of Egyptian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 18: Cairo Be prepared for a dose of Cairo's legendary traffic as you head to Giza this morning. Today, stand in awe before the Pyramids of Giza and the enigmatic Great Sphinx — timeless icons of human achievement. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon and enjoy a free evening. (B, L)

Day 19: Cairo - Luxor - Board Ship Rise before dawn for your 75-minute flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, visit the expansive Karnak Temple — a sprawling 4,000-year-old complex of towering pylons and intricate obelisks. Then, board your Nile River cruise ship and settle in for your four-night voyage. After lunch on board, enjoy a leisurely afternoon to explore the ship. This evening, gather for your first dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

Day 20: Luxor - Valley of the Kings - Edfu As dawn breaks, venture to Luxor's West Bank, trekking along the elaborate tombs of the Valley of the Kings. Delve even further into Egyptian legends with an included viewing of the tombs of King Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut as well as the Colossi of Memnon before returning to the ship. In the early afternoon, set sail to Edfu, where you'll arrive early tomorrow morning. As you sail upstream, glimpse the small farms scattered along the Nile's banks, and appreciate the simple, modest livings of local farmers. (B, L, D)

Day 21: Edfu - Kom Ombo In Edfu, pick between an early or a late start to your day, because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Head out at daybreak for a guided visit of the mesmerizing Temple of Horus, returning for a late breakfast aboard **-OR-** rise at your leisure and linger over a relaxed breakfast, as you take in views of a place where daily life has changed little over the centuries. This afternoon, coast along to Kom Ombo and visit a rare double temple. Then, sail on to Aswan. This evening, don a traditional Egyptian gown and join a festive *galabeya* party for a fun evening on board. (B, L, D)

Day 22: Aswan Your morning opens in Aswan, the Nubian city. Discover the mysteries of Philae Temple. Located on a small island, this complex can only be reached by motorboat. Philae is among the architectural wonders rescued from the rising waters of the Nile during the construction of the High Dam. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aswan. Perhaps you'll visit the fascinating artifacts at the Nubian Archeological Museum. This evening, aboard a *felucca* (wooden sailboat) and enjoy dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

Day 23: Disembark Ship - Fly to Cairo Early this morning, return to Cairo with a 90-minute flight. Upon arrival, head towards the old town and enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous Khan el-Khalili bazaar. Peruse colourful trinkets, hand-painted crafts, polished pendants, and more. This afternoon, check into your hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B)

Day 24: Cairo This morning, get a glimpse into ancient Egypt's pharaohs, power struggles, and dynasties during a visit to the recently inaugurated Grand Egyptian Museum. This world-class landmark showcases over 100,000 ancient artifacts, including the treasures discovered in 1922 in King Tutankhamun's sepulcher. Tonight, toast to the memories made on this epic journey through Africa at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 25: Cairo - Tour Ends Your adventure in Africa ends today. (B)

Arrival: Johannesburg (JNB) **Departure:** Cairo (CAI)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre, Johannesburg
Days 3 – 5	Mdluli Safari Lodge, Kruger National Park
Days 6 – 8	Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town
Days 9 – 11	Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Victoria Falls
Day 12	Ole Sereni Hotel, Nairobi
Days 13 – 15	Mara Fig Tree Camp, Masai Mara
Day 16	Hilton Garden Inn Nairobi Airport, Nairobi
Days 17, 18	Marriott Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo ▲
Days 19 – 22	*Jaz Elite Regent*
Days 23, 24	Marriott Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo ▲

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

23 Breakfasts (B) • 13 Lunches (L) • 14 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Johannesburg · Pre-Night Stay

Cairo · Post-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

A FASTER PACE

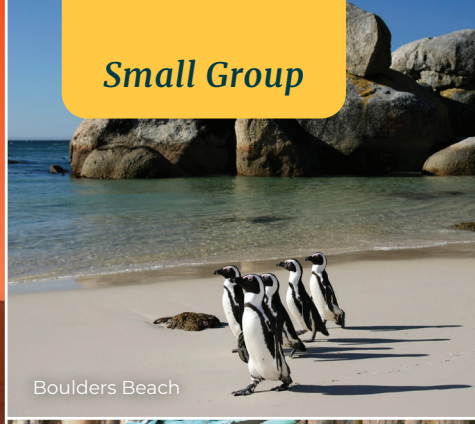
This tour moves at a brisker pace to make the most of your time in these iconic destinations. Expect several early-morning departures — typically between 5:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. — to enjoy cooler temperatures and arrive ahead of the crowds at sites like the Pyramids of Giza, the Valley of the Kings, and Edfu. Due to flight schedules, some travel days may begin even earlier, with departures as early as 1:30 a.m.

Namibia & South Africa:
Epic Landscapes and Wildlife

18 DAYS • 34 MEALS • STARTING AT $15,199

Sossusvlei Dunes

Small Group


Boulders Beach

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EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **11** • Tour Activity Level: **4** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$15,199 (DOUBLE)** or **$17,199 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on August 8, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

April 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight You're on your way to South Africa and Namibia, two nations with intertwined histories and some of the most incredible landscapes, wildlife, and cultural diversity in the world. Get ready for a truly unique experience, from the dunes of Sossusvlei to the coasts of Cape Town.

Day 2: Johannesburg, South Africa Arrive in Johannesburg after your overnight flight. Get settled at your airport hotel and rest before tomorrow's morning flight to Namibia. As arrival times will vary, there are no scheduled activities today. Settle in at your own pace, perhaps exploring the city independently.

Day 3: Johannesburg - Windhoek, Namibia This morning, fly to Windhoek, Namibia's capital city. One of Southern Africa's most fascinating destinations, Namibia is one of the youngest countries in Africa and one of the least populated in the world. With its recent independence from South Africa, this frontier nation is a surprise to most. Get to know your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner at one of the city's amazing restaurants. (B, D)

Day 4: Windhoek - Sossusvlei Enjoy a relaxed morning in Windhoek before continuing your adventure with a drive to Sossusvlei, one of Namibia's most stunning landmarks. Settle in at your lodge after a day of travel and enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Sossusvlei Embark on the experience of a lifetime. Start the day early to ensure the best experience at one of Namibia's most dramatic landscapes – the red sand dunes of Deadvlei in the Namib desert. A landscape reminiscent of science fiction movies, the Sossusvlei region is home to some of the world's tallest dunes. Climb one of these epic dunes to access Deadvlei, a salt pan famous for its ancient petrified trees. A paradise for photographers and scenery enthusiasts alike, the Namib desert will leave lasting memories. See firsthand how animals survive in this harsh environment, and look for its most famous resident – the oryx! (B, L, D)

Day 6: Sossusvlei - Swakopmund Say farewell to the Namib desert and set out on another epic journey as you take a long, scenic drive to the coastal town of Swakopmund. With its German colonial architecture, marine wildlife, and striking coastal desert landscapes, Swakopmund is a unique desert oasis. This afternoon, enjoy free time to relax at your hotel or explore the seaside town. (B, D)

Day 7: Swakopmund This morning, explore Mondesa Township on a

private tour for an authentic glimpse into daily life in Swakopmund's vibrant community. Meet residents, learn about cultural traditions, and experience the warmth and resilience that define this unique neighbourhood. This afternoon, drive to Walvis Bay and join a marine cruise to search for seals, pelicans, and dolphins. Learn from your cruise guides what makes this area so unique for these marine animals. Continue your exploration to Pelican Point for a glimpse of some pink feathered friends. (B)

Day 8: Swakopmund - Etosha National Park Leave this coastal beauty behind as we head to your second Namibian national park – Etosha. During your longest land transfer on this adventure, stop for a tasting and lunch at a winery paving the way for Namibian wines and spirits. Later this afternoon, check in to your rustic lodge and settle in before dinner overlooking the African bush. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Etosha National Park Early this morning, depart for your first game drive. In open-sided safari vehicles, search for rhino, giraffe, lions, elephants, and several types of antelopes. Ostriches may welcome you at every corner and wildebeest may greet you at watering holes. End the day with memories of salt flats and wild animals thriving in a surreal landscape. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Etosha National Park Continue your Etosha adventure with another full day game drive in open-sided safari vehicles. Spend the day dedicated to wildlife viewing as you venture deeper into the park, searching for its remarkable animals and ever-changing landscapes. (B, D)

Day 11: Etosha National Park - Windhoek Travel your last Namibian leg of this journey and arrive back in its capital city, Windhoek. Despite it being the capital, enjoy its calm atmosphere during your free afternoon before you join your fellow travellers at dinner to reminisce about your adventure in Namibia. (B, D)

Day 12: Windhoek - Cape Town, South Africa End your time in Namibia with a meaningful visit to Penduka during an **IMPACT MOMENT**. With its mission to support gender equality and empower women, learn how Penduka supports the local community through traditional craftwork and skill sharing. Then, travel to the airport for your flight to Cape Town, South Africa, and end your day as a guest of honour in a Capetonian family's home. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like here in Cape Town. (B, D)

Day 13: Cape Town Get to see the natural side of Cape Town today. Travel to Cape Point, the southwestern tip of Africa. Marvel at the vibrant green foliage blanketing the rocky outcrops, contrasting the bright blue waves below. Visit the Cape of Good Hope and stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events – a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Return to the city via Table Bay. (B)

Day 14: Cape Town Today, explore South Africa's eclectic cultural mecca. Rise gently over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain, taking in views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic Robben Island. Then, view the city's heritage sites, historic landmarks, and bustling city centre during a city tour. Enjoy a free afternoon to relax at your hotel or to further explore this fascinating city as you wish. (B)

Day 15: Cape Town - Mpumalanga - Kruger National Park Say goodbye to city life and hello to South Africa's stunning natural beauty. Fly to Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport as you make your way to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. Then, a two-hour drive will bring you to the unmatched beauty of the African savanna. Check in to your hotel, ideally located at the entrance of the park on the banks of the Sabie River. (B, D)

Day 16: Kruger National Park Pack your camera as you head off on a full day game drive! Search for the "Big 5" from your open-air vehicle and experience some iconic South African scenery. Relax with a picnic lunch within the park, before setting off again for your afternoon game drive. (B, L, D)

Day 17: Kruger National Park Head out again on another full-day game drive for your last opportunity to see all the majestic scenery and animals you have come this far to experience. Tonight, join your fellow explorers for dinner and toast farewell to all the extraordinary places you've encountered during this epic African adventure. (B, L, D)

Day 18: Kruger National Park - Johannesburg - Tour Ends Bid farewell to your fellow travellers when you leave Kruger for Johannesburg and head back home. (B)

Arrival: Johannesburg (JNB) **Departure:** Johannesburg (JNB)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre, Johannesburg
Day 3	Weinberg Hotel, Windhoek
Days 4, 5	Desert Grace Lodge, Sossusvlei
Days 6, 7	Strand Hotel, Swakopmund
Days 8 – 10	Etosha Safari Lodge, Etosha
Day 11	Weinberg Hotel, Windhoek
Days 12 – 14	The Cape Milner Hotel, Cape Town
Days 15 – 17	Kruger Gate Hotel, Kruger National Park

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Johannesburg • Pre-Night Stay

Livingstone • Post-Tour Guided Extension
3 Nights, Starting at $3,680† pp
Experience mighty Victoria Falls, take a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, and visit Mukuni Village.

†*Additional air segment purchase required.*

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

RUGGED ROADS AND FULL TRAVEL DAYS

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

NEW TOUR

Iconic South Africa

14 DAYS • 25 MEALS • STARTING AT $8,299

Small Group

Cape Town

EXPLORATIONS

Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$8,299 (DOUBLE)** or **$9,999 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on June 18, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

June – November 2027; February – June 2028
(featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Soweto, Kruger National Park, 4 Game Drives, Cape Winelands Tasting, Table Mountain, Bo-Kaap Cooking Experience, Cape Peninsula

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Taste famous South African wines in the Stellenbosch Wine Region.
- Get to know a Capetonian family at a home-hosted dinner.
- Search for the Big Five on two full-day safari game drives in Kruger National Park.
- Tour the cultural hub of Soweto, including a visit to the Apartheid Museum.
- Be whisked away to the top of Table Mountain on an aerial cable car.
- Enjoy lunch with the locals at a *shabeen* (pub) in Soweto.
- Taste the flavours of Cape Malay cuisine with a cooking experience in Bo-Kaap.
- Savour a traditional South African *braai* (barbecue).

Day 1: Overnight Flight You're on your way to South Africa, where incredible landscapes lead the way to cultural diversity, abundant wildlife, and remarkable history. From dynamic urban centres to wildlife safaris, Africa has a way of taking you by surprise.

Day 2: Johannesburg, South Africa Your adventure begins in Johannesburg, a dynamic city shaped by its gold-rush origins and modern role as South Africa's economic heart. As travellers' arrival times will vary, there are no scheduled activities today. Settle into your hotel and relax before tomorrow's adventure begins. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Day 3: Johannesburg - Soweto Today, visit the Apartheid Museum to explore South Africa's journey from segregation to democracy. Continue to Soweto for a guided tour of one of the nation's most historic townships. Stop at a local market to experience daily life, noticing both the informal settlements and elegant homes that reflect the community's history and character. Drive past the former home of Nelson Mandela, an enduring symbol of the struggle for freedom. Then, join locals for lunch at a local *shabeen* (pub), a gathering place deeply rooted in township culture. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Johannesburg - Kruger National Park Leave the city behind and start your adventure with a flight into the wild as you head to Kruger National Park, South Africa's largest game reserve. See how the landscape shifts dramatically, giving you a glimpse of the expansive savannas and diverse ecosystems that make Kruger so unique. Your lodge, positioned at the park's entrance, sets the stage for your safari experience. Tonight, gather with fellow travellers for your first dinner in the national park. (B, D)

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

Day 6: Kruger National Park Embrace the rare opportunity to head back into the wild on another full-day safari game drive in Kruger National Park. Enjoy this second attempt to see any elusive animals you may have missed

Kruger National Park

Stellenbosch

Arrival: Johannesburg (JNB) **Departure:** Cape Town (CPT)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Sandton Towers, Johannesburg
Days 4 – 7	Elephant Walk Tented Camp, Kruger National Park
Days 8, 9	The Devon Valley Hotel, Stellenbosch
Days 10 – 13	Southern Sun Waterfront, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

12 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Johannesburg · Pre-Night Stay

Cape Town · Post-Night Stay

Dubai · Pre-Tour Hosted Extension
3 Nights, Starting at $1,645† pp
Before the safaris, see Dubai's skyscrapers, souks, mosques, and museums, and ride in 4x4s in the desert.

†*Additional air segment purchase required.*

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

yesterday or get another look at your favourites. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Kruger National Park After two immersive full-day safaris, today offers a slightly different rhythm in the bush. Head out on an early-morning game drive, taking advantage of the softer light and quieter atmosphere to observe familiar wildlife behaviours from a new angle. Return to the lodge for a hearty brunch and some well-earned downtime before venturing out again in the afternoon. Return after the sun sets for your final dinner in Kruger National Park. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Kruger National Park - Stellenbosch Say goodbye to the wild and hello to the winelands of the Western Cape. See for yourself why this area boasts a reputation as one of the world's most beautiful wine countries. Take a flight to Cape Town, South Africa and then a short drive to the town of Stellenbosch, located in South Africa's most famous wine region. Settle in for a 2-night stay among rolling vineyards and historic Cape Dutch architecture. (B)

Day 9: Stellenbosch - Franschhoek Start your day with a walking tour of Stellenbosch, a university town known for its vineyards and mountainous nature reserves. Continue to nearby Franschhoek to experience the town's renowned wine culture with a cellar tour, tasting, and lunch before returning to Stellenbosch. Visit a second winery before returning back to your hotel for a relaxed evening. (B, L)

Day 10: Stellenbosch - Cape Town Say hello to Cape Town, South Africa's electric cultural mecca that captivates you at every turn. Explore Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, a Cape Town hotspot. From heritage sites to historic landmarks, markets, shops, and restaurants, the waterfront is one of South Africa's most compelling destinations. On arrival, rise gently over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain, taking in views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic Robben Island. Tonight, experience an evening of exciting African entertainment, music, food, and culture at a celebrated restaurant in the heart of the city. (B, D)

Day 11: Cape Town - Cape Peninsula Tour 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 a laid-back hike down the mountain, wandering by patches of native flowers. Then, stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events — a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! (B)

Day 12: Cape Town Immerse yourself in Cape Town's Bo-Kaap neighbourhood, famous for its brightly painted houses and deep-rooted Cape Malay heritage. Meet your guide, who will take you to a local market where you'll pick up aromatic spices that set the stage for your Bo-Kaap cooking experience. Learn how to prepare Cape Malay staples, like delicate samosas and fragrant Cape Malay curry, before sitting to enjoy the delicious dishes you've created together. The remainder of the day is free to relax or explore at your leisure. (B, L)

Day 13: Cape Town Enjoy your final day at leisure before gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner to taste the country's beloved flavours, starring an array of South African specialties and delicacies. (B, D)

Day 14: Cape Town - Tour Ends Your tour ends today, leaving you with memories of South Africa's incredible people and landscapes. (B)

The Plains of Africa
Kenya Wildlife Safari

14 DAYS • 33 MEALS • STARTING AT $10,699

Small Group

Cheetahs in Kenya

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **13** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$10,699 (DOUBLE)** or **$12,999 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on December 2, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

June 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Nairobi, Shaba National Reserve, Samburu National Reserve, Sundowner, Lake Nakuru, Masai Mara, Karen Blixen Home, Amboseli National Park, 13 Game Drives, Africa's Big 5

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Learn the traditions of the Samburu people during a visit with a tribe member.
- Immerse yourself in the culture during a visit to a Maasai village.
- Set out on 13 game drives in search of lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards, and rhinos.
- Explore the farmhouse of Karen Blixen, author of *Out of Africa.*
- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the bush, surrounded by nature at Lake Nakuru.
- Indulge in a traditional dinner in the bush with Maasai entertainment.

Day 1: Overnight Flight Prepare to see the Africa of your dreams and one that's so much more than you could imagine. Explore Kenya's wildlife, up close and personal, against stunning vistas across the plains of Africa.

Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya Adventure stirs the soul in Kenya. Arrive in the heart of safari country. As arrival times will vary, there are no scheduled activities today, allowing you to settle in at your own pace. Dinner this evening is at your leisure.

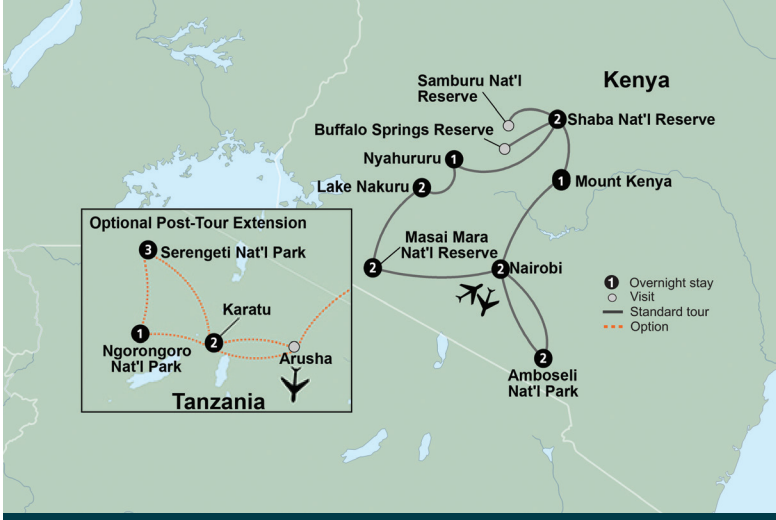
Day 3: Nairobi - Mount Kenya After breakfast, travel towards Mount Kenya, an extinct volcano where peaks reach as high as 5,199 metres. In the foothills, indigenous forests surround you on all sides, and red soil stirs under brilliant waterfalls. This afternoon, set out on your first game drive of the trip at Ol Pejeta Conservancy, home to an astounding variety of animals. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Mount Kenya - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba Reserve Discover the magic of the Shaba, Samburu, and Buffalo Springs reserves — home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife — particularly two species you can only find north of the equator: Grevy's zebra and the reticulated giraffe. Arrive at peaceful Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. This afternoon, head for Buffalo Springs — a starkly beautiful semi-desert that's a mecca for birds and wildlife. On your game drive in this remarkably serene landscape, see if you can spot the "Big 5" — lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards, and rhinos. (B, L, D)

Day 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." Keep watch for some of the approximately 350 species of birds that inhabit the area. As the sun sets over the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River, enjoy a traditional Sundowner, and relish the chance to deepen your cultural experience. In the company of a Samburu tribe member, learn about the culture, traditions, and folklore of the Samburu region and its people. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Shaba Reserve - Nyahururu Journey to Nyahururu, its name derived from the Masai word for waterfall, *e-naiwurruwurr.* Enjoy a free afternoon to relax in your luxury hideaway, a resort situated in the heart of 20 acres of tranquil forest. (B, L, D)

Maasai Women



Arrival: Nairobi (NBO) **Departure:** Nairobi (NBO)

Day 7: Nyahururu - Lake Nakuru Hit the road for a spectacular, mountain-kissed journey on the way from Nyahururu waterfalls to Lake Nakuru National Park. One of the Great Rift Valley's soda lakes, Lake Nakuru is a haven of ecological diversity surrounded by picturesque ridges and wooded, bushy grassland. Set out on a game drive this afternoon. (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 National Reserve Welcome to the Masai Mara National 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. Learn about Maasai culture during a visit to a local village (known as an *enkeng* in Maa, the Maasai language) before an afternoon game drive. Graced with an astounding collection of wildlife including lions, giraffes, zebras, and elephants, the Mara offers an unsurpassed safari experience. Tonight, indulge in a traditional bush dinner, complete with a Maasai dance performance. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Masai Mara National Reserve Ernest Hemingway said, "I never knew a morning in Africa when I woke up and was not happy." During a full-day game drive, enjoy the grassy plains and rolling hills of the Masai Mara. This is truly nature's greatest theatre, where savanna, cloud shadows, and amazing wildlife spot the horizon. After a Mara sunset, head over to your tent and be lulled to sleep by the sounds of the animals in the distance. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Masai Mara National Reserve - Nairobi Return to Nairobi and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen for a true *Out of Africa* experience. Wander through the beautifully preserved rooms where the famed author once lived and explore the surrounding gardens that overlook the Ngong Hills — landscapes that inspired her celebrated memoir. Learn about Blixen's life, her time in Kenya, and her legacy in literature and local history as you tour the estate and its small museum. (B, L)

Day 12: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park This morning, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** when you visit Ocean Sole, a social enterprise that turns ocean debris into colourful works of art. Learn about their mission to clean the waterways and grow the Kenyan economy. You'll also get a chance to peruse their collection of products before continuing on to Amboseli National Park. Take to the plains for an afternoon game drive accompanied by the breathtaking aura of snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro. Complement your journey with an opportunity to give back to nature with a seedball. The compact balls of seed limit the cost of planting 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)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
Day 3	Maisha Sweetwaters Camp, Nanyuki
Days 4, 5	Sarova Shaba Lodge, Shaba Reserve
Day 6	Panari Resort, Nyahururu
Days 7, 8	Sarova Lion Hill Lodge, Lake Nakuru
Days 9, 10	Sarova Mara Game Camp, Masai Mara
Day 11	Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
Days 12, 13	Ol Tukai Lodge, Amboseli

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

12 Breakfasts (B) • 11 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Nairobi • Pre- or Post-Night Stay

Tanzania • Post-Tour Guided Extension
5 Nights, Starting at $4,430 pp

Continue your adventure with game drives in Serengeti National Park, then explore the Ngorongoro Crater.

See next page for more information.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Day 13: Amboseli National Park Today will start with a sunrise game drive followed by breakfast back at the lodge. Then enjoy a morning and afternoon game drive. Derived from the Maasai word meaning "salty dust," this unique corner of Kenya is one of the best places in Africa to see hundreds of elephants up close. Wildebeests and zebras are ever-present, plus there's a good chance you'll see a cheetah and a hyena or two. Today is your last full day on the continent and your last chance to spot some more members of the elusive "Big 5." If you haven't tossed your "seedball" into the wilds yet, now's your chance to make an impact on the continent you've grown to love. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Amboseli National Park - Nairobi - Tour Ends Return to Nairobi for your departure home. You may choose to reserve a day room to freshen up prior to your flight. (B)

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY | The Plains of Africa

Tanzania Post-Tour Extension

6 DAYS • 16 MEALS • STARTING AT $4,430 PP*

Experience more of Tanzania's wild beauty with time in the Serengeti, home to abundant wildlife and classic safari scenery.

EXTENSION STYLE: GUIDED

Experience the destination with a full itinerary planned for you. You'll be joined by a dedicated Tour Manager and enjoy planned local experiences and sightseeing. In addition, your accommodations, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included. (The Tour Manager for your extension may or may not be the same person as your main tour.)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3 *(see page 170 for details)*

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Day 14	Country Lodge, Karatu
Days 15-17	Arukore Simba Camp, Serengeti National Park
Day 18	Ngorongoro Coffee Lodge, Ngorongoro

**Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. All rates in Canadian dollars.*

Day 14: Amboseli - Arusha, Tanzania - Karatu Depart Amboseli for Arusha, Tanzania, the gateway to Mount Kilimanjaro and the Serengeti. After clearing border-crossing formalities, enjoy lunch in Arusha. Then continue to your hotel in Karatu, located along the foothills of Ngorongoro. (L, D)

Day 15: Karatu - Serengeti National Park After breakfast, depart for Serengeti National Park, undoubtedly the most famous wildlife sanctuary in the world and known to have the greatest concentration of Plains' game anywhere. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Serengeti National Park Today, enjoy a full-day game drive in the park. *Serengeti* comes from the Maasai language meaning "extended place" and is the most complex and least disturbed ecosystem on earth! (B, L, D)

Day 17: Serengeti National Park Synonymous with wildlife and classic African scenery, the Serengeti is ours to explore again today with more time spent looking for the "Big 5". (B, L, D)

Day 18: Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Conservation Area - Karatu After breakfast, depart for the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest intact caldera in the world. Its enduring charm stems from its overwhelming beauty and the abundance of wildlife permanently residing on the crater floor. Enjoy a picnic lunch as you continue your journey to Ngorongoro Conservation Area inside the crater before continuing on to your lodge for the evening. (B, L, D)

Day 19: Karatu - Arusha - Extension Ends Drive through Arusha on the way to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your departure flight home. (B, L)

African Safari: Kenya and Tanzania

15 DAYS • 38 MEALS • STARTING AT $11,199

Small Group

Ngorongoro Crater

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **14** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$11,199 (DOUBLE)** or **$13,399 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on June 22, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

June 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

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

Day 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 Maasai village. Settle into your accommodations for the next two nights — a tented camp with the comfortable amenities of a traditional lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Amboseli National Park Embrace your wild side on a full-day game drive in Amboseli National Park. This is your first chance to seek out Africa's elusive "Big 5" — the safari "bucket list" of animals includes lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and water buffalo. 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)

Maasai Village

Day 7: Karatu - Ngorongoro Crater - Karatu Make the most of more opportunities to spot the local wildlife with a full-day game drive in Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Containing one of the densest mammal populations in the world, this "African Eden" is one of the best places to seek out the "Big 5." Allow the sheer magnitude of the area to wash over you as you enjoy a picnic lunch in the highlands, taking in the flourishing habitat around you. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Karatu - Serengeti Your path continues to the renowned Serengeti, a Maasai word meaning "endless plains." Enjoy lunch and venture out on your first Serengeti adventure on an afternoon game drive, returning to camp at dusk. Relax in your exclusive safari abode, your home for the next three nights. The camp includes all the amenities of a lodge but allows you to remain immersed in nature. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Serengeti Say good morning to the Serengeti! After breakfast, set out and enjoy a full day of animal-seeking safari adventures with a picturesque picnic lunch. (B, L, D)

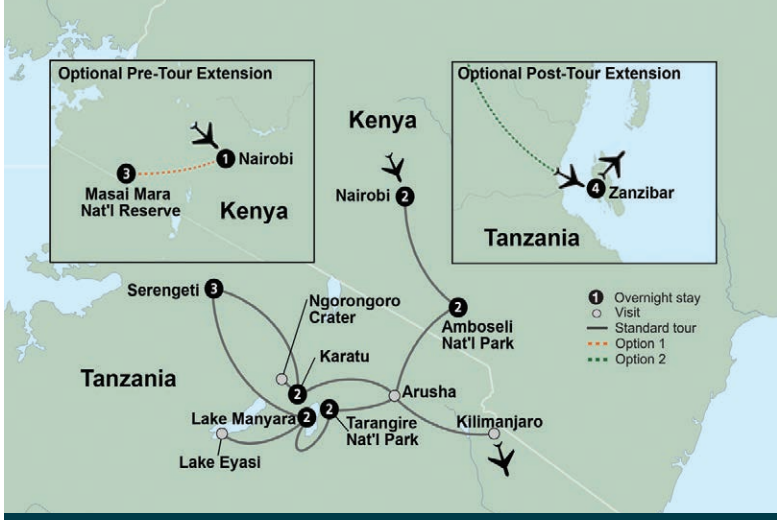
Day 10: Serengeti Lions. Gazelles. Cheetahs. Hippos. There's no telling what you might spot on your full-day game drive. Under the careful guidance of an expert, discover the savanna's wild residents and get a glimpse into the untamed animal kingdom. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Serengeti - Lake Manyara You're on your way to Lake Manyara, a lesser-known corner of Tanzania nestled between the plains and escarpments. Pause for a picnic lunch along the way, providing more chances to view the local wildlife. Enjoy some downtime at the lodge, perhaps enjoying the pool's sweeping views across the escarpment towards Lake Manyara. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Lake Manyara See how native communities live in harmony with the environment. Start your morning with the Hadzabe tribe, hunter-gatherers who 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 Manyara - 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 buffalo wading into the water, or a parade of elephants passing by. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Tarangire National Park Enjoy a full-day game drive, venturing out in the morning on your quest for animal sightings with a break for a picnic lunch in between. Make sure you look to the skies because Tarangire is an aviary paradise, home to more than 500 bird species. Keep your eyes peeled for various starlings, weavers, and guinea fowl. Wish Africa goodbye at a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)



Arrival: Nairobi (NBO) **Departure:** Kilimanjaro (JRO)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Ole Sereni Hotel, Nairobi
Days 4, 5	Kilima Safari Camp, Amboseli
Days 6, 7	Endoro Lodge, Karatu
Days 8 – 10	Serengeti Heritage Camp, Serengeti
Days 11, 12	Lake Manyara Serena Lodge, Lake Manyara
Days 13, 14	Tarangire Nature Camp, Tarangire

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Nairobi · Pre-Night Stay

Arusha · Post-Night Stay

Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve · Pre-Tour Hosted Extension
4 Nights, Starting at $2,055 pp
Kick off your journey with 5 game drives in Kenya's iconic Masai Mara, home to Africa's "Big Five."

Zanzibar · Post-Tour Hosted Extension
4 Nights, Starting at $3,015† pp
Extend your adventure in Zanzibar with a spice tour, marine adventure, and beachside bliss after your Tanzania safari.

†*Additional air segment purchase required.*

See next page for more information.

RUSTIC ACCOMMODATIONS

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

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 with memories of the endless plains and unparalleled wildlife. (B, L)

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

CO | *African Safari: Kenya & Tanzania*

Masai Mara Pre-Tour Extension

6 DAYS • 11 MEALS • STARTING AT $2,055 PP*

Begin your African safari in Kenya's wild Masai Mara National Reserve, one of the most famous and important wildlife conservation and wilderness areas in Africa.

EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Enjoy a mix of time on your own and some planned tour activities. A local expert is available during part of your stay to guide you during scheduled activities and provide recommendations. In addition, your accommodation, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3 *(see page 170 for details)*

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Ole Sereni Hotel, Nairobi
Days 3-5	Mara Fig Tree Camp, Masai Mara

**Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. All rates in Canadian dollars.*

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Your extension begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya Today you arrive in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, where you'll be met by a local representative and transferred to your hotel. This afternoon is at leisure to relax and get acquainted with the Kenyan lifestyle! Join your fellow travel companions this evening for dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 3: Nairobi - Masai Mara National Reserve Today, travel towards Kenya's fertile highlands on a road built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. On the way, spot the charming chapel known as the "Traveller's Church" and the Longonot Satellite Station as you head across the Rift Valley to Narok. You'll arrive in Masai Mara in time for lunch followed by a siesta and your first game drive! Return to camp as the sun sets. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Masai Mara National Reserve
After breakfast, depart on an early-morning game drive, returning to camp mid-morning. The wildlife in the Mara is robust: hippo, lion, hyena, zebra, wildebeest, elephant, and Cape buffalo all call this home. After lunch, you'll have some time to enjoy the grounds of the camp. The Talek River winds its way through the camp providing the perfect setting for birds, hippos, and other wildlife. Then, set off on another game drive returning to camp as the sun sets. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Masai Mara National Reserve
By now, you've become an expert at spotting wildlife! After breakfast, depart on an early-morning game drive, returning to camp mid-morning. Perhaps you'll spend some time in one of the camp's treehouses, spotting giraffes in the distance or admiring the many bird species that thrive here. Then, set off on another game drive returning to camp as the sun sets. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Masai Mara National Reserve - Nairobi Depart after breakfast and drive to Nairobi, arriving by midday to start the main tour. (B)

Zanzibar Post-Tour Extension

5 DAYS • 6 MEALS • STARTING AT $3,015 PP*

Extend your time in Tanzania with five days in Zanzibar. With its blend of cultural treasures and natural wonders, Zanzibar promises an unforgettable journey in paradise.

EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Enjoy a mix of time on your own and some planned tour activities. A local expert is available during part of your stay to guide you during scheduled activities and provide recommendations. In addition, your accommodation, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 *(see page 170 for details)*

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Days 15-18 Zanzibar Serena Hotel, Zanzibar

**Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Additional flight purchase required. All rates in Canadian dollars.*

Day 15: Arusha - Zanzibar - Extension Begins Fly from Arusha to Zanzibar and transfer to the hotel, met by a local guide. Check in to your hotel and spend the rest of the afternoon relaxing.

Day 16: Zanzibar Today you're in for a culturally enriching experience. In the morning, take a captivating tour of Stone Town, delving into this UNESCO World Heritage Site's intricate blend of Arabic, Indian, Persian, and European influences, while exploring landmarks like the Darajani town market and the former slave market. After lunch, venture into the lush countryside for a spice tour, discovering why Zanzibar earned the nickname "Spice Island." Visit small spice farms, learning about the cultivation of cloves, vanilla, nutmeg, and more, while gaining insights into their culinary and medicinal uses, deeply rooted in Zanzibar's vibrant culture. (B, L)

Day 17: Zanzibar Set sail in a traditional *dhow* through crystal-clear waters, explore hidden sandbanks, and snorkel vibrant coral reefs teeming with tropical fish. Finish your ocean adventure surrounded by turquoise water with a sandbank visit and indulge in a fresh seafood BBQ, featuring locally caught fish, octopus and seasonal fruits for a perfect blend of excitement and relaxation against the stunning backdrop of the archipelago. (B, D)

Day 18: Zanzibar On your final full day in Zanzibar, indulge in leisure time at your hotel, basking in the vibrant culture and historical architecture of Stone Town. If you're still longing for more adventure, embark on an optional Jozani forest tour, immersing yourself in the natural beauty of the island's last remaining natural forest. Here you have the chance to encounter the rare and endangered red colobus monkey, known for its friendly demeanor and photographic appeal, while exploring diverse habitats such as coastal evergreen bushland, mangrove forest, and saline grassland under the guidance of knowledgeable local experts. (B)

Day 19: Zanzibar - Extension Ends Transfer to Zanzibar Airport for your flight out of Africa, marking the beginning of your journey homeward. (B)

Wilderness of Southern Africa:
Safari by Land & Water

15 DAYS • 33 MEALS • STARTING AT $12,449

Small Group

Chobe National Park

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **18** • Tour Activity Level: **4** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$12,449 (DOUBLE)** or **$14,749 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on June 15, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

June 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Chobe National Park, Cruise on the Chobe River, Hwange National Park, Private Lake Kariba Safari Boat, Victoria Falls, 8 Game Drives, Walks & Cruises, Home-Hosted Meal

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Immerse yourself in nature and seek out the elusive Big 5 during land and water safari experiences.
- Enjoy a dinner cruise on the Chobe River.
- Walk amidst the exhilarating natural wonder of Victoria Falls.
- Visit a rural fishing village in Lake Kariba.
- Meet a local chief and his family and learn about their lives.
- Share a simple, traditional meal during a home-hosted lunch in Victoria Falls.
- Sail the calm waters of Lake Kariba, the largest man-made lake in the world, on a private safari boat.
- Try your hand at fishing and enjoy your catch for dinner on Lake Kariba.
- Cruise Chobe River for a unique way to search for game species in Chobe National Park.

Day 1: 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 Welcome to Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city! This afternoon, transfer to your hotel for the evening and enjoy a relaxing evening before your adventure in search of the "Big 5" begins tomorrow. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Day 3: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Chobe National Park, Botswana This morning, board a plane for a short flight to Victoria Falls, where you will meet your Tour Manager before continuing to your lodge for the next 3 nights in Botswana. Enjoy some time at leisure at the lodge before gathering with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 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 elephants and buffalo. You and your fellow travellers will ride in open-air vehicles with a local expert who will be able to tell you all about the creatures you'll see along the way. Later in the morning, enjoy some free time. After lunch at the lodge, board your private boat and take to the waters of the Chobe River in search of hippos and aquatic birds while sipping on cool beverages. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Chobe National Park Start your day early with a private game cruise on the Chobe River and see the animals visiting the water first thing in the morning. After your search, return to the lodge for some free time, perhaps relaxing by the pool or stopping by the spa. After lunch this afternoon, enjoy a game drive in Chobe National Park, where you may spot giraffes, hyenas, or zebras. Later, enjoy a dinner cruise along the gentle waters of the Chobe River during an exclusive boat ride with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Chobe National Park - Victoria Falls - Hwange National Park Enjoy a leisurely final morning in Chobe National Park. After breakfast, take a 90-minute drive to Victoria Falls, where we will stop for lunch. Savour fresh, local ingredients while you look over the gorge to the Zambezi River below. Next, it's off to Hwange National Park, the largest national park in Zimbabwe, for a late afternoon game drive. This national park is home to over 100 types of mammals and 400 bird species, giving you the chance to look out for cheetahs, lions, giraffes, and so much more. (B, L, D)

Lake Kariba Safari Boat

Arrival: Johannesburg (JNB) **Departure:** Johannesburg (JNB)

Day 7: Hwange National Park Today is another day to rise early in search of the "Big 5". After breakfast, spend a full day on a game drive in Hwange National Park. By enjoying a picnic lunch break, you can venture deep into the bushland and maximize your chances of spotting buffalo, elephants, and other animals gathering in the park. Return to the lodge for dinner. You'll savour your meal and the memories of the day's extensive safari. (B, L, D)

Day 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 lunch. This afternoon, you will be returning to the park for another glimpse into the animal kingdom. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Hwange National Park - Victoria Falls - Lake Kariba Enjoy a final morning in the park before driving to Lake Kariba, the world's largest artificial lake. Board your private safari boat which will be your home for the next 3 nights. With limited access to technology, revel in the experience of floating along the still waters, seeing breathtaking sunsets, and searching for local wildlife in the water. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Lake Kariba This morning, trade the water for land on a wilderness drive through the bush. Arrive at a local chief's village, where you meet his family and gain insight into daily life and traditions in the community, before returning to the safari boat for lunch. Later, watch the red and orange tones of the setting sun spread across Lake Kariba during a sunset nature cruise. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Lake Kariba This morning, travel in a small tender boat and visit a remote fishing community. Return to the boat for lunch. After arriving at the Gwai River Mouth, disembark and take a nature walk through the bush. This evening, stargazing coupled with a delicious meal will be a dining experience you won't soon forget. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Lake Kariba - Victoria Falls Your safari boat experience will come to a close this morning as you drive back to Victoria Falls. Upon arriving at the Ilala Lodge, enjoy lunch. Then, grab your poncho because this afternoon you will visit the exhilarating natural wonder of Victoria Falls! At approximately 1,708 metres wide and 108 metres tall, this waterfall is one of the world's largest. (B, L)

Day 13: Victoria Falls This morning, start your day with a visit to Chinotimba township. Visit a local market, where you can barter for goods and experience daily life. After, you will visit the modest home of a local family for lunch. Your host will prepare an authentic, simple meal with you and share what life is like around Victoria Falls. Following your home visit, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will join an optional tour taking a relaxing cruise on the Zambezi River, a body of water that separates Zimbabwe and Zambia, whose banks are frequented by the local animals. (B, L)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre, O.R. Tambo, Johannesburg
Days 3 – 5	Chobe Bush Lodge, Chobe National Park, Kasane
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.

13 Breakfasts (B) • 10 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Johannesburg • Pre-Night Stay

Cape Town • Post-Tour Guided Extension
4 Nights, Starting at $2,465† pp
Explore Cape Town, ascend Table Mountain, tour the Cape Peninsula to Boulders Beach, and more.

†*Additional air segment purchase required.*

See next page for more information.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Day 14: Victoria Falls Your last full day on tour will bring you to view elephants at a local sanctuary. Hear stories from these gentle giants' caretakers and learn about the efforts to understand, care for, and protect these intelligent and inspiring creatures. Continue learning about animal conservation and care with a visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust for an **IMPACT MOMENT**. The staff at the VFWT will review some of the incredible work they do, ranging from wildlife rehabilitation to community outreach and disease research. You will have the afternoon free to do as you wish. This evening, you will join your fellow travellers for a 3-course farewell dinner under the stars on the bank of the Zambezi River. (B, D)

Day 15: Victoria Falls - Johannesburg - Tour Ends Say goodbye to your safari companions as you take a flight from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg, where you will board your return flight home. (B)

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY | *Wilderness of Southern Africa: Safari by Land & Water*

Cape Town Post-Tour Extension

5 DAYS • 6 MEALS • STARTING AT $2,465 PP*

Extend your journey with a stay in vibrant Cape Town. Take in stunning views from Table Mountain, visit the Cape of Good Hope, and experience the city's rich blend of cultures.

EXTENSION STYLE: GUIDED

Experience the destination with a full itinerary planned for you. You'll be joined by a dedicated Tour Manager and enjoy planned local experiences and sightseeing. In addition, your accommodations, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included. (The Tour Manager for your extension may or may not be the same person as your main tour.)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 2 *(see page 170 for details)*

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Days 15-18 Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town

**Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Additional flight purchase required. All rates in Canadian dollars.*

Day 15: Victoria Falls - Cape Town, South Africa Fly from Victoria Falls and arrive in Cape Town, South Africa for a 5-day tour – the perfect way to extend your vacation.

Day 16: Cape Town Today, set off for a half-day city tour of Cape Town, South Africa's oldest city. Climb aboard a cable car for a ride up Table Mountain, voted the 8th Wonder of the World. Have your camera ready; the views at the top of Table Mountain are postcard-worthy. Then, explore Cape Town, known as the "Mother City". Founded in 1652 by Dutch sailors, Cape Town boasts intricate, layered Cape Dutch architecture. (B)

Day 17: Cape Town Today, enjoy a full-day peninsula tour that explores the length and both sides of Cape Peninsula. Visit Cape Point and Cape of Good Hope – the southwestern-most point of the African continent. Behold amazing and dramatic scenery as the road winds along steep cliffs overlooking the ocean far below. Visit the famous penguins that live on Boulders Beach. Finally, get a true taste of the local culture during a home-hosted dinner in Cape Town. (B, D)

Day 18: Cape Town With a full day at leisure, explore Cape Town in depth. This is the perfect location to end an epic tour of southern Africa. This vibrant, cosmopolitan city celebrates culture, beauty, and charm with its strong Euro-Africa blend, great sights, shopping, restaurants, and entertainment. Visit the Victoria and Alfred waterfront – a mecca of shops, restaurants, bars, harbour rides, and amazing views of Table Mountain. Sit down for a farewell dinner complete with a cultural performance and local dishes. It is the perfect finale to a truly unforgettable experience. (B, D)

Day 19: Cape Town - Extension Ends Bid farewell to South Africa when you leave beautiful Cape Town! Depending on your departure flight time, you will have access to a day room. (B)

Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls, & Botswana

Small Group

15 DAYS • 29 MEALS • STARTING AT $11,849

Victoria Falls

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **16** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$11,849 (DOUBLE)** or **$14,449 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on December 1, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

June 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Chobe National Park, Pilanesberg National Park, 8 Wildlife Safaris, Cape Winelands, Cape Town, Table Mountain, Elephant Encounter

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Immerse yourself in nature and seek out the Big 5 on 8 wildlife safaris.
- Learn about rescued African elephants during a sanctuary visit.
- Get to know a Capetonian family over a home-hosted dinner.
- Witness the incredible beauty and power of Victoria Falls.
- Sample South African wines in the Cape Winelands at a vineyard tasting.
- Head out for an African sundowner via 4x4 and enjoy the sunset.
- Be whisked away to the top of Table Mountain on an aerial cable car.

Day 1: 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. From urban centres to wild safaris, Africa takes you by surprise, delighting you again and again until its unique spirit claims you, heart and soul.

Day 2: Johannesburg, South Africa Your adventure starts in Johannesburg, a vibrant city that revolves around modernity and a gold-mining history. As South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg is home to a wide collection of cultures, museums, and attractions. As travellers' arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Enjoy time to get settled on your own before tomorrow's exploration into the wild. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Day 3: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe Fly to Victoria Falls today, an awe-inspiring Natural Wonder of the World. When you arrive, check in to your lodge, an authentic African tent camp with all the amenities of a luxury resort. This afternoon, when the chance to see rainbows is highest, witness the awesome power of Victoria Falls. (B, D)

Day 4: Victoria Falls Embark on an experience of a lifetime. Spend some quality time watching rescued African elephants in their own habitat and witness some of their unique behaviours. After you've worked up an appetite, travel to a township where you will join a local family for a simple home-hosted lunch. This evening, you might choose to enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Zambezi River, taking in the majestic African sunset. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Victoria Falls This morning, choose to take an optional scenic flight over the majestic Victoria Falls or enjoy a relaxed start at the lodge. Later, explore the town. Browse local curio shops or soak up a taste of local life. Then, take part in an **IMPACT MOMENT** with a visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust, where you'll learn how its conservation initiatives are making a difference for local communities and protecting wildlife. This evening, raise a glass to the endless falls during dinner at a restaurant that offers stunning views over the Zambezi River. (B, D)

Day 6: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana Start your day with a visit to a traditional rural homestead, meet the village chief, and come to understand more about traditional ways of living in this part of the world. Cross the border into Botswana and

Botswana

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 7: 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 **-OR-** venture down the river again for a different perspective on a safari cruise. Enjoy dinner upon return to the hotel, complete with some local favourites and delicacies, to discuss the sightings of the day. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Chobe - Victoria Falls - Johannesburg - Pilanesberg National Park This morning, transfer to Victoria Falls Airport, where you will fly to Johannesburg. On arrival at Johannesburg, transfer to Pilanesberg National Park, a game reserve set within an ancient crater, where the lions reign as kings. This is the wild Africa you've always dreamt of, now laid out before you, just waiting to be discovered. (B, D)

Day 9: Pilanesberg National Park Before sunrise, in the open expanse of Pilanesberg, drive out in search of the "Big 5" across vast marshlands and craggy landscapes. Later on, an afternoon game drive could take you past the big cats preparing for the hunt, and while you're out there, enjoy a traditional African sundowner with a drink and watch as the sun disappears behind the mountain. Back at the lodge tonight, indulge in a Boma dinner, an authentic, outdoor dining experience. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Pilanesberg National Park Discover the wildlife around you with another full day in Pilanesberg. On morning and afternoon game drives, continue your search for the "Big 5" and other local animals, such as giraffes or cheetahs. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Pilanesberg - Cape Town, South Africa After one final morning game drive, depart the bush and say hello to Cape Town, South Africa's electric cultural mecca that captivates at every turn. (B)

Day 12: Cape Town This morning, rise gently over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain, taking in views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic Robben Island. Pass by historic Bo Kaap, a hillside town known for its narrow cobblestone streets lined with colourful houses. Explore the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, a Cape Town hotspot. From heritage sites and historic landmarks to markets, shops, and restaurants, the waterfront is one of South Africa's most compelling destinations. Tonight, you're an honoured guest in a Capetonian family's home. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like here in Cape Town. (B, D)

Day 13: Cape Town - Cape Winelands - Cape Town Sip 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. Perhaps you'll try the local favourite — a cross between a Pinot Noir and a Cinsaut, the Pinotage is a specialty of South Africa. Travel to the charming village of Franschhoek for lunch. Visit a second winery in the afternoon before returning to Cape Town for the evening. (B, L)

Day 14: Cape Town Travel to Cape Point, the southwestern tip of Africa. Marvel at the vibrant green foliage blanketing the rocky outcrops, set as a contrast to the bright blue waves below. Set out on an easy hike down the mountain, wandering by diverse patches of native flowers. Stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events — a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner featuring South Africa's beloved flavours and local specialties. (B, D)

Day 15: Cape Town - Tour Ends Today, you bid farewell to your fellow travellers when you leave beautiful Cape Town. You will have access to a day room until 4:00 p.m. (B)

Arrival: Johannesburg (JNB) **Departure:** Cape Town (CPT)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre, O.R. Tambo, Johannesburg
Days 3 – 5	The Wallow, Victoria Falls
Days 6, 7	Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane
Days 8 – 10	Ivory Tree Game Lodge, Pilanesberg National Park
Days 11 – 14	Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Johannesburg · Pre-Night Stay

Cape Town · Post-Night Stay

Dubai · Pre-Tour Hosted Extension
3 Nights, Starting at $1,645† pp
Before the safaris, see Dubai's skyscrapers, souks, mosques, and museums, and ride in 4x4s in the desert.

†Additional air segment purchase required.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Colours of Morocco

14 DAYS • 24 MEALS • STARTING AT $6,199

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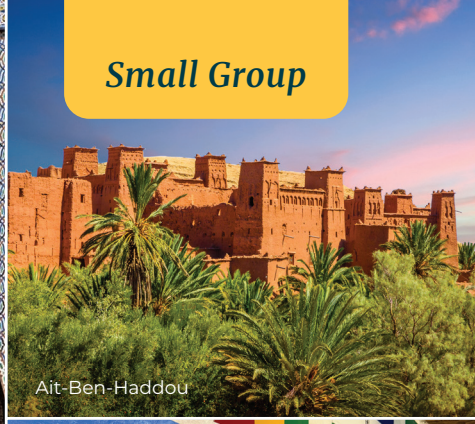
Small Group


Ait-Ben-Haddou

Gnawa Musicians

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$6,199 (DOUBLE)** or **$7,849 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on January 20, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

September 2027 – May 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Casablanca, Hassan II Mosque, Rabat, Fes, Sahara Desert Camp, Camel Ride, Khamlia Music Village, *Ksar* of Ait-Ben-Haddou, High Atlas Mountains, Marrakech, Cooking Class

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Stroll through the cobblestone alleyways of ancient markets and *medinas*.
- Walk through an oasis date farm and discover the ancient irrigation systems that have sustained these fields for generations.
- Experience a dish prepared by the women of the *ksar* during a home-hosted meal.
- Select your own ingredients for a culinary workshop at a local women's cooperative.
- Experience the desert by 4x4 and during your 2-night camp stay.
- Explore Fes, one of the holiest Muslim cities in the world.
- Visit the Kasbah des Oudaias, with its narrow and colourful alleyways.

Day 1: 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 country called Morocco.

Day 2: Casablanca, Morocco Welcome to Morocco! Arrive in Casablanca, the economic hub of the country. With no scheduled sightseeing today, spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Depending on your arrival flights, you may join your local Tour Manager on a vicinity walk around your hotel to get acquainted with the area and share a first toast to the tour.

Day 3: Casablanca Discover Casablanca's many facets today. Begin at the Hassan II Mosque, Africa's largest functioning mosque, and enjoy a privately led tour to learn about its history and significance. Admire the intricate ceramic tilework and hand-carved stone of this architectural masterpiece. Immerse yourself in local life at a lively market where fresh produce arrives daily from nearby farms and take the opportunity to interact with vendors. Enjoy free time to explore the Art Deco neighbourhood, a reminder of Morocco's French colonial past. Later, step inside Rick's Café, the legendary setting inspired by the film *Casablanca*, and join your fellow travellers for a memorable dinner. (B, D)

Day 4: Casablanca - Rabat - Fes Depart from Casablanca this morning for Fes. En route to Fes, stop in Rabat to visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, an exemplar of modern Moroccan design. On a privately led tour, you'll learn about the mausoleum's history and admire its intricate ceramic tilework, hand-carved wood, marble, and bronze ornamentation that make it fit for a king. See the Kasbah des Oudaias with its whitewashed houses and winding lanes. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own, then continue to Fes, where you'll spend the next 3 nights in a traditional *riad*. (B, D)

Day 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 Al-Qarawiyyin University (UNESCO), the oldest continuously operating university in the world, admiring its high arches and Andalusian influences. Take a deep breath before getting a closer look into an ancient tannery. Some Fes tanneries date back to the 11th century and continue to operate using traditional methods, offering a unique glimpse into the ancient craft of leather-making. On a walking tour of the 9th-century *medina*,

explore the alleyways and stalls of this ancient market. Enjoy a free afternoon beginning at 3:00 p.m. (B)

Day 6: Fes Enjoy your day at leisure in Fes. Explore the city further, strolling through marketplaces or maybe visiting a museum, like the Nejjarine Museum of Wooden Arts & Crafts, where you can admire displays of fine woodwork and artifacts inside a restored *caravanserai*. Perhaps you'll join an optional tour to the archaeological site of Volubilis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, followed by lunch at a local winery that offers insight into Morocco's wine-making traditions and the country's cultural relationship with wine. (B)

Day 7: Fes - Erfoud Cross some of Morocco's most breathtaking desert landscapes on the way to the Sahara. En route, pause to bask in majestic views of the Middle Atlas Mountains. Arrive in Erfoud, called the "Door to the Desert," where many famous movies were filmed, including *The Prince of Persia* and *The Mummy.* (B, L, D)

Day 8: Erfoud - Sahara Desert Today, enjoy some free time in Erfoud, a fascinating oasis town known as the "Gateway to the Sahara." You may want to relax at your hotel, explore Erfoud, or enjoy the hotel grounds. In the afternoon, make your way into the Sahara in a 4x4 for a 2-night stay under the stars in a luxury tented camp in the desert. On the way, stop at a fossil factory where you'll discover Morocco's fascinating paleontological heritage. This region is renowned for its rich deposits of ancient marine fossils, dating back hundreds of millions of years to when the Sahara was covered by ocean. Continue your journey into the desert for the real adventure: crossing the golden dunes to reach your camp. (B, D)

Day 9: Sahara Desert Rise early to watch the sun illuminate the Sahara in stunning hues of orange, yellow, and red. This morning, you'll have the opportunity to ride through the dunes on the back of a camel. Continue your day with a visit to a date farm to learn about the vital role oases play in local life. You'll learn traditional field-irrigation methods passed down through generations and see how these ancestral techniques have sustained agriculture in arid regions for centuries. Then, visit the village of Khamlia to experience local village life. Meet with locals for an eye-opening and meaningful discussion before experiencing traditional sub-Saharan *Gnawa* music. Return to your camp as the sun sets over the desert. This evening, sit with your Tour Manager and learn more about the importance of Islam in Morocco through the centuries and its impact on modern day-to-day life in sub-Saharan Africa. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Sahara Desert - El Khorbat - Boumalne du Dades Return to the edge of the desert this morning and marvel as the sun illuminates the sweeping sands. Visit the fortified village of El Khorbat. Dating back to the 17th century, this village showcases Jewish and Muslim architecture and artifacts. Learn more about Berber culture while visiting the museum within the village. Enjoy a simple lunch at a local restaurant. This **IMPACT MOMENT** supports a business whose profits are used to conserve the cultural heritage and improve the living conditions of this small community. Later, arrive in Boumalne du Dades, where a golden sun lights up the gorge's river valleys, *palmeraies*, and burnished mud-brick homes. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Boumalne du Dades - Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou - Marrakech Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs," where turreted fortresses rise up like sandcastles along this ancient trading route. Arrive at the UNESCO site of the *ksar* of Ait-Ben-Haddou and discover the earthen buildings, defensive walls, and corner towers that make the *ksar* a striking feat of Moroccan architecture. Before you reach the city of Marrakech, learn about a women-run tapestry cooperative and enjoy a homemade meal in their home, offering an authentic glimpse into local life and traditions. Continue along the Tizi n'Tichka Pass in the High Atlas Mountains, a scenic route through lush oasis valleys, imposing mountains, and Berber villages. (B, L)

Day 12: Marrakech This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Explore the Bahia Palace with its stunning architecture and gardens on a locally guided tour **-OR-** visit the Moroccan Culinary Arts Museum to discover the fusion of Arab, Amazigh, Mediterranean, and French influences in Moroccan cuisine, an ideal opportunity to shop and savour local fare at your own pace. Visit Jardin Majorelle, an iconic garden that beautifully showcases Morocco's rich cultural heritage. In the afternoon, consider joining an optional bike tour through Marrakech and pedal along colourful streets and hidden alleys, passing historic landmarks, bustling souks, and lively squares. (B)

Day 13: Marrakech Visit a women's training centre during today's **IMPACT MOMENT**. With your visit, support a program that empowers women seeking social and financial stability through culinary training. Enjoy an interactive cooking class, gathering fresh herbs and vegetables from the garden and learning the secrets of making *tagine*, while also getting to know the stories of the chef trainees and the stigmas they face around women's roles in society and the workplace. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers during a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Marrakech - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close this morning. (B)

Arrival: Casablanca (CMN) **Departure:** Marrakech (RAK)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Barcelo Anfa, Casablanca
Days 4 – 6	Safae Riad, Fes
Day 7	Kasbah Hotel Xaluca, Erfoud
Days 8, 9	Sahara Desert Camp, Merzouga
Day 10	Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades
Days 11 – 13	2Ciels Boutique Hotel & Spa, Marrakech

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Casablanca · Pre-Night Stay

Marrakech · Post-Night Stay

Northern Morocco: Chefchaouen & Tangier
Pre-Tour Guided Extension
4 Nights, Starting at $2,399 pp
Start your trip in northern Morocco — from Casablanca to the "Blue City" of Chefchaouen to Tangier.

See next page for more information.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

CO | *Colours of Morocco*

Northern Morocco: Chefchaouen & Tangier Pre-Tour Extension

6 DAYS • 6 MEALS • STARTING AT $2,399 PP*

Start your trip with 4 nights in Northern Morocco. Visit Chefchaouen, "the Blue City," a photographer's paradise, and Tangier, Europe's gateway to Africa.

EXTENSION STYLE: GUIDED

Experience the destination with a full itinerary planned for you. You'll be joined by a dedicated Tour Manager and enjoy planned local experiences and sightseeing. In addition, your accommodations, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included. (The Tour Manager for your extension may or may not be the same person as your main tour.)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3 *(see page 170 for details)*

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Barcelo Anfa, Casablanca
Days 3, 4	Riad Dar Echchaoen, Chefchaouen
Day 5	Barceló Tanger, Tangier

**Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. All rates in Canadian dollars.*

Day 1: Overnight Flight Travel on your overnight flight to Casablanca, Morocco.

Day 2: Casablanca, Morocco Arrive in Casablanca today! The best representation of modern Morocco, Casablanca's Moorish buildings meld French-colonial design with traditional Moroccan style. From your hotel, get acquainted with this coastal city, once an ancient pirates' lair. Depending on your flight arrival time, join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers this evening for a welcome reception.

Day 3: Casablanca - Chefchaouen Spend the day travelling to Chefchaouen, the "Blue City" situated in the Rif Mountains. A photographer's paradise, Chefchaouen, narrow, steep cobbled streets and red-walled *kasbah* are remarkable sights. The vibrant, blue-washed buildings create a serene and picturesque atmosphere and invite leisurely strolls. (B, D)

Day 4: Chefchaouen - Akchour - Chefchaouen Explore Chefchaouen with your Tour Manager today. See the 15th-century *kasbah* and the town's Grand Mosque. Explore the narrow lanes and walk by the many handicraft shops, where you can find the wool garments and woven blankets that are unique to this region. After your city tour, a less than an hour's drive brings you to Akchour. Enjoy a taste of local dishes during an included lunch and discover this little village, a hidden gem nestled in the Rif Mountains known for its breathtaking natural beauty and serene ambiance. Return to Chefchaouen for a free evening. (B, L)

Day 5: Chefchaouen - Tetouan - Tangier Say farewell to the "Blue City" and head to Tangier today. Stop in Tetouan and learn about Spanish influence in northern Morocco during a city tour that includes a visit to the old medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Arrive in Tangier in the early afternoon and get a glimpse of this port town before going to your hotel. (B)

Day 6: Tangier - Casablanca Start your day with a guided tour of Tangier, the main port city of northern Morocco and the gateway between Europe and Africa. Visit the old town and the American Legation Museum for a better understanding of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Morocco. Then, travel like a local aboard a train to Casablanca to join the main tour and continue your Moroccan adventure. (B)

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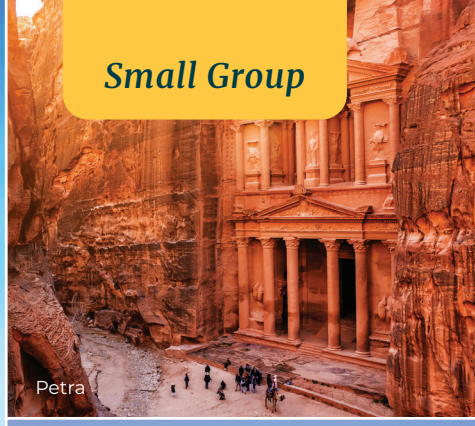
Journey Through Egypt & Jordan

15 DAYS • 30 MEALS • STARTING AT $9,249

Great Sphinx of Giza


Petra

Small Group

Sonesta Nile Goddess

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$9,249 (DOUBLE)** or **$11,549 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on December 12, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

September 2027 – May 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Amman, Petra, Impact Moment, Home-Hosted Lunch, Mount Nebo, Dead Sea, Giza Pyramids, Great Sphinx, 4-Night Nile River Cruise, Valley of the Kings, Kom Ombo, Aswan, Philae Temple, Grand Egyptian Museum

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Dress up and join the fun at a traditional *galabeya* party.
- Connect with locals during a home-hosted lunch in Madaba.
- Discover the secrets of the Nile, the world's longest river, on a 4-night cruise.
- Stand before the Pyramids of Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
- Meander through historic Petra, the "Rose Red City."
- View the tombs of King Tut and Ramses VI during a tour of the Valley of the Kings.
- Prepare your meal and eat family-style at an Arabic cooking class in Petra.
- Immerse yourself in Middle Eastern flavours during a small plates *meze* lunch in the Jordanian capital.

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 Jordan and Egypt.

Day 2: Amman, Jordan Your adventure starts in Amman, the capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Meet your Jordanian Tour Manager who will accompany you throughout your time in this Middle Eastern country. As arrival times will vary, there are no scheduled activities today, allowing you to settle in at your own pace and take time to adjust to the new time zone.

Day 3: Amman - Petra This morning, tour Amman, a city built on seven hills, with a rich history spanning nearly 10,000 years. Pause for lunch at a local restaurant, indulging in *meze* - a large variety of small sharing plates showcasing the exotic flavours of the Levant. This afternoon, take in Jordan's rocky landscape during your four-hour journey to Petra, the fabled "Rose Red City." At your hotel, connect with your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Petra At daybreak, weave along sandstone carvings as you tour the vast archeological site of Petra. Serving as a crossroads between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea, Petra contains ages of hidden wonders just waiting to be explored. Take advantage of an afternoon at leisure to adventure further on your own. Perhaps you'll trek up the 850 steps to the "Monastery," one of Petra's legendary monuments. In the evening, roll up your sleeves and join an authentic Arabic cooking class in a local home. During this **IMPACT MOMENT**, learn about the evolving role of women in Jordanian society as you chat about Bedouin traditions, ingredients, and recipes from your host. Dig into dinner family-style before returning to your hotel for the night. (B, D)

Day 5: Petra - Dead Sea A full-morning transfer takes you to the once-fertile basin of the Jordan Valley. In Madaba, view its famous 6th-century mosaic map of the Holy Land and engage with the local community during a home-hosted lunch. Experience proverbial Jordanian hospitality and authentic home cooking as you share stories and connect with your hosts over a traditional meal. This afternoon, like Moses long before you, gaze upon the Promised Land at Mount Nebo. Then, descend to the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea, for a two-night stay at a hotel featuring direct access to the legendary sea. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Dead Sea This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Travel the short distance between your hotel and the Jordan River to Bethany Beyond the Jordan, the UNESCO-recognized site believed to be where St. John the Baptist baptized Jesus Christ **-OR-** take advantage of your hotel's private access to the beach and enjoy a morning at leisure to experience the Dead Sea's natural buoyancy. Wrap up your afternoon at leisure with a scenic sunset overlooking the Dead Sea, before gathering for dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 7: Dead Sea - Fly to Cairo, Egypt Pre-dawn this morning, say goodbye to your Jordanian Tour Manager before boarding a 90-minute flight to Cairo, the capital of Egypt. Arrive in the land of the Pharaohs and meet your Egyptian Tour Manager, who will accompany you for the rest of the trip. Feel Cairo's constant thrum of energy wrap around you as you transfer to the hotel for a two-night stay. (B, D)

Day 8: Cairo - Pyramids of Giza This morning, be prepared for a dose of Cairo's legendary traffic as you head to Giza. Embrace the Egypt you always imagined as you stand in awe before the iconic Pyramids of Giza, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Marvel at the stoicism of the Great Sphinx, a colossal structure jutting out of the desert sand, full of mystery and intrigue. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. (B, L)

Day 9: Cairo - Fly to Luxor - Board Ship Pre-dawn this morning, transfer to the Cairo Airport for your 75-minute flight to Luxor. Upon arrival, visit the expansive ruins of Karnak Temple. Wander through this 4,000-year-old complex of pylons and obelisks, often of near-mythic proportions. Then, board your cruise ship and settle in for the next four nights. After lunch on board, enjoy an afternoon at leisure. This evening, take in the views from the sundeck, before joining your fellow travellers for your first dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Luxor - Valley of the Kings - Afternoon Sailing As dawn breaks, venture to Luxor's West Bank, trekking along the elaborate tombs of the Valley of the Kings. Delve even further into Egyptian legends with an included viewing of the tombs of King Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, as well as the Colossi of Memnon, before returning to the ship for a late lunch. In the early afternoon, set sail to Edfu, where you'll arrive early tomorrow morning. As you sail upstream, glimpse the small farms scattered along the Nile's banks, and appreciate the simple, modest lives of local farmers. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Edfu - Kom Ombo In Edfu, pick between an early or a late start to your day, because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Head out at daybreak for a guided visit of the mesmerizing Temple of Horus, returning for a late breakfast aboard **-OR-** rise at your leisure and linger over a relaxed breakfast, as you take in views of a place where daily life has changed little over the centuries. This afternoon, sail on to Kom Ombo and visit a rare double temple. Then, watch the Egyptian landscape slowly drift by as you sail on to Aswan. This evening, don a traditional Egyptian gown and join a festive *galabeya* party for a fun evening on board. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Aswan Your morning opens in Aswan, the Nubian city. Discover the mysteries of Philae Temple. Located on a small island, this complex can only be reached by motorboat. Philae is among the architectural wonders rescued from the rising waters of the Nile during the construction of the High Dam. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Aswan. Perhaps you'll visit the fascinating artifacts at the Nubian Archeological Museum. This evening, aboard a *felucca* (wooden sailboat), take in views of the tall sand dunes on the western shore of the Nile before relaxing over dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Aswan - Disembark Ship - Fly to Cairo Early this morning, return to Cairo. Gain insight into the city's layered architectural and cultural heritage during a guided tour of Islamic Cairo. Stroll along El Moez Street and pause to visit one of the area's historic mosques, where ornate facades and intricate decorative motifs reveal layers of the city's artistic tradition. Check into your hotel in the late afternoon. (B)

Day 14: Cairo This morning, get a glimpse into ancient Egypt's pharaohs, power struggles, and dynasties during a visit to the Grand Egyptian Museum. This world-class landmark showcases over 100,000 ancient artifacts, including the colossal statue of Ramses II, which welcomes guests in the soaring Grand Hall. Browsing the Museum's awe-inspiring collection provides a captivating introduction to Egypt's rich heritage in a truly spectacular setting. Return to the hotel mid-afternoon. This evening, celebrate the end of your Middle Eastern journey during a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 15: Cairo - Tour Ends Your epic adventure comes to a close today. Return home with a new understanding of these mystical lands. (B)

Arrival: Amman (AMM) **Departure:** Cairo (CAI)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Amman Marriott Hotel, Amman
Days 3, 4	Petra Marriott Hotel, Petra
Days 5, 6	Dead Sea Marriott Resort & Spa, Dead Sea
Days 7, 8	Marriott Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo ▲
Days 9 – 12	M/S *Sonesta Nile Goddess*
Days 13, 14	Marriott Cairo Hotel & Casino, Cairo ▲

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

13 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Lunches (L) • 10 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Amman · Pre-Night Stay

Cairo · Post-Night Stay

Cairo & Alexandria · Post-Tour Guided Extension
3 Nights, Starting at $1,645 pp
Uncover Alexandria's coastal charm, ancient monasteries, and Greco-Roman history on this guided extension.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

A FASTER PACE

This tour moves at a brisker pace to make the most of your time in these iconic destinations. Expect several early-morning departures — typically between 5:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. — to enjoy cooler temperatures and arrive ahead of the crowds at sites like Petra, Giza, the Valley of the Kings, and Edfu. Due to flight schedules, some travel days may begin even earlier, with departures as early as 1:30 a.m.

ASIA

Siem Reap, Cambodia

Where Food Creates Opportunity

Experience Singapore's Joo Chiat neighbourhood through its cuisine. Make *popiah*, a fresh spring roll filled with turnip, egg, and sweet sauce, then visit Dignity Kitchen, a hawker-style food court creating meaningful employment for people with disabilities. Learn simple sign language to order from Deaf stallholders during an Impact Moment on **The Soul of Southeast Asia: Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand**.

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History Through Different Eyes

Every story has more than one perspective. In Hanoi, a local veteran offers insight into how the Vietnam War impacted both his country and his life. On **Kingdoms of Southeast Asia**, you'll hear his firsthand account and gain a deeper understanding of a pivotal moment in history and the people who lived through it.

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Floating Market

NEW TOUR

Treasures of the Mekong

13 DAYS • 29 MEALS • STARTING AT $10,599

Small Group

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$10,599 (DOUBLE)** or **$15,649 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on September 27, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

September – December 2027; March 2028

HIGHLIGHTS

Cu Chi Tunnels, Ho Chi Minh City, Reunification Palace, 7-Night Cruise on Mekong River, Mekong Delta, Cai Rang Floating Market, Cyclo Tour of Phnom Penh, Choeung Ek (Killing Fields) & Tuol Sleng, Angkor Ban - Siem Reap, Angkor Wat at Sunrise

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Meet Khmer scarf weavers and learn more about Vietnamese-Cambodian culture in Hong Ngu village.
- Visit Choeung Ek, the Killing Fields, and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum to learn about the Khmer Rouge regime.
- See the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used by the Viet Cong.
- Explore incredible Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious structure.
- Experience Cai Rang Floating Market by *sampan* at dawn, part of UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage.
- See Cambodia's Emerald Buddha and diamond-encrusted Maitreya Buddha at Phnom Penh's Silver Pagoda.
- Taste coconut candy in the Mekong Delta.
- Enjoy tropical fruits and fresh coconut water aboard a *sampan* while cruising through a floating market.

Day 1: Overnight Flight Set sail on a journey that uncovers the heart and soul of Southeast Asia. Cruise the legendary Mekong River from vibrant Ho Chi Minh City to the ancient wonders of Siem Reap, drifting past riverside villages, floating markets, and timeless traditions. Along the way, connect with warm-hearted locals, witness artisans at work, and explore gilded temples rising from the jungle.

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City today. Once known as Saigon, this dynamic metropolis blends echoes of its storied past with the vibrant pulse of modern Vietnam. Discover grand colonial landmarks, energetic boulevards, and a celebrated food scene that spills from bustling markets onto every street corner. As travellers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently.

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City Begin your journey into Vietnam's layered history with a visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a labyrinth of underground passageways that echo the resilience and ingenuity of the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. As you descend into these narrow tunnels, imagine the lives of those who once sought refuge here, crafting strategies in the shadows. Later, back in the vibrant pulse of Ho Chi Minh City, taste Vietnamese coffee — its strong and bold style is balanced with sweet, condensed milk. After lunch, take the afternoon for some independent exploration. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a warm welcome dinner at a local restaurant, where the flavours of Vietnam set the tone for the journey ahead. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - Board Cruise Ship - Ben Tre The morning begins with a transition from the bustling streets of Ho Chi Minh City to the tranquil waters of the Mekong River. As your ship departs Saigon Port, watch the city's skyline dissolve into a tapestry of emerald-green rice paddies and winding waterways. The Mekong Delta, often called the "Rice Bowl of Vietnam," unfolds before you — a maze of life-giving rivers that sustain the communities along its banks. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Ben Tre - Can Tho Today, step into the rhythm of life along the Mekong. Glide through narrow waterways on a *sampan*, a traditional wooden boat, and feel the gentle sway of the river as you pass stilted homes and lush vegetation. In Ben Tre, the sweet aroma of coconut candy

Mekong Princess

Arrival: Ho Chi Minh City (SGN) **Departure:** Ho Chi Minh City (SGN)

fills the air as you visit a family-run workshop, where generations have perfected this craft. Later, ride a vintage *xe lam* through the streets of Can Tho, a city that has long been the cultural heart of the Mekong Delta. At the Zihuang Pagoda, the vibrant colours and intricate carvings come alive with the energy of a traditional unicorn dance — a joyful celebration of local heritage. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Can Tho - Hòa An - Giêng Island Before breakfast, experience the bustling energy of Cai Rang's Floating Market, where boats laden with fresh produce create a kaleidoscope of colours on the water. Sip on fresh coconut water as you weave through this lively marketplace, a cornerstone of Mekong Delta life. Later, in Hòa An village, connect with the land and its people. Learn how rice, the staple of Vietnamese cuisine, is cultivated and processed, and meet a family who crafts the iconic conical hats. As you try your hand at making one, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for the artistry and tradition woven into everyday life here. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Giêng Island - Hong Ngu On Giêng Island, the gentle hum of craftsmanship fills the air as you visit a village where *sampans* are meticulously built by hand. Travel further into the island on a *xe loi*, a motorized rickshaw, to the serene Phanxico Monastery, a place of quiet reflection. In the afternoon, Hong Ngu welcomes you with open arms. Here, the rhythmic weaving of Khmer scarves tells stories of heritage and resilience, while the intricate embroidery adorning the village speaks to the artistry passed down through generations. At a nearby temple dedicated to Hoa Hao, feel the spiritual heartbeat of the community — a moment of connection to the soul of this land. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Hong Ngu - Phnom Penh, Cambodia As the Mekong carries you across the border into Cambodia, the vibrant energy of Phnom Penh awaits. Explore the city on a cyclo, a traditional three-wheeled bicycle taxi, and feel the lively rhythm of the riverfront as you approach the Royal Palace. Within its golden gates, wander through manicured gardens and marvel at the Silver Pagoda, where treasures like the Emerald Buddha and a dazzling Maitreya Buddha reflect Cambodia's rich spiritual heritage. At the National Museum, the echoes of ancient civilizations come alive through pre-Angkorian and Angkorian artifacts, offering a glimpse of Cambodia's grandeur. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Phnom Penh This morning, travel by coach to Choeung Ek, one of Cambodia's most somber and historically significant sites. Walk the grounds of the Killing Fields, visit the small museum, and pause at the Memorial Stupa as you learn about the tragic events of the Khmer Rouge era. Continue to Tuol Sleng, a school transformed into the notorious S-21 prison, for deeper insight into this painful chapter of Cambodian history. Return to Phnom Penh for an afternoon at leisure to explore the city's inviting cafés, riverfront promenades, and vibrant markets at your own pace. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Phnom Penh - Angkor Ban - Kampong Cham Spend the morning relaxing and watching the small villages pass by as we sail farther up the Mekong to Angkor Ban. Tour the town in the afternoon, one of the few that survived the Khmer Rouge's destruction. Many of the original homes, some of which are several hundred years old, remain standing. Visit the village temple, where saffron-robed monks chant soft blessings. Meet a local family and learn about their lives and the challenges they face. Sail farther up the Mekong this evening to dock at Kampong Cham. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Kampong Cham - Siem Reap Your journey shifts from river to road as you travel to Siem Reap, the gateway to the ancient wonders of Angkor. Here, colonial charm meets a vibrant urban scene, where bustling markets and innovative cuisine reflect the city's dynamic spirit. This evening, consider attending Phare, the Cambodian Circus, where acrobatics and storytelling intertwine to celebrate the resilience and creativity of Cambodia's youth. (B, L)

Day 12: Siem Reap Depart for a sunrise at Angkor Wat, a perfect example of classic Khmer architecture. Enter through its quieter eastern gate, a less-travelled path that offers a sense of exclusivity, and exit to the west, watching the sunlight dance along the ancient stones. Then, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the Visitor Center of APOPO, where "hero rats" are trained to navigate minefields and save lives. Learn about the country's history with war and meet the professional rats at a demonstration. Later, visit Ta Prohm, a sprawling monastic complex that is overgrown with jungle. At Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmers, visit the Terrace of the Leper King and the temples of Baphuon and Bayon, 11th- and 12th-century masterpieces at the centre of the city. Tonight, join your fellow travellers and toast to the end of your adventure. (B, D)

Day 13: Siem Reap - Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Board your flight to bustling Ho Chi Minh City, where you'll spend one last night before your flight back home. (B)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Caravelle Hotel Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City
Days 4 – 10	*Mekong Princess*
Days 11, 12	Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Resort, Siem Reap
Day 13	Caravelle Hotel Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

11 Breakfasts (B) • 9 Lunches (L) • 9 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Ho Chi Minh City · Pre-Night Stay

Small Group

NEW TOUR

The Soul of Southeast Asia

Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand

17 DAYS • 28 MEALS • STARTING AT $11,649

Krabi

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **17** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$11,649 (DOUBLE)** or **$14,399 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on October 10, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

September 2027 – April 2028

HIGHLIGHTS

Joo Chiat Walking Tour, Peranakan Dinner in Singapore, Historic Jonker Street & Heeren Road, Kuala Lumpur Countryside by Vespa, Batu Caves, Trishaw Ride Through George Town, Bangkok at Night by Tuk-Tuk, Grand Palace, Ao Nang Beach, Elephant Sanctuary, Wellness Experience in Krabi

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Get a taste for Peranakan life during a dinner in a traditional house in Singapore.
- Walk alongside rescued elephants at Following Giants Elephant Sanctuary.
- Visit a *kelulut* (stingless bee) farm before savouring a *kampung*-style homemade lunch in a local's home.
- Explore Bangkok's street food scene via tuk-tuk on a food tour.
- In Malaysia, climb the 272 colourful steps to Batu Caves.
- Ride a trishaw through the historic streets of George Town.
- See the Grand Palace and Emerald Buddha during a city tour of Bangkok.
- Roll up your sleeves to make *popiahs*, a local spring roll.
- Dine in the dark as you are served by visually impaired hosts in Kuala Lumpur.

Day 1: Overnight Flight Your journey begins as Southeast Asia comes into focus. Move between cultures, flavours, and daily life across Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand. From city streets to coastal landscapes, each stop opens a new perspective — and this first step sets the tone for everything ahead.

Day 2: Singapore Arrive in Singapore, where cultures, flavours, and traditions meet at every turn. As arrival times vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing this afternoon. Settle in and head out when ready — whether that means tracking down a hawker stall or getting your first look at the city on your own.

Day 3: Singapore This morning, get your bearings on a city tour as you see icons like Raffles Hotel, Marina Bay, and Tiong Bahru's art deco blocks. Pause at a neighbourhood coffee shop for *kopi* or *teh* and watch the morning unfold. In Chinatown, taste local favourites before dinner in a traditional Peranakan house, where your host shares personal stories of local life and the fading Baba Malay language. (B, D)

Day 4: Singapore Head into Joo Chiat, where stories live in rows of colourful shophouses. Step into a hands-on cooking experience and make *popiah* — a fresh spring roll filled with turnip, egg, and sweet sauce. Sit down for an **IMPACT MOMENT** at Dignity Kitchen, where meaningful employment creates opportunity and connection. Learn simple sign language to order your meal. This evening, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Sip a Singapore Sling at the iconic Raffles Hotel Long Bar **-OR-** explore the illuminated conservatories of Gardens by the Bay as they come to life after dark. (B, L)

Day 5: Singapore - Malacca, Malaysia Say goodbye to Singapore and head into Malaysia, travelling overland to Malacca — a UNESCO World Heritage Site shaped by centuries of cultural exchange. After settling into your hotel, experience the Encore Malacca show, where music, movement, and storytelling bring the untold stories of local life into focus. (B, L)

Day 6: Malacca This morning, get to know Malacca on a walking tour past its historic landmarks. See St. Francis Xavier Church, Stadthuys (Red Square), St. Paul's Hill, and A Famosa. Visit the Malacca Sultanate Palace Museum and the Independence Memorial Museum. Pause for local snacks at a traditional coffee shop before a free afternoon to explore Malacca in your own way. As evening falls, return to the streets along Heeren Road, and Harmony and Jonker Streets, ending at a local restaurant for dinner. (B, D)

Malacca

Arrival: Singapore (SIN) **Departure:** Bangkok (BKK)

Day 7: Malacca - Kuala Lumpur Depart Malacca and make your way to Kuala Lumpur, stopping en route at the Royal Selangor Visitor Centre, home to the world's largest pewter factory. Learn about the history and cultural significance of pewter craftsmanship as you watch artisans cast, polish, and engrave pieces by hand — then try crafting your own. After arriving in Kuala Lumpur, step outside your comfort zone during a dining-in-the-dark experience, where your senses sharpen and visually impaired hosts guide your evening. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Kuala Lumpur Today, explore Kuala Lumpur by Vespa, cruising into the countryside. Stop at a family-run *kelulut* (stingless bee) farm to learn from a beekeeper about caring for these pollinators. Continue into a nearby village and step into a local home for a lunch prepared from family recipes passed through generations. Return to the city by 4:00 p.m. and enjoy a free evening. (B, L)

Day 9: Kuala Lumpur - Penang This morning, travel to Penang, stopping en route at Batu Caves, one of Malaysia's most iconic cultural and religious landmarks. Explore the limestone caves and take in the towering golden statue. By afternoon, discover George Town, known for its colonial architecture and Peranakan culture. Experience the streets by trishaw and take in historic sites like the Clock Tower and Fort Cornwallis. End at the Clan Jetties, a UNESCO-listed settlement built by early Chinese immigrants on wooden stilts over the sea. Wander through this waterfront community before finding dinner on your own. (B, L)

Day 10: Penang Head to Moh Teng Pheow and learn about *nyonya kueh*, bite-sized traditional snacks. Watch artisans handcraft these delicacies using techniques passed through generations, then taste the results. Visit the Peranakan Mansion, where architecture and collections tell a story of culture and daily life of the Peranakan community. After lunch concludes at 1:30 p.m., enjoy an afternoon and evening at leisure to explore more of Penang at your own pace. (B, L)

Day 11: Penang, Malaysia - Bangkok, Thailand Board your flight from Penang and arrive in Bangkok, where the pace and energy shift right away. As evening falls, explore Bangkok by night aboard a tuk-tuk on a local food tour, tasting favourites like mango sticky rice and pad thai while seeing the city from a street-level perspective. (B, D)

Day 12: Bangkok Today, go deeper into Bangkok with a visit to Wat Phra Keo (Emerald Buddha) and the Grand Palace. Cross the river by long-tail boat to see Wat Arun rising along the water. Our scheduled touring will conclude at 1:30 p.m., and the remainder of the day is yours to explore at your own pace. (B)

Day 13: Bangkok - Krabi Head to the airport for your transfer to the coastal town of Krabi, known for its craggy, sheer limestone cliffs. Settle into your seaside hotel before heading to Ao Nang Beach, a lively hub filled with shops and restaurants. Visit the weekend night market, where you can browse for souvenirs or find something local for dinner. (B, L)

Day 14: Krabi Today, come face to face with Asian elephants during an **IMPACT MOMENT** at Following Giants Elephant Sanctuary. Learn about their past lives and walk alongside them through the jungle. Take part in habitat restoration by creating a seed ball to support the growth of the trees they rely on. After lunch at the sanctuary, continue to a local hot spring and wellness facility for treatments including organic scrubs, a neck massage, and Aqua Thai yoga before returning for a relaxed evening. (B, L)

Day 15: Krabi Today is yours to explore more of Krabi or relax at the resort. You may choose an optional experience that takes you to the Hong Island Archipelago by private long-tail boat, with time to snorkel and enjoy a picnic lunch on the beach. As evening falls, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner, raising a glass to the experiences, flavours, and connections shared along the way. (B, D)

Day 16: Krabi - Bangkok Fly back to Bangkok this afternoon and transfer to an airport hotel, preparing to return home with a lifetime of memories — the best kind of souvenir. (B)

Day 17: Bangkok - Tour Ends Begin your onward journey home. (B)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Pullman Singapore Hill Street, Singapore
Days 5, 6	Casa del Rio, Melaka
Days 7, 8	InterContinental Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur
Days 9, 10	The George Penang by The Crest Collection, Penang
Days 11, 12	The Salil Hotel Riverside, Bangkok
Days 13 – 15	Amari Vogue Krabi, Krabi
Day 16	Hyatt Regency Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport, Bangkok

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

15 Breakfasts (B) • 8 Lunches (L) • 5 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Singapore · Pre-Night Stay

Bangkok · Post-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

NEW TOUR

Small Group

Journey through Northern Vietnam

A Cultural Exploration from Hanoi to Ha Long Bay

12 DAYS • 23 MEALS • STARTING AT $4,549

Ha Long Bay

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **17** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$4,549 (DOUBLE)** or **$5,799 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on March 16, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

September 2027 – April 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Water Puppetry Artist Demonstration, Vespa-led Hanoi Food Tour, Meet a Vietnam War Veteran, Lac Village Home-Hosted Dinner, Market Visit & Hands-On Cooking Experience, Hoa Lu Ancient Capital, Trang An Grottoes, Ha Long Bay, Cua Van Floating Village

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Meet with a Vietnam War veteran and their family in Mai Chau, connecting with the region's history.
- Sip egg coffee and sample pho on a Vespa-led food tour through Hanoi's buzzing night markets.
- Cruise Ha Long Bay, spending 2 nights aboard a traditional junk boat.
- Glide through Trang An Grottoes by rowboat, drifting by caves and temples.
- Step into the home of a master artist to learn about Vietnam's centuries-old water puppetry tradition.
- Enjoy a traditional dinner while learning about customs of the White Thai ethnic group.
- Discover the secrets of making sticky rice during a private cooking experience and home-hosted meal.
- Explore the ancient Hoa Lu, with its 10th-century ruins.

Day 1: Overnight Flight Your journey begins with an overnight flight to Northern Vietnam. From the peaceful rice paddies of Mai Chau to the towering limestone peaks rising from the waters of Ha Long Bay, and from the warm-hearted locals of Ninh Binh to the vibrant pulse of Hanoi, prepare for a cultural adventure.

Day 2: Hanoi, Vietnam Arrive in Hanoi, Vietnam's capital. With its tree-lined boulevards, French colonial facades, and a street food culture that hums with energy, Hanoi offers a rich and layered introduction to the country. Since arrival times vary, today is yours to explore at your leisure. You might stroll through a local market, unwind at a lakeside café, or simply take in the rhythm of the city. Tonight, dinner is on your own — perhaps sample a steaming bowl of pho or crispy bánh xèo from a nearby eatery.

Day 3: Hanoi Step into the heart of Vietnamese tradition with a visit to the home of a master water puppet artist, where you'll experience this centuries-old art form. Then, hop aboard a cyclo — a three-wheeled bicycle taxi — for a guided ride through the streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter. Our tour of Hanoi will conclude around 1pm. You are free to explore the city for the remainder of the afternoon. This evening, stroll down lively Beer Street to sample local brews, and cap off the day with a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 4: Hanoi This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Head into Hanoi's narrow backstreets to visit the famed Train Street, where homes and cafés sit inches from the railway line **-OR-** sit down to a bowl of bún cha at Huong Lien Restaurant, the very spot where President Obama and Anthony Bourdain once shared this staple dish. After, visit the Ho Chi Minh Complex and Vietnam's first university, the Temple of Literature. Enjoy lunch at a social enterprise restaurant that empowers disadvantaged youth through culinary training. This evening, hop on the back of a Vespa for a guided food tour through the Old Quarter, sampling local favourites like pho and egg coffee while weaving through the city's lively night scene. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Hanoi - Mai Chau Leave the buzz of Hanoi behind as you make your way into the lush hills of Mai Chau, a peaceful valley framed by misty mountains and dotted with stilt houses. Upon arrival, take a walk through the surrounding rice paddies, catching glimpses of daily life in the

Hanoi Market

Water Puppetry

Arrival: Hanoi (HAN) **Departure:** Hanoi (HAN)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Hotel du Parc, Hanoi
Days 5, 6	Mai Chau Ecolodge, Mai Chau
Days 7, 8	Emeralda Ninh Bình Resort and Spa, Ninh Binh
Days 9, 10	The 'Au Co' Ship
Day 11	Hotel du Parc, Hanoi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

10 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Hanoi • Pre-Night Stay

Southern Vietnam • Post-Tour Guided Extension
5 Nights, Starting at $2,055† pp

Tour Ho Chi Minh City, cruise the Mekong River, explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, and visit the Mui Ne Fishing Village.

†Additional air segment purchase required.

See next page for more information.

local villages. Tonight, unwind at your eco-lodge, surrounded by soaring mountains and unbridled forests. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Mai Chau: Hich Village & Lac Village This morning, connect with the living history of Mai Chau during a visit to Hich Village. Meet a Vietnam War veteran and their family, hearing firsthand stories that offer a personal lens into the region's past. Experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** in Lac Village with a visit to Hoa Ban, a social enterprise that uplifts women from the White Thai minority through vocational training. Later, be welcomed into a local home for a traditional dinner. Share a meal of regional dishes and enjoy warm hospitality as you learn more about the customs of the White Thai ethnic group. (B, D)

Day 7: Mai Chau - Ninh Binh Leave the hills on Mai Chau for the dramatic landscapes of Ninh Binh, often called "Ha Long Bay on land" for its towering limestone formations and winding rivers. Your first stop is Hoa Lu (UNESCO), Vietnam's ancient capital dating back to the 10th century. Marvel at the temple and fortress ruins as you explore this historical site. This afternoon, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Hike to Hang Mua viewpoint, climbing over 500 steps to be rewarded with spectacular views **-OR-** indulge in a relaxing massage back at the hotel spa. (B, L)

Day 8: Ninh Binh: Trang An Grottoes This morning, step into a rowboat and glide through the serene waterways of Trang An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its labyrinth of limestone caves and jungle-covered peaks. As you paddle through Bright Cave, Dark Cave, Ba Giot, and Nau Ruou, the quiet beauty of this hidden world unfolds around you. This evening, connect with locals over a home-hosted dinner. Take part in a hands-on cooking class before sharing the meal together. (B, D)

Day 9: Ninh Binh - Ha Long Bay Travel to Ha Long Bay and board a cruise boat for two spectacular nights. Pass through Trong Mai Islet, Ngon Tay Islet, and Con Coc Islet before arriving at a coastal village. Choose to explore by bicycle or electric cart, winding through the village and learning about daily life in this peaceful corner of Northern Vietnam. Later, take part in an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the Bhaya Community Farm, where you'll learn about sustainable farming as well as the Save the Langurs conservation project. From Bhaya's café, enjoy views of verdant fields dotted with wandering buffalo, and try your hand at crafting some local delicacies. Back aboard the ship, unwind as the sun sets over the bay. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Ha Long Bay Greet the day with a Tai Chi session on the deck as the sun rises over Ha Long Bay. Then, take the chance to further explore the Trinh Nu area by kayak, paddling through quiet coves and beneath towering limestone cliffs. After lunch onboard, visit Cua Van Floating Village, considered one of the most beautiful destinations in the world, drifting past colourful homes and fishing boats by kayak or traditional rowing boat. Finish the day with another spectacular sunset. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Ha Long Bay - Hanoi This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Explore Sung Sot Cave, the largest in Ha Long Bay, following the 500-meter paved passageway that threads through it **-OR-** visit Titov Island for a swim in the calm waters, sunbathing on the pristine beach and – if you're up for it – a hike up the mountain for a panoramic view of Ha Long Bay. Then, bid the bay farewell as you travel back to Hanoi. Enjoy one last free afternoon to revisit your favourite spots or simply relax before gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Hanoi - Tour Ends Your adventure through Northern Vietnam comes to a close today. (B)

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY | Journey through Northern Vietnam

Southern Vietnam Post-Tour Extension

6 DAYS • 9 MEALS • STARTING AT $2,055 PP*

Extend your adventure with six days in Southern Vietnam. Discover Ho Chi Minh City, cruise the Mekong Delta, explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, and relax on the shores of Mui Né.

EXTENSION STYLE: GUIDED

Experience the destination with a full itinerary planned for you. You'll be joined by a dedicated Tour Manager and enjoy planned local experiences and sightseeing. In addition, your accommodations, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included. (The Tour Manager for your extension may or may not be the same person as your main tour.)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3 *(see page 170 for details)*

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Days 12-14 Caravelle Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City

Days 15, 16 The Anam Mui Né, Phan Thiet

**Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Additional flight purchase required. All rates in Canadian dollars.*

Day 12: Hanoi - Ho Chi Minh City Fly south to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's economic centre and main hub of the southern region. Upon arrival, set out on a guided city tour introducing you to the city's blend of French colonial charm and modern energy, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. The rest of the day is yours to explore at your own pace — perhaps stroll through Ben Thanh Market or relax at a café. (L)

Day 13: Ho Chi Minh City Venture into the heart of the Mekong Delta, where life flows along the riverbanks. Cruise the Mekong River, passing stilt houses and floating markets. Visit a coconut candy workshop to see how this sweet treat is made — and maybe sample a few — and enjoy lunch before returning to the city. (B, L)

Day 14: Ho Chi Minh City Step into history with a visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels, an underground network used during the Vietnam War. Learn about the resilience and ingenuity of those who lived and fought here. The rest of the day is yours to explore or relax before gathering for dinner. (B, D)

Day 15: Ho Chi Minh City - Mui Né, Phan Thiet Travel to the coastal city of Phan Thiet, known as the birthplace of Vietnamese fish sauce. Visit the Lang Chai Xua Fish Sauce Museum to discover the 300-year-old craft that defines this region's culinary identity. Later, head to the Red Sand Dunes to witness a breathtaking sunset over the rolling landscape. This evening, settle in at your Mui Né resort for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 16: Mui Né, Phan Thiet Start your day at the Mui Né Fishing Village, taking the opportunity to immerse yourself in daily life among the local fishermen. You can join them in various activities, such as net weaving, repairing fishing equipment, or even going out to sea for a fishing expedition. The afternoon is yours to unwind on the beach or enjoy your resort's amenities. Tonight, gather for dinner to celebrate your adventure. (B, D)

Day 17: Mui Né, Phan Thiet - Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends Return to Ho Chi Minh City for your onward flight home, carrying with you the incredible stories of Vietnam. (B)

NEW TOUR

Journey Through the Heart of Japan

Tokyo to Osaka

12 DAYS • 15 MEALS • STARTING AT $8,949

Small Group

Nara Park

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **4** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

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

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on July 9, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

March – May 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

June 2027 – May 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Private Sumo Experience, Mt. Fuji 5th Station, Overnight in Traditional *Ryokan* (Japanese Inn), Old Tokaido Highway, *Shabu-Shabu* & Geisha Experience, *Shinkansen* Bullet Train, Sushi-Making Class, Nara Park, Fushimi Inari Shrine, Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, Taiko Drum Lesson

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Ride the *Shinkansen* bullet train and experience Japan's rail culture firsthand.
- Sleep like a local during a 2-night stay at a *ryokan* inn.
- Witness a *Goma* fire ritual at Fukagawa Fudo-do Temple.
- Walk among the bamboo stalks of Arashiyama's grove.
- Meet the free-roaming deer of Nara Park.
- Stroll beneath a tunnel of *torii* gates at Fushimi Inari Taisha.
- Roll your own sushi in a hands-on class and dine on your creations.
- Savour *shabu-shabu* hot pot and meet a geisha in Hakone.

Day 1: Overnight Flight You're bound for Japan! Soon you'll wander Tokyo's museums, witness sumo, ascend to Mt. Fuji's 5th Station, stroll through a bamboo grove, and roll sushi. Tonight is your first step on this journey.

Day 2: Tokyo, Japan Today, you arrive in Tokyo, a city where neon towers and tranquil shrines stand side by side. With no scheduled activities, tailor your first impressions of the "Land of the Rising Sun" at your own pace. Navigate Shibuya's Scramble Crossing, pause at a neighbourhood shrine, savour sushi at a tiny eatery, or wander into an anime shop. From gardens to crowded alleyways, Tokyo's mix of ancient ritual and modern energy is yours to discover before you meet your travel companions tomorrow.

Day 3: Tokyo Your day begins with an exploration of Tokyo, a city steeped in art and history. Visit the Tokyo National Museum, where Buddhist statues, samurai armour, and *ukiyo-e* prints tell centuries of stories. At the Imperial Palace, see the moats and walls that encircle its serene East Gardens. In the evening, stroll through Ginza's polished streets, where history meets modern commerce. End the day at a local restaurant where you'll sample regional dishes. (B, D)

Day 4: Tokyo Begin your day by stepping inside a sumo stable for a private demonstration and learn about the discipline, diet, and rituals of Japan's wrestlers. Witness the flickering flames and rhythmic chants of a *Goma* fire ritual at Fukagawa Fudo-do Temple. Tokyo's treasures are yours to explore at leisure this afternoon. Venture out into the city's neighbourhoods, shop for crafts, sip matcha in a teahouse, or seek out a hidden shrine. (B)

Day 5: Tokyo - Mt. Fuji 5th Station - Hakone Depart Tokyo this morning and travel through a haven of natural beauty toward Mount Fuji. Stop at the 5th Station on the volcano's slopes to gaze up at its snow-capped cone and take in the splendour of the iconic peak. Your journey continues in Hakone, a hot-spring resort town, where tonight you'll stay in a *ryokan* (a traditional Japanese inn) with *tatami* floors and sliding paper doors. After settling into your room, sit down to a multi-course *kaiseki* feast and a display of culinary artistry featuring seasonal ingredients. (B, D)

Day 6: Hakone Up, up, and away! Today's adventures begin with a ride up the Komagatake Ropeway and a short walk to the summit for panoramic views over Hakone. Descend and cruise across Lake Ashi to the historic Sekisho-ato Pier, a historic checkpoint from the Edo period. Back on land,

Mt Fuji

Sumo Show

follow the Old Tokaido Highway and stroll beneath towering cedar trees on Ancient Cedar Avenue, a route once travelled by samurai. Wander among sculptures at the Hakone Open-Air Museum before concluding your day with a traditional *shabu-shabu* hot pot and meeting a geisha. (B, D)

Day 7: Hakone - Kyoto This morning, the *Shinkansen* bullet train glides you along in your journey toward Kyoto. After settling into your hotel, it's time to stroll along Pontocho, a notable alley of dining experiences that runs beside the Kamo River. Here, lantern-lit wooden houses hide long-standing eateries and modern bars serving *yakitori*, *tempura,* and *sake.* Feel Kyoto's timeless atmosphere as you wander through alleys under glowing paper lanterns. (B)

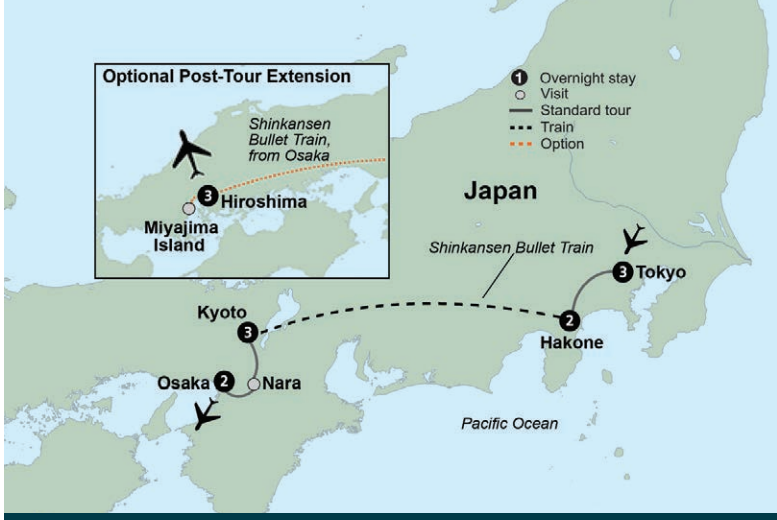
Day 8: Kyoto Rise early to greet the day and beat the crowds with a visit to the peaceful Fushimi Inari Shrine. Walk beneath thousands of vermilion torii gates climbing the forested hillside and pause at shrines along the way. This afternoon, head to Kyoto's historic Gion district, where geisha still glide along flagstone lanes lined with teahouses and *machiya* townhouses. Sample *wagashi* sweets or matcha cakes as you explore the surrounding neighbourhood. (B)

Day 9: Kyoto The morning is yours to uncover more of Kyoto. Perhaps visit a quiet temple, shop for crafts, or relax in a teahouse. At midday, walk through the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, where swaying stalks create a green tunnel. Tour Nijo Castle (UNESCO). Roll up your sleeves for tonight's dinner. You'll be learning the art of making sushi as you join a local chef to prepare your meal before dining on your creations. (B, D)

Day 10: Kyoto - Osaka Leave Kyoto for Nara this morning. In Nara Park, stroll among bowing deer and visit Todaiji Temple to see its giant bronze Buddha. In Osaka, join a guided walk along the neon-bright streets of Dotonbori and Shinsaibashi, lined with street food stalls and boutiques. The evening is yours to sample *takoyaki, okonomiyaki,* and other specialties in Japan's culinary capital at your leisure. (B)

Day 11: Osaka Today, you'll get insight into a traditional form of Japanese culture with a private *taiko* drumming lesson before heading to Osaka Castle Park to learn about the city's samurai heritage. The rest of the afternoon is yours to get acquainted with Osaka. You might visit a museum, cruise the canal, shop in Umeda, or snack on street food. As evening approaches, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating your journey through Japan. (B, D)

Day 12: Osaka - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



Arrival: Tokyo (HND) **Departure:** Osaka (KIX)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Hilton Odaiba, Tokyo
Days 5, 6	Hakone Yunohana Prince Hotel, Hakone
Days 7 – 9	Hotel Okura, Kyoto
Days 10, 11	Centara Grand Hotel, Osaka

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

10 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Tokyo · Pre-Night Stay

Osaka · Post-Night Stay

Hiroshima · Post-Tour Guided Extension
3 Nights, Starting at $2,740 pp
Travel by *Shinkansen* bullet train to Hiroshima where you'll visit Miyajima Island, Peace Memorial Park and Museum, and more.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Tokyo

Japan & South Korea: From Tokyo to Seoul

16 DAYS • 23 MEALS • STARTING AT $12,349

Small Group

Kyoto

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$12,349 (DOUBLE)** or **$15,249 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on November 6, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Bullet Train, *Ama* Pearl Divers Dinner, *Okonomiyaki* Cooking Class & Dinner, Discussion with an A-Bomb Survivor in Hiroshima, Arashiyama Bamboo Forest, Korean Demilitarized Zone, North Korean Defector Talk, Gyeongbok Palace

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Join a North Korean defector for a private discussion about their escape and new life.
- 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.
- Wander among the swaying trees of the Arashiyama bamboo forest.
- Tour Korea's infamous Demilitarized Zone, better known as the DMZ.
- See the gleaming beauty of the Golden Pavilion.
- Dine with a Korean family during a home-hosted traditional lunch.
- Try your hand at sushi making in Kyoto.
- Make delicious *okonomiyaki* — savoury pancakes that are a Hiroshima favourite.

Day 1: Overnight Flight You're headed on a journey shaped by everyday life, long-held traditions, and modern momentum. It moves through the "Land of the Rising Sun" and continues on to Seoul, South Korea, offering space for real cultural exchange and meaningful human connection along the way.

Day 2: Tokyo, Japan *Konnichiwa!* Touch down in Tokyo and begin getting your bearings in a city shaped by deep tradition and constant reinvention. Everyday life here moves between quiet ritual and bold expression, often within the same block. As arrival times vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing throughout the day. Use the time to explore independently. Walk your neighbourhood, follow your appetite, and start reading the rhythms of the city for yourself.

Day 3: Tokyo This morning, ride the subway and slip into daily Tokyo life, moving through the city with the same rhythm locals rely on. Clean, efficient, fast, and easy to use, the Tokyo subway system is one of the best in the world. In Shibuya, watch the famous crossing fill and clear in carefully timed waves, then enjoy free time to wander, people watch, and find lunch nearby. By afternoon, see the Imperial Palace and Niju Bridge, followed by time in Ginza. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner and begin getting to know your fellow travellers. (B, D)

Day 4: Tokyo This morning, head to Asakusa to visit Sensoji Temple, where incense drifts through the air and daily worship unfolds in real time. With free time, stroll Nakamise Street, moving between long-standing stalls, sampling local sweets, and picking up souvenirs. By around 2:00 p.m., return to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours. Explore Tokyo independently, perhaps visiting the Tokyo National Museum or settling into a neighbourhood *izakaya* for a bowl of ramen. (B)

Day 5: Tokyo - Ise-Shima This morning, speed becomes part of the experience as you climb aboard the *shinkansen* bullet train, cutting across Japan in near silence. Fields, towns, and distant mountains unfold along the way — keep an eye out for Mt. Fuji. After changing from train to coach in Nagoya, arrive in Ise-Shima, a coastal region shaped by sacred forests, a rugged shoreline, and centuries-old pearl diving traditions. (B, D)

Day 6: Ise-Shima This morning, go to the Mikimoto Pearl Museum. Explore the legacy of the *ama* pearl divers — women who defied conventional gender roles to dive in the sea. Watch

Gyeongbok Palace

Arrival: Tokyo (TYO) **Departure:** Seoul (ICN)

them plunge into the sea and see firsthand how skill, breath control, and deep knowledge of the water have shaped these traditions. As evening approaches, cross by ferry to Azurihama Beach for an **IMPACT MOMENT**, walking alongside *ama* divers as you help clean the shoreline that sustains their community. From the sand, head to an *ama* hut where seafood grills over open charcoal, smoke fills the air, and the divers share stories of their lives and the traditions they continue to protect. (B, D)

Day 7: Ise-Shima - Hiroshima Travel by *shinkansen* to Hiroshima. Visit a local cooking studio this evening to learn how residents prepare one of Hiroshima's favourite dishes, *okonomiyaki*. Roll up your sleeves to cook with locals and share the private experience of making this savoury pancake before sitting down to enjoy this local dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Hiroshima Walk a short distance from your hotel to the Peace Memorial Park. Pause to see the Atomic Dome (UNESCO), preserved as a sombre reminder of the destruction Hiroshima faced in World War II. Time at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum provides deeper context before an **IMPACT MOMENT** connects you with someone who experienced the devastating effects of the atomic bomb firsthand, sharing what daily life was like then and how memories are carried forward. Later, board a ferry to Miyajima Island, also known as Shrine Island (UNESCO), home to the Itsukushima Shrine and its iconic O-torii Gate rising from the water. (B)

Day 9: Hiroshima - Kyoto Kyoto awaits! Ride the *shinkansen* to Kyoto, long regarded as Japan's cultural heart. Walk through Gion and Higashiyama, where traditional architecture frames everyday life. You may glimpse a woman in full geisha regalia headed to one of the hidden, exclusive tea houses. With an evening at leisure, Kyoto is yours to explore at your own pace. (B)

Day 10: Kyoto The day is yours to explore Kyoto at your leisure or join an optional tour and see how circular agriculture supports year-round growing, with time to pick and taste fresh produce. Or remain in the city — return to Gion, exploring temples, shrines, traditional shops, and charming cafés, or spend time in the park and grounds of the Kyoto Imperial Palace. (B)

Day 11: Kyoto A relaxed start to your day in Kyoto invites a reflective mood before diving into culture. Head to the Arashiyama bamboo forest to meander beneath towering stalks swaying gently above the shady paths. Visit Kinkaku-ji Temple (UNESCO) — the Golden Pavilion — its upper floors fully covered in gold leaf and reflecting centuries of power, change, and belief. Once a shogun's retirement home, it later became a Zen temple, enduring war and fire alike. This evening, learn the delicate art of sushi making during a private, interactive class before sitting down to dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Kyoto - Seoul, South Korea Today, say *annyeong haseyo* as you fly to South Korea. Seoul, its capital city, is a place where history sits alongside constant reinvention. This modern metropolis moves fast but remains deeply rooted in tradition. Arrive later this afternoon and settle in before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 13: Seoul This morning, go to the Korean Demilitarized Zone, or DMZ. This heavily fortified land, stretching over 150 miles, has divided North and South Korea for the last 68 years. During your visit, see Imjingak Park, the Bridge of Freedom, the DMZ Theater and Exhibition Hall, the Dora Observatory, and the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, gaining deeper insight into the unresolved legacy of the Korean War. It's a rare chance to stand at one of the world's most closely guarded borders. Tonight, your evening is at leisure back in Seoul to uncover it as you wish. (B, L)

Day 14: Seoul Your morning begins with an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you gather for a private talk with a North Korean defector, hearing firsthand about life in the North, their escape to the South, and the challenges of rebuilding a new life. This is the kind of conversation that stays with you long after your journey ends. Later, leave the city and stop at a local market to grab local ingredients that will set the tone for more cultural conversations. A home-hosted traditional Korean lunch connects you with a local family, offering insight into everyday life in South Korea. (B, L)

Day 15: Seoul Begin the day by riding the subway to Gyeongbok Palace. Tour the expansive grounds and watch the ceremonial changing of the guard. Continue on, visiting Insadong Street, a lively area known for its narrow alleys filled with tea shops, galleries, boutiques, and cafés. The afternoon is at leisure to explore further, perhaps visiting the Museum of Contemporary History or the National Museum of Korea. This evening, gather for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 16: Seoul - Tour Ends Today, depart Seoul for home, bringing with you lasting memories from your journey through Japan and the many moments of connection and discovery experienced in South Korea's capital. (B)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Hilton, Tokyo
Days 5, 6	Shima Kanko Hotel, Ise-Shima
Days 7, 8	ANA Crowne Plaza, Hiroshima
Days 9 – 11	Hotel Okura, Kyoto
Days 12 – 15	Courtyard Marriott Namdaemun, Seoul

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

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Small Group

Angkor Wat

Ha Long Bay

Co Co River

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$7,699 (DOUBLE)** or **$9,499 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on September 16, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

September 2027 – May 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Hanoi, Walking Food Tour, Discussion with Vietnam War Veteran, Ha Long Bay, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City, Reunification Palace, Mekong Delta, Siem Reap, Angkor Wat, Luang Prabang, Wat Xieng Thong, Pak Ou Buddha Cave, Monk Alms Offering, Bangkok

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Visit with a Vietnam War veteran and learn about the war from his perspective.
- Explore Hanoi's historic Old Quarter on an exciting walking tour.
- See the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used by the Viet Cong.
- Cruise along the famous Mekong Delta, rich with natural wonders.
- Overnight on a junk boat and cruise the waters of Ha Long Bay.
- Explore incredible Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious structure.
- Learn the secrets of Vietnamese cooking during a private interactive class.
- A local Laotian family welcomes you into their home for dinner.

Day 1: Overnight Flight Set out on a journey that reveals the best of Southeast Asia. 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 Arrive today 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. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently.

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. Follow the meandering streets, decorated with temples and pagodas, and feast on the history before you. After working up an appetite, enjoy a walking food tour featuring some of Vietnam's most famous dishes such as *banh mi* and *pho.* Later this evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 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. This historic site, dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" by American POWs, is now a museum that tells the story of colonial history from the Vietnamese perspective. Following your visit, sit down with a local veteran from the Vietnam War to chat and connect with him as he recounts his history. The rest of the day is yours to explore. 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, the perfect vantage point for soaking up the landscape. Once on board, enjoy fresh seafood as you sail past vistas of low green mountains, small villages, hundreds of islands, and limestone peaks jutting out from the sea. Disembark to discover the wonders of nature, history, and archaeology. Back on board, sit back and relax as the sounds and peaceful sway of the boat lull you to sleep. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Ha Long Bay - Hanoi - Da Nang - Hoi An Your day begins with a tai chi lesson on the sundeck at sunrise. After a light breakfast, we head off to visit Sung Sot cave, one of the many limestone grottos accessible by boat in the UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site that is Ha Long Bay. It is time to say farewell to this stunning natural wonder and cruise back to the mainland. Fly to

Da Nang and travel to Hoi An (UNESCO), an ancient trading port. (B)

Day 7: Hoi An Start your day with a walking tour of Old Town. Stroll by the ornate Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, the famous 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge, and the vibrant market. Finish with an introduction to the local tailoring culture in Hoi An, a tradition dating back to the days of the silk route. See the process of making cotton and silk cloth, and you may even choose to have some tailor-made clothes made. Enjoy a free afternoon to walk along the canals that cut through Ancient Town on your own. Perhaps you'll visit an art gallery, museum, or go shopping before joining the group for a local dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Hoi An Today, board a basket boat and journey along the Co Co River for an immersive private cooking class. Learn how to catch seafood in the river and grind rice into flour. Use your ingredients to cook four classic local dishes that you'll enjoy for lunch. Try your hand at crafting a traditional Vietnamese lantern at a local workshop, a beautiful symbol of Hoi An's heritage. Then, enjoy a free afternoon and evening. (B, L)

Day 9: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City Leave Hoi An and fly to Ho Chi Minh City. 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 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 and learn how this confection is made. Enjoy lunch featuring southern Vietnamese cuisine before travelling back to Ho Chi Minh City. This evening, you might choose to go on an optional Saigon after-dark tour by Vespa, where you'll experience the city's vibrant nightlife, street food, and hidden gems from the back of a vintage scooter. (B, L)

Day 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 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. Enter its eastern gate and exit to the west, watching the sunlight dance along stones. Later, visit Ta Prohm, a sprawling monastic complex that is overgrown with jungle. At Angkor Thom, visit the Terrace of the Leper King and the temples of Baphuon and Bayon, 11th- and 12th-century masterpieces. (B)

Day 14: Siem Reap - Preah Dak - Siem Reap Start your day with an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the Visitor Centre of APOPO, where "hero rats" are trained to navigate minefields and save lives. Learn about the country's history with war and meet the professional rats at a demonstration. Then, travel to the village of Preah Dak to learn about daily life and see how *Nom Banh Jok* (rice noodles) are created. Get a peek into the local culture at the palm sugar market, where tree sap is gathered and cooked for sugar. Make your way to Les Chantiers Ecoles, where local apprentices are trained in fine arts, and peruse the different workshops of sculpture, carving, and more. You may choose to end your day with a visit to Phare, the Cambodian Circus. (B, L)

Day 15: Siem Reap - Luang Prabang, Laos This morning, visit the Kompong Khleang floating village and see the stilt houses and floating homes. Board a flight to Luang Prabang, the spiritual capital of Laos. Get acquainted with the city with your guide. Then, venture into a lively outdoor market at night and see a bustling cluster of vendors selling local street foods, baked goods, paper lamps, and textiles. (B, L)

Day 16: Luang Prabang Hop into a tuk-tuk with a guide and tour the city centre, including a visit to the National Museum — the former Royal Palace. Continue to Wat Xieng Thong monastery, decorated in eye-catching gold. Meander along the Nam Khan River to Wat Khili, highlighting the local culture and history. After lunch, cruise to the 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 Journey to a traditional Hmong hill tribe village in Ban Long Lao and learn about this ethnic group and their way of life. Hike through lush jungle and mountain scenery to the incredible Kuang Si Waterfall. Return to Luang Prabang for lunch. (B, L)

Day 18: Luang Prabang - Bangkok, Thailand You may choose to rise early and begin your day with a traditional alms offering to local monks. After breakfast back at the hotel, continue to the airport. Board your flight to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. A feast for the senses, this bustling city blends cosmopolitan sophistication with a strong sense of history and tradition. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers and toast to the end of your adventure at dinner. (B, D)

Day 19: Bangkok - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

Arrival: Hanoi (HAN) **Departure:** Bangkok (BKK)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Silk Path Hotel, Hanoi
Day 5	*The Au Co* Ship, Bhaya Cruises
Days 6 – 8	Little Oasis Hotel & Spa, Hoi An
Days 9 – 11	Novotel Saigon Centre, Ho Chi Minh City
Days 12 – 14	Borei Angkor Resort & Spa, Siem Reap
Days 15 – 17	Victoria Xiengthong Palace, Luang Prabang
Day 18	Cape House, Bangkok

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

17 Breakfasts (B) • 8 Lunches (L) • 7 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Hanoi • Pre-Night Stay

Bangkok • Post-Tour Guided Extension
3 Nights, Starting at $1,370 pp
Continue to Bangkok — explore its canals by boat, visit famed landmarks like the Grand Palace, and more.

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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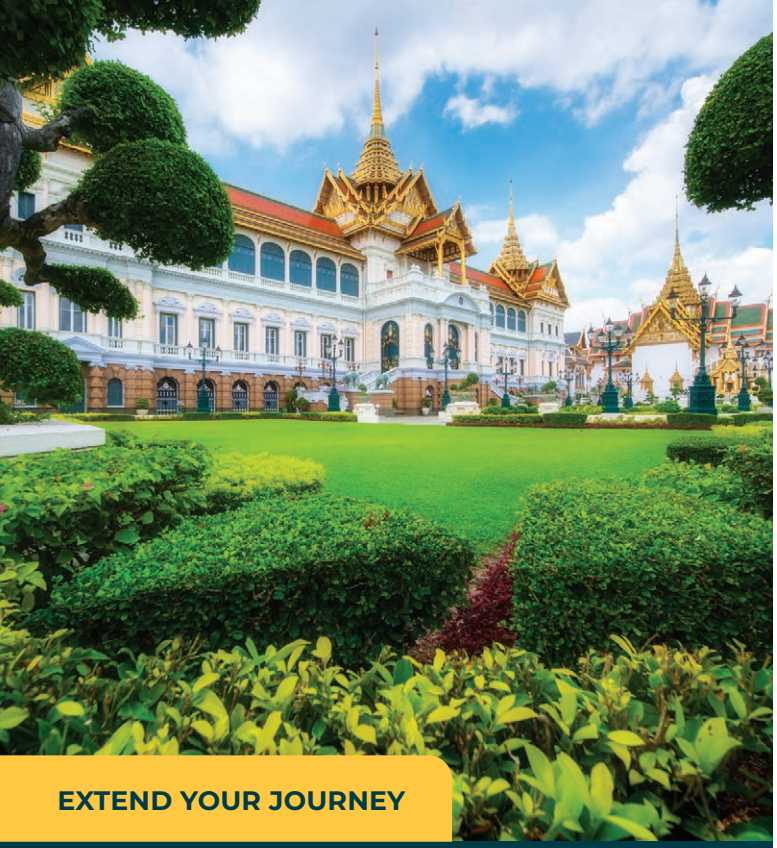

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Experience the destination with a full itinerary planned for you. You'll be joined by a dedicated Tour Manager and enjoy planned local experiences and sightseeing. In addition, your accommodations, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included. (The Tour Manager for your extension may or may not be the same person as your main tour.)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3 *(see page 170 for details)*

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Days 19-21 Cape House Hotel, Bangkok

**Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. All rates in Canadian dollars.*

Post-Tour Extension

Day 19: Bangkok 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 — there is a reason Bangkok has always been one of the most popular destinations in Asia. Early this morning, visit Lumpini Park, Bangkok's first public park. See locals engaging in activities like Tai Chi, Qigong, yoga, ballroom dancing, and traditional dance. Spot fish, turtles, and birds as they bask in the sun and swim in the large lake. At 8 a.m., watch as the park pauses for the national anthem. After breakfast, visit the Jim Thompson House and Museum. This architectural gem, hidden away on a quiet street in the city centre, was once the home of the man who took the production of Thai silk onto the international stage before disappearing in Malaysia in 1967. The house features an impressive collection of Southeast Asian art, an open-air café surrounded by peaceful gardens, and a shop where you can purchase fine silk and household items. 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. The streets are alive with excitement and energy as your tuk tuk brings you to food tastings that capture the local flavour. End with a visit to the flower market – this normally busy, bustling landmark feels solitary and peaceful in the quiet of night. Enjoy more food tastings in a private setting before returning to the hotel. (D)

Day 20: Bangkok Today, explore some of Bangkok's most famous landmarks. Start with a stroll through the 24-hour flower market and take in the blaze of colour and heavenly scents. Take a short tuk tuk ride to Wat Pho, Bangkok's most extensive temple where you will see the reclining Buddha. No visit to Bangkok would be complete without a visit to the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew - the home of the emerald Buddha. Afterwards, enjoy the afternoon to explore Bangkok at leisure with free time from 1 p.m. You might choose to continue your culinary exploration at an optional Thai cooking class where you'll learn to make iconic Thai dishes and leave with a brand new set of skills. (B)

Day 21: Bangkok Rise early this morning to visit the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. Your paddle boat takes you through a winding array of colours, noises, and vendors, captivating your senses as you glide through water canals. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant set amongst Bangkok's oldest orchards before enjoying some free time on your own starting around 1 p.m. (B, L)

Day 22: Bangkok - Extension Ends Bid farewell to Asia as you head home with memories and photos to last a lifetime. (B)

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Small Group

Sukhothai

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **18** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$6,299 (DOUBLE)** or **$7,649 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on October 14, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

September 2027 – April 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Reclining Buddha, Emerald Buddha, Bangkok Street Food, Sukhothai, Chiang Rai, The Golden Triangle, Chiang Mai, Elephant Experience in Chiang Mai, Lanna Home Visit, Home-Hosted Meal, Old Town Phuket, Tuk-Tuk Rides

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Float along the waters of the Mekong River and see the Golden Triangle where Laos, Burma, and Thailand meet.
- Join a Lanna family, thought to be the first people of Thailand, for a home-hosted meal.
- Trek by 4x4 vehicle to an elephant sanctuary where you will prepare tasty treats for the endangered residents.
- Zip around the buzzing city streets of Bangkok on a tuk-tuk followed by tastings of the city's famous street food.
- See the gilded Reclining Buddha, the sacred jade Emerald Buddha, and the dazzling Grand Palace in Bangkok.
- Explore the canals of Bangkok's Old Town on a boat trip.

Day 1: Overnight Flight Embrace the diversity of Southeast Asia as you explore Thailand on this classic journey featuring lavish temples, cultural discoveries, and its stunning natural beauty. From tropical vistas to gilded palaces and ancient ruins, Thailand offers up a piece of its soul to travellers — and your story starts here.

Day 2: Bangkok, Thailand Begin your discovery of Thailand in Bangkok, its capital city. Here, vibrant street life is contrasted by a backdrop of ornate shrines and rich history. As arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Day 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 some free time from 2:00 p.m. before sitting down with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at the hotel at 6:00 p.m. (B, D)

Day 4: Bangkok Today, experience more of Bangkok's highlights, including a visit to the Wat Phra Kaew; the Emerald Buddha is regarded as the most sacred Buddhist temple in Thailand. Visit the ornately decorated Grand Palace — the official residence of the Kings of Siam since 1782. Enjoy some free time or choose to join an optional tour to the Jim Thompson House and Museum, featuring lunch. This evening, a night tour of Bangkok will create memories for a lifetime as you experience the city from a completely fresh perspective. Climb aboard your tuk-tuk — a motorized rickshaw — for a front row seat to the bustling Bangkok city streets lit up at night. The streets are alive with excitement and energy as your tuk-tuk brings you for food tastings that capture the local flavour. End with a visit to the flower market — this normally busy, bustling landmark feels solitary and peaceful in the quiet of night. Enjoy more food tastings in a private setting before returning to the hotel. (B, D)

Day 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. After, head to the airport for a short flight to Sukhothai. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel. (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 — which means "dawn of happiness" — as well as the famous site of Wat Si Chum, a landmark temple boasting a 49-foot Buddha and an open ceiling. (B, L)

Day 7: Sukhothai - Chiang Rai Set off today for Chiang Rai. During this longer ride, stop for lunch at a local restaurant and visit the White Temple, called Wat Rong Khun — an intricately designed Buddhist-styled temple. Arrive in Chiang Rai, once the capital of the Mengrai Dynasty. (B, L)

Day 8: Chiang Rai Explore the beauty of Chiang Rai today. This laid-back town offers up a cultural experience as an ethnic melting pot in Thailand. Enjoy a tour of the Golden Triangle, where Burma, Laos, and Thailand meet, separated by the Mekong River. Visit the Opium Museum today. As you explore this museum, learn all about the opium trade and the impact to local communities. Then, it's all aboard for a short boat ride along the Mekong River, to float at the confluence of Burma, Laos, and Thailand. Back on land, walk to a restaurant for lunch before enjoying a free afternoon starting around 2:00 p.m. This evening, enjoy a walk in a night bazaar, experiencing the culture of this region in a whole new way. (B, L)

Day 9: Chiang Rai - Chiang Mai Today, it's off to Chiang Mai — once a religious centre, where elaborate Buddhist temples create a beautiful backdrop reflecting its rich, cultural history. En route, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting Doi Suthep — one of the twin peaks of a beautiful granite mountain to the west of Chiang Mai. A cable car whisks you to its peak to visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, one of the most important Buddhist temples in Thailand. Marvel at the stunning views before taking the ornate steps back down. Flanked by jeweled *naga* — lavish serpents — these steps are the perfect spot for a photo! Enjoy dinner on your own this evening. (B, L)

Day 10: Chiang Mai See elephants in their natural setting today for a powerful **IMPACT MOMENT** during a visit to ChangChill, which literally means "relaxed elephants." This sanctuary prides itself on its ethical treatment of these endangered species. Climb aboard your 4x4 vehicles and meander through country roads to reach the camp. Then, walk through rice paddy fields and meet the resident elephants. From a distance, watch them graze, bathe in the river, roam the lush forest, socialize with one another, and embrace their freedom. Make herb balls and fruit snacks to place in feeding stations. Enjoy a simple vegetarian lunch served by the camp staff as the elephants arrive for their snacks. Participate in a discussion with a *mahout* on changes to the elephant trade practices and the impact to the *mahout* community. Travellers who wish to observe the elephants grazing can set off for a 20-minute hike to do so. (B, L)

Day 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. Together with hosts, you will learn how to prepare local dishes and then join them as you enjoy the fruits of your labour with a simple lunch. Tonight, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Choose between a relaxing one-hour Thai massage **-OR-** get a taste of the local flavour during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L)

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. Perhaps hit the waves or unwind with a good book, reflecting on your cultural journey thus far. Stay as long as you'd like. (B)

Day 13: Phuket Travel to Phuket's Old Town, adorned with brightly painted, historic Sino-Portuguese townhouses, stores, cafés, and ice cream shops. Explore this charming Old Town all morning and enjoy free time for lunch on your own. After lunch, return to your beach-front resort to soak up those saltwater vibes and laid-back tropical lifestyle for the day. (B)

Day 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 — the best kind of souvenir. (B)

Day 16: Bangkok - Tour Ends Say farewell to Thailand and return home today. (B)

Arrival: Bangkok (BKK) **Departure:** Bangkok (BKK)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Amari Bangkok, Bangkok
Days 5, 6	Sriwilai Sukhothai Resort & Spa, Sukhothai
Days 7, 8	The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa, Chiang Rai
Days 9 – 11	Kantary Hills Hotel, Chiang Mai
Days 12 – 14	Cape Panwa Hotel, Phuket
Day 15	Hyatt Regency Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport, Bangkok

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

14 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 4 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Bangkok · Pre-Night Stay

Singapore · Pre-Tour Guided Extension
4 Nights, Starting at $2,605† pp
Before Bangkok, explore Singapore's vibrant neighbourhoods, local flavours, and the Gardens by the Bay.

†*Additional air segment purchase required.*

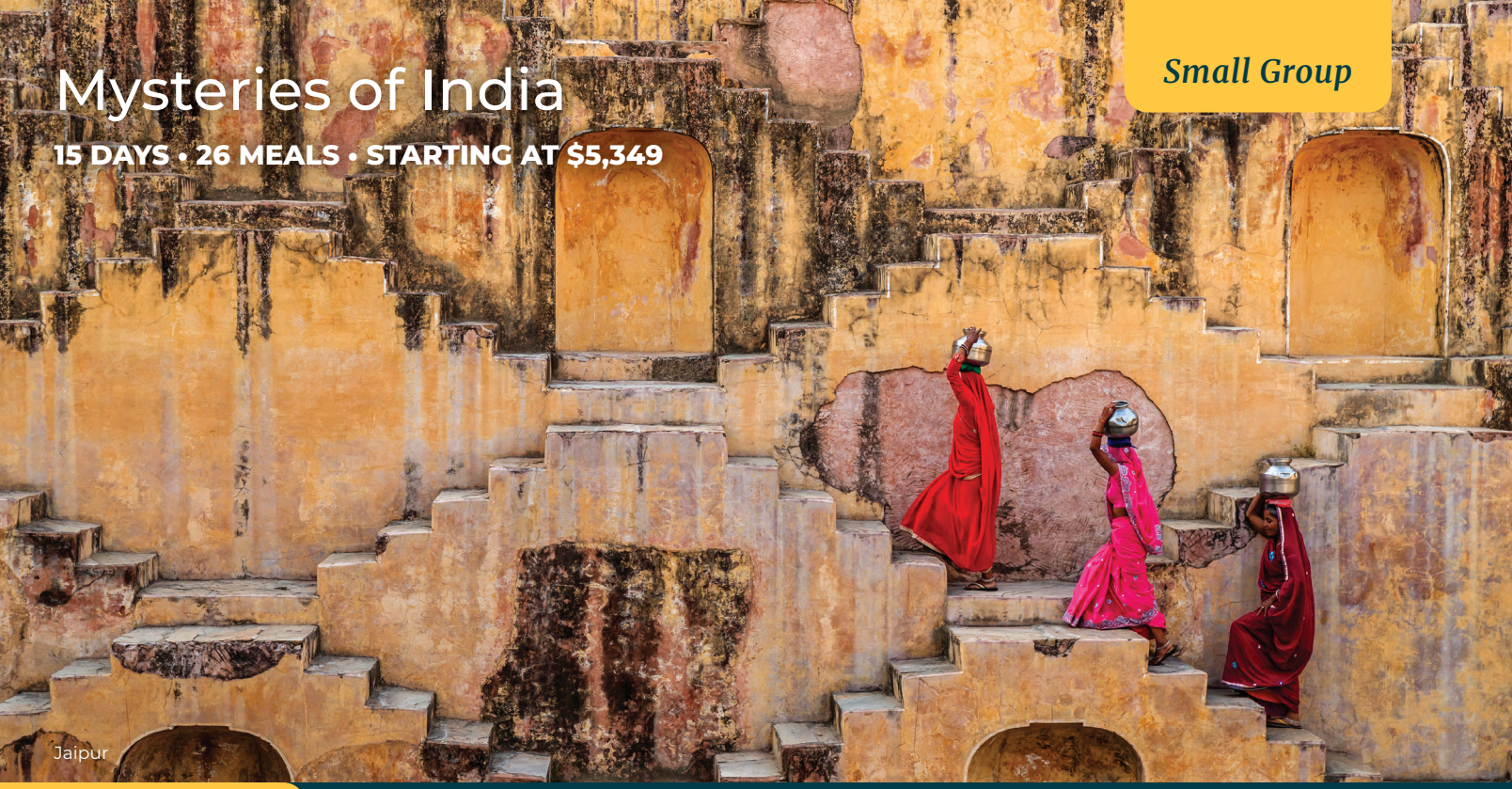
OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Mysteries of India

15 DAYS • 26 MEALS • STARTING AT $5,349

Small Group



Jaipur

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **17** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$5,349 (DOUBLE)** or **$6,849 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on September 17, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

September 2027 – April 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Old Delhi, Jaipur, Hawa Mahal, Amber Fort, Home-Hosted Dinner, Ranthambore National Park, Abhaneri Stepwell, Taj Mahal, Chandela Temple Complex, Varanasi, Ganga Aarti Ceremony

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Venture through the main streets and back roads of Old Delhi via rickshaw.
- Learn the secrets to preparing incredible Indian food at a home-hosted dinner.
- Behold the Taj Mahal at sunrise.
- Marvel at the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony.
- Watch for tigers in the wild during game drives in Ranthambore National Park.
- Cruise the waters of the famous Ganges River.
- Travel to Khajuraho on an exciting train journey.
- Savour the flavours of authentically brewed chai tea at a bustling street-side stall in Jaipur.

Day 1: 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 A paradise of contradiction, Delhi features a bustling energy, age-old monuments, and an all-encompassing vitality that courses its way through the busy streets. Experience everything this dynamic metropolis has to offer, from modern New Delhi to historic Old Delhi. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Day 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 Experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you explore the secrets hidden in the walled city of Jaipur on an eco-friendly e-rickshaw. With Pink City Rickshaw Company, which employs women from low-income

Taj Mahal

households, you'll get a peek into the soul of the old city as your driver steers the way. Continue your exploration of the beautiful city, starting with the City Palace. Nearby, take in the impeccable masonry of the Jantar Mantar — the world's oldest stone sundial. The afternoon is yours to discover Jaipur however you please. (B)

Day 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. This afternoon, you may also choose to join an optional hike up to the historic Ranthambore Fort for sweeping views of the park. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Ranthambore Begin your day early and board a canter (open-air truck) to embark on your initial game drive. Seek out barking deer, Indian gazelles, and exotic birdlife. Follow the tigers' paths in search of the sanctuary's renowned wildlife. Then, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Enjoy some leisure time to relax at the hotel and explore your surroundings at your own pace **-OR-** take a short trip for an **IMPACT MOMENT** at Dastkar Ranthambore, a social enterprise renowned for empowering local women artisans. No matter what you choose, return to the wild for another chance to seek out marsh crocodiles, sloth bears, and the park's famous Bengal tigers. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Ranthambore - Agra Today, we set out at the break of day as we make our way to Agra, a city rich with the splendours of the past. Along the way, visit the impressive Abhaneri Stepwell. Built over 1,000 years ago, it is an architectural marvel hidden from visitors until recently. Then, stop for lunch and get another taste of local flavours. Home to stone forts and marble mausoleums, Agra features a lively culture and picture-perfect architecture. This evening, you may choose to join an optional excursion by tuk-tuk to explore Itmad ud Daula and Mahtab Bagh, where you'll get your first glimpse of the Taj Mahal. (B, L)

Day 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 an **IMPACT MOMENT**, enjoy lunch at Sheroes' Hangout — a café that empowers female survivors of violence, allowing them to reclaim their lives through employment and sisterhood. (B, L)

Day 12: Agra - Khajuraho Another adventure awaits! Start your morning with a train ride on the Vande Bharat Express from Agra to Khajuraho. In the shadow of the Vindhya mountain range, find a city of stone temples and mystifying sculptures. Make the most of time at leisure this afternoon to explore the area on your own. (B, L, D)

Day 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 Ganges River and pass by the *ghats* (banks) where locals wade into the river. From the Dasaswamedh Ghat, enjoy a reserved seat to experience the Ganga Aarti ceremony as it illuminates the night sky. (B)

Day 14: Varanasi Take advantage of a morning boat ride for an opportunity to see the sunrise on the Ganges River. Travel to Sarnath, where Siddhartha Gautama — later known as Buddha — gave his first sermon in the 6th century B.C. Discover this holy site and gain insight into the country's divine past. Celebrate your adventure through India alongside new friends at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 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)

Arrival: New Delhi (DEL) **Departure:** New Delhi (DEL)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Jaypee Vasant Continental, Delhi
Days 5 – 7	Radisson Jaipur City Center, Jaipur
Days 8, 9	AamaGhati Wildlife Resort, Ranthambore
Days 10, 11	Jaypee Palace Hotel, Agra
Day 12	Radisson Jass Hotel, Khajuraho
Days 13, 14	Radisson Hotel, Varanasi
Day 15	Lemon Tree Premier, Delhi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

13 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Lunches (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

New Delhi · Pre- or Post-Night Stay

Dubai · Pre-Tour Hosted Extension
3 Nights, Starting at $1,645† pp
Set out sooner to discover Dubai's skyscrapers, souks, mosques, and museums, and ride in 4x4s in the desert.

†Additional air segment purchase required.

Nepal · Post-Tour Guided Extension
5 Nights, Starting at $2,330† pp
From Kathmandu to Pokhara, Nepal's serene lakes, energetic cities, and iconic mountains await.

†Additional air segment purchase required.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Queensland, Australia

When the Outback Comes Alive

It's Uluru at its most captivating: sunset colours washing across the landscape before a canopy of stars fills the desert sky. Tour its base while learning about the stories and traditions of Australia's Aboriginal peoples, then watch the Outback transform as darkness falls. It's one of the unforgettable ways **Australia & New Zealand Uncovered** reveals the rugged beauty of the Northern Territory.

Turn to page 68 to read more.

The Power of Nature

At Whakarewarewa, Rotorua's dramatic geothermal landscape shapes everyday life. Visit a living Māori village where natural geothermal resources have been used for centuries to cook, bathe, and heat homes. It's one of the ways **Exploring New Zealand's Wonders** brings the country's culture and landscape together.

Turn to page 70 to read more.

Australia and New Zealand Uncovered

23 DAYS • 33 MEALS • STARTING AT $14,399

Small Group

Māori Culture

Koala

Punakaiki

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$14,399 (DOUBLE)** or **$17,849 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on April 21, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

September 2027 – April 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Sydney Opera House, Cleland Wildlife Sanctuary, Barossa Valley Food & Wine, Uluru Sunset, Great Barrier Reef, Indigenous Welcome Ceremony in Cairns, Māori Culture in Wellington, Marlborough Wine Region, Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks, New Zealand's Wild West Coast, Queenstown, Milford Sound

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Connect with New Zealand's landscape as you explore pristine wilderness and coastlines on several easy walks.
- Witness the colours of Uluru (Ayers Rock) at sunset while enjoying drinks and canapés.
- Taste flavours of the Māori culture during a *hangi* lunch.
- Spend a day amid the natural wonder of the Great Barrier Reef, with included options to snorkel or take a glass-bottom submersible.
- Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the Sydney Opera House.
- Cruise through the dramatic Milford Sound.
- Sample wines in the world-famous Marlborough Wine Region.

Day 1 – Day 2: Overnight Flight Your journey begins with an overnight flight.

Day 3: Adelaide, Australia Arrive in Adelaide. With arrivals scheduled throughout the day, enjoy time at leisure to settle in. This afternoon, meet your Tour Manager for a briefing on the journey ahead. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 4: Adelaide - Barossa Valley - Adelaide This morning, visit a wildlife sanctuary and come face-to-face with some of Australia's most iconic animals, including koalas and kangaroos. Later, journey to the renowned Barossa Valley, where rolling vineyards await. Enjoy a private guided tour and wine tasting at Seppeltsfield Wines, then savour a leisurely lunch at this historic winery. (B, L)

Day 5: Adelaide - Uluru (Ayers Rock) Fly from Adelaide to Uluru, the spiritual heart of the Outback. Upon arrival, travel into Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, where the iconic red monolith rises dramatically from the flat desert landscape. On a guided tour of Uluru's base, uncover the stories, traditions, and deep cultural significance of this site through the lens of Australia's Aboriginal people. As the sun begins to set, sip drinks and savour canapés while the colours of Uluru change before your eyes. (B)

Day 6: Uluru (Ayers Rock) This morning, set out to explore Kata Tjuta, Uluru's awe-inspiring neighbour. These towering, domed rock formations stretch across the desert for miles, offering a dramatic contrast to the surrounding landscape. Return to your resort, where the rest of the day is yours to unwind or take advantage of the resort's activities. (B, D)

Day 7: Uluru (Ayers Rock) - Cairns Say goodbye to the Outback and hello to the tropics as you fly to Cairns, your gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. Enjoy a relaxed evening at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Cairns - Great Barrier Reef - Cairns Set sail aboard a high-speed catamaran bound for the Great Barrier Reef. Spend the day exploring this underwater paradise from a spacious reef pontoon. You might soak up the sun on deck, take in the vibrant marine life from a glass-bottom submersible or underwater viewing platform, or swim or snorkel among the reefs. (B, L)

Day 9: Cairns This morning, set out on a short cruise to a stunning wetland within an Indigenous Protected Reserve. Upon arrival, be welcomed by the Mandingalbay clan, the Traditional Owners of this land, with a traditional smoking ceremony. Gain insight into their rich cultural heritage as you are introduced to native foods and bush

medicines, and hear stories that bring ancient traditions, customs, and artifacts to life. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure, before joining your fellow travellers for an included dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Cairns - Sydney Wish the tropics goodbye and touch down in Sydney, Australia, your home for the next three nights. (B)

Day 11: Sydney Get to know the spirit of Sydney on a panoramic city tour, taking in its most iconic sights and vibrant neighbourhoods. Then, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Uncover the untold stories of the women who helped shape the city on a guided walk along one of Sydney's most historic streets **-OR-** wander the winding paths of the Royal Botanic Gardens as you learn about the Indigenous peoples who have called this land home for thousands of years. After lunch, step behind the scenes of the Sydney Opera House on an expert-led tour. Tonight, embark on a memorable dinner cruise in Sydney Harbour, gliding past the illuminated Opera House and beneath the Harbour Bridge. (B, D)

Day 12: Sydney Make the most of your final day in Sydney with a full day at leisure. Your included hop-on, hop-off bus pass makes it easy to explore at your own pace! (B)

Day 13: Sydney - Wellington, New Zealand Arrive in New Zealand. Feel the ever-present heartbeat of Māori culture on this set of islands. Say hello to Wellington, the colourful capital city of New Zealand. Savour the city's gourmet eats and seaside charm as the warm ocean breeze welcomes you to the "Windy City." (B, D)

Day 14: Wellington Begin the day with a private **IMPACT MOMENT** — experience a traditional *powhiri*, a powerful Māori welcome ceremony. At a cultural centre, admire the carved *waka* (canoes), and see an archaeological site of a waterfront *pa* (village). Taste Māori heritage with a *hangi* lunch and discover the roots of the culture at the Te Papa Museum. Explore the city of Wellington during your free afternoon and evening. (B, L)

Day 15: Wellington - Picton - Blenheim Cruise across the Cook Strait to New Zealand's South Island. Arrive in Blenheim, the heart of the Marlborough Wine Region. Enjoy an evening at leisure. Perhaps you'll explore local art galleries or indulge in the bustling food scene. (B)

Day 16: Blenheim (Marlborough Wine Region) Today, begin your exploration of the Marlborough region at the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, where fascinating exhibits and meticulously restored aircraft retell local wartime history. Then, head to Havelock to sample its famous, green-lipped mussels. Cap off the day with a visit to one of Marlborough's celebrated wineries, indulging in a wine-tasting session complemented by a vineyard-side lunch showcasing fresh local ingredients. (B, L)

Day 17: Blenheim - Punakaiki Today, journey to New Zealand's wild West Coast. At Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks, feel the ocean spray as waves crash against these unique limestone formations known for their flapjack-like facade. Tonight, dine at your beachfront hotel, nestled between the ocean and rainforest. (B, D)

Day 18: Punakaiki - Franz Josef Wake up in Punakaiki, and make your way to Franz Josef, New Zealand's glacier country. Discover the area's rugged allure, perhaps combing the creek bed in search of New Zealand jade, exploring one of the many walking trails, or trying the eateries in town. (B)

Day 19: Franz Josef This morning, **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 the elusive kiwi at the West Coast Wildlife Centre, where you'll learn more about conservation and rehabilitation of this national icon. Enjoy free time this afternoon and finish your day with dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 20: Franz Josef - Wanaka - Queenstown Journey through the thick rainforest and emerge on the untamed West Coast, where the cliffs and beaches and the southern snowcapped Alps offer a feast for the eyes. Pause in Wanaka, a slice of tranquility nestled along a mountain-lined lake. Continue to Queenstown, the adventure capital of the world, and settle into your home for the next three nights. (B)

Day 21: 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. With cliffs rising up to nearly 1,219 metres, you'll see why this is one of the most visited sights on the South Island. Following your cruise, you may choose to return to Queenstown via a short optional flight (weather permitting) for spectacular views of New Zealand's Southern Alps. (B, L)

Day 22: Queenstown Today is yours to explore Queenstown however you choose. Perhaps you'll opt for a cruise of Lake Wakatipu aboard a historic coal-fired steamship. Once ashore, enjoy a barbecue lunch and a sheepdog demonstration. Tonight, gather once more to toast to the unforgettable journey you've shared. (B, D)

Day 23: Queenstown - Tour Ends Your tour of Australia and New Zealand comes to a close today. (B)

Arrival: Adelaide (ADL) **Departure:** Queenstown (ZQN)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Days 1, 2	Overnight Flight
Days 3, 4	Peppers Waymouth, Adelaide
Days 5, 6	Desert Gardens, Uluru
Days 7 – 9	Flynn Crystalbrook Collection Hotel, Cairns
Days 10 – 12	PARKROYAL Darling Harbour, Sydney
Days 13, 14	Naumi Hotel, Wellington
Days 15, 16	Scenic Hotel Marlborough, Blenheim
Day 17	Scenic Hotel, Punakaiki
Days 18, 19	Scenic Hotel Franz Josef Glacier, Franz Josef
Days 20 – 22	Rendezvous Heritage Hotel, Queenstown

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

20 Breakfasts (B) · 5 Lunches (L) · 8 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Adelaide · Pre-Night Stay

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Escape to the tropical paradise of Fiji — relax and recharge after your South Pacific journey

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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Exploring New Zealand's Wonders
featuring the North & South Islands

19 DAYS • 26 MEALS • STARTING AT $10,299

Small Group

Aoraki / Mt. Cook

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **2** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$10,299 (DOUBLE)** or **$12,749 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on September 16, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

September 2027 – May 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Auckland, Rotorua, Māori Cultural Experience, Wellington, Christchurch, Aoraki / Mount Cook Region, Milford Sound, Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu Cruise & Sheepdog Demonstration, Wellington Walking Food Tour

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Explore Whakarewarewa — a Māori cultural and geothermal experience.
- Experience an authentic *hangi* dinner and learn about Māori culture.
- Relish a breathtaking cruise through Milford Sound fjord.
- Overnight in the Aoraki / Mount Cook region where extensive glaciers blanket rugged peaks.
- Visit Walter Peak High Country farm for a sheepdog demonstration.
- Take a traditional Māori canoe down the Otakaro Avon River in Christchurch.
- Walk through Whakarewarewa Forest and see Redwoods over 100 years old.
- Enjoy a barbecue on the western shore of Lake Wakatipu.

Day 1 – Day 2: Overnight Flight Cross the International Dateline and begin the adventure of a lifetime by skipping a day ahead.

Day 3: Auckland, New Zealand Your tour opens in Auckland, the "City of Sails," consistently rated one of the world's best places to live. Auckland's Polynesian population instills into its chic atmosphere the vibrant feel of the Pacific Islands. As arrival times will vary greatly, there are no scheduled activities through the afternoon. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 4: Auckland Come to know the best of Auckland during a panoramic city tour featuring the America's Cup Village, the War Memorial, bustling Queen Street, and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. The remainder of the day is yours to explore New Zealand's largest city on your own. (B)

Day 5: Auckland - Rotorua Depart Auckland and travel south to the town of Rotorua, known for geothermal activity and Māori culture. On the way, stop at The Red Barn for a private guided tour of a local farm and morning tea. Upon reaching Rotorua, marvel at the height and age of the redwoods in the Whakarewarewa Forest. Some of these trees are over 120 years old and nearly 76 metres tall. (B, D)

Day 6: Rotorua Find yourself amid the dramatic geothermal landscape of Rotorua, known as the Māori capital of New Zealand. Visit Whakarewarewa, a Māori cultural and geothermal experience. Explore an authentic Māori 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 Māori rituals at an authentic *hangi* dinner and performance. (B, D)

Day 7: Rotorua - Wellington Today, travel to Wellington — New Zealand's capital, known as the "Windy City," a coastal city nestled against the mountains. (B, D)

Day 8: Wellington Embark on a city tour of Wellington. See the Beehive, New Zealand's Parliament, and the Old Government Building, the largest wooden building in the Southern Hemisphere. Then, get to know Wellington for its reputation as a foodie destination and explore the culinary scene on a private walking food tour. Visit some Wellington institutions and try some Kiwi favourites before enjoying a leisurely afternoon and evening, starting at 3:00 p.m. With your free time, perhaps you'll explore the vibrant waterfront, where you can stroll along Queen's Wharf, visit Te Papa Museum, or relax at a harbourside café

Te Papa Museum

while soaking in views of Wellington's picturesque harbour. (B, L)

Day 9: Wellington Continue your exploration of New Zealand's capital city with a full free day at leisure. Perhaps you'd like to see the rugged coast of New Zealand on a half-day tour to Seal Coast or take a half-day *Lord of the Rings* tour to get closer to the filming locations and learn about its legacy in Wellington. (B)

Day 10: 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, then continue along the breathtaking east coast to the largest city on the South Island, Christchurch. (B, D)

Day 11: Christchurch Christchurch, the "Garden City," is still rebuilding and 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. Learn about the local Indigenous culture of the Māori with a paddle on the Avon River in a traditional canoe or *waka*. (B)

Day 12: Christchurch This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Visit Quake City, a museum dedicated to remembering the Canterbury earthquakes and how the city has rebuilt **-OR-** get to know Christchurch's long history of exploration in Antarctica during a visit to the International Antarctic Centre. The rest of the day is yours to explore Christchurch on your own. (B)

Day 13: Christchurch - Aoraki / Mount Cook Region Journey through New Zealand's unspoiled wilderness and arrive in the Aoraki / Mount Cook region, where extensive glaciers blanket the rugged peaks. The Māori word Aoraki 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 relax in the quiet beauty. (B, D)

Day 14: Aoraki / Mount 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. Visit Baldwin Street, the world's steepest public road, as awarded by the Guinness Book of Records. Enjoy a free afternoon before dinner at a local ale house. (B, D)

Day 15: Dunedin Start your morning with a panoramic tour of Dunedin before stepping back in time with a visit to Larnach Castle. Built in 1871, this gothic castle offers insight into Victorian culture during a pivotal time in Dunedin history. Afterward, pay a visit to 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 3 metres. (B)

Day 16: Dunedin - Queenstown Drive past vineyards, landscapes, and the charming towns of Central Otago as you head to Queenstown. Dubbed the "adventure capital of the world," it's a mountainside town set against the shores of Lake Wakatipu. Arrive in the afternoon and take a gondola to Bob's Peak for stunning views of the area. (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 1,219 metres 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 Enjoy a relaxed start to your day or head out to explore. Consider an optional tour through the stunning Queenstown countryside, showcasing many of the locations where blockbuster movies have been filmed and learn about the gold rush that first brought travellers to the region. Leaving at 5:00 p.m. this evening, cruise Lake Wakatipu, surrounded by Queenstown's stunning landscape aboard an iconic coal-fired steamship. Then, enjoy a lakeside barbecue dinner, followed by a sheepdog demonstration, before cruising back. (B, D)

Day 19: Queenstown - Tour Ends Your adventure comes to a close today. (B)

Arrival: Auckland (AKL) **Departure:** Queenstown (ZQN)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Days 1, 2	Overnight Flight
Days 3, 4	Hotel Indigo, Auckland
Days 5, 6	Sudima Lake Rotorua Hotel, Rotorua
Days 7 – 9	Naumi Hotel, Wellington
Days 10 – 12	Distinction, Christchurch
Day 13	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.

16 Breakfasts (B) • 2 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

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Queenstown · Post-Night Stay

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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Fiji
Post-Tour Extension

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Welcome to Fiji! Famous for its palm-lined beaches, azure lagoons, lush landscapes, and warm locals, this is the perfect place to unwind after a tour.

EXTENSION STYLE: INDEPENDENT

Explore a destination on your own. Your accommodations, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included — the rest is whatever you decide! On an independent extension, there won't be a Tour Manager or local representative present.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 1 *(see page 170 for details)*

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Days 19-21 Crowne Plaza Fiji Nadi Bay Resort & Spa, Nadi

**Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Additional flight purchase required. All rates in Canadian dollars.*

Day 19: Queenstown - Nadi, Fiji Arrive in the beautiful tropical paradise of Fiji. Fijians are warm and friendly, with a welcoming, vibrant culture. The expansive sandy beaches and clear ocean waters draw visitors from around the world. Now's your time to sit back and recharge from your South Pacific journey.

Day 20: Fiji Your day is free to discover everything that your resort has to offer. Relax by the beach and pool, or choose one of the many fun, adventurous activities available to you from the hotel activities desk. The friendly concierge will help you get the most out of your time. Tonight, enjoy a lovely dinner. (B, D)

Day 21: Fiji Enjoy another day of rest and relaxation. Today is your final day in Fiji to unwind before returning home. (B)

Day 22: Fiji - Extension Ends Your time in Fiji comes to an end today. Enjoy your day room until 6:00 p.m. before you board your flight back home. (B)

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

Torres Del Paine National Park, Patagonia

Reaching the Seventh Continent

Crossing the legendary Drake Passage is more than a route to Antarctica. It's a rite of passage undertaken by generations of explorers. Sail these storied waters on **Antarctica: The White Continent**, and you won't simply retrace history — you'll become part of it. Will your travel story span all seven continents?

Turn to page 84 to read more.

Argentina, One Sip at a Time

Argentina's Malbec reflects the landscape and generations of winemaking behind it with a single sip. Visit local vineyards to discover how the region's climate and terrain inform one of the world's most celebrated wines — then taste the results for yourself. It's one of the many ways **Flavours of Chile & Argentina** reveals your destination's true flavours.

Turn to page 76 to read more.

Flavours of Chile & Argentina
featuring the Mendoza Wine Region

10 DAYS • 13 MEALS • STARTING AT $7,499

Small Group

Mendoza

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$7,499 (DOUBLE)** or **$8,949 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on June 8, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Central Market & Cooking Demonstration, Mendoza, Vineyard Tour & Tasting, Cooking Class, Wine-Paired Lunch, Tango Lesson, Draghi Silversmith Museum, *Estancia* Visit with Traditional *Asado* Lunch

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Stroll through Buenos Aires with a local and get to know the city's diverse flavours and flair.
- Learn about families tragically separated during Argentina's military dictatorship and an organization that works to reunite them.
- In Buenos Aires, learn to tango with a professional dancer at a local social club.
- Mingle with the *gauchos* (South American cowboys) at an *estancia* and enjoy an *asado* barbeque lunch.
- Enjoy wine tastings at two of Mendoza's breathtaking vineyards.
- Experience Santiago's Central Market with a local chef before enjoying a seafood lunch with your finds.
- Discover Argentina's yerba mate tea, a drink steeped in tradition.

Day 1: Overnight Flight Set out to experience the sights, flavours, and rhythms of Chile and Argentina as you explore two countries, from bustling cities to sprawling ranches, vineyards, and natural landscapes. It all begins in Chile's cultural hub, Santiago.

Day 2: Santiago, Chile Arrive early this morning in Santiago, the vibrant capital city of Chile nestled in a valley of the Andes Mountains. Settle in at your hotel where you'll enjoy early access to your room to recoup after your flight. This afternoon, meet your fellow travellers and head out on a panoramic tour of Santiago, getting a look at the city's blend of modern and colonial architecture and learning about its diverse history. Tonight, toast to the beginning of your South American adventure at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Santiago Follow your curiosity about Chilean history and culture to a museum because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Choose between the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art, dedicated to the study and display of pre-Columbian artworks and artifacts from Central and South America **-OR-** the Memory and Human Rights Museum, which commemorates the victims of human rights violations during the last Chilean military dictatorship. After, set out to discover market-fresh Chilean food with a visit to the *Mercado Central de Santiago*. Joined by an enthusiastic local, walk through the fish market, stopping along the way to learn about the local seafood and pick up a fresh catch. Then make your way to a local restaurant and watch as a chef turns your find into a delicious ceviche before sitting down for lunch. Take the rest of the day to enjoy Santiago as you please. (B, L)

Day 4: Santiago - Mendoza, Argentina An early morning flight brings you to the desert region of Mendoza, known for its vineyards and Malbec wine, and the stunning views of the Andes Mountains. Upon arriving, enjoy a brief orientation tour of downtown Mendoza and free time to have lunch on your own. This afternoon, travel outside the city to visit a boutique, family winery. Sample wines selected to show the richness of the *terroirs* and come to appreciate the unique qualities of the Luján de Cuyo wine-producing sub-region with its dry, almost desert-like climate and irrigation from the Mendoza River's pure Andean meltwater. Later, settle into your hotel in the city of Mendoza for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Mendoza Enjoy a leisurely morning before continuing your taste of the region's renowned wines with a visit to another vineyard. Upon arrival, a pick-me-up comes with a taste of yerba mate tea, a traditional South American

Estancia

Colonia del Sacramento

caffeinated drink. As your guide demonstrates how to make a cup, learn about the cultural significance of this beverage that brings many Argentinean families together for daily "mate breaks." Enjoy a tour of the vineyard followed by a hands-on cooking class with the winery chef. Finish off your visit with a gourmet, wine-paired lunch. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy the laid-back city of Mendoza with its inviting restaurants and atmospheric plazas. (B, L)

Day 6: Mendoza - Buenos Aires Say so long to Mendoza as you fly to Buenos Aires, a city that radiates Latin-infused rhythm mixed with European heritage. Set out on a guided tour of Buenos Aires, sampling some local eats along the way and exploring the fusion of flavours that comes with the city's Spanish, Italian, and Jewish influences. Then, settle in at your hotel in the elegant Recoleta neighbourhood, full of historical and architectural charm. This evening, it's time to live like the locals! Take a lesson from a professional tango dancer, then take your moves to the dance floor at a local *milongas* social club. (B)

Day 7: Buenos Aires Set out into the countryside to explore Argentina's Pampas region. In San Antonio de Areco, discover the small town's strong connection with silversmithing and *gaucho* culture. A visit to *Museo Draghi* offers the chance to see silversmiths at work and admire a private collection of silverware. Then, it's on to experience a true taste of *gaucho* life by spending the rest of the day on a traditional *estancia*, following a bumpy, unpaved road to the gates of the ranch's sprawling land and inviting, rustic house. You may decide to explore the property by horseback or horse-drawn carriage or perhaps head inside the main house to relax and take in views from the porch. Gather for a traditional *asado* lunch, with flame-cooked meats served at the table along with sides and wine. Later, sit back and enjoy a folk performance of *gaucho* traditions with singing, dancing, and displays of horsemanship — topping off an unforgettable encounter with this South American way of life. This evening back in Buenos Aires, perhaps you'll decide to join an optional tango show and dinner at a popular tango house. (B, L)

Day 8: Buenos Aires Today is yours to explore Buenos Aires as you wish, taking your time to wander through neighbourhoods, savour Argentine cuisine, or maybe visit the city's fantastic opera house. Add another stamp to your passport during a full-day optional excursion to one of Uruguay's oldest towns. Take an early morning ferry across the Rio de Plata to Colonia del Sacramento with its picturesque cobblestone streets and charming cafes. Travel into the Uruguayan countryside for an included lunch, followed by some free time to explore the city's Historic Quarter before returning to Buenos Aires by ferry. (B)

Arrival: Santiago (SCL) **Departure:** Buenos Aires (EZE)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Renaissance Santiago Hotel, Santiago
Days 4, 5	Diplomatic Hotel, Mendoza
Days 6 – 9	Palladio Hotel Buenos Aires MGallery, Buenos Aires

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Buenos Aires • Post-Night Stay

Iguazu Falls • Post-Tour Hosted Extension
3 Nights, Starting at $1,780† pp
Extend your South American adventure and visit another country — Brazil — and the famous Iguazu Falls.

†*Additional air segment purchase required.*

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

This tour launches in June 2027. To see details for earlier departures, visit the **Essential South America** tour page on our website.

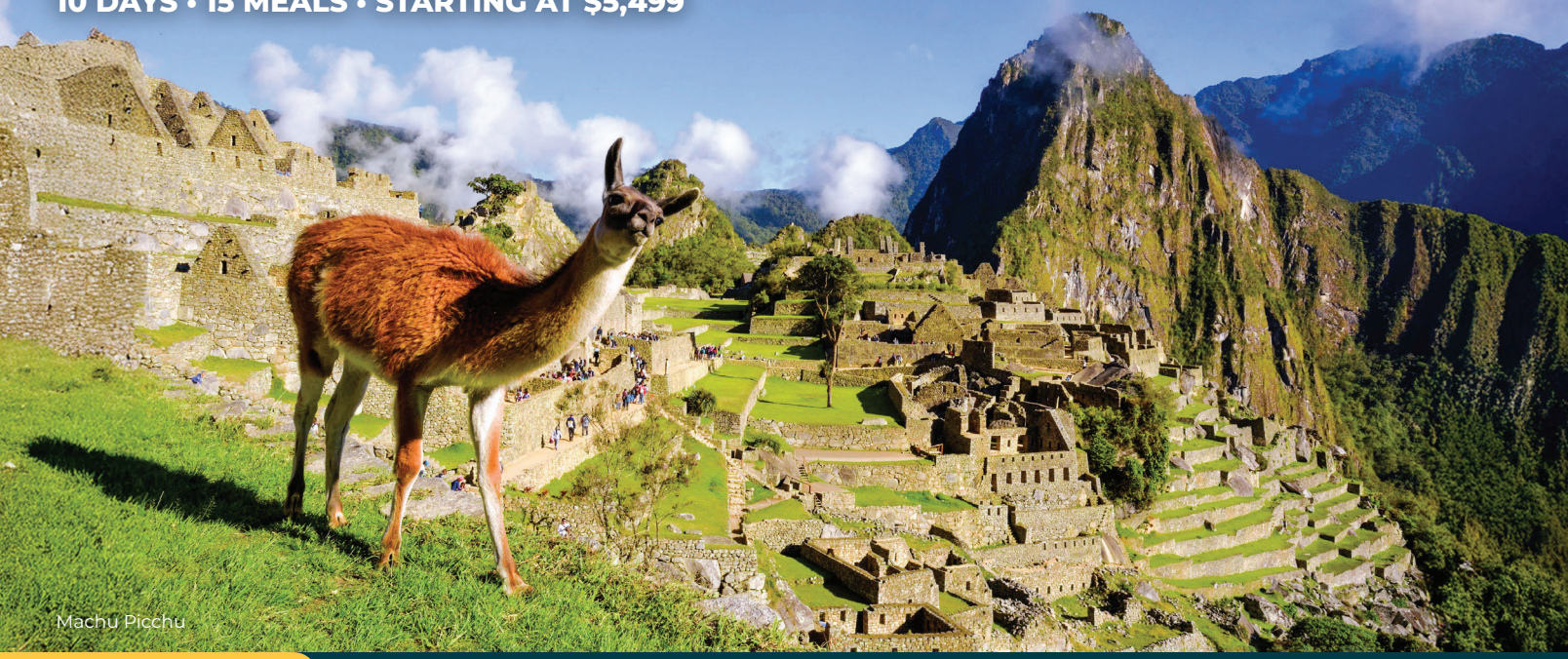
Day 9: Buenos Aires - San Antonio de Areco - Buenos Aires Today begins with an **IMPACT MOMENT** focused on the work of the *Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo*, a human rights organization that has helped to restore the identities of children taken during Argentina's military coup from 1976 to 1983. Meet with someone who was personally impacted and learn about *los desaparecidos* ("the disappeared") and this time in Argentina's history. This afternoon, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** how you see more of the city. Choose between two walking tours, either exploring the captivating Recoleta Cemetery **-OR-** discovering the colourful murals of the Palermo neighbourhood. Tonight, gather for dinner at a local restaurant and toast to the end of a grand adventure. (B, D)

Day 10: Buenos Aires - Tour Ends Your tour comes to an end today. Transfer to the airport for your flight home later today. (B)

Peru: Machu Picchu & Lake Titicaca

Small Group

10 DAYS • 15 MEALS • STARTING AT $5,499



Machu Picchu

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **4** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$5,499 (DOUBLE)** or **$6,599 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on January 19, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

June 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Pisac Market, Ollantaytambo Ruins, Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio, Quechua Community Visit & Lunch, Machu Picchu, Koricancha Temple, Uros Floating Islands, Home-Hosted Lunch, Larco Museum

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Explore the colourful markets of Peru, including the famous Pisac village market.
- Delight in a farm-to-table lunch with a local Quechua community.
- Learn traditional methods of harvesting and weaving from a rural community.
- Cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca.
- Spend the afternoon with a guide uncovering the mysteries of Machu Picchu.
- Discover the artist's techniques and designs at Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio.
- Enjoy a private culinary demonstration at your hotel near the base of Machu Picchu.
- Experience a home-hosted meal on Lake Titicaca.

Day 1: Lima, Peru Welcome to Peru, one of the treasures of South America. Travel through this intriguing land visiting some of the world's most legendary sites, including Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas." Arrive late this evening in Lima, the "City of Kings." Due to arrival times, there are no scheduled activities today.

Day 2: Lima Discover Lima's fascinating history during a colonial tour through the historic city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas and visit the Casa de Aliaga — former house of the conquistador Jeronimo de Aliaga y Ramirez — where the energy of colonial and republican Lima comes to life. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to discover Lima on your own. Get to know your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner featuring artfully crafted Peruvian dishes. (B, D)

Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley Fly to Cuzco in the heart of the Inca 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 and enjoy a night at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley This morning, visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo ruins, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. A uniquely terraced complex topped with carved stone panels, these ruins reflect ancient Incan architecture and heritage. Then, head to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get first-hand knowledge of this internationally renowned artist's techniques and designs, inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Deep-dive into the cultures of modern Andean people and experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you mingle with a nearby community. Thanks to their effort and teamwork, tourism has become an additional income to agriculture which has positively impacted their quality of life. You'll get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group workshops that teach you traditional methods of growing, harvesting, and

Weavers

Uros

Arrival: Lima (LIM) **Departure:** Lima (LIM)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Days 1, 2	Hilton Garden Inn Miraflores, Lima
Days 3, 4	Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Yucay
Day 5	Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7	Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco
Days 8, 9	GHL Lago Titicaca, Puno

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Lima · Pre-Night Stay

Peruvian Amazon Cruise · Post-Tour Hosted Extension
5 Nights, Starting at $2,740† pp
Continue your adventure on a 4-night Peruvian Amazon cruise, discovering wildlife all around you.

†Additional air segment purchase required.

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 prepared just for your group. Arrive back to your hotel in the early evening for a relaxed night on your own. (B, L)

Day 5: Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu Get ready for an unforgettable day as you board your train to Machu Picchu, taking in breathtaking views through panoramic windows as you ride through the Andes to the "Lost City of the Incas." Hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungle, Machu Picchu is considered the most spectacular sight in South America. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu for a chance to further soak up its atmosphere. Enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration and learn how to craft the perfect ceviche and pisco sour before your dinner featuring a Peruvian menu. (B, D)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco This morning, take advantage of free time and explore the local markets in Aguas Calientes on your own, or opt for a second visit to Machu Picchu — an incredible opportunity to experience the ancient citadel in the softer morning light, when the site is often more peaceful and serene. This afternoon, return to the Sacred Valley by train. Upon arriving in Cuzco this evening, take time to explore the captivating city at your leisure. (B)

Day 7: Cuzco Start your morning on a tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the 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 Sacsayhuamán Fortress **-OR-** embark on a walking tour through the enchanting streets of Cuzco, going off the beaten path and uncovering the city's best-kept secrets. This evening, dine at your leisure at a local restaurant featuring the local flavours of Cuzco. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Puno Today, fly to Puno, hugging the shores of Lake Titicaca. Known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire, ancient legends say that life began here. Upon arrival, check into your lakeside hotel. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 9: Uros Floating Islands - Lake Titicaca - Chullpas de Sillustani - Puno Spend today getting to know the locals. Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca. Experience walking on the island's spongy surface made from compacted beds of tortora reeds and meet the locals, learning about their history and lifestyle. Then, make your way to a local rustic village for a private home-hosted meal and swap stories with Peruvian families before visiting the mystical Chullpas de Sillustani — an archaeological area boasting 13th-century funerary monuments. After a full day of touring, spend your last evening in Puno as you wish. (B, L)

Day 10: Puno - Lima - 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 an exclusive farewell dinner on the grounds of the museum before departing for Lima's airport and your connecting flight home. (B, D)

Machu Picchu & Galapagos Wonders
featuring a 4-Night Cruise to the West Islands

14 DAYS • 27 MEALS • STARTING AT $13,799

Small Group

Blue-footed Booby

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **13** • Tour Activity Level: **4** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$13,799 (DOUBLE)** or **$19,499 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on December 6, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

April 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

July 2027 - May 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Pisac Market, Ollantaytambo Ruins, Cooking Class, Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio, Quechua Community Visit & Lunch, Machu Picchu, "Middle of the World," 4-Night Galápagos Cruise

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Stand tall in the "Middle of the World" at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum.
- Wind through the Andes in a train to Machu Picchu and explore the fabled ruins.
- On a private yacht, embark on a 4-night cruise of the Galápagos Islands with a naturalist guide.
- Delight in a farm-to-table lunch with a local Quechua community.
- Meet giant tortoises in their natural habitat.
- Master two of South America's classics, ceviche and pisco sours, at an interactive cooking class.
- Learn traditional methods of harvesting and weaving from a rural community.

Day 1: Lima, Peru Arrive in Lima. Due to late flight schedules, there are no scheduled activities today and dinner is on your own.

Day 2: Lima Begin with a tour of Lima's historic centre, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site, and see the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas. Next, visit the former home of a conquistador. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to discover Lima on your own. Get to know new friends over a menu of artful Peruvian dishes at a welcome dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley Fly over the Andes on your way to Cuzco, the heart of the Inca civilization. Follow the trails with a local guide to the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Stop in Pisac village and browse a handicraft market full of vibrant colours. Discover why Peru has consistently been named the world's top food travel destination during a fun-filled interactive cooking class where you will learn how to master ceviche and pisco sours. Settle into your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. (B, D)

Day 4: Sacred Valley - Ollantaytambo - Sacred Valley Visit the terraced ruins of Ollantaytambo, the only Incan settlement that has remained continually inhabited since its inception. At the ceramic studio of artist Pablo Seminario, see his intricate techniques inspired by ancient Peruvian cultures. Dive into the cultures of modern Andean people and experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you mingle with a nearby community. Thanks to their effort and teamwork, tourism has become an additional source of income for agriculture, which has positively impacted their quality of life. Learn traditional methods of growing, harvesting, and weaving, listen to their music, and learn their dances before enjoying a farm-to-table meal of local specialties prepared just for your group. Arrive back at your hotel in the early evening for a night on your own. (B, L)

Day 5: Sacred Valley - Machu Picchu Get ready for an unforgettable day as you hop aboard your train to Machu Picchu, where views of the Andes astound through panoramic windows as you climb toward the "Lost City of the Incas." Uncover the mysteries of this "Lost City" between the Peruvian Andes and the Amazon Basin. Wrapped inside a semi-tropical jungle and hidden by mountains, Machu Picchu, or *La Ciudadela* (the Citadel), is one of the world's most spectacular archaeological sites. (B)

Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco This morning, take advantage of free time and explore the local markets in Aguas

Calientes on your own, or opt for a second visit to Machu Picchu. This is an incredible opportunity to visit in the morning light, when the site is often more peaceful. This afternoon, return to the Sacred Valley by train. Upon arriving in Cuzco this evening, feel the local culture at a special community dining experience. (B, D)

Day 7: Cuzco This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Travel above the city to discover the Incan ruins of Sacsayhuamán Fortress **-OR-** embark on a walking tour through the enchanting streets of Cuzco, going off the beaten path and uncovering the city's best-kept secrets. After, come together for a tour of Cuzco, visiting the San Pedro Market, the Koricancha Temple, the Plaza de Armas, and the Cuzco Cathedral. This evening, enjoy flexible dining at a local restaurant featuring the local flavours of Cuzco. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador This morning, fly to Quito, Ecuador's capital city, and your home for the next two nights. An intersection of mountains and colonial architecture, this city is a UNESCO World Heritage site. (B)

Day 9: Quito Today, tour the Presidential Palace in Quito's colonial center. After lunch, stand at the "Middle of the World," situated between two hemispheres, at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)

Day 10: Quito - Baltra - Embark Ship - Santa Cruz Highlands, Galápagos Fly to Baltra, the gateway of the Galápagos, to launch your eco-adventure aboard the M/Y *Coral II*, an exclusive yacht that serves as your home for the next four nights. After dry landing on Santa Cruz Island, head to the Highlands Tortoise Reserve. In addition to the famed Galápagos giant tortoises, you may also spot many kinds of birds, such as tree and ground finches, vermillion flycatchers, yellow warblers, and cattle egrets, which are usually found standing on the tortoises' shells. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Isabela Island - Fernandina Island On Isabela Island, soak in the wonders of one of the richest marine havens on Earth during deep-water snorkeling in Bolivar Channel. Then, take a dinghy ride along the coast to observe birds including Nazca and blue-footed boobies, noddies, penguins, and flightless cormorants. Continue on to make a dry landing on Fernandina Island, where the largest marine iguanas are found mingling with sea lions and Sally Lightfoot crabs. You may even encounter flightless cormorants at their nesting sites, Galápagos penguins, and the Galápagos hawk! (B, L, D)

Day 12: Isabela Island Make a wet landing today on the volcanic black beaches of Urbina Bay, home to giant tortoises, land iguanas, and the unusual flightless cormorant. Here, colourful plants and flowers attract unusual insects, birds, and reptiles. Enjoy time to snorkel, possibly swimming alongside sea turtles, sea lions, and tropical fish. Don't miss the remarkable views of the Alcedo Volcano from the island's uplifted coral reef. Travel from Urbina to Tagus Cove for a dry landing. Follow the trail to Darwin's saltwater crater lake, offering views of lava fields and volcanic formations. A dinghy ride along the shoreline full of marine wildlife highlights a variety of seabirds, such as the Brown Noddy, blue-footed boobies, terns, and depending on the season, a large number of Galápagos penguins. Keep an eye out for graffiti believed to have been left by 19th-century pirates. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Santiago Island Walk in Darwin's footsteps today on Santiago Island. Begin with a wet landing at Egas Port's black volcanic sand beach, visited by Darwin in 1835. Take a unique trail formed by volcanic ash that transitions halfway to an uneven terrain of volcanic basaltic rock. The unique, truly striking layered terrain of Santiago is home to the bizarre, yellow-crowned night heron and marine wildlife such as lobster, starfish, and marine iguanas that graze on algae alongside Sally Lightfoot crabs. Colonies of fur seals swim in volcanic rock pools. After landing in Sullivan's Bay on southeastern Santiago Island, walk through the otherworldly landscape of solidified *pahoehoe* lava flows, formed during the last quarter of the 19th century. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Santa Cruz - Disembark Ship - Quito - Tour Ends Your last landing in the Galápagos is at Santa Cruz at Bachas Beach, where ponds entice Galápagos flamingos to visit and iguanas to sunbathe, and where coastal birds, such as Darwin finches, mockingbirds, and gulls, flutter among the mangroves. This beach is also one of the main sea turtle nesting sites in the Galápagos and home to the remains of barges that sank during World War II. Bid the Galápagos goodbye and return to Quito, where a day room will be available close to the airport before your flight home. (B)

Arrival: Lima (LIM) **Departure:** Quito (UIO)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Days 1, 2	Casa Andina Premium Miraflores, Lima
Days 3, 4	Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley, Yucay
Day 5	Casa Andina Standard Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7	Casa Andina Premium, Cuzco
Days 8, 9	Mercure Hotel Alameda, Quito
Days 10 – 13	M/Y *Coral II*

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

13 Breakfasts (B) • 6 Lunches (L) • 8 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Lima · Pre-Night Stay

Peruvian Amazon · Pre-Tour Hosted Extension
3 Nights, Starting at $1,095† pp
From your lodge in the Peruvian Amazon, set out for wildlife treks, canoe rides, and hanging bridges.

†Additional air segment purchase required.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

ALSO AVAILABLE

Machu Picchu & Galapagos Wonders featuring a 4-Night Cruise to the South Islands
Journey from the Land of the Incas to the Galápagos archipelago, enjoying a 4-night cruise aboard a personal yacht

Dates Available: December 2026 – May 2027; July 2027 – May 2028.

Patagonia: Edge of the World
featuring Argentina, Chile, and a 4-Night Patagonia Cruise

14 DAYS • 28 MEALS • STARTING AT $13,699

Small Group

Torres del Paine

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$13,699 (DOUBLE)** or **$17,399 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on September 18, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

September 2027 – March 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Buenos Aires, Tango Show & Dinner, Perito Moreno Glacier, Torres del Paine National Park, Patagonian *Estancia,* 4-Night Fjord Cruise, Ainsworth Bay, Tucker Islets, Pia Glacier, Glacier Alley, Cape Horn, Wulaia Bay

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Get a glimpse into Argentine culture at a lively tango performance.
- Meet a local *gaucho* (cowboy) and learn all about life on the ranch.
- Embark on a 4-night cruise through the fjords and ethereal wilderness of Patagonia.
- Enter a rugged wonderland as you walk through the breathtaking Torres del Paine National Park.
- Experience the dramatic beauty of Argentina's Perito Moreno Glacier.
- Hike the "End of the Earth" at Cape Horn.
- Spend the afternoon at a family-owned Patagonian *estancia* and enjoy a traditional lamb roast.
- Enjoy unlimited wine and beer with every dinner while onboard your cruise ship.

Day 1: 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 Arrive in Buenos Aires, a city that radiates Latin-infused rhythm mixed with European heritage. Due to varied arrival times, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Later this afternoon, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome briefing at your hotel. Head to a private dinner with your new friends and indulge in savoury Argentine flavours. (D)

Day 3: Buenos Aires This morning, embark on a panoramic city tour with a local guide and coast down the famous Avenida 9 de Julio. Take in the Parisian architecture and verdant trees lining the world's widest avenue. Discover the city's most well-known sites before arriving to the colourful neighbourhood of La Boca. Experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** during lunch at Alamesa, a popular restaurant renowned for its inclusive dining experience. Founded by a local doctor who sought to create opportunities for his daughter who is autistic, this welcoming lunch spot employs neurodiverse staff and has formed a supportive community. Arrive back at your hotel around 3:00 p.m. and enjoy 3-4 hours of free time this afternoon getting to know the city on your own. Tonight, get into the Argentinian spirit with a tango show and dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Buenos Aires Start the day with a visit to the famous Recoleta Cemetery, considered one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the world, and the final resting place of Eva Peron. Our tour will conclude around noon and the rest of the day is yours to spend as you please. Perhaps you'll continue your exploration of the Recoleta neighbourhood on an optional walking food tour, sampling local specialties and learning about Buenos Aires' rich culinary traditions and the stories behind its iconic flavours. (B)

Day 5: Buenos Aires - El Calafate Fly to El Calafate, the gateway to Patagonia's natural splendour, known as the "National Capital of the Glaciers." The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy this charming town at your own pace. (B)

Day 6: El Calafate - Perito Moreno Glacier - El Calafate This morning, get ready to embark on a cruise that will take you up close to the Perito Moreno Glacier. This gigantic tower of vibrant ice rests against blue-green waters — an awe-inspiring wonder of

Ventus Australis

the natural world. Then, catch many views of the glacier from a series of walkways. Gaze off the shoreline in search of floating icebergs as you listen for the resounding cracks of ice sheets breaking free. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 7: El Calafate - Torres del Paine National Park, Chile Today, take in the vast landscape and learn more about Patagonian wildlife while travelling to the border and crossing into Chile. Arrive in Torres del Paine National Park, one of the most remote, unspoiled places in the world, designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Soak in the dramatic beauty of jagged mountains, expansive grasslands, and ethereal teal waters and marvel at cascading waterfalls on a panoramic tour through one of South America's most incredible national parks. Along the way, you may spot soaring condors, inquisitive *guanacos* (llamas), and independent felines. After, check into your hotel for a two-night stay beside stunning views of the Serrano River and Paine mountain range. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Torres del Paine National Park Set out to spend a full day exploring the wonders of Torres del Paine. Stretch your legs on a morning hike to the Salto Grande waterfall. Your guide will make sure you don't miss a thing, from this landscape's stunning features to the flora and fauna all around you. Following lunch, the adventure continues with a scenic hike around Lago Grey, leading to spectacular views of the Grey Glacier. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Torres del Paine National Park - Punta Arenas - Board Ship Today, make your way to the coastal metropolis of Punta Arenas. Along the way, stop to spend time at a family-owned Patagonian *estancia*. Enjoy a traditional lamb roast lunch as you chat and learn about the culture. Later in Punta Arenas, admire the sights, where brightly coloured houses meet modern skyscrapers. As the day draws to a close, leave the mainland on the *Ventus Australis* — your home for the next four nights. Head for one of the most remote corners of the world as you sail through Chilean waters. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Ainsworth Bay - Tucker Islets Dock in Ainsworth Bay. As you take your Zodiac to shore, keep an eye out for the area's extensive birdlife or perhaps a colony of elephant seals. Get ready to choose how to spend the morning because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Embark on new adventures by starting at the beach to discover Ainsworth Forest. Learn all about the evolution and vegetation as a cause of the glacier recession and explore a beaver habitat **-OR-** venture off on an active hike along a glacial moraine — a unique form of glacial sediment made from rock and soil. No matter what you choose, take in surreal views of the Almirantazgo Sound and Darwin Mountain Range. Back on the ship, sail to the Tucker Islets where you'll head to shore for a close-up view of the Magellan penguins. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Pia Glacier - Glacier Alley Take a Zodiac to shore and stand in awe before the Pia Glacier, a colossal mass of ice slowly crawling down the mountains. Decide where you want to hike because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Traverse the Pia Boulders on a medium-level hike for panoramic views of the glacier **-OR-** venture on an easy walk towards the Pia Lookout for panoramic views of the glacier. Back onboard the ship, continue through the Beagle Channel and into Glacier Alley. These impressive masses of ice are so large that most of them are named after countries — including Holland, Italy, Germany, and France. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Cape Horn - Wulaia Bay Disembark at Cape Horn National Park, home to an archipelago of islands, and considered to be the "End of the Earth." This afternoon, anchor at fabled Wulaia Bay and visit the historic radio station, formerly used by the Chilean Navy. Explore the area by selecting a hike alongside an expert guide because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Head towards the peak on the most difficult hike for a scenic lookout **-OR-** embark on a slower-paced hike of moderate difficulty toward the Forest Lookout **-OR-** take a peaceful nature walk along the beach for a chance to witness even more wildlife. Each choice will offer sprawling vistas of the gentle bay and allows time to leave a postcard at the information centre. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Disembark Boat - Ushuaia - Buenos Aires Your cruise through Patagonia comes to an end as you enter Argentine waters, docking at Ushuaia. Disembark in Ushuaia before flying to Buenos Aires. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner and share a toast with your fellow travel companions. (B, D)

Day 14: Buenos Aires - Tour Ends Say *adios* to Argentina as your tour draws to a close this morning. (B)

Arrival: Buenos Aires (BUE) **Departure:** Buenos Aires (BUE)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Recoleta Grand, Buenos Aires
Days 5, 6	Mirador del Lago Hotel, El Calafate
Days 7, 8	Rio Serrano Hotel & Spa, Torres del Paine
Days 9 – 12	*Ventus Australis*
Day 13	Recoleta Grand, Buenos Aires

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

12 Breakfasts (B) • 7 Lunches (L) • 9 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Buenos Aires • Pre- or Post-Night Stay

Easter Island • Pre-Tour Hosted Extension
5 Nights, Starting at $5,370† pp
Discover Easter Island's iconic Moai statues, history, and volcanic beauty on this unforgettable pre-tour journey.
**Extension is only available on select dates.*
†Additional air segment purchase required.

Iguazu Falls • Post-Tour Hosted Extension
3 Nights, Starting at $1,780† pp
Extend your South American adventure and visit another country — Brazil — and the famous Iguazu Falls.
†Additional air segment purchase required.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Antarctica: The White Continent

12 DAYS • 27 MEALS • STARTING AT $20,949

Small Group

Penguins

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **VARIES** • Tour Activity Level: **4** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$20,949 (DOUBLE)** or **$40,649 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on March 6, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

December 2027 – March 2028 (featured itinerary*)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, The Drake Passage, Zodiac Safaris, Penguin Colony Close-Ups, Polar Plunge, Expedition Landings, On-Board Educational Sessions

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Experience nearly 24 hours of sunlight as you absorb your surroundings ashore and from the expedition ship's many observatory decks.
- Discover multitudes of Antarctic wildlife including seals, whales, albatrosses, and chinstrap, gentoo, and Adelie penguins.
- Savour fresh and varied meals aboard the expedition ship while admiring the scenery around you.
- Take the opportunity, if you wish, for a thrilling polar plunge off the yacht.
- Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in Ushuaia.
- Cruise through the waters of Antarctica on an all-inclusive yacht.
- Take in the incredible scenery of Tierra del Fuego during a panoramic tour.
- Cross the Drake Passage, a milestone for any adventurer!

Day 1: Overnight Flight An overnight flight takes you to Buenos Aires, the launching point for your adventure into Antarctica.

Day 2: Buenos Aires, Argentina Arrive in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango and the "Paris of South America." Stretching along the banks of the Rio de la Plata, the city is a mosaic of European-style architecture and South American spirit. Spend the day however you wish before setting out to begin your voyage tomorrow. There are no meals or activities included today.

Day 3: Fly to Ushuaia - Embark Ship - At Sea This morning, we fly over Patagonia before landing in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world, surrounded by spectacular mountain scenery. Set out on a panoramic tour of Tierra del Fuego National Park and soak in this dramatic landscape on the southern tip of South America featuring glaciers, lakes, mountains, and waterfalls. From Ushuaia, embark on the expedition ship that will be your home for the next nine days during a cruise to Antarctica. (B, L, D)

Day 4: The Drake Passage - At Sea Cruise south through the fabled Drake Passage, named after the explorer Sir Frances Drake. Set between Cape Horn and the Antarctic Peninsula, crossing the legendary Drake Passage is unforgettable — a milestone for any adventurer! Warmer waters of the north meet colder, denser waters of the south here in the Antarctic Convergence, making the area rich in marine life such as humpback whales and hourglass dolphins. (B, L, D)

Day 5: The Drake Passage - Antarctica During the 48-hour journey through the Drake Passage, the soundtrack includes the crash of waves against the ship and the cry of petrels, skuas, and gulls overhead. While the waterway is famous for its challenging navigation, on some occasions the channel is calm and tranquil — this unpredictable nature is part of the adventure. As you emerge from the Drake Passage, reaching the northern point of the "White Continent," the mammoth, icy peaks of the South Shetland Islands greet you. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Antarctica Part of the greater Antarctica region, the South Shetland Islands hold a bounty of wildlife, scenic landscapes, hiking opportunities, and magnificent views that inspire a sense of discovery. According to sea and weather conditions, there are several possible shore landing opportunities. A possible landing on Elephant Island, named for the shape of its cliffside and the elephant seals that call it home, sets you on the same path as the

Zodiac

Humpback Whale

famous Shackleton Expedition. Another possible landing is Deception Island, a volcanic caldera with heated springs and black sands. Other possible stops include Half Moon Island, Yankee Harbor, Point Wild, and Barrientos Island with its gentoo penguin rookeries. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Antarctica Your days are filled with discovering Antarctica, the last great wilderness stretching across ice-covered desert and mountains for over five million square miles. The ethereal beauty and immense scale of the continent are like nowhere else on the planet. The voyage keeps a flexible schedule as your captain expertly navigates ice floes, icebergs, and changing sea and weather conditions to ensure you experience the most from your expedition. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Antarctica Nicknamed the "White Continent" for its vast expanse of icebergs, snow, and glaciers, Antarctica is often a final frontier for experienced explorers to conquer. As you navigate Antarctic waters, you may set foot on sites like Beak Island, Brown Bluff, Cierva Cove, Hidden Bay, and many more. Each landing throughout the continent offers its own unique landscape, from expansive tundra to rugged mountain peaks, all beckoning you to follow the paths that few explorers have trekked before. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Antarctica Each day is a new adventure filled with a spontaneous sense of exploration. Your captain works with the expedition team to determine possible shore landings and Zodiac safaris. You may take a Zodiac foray among towering icebergs or hike along the shoreline near penguin colonies. On one day of the cruise, you can even take the chance to experience a polar plunge by jumping in with a harness from the side of the ship! (B, L, D)

Day 10: The Drake Passage - At Sea Today, Antarctica falls into your wake as you begin sailing back towards Ushuaia, crossing the southern waters of the Drake Passage. As you make your return through this famed channel, stay on the lookout for the incredible wildlife around you in the sea and sky. (B, L, D)

Day 11: The Drake Passage - At Sea On your final day of sailing the channel, enjoy time to relax on the ship and reflect on all you have seen and learned along the journey. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Ushuaia - Disembark Ship - Fly to Buenos Aires - Tour Ends After breakfast, disembark in Ushuaia and proceed to the airport for your flight to Buenos Aires before flying home.

Arrival: Buenos Aires (EZE) **Departure:** Buenos Aires (EZE)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta, Buenos Aires
Days 3 – 11	Atlas *World Navigator* or Atlas *World Traveller*

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

9 Breakfasts (B) · 9 Lunches (L) · 9 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Easter Island · Pre-Tour Hosted Extension
5 Nights, Starting at $5,370† pp
Discover Easter Island's iconic Moai statues, history, and volcanic beauty on this unforgettable pre-tour journey.

†*Additional air segment purchase required.*

Atlas *World Traveller*

Costa Rica: A World of Nature
featuring Tortuguero National Park, Arenal Volcano & Manuel Antonio National Park

12 DAYS • 23 MEALS • STARTING AT $5,499

Small Group

Squirrel Monkey

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$5,499 (DOUBLE)** or **$6,699 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on June 17, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

June 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Tortuguero National Park, Hanging Bridges, Manuel Antonio National Park, Ziplining or Volcano Lava Field, Chocolate-Making Demonstration & Tasting, River Safari, Jungle Crocodile Safari

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Stay in Tortuguero National Park and find yourself surrounded by wildlife.
- Taste for yourself why cacao is called "the food of the gods" and observe the process of converting this seed from bean to bar.
- Learn how to cook using a coconut before tasting some delicious local candy.
- Explore Arenal during a captivating 3-night stay.
- Learn about Costa Rica's ecosystem and local culture.
- Hop aboard a river boat for a jungle crocodile safari and bird watching excursion.
- Visit the world's first sea turtle research station.

Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica *Pura vida*. In English, it translates to "the simple life." But *pura vida* is so much more: it's an attitude; a celebration of life in the moment. It's time to experience what *pura vida* means to you. You're on your way to explore a place that's unlike anywhere else in the world, where *pura vida* is an unofficial motto and a way of life. Welcome to the emerald of Central America: Costa Rica. As travellers' arrival times will vary, you have no group activities or meals planned today.

Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park Seemingly endless mountain horizons. Complex evergreen forests. These are the wonders of Tortuguero National Park. Travel by boat to your hotel before heading farther down the rivers and canals to the world's first sea turtle research station. Later, have time to explore Tortuguero town with your Tour Manager. Get away from it all and relax at your lodge set in the middle of the jungle, your home for the next two nights. From the morning calls of the monkeys to the gentle chatter of the birds, listen to the active sounds of the rainforest around you. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Tortuguero National Park Begin the day on an excursion to search for the elusive green macaw and other unique winged creatures that flock to Tortuguero. Embark on a nature cruise, getting a glimpse into the habitat of jaguars, manatees, ocelots, and more. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy your Tortuguero resort. Tonight, your group will enjoy an exclusive experience with a local from Tortuguero. He'll share personal stories about his life in this remote village and give you a demonstration of how coconuts are harvested and prepared. Then, savour a local treat — freshly made coconut candy — crafted just for you. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - Sarapiquí - San Carlos Take a boat back to the mainland and make your way towards Sarapiquí and Tirimbina Rainforest Center. Today will be an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you visit a cacao plantation at the Tirimbina Rainforest Center — an ecotourism destination that is vigilant of environmental, social, and economic impact. Learn the process of sustainably converting seed from bean to bar on a private tour and taste for yourself why it's called "the food of the gods." Later, arrive at your secluded nature resort, nestled on the edge of the San Carlos River. Stroll the botanical garden lined with fruit trees, including lemon, soursop, guava, mango, and tangerine. (B, L, D)

Arenal Volcano

Manuel Antonio National Park

Arrival: San Jose (SJO) **Departure:** San Jose (SJO)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose
Days 2, 3	Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero
Days 4, 5	Tilajari Eco Resort, San Carlos
Days 6 – 8	Lomas del Volcán, Arenal
Days 9, 10	Los Sueños Marriott, Playa Herradura
Day 11	Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

11 Breakfasts (B) · 4 Lunches (L) · 8 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

San Jose · Pre- or Post-Night Stay

Colombia · Post-Tour Hosted Extension
5 Nights, Starting at $3,040† pp
Spend 2 nights in Medellín, visit a flower farm in Santa Elena, explore Cartagena, and enjoy a drumming and dance performance in the Afro-Caribbean fishing village of La Boquilla.

†Additional air segment purchase required.

See next page for more information.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

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 homemade snacks such as banana bread, local coffee, and more. End your day with a guided walk through a private, primary forest reserve for a look at the various flora and fauna. (B, D)

Day 6: San Carlos - Arenal Today, suspended over the rainforest floor, relish a bird's-eye view of the jungle on a guided tour of Arenal's famous hanging bridges. High above the jungle canopies, marvel at the natural world around you. Later, settle into your resort where you'll be surrounded by striking views of Arenal's famous volcano for the next three nights. (B, D)

Day 7: Arenal Today, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Since Costa Rica is the birthplace of ziplining, glide over the canopies on a mind-blowing rip through the jungle **-OR-** make your way across lava fields for an up-close-and-personal look at the volcano on a moderate hike along the trails formed by lava during the 1968 eruption. The afternoon is yours to spend as you please. Perhaps you'll discover the town of La Fortuna or relax by the hotel's pool. Also consider an optional excursion to a family-owned *finca* with an included farm-to-table lunch. (B, D)

Day 8: Arenal In the shadow of Arenal Volcano, the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Perhaps, if you're feeling adventurous, you'll opt for an exhilarating white water rafting experience. Or simply hang back at the resort, explore the grounds, and soak in the views. (B)

Day 9: Arenal - Playa Herradura This morning, wake up and smell the coffee at a local farm that produces some of Costa Rica's well-known beans. Take a private tour with local plantation workers and have a chance to discuss what life is like for these coffee farmers. In the afternoon, head to Playa Herradura and settle into your resort for the next two nights. As the day draws to a close, watch the sun set over the Pacific alongside birds in every colour of the rainbow. (B, D)

Day 10: Playa Herradura - Manuel Antonio National Park - Playa Herradura Welcome to Manuel Antonio National Park, home to verdant rainforests and white sand beaches. In this natural wonderland, traverse the trails where the wild things are, or go for a swim in the turquoise waters as wildlife rummages in the canopies. Return to your resort later this afternoon with plenty of time to enjoy its many amenities at your leisure. (B)

Day 11: Playa Herradura - Tárcoles - San Jose See wild crocodiles among the mangroves of Tárcoles' Rio Grande. On this exhilarating jungle crocodile safari, you'll boat beneath the towering jungle, looking along the river banks for a glimpse of these incredible creatures. Then say goodbye to the coast and hello to San Jose. Toast to the *pura vida* of Costa Rica tonight over a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends Bid Costa Rica farewell as your tour comes to an end today. (B)

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

CR | *Costa Rica: A World of Nature*

Colombia Post-Tour Extension

6 DAYS • 8 MEALS • STARTING AT $3,040 PP*

Continue your journey with five days in Medellín and Cartagena. Discover vibrant culture, colourful art, and colonial charm while exploring two of Colombia's most captivating cities.

EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Enjoy a mix of time on your own and some planned tour activities. A local expert is available during part of your stay to guide you during scheduled activities and provide recommendations. In addition, your accommodation, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3 *(see page 170 for details)*

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Days 12, 13 Diez Medellín SAS Hotel, Medellin

Days 14-16 Hotel Don Luis by Faranda Boutique, Cartagena

**Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Additional flight purchase required. All rates in Canadian dollars.*

Post-Tour Extension

Day 12: San Jose – Medellin, Colombia Fly to Medellín, a lively city nestled in the Andes. Once marred by conflict, Medellin has transformed into a hub for innovation, art, and culture. After settling into your hotel, enjoy an evening at leisure to explore the city's renowned restaurants and nightlife.

Day 13: Medellin Discover an authentic side of Medellín on a private tour that explores a community's transformation from its troubled past. Stroll through streets adorned with powerful murals and connect with local residents who share inspiring stories of how creativity and resilience reshaped their surroundings. Afterward, enjoy lunch downtown at a local restaurant before visiting Plaza Botero, home to 23 bronze sculptures by renowned Colombian artist Fernando Botero. Then, step inside the Museum of Antioquia to admire more of his signature "Boterismo" style — defined by its voluminous, expressive forms. Tonight is yours to explore the city at your own pace. (B, L)

Day 14: Medellin – Cartagena Travel into the hills outside Medellín to the quiet village of Santa Elena, the birthplace of Colombia's iconic silletero culture. Visit a traditional flower farm where you'll learn the art of crafting *silletas* — elaborate floral arrangements featured in Medellín's famous Feria de las Flores. Enjoy a home-cooked meal surrounded by blooming gardens. In the afternoon, fly to the tropical port city of Cartagena and settle into your hotel in the enchanting Walled City (UNESCO). Just outside your door, cobblestone streets, boutique shops, and lively restaurants await. (B, L)

Day 15: Cartagena Begin your day with a guided visit to Castillo San Felipe de Barajas (UNESCO), the most impressive fortress built by the Spanish in the Americas. This 17th-century stronghold, with its coral stone walls and hidden tunnels, was designed to protect Cartagena from pirates and invaders. Your guide will bring its dramatic history to life, including the legendary defence against the British invasion of 1741. Continue with a walking tour of the Walled City, weaving through charming streets lined with colonial homes, flower-draped balconies, centuries-old churches, and lively plazas. The afternoon is yours to enjoy Cartagena at your leisure. (B)

Day 16: Cartagena Today, venture just 30 minutes outside Cartagena to the peaceful Afro-Caribbean fishing village of La Boquilla. Begin with a lively drumming and dancing performance led by local artists who preserve their cultural heritage through rhythm and movement. Then join a beginner-friendly workshop and try the drums yourself. Afterward, glide through the village's mangrove-lined waterways by canoe, as a local guide shares insights into the ecosystem, the importance of mangroves, and the wildlife that thrives there. Return to your hotel for lunch on your own and some free time to relax. This evening, immerse yourself in Cartagena's culinary traditions with a hands-on cooking class that features local ingredients and regional dishes. Savour the meal you've prepared as you toast to the final night of an unforgettable journey. (B, D)

Day 17: Cartagena – Tour End Your Colombian experience comes to an end this morning in Cartagena. (B)

EUROPE

Kotor, Montenegro

Into the Heart of the Glacier

From a distance, Iceland's glaciers seem almost otherworldly. Up close, they're even more impressive. Climb aboard a colossal super truck and venture onto Langjökull, Iceland's second-largest glacier, where uninterrupted mountain views stretch to the horizon. Surrounded by ice shaped over thousands of years, you'll experience the rugged beauty that defines **Best of Iceland**.

Turn to page 102 to read more.

The Art of the *Pintxo*

Eat like a local on a guided walk through San Sebastián's markets and bustling *pintxos* bars. Sample the Basque region's beloved small bites while discovering how food has influenced the city's culture and identity. It's a delicious introduction to one of Spain's great culinary capitals on **Flavours of Portugal & Spain**.

Turn to page 124 to read more.

The Balkans

From Coastal Croatia to Legendary Greece

16 DAYS • 22 MEALS • STARTING AT $9,349

Small Group

Bay of Kotor

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$9,349 (DOUBLE)** or **$11,799 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on April 20, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight Set off for an adventure to the Balkans, where dramatic coastlines and towering mountains meet medieval cities and complex history. On your journey, centuries-old traditions come alive through immersive local experiences set against stunning backdrops.

Day 2: Zagreb, Croatia Arrive in Croatia's vibrant capital city, Zagreb. As arrival times may vary, there are no scheduled activities today. Spend time as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Zagreb This morning, join a local guide for a walking tour highlighting Zagreb's main square and historic Upper Town. The remainder of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll wander through the old town's two medieval settlements, stroll the many open squares and parks, browse the stalls at the Dolac Market, or savour the flavours of Zagreb's dynamic culinary scene. (B)

Day 4: Zagreb - Plitvice Lakes Travel to Plitvice Lakes, one of the oldest and largest national parks in Croatia. Inspiring scenery abounds at this designated UNESCO World Heritage site. Marvel at cascading waterfalls, emerald lakes, and pristine surroundings during a short cruise into the heart of this natural wonder. Tonight, stay at a hotel in the small village near the national park. (B, D)

Day 5: Plitvice Lakes - Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina Today, continue to Sarajevo - Bosnia and Herzegovina's capital city and your home for the next two nights. With its centuries-old multiculturality, experience a city shaped by its rich history and the coexistence of diverse religions. This evening, you may choose to join your Tour Manager for a stroll to get acquainted with the area. (B, L)

Day 6: Sarajevo Begin the day with an **IMPACT MOMENT** and visit the Sarajevo Tunnel Museum, home to the famed "Tunnel of Hope," and hear the stories that provide insight into the resilience and determination of the city and its citizens during the war. Continue exploring Sarajevo's layered history, including its role in the start of World War I. Walk its historic streets and discover the city's unique blend of architectural styles and religious traditions. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore Sarajevo on your own. Tonight, experience Bosnian hospitality with a local family. Enjoy regional favourites and sip Bosnian coffee as traditional folk music sets the tone for a truly memorable evening. (B, D)

Day 7: Sarajevo - Mostar - Dubrovnik, Croatia On your way back to Croatia, stop in Mostar to explore the iconic

Sarajevo

Arrival: Zagreb (ZAG) **Departure:** Athens (ATH)

UNESCO-listed Stari Most Bridge. Enjoy a walk through the historic town, followed by free time for lunch. This afternoon, be greeted by views of the Adriatic Sea when you arrive in Dubrovnik. As the day comes to an end, perhaps you'll join in an evening stroll. (B)

Day 8: Dubrovnik Dubrovnik's ancient streets share their history and timeless charm during a guided walking tour of the city. Then, let the city continue to reveal itself to you because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Take a harbour cruise for magnificent views of Dubrovnik's medieval city walls and visit Lokrum Island **-OR-** get a bird's-eye view of the city by cable car, riding up to Srd Hill, a breathtaking vantage point to look over the Old Town below and the Adriatic Sea. With the rest of the afternoon and evening free to relax or explore the city on your own, perhaps you will walk along the iconic Dubrovnik city walls. (B)

Day 9: Dubrovnik - Kotor, Montenegro Bid farewell to Croatia and travel to Montenegro. Set sail on a private boat for the islet of Our Lady of the Rocks. Visit the church before cruising through the stunning Bay of Kotor. Enjoy a guided tour of Kotor's UNESCO-listed Old Town before you settle in your hotel located within the town's historic walls. (B)

Day 10: Kotor Enjoy a full day at leisure in Kotor. Perhaps you'll go on an optional excursion and discover the authentic flavours of the Adriatic at a traditional, family-run mussel and oyster farm. Savour a fresh, farm-to-table tasting of locally harvested mussels and oysters, and gain insight into the time-honoured traditions and techniques that make Boka Bay a celebrated seafood destination. Upon return, the remainder of the day is yours to explore the hidden corners of Kotor. (B)

Day 11: Kotor - Fishtë, Albania - Tirana Cross another border today and arrive in Albania! A unique blend of traditional Albanian hospitality and cultural experiences awaits in the picturesque rural setting of one of Albania's best-regarded agritourism destinations, located in the village of Fishtë. Enjoy a farm-to-table lunch of authentic dishes made from organic, locally sourced ingredients, and take a stroll through the farm. Continue your travel day on your way to Tirana, the capital city of Albania. Explore its history and architecture on a locally guided tour while learning more about Albania's complex past, including a visit to a former top-secret nuclear bunker turned museum. (B, L)

Day 12: Tirana Today, enjoy Tirana at leisure or join an optional excursion to the coastal ancient city of Durrës to explore Roman ruins, including the Roman Amphitheater of Emperor Hadrian, followed by wine tasting paired with local specialties at a prominent winery. No matter how you fill your day, experience the best of the local cuisine and folk entertainment at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 13: Tirana - Gjirokastra - Kalambaka, Greece Soak in the beauty of the countryside with its winding roads and stretches of green on your way to Gjirokastra, a UNESCO-listed city celebrated for its Ottoman-era heritage and often considered one of the steepest cities in the world. Leisurely explore its unique architecture and glorious history. After having some free time in this fascinating town, continue towards Greece, and cross your last border on this travel journey. Arrive in Kalambaka in the late afternoon in time to freshen up for dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 14: Kalambaka - Metéora - Athens This morning, explore Metéora. Visit one of the remote monasteries situated in a unique landscape, where limestone rock "towers" extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks built their monastic community perched atop these rocks. Later, observe traditional Byzantine icon-making during a workshop visit in Kalambaka. Continue to Athens and gather for a celebratory farewell dinner, savouring delicious Greek cuisine. (B, D)

Day 15: Athens Explore Athens on a guided walking tour, including Syntagma Square and the Monument to the Unknown Soldier. Wander through the streets, soaking in the essence of this iconic city and savouring its charm and energy. Visit the Acropolis Museum to trace the history of ancient Athens through its remarkable artifacts. Located within a short walking distance of the Acropolis, the museum houses archeological treasures from the Acropolis and offers wonderful views of the ancient site. The rest of the day is yours to explore more of Athens on your own before joining your fellow travellers to toast to the end of your journey. (B)

Day 16: Athens - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Le Premier Boutique Hotel, Zagreb
Day 4	The Lyra Hotel Plitvice, Licko Petrovo Selo, Plitvice Lakes
Days 5, 6	Hotel Colors Inn, Sarajevo
Days 7, 8	Hotel Adriatik, Dubrovnik ▲
Days 9, 10	Hotel Cattaro, Kotor
Days 11, 12	Hotel Rogner, Tirana
Day 13	Divani Metéora Hotel, Kalambaka
Days 14, 15	NYX Esperia Palace Hotel, Athens

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

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Zagreb · Pre-Night Stay

Athens · Post-Night Stay

Ljubljana · Pre-Tour Guided Extension
2 Nights, Starting at $1,370 pp
Tour beautiful Ljubljana, Slovenia, then visit picturesque Lake Bled and enjoy a boat ride to scenic Bled Island.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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Small Group

Majestic Cities of Central & Eastern Europe

featuring Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Budapest & Krakow

14 DAYS • 19 MEALS • STARTING AT $7,849

Prague, Czech Republic

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$7,849 (DOUBLE)** or **$9,899 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on March 19, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight Set out to journey through some of Europe's most fascinating cultural capitals.

Day 2: Berlin, Germany Arrive in Berlin, Germany's dynamic capital, where history, modern culture, and multicultural influences intersect. With no scheduled sightseeing today, spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Berlin This morning, meet your local guide for a scenic motorcoach tour of Berlin's iconic landmarks. Enjoy panoramic views of the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church and the Philharmonic Hall, and stop for photos at the Berlin Wall, the Brandenburg Gate, and the Holocaust Memorial. Pause at a local café for coffee or tea while hearing firsthand about life in Eastern Berlin before the fall of the Berlin Wall. Around noon, continue with a walking tour through the historic Nikolai Quarters and along Unter den Linden, passing Humboldt University, the State Opera, and Babelplatz, ending at Museum Island. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own in one of the neighbourhood's many restaurants. The rest of the day is yours to discover and explore at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Berlin - Dresden - Prague, Czech Republic Depart Berlin for Prague, the "City of a Thousand Spires." En route, make a stop in Dresden, the capital of Saxony. With a local guide, admire the city's Baroque architecture, including the Frauenkirche, the Cathedral of Our Lady, and the Royal Palace. Enjoy some free time on your own in this lovely town on the banks of the River Elbe before continuing to Prague. This evening, participate in a traditional Czech cooking class. (B, D)

Day 5: Prague Begin your day at the world's largest ancient castle complex, Prague Castle (UNESCO), and the haunting St. Vitus Cathedral. Home to kings and emperors, the complex at Prague Castle is one of the most important sites in the Czech Republic and is easily the highlight of the city. Continue on a walking tour through Old Town, seeing the statue-lined Charles Bridge and the unique Astronomical Clock. Learn about the poignant history passing by Prague's Jewish Quarter. Your exploration ends at lunchtime, and the rest of the afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy Prague on your own. (B)

Day 6: Prague - Vienna, Austria This morning, travel by train to Vienna, the "City of Music." Upon arrival, enjoy a short orientation drive through the city. Then, enjoy an **IMPACT MOMENT** at a Viennese coffee house connecting generations, because at this café, the baked goods are lovingly prepared

Budapest

Krakow

Arrival: Berlin (BER) **Departure:** Krakow (KRK)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Radisson Red Hotel, Berlin
Days 4, 5	Majestic Plaza Hotel, Prague
Days 6, 7	Imperial Riding School Hotel, Vienna
Days 8 – 10	Prestige Hotel, Budapest
Days 11 – 13	Hotel Grand, Krakow

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Berlin · Pre-Night Stay

Krakow · Post-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Day 7: Vienna Meet your local guide for a walking tour of Vienna's historic centre and take in the beautiful architecture, scenic parks, and gothic spires that fill the city, followed by some free time in the afternoon to make your own discoveries. Tonight, you may choose an optional visit to explore the interiors of the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and listen to a musical performance at the famous Orangerie where the past comes alive. (B)

Day 8: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary Sit back, relax, and enjoy the picturesque countryside en route to Budapest. Make a stop in Bratislava, Slovakia, the former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Enjoy an orientation walk with your Tour Manager and free time for lunch. Continue on to visit a true historical gem and UNESCO site, Pannonhalma, and hear about the abbey's thousand-year history and its present life. Top off your day in this region with a delicious meal in a local restaurant. Continue to lovely Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube", and join your Tour Manager for an evening stroll. (B, D)

Day 9: Budapest The beautiful city of Budapest is yours to discover. This morning, join a local expert on a city tour featuring Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, Old Buda, the New Parliament, Gellert Hill, and Heroes' Square, a unique monument dedicated to the diverse leaders of Hungary. The afternoon is yours to explore this enchanting city as you like. This evening, you may choose to take in the essence of the region during an optional dinner followed by a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline. (B)

Day 10: Budapest This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Choose to visit the House of Terror Museum and Memorial and gain an important perspective of 20th-century Hungarian history **-OR-** indulge in the famous Thermal Baths of Budapest, one of the largest spa baths in Europe. The remainder of the day is yours. (B)

Day 11: Budapest - Donovaly, Slovakia - Krakow, Poland Take in the picturesque landscapes en route to Poland. Make a stop for lunch near Donovaly, a small village situated within Low Tatras National Park. Continue to Krakow, a historic city offering old-world charm and your home for the next three nights. This evening, enjoy a folklore performance and dinner featuring traditional Polish cuisine and later perhaps join your Tour Manager for an evening stroll. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow Explore Krakow's historic Old Town on a city tour complete with stops at the Wawel Castle, Market Square, St. Mary's Church, and the university. In Market Square, marvel at the Gothic city hall tower and the beautiful palaces that surround you. This afternoon, embark on a poignant journey through history as you visit Auschwitz on a guided tour led by a local expert, offering a powerful and moving reflection on history and remembrance. The evening is yours to spend as you wish. (B)

Day 13: Krakow Explore the historic Kazimierz district with a local guide, visiting synagogues including the Remuh Synagogue and Cemetery. Walk the former Jewish Market and connect with the Jewish history and culture along the way. From around noon, the day is yours to explore the town on your own. This evening, toast to the end of this memorable trip with your fellow travellers at a farewell dinner, feeling connected to the cultures and traditions of Central and Eastern Europe. (B, D)

Day 14: Krakow - Tour End Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

Mediterranean Coastal Journey
Spain, France & Italy

16 DAYS • 23 MEALS • STARTING AT $9,349

Portofino

Small Group

Fontfroide Abbey

Truffle Hunting

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$9,349 (DOUBLE)** or **$11,249 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on November 6, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

July 2027 - June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight You're on your way to the Mediterranean coast for a journey connecting the Spanish, French, and Italian Rivieras. From chameleonic Barcelona to sun-kissed Nice, and from the splendour of Provence to the rolling hills of the Tuscan countryside, embark on a coastal journey combining rich scenery, art, culture, food, and wine.

Day 2: Barcelona, Spain Welcome to the Mediterranean coast. Begin your journey in Barcelona, famed for its exceptional architecture and vibrant culinary scene. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Barcelona This morning, step into the shoes of a local and navigate the metro. Then, explore the ever-changing Catalan capital as it's meant to be — on foot. Stroll along the bustling *La Rambla* boulevard, famous for its street artists and performers. Wander along the Gothic Quarter's labyrinthine streets and delve into one of Barcelona's lively food markets. Enjoy free time to explore at your own pace, perhaps visiting the iconic Sagrada Família or the colourful Park Güell. End your day with a relaxed walking tour through Barcelona's hidden corners, discovering authentic *tapas* and savouring the city's local flavours. (B, D)

Day 4: Barcelona - Girona - Costa Brava (Spanish Riviera) Set out for Girona, a medieval town known for its atmospheric Old Quarter. On arrival, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Visit the Museum of Jewish History to uncover the legacy of Girona's Jewish community **-OR-** head uphill through the old town toward Girona Cathedral to explore the Arab Baths, a serene 12th-century bathhouse built in Romanesque style. Enjoy time for lunch on your own in Girona before heading to the Catalonian coast for a 3-night stay at a seaside hotel. Discover the allure of Costa Brava, the perfect place to spend your days relaxing in your sea-view room or exploring secluded coves and beaches. This evening, relax over dinner at your hotel. (B)

Day 5: Costa Brava - Figueres - Costa Brava Take in the Spanish coastline during a coastal walk between the charming villages of Calella de Palafrugell and Llafranc. Then, travel inland to the town of Figueres, the birthplace of Salvador Dalí. Visit the extraordinary Dalí Theatre-Museum; its eccentric exterior topped with giant eggs and golden statues hints

at the imaginative world inside. From dreamlike paintings to whimsical installations, explore works of one of the 20th century's most influential artists. Later, return to your hotel for a free evening. (B, D)

Day 6: Costa Brava Today is yours to enjoy at leisure along the stunning Costa Brava. Relax at your coastal hotel, take a refreshing dip in the Mediterranean, or simply unwind on the beach with the sound of the waves as your backdrop. For those eager to explore further, consider an optional excursion to the enchanting medieval town of Besalú, and experience a taste of the region's rich winemaking heritage. (B)

Day 7: Costa Brava - Aix-en-Provence, France Bid *adiós* to the Spanish Riviera as you cross into southern France and journey into the heart of Provence. Along the way, visit Fontfroide Abbey, founded almost 10 centuries ago. Explore its tumultuous history during a guided visit that concludes with a paired lunch of its locally produced wine. Continue your journey to Aix-en-Provence, a charming town in the heart of the Provençal countryside. Known for its elegant boulevards, lively markets, and artistic heritage, Aix offers a perfect introduction to the region's timeless beauty and relaxed pace of life. (B, L)

Day 8: Aix-en-Provence - Cassis - Aix-en-Provence Journey to the charming fishing village of Cassis, nestled between the dramatic cliffs of Cap Canaille and the rugged beauty of Calanques National Park. With its colorful waterfront, bobbing boats, and laid-back Mediterranean vibe, Cassis invites you to slow down and soak in its coastal charm. Enjoy a scenic cruise through the Calanques, where towering limestone cliffs and hidden coves create a breathtaking natural landscape. Back in Aix, walk to dinner at a nearby restaurant and savour Provençal cuisine. (B, D)

Day 9: Aix-en-Provence - Cannes - Nice, French Riviera Travel to glamorous Cannes and soak up its star-studded atmosphere before setting sail across the Bay of Cannes to the serene island of Saint-Honorat. For over a thousand years, the monks of Lérins Abbey have called this island home. Here, enjoy a tasting of the island's locally produced wine, crafted by the monks themselves. Return to the mainland and continue to Nice for a 2-night stay in the heart of the Côte d'Azur. (B)

Day 10: Nice The day is yours to explore Nice. Perhaps you'll stroll along the lively seafront *Promenade des Anglais* before finding your favourite café and soaking in the local life or venturing up to Castle Hill. Or take an optional journey to St. Paul de Vence, exploring this charming, walled medieval village, and then on towards Grasse, where you'll uncover the art of French perfumery in a hands-on workshop led by a master "*nez*." No matter how you spend your day, this evening savour a tasting menu highlighting the delights of the South of France. (B, D)

Day 11: Nice - Monaco - Arenzano, Italy Bid *au revoir* to France this morning as you head to Monaco, the second smallest country in the world. Witness the changing of the guard at the Prince's Palace and step inside the Cathedral of Monaco, the final resting place of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace. Then, take time to explore the charm and elegance of this tiny, yet iconic, nation at your own pace. Take in the coastal views as you cross into Italy during an afternoon-long transfer to Arenzano, a picturesque seaside town on the Ligurian Riviera, offering a blend of coastal charm, historic elegance, and lush natural surroundings. Settle into your hotel for a 2-night stay on the Italian Riviera. (B)

Day 12: Arenzano - Santa Margherita - Portofino - Arenzano Start your day with a peaceful morning in Arenzano — perhaps take a stroll along the seaside promenade. Then, set off on a picturesque drive to the sophisticated town of Santa Margherita Ligure, situated along the stunning Ligurian Coast. Later this afternoon, board a boat to one of the most glamorous spots on the Italian Riviera, Portofino. Take in its colourful harbour, dotted with fishing boats and yachts, set against a backdrop of pastel-coloured buildings. (B)

Day 13: Arenzano – Carrara – Tuscan Countryside Venture beyond the usual tourist routes to discover one of Italy's most impressive natural landmarks: the marble quarries of Carrara. Embark on an off-road journey through the rugged Apuane Mountains, tracing the paths carved out by quarrymen. Carrara marble has long been revered for its beauty and was famously used by Michelangelo for masterpieces such as the *Pietà* in St. Peter's Basilica and the iconic *David*. Your day continues through Tuscany's gentle hills. After tasting some traditional bites paired with olive oil, arrive for a relaxing stay in the Tuscan countryside. (B, D)

Day 14: Tuscan Countryside - Florence - Tuscan Countryside Today is dedicated to Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance". Join a local expert for a walking tour through the city's heart. Marvel at Ghiberti's gilded "Gates of Paradise" and Brunelleschi's imposing dome at the Santa Maria del Fiore cathedral complex. Stand before the Palazzo Vecchio, a symbol of the Medici dynasty's power, and end your guided walk in the expansive Piazza Santa Croce. (B)

Day 15: Tuscan Countryside - San Gimignano - Tuscan Countryside Enjoy a memorable epicurean adventure with a truffle hunt, led by a local expert and trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. Set out on foot through rolling hills and silvery olive groves in search of the elusive tuber-shaped fungi before sampling the results for lunch. Then, spend time in San Gimignano, whose slender medieval towers stand tall over the surrounding vineyards. As the sun begins to set, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Tuscan Countryside - Tour Ends Say *arrivederci* to Italy as your journey comes to an end today. (B)

Arrival: Barcelona (BCN) **Departure:** Florence (FLR)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	H10 Art Gallery, Barcelona
Days 4 – 6	Park Hotel San Jorge, Costa Brava
Days 7, 8	Hotel Saint Christophe, Aix-en-Provence
Days 9, 10	Hotel Apollinaire, Nice
Days 11, 12	Grand Hotel Arenzano, Arenzano
Days 13 – 15	Hotel Borgo di Cortefreda, Tuscan Countryside, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Barcelona · Pre-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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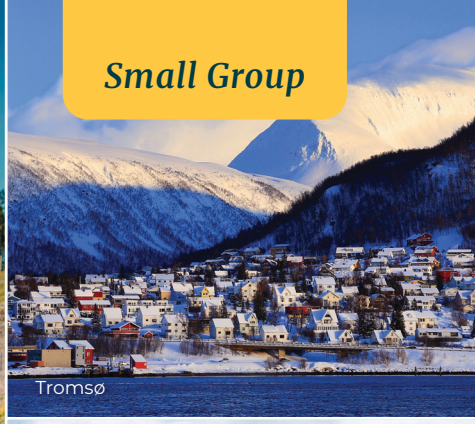
Reindeer Farm


Tromsø

Alta Canyon

Small Group

EXPLORATIONS

Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$12,349 (DOUBLE)** or **$15,399 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on July 17, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

July – September 2027; May – June 2028

HIGHLIGHTS

Stockholm, Gammelstad Church Town, Swedish Lapland, Sámi Experience, Finnish Lapland, Reindeer Farm, Arctic Forest Walk, Alta Canyon, King Crab Excursion, Nobel Peace Center, Oslo

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Walk among Sweden's Gammelstad Church Town (UNESCO), hearing stories that surround the 15th-century stone church.
- Uncover Nordic culture as you get to know the Sámi people, explore their traditions, and experience their way of life.
- Learn about reindeer herding at a local farm in the heart of Lapland.
- Step aboard a working-style cruiser for a hands-on king crab experience in Tromsø.
- Cross the Arctic Circle in Finnish Lapland, where the landscape opens into tundra, forest, and a true sense of the far north.
- Taste freshly grilled whitefish on the Kukkola Rapids inside a traditional kota hut as fire, river, and local tradition come together.
- Step inside a Sámi *lavvu* tent and savour traditional cake with freshly brewed coffee.

Day 1: Overnight Flight Your Nordic adventure begins! From the Arctic wilderness of Lapland to the coastal towns of Norway, an unforgettable adventure across Sweden, Finland, and Norway starts now.

Day 2: Stockholm, Sweden Welcome to Stockholm, where city life unfolds across a network of islands and waterways. As arrival times vary, there are no scheduled experiences through the afternoon. Take time to walk, settle in, and get your bearings. As evening arrives, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner and your first shared taste of Sweden. (D)

Day 3: Stockholm This morning, walk Stockholm with a local guide who brings the city into focus during an immersive three-hour tour. Along the way, pause for *fika* and take part in this Swedish coffee break tradition. The rest of the day is yours for exploration. Continue into neighbourhoods, museums, or galleries at your own pace, from the Vasa Museum to Fotografiska or the ABBA Museum. (B)

Day 4: Stockholm - Luleå It's time to say *hej då* to Stockholm and fly north to Luleå, the gateway to Swedish Lapland. Upon arrival, experience Nordic hospitality inside a traditional Sámi *lavvu*. Inside this tent, your host shares stories of Arctic life in the wilderness as you enjoy a slice of Sámi cake. Later, settle in and take time to explore this coastal city, perhaps along the harbour. (B)

Day 5: Luleå This morning, explore Luleå on foot with a local guide who brings everyday life in Swedish Lapland into focus, where long-held traditions meet the rhythms of today. Just beyond the city, visit Gammelstad Church Town, where rows of red cottages circle a historic stone church. Hear how worshippers once journeyed here from afar to gather. Sit down for lunch at a cozy local restaurant in the village. Later, return to Luleå, where your evening is free to explore in your own way. (B, L)

Day 6: Luleå - Kukkolankoski - Rovaniemi, Finland Travel north toward the Arctic Circle, crossing into Finnish Lapland. Continue to Kukkolankoski, where locals still work the river using techniques passed down through generations. See the fishing installations lining the banks, then step inside a *kota* (a wooden hut) to gather around the fire as whitefish cooks in the traditional Kukkola style. Listen to personal stories tied to the river, and share a meal together, telling stories around the fire. Arrive in Rovaniemi, the gateway to Lapland. (B, L)

Day 7: Rovaniemi Wake up in Finnish Lapland and head to Konttaniemi Reindeer Farm, where a local herder welcomes you into the patterns of daily life shaped by the animals. Spend time together learning how reindeer are raised, guided, and cared for. Hear personal stories that connect family, land, and tradition. Sit down for lunch at the farm and taste a local favourite, reindeer soup or salmon soup, prepared with ingredients tied to the region. This afternoon, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Sip and savour at Lapland Brewery during a guided tour and tasting **-OR-** step inside a local artisan's studio, where antlers are shaped into keepsakes and everyday life unfolds up close as you are welcomed into the artisan's home. The evening is yours to spend time in Rovaniemi as you wish. (B, L)

Day 8: Rovaniemi - Saariselkä Cross the Arctic Circle and travel deeper into Finland's far north, where daily life slows with the landscape. By afternoon, arrive in Saariselkä, a small village shaped by the traditions of Lapland. Settle in for a 2-night stay and get your bearings in this remote setting, where wide skies and quiet surroundings define the experience. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Saariselkä This morning, head out with a local guide who shares how people live with, and read, the Arctic landscape during a two-hour forest walk. Move along pine-lined trails, learning what makes this environment home. Return to Saariselkä for free time for lunch. This afternoon, slow down the local way at Galdu Spa, rotating between traditional and wood-burning saunas, a daily ritual rooted in Finnish culture. (B, D)

Day 10: Saariselkä - Alta, Norway Travel into Norway's Finnmark region and visit Karasjok, where the Sámi Parliament offers a window into Indigenous governance, identity, and Arctic life today. Take time for lunch before continuing west across open tundra into Alta. Arrive at Sorrisniva Arctic Wilderness Lodge and settle into your remote surroundings, where the connection to nature shapes the experience. A cozy dinner at the lodge rounds out the day. (B, D)

Day 11: Alta This morning, set out with a guide to visit the Alta Canyon and learn how the region balances natural forces with modern energy at its hydroelectric site. Later, head to the Alta Museum and visit its UNESCO-listed rock carvings, where stories of early Arctic life are shared through guided insight. Free time allows you to explore the exhibits at your own pace before returning to Sorrisniva, where the evening settles in with dinner in your remote wilderness lodge. (B, D)

Day 12: Alta - Tromsø Travel south through the Arctic landscape, tracing routes shaped by water and weather. Cross fjords by ferry via Olderdalen and Lyngseidet, where local connections still rely on these crossings. Crossing a second dramatic fjord, arrive in Tromsø, the "Gateway to the Arctic". (B)

Day 13: Tromsø This morning, experience a hands-on Arctic tradition as you board a working-style cruiser in Tromsø for a "catch, cook, and eat" king crab outing. Head out with local crew who share life on these waters, then step in and help haul crab pots from the sea. The catch becomes your lunch, prepared fresh on board. Back in port, linger onboard and connect with the crew or take time to explore Tromsø on your own. (B, L)

Day 14: Tromsø - Oslo Begin your day with an early transfer to the airport and fly south to Oslo. On arrival, join your Tour Manager for a panoramic tour of the capital, moving through distinct neighbourhoods and civic spaces that shape modern Norwegian life, from the waterfront harbour to the heart of the city along Karl Johans gate. Enjoy free time for lunch before settling into your centrally located hotel. This evening, visit the Nobel Peace Center for an after-hours experience, where a private guide brings the stories of past laureates and global changemakers into sharper focus. Spend time exploring the exhibits without the daytime crowds, followed by a cocktail reception in this remarkable setting. Grab dinner on your own and explore this vibrant city at leisure. (B)

Day 15: Oslo Start your day with a scenic drive to the harbour and board an Oslo fjord cruise, where daily life unfolds along the water as you pass islands and coastal neighbourhoods. Return to the city and enjoy the afternoon at your own pace. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers over a farewell dinner at a local restaurant, reflecting on the connections and experiences that shaped your journey. (B, D)

Day 16: Oslo - Tour Ends Your Nordic journey comes to an end today. (B)

Arrival: Stockholm (ARN) **Departure:** Oslo (OSL)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Elite Adlon Hotel, Stockholm
Days 4, 5	Clarion Hotel Sense, Luleå
Days 6, 7	Arctic Light Hotel, Rovaniemi
Days 8, 9	Galdu Hotel & Spa, Saariselkä
Days 10, 11	Sorrisniva Arctic Wilderness Lodge, Alta
Days 12, 13	The Dock 69°39 by Scandic, Tromsø
Days 14, 15	Karl Johan Hotel, Oslo

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

14 Breakfasts (B) • 5 Lunches (L) • 6 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Stockholm · Pre-Night Stay

Oslo · Post-Night Stay

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NEW TOUR

Iconic Iceland
Chasing the Northern Lights

8 DAYS • 12 MEALS • STARTING AT $6,999

Small Group

Mount Kirkjufell

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$6,999 (DOUBLE)** or **$8,549 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on March 9, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

November 2027 – April 2028

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

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 and a vibrant cultural heritage.

Day 2: Reykjavík, Iceland Discover culture and history in the world's northernmost capital – Reykjavík. Stroll through the historic Old Town, see the Parliament building, and admire the stunning, honeycombed glass façade of the Harpa Concert Hall. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers and experience the freshness of authentic Icelandic fare at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Reykjavík - Golden Circle - Reykjavík Travel the Golden Circle to experience Iceland's most iconic natural wonders, including the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in Thingvellir National Park where you can walk between two continents. Feel the earth rumble at the geysir geothermal areas, where Strokkur erupts skyward. Then, witness the raw power of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) double-cascade waterfall as it plunges into a dramatic canyon. A unique culinary treat awaits as you taste traditional "lava bread" baked using the Earth's natural geothermal heat. Return to Reykjavík for an evening on your own. (B)

Day 4: Reykjavík - Akranes - Borgarnes Travel west along Iceland's coast to the fishing town of Akranes at the foot of Akrafjall Mountain. Visit the picturesque lighthouse, climb the stairs to take in views over the bay if you wish, and take time for a leisurely walk along the historical harbour if you choose. Feel the power of the earth at Deildartunguhver, the highest-flowing hot spring in Europe, and stroll along wooden walkways to explore the hot springs safely. Later, get to know the world-famous Icelandic horse breed as you visit friendly horses at the stables of a family-run farm, and learn how geothermal energy is used in daily life, from baking rye bread to heating homes and stables. This evening, arrive in Borgarnes, your home for the next three nights and an ideal setting for seeking the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 5: Borgarnes - Langjökull Glacier - Borgarnes This morning, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** with a visit to an Icelandic goat farm. Learn how local farmer, Jóhanna, helped to bring this unique breed,

Jokulsarlon

Hraunfossar

Arrival: Reykjavik (KEF) **Departure:** Reykjavik (KEF)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Centerhotel Miðgardur, Reykjavik
Days 4 – 6	Hotel Hamar, Borgarnes
Day 7	Centerhotel Miðgardur, Reykjavik

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Reykjavik · Pre- or Post-Night Stay

Thingvellir

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 color in this man-made tunnel, the world's largest. Cap the day at the enchanting Hraunfossar waterfalls (Lava Falls), where clear, cold springs seep through the lava field and form many small waterfalls into the Hvítá River. Tonight, after dinner, gaze at the sky in search of the northern lights. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Borgarness - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Borgarnes Today, journey to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, with its camera-ready black sand beaches, mountain peaks, volcanic craters, rocky coastlines, and tiny fishing villages. Explore Arnarstapi, a small fishing village set among extraordinary basalt cliffs and sea arches that form a natural harbour. This afternoon, take in the views on Mount Kirkjufell with its iconic shape and freestanding form; this is one of the most photographed landscapes in Iceland. After dinner, continue searching for the northern lights dancing across the night sky. (B, D)

Day 7: Borgarnes - Reykjavík This morning, travel back to Reykjavík, and spend some time exploring the capital city and have lunch on your own. Then, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Immerse yourself in the Icelandic tradition of geothermal bathing with a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of Sky Lagoon **-OR-** embark on a thrilling virtual experience ride, giving you the feeling of flying over Iceland's glaciers, fjords, and most iconic landscapes. This evening, celebrate your Icelandic journey with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8: Reykjavík - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

Best of Iceland

9 DAYS • 13 MEALS • STARTING AT $8,499

Small Group

Gulfoss Waterfall

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **4** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$8,499 (DOUBLE)** or **$10,299 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on May 19, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

May – September 2026; May – June 2027
(different itinerary – see note*)

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: 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. Prepare to discover the dramatic contrasts from ethereal lava fields and thundering waterfalls to charming coastal villages.

Day 2: Reykjavík, Iceland Arrive in Reykjavík, Iceland's vibrant capital. Explore the city's old core on a guided walking tour featuring the Parliament, harbour, city hall, and the city's oldest building. Marvel at the dazzling glass façade of the Harpa Concert Hall, a true marvel of modern architecture. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner featuring fresh Icelandic ingredients at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 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. Visit a geothermal bakery to see how Icelanders use natural steam to cook food underground, and taste the delicious, slow-cooked "lava bread." Continue along the Golden Circle and take in the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) double-cascade waterfall before visiting the explosive Strokkur fountain geyser. Return to Reykjavík for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Reykjavík - Húsafell - Langjökull Glacier - Borgarnes This morning, travel inland to Húsafell to view its misty waterfalls cascading over ancient lava rocks. Experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** during a visit to an Icelandic goat farm, where you'll learn how local farmer Jóhanna helped revive this historic breed, dating back to Iceland's earliest settlers. Enjoy a simple meal of homemade specialties before continuing onward. Then, bundle up for an adventurous ascent of Langjökull glacier via mountain truck. Go "Into the Glacier" to explore the shimmering blue ice inside the world's largest man-made ice tunnel. End the day in Borgarnes, your home for the next 2 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Borgarnes - Snæfellsnes Peninsula - Borgarnes Journey to the stunning Snæfellsnes Peninsula with its camera-ready black sand beaches, mountain peaks, volcanic craters, rocky coastlines, and tiny fishing villages. Enjoy free time for lunch in Arnarstapi, a beautiful, small fishing village at the foot of Mt. Stapafell, framed by columnar basalt and striking sea cliffs. In the

Whale Watch

Langjökull Glacier

Arrival: Reykjavik (KEF) **Departure:** Reykjavik (KEF)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Centerhotel Miðgardur, Reykjavik
Days 4, 5	Hotel Hamar, Borgarnes
Days 6, 7	Fosshotel, Husavik
Day 8	Centerhotel Miðgardur, Reykjavik

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Reykjavik · Pre- or Post-Night Stay

Goat Farm

afternoon, take in views on Mount Kirkjufell, with its iconic shape and freestanding form — this is one of the most photographed landscapes in Iceland. (B, D)

Day 6: Borgarnes - Norðurland Vestra region - Húsavík Today, head to the scenic Norðurland Vestra region, celebrated for its horse-breeding heritage. Visit a family-owned farm, grab your camera for a photo tour of the stables, and interact with these friendly animals and their caretakers. En route, stop at one of Iceland's most historic waterfalls, Goðafoss, where legend says Iceland converted to Christianity in AD 1000. End your day in Húsavík, one of the first settlements on the island. (B, D)

Day 7: Húsavík - Lake Mývatn - Húsavík - Whale Watching This morning, take in the otherworldly landscapes surrounding Lake Mývatn, including the Hverir geothermal area, where bubbling mud pools resemble Martian terrain. Join your Tour Manager for a hike through Dimmuborgir, where fantastical lava formations and mystical caves inspire Icelandic legends. After free time for lunch, gear up in thermal wear to join expert whale watchers on a cruise on Skjálfandi Bay. Aboard RIB Zodiacs, get as close as you can to whales in northern Iceland. You may see humpback, minke, fin, or harbour porpoise, and possibly the orca or giant blue whales that frequent these waters. (B)

Day 8: Húsavík - Akureyri - Reykjavík This morning, fly back to Reykjavík. Then, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Experience the Icelandic tradition of geothermal bathing with a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of scenic Sky Lagoon **-OR-** take a thrilling virtual experience ride, giving you the feeling of flying over Iceland's glaciers, fjords, and most iconic landscapes. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner at a restaurant highlighting Icelandic cuisine. (B, D)

Day 9: Reykjavík - Tour Ends Head home having uncovered Iceland's adventurous side. (B)

Countryside of the Emerald Isle

11 DAYS • 14 MEALS • STARTING AT $6,849

Small Group

Aran Islands

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$6,849 (DOUBLE)** or **$8,649 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on March 30, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight This is your chance to experience the many seldom-explored sides of Ireland. From the vibrant pulse of Dublin's historic streets to the windswept beauty of Dingle's coastal hills, this journey invites you to connect with the heart of the Emerald Isle and to your Irish roots (even if you don't have any).

Day 2: Dublin, Ireland *Fáilte* to Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. With no scheduled activities through the afternoon, you can take time to soak up the vibrancy of Dublin's fair city. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant and toast the start of a wonderful adventure. (D)

Day 3: Dublin A local expert escorts you through Dublin's magnificent streets on a walking tour, taking you through the history and culture of this eclectic city. Get up close and personal with Dublin as you discover the vibrancy of the capital and its evolution over the centuries. This afternoon, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you immerse yourself in Irish culture with Experience Gaelic Games. This social enterprise benefits the wider community, giving local youth opportunities to engage in community-based sport and cultural activities. Learn why these national sports are so important to many Irish people, and if you're feeling sporty, have a go yourself! (B)

Day 4: Dublin - East Cork Take to Ireland's country roads. Tour the Irish National Stud, an area of outstanding natural beauty that's home to regal thoroughbreds and opulent gardens. Continue south to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. (B, D)

Day 5: East Cork This morning, visit the Old Midleton Distillery, home of the world-famous Jameson Irish Whiskey. Indulge in a tipple with a tasting of the distillery's production. Next, head to the pretty coastal town of Kinsale for the afternoon. Enjoy free time to peruse the charming shops, galleries, and cafés. (B)

Day 6: East Cork - Garnish Island - Killarney National Park Travel through forty shades of green before arriving in the charming village of Glengarriff. Board a ferry and sail to a place that must be seen to be believed — Garnish Island. Sheltered in the Glengarriff harbour of Bantry Bay, this hidden island is home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens. Continue over the Cork and Kerry mountains to the tranquil beauty of Killarney National Park, where the elegant Muckross Park

Dingle Peninsula

Rock of Cashel

Arrival: Dublin (DUB) **Departure:** Shannon (SNN)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Trinity City Hotel, Dublin
Days 4, 5	Garryvoe Hotel, East Cork, Cork ▲
Days 6, 7	Muckross Park Hotel & Spa, Killarney
Day 8	Aran Islands Hotel, Aran Islands
Days 9, 10	Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

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

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Dublin · Pre-Night Stay

Belfast · Pre-Tour Guided Extension
4 Nights, Starting at $2,740 pp
Delve into Belfast's story and visit Northern Ireland's iconic World Heritage Site, the Giant's Causeway.
See next page for more information.

Irish National Stud

Hotel becomes home for two nights. (B)

Day 7: Killarney National Park - Dingle Peninsula - Killarney National Park This morning, explore the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula with a drive along Slea Head, with its enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs. During a visit to a Dingle farm, witness the remarkable skill of sheepdogs in action, all set against a backdrop of sweeping ocean views. Later, soak in the charm of Dingle with a lively pub lunch in the heart of town. Then, step into the story of a beloved local brewery and discover how one man's passion for craft beer brewed a thriving business. The afternoon is yours to wander the colourful streets, chat with friendly locals, or simply savour the harbour's peaceful rhythm before heading back to Killarney National Park. This evening, enjoy the serenity of the hotel grounds and trails surrounded by lakes, forests, waterfalls, and historic sites. (B, L)

Day 8: Killarney National Park - Aran Islands (Inishmore) Leave the rugged southern coast behind and embark on an adventure. Board a ferry bound for Inishmore, the largest of the three Aran Islands. Upon arriving in Inishmore's ethereal landscape, take a private tour through the labyrinth of stone walls blanketing the island. Visit the east of the island and see the Old Cromwellian Castle and Port Aodh. Learn about the island's 850 inhabitants, their livelihoods, and devotion to traditional culture and customs. As the last ferry leaves for mainland Ireland, breathe in the fresh Atlantic air and settle into your 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. Look to catch a glimpse of a colony of seals on your way to visit a family-run goat farm. Savour the flavours of locally produced award-winning cheeses during a tasting. Later, enjoy time in Kilronan village to explore and peruse the famous Aran sweaters. Then, ferry back to the mainland, taking in unrivalled views while sailing beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher. (B)

Day 10: Ennis This morning, join a local historian on a walking tour of the town of Ennis. Your walk ends at the site of the medieval Franciscan friary, where you may wish to tour the ruins and grounds at leisure. The afternoon is yours to relax or shop for those last-minute souvenirs before joining your fellow travellers this evening to toast the end of an incredible adventure. (B, D)

Day 11: Ennis - Tour Ends Your journey comes to a close today, leaving you with the spirit of Ireland in your heart forever. (B)

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY | Countryside of the Emerald Isle

Belfast Pre-Tour Extension

6 DAYS • 6 MEALS • STARTING AT $2,740 PP*

Start your journey in Belfast, Northern Ireland's vibrant capital. Discover the city's rich history and culture, then visit the spectacular Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

EXTENSION STYLE: GUIDED

Experience the destination with a full itinerary planned for you. You'll be joined by a dedicated Tour Manager and enjoy planned local experiences and sightseeing. In addition, your accommodations, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included. (The Tour Manager for your extension may or may not be the same person as your main tour.)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3 *(see page 170 for details)*

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2-5	Europa Hotel, Belfast

**Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Additional flight purchase required. All rates in Canadian dollars.*

Day 1: Overnight Flight You're on your way to Northern Ireland where your adventure begins in Belfast.

Day 2: Belfast, Northern Ireland Experience Belfast, the cultural capital of Northern Ireland. Since arrival times will vary, there will be no included activities during the day. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Belfast This morning, join a local guide for a two-hour walking tour to get to know Belfast and explore this cultural hub's historical significance. This afternoon, take advantage of your free time to discover more of this vibrant city. Perhaps you'll decide to visit one of the city's many museums, like the world-famous *Titanic* Belfast exhibition. (B)

Day 4: Belfast - Giant's Causeway - Belfast Spend a full day exploring as you head off by motor coach to the iconic Giant's Causeway. After spending time exploring this World Heritage Site, enjoy some wonderful Irish hospitality in a traditional pub for lunch, with live entertainment. The evening in Belfast is yours to discover more of its charms. (B, L)

Day 5: Belfast Take advantage of a free day to relax or visit more of the surrounding areas of Belfast City. You might choose to join an optional tour to Derry, taking a local commuter train to the old walled city. There, meet a local guide for an in-depth walking tour and cap off the afternoon with an included lunch before heading back to Belfast on the train. (B)

Day 6: Belfast - Dublin, Ireland Your pre-tour extension in Belfast ends today. Travel by motor coach to The Republic of Ireland, arriving in Dublin for the start of your main tour. (B)

The Best of Ireland

15 DAYS • 22 MEALS • STARTING AT $10,149

Small Group

Giant's Causeway

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$10,149 (DOUBLE)** or **$12,649 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on September 28, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

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

Day 3: Dublin Join your Tour Manager on a walk through Dublin's lively streets, gaining insight into the historic places and modern culture of this eclectic city. After free time for lunch, delve into stories of Irish emigration. Follow in the footsteps of those who fled the famine as you board the *Jeanie Johnston*, a replica museum ship. At EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, trace the history of how more than 10 million people left Ireland over the centuries and its influence on the world. The evening is yours to explore on your own. (B)

Day 4: Dublin - Belfast, Northern Ireland This morning, cross the border into Northern Ireland and enjoy a visit to Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, Northern Ireland's royal residence. Afterward, it's on to Belfast, a buzzing capital city. Kick it off by meeting up with local foodies for a culinary walking tour, enjoying Belfast's flavours as you explore the city. After checking into your hotel, the rest of the evening is yours to further explore Belfast's vibrant scene. (B, L)

Day 5: Belfast Start your day with a visit to the farmhouse home of a local in Killinchy. After a hands-on lesson in making your own soda bread, be treated to lunch with homegrown produce from the farmhouse garden. This afternoon, enjoy free time to discover Belfast at your leisure. (B, L)

Day 6: Belfast - Giant's Causeway - Derry - Donegal Visit the ethereal Giant's Causeway, walking in the footsteps of mythical legends. Marvel at the hexagonal basalt slabs that, according to legend, were formed by gargantuan beasts crossing the crashing waves. Next, make your way to Derry, a growing artistic and cultural hub. On a guided walking tour, delve into the complex history of this city once gripped by the conflict known as the Troubles. Later on, arrive in the

Caherconnell Sheepdog Herding Demonstration

pretty town of Donegal and gather for dinner tonight. (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. Then, take in the beauty of Killybegs, Ireland's largest fishing port, on a short harbour cruise before finishing the day back in Donegal. (B)

Day 8: Donegal - Enniskillen, Northern Ireland This morning, meet the Lowry family, owners of the Blessingbourne Estate. Get a peek inside the private living quarters of Blessingbourne House and hear how this wonderful property has been passed through generations of the same family, all while enjoying their Irish hospitality. Enjoy free time for lunch upon arriving in Enniskillen, a charming island town. This afternoon, visit a local gin distillery on the banks of Lough Erne and discover how this family business has grown into an integral part of the local community. (B, D)

Day 9: Enniskillen - Mayo - Galway Experience Ireland's rural past at the National Museum of Ireland. Set on the beautiful 40-acre Turlough Park estate, interactive galleries bring to life the traditions, crafts, and rural lifestyles of Irish people since the 1800s. Continue your journey from Mayo to Galway, a lively city where medieval relics meet modern flair. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Galway The day is yours to explore. Perhaps pop into a pub for a drink with the locals, browse one of the city's many museums, or shop along bustling Quay Street. You may also consider an optional tour to Kylemore Abbey, driving through Connemara National Park before touring the historic monastery. (B)

Day 11: Galway - Cork Today, get a glimpse into Irish farming culture with a visit to a traditional sheep farm, where you'll watch a sheepdog herding demonstration and meet the hardworking canine partners. Learn about the ancient Irish farming tradition of Winterage, practiced for thousands of years in the Burren, a UNESCO Global Geopark. Next, visit Tory Hill House Farm, a small, organic, family-run farm led by three generations of women and rooted in sustainable, traditional methods. Their herd grazes on wildflower meadows, and their farm shop serves as a vital link for the local community. Later, arrive in Cork, a lively city known for its riverside walks and the historic 18th-century English Market. (B)

Day 12: Cork This morning, explore Cork City Gaol during an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the castle-like former prison dating back to 1824. Once held here was Countess Constance Markievicz, one of the most influential figures in Ireland's struggle for independence and the first woman elected to the British Parliament. In the afternoon, follow in the footsteps of many Irish emigrants with a short train journey from Cork to Cobh, the *Titanic's* final port of call. Meet a local guide for an in-depth tour of this historic harbour town, ending with a home-hosted meal. (B, L)

Day 13: Cork - Kilkenny Today, enjoy lunch at a traditional Irish pub, owned by the same family for 200 years. Listen to stories about family ancestors and the social role that pubs play within rural communities. Afterwards, watch a hurling demonstration, a traditional sport of Ireland, with the opportunity to participate yourself! Continue to Kilkenny, one of Ireland's most charming cities. (B, L)

Day 14: Kilkenny This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Enjoy a day of leisure to explore the town and Kilkenny Castle on your own **-OR-** visit Rothe House, a 16th-century merchant's home on Kilkenny's medieval mile. This beautifully preserved town house in the heart of Kilkenny offers a vivid window into the life of a prosperous family in the 16th-century. No matter what activities fill your day, come together in the evening for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *Sláinte!* (B, D)

Day 15: Kilkenny - Tour Ends Wish the Emerald Isle goodbye as you depart for home. (B)

Arrival: Dublin (DUB) **Departure:** Dublin (DUB)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	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 Connacht Hotel, Galway
Days 11, 12	The River Lee Hotel, Cork
Days 13, 14	Lyrath Estate, Kilkenny

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

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Dublin · Pre-Night Stay

Kilkenny · Post-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Scotland: Land of Lore & Legend

Small Group

11 DAYS • 14 MEALS • STARTING AT $7,299

Isle of Mull

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$7,299 (DOUBLE)** or **$9,199 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on April 2, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight Rolling landscapes of green hills and rocky coastlines. Lively cities of friendly locals and the renowned "water of life." This is Scotland, where legends live long and storybook pages come to life.

Day 2: Glasgow, Scotland Welcome to Glasgow, a cultural trove of art, music, and history. Get ready to experience the eclectic architecture, friendly locals (Glaswegians), and rich traditions that make this city such a fascinating place. As arrival times will vary, the day is yours to explore at your own pace — maybe visit one of the many museums or galleries or simply relax and take in the local scene. Settle into your hotel before joining your fellow travellers this evening for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Glasgow Soak in the rich culture of Glasgow. Join a local guide on a walking and motorcoach tour that leads you through historic George Square and the beautiful Beaux-Arts style architecture that surrounds it; to Provand's Lordship, the oldest surviving house in the city; the medieval Glasgow Cathedral; prestigious Blythswood Square; and the futuristic-looking Science Centre. After lunch on your own in central Glasgow, enjoy the rest of the day free to discover the city as you like. (B)

Day 4: Glasgow - Luss - Oban - Loch Melfort Leave the city behind, travelling along sloping fields towards Loch Lomond. Visit a family-run farm with spectacular views of the lake and surrounding hills, see border collies in action during a traditional sheepdog demonstration, and enjoy Scottish snacks. Next, arrive in Luss and explore this quaint lakeside village of stone cottages and bright flowers, taking time for lunch on your own. Then, it's off to Oban, where a local guide will lead you on a walking tour of this coastal town and important fishing port. Continue to Loch Melfort and settle into your hotel for the next two nights. Take in a stunning view of the ocean from the hotel before wandering the grounds, home to friendly Highland cows and neighbouring the National Trust's Arduaine Gardens. (B, D)

Day 5: Loch Melfort - Isle of Mull - Isle of Iona - Loch Melfort It's time to island hop! Setting off from Loch Melfort, take the ferry from Oban to the Isle of Mull, a picturesque island that is the largest of the Inner Hebridean Islands. Continue to the Isle of Iona, one of Western Europe's oldest Christian religious centres. Journey to Iona Abbey on foot and enjoy free time to explore the tranquility of the grounds on your own before returning to Oban and back to your hotel in Loch Melfort. (B, D)

Highland Cow

Loch Melfort

Day 6: Loch Melfort - Inverness
Geological wonders await you in the Highlands. Head to the National Nature Reserve in Glencoe and stop at the visitor centre to learn about the spectacular Glencoe mountain range, then walk the trails and experience this unique landscape for yourself. After lunch, continue on to Loch Ness. Wander the undulating ruins of legendary Urquhart Castle and imagine all that transpired inside the walls of this 13th-century medieval fortress. Afterwards, travel to the capital of the Scottish Highlands, Inverness, and settle into your hotel for the night. (B, D)

Day 7: Inverness This morning, step back in time as you explore Cawdor Castle, a romantic 14th-century stronghold steeped in Shakespearean legend and Highland history. This afternoon, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Delve into the poignant history of the Jacobite uprising at Culloden Battlefield **-OR-** explore Inverness Castle and learn about the rich history of the Highlands from this iconic hilltop landmark. The remainder of the evening in Inverness is yours to soak in the atmosphere of this Highland town. (B)

Day 8: Inverness - Edinburgh
Discover the story of the local pioneering women who created the ethical clothing company, Prickly Thistle, and learn the true story of tartan as told by a Highland woman. After, make your way to the picturesque town of Pitlochry, take some time for lunch on your own, and then board a high-speed train to finish your day in Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh. (B)

Day 9: Edinburgh This morning, join a local expert for a three-hour walking tour of Edinburgh's hilly Old Town and discover more about the lore and legends of the capital city. After your tour, the afternoon and evening are yours — perhaps take the opportunity to visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. (B)

Day 10: Edinburgh The day is yours to explore as you wish. Perhaps you'll take a stroll among the Georgian architecture of the New Town or journey to Leith for a visit to the royal yacht *Britannia*. Or you might take advantage of the optional excursion to Stirling Castle, an iconic landmark in Scotland's history, followed by a brief stop at the Kelpies, the world's largest equine sculptures. Gather in the evening for a whisky-inspired farewell dinner highlighting the flavours of Scotland and toast to your Scottish explorations. (B, D)

Day 11: Edinburgh - Tour Ends Wish Scotland a fond farewell as you depart for home. (B)

Arrival: Glasgow (GLA) **Departure:** Edinburgh (EDI)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hilton Glasgow, Glasgow
Days 4, 5	Loch Melfort Hotel, Arduaine, Oban
Days 6, 7	Inverness Palace Hotel, Inverness
Days 8 – 10	Clayton Hotel Edinburgh, St. Andrews Square, Edinburgh

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

9 Breakfasts (B) · 5 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Glasgow · Pre-Night Stay

Edinburgh · Post-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

ALSO AVAILABLE

Scotland: Land of Lore & Legend featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Experience The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and uncover Scotland's soul through Highland legends, island abbeys, tartan tales, and whisky toasts in cities, castles, and coastal towns.

Dates Available: August 2027

NEW TOUR

Celtic Traditions and Landscapes

14 DAYS • 20 MEALS • STARTING AT $8,949

Small Group

Dublin

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

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

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on April 14, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

July – October 2027; March – June 2028

HIGHLIGHTS

Glasgow, Lake District, Sheep Dog Demonstration, Liverpool, Strawberry Fields, Ferry Across the Irish Sea, Dublin, Irish Dance Class, Castle Experience, County Clare, Cliffs of Moher, Private Traditional Irish Music Session

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Discover the legacy of Strawberry Fields, following in the footsteps of John Lennon.
- Savour traditional Scottish fare with a modern twist during a welcome dinner in Glasgow.
- Experience farm-to-table hospitality with a hearty Lake District meal at a family-run farm.
- Journey through the Lake District's scenery with a classic Windermere Lake cruise and a nostalgic ride on the Haverthwaite steam railway.
- Unwind in elegance with a stay at Castlemartyr Resort, set in a restored 17th-century manor.
- Soak up the soul of County Clare with an afternoon of lively traditional Irish music.
- Take in breathtaking Atlantic views as you explore Ireland's iconic Cliffs of Moher.
- Discover the revival of Scotch whiskey with a tasting in the Scottish lowlands.
- Get swept up in the rhythm of Ireland with a lively Irish dance class.

Day 1: Overnight Flight From bustling capitals to poetic countrysides, experience the many distinctive sides of Great Britain and Ireland. Encounter the history, connect with the locals, and see what life is like in the towns and cities.

Day 2: Glasgow, Scotland Arrive in Scotland, where age-old legends intersect with scenic beauty. In Glasgow, Scotland's largest city, enjoy time on your own to discover its rich heritage, dynamic arts scene, and distinctive architecture at your own pace. As arrival times will vary, there are no scheduled activities until this evening. Tonight, gather for your first taste of Scottish culture during a locally inspired dinner with a modern-day twist. (D)

Day 3: Glasgow Experience Glasgow like a local on a guided walking tour, as you explore the city's rich history and vibrant culture, exploring landmarks like George Square, Glasgow Cathedral and hidden gems that reveal Glasgow's unique past and lively present. Visit the Tenement House for a fascinating glimpse into everyday life in early 20th-century Glasgow. The rest of the day is yours. Take advantage of free time to experience the city however you please. (B)

Day 4: Glasgow - Lake District, England Say goodbye to Scotland and travel towards the scenic Lake District, eternalized through the works of Sir Walter Scott and William Wordsworth. Along the way, enjoy a guided tour and tasting at a historic whisky distillery in the Scottish Lowlands, and learn about this time-honoured craft – an age-old Scottish tradition. Continue on to Gretna Green, where you'll have free time and lunch at leisure in this iconic and historic border village where countless couples famously eloped, drawn by its romantic legacy and storied past. Enjoy a relaxing evening on the shores of Lake Windermere, your home for the next two 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 step back in time as you board a steam train for a scenic ride. Then, set sail on Lake Windermere, England's largest lake. This afternoon, decide how you'll explore more of the Lake District's surrounding beauty – **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Discover a magnificently restored and rare architectural gem with a visit to Blackwell, the Arts & Crafts house **-OR-** embark on a two-hour guided hike through glacial valleys and along lakeside trails with a local expert. (B)

Castlemartyr

Day 6: Lake District - Liverpool Depart the tranquil landscapes of the Lake District and head to Liverpool, England's popular port city, famed for its maritime heritage and vibrant cultural scene. Along the way, stop for a memorable farm-to-table lunch at a family-run farm in Cumbria, where fresh, locally sourced ingredients bring rural life to the table. This evening, enjoy dinner at the iconic Cavern Club restaurant and enjoy the atmosphere of one of the city's most legendary music landmarks. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Liverpool This morning, join a local expert and embark on a two-hour walking tour of the Georgian Quarter, discovering one of the most beautiful parts of the city and where Paul McCartney went to school. In the afternoon you will visit Strawberry Fields, 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 Fields to give young people with learning difficulties the opportunity for work experience. The afternoon is yours to enjoy on your last evening in Liverpool. (B)

Day 8: Liverpool - Dublin, Ireland This morning, travel by ferry across the Irish Sea from Liverpool to Dublin, a historic route that has long connected Britain and Ireland through trade, culture and shared heritage. Arriving in Dublin, settle into your hotel located near one of Ireland's most important sporting and cultural landmarks. In the evening discover Dublin through the words and worlds of its greatest writers on a guided literary walking tour, where storytelling, readings and traditional pubs bring the city's literary legacy to life. (B)

Day 9: Dublin This morning, travel to the charming seaside village of Howth, renowned for its dramatic coastal scenery and maritime heritage. Join a local guide for a walking tour, learning about the area's history and natural beauty. Then, immerse yourself in Irish culture with a lively dance class featuring traditional *sean-nós* steps and a modern twist — offering a fun and authentic taste of Ireland's rich dance traditions, followed by lunch. (B, L)

Day 10: Dublin - Castlemartyr Depart Dublin and journey through Ireland's heartland, stopping at Sloe Blossom farm where you will explore the deep cultural and historical significance of Ireland's bogs, with a hands-on demonstration illustrating how peatlands were formed, commercially harvested, and are now being rewilded and restored. Later, travel south to County Cork and arrive at Castlemartyr Resort, where you'll settle into your elegant surroundings and enjoy an overnight stay on the grounds of a beautifully restored historic castle, blending luxury with centuries of Irish heritage. (B, D)

Day 11: Castlemartyr - Cobh Begin the day exploring the beautiful grounds of Castlemartyr Resort with a local expert, taking in the landscaped gardens and historic surroundings of the estate's castle and manor house. Depart Castlemartyr and travel to the nearby port town of Cobh, where a guided walking tour introduces you to its rich maritime heritage, colourful streets and scenic harbour views. Learn about Cobh's role in Irish emigration history and its connection to the Titanic while enjoying the charm of one of Ireland's most picturesque coastal towns, where you will have free time to explore and enjoy lunch at leisure. In the evening, enjoy the timeless elegance and refined comforts of Castlemartyr Resort, with time to relax, dine, and soak in the historic castle setting. (B)

Arrival: Glasgow (GLA) **Departure:** Shannon (SNN)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	The Address, Glasgow
Days 4, 5	Low Wood Bay Resort and Spa, Lake Windermere ▲
Days 6, 7	Maldron Hotel, Liverpool
Days 8, 9	Croke Park Hotel, Dublin
Days 10, 11	Castlemartyr Resort, Cork
Days 12, 13	Armada Hotel, County Clare

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

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Glasgow · Pre-Night Stay

Day 12: County Clare Depart Castlemartyr and journey west toward County Clare, stopping in the storybook village of Adare for free time to enjoy lunch at leisure. Continue to Miltown Malbay for a visit to The Design Bank, a meaningful responsible travel highlight that supports Irish designers, makers and sustainable local enterprise while preserving traditional skills and creativity within the community. Arrive on the Atlantic coast at the Armada Hotel, your home for the next two nights. Perched overlooking the ocean, the Armada Hotel is a recognized leader in responsible hospitality, deeply committed to sustainability, community partnership, and celebrating the culture of West Clare – making it a stay that is as thoughtful as it is memorable. Enjoy a relaxed evening at the Armada Hotel, perhaps take a peaceful stroll along the beach as the sun sets over the Atlantic. (B)

Day 13: County Clare - Cliffs of Moher Start the morning with a visit to Ireland's awe-inspiring Cliffs of Moher, where dramatic Atlantic views and towering sea cliffs create one of Ireland's most unforgettable natural landmarks. Afterwards, enjoy an intimate experience at the Doolin Music House, where traditional Irish music is performed in an authentic setting at the heart of the region's cultural heritage. This evening, return to the Armada Hotel for a memorable farewell dinner celebrating your journey with locally inspired cuisine and stunning coastal surroundings. (B, L, D)

Day 14: County Clare - Tour Ends Your journey through Great Britain and Ireland comes to a close today. (B)

NEW TOUR

Journey through Spain: Madrid to Barcelona

11 DAYS • 14 MEALS • STARTING AT $6,299

Small Group

Alhambra

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$6,299 (DOUBLE)** or **$7,949 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on February 12, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

July 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

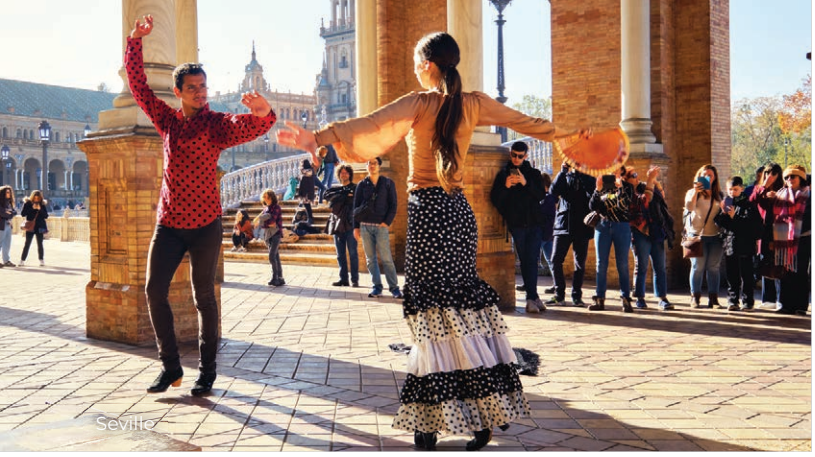
Day 1: Overnight Flight You are on your way to a colourful and cultural adventure featuring the best of Spain.

Day 2: Madrid, Spain Welcome to Madrid, Spain's lively capital and largest city. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Madrid Begin your journey with a walking tour through Madrid, exploring its streets and iconic landmarks while touching on key moments that have shaped the city's character. From Plaza de España to Gran Vía, take in the architecture, culture, and energy that define modern Madrid. Visit the Liria Palace art museum for a glimpse into one of the city's most impressive private collections. Our city tour concludes around 1:00 p.m., leaving you free to enjoy the city at your own pace. (B)

Day 4: Madrid - Córdoba Travel by high-speed train, quickly reaching the next destination of your journey, the extraordinary Moorish city of Córdoba. Upon arrival, take some time to get lunch and wander on your own. Embark on a guided walking tour of Córdoba's historic old town, and visit La Mezquita (UNESCO), one of the most architecturally fascinating buildings in the world — an 8th-century mosque later transformed into a cathedral, reflecting the intermingling of cultures that have shaped the city over time. Inside, marvel at its striking forest of red-and-white arches and columns, creating a truly unforgettable visual. Next, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Continue your exploration of the city's heritage with a guided tour of Córdoba's Jewish Quarter **-OR-** by seeing the vibrant patios of Córdoba, discovering a cherished tradition. Later, after settling into your hotel, meet up for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 5: Córdoba - Seville - Córdoba This morning, set off on a full-day journey to Seville and back. Upon arrival, meet your local expert guide for a walking tour beginning in the enchanting Santa Cruz Quarter, an atmospheric maze of whitewashed homes, blooming balconies, and winding medieval lanes, where lively restaurants spill into the streets beneath fragrant orange trees. Take in the ornate exterior of the magnificent Seville Cathedral, one of the city's most iconic landmarks. In the afternoon, continue to an award-winning olive grove, where you'll step into the heart of a family-run estate. Learn about their traditions, stroll


Seville

Olive Grove

Arrival: Madrid (MAD) **Departure:** Barcelona (BCN)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	H10 Puerta de Alcala, Madrid
Days 4, 5	H10 Palacio Colomera, Cordoba
Day 6	NH Collection Granada Victoria, Granada
Days 7, 8	Hospes Palau De La Mar, Valencia
Days 9, 10	H10 Casanova, Barcelona

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Madrid · Pre-Night Stay

Barcelona · Post-Night Stay

Barcelona & Spanish Riviera · Post-Tour Hosted Extension
4 Nights, Starting at $2,465 pp
Enjoy one more day in Barcelona — and continue to the Catalonian coast to explore and relax by the sea.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

through sun-drenched groves, and sample exceptional olive oils. Later, return to Córdoba to unwind after an inspiring day. (B)

Day 6: Córdoba - Granada Travel to Granada, the last grand capital of the Moors in Spain, conquered by the Catholic Monarchs in 1492. Upon arrival, take in your first impressions of the historic centre alongside your Tour Manager. Later, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous Alhambra (UNESCO), a beautiful complex of buildings and gardens. Surrounded by lush, tree-lined walkways and water flowing from its fountains, behold a stone fortress overlooking the entire city — a mesmerizing example of Islamic architecture. After exploring the Alhambra, and the day draws to a close, immerse yourself in the passionate rhythms of a traditional Flamenco show, experiencing the soulful music and dance that are integral to Andalusian culture. (B)

Day 7: Granada - Murcia - Valencia On your way to the Mediterranean coast, travel through Spain's stunning landscape with olive and orange groves dotting the rolling hills. Enjoy some time in "Europe's orchard," the charming city of Murcia surrounded by a mountain chain. Arrive in the city of Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture and Spain's third largest city, melding historic and modern culture. This evening, head out for a drive, taking in views of the stunning Valencian seafront, charming promenades, and the iconic City of Arts and Sciences. (B)

Day 8: Valencia – Cooking Class - Valencia Valencia is a city of contrasts, where a charming old town meets striking futuristic architecture. Explore the historic centre on foot with a local expert, taking in ornate towers and the bustling Central Market, where you'll shop alongside locals. Then, immerse yourself in a true Valencian tradition with a hands-on paella cooking experience. Guided by a local chef, learn the secrets behind this iconic dish—from selecting the finest ingredients to mastering traditional techniques—before enjoying the authentic paella you helped create. Back in Valencia later, enjoy time on your own to explore as you wish. (B, L)

Day 9: Valencia - Barcelona Travel to Barcelona, one of Europe's most enchanting cities. Arrive in the late afternoon and meet your local food expert for a guided walking tour through the heart of the Gothic Quarter, the city's oldest and most atmospheric neighbourhood. As you wander its narrow medieval lanes and squares, each stop reveals new flavours and stories. Sample classic Catalan bites in centuries-old taverns, discover artisan shops tucked behind Gothic façades, and soak in the aromas of lively market stalls as Barcelona's cuisine connects past and present. (B, D)

Day 10: Barcelona This morning, enjoy a visit to the Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau (UNESCO), one of Barcelona's most impressive architectural landmarks and a masterpiece of Catalan modernism. Beginning in the early afternoon, enjoy free time to explore Barcelona at your own pace. Perhaps visit the Sagrada Familia, Park Guell, La Pedrera, or simply relax and soak up the atmosphere of this vibrant city. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner, celebrating the memories and shared moments of your journey. (B, D)

Day 11: Barcelona - Tour Ends Return home with memories of a beautiful land and a diverse cultural heritage or begin your Spanish Riviera post-trip extension. (B)

Portugal's Old-World Charms
featuring Douro Valley, Alentejo & Lisbon

11 DAYS • 16 MEALS • STARTING AT $6,299

Small Group

Douro River Valley

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$6,299 (DOUBLE)** or **$7,949 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on February 27, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

September 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight Ancient castles, historic cityscapes, groves of olive trees, quiet whitewashed villages, delightful cuisine, fragrant wine, and welcoming locals – Portugal awaits with open arms.

Day 2: Porto, Portugal - Amarante Arrive in Porto today and continue directly to the starting point of your tour in the Douro Valley. Soon you'll find yourself surrounded by the natural beauty of vineyards in tranquil Amarante, your home for the next three nights. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Amarante - Douro Valley - Amarante Begin the day exploring the picturesque town of Amarante, renowned for its traditional sweets and scenic location along the Rio Tâmega. Stroll across the historic São Gonçalo Bridge, a proud symbol of the town's resistance against Napoleon's troops. Continue to Régua, where you'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, embark on a Douro River cruise, soaking in the breathtaking landscapes of the Douro Valley. Disembark in Pinhão and return to Amarante for a relaxing evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4: Amarante - Porto - Amarante Today, immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and flavours of Porto. Begin with a guided walking tour led by a local expert, uncovering the charm of this hilly city. Wander through the lively Ribeira district, nestled along the riverfront in the heart of the old town, and take in its colourful facades and bustling atmosphere. After the tour, enjoy free time for lunch and shopping at your own pace, with plenty of opportunities to sample local specialties or explore the city's boutiques. In the afternoon, venture just outside Porto to a home-hosted experience. Join your host family in preparing a fresh, market-inspired dinner together, sharing stories and traditions as you cook and dine in a warm, authentic setting. (B, D)

Day 5: Amarante - Aveiro - Alentejo This morning, say goodbye to the Douro region. On the way to the Alentejo, visit the enchanting city of Aveiro, known for its colourful canal boats, traditionally used for harvesting seaweed. Explore Aveiro's rich history and heritage, defined by its canals and coastline. Continue along the rolling hills of Portugal

Évora

Fado Performers

Arrival: Porto (OPO) **Departure:** Lisbon (LIS)

to the village of Alter do Chão for a 3-night stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Alentejo (Alter do Chão - Marvão - Alter do Chão) Begin your day in the charming hilltop village of Marvão, where breathtaking views stretch across the plains – on a clear day, you may see all the way to Spain! Your journey into local culture continues at a nearby olive grove, where you'll learn about traditional olive oil production, visit a historic press, and enjoy a tasting of the region's unique oil over lunch. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your leisure – relax and make the most of your hotel's amenities. This evening, you may choose to dine on your own in nearby Alter do Chão; round-trip transportation will be provided. (B, L)

Day 7: Alentejo (Alter do Chão - Estremoz - Portalegre - Alter do Chão) Start with a private visit to the historic Alter Stud Farm, established in 1748 and home to the renowned Lusitano purebred horse. Continue on to the charming marble city of Estremoz, and enjoy some free time to wander its whitewashed streets, browse local handicraft shops, or admire the sweeping views from the medieval castle that crowns the town. This afternoon, two different local experts await, because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Enjoy a guided visit to a local tile museum, where centuries-old craftsmanship comes to life **-OR-** venture farther for a walk along the Serra d'Ossa walkway in Redondo. End your day by indulging in full-bodied wines from the Alentejo region paired with a locally sourced farm-to-table dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Alentejo - Évora - Lisbon Say goodbye to Portugal's charming countryside as you travel to the vibrant capital of Lisbon. On the way, your journey takes you to the medieval walled city of Évora (UNESCO), known for its 2nd-century Roman temple to Diana and the mysterious 16th-century Chapel of Bones. Arrive in Lisbon in the late afternoon and take a leisurely stroll through the Rossio area for a first introduction to Portugal's vibrant capital. (B)

Day 9: Lisbon It's your day to experience Lisbon at your own pace. With plenty of free time in the capital city, you may wish to check out its famous culinary scene or venture downtown to do some shopping. If you'd prefer, you may opt to join an excursion to visit the colorful Pena Palace, one of Portugal's most iconic landmarks, before continuing to the picturesque seaside town of Cascais, where you'll have time to explore at your leisure. (B)

Day 10: Lisbon Head to the vibrant Alfama district – Lisbon's oldest quarter – where stories, legends, and hidden corners await. Are we all descendants of Ulysses? How many of Lisbon's hills can you climb? Follow your expert guide through narrow alleyways and shadowy courtyards as you uncover the mysteries of this captivating neighbourhood. The tour wraps up at approximately 1:00 p.m., allowing the rest of the afternoon free for you to enjoy Lisbon independently, until 5:30 p.m., when we leave for dinner. This evening, join your fellow travellers for an unforgettable farewell dinner of Portuguese cuisine and wine, and listen to local artists perform the traditional *fado* (UNESCO). (B, D)

Day 11: Lisbon - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Monverde Wine Experience Hotel, Amarante, Douro River Valley
Days 5 – 7	Vila Galé Collection Alter Real, Alter do Chão, Alentejo
Days 8 – 10	Turim Boulevard Hotel, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Douro Region · Pre-Night Stay

Lisbon · Post-Night Stay

Porto · Pre-Tour Guided Extension
2 Nights, Starting at $1,645 pp
Extend your journey in Porto where vibrant culture and old-world charm blend seamlessly along the Douro River.

See next page for more information.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY | *Portugal's Old-World Charms*

Porto Pre-Tour Extension

4 DAYS • 3 MEALS • STARTING AT $1,645 PP*

Begin your Portuguese adventure in Porto, a UNESCO-listed city known for its colourful riverside setting, historic architecture, and rich culture.

EXTENSION STYLE: GUIDED

Experience the destination with a full itinerary planned for you. You'll be joined by a dedicated Tour Manager and enjoy planned local experiences and sightseeing. In addition, your accommodations, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included. (The Tour Manager for your extension may or may not be the same person as your main tour.)

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3 *(see page 170 for details)*

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Turim Porto Hotel, Porto

**Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. All rates in Canadian dollars.*

Day 1: Overnight Flight Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Porto.

Day 2: Porto, Portugal Welcome to Porto, Portugal's UNESCO-listed gem. Upon arrival, your Tour Manager will meet you to share insider tips and help you get oriented with the area surrounding your hotel. As arrival times may vary, no group sightseeing is scheduled today. Spend the day as you wish, strolling through the city's historic streets, relaxing at a café, or soaking in the riverside views before savouring Porto's culinary scene. (D)

Day 3: Porto Today, dive into Porto's vibrant rhythm by navigating the city via metro — an easy and authentic way to get around like a local. With your Tour Manager, discover the city, famed for its steep hills and streets adorned with colourful *azulejos*. Begin with a special visit to *Livraria Lello*, one of the world's most stunning bookstores, where a unique experience awaits. Continue your journey on foot through the historic Ribeira district, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its lively riverfront and charming architecture. Learn about Porto's rich commercial past and admire its architectural splendour as you explore. (B)

Day 4: Porto - Amarante Spend the morning at leisure, with time to explore Porto on your own. Whether you choose to revisit a favourite spot or discover something new, the city is yours to enjoy. In the early afternoon, depart for Amarante and settle into your hotel. This evening, join your fellow travellers as your main tour begins. (B)

The Azores
Jewels of Portugal

13 DAYS • 17 MEALS • STARTING AT $6,299

Small Group

Sete Cidades, São Miguel

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$6,299 (DOUBLE)** or **$7,899 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on October 28, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight From volcanic craters and thermal waters to lush vegetation and picturesque coasts, enjoy the natural splendour of this Portuguese archipelago and see why the Azores are commonly referred to as "the Hawaii of Europe."

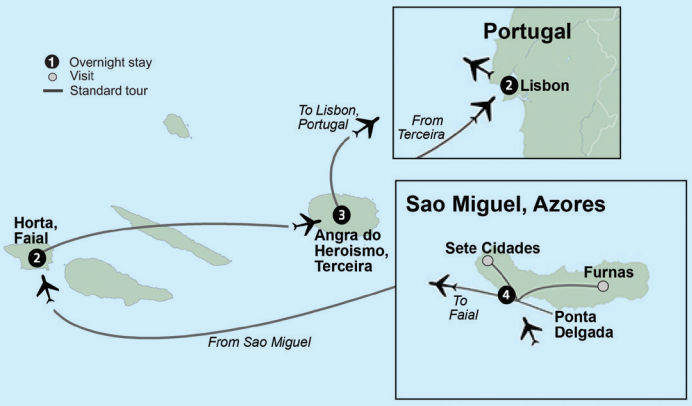
Day 2: Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores, Portugal This is the Azores. A set of islands virtually untouched by urban development. Your adventure begins on São Miguel, the largest of the nine volcanic islands. With no scheduled sightseeing today, spend the day as you wish, exploring Ponta Delgada independently, perhaps strolling along the seaside promenade and breathing in the mild air of the Atlantic. Depending on when your flight arrives, you may choose to join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for a welcome reception at your hotel this evening.

Day 3: Ponta Delgada - Sete Cidades - Ponta Delgada Get to know Ponta Delgada, the capital city of São Miguel, on a morning walking tour of the area. Discover the city's rich history, culture, and beauty alongside your Tour Manager, seeing highlights like the iconic 18th-century Portas da Cidade and the stunning Igreja Matriz de São Sebastião, and perhaps even catching the farmers market, the vibrant Mercado da Graça. This afternoon, take a ride up to Sete Cidades caldera's highest point and discover some of Mother Nature's finest work: the twin blue and green lakes that make up this caldera and are explained by local legend! On the way back, visit a pineapple plantation and learn about unique cultivation methods on the island, producing pineapples renowned for their sweetness and flavour. This evening, celebrate the beginning of your journey with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Ponta Delgada - Furnas - Ponta Delgad Start the day with a visit to one of the few remaining basket weavers on the island. Learn how willow basket making has evolved and how this father-son enterprise has kept this traditional craft alive. Then, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Enjoy the thermal waters at the Terra Nostra pool, built in the 18th century by the American consul to the Azores **-OR-** embark on a guided visit to the organic paradise that is the Terra Nostra Botanical Garden. For lunch, enjoy a traditional *cozido das furnas* meal, where your food is cooked in the earth's volcanic heat. Later, continue to the green fields of a nearby tea plantation to learn about this unique crop before an evening of leisure in São Miguel. (B, L)

Horta, Faial

Beekeeper



Arrival: Ponta Delgada (PDL) **Departure:** Lisbon (LIS)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 5	Vila Galé Collection S. Miguel - Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores
Days 6, 7	Hotel do Canal, Faial, Azores
Days 8 – 10	Torel Terra Brava, Terceira, Azores
Days 11, 12	BessaHotel Liberdade, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

São Miguel · Pre-Night Stay

Lisbon · Post-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Day 5: Ponta Delgada Today, enjoy a full free day to explore São Miguel at your own pace. You might choose to visit a local apiary where you'll suit up as a beekeeper and immerse yourself in the fascinating world of bees. Your visit during this **IMPACT MOMENT** is guided by a family-run team dedicated to sustainable practices and the preservation of nature for future generations. (B)

Day 6: Ponta Delgada - Horta, Faial After a short flight from Ponta Delgada, Say *bom dia* (good morning) to Faial. Enjoy a stroll through Horta, where the marina and its painted murals reflect the island's long significance to sailors on trans-Atlantic voyages. Later, encounter the volcanic vitality of Faial when you take in the surrounding rocky landscape and ash hills with a fascinating visit to the Capelinhos Volcano Interpretation Centre. End your afternoon with a tasting at a unique local winery, where volcanic soil lends a distinctive character to the wines and the setting is as memorable as the flavours. (B)

Day 7: Horta The day is yours to enjoy on your own and relax on Faial Island! You may also consider joining an optional tour to Pico to encounter the Landscape of the Pico Island Vineyard Culture (UNESCO) and explore this scarcely populated island's scenery, a sublime mixture of lava rock and exotic vegetation. (B, D)

Day 8: Horta - Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira Board your flight to Terceira and say hello to the colourful capital of Angra do Heroísmo (UNESCO) with a local guide. Restored in traditional style, the city features white facades and vibrant trims. Learn about the Holy Ghost Chapels, known locally as *Imperios*, and customs surrounding this tradition. Tonight, get a taste of the culture at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Angra do Heroísmo - Biscoitos - Algar do Carvao - Angra do Heroísmo Start your day with a swim in the natural volcanic pools of Biscoitos. Later, on your way to Algar do Carvão, stop at Serra do Cume viewpoint where views of the agricultural fields and their neat, orderly stone walls will take your breath away. At Algar do Carvão, the "Cavern of Coal," feel the quiet stillness as you descend into this ancient lava tube. Enjoy the evening exploring Angra do Heroísmo as you wish. (B)

Day 10: Angra do Heroísmo Today is yours to enjoy at your own pace. You may choose to join an optional tour to the western side of Terceira in the morning, sipping coffee at an organic coffee plantation and tasting locally grown bananas along the way and ending at a family-owned cheese factory for a light lunch made up of local products. End the day at a *petiscos* home-hosted dining experience. (B, D)

Day 11: Angra do Heroísmo - Lisbon Say farewell to the Azores archipelago as you head to Lisbon in continental Europe. Lisbon, known as the city of the seven hills and the starting point of many of its 15th-century explorations, was also the departure point of many of its immigrants that crossed the Atlantic searching for a better life. (B)

Day 12: Lisbon Start your morning by exploring the majestic Ajuda Palace with a local expert. This elegant neoclassical residence, once home to Portuguese royalty, features opulent halls adorned with gilded furnishings and masterful artworks. As you wander through its grand salons, let the sweeping views over the Tagus River add a touch of magic to the experience. Your day continues with a guided tour of the vibrant heart of the city, *Baixa*. Discover the soul of Lisbon through its lively streets during a walking tour. Stop to admire the scenic overlook at Praça do Comércio, where the city opens up to a breathtaking view of the river. Our city tour of Lisbon concludes around 1:00 p.m., after which you're free to explore on your own. Close your adventure with dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 13: Lisbon - Tour Ends Say *adeus* (goodbye) to Portugal and the Azores as you depart this coastal paradise. (B)

Exploring Iberia:
Southern Spain to Coastal Portugal

12 DAYS • 17 MEALS • STARTING AT $6,599

Small Group

Setenil de las Bodegas

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$6,599 (DOUBLE)** or **$8,249 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on February 14, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

September 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight Enjoy a true taste of the Iberian Peninsula. Your tour begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Málaga, Spain Welcome to Málaga, an Andalusian city renowned for its easygoing lifestyle, historic charm, and breathtaking Mediterranean scenery. As travellers' arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome reception.

Day 3: Málaga Immerse yourself in the heart of Málaga, exploring its art, traditions, and daily life with the guidance of a passionate local expert. Start your journey at the Picasso Museum, where the legacy of Málaga's most iconic figure reveals the city's creative spirit and rich cultural heritage. Wander through the historic city centre and bustling market stalls, savouring the local flavours, stories, and customs that bring the city to life. The experience reaches new depths when you meet a member of the Sepulcro Brotherhood to learn about the role these religious traditions play in local culture. (B, D)

Day 4: Málaga - Frigiliana - Málaga Journey to Andalusia's enchanting white villages, starting with Frigiliana, often hailed as one of the region's most beautiful gems. Stroll through its narrow cobblestone streets, lined with whitewashed houses and steeped in history. Upon returning to Málaga, enjoy a heartfelt farewell with an intimate, home-hosted gathering in the homes of local residents — a warm and unforgettable way to bid the city goodbye. (B, D)

Day 5: Málaga - Setenil de las Bodegas - Córdoba Travel to Setenil de las Bodegas, a remarkable town famous for its houses built directly into dramatic rock formations. Like many of Andalusia's white villages, Setenil reflects a rich Moorish heritage rooted in the Arab presence that once shaped the region. Enjoy free time to explore its unique streets and cliffside dwellings at your own pace before continuing to Córdoba and concluding your day with a leisurely stroll through its enchanting streets. (B)

Day 6: Córdoba Begin your day immersing yourself in the culture of Córdoba when you admire the rows of patios filled with colourful flowers and plants. The tradition of decorating patios dates back to when Córdoba was under Muslim rule. Houses were built with inner courtyards to provide a cool, private space for families. Later, tour the magnificent

Mezquita

Mezquita (UNESCO). Originally built as a mosque, it was converted into the city's cathedral when the Christians conquered the region in 1236. Conclude your day with a visit to a charming family-run winery, where a hands-on culinary experience awaits. Discover the art of preparing traditional local dishes while soaking in the serene beauty and laid-back ambiance of the late afternoon — a delightful fusion of flavour, culture, and setting. (B, D)

Day 7: Córdoba - Seville Your taste of the local culture continues today. Head to an award-winning olive grove and learn about this family-owned business. Try their unique olive oil before arriving in Seville, Spain's "cultural capital." Upon arrival, get acquainted with the city before setting out on a leisurely walk to the Mirador Setas viewpoint, where you'll take in sweeping panoramic views of Seville at sunset. (B, D)

Day 8: Seville Today in Seville, choose how you want to start your morning, because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Begin the day either alongside a local expert on a walking tour of the quaint Santa Cruz quarter, where cascading bright flowers, whitewashed buildings, and winding streets reflect the city's rich history **-OR-** learn the secret of ceramics in a dynamic hands-on workshop. Afterwards, come together to explore the magnificent Seville Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the largest Gothic cathedral in the world. Admire its ornate architecture and see the tomb of Christopher Columbus. Later this afternoon, during an **IMPACT MOMENT**, participate in a flamenco lesson at Fundación Cristina Heeren de Arte Flamenco, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the art of flamenco in Spain and internationally. After your lesson, enjoy a traditional flamenco performance. (B)

Day 9: Seville - Estremoz, Portugal - Lisbon Say *adios* to Spain and travel to Estremoz, a historic town whose marble can be found in Portuguese monuments throughout the country. After savouring a lunch brimming with local flavours, set off toward Lisbon, nestled along the serene banks of the Tagus River. This charming, coastal city will be your welcoming home in Portugal. Enjoy an evening at leisure to do as you please. (B, L)

Day 10: Lisbon *Olá Lisboa!* Get ready to discover Europe's second-oldest capital through one of its greatest pleasures: food. Today, explore Lisbon on a guided walking food tour through the historic neighbourhoods of Chiado and downtown (Baixa). As you wander through lively squares, elegant streets, and traditional cafés, you'll sample a variety of local flavours while learning about Lisbon's culinary traditions and everyday life. Expect a mix of classic tastings, neighbourhood stories, and stops at beloved local eateries. Return to your hotel and spend the rest of the day exploring independently. This evening, you may choose to join an optional experience to see local artists perform traditional *fado* music (UNESCO). (B, L)

Arrival: Málaga (AGP) **Departure:** Lisbon (LIS)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 5	NH Hotel, Málaga
Days 6, 7	H10 Palacio Colomera, Córdoba
Days 8, 9	H10 Casa de la Plata, Seville
Days 10 – 12	Turim Lisboa Hotel, Lisbon

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Málaga · Pre-Night Stay

Lisbon · Post-Night Stay

Madrid · Pre-Tour Hosted Extension
3 Nights, Starting at $2,190 pp
Experience Madrid and its iconic sites — the Plaza Mayor, Prado Museum, and Palacio Real await.

Porto · Post-Tour Hosted Extension
3 Nights, Starting at $1,370 pp
Experience Porto's rich maritime history. Explore the colourful Ribeira district, visit the Stock Exchange Palace, and learn about Porto's centuries-old wine traditions.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Day 11: Lisbon - Sintra - Portuguese Riviera - Lisbon Head to the town of Sintra (UNESCO), a favourite summer residence of Portuguese kings for six centuries. High above, nestled in the crown of the Sintra hills, lies the enchanting Pena Palace, surrounded by a magnificent park. Spend some time exploring this storybook town before heading to the stunning coastal views of Guincho Beach. Then, make a stop in Cascais, the picturesque gem of the Portuguese Riviera, before returning to Lisbon. Tonight, toast to a wonderful trip with your fellow travellers during a farewell dinner featuring savoury Portuguese favourites. (B, D)

Day 12: Lisbon - Tour Ends This cultural deep-dive into Spain and Portugal comes to a close today. (B)

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

16 DAYS • 23 MEALS • STARTING AT $8,199

Small Group

Douro Vineyard

Bilbao

Porto

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$8,199 (DOUBLE)** or **$10,499 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on November 30, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

July 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight The stage is set — from charming historic cities and breathtaking landscapes to the rich flavours of Iberian cuisine and the unmistakable aroma of world-class wine. Northern Portugal and Spain await with open arms for the journey of a lifetime.

Day 2: Lisbon, Portugal Arrive in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal. Perched on seven hills, Lisbon welcomes travellers with its laid-back charm. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. At a local restaurant, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner to officially kick off your adventure. (D)

Day 3: Lisbon Good morning, *Lisboa!* Start your day like a local with a walk to the Metro. Meander through historic neighbourhoods, hearing stories that bring the city to life. Begin in Lisbon's chic Chiado district, learning about the 1755 earthquake and the 1974 Carnation Revolution. Continue to Praça do Comércio for views over the Tagus River and a tasting of traditional *ginjinha*. The city tour ends around noon, followed by free time until dinner in the evening. Over dinner, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT**, learning how this inspiring restaurant empowers individuals experiencing homelessness through culinary training and social reintegration. (B, D)

Day 4: Lisbon Explore the city today at your own pace. You may wish to explore Lisbon's renowned culinary scene, browse the shops downtown, or visit the historic district of Belém, home to the iconic Belém Tower overlooking the river. If you'd prefer, you may opt to join an excursion to visit the colourful Pena Palace, one of Portugal's most iconic landmarks, before continuing to the picturesque seaside town of Cascais, where you'll have time to explore at your leisure. (B)

Day 5: Lisbon - Tomar - Porto Depart Portugal's capital city and head to Tomar, home to some of the country's historical jewels, including the Templar Castle and Convent of Christ (UNESCO). Explore the octagonal Templars' Rotunda and imagine the day-to-day life of a warrior monk. Next stop: Porto! Take in the landscape of wild pine trees as you leave Tomar and embark on a two-and-a-half-hour drive to Portugal's second largest city. (B)

Day 6: Porto Today, an extensive walking tour of Porto reveals its many charms. See the São Bento railway station, which opened in 1916 and is one of Portugal's most striking architectural gems. Visit the Bolsa Palace (UNESCO) — known as the

Stock Exchange Palace, a 19th-century neoclassical masterpiece, and finish your morning crossing the river to Vila Nova de Gaia for a visit and a taste of the port wine production scene. Later in the afternoon, head just outside Porto for a home-hosted experience. Join your host family to prepare a beloved local dessert and share a warm, authentic dinner together. (B, D)

Day 7: Porto - Douro Valley Today, say *tchau* to Porto and set out for the Douro wine region, where the Douro Valley blends natural beauty with rich history, culture, and a renowned food scene. On the way, stop at one of Portugal's most famous wineries for a tasting and a visit to its stunning Baroque palace. This afternoon, embark on a relaxing boat ride along the Douro River, passing terraced vineyards and dramatic landscapes. Then settle into your winery hotel in the heart of the Douro Valley for the next two nights. This evening, enjoy dinner featuring traditional Portuguese cuisine. (B, D)

Day 8: Douro Spend a relaxed morning enjoying the picturesque grounds of your winery hotel, nestled in the heart of the Douro Valley. This UNESCO World Heritage site is known for its breathtaking landscapes and long tradition of winemaking. After soaking in the serene atmosphere, roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cooking class where you'll prepare and savour a light lunch of *petiscos*, the Portuguese style of small, shared plates. Here, you'll learn about the centuries-old tradition of winemaking that dates back to Roman times. Return to your hotel and enjoy the end of the day on your own. (B, L)

Day 9: Douro - Salamanca, Spain Today, cross the border into Spain. Head to an olive grove and learn about this family-owned business, known for its dedication to traditional methods of olive cultivation and oil production. During your visit, sample high-quality olive oil, renowned for its rich taste and health benefits. The tasting will be accompanied by a light lunch featuring local dishes that perfectly complement the olive oil. End your day in Salamanca with a guided walking tour to help you find your preferred spot for dinner on your own. (B, L)

Day 10: Salamanca In Salamanca, step back in time on a walking tour with your local guide as you discover the city's rich history. Visit the Cathedral of Salamanca, which is actually two churches joined together from the 12th–13th and 16th centuries, and stroll through the historic University of Salamanca, the oldest university in Spain, imagining student life through the ages. Afterward, enjoy free time to explore Salamanca at your own pace. With more than two thousand years of history and beautiful sandstone architecture, this charming city is a true hidden gem. (B)

Day 11: Salamanca - Burgos - La Rioja Today, leave for the famous Rioja wine region. On your way, stop in Burgos and set out on a walking tour, discovering the city's pedestrian-friendly riverside to the historic Plaza Mayor. As you make your way back to Rioja, stop at a local winery nestled in the centre of Spain's beautiful Basque Country. Taste some of the wines and walk through the vineyards before heading to your hotel. Arrive in La Rioja, your home for the next two nights. (B)

Day 12: La Rioja (Option to Pamplona) Today is yours to enjoy at leisure. Stroll into the historic centre to see the Concatedral de Santa María de la Redonda, or visit the renowned Bodegas Franco-Españolas if you would like to sample local wines. You might also explore Logroño's Camino de Santiago heritage with a walk across the medieval Puente de Piedra. Or perhaps you'll choose to join an optional excursion to Pamplona, the capital of Navarra and home to the famous San Fermín festival and its legendary Running of the Bulls. (B, D)

Day 13: La Rioja - Vitoria - Bilbao Begin your adventure with a visit to Vitoria, the capital of the Basque Country. Embark on a walking tour through its enchanting old town, where you'll encounter a tapestry of historic buildings and bustling squares. Continue to Bilbao, a city where tradition meets cutting-edge design. End your day with an immersive audio-guided visit to the iconic Guggenheim Museum, a striking symbol of modern architecture and contemporary art. (B)

Day 14: Bilbao Put on comfortable walking shoes and get ready for a day of discovery. This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Explore the glimmering Spanish coastline during a guided tour of the coastal villages of Mundaka and Bermeo **-OR-** take a leisurely hike along the Camino de Santiago, "the Way of Saint James," for a scenic experience along this world-famous route. Then, set off for an extensive walking tour of Bilbao, a city known for its avant-garde architecture and rich history. Wander through the old town, Casco Viejo, with its charming streets and vibrant atmosphere, alongside a local expert. (B, D)

Day 15: Bilbao - San Sebastián - Bilbao Set off for San Sebastián, beginning the morning with views of the city's beautiful coastline. Wander through the Old Town as the aroma of freshly prepared *pintxos* fills the air, setting the stage for a guided food tour through the heart of Basque cuisine. Visit iconic bars and local favourites while sampling a variety of traditional and inventive *pintxos*, each highlighting the region's rich culinary traditions. Later, you may wish to take a leisurely walk along La Concha Beach, where golden sands and sweeping views of the Bay of Biscay offer the perfect way to end your time in San Sebastián before returning to Bilbao. Tonight, toast to a wonderful trip with your fellow travellers. (B, L)

Day 16: Bilbao - Tour Ends Today, your tour of Portugal and Spain comes to a close. (B)

Arrival: Lisbon (LIS) **Departure:** Bilbao (BIO)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Avani Avenida Liberdade, Lisbon
Days 5, 6	Turim Oporto Hotel, Porto
Days 7, 8	The Wine House Hotel - Quinta da Pacheca, Douro River Valley ▲
Days 9, 10	NH Collection Palacio de Castellanos, Salamanca
Days 11, 12	NH Logroño Herencia Rioja, La Rioja
Days 13 – 15	Radisson Collection Gran Via Bilbao, Bilbao

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

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Lisbon · Pre-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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Small Group

Kinderdijk

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$7,949 (DOUBLE)** or **$9,999 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on August 7, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Paris, Eiffel Tower Dinner, Amsterdam, Canal Cruise, Kinderdijk, Bruges, Reims, *Route du Champagne*, Versailles Palace & Gardens, Seine River Cruise, Historic Paris Walking Tour

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Cruise the Seine River, viewing Paris's iconic landmarks.
- Explore the Palace of Versailles and its gardens with a local expert.
- Enjoy a full day exploring Amsterdam, the vibrant capital of the Netherlands.
- Stand before the legendary Dutch windmills of Kinderdijk.
- Tour a traditional Belgian brewery in Bruges, sampling its famous beers.
- Dine inside the Eiffel Tower during an exclusive experience with regional cuisine and stunning views of Paris.
- Visit Amsterdam's A Beautiful Mess restaurant for an Impact Moment that goes far beyond a meal.
- Connect with local traditions in the Belgian city of Bruges.
- The scenic countryside of France unfolds along the *Route du Champagne*.

Day 1: Overnight Flight An overnight flight carries you toward Europe, where daily life still turns around centuries-old traditions. Ahead, waterways, working landscapes, historic streets, and celebrated vineyards shape your path through the Netherlands, Belgium, and France.

Day 2: Amsterdam, Netherlands Narrow canals, arched bridges, and bicycle-lined streets set the rhythm as you arrive in Amsterdam. Check into your historic hotel that anchors you in the city for the next three nights. With arrival times varying, the afternoon unfolds at your pace — wander nearby neighbourhoods, pause at a café, or follow the canals wherever they lead. As evening settles in, get your first taste of Dutch hospitality at a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Amsterdam This morning, see Amsterdam from its most natural vantage point — the water. A private canal cruise carries you beneath arched bridges and past classic canal houses that frame daily life. Back on land, a walking tour with a local guide adds context, history, and lived perspective. Later, a conversation with a local offers insight into the city's progressive, often thought-provoking cultural landscape. By around 1:00 p.m., the rest of the day opens up for independent exploration. (B)

Day 4: Amsterdam Today is yours to shape in Amsterdam. Spend it inside the Van Gogh Museum or reflect on history at the Anne Frank House. Or, choose an optional excursion to Delft, hometown of Johannes Vermeer, for a guided walk and a visit to the Royal Delft earthenware factory. Check out the hand-painted blue motifs that have been crafted since the 16th century and try painting a tile yourself. Share a meal this evening during an **IMPACT MOMENT** at A Beautiful Mess, a restaurant supporting refugees building new lives in the Netherlands. Savour Middle Eastern and North African flavours from locally sourced ingredients. This is more than a meal; it's a connected experience that makes a difference. (B, D)

Day 5: Amsterdam - Kinderdijk - Bruges, Belgium This morning leads you right into the Dutch countryside and the windmill landscapes of Kinderdijk (UNESCO). Here, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Drift along the canals in a boat, walk the paths, and venture inside a working windmill **-OR-** climb aboard a bike to cycle through the open Kinderdijk landscape with a local guide. However you experience it, wind, water, and space tell the story of

Bruges

Arrival: Amsterdam (AMS) **Departure:** Paris (CDG)

Dutch ingenuity. This evening, Bruges comes into view with its cobblestone streets and quiet canals. Take an easy walk through the medieval city you'll call home for the next two nights. (B, D)

Day 6: Bruges Bruges reveals itself on foot this morning as you walk with a local guide down historic streets and follow narrow canals. Later, a canal cruise shifts your perspective before hands-on traditions take centre stage — learning about lace-making and tasting sweet Belgian chocolate. The afternoon unfolds at leisure. As the day winds down, visit a local brewery for a taste of Belgium's celebrated beer. With dinner on your own, wrap your day of tasting the local flavour however you wish. (B)

Day 7: Bruges - Arras, France - Reims Belgium makes way for France today. Travel through Flanders, then stop in Arras where you can walk through the Grand Place and Place des Héros and take in their distinctive Flemish-Baroque façades. In this charming slice of France, cafés and markets set the tone of daily life and the final country of your journey. This evening, Reims welcomes you into the heart of France's Champagne region. Tonight, savour regional flavours during dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Reims - Champagne Winery - Reims Reims unfolds this morning on a guided walk through streets shaped by centuries of royal history. You'll see the Notre-Dame Cathedral de Reims, renowned for its stained glass. This afternoon, vineyard rows line the *Route du Champagne.* A visit to a traditional *maison du champagne* reveals the craft behind the region's celebrated sparkling wine, followed by a tasting. *Santé*! The rest of the day is yours to explore Reims in your own way. (B, L)

Day 9: Reims - Versailles - Paris En route to Paris, Versailles sets the stage. With a local guide, grand halls and formal gardens reveal how this palace shaped royal life across Europe. You'll take in celebrated spaces like the Hall of Mirrors and the Queen's Bedchamber before time opens up to wander the grounds. By evening, Paris makes its entrance. Your neighbourhood hotel places you in the heart of the city, with streets alive with cafés, corner bistros, and late-day energy. Tonight is yours — linger nearby or opt for an unforgettable night at the Paradis Latin where dinner, champagne, soaring vocals, and can-can dancers bring classic Parisian cabaret to life. (B)

Day 10: Paris Paris reveals itself step by step this morning as you explore the historic heart of the city on foot with a local expert. Grand boulevards give way to quieter passages, where centuries of history unfold through architecture, hidden courtyards, and covered galleries once used by merchants and locals alike. From the street, the city shifts again as you glide along the Seine, passing Paris' most celebrated monuments from the water. Around noon, the rhythm slows and the city becomes yours, perhaps inside the Louvre or wandering the layered streets of Le Marais and Place des Vosges. This evening, your journey culminates with an exclusive dinner at the Eiffel Tower, where French flavours pair with sweeping views over the city. (B, D)

Day 11: Paris - Tour Ends *Au revoir!* You connected with the cultures and people of the Netherlands, Belgium, and France, all in one epic journey. Now, head home and tell your friends all about it! (B)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	The Manor, Amsterdam
Days 5, 6	Hotel Aragon, Bruges
Days 7, 8	Continental Hotel, Reims
Days 9, 10	La Maison Favart, Paris

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Amsterdam · Pre-Night Stay

Paris · Post-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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13 DAYS • 19 MEALS • STARTING AT $8,999

Small Group

Grindelwald

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$8,999 (DOUBLE)** or **$10,699 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on October 11, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Experience the Alps through a variety of immersive mountain settings.
- Visit the Barryland Foundation, dedicated to preserving Switzerland's beloved St. Bernard breed.
- Travel aboard Switzerland's GoldenPass panoramic train through spectacular alpine scenery.
- A local expert leads a guided nature experience across alpine landscapes.
- Stay three nights in Chamonix, at the foot of Mont Blanc.
- Explore iconic alpine destinations including Lucerne, Innsbruck, and Cortina d'Ampezzo.
- Dine at a Venetian villa in the idyllic countryside.
- Enjoy a traditional *raclette* brunch at a Swiss dairy farm.
- Visit a vineyard in Italy's Prosecco region and taste the sparkling wine.

Day 1: Overnight Flight Your journey begins in the air, with anticipation for the days ahead. You're heading toward Europe's alpine heart, where mountain landscapes define daily life and borders blur between France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, and Italy. Ahead lies a journey grounded in tradition and the rhythms of the Alps.

Day 2: Chamonix, France Say *bonjour* to Chamonix, a legendary mountain town set beneath Mont Blanc. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing through the afternoon. The time is yours to wander Chamonix's walkable streets, where cafés, outfitters, and historic buildings reflect generations of alpine life. As evening approaches, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome cocktail party and toast the journey ahead.

Day 3: Chamonix - Annecy - Chamonix This morning, travel to Annecy, a lakeside town where water routes once carried goods, ideas, and people. Walk the medieval centre with a local guide, tracing canals, bridges, and long-standing neighbourhoods. Free time follows to browse markets, stroll along the lake, or settle into a café. By afternoon, return to Chamonix. This evening, gather over a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Chamonix Experience the landscape surrounding Mont Blanc in the way that speaks to you. **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Ascend by cable car to the Aiguille du Midi, rising to over 3,841 metres, where you stand eye-to-eye with Mont Blanc and take in views stretching across the French, Swiss, and Italian Alps **-OR-** ride aboard the historic Tramway du Mont Blanc, a rack railway that steadily climbs through alpine forests and open mountain scenery. Later, return to the valley and slow the pace with a gentle walk through the forests around Chamonix, sharing the crisp air and quiet moments of the mountains with your fellow travellers. (B)

Day 5: Chamonix - Gstaad, Switzerland Bid France *au revoir* and cross into Switzerland. During today's **IMPACT MOMENT**, visit Barryland, where a foundation actively preserves the legacy of the St. Bernard, Switzerland's national dog. Later, board the GoldenPass panoramic train and watch alpine valleys and villages roll by en route to Gstaad. After settling in, take a stroll through town. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 6: Gstaad - Grindelwald Travel through the Bernese Oberland, where alpine pastures support a long-standing dairy tradition. Visit a local

Annecy

Barryland

creamery and sit down to a *raclette* brunch at a working farm, tasting specialties made just steps away. By afternoon, arrive in Grindelwald, set beneath the towering Eiger. Settle in for your 2-night stay. With an evening at leisure, explore this charming village at your own pace. (B, L)

Day 7: Grindelwald - Jungfraujoch - Grindelwald This morning, ride a cogwheel train to Jungfraujoch (UNESCO) and find out why it's called the "Top of Europe." At this high-alpine destination, take in views of the Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau, and wander through the Ice Palace carved into the glacier. By afternoon, you're back in Grindelwald with the remainder of your day free for independent exploration. (B)

Day 8: Grindelwald - Lucerne - Seefeld, Austria You can't leave Switzerland without a visit to Lucerne, where medieval architecture lines the lakefront and wooden bridges connect old neighbourhoods. After your visit to Lucerne, continue through Liechtenstein, the only country entirely within the Alps. Arrive in Seefeld, Austria, and begin getting your bearings in the village with an evening at leisure. (B, D)

Day 9: Seefeld This morning, settle into the slower rhythm of Seefeld during a horse-drawn carriage ride through the Tyrolean countryside. As hooves echo along quiet lanes, take in the scent of pine, the creak of the carriage, and the vast rocky backdrop. The afternoon is yours to explore Seefeld or perhaps choose an optional tour to Oberammergau, known for its Passion Play tradition dating back to 1633 — walk the town and theatre site before sitting down to homemade Tyrolean dishes at a local restaurant. Return to Seefeld by evening. (B)

Day 10: Seefeld - Innsbruck - Brunico, Italy Travel through the Bavarian Alps to Innsbruck, the historic capital of Tyrol. With a local guide, combine a walking tour of the Old Town with a panoramic drive that whisks you past imperial landmarks like the Golden Roof. Free time follows before crossing into Italy. As the limestone peaks of the Dolomites rise ahead, arrive in Brunico, your home for the next two nights. After dinner, an evening stroll through this town that dates back to the 1200s offers a glimpse of local life. (B, D)

Day 11: Brunico - Dolomites - Brunico Spend the day actively moving through the Dolomites (UNESCO), where narrow valleys and high ridgelines define both the landscape and daily life. In Val Badia, hear from a local guide as Ladin traditions come into focus through language, food, and routine. Step inside a traditional *maso*, an alpine farm, where you taste Ladin dishes prepared from local ingredients and long-practiced methods. Later, ride a cable car up to Rifugio Lagazuoi, lifting above the valley as peaks unfold in every direction. This evening, Brunico is yours to explore at your own pace. (B, L)

Day 12: Brunico - Cortina - Mogliano Veneto Today, it's off to Cortina d'Ampezzo, set beneath the Dolomite peaks. Free time gives you room to wander the streets, pause at a café, and watch the town move through its day. As the route continues, the mountains fall behind and vineyard-covered hills take over. In Italy's Prosecco region, visit a local vineyard and sample its sparkling wine, produced here as part of everyday work and tradition. By evening, a villa in the Venetian countryside welcomes you as you gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Mogliano Veneto - Tour Ends Your journey across Europe's stunning peaks comes to a close today. (B)

Arrival: Geneva (GVA) **Departure:** Venice (VCE)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	La Folie Douce Hotel, Chamonix
Day 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 Ander, Brunico
Day 12	Hotel Villa Condulmer, Mogliano Veneto, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

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Islands of Italy and France

15 DAYS • 19 MEALS • STARTING AT $12,349

Bonifacio

Small Group

La Maddalena

Alghero

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$12,349 (DOUBLE)** or **$15,399 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on October 15, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

September – October 2027; April – June 2028

HIGHLIGHTS

Alghero, Castelsardo, Strait of Bonifacio, Corsica, Gallura Coastline, Winery Tour and Tasting, La Maddalena Boat Tour, Barbagia Countryside, Sardinian Cooking Class, Shepherd's Hut Lunch, Blue Zone Dinner

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Walk a Bronze Age settlement built by the people who shaped Sardinia.
- Visit a cork workshop and learn about one of Sardinia's most important crafts.
- Meet the keepers of Mamoiada's ancient carnival — a living tradition of masks, bells, and ritual that predates Christianity.
- Explore Bonifacio, perched dramatically on white limestone cliffs at the southern tip of Corsica.
- Cruise the Costa Smeralda and island-hop through the La Maddalena Archipelago.
- Sit down to lunch at a Sardinian winery and taste through their production, from vine to glass.
- Master the distinct craft of Sardinian cooking and share the meal you've made around the table.
- Off-road into the Barbagia hills for lunch at a shepherd's hut — a simple, seasonal meal made from whatever the land provides.

Day 1: Overnight Flight You're on your way. Sardinia and Corsica sit at the heart of the Mediterranean, close enough to see each other across the Strait, and worlds apart in language, culture, and table.

Day 2: Rome, Italy Arrive in Rome. As arrival times vary, the day is yours to explore at your own pace: wander through cobblestone neighbourhoods or visit a corner caffè. As evening approaches, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome *aperitivo* drink before a night on your own.

Day 3: Rome - Fly to Alghero, Sardinia A one-hour flight carries you off the Italian mainland and into a different world entirely. Touch down in Alghero on Sardinia's western coast and check in to your hotel. Alghero is unlike anywhere else on the island. Dominated for centuries by the Spanish Kingdom of Aragon, the city retains a unique dialect that is closer to Catalan than to Italian, and its rich history is still reflected in its street names and architecture. Join your Tour Manager for an orientation walk through this walled city before an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Alghero This morning, visit Nuraghe Palmavera – a Bronze Age tower complex built by Sardinia's indigenous Nuragic people, a civilization that left more than 7,000 stone structures scattered across the island. Afterward, wander the fruit and vegetable stalls at Alghero's public market. Lunch and the afternoon are on your own: the old town's pedestrian lanes are lined with local restaurants, small shops and a coral museum worth a look. Consider a motorboat ride out to the Neptune Caves, where stalactites and stalagmites fill chambers right at sea level. As evening falls, take a *passeggiata* (stroll) along the city ramparts. (B)

Day 5: Alghero - Ferry to Bonifacio, Corsica This morning, travel through northern Sardinia with a stop in Castelsardo – a hilltop town wrapped around a medieval castle. Its narrow lanes are still home to artisans who weave palm-leaf baskets by hand, a craft with roots in agricultural and fishing life that has defined the town for generations. In the afternoon, climb aboard a ferry for a one-hour trip across the Strait of Bonifacio, watching the white limestone cliffs of France's largest island rise from the sea. Corsica didn't pass to France until 1768, one year before Napoleon was born here. Transfer to your hotel and settle in for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Bonifacio This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Join a local expert for a walking tour of Bonifacio's old town, tracing history as you take in

the Étendard bastion and the Citadel **-OR-** pull on your walking shoes for a hike along the limestone cliffs above Bonifacio, where the views stretch across the old town and all the way to Sardinia on the horizon. The afternoon is yours to explore on your own. (B)

Day 7: Bonifacio Today is yours. Hop a local boat out to the Îles Lavezzi – a cluster of uninhabited islands in the Strait, known for their hidden coves and clear water – or join an optional excursion to Porto-Vecchio. Built in 1539 as a fortified hilltop port, Porto-Vecchio was designed to control the sea lanes and hold the south of Corsica against invasion. Walk the old fortifications and browse the lanes before returning to Bonifacio for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 8: Bonifacio - Ferry to Santa Teresa di Gallura, Sardinia Cross back to Sardinia by ferry boat this morning. Along the way, visit a local winery for a tour and a tasting lunch of their own production. This afternoon, check into your resort hotel on the Gallura Coast – perched on Sardinia's northern shore, with extensive grounds and a private beach within walking distance. Settle in for a three-night stay. (B, L)

Day 9: Gallura Coast - La Maddalena National Park Following an early morning transfer to the port, board your boat for a cruise along the Costa Smeralda before reaching the archipelago of La Maddalena – a national park made up of more than 60 islands and islets off Sardinia's northeastern tip. You'll cruise aboard a large, shared vessel (150–200 passengers); the standard way to cruise this protected park. The boat makes three stops in total – the village of La Maddalena and two island landings where you can walk the beaches or even swim. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 10: Gallura Coast Today, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Take a full day to unwind at the resort – lounge by the pool, walk the private beach, and simply let the pace slow down **-OR-** head to glamorous Porto Cervo, the village at the heart of the Costa Smeralda. In the early 1960s, Prince Karim Aga Khan set out to build one of Europe's first purpose-designed luxury coastal destinations along this stretch of Sardinia's northeastern coast. The result was Porto Cervo: a place that manages to feel both exclusive and stunning – and attracts the international jet set. (B)

Day 11: Gallura Coast - Barbagia Countryside Leave the coast behind and drive into Sardinia's seemingly untouched mountainous interior. En route to the Barbagia, visit a cork workshop and get to know one of the island's most important crafts: Sardinia supplies some of the finest cork in the world, stopping the bottles of Chianti, Brunello, and Barolo in cellars across Italy. Check in for a three-night stay at Su Gologone Experience Hotel – a property built around the traditions of the Barbagia, where rooms are simple by design and corridors are hung with local crafts and artwork. Rooms are spread across the hillside, some requiring climbing flights of stairs. Dinner is served around 8 p.m., when the sun finally dips below the horizon. That rhythm of life, with easy movement, late meals, a little bit of everything, and time spent outdoors, reflects the *un po' di tutto* approach that researchers have linked to Sardinia's extraordinary longevity. As one of the world's renowned Blue Zones, the island's relaxed pace is something you'll feel firsthand. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Barbagia Countryside This morning, visit the village of Mamoiada and step into one of Sardinia's most distinctive living traditions during an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the Mediterranean Mask Museum. Explore a collection of masks from carnival traditions across the island and Italy – including the haunting *Mamuthones*, weighed down with heavy bells, and the *Issohadores,* dressed in red and white. These figures symbolize seasonal cycles, land, and the balance between order and wildness – still performed each February by volunteers from across the community. Your visit directly supports the local carnival association in maintaining the handcrafted costumes and masks that anchor this tradition. Back at the hotel this afternoon, roll up your sleeves for a Sardinian cooking class — and come ready to unlearn everything you think you know about Italian food. What goes onto the table here has nothing to do with the mainland: the pasta shapes are different, the sauces are different, the proteins are different. You are the chef of your dinner tonight – *buon appetito!* (B, D)

Day 13: Barbagia Countryside This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Work alongside a local artisan at the hotel in a hands-on craft workshop – a window into the skills passed down through Barbagia's *ovili* settlements for generations **-OR-** climb into an off-road vehicle for a 30-minute drive to a Bronze Age Nuragic village. The hike to the ruins gains about 150 feet on an unpaved path and rewards with the sight of a stone settlement built between 1800 and 800 BC. Those who want to go further can enter a cave with prehistoric relics still inside. Everyone comes together at midday and heads to a local shepherd's hut for lunch. The meal is exactly what a shepherd would pull together from the land – simple and deeply connected to the present season. Return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure before gathering this evening for a Blue Zone dinner: ancestral recipes from Barbagia's home kitchens, the kind of table that has helped keep this corner of Sardinia's centenarian count among the highest in the world. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Barbagia Countryside - Fly to Rome Fiumicino Say goodbye to Sardinia this morning. A two-hour drive brings you to Olbia for your flight back to Rome Fiumicino, where you check into a seaside hotel near the airport. (B)

Day 15: Fiumicino (Rome) - Tour Ends Today you depart for home carrying a different understanding of two beautiful islands. (B)

Arrival: Rome (FCO) **Departure:** Rome (FCO)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Aria Palace Hotel, Rome
Days 3, 4	Hotel Catalunya, Alghero, Sardinia
Days 5 – 7	Hotel Santateresa, Bonifacio, Corsica
Days 8 – 10	Mangia's Sardinia Resort, Gallura Coast
Days 11 – 13	Su Gologone Experience Hotel, Barbagia
Day 14	Hotel Tiber, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

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Small Group

EXPLORATIONS

Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$7,299 (DOUBLE)** or **$9,299 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on March 17, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

September – November 2027; March – June 2028

HIGHLIGHTS

Versilia Coast, Carrara Marble Quarries Off-Road Excursion, Cinque Terre & Portovenere Excursion, Maremma Coastline, Elba Island Excursion, Orcia Valley, Greve in Chianti, Florence

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Journey into the Carrara marble quarries on an off-road adventure.
- Connect with Tuscany's enduring cowboy culture at a traditional *butteri* farm.
- Step into a real-life postcard among Cinque Terre's coastal landscapes and colourful cliffside homes.
- Ferry to Elba Island to discover its quiet villages and Napoleonic history.
- Explore Florence's iconic art, architecture, and timeless appeal.
- Step inside Puccini's lakeside home for a private piano performance on the composer's own instrument.
- Roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cheese-making experience.
- Visit a Montepulciano winery for a tasting of the region's celebrated *Vino Nobile*.
- Taste authentic extra virgin olive oil straight from the source at a *frantoio*.

Day 1: Overnight Flight You're on your way to explore some of the beloved and lesser-known treasures of Tuscany, where a tapestry of culture, food, wine, and picture-perfect landscapes awaits.

Day 2: Viareggio, Versilia Coast, Tuscany Make your way to Viareggio along the Versilia Coast, where you'll spend three nights discovering a different side of Tuscany. Here, you'll find a coastal base for exploration, with Art Nouveau architecture, summertime beach clubs, and lakeside retreats that inspired some of Italy's most celebrated opera. As arrival times vary, there's no scheduled sightseeing today, so you can get to know this seaside town at your own pace. Wander the promenade, stop to sip an espresso, or simply settle into your hotel and breathe in the salty breeze. As evening falls, join your fellow travellers for a welcome drink to toast your upcoming journey.

Day 3: Viareggio This morning, leave the well-worn roads behind for the Carrara marble quarries, one of Tuscany's most extraordinary open-air workplaces. An off-road drive through the Apuan Alps follows paths carved by generations of quarrymen, revealing how this stone shaped Italian art and architecture, from ancient Rome to Michelangelo's *David*. Back in Viareggio, the afternoon is yours to soak up the sophisticated coastal atmosphere as you please. As the day winds down, a short drive brings you to Torre del Lago and the beloved home of opera composer Giacomo Puccini. Visit the maestro's residence-turned-museum — where *La Bohème, Tosca,* and *Madama Butterfly* were born — and settle in for a private performance on Puccini's own piano before dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4: Viareggio On a full-day outing, the dramatic coastline of Cinque Terre stretches before you — terraced vineyards tumbling to the sea and five fishing villages clinging to cliffs like they've been there forever (they have). Ferry among the rugged coastline, stopping to visit one of these legendary villages before the sapphire-blue waters carry you to Portovenere, a colourful harbour town the locals call "the other Cinque Terre." A bit less travelled than Cinque Terre, Portovenere's allure lies in its neighbourhood charm and relaxed pace. Later, head back to Viareggio for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 5: Viareggio - Maremma Coast This morning, follow quiet Tuscan backroads toward the Abbey of San Galgano, where legend lingers in stone. Visit a small chapel with a legendary past, then step into the abbey's open-air ruins, its Gothic arches framing sky and wind-stirred grass. This afternoon, continue toward the Maremma Coast,

Orica Valley

Badia Vecchia *Butteri*

Arrival: Florence (FLR) **Departure:** Florence (FLR)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Palace Hotel, Viareggio ▲
Days 5, 6	Marina di Scarlino Resort, Scarlino
Days 7 – 9	Hotel Corsignano, Pienza
Days 10, 11	Grand Hotel Cavour, Florence

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

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Viareggio · Pre-Night Stay

Florence · Post-Night Stay

Florence · Post-Tour Hosted Extension
2 Nights, Starting at $960 pp
Discover Florence's artistic heart, from Oltrarno's charm to free time in its historic centre.

a wilder stretch of Tuscany where pine forests meet the sea. Settle into your resort, a relaxed, seaside base on Scarlino's Marina. Unwind at the resort or head into nearby Castiglione for a livelier evening along the coast. (B, L)

Day 6: Maremma Coast Board a ferry to Elba Island and let the Mediterranean breeze guide you past umbrella pines. On a guided exploration, take in colourful villages shaped by Napoleon's influence during his time in exile here. In Portoferraio, visit one of the emperor's historic residences before sailing back to the mainland while scanning the horizon for distant glimpses of Capraia or the islets of Palmaiola and Cerboli. (B)

Day 7: Maremma Coast - Pienza, Orcia Valley During an **IMPACT MOMENT**, visit a *butteri* farm — a tradition with roots that run deep in the Maremma, where the landscape itself shaped a culture of cattle herding across wide-open terrain. The region's "Italian cowboys" still work on horseback today, tending herds of cattle and horses that roam in a semi-wild state. Gain insight into this enduring way of life before sitting down to lunch on the farm. This afternoon, journey toward Pienza. The open landscapes of the Orcia Valley unfold along the way — rolling hills, slender cypress trees, and skies that seem to go on forever. (B, L)

Day 8: Pienza Today, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Circle the slopes of Mount Amiata, an extinct volcano with natural hot springs, to reach Saturnia, where limestone pools cascade down the hillside, inviting you to bathe in its warm mineral waters **-OR-** remain in Pienza, joining a local expert for a guided walk through the UNESCO-designated town, one of the first examples of Renaissance-style urban planning. Meander its harmonious streets, browse artisan shops, then lose yourself in the kind of view that made Tuscany famous — the *Val d'Orcia* rolling away beneath you, timeless and unhurried. (B)

Day 9: Pienza This morning, hike along one of Tuscany's gravel-paved "white roads" where the iconic landscapes of the Orcia Valley open up around you, and open fields, scattered farmhouses, and distant hilltop villages stretch as far as the eye can see. The road leads to a local dairy known for its pecorino cheese, where regional traditions run as deep as the flavours themselves. Roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cheese-making session, preparing fresh ricotta and *primo sale* alongside the cheesemaker, before sitting down to a simple lunch of your own creations paired with a tasting of pecorino and local charcuterie. This afternoon, visit the hilltop town of Montepulciano, known for its production of *Vino Nobile* wine. Pause for a tasting at a local winery before returning to Pienza in the late afternoon. (B, L)

Day 10: Pienza - Greve in Chianti - Florence The road north winds through the Chianti region, where vine-covered hills and ancient olive groves set the tone for the day ahead. A stop at an award-winning *frantoio* (olive presser) brings you into the heart of a tradition that comes alive each November when the harvest is pressed. Learn about the many varieties of trees and oil-making methods before joining a tasting of the extra virgin olive oil produced right at the mill. No journey through the Chianti countryside would be complete without time in Greve, considered by many the capital of Chianti, where the village feels lived-in and full of local character. This afternoon, Florence appears on the horizon, and you settle in for a 2-night stay in the "cradle of the Renaissance." (B)

Day 11: Florence For your final day of *la dolce vita*, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Join a local expert for a walking tour through Florence's storied squares and iconic landmarks **-OR-** visit the Cathedral Museum to observe masterpieces by Michelangelo, Donatello, Ghiberti, and Brunelleschi firsthand. Whatever you choose, you'll find yourself surrounded by the splendour of the Renaissance as you explore. The afternoon is yours to explore the city in your own way before gathering for a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

Day 12: Florence - Tour Ends Your journey ends today. (B)

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Small Group

Tuscany

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$7,999 (DOUBLE)** or **$9,999 (SOLO)**

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TOUR DATES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight Journey along Italy's roads less travelled and discover endless treasures of art, history, and tradition from Umbria to Tuscany and the Emilia Food Valley, along with the marvels of wine, cuisine, and culture in between.

Day 2: Rome, Italy Italy's dynamic capital city beckons. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring independently. As evening approaches, get a taste of local culture with an *aperitivo* — a relaxed tradition of small bites and drinks that offers an easy way to unwind at the hotel and get to know your fellow travellers.

Day 3: Rome - Narni - Umbria Region This morning, transfer to Umbria. Visit the hill town of Narni and step into a long-forgotten world as you explore an archaeological site hidden beneath the village. Moving through atmospheric chambers, frescoed rooms, and historic passageways, uncover the stories behind this lost world. In the afternoon, continue through a landscape of olive groves and cypress trees on your way to your hotel. Enjoy the peaceful rhythm of country life in a pristine Umbrian town, your home for the next three nights. (B)

Day 4: Umbria Region Travel to Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis. Set out on a walking tour of the old city with a local guide, learning about its history as you stroll the medieval streets. Visit the famous Basilica of St. Francis and admire Giotto's frescoes. Later, a local family welcomes you to their country home for lunch as their honoured guest. Share stories and make an Umbrian friend (or two). (B, L)

Day 5: Umbria Region In the shadow of the Apennines, discover the flavours of Umbria's renowned culinary heritage. During an **IMPACT MOMENT**, join a local truffle hunter in search of the elusive *fungi* in the company of his trained truffle-sniffing dogs. Sample the goods yourself during a rustic, home-cooked lunch before returning to your hotel in the late afternoon. (B, L)

Day 6: Umbria Region - Chianti Region, Tuscany Take in views of Lake Trasimeno and pause at a family-owned *frantoio* (olive press), where olives are pressed each November. After learning about the many varieties of trees and traditional oil-making methods, roll up your sleeves and join in for a cooking class of Umbrian specialties doused in their oil and accompanied by a hearty lunch. In the afternoon, drive through the Chianti countryside

Assisi

Truffle Hunting

to a restored Tuscan villa where your hotel is located. (B, L)

Day 7: Chianti Region, Tuscany Spend a quintessential Chianti day exploring the legendary rolling hills of Tuscany, covered in vineyards and olive groves. Countryside backroads lead you to an artisanal pasta factory, the village of Greve, as well as a family-owned winery producing Chianti Classico. Visit the historic cellars before sampling their wines during a tasting accompanied by local cheeses and charcuterie. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. As the sun begins to set, gather with your fellow travellers for a dinner of Tuscan specialties. (B, D)

Day 8: Chianti Region - Florence Explore Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." Today, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Join a local expert for an extensive walking tour of the city's highlights **-OR-** visit the Ferragamo Museum, celebrating Italy's enduring influence on global style. Take some time on your own to explore the city's seemingly endless treasures before returning to your Tuscan villa in the evening. (B)

Day 9: Chianti Region - Reggio Emilia Begin your day travelling through the Apennine Mountains, crossing into the Emilia region, a haven for food lovers and creatives. This afternoon, visit the countryside home of the great opera singer Luciano Pavarotti. Tour the rooms that were once his residence, still filled with family heirlooms and mementos from his legendary career. Your visit concludes with a private opera concert where vocalists-in-training perform some of the Maestro's favourite arias. Afterwards, continue to Reggio Emilia, your home for the next three nights. (B, L)

Day 10: Reggio Emilia This morning, visit Modena, the hometown of Enzo Ferrari. Explore the Ferrari Museum showcasing vintage vehicles, several famous engines, and a multimedia presentation before spending some time in the old town. Return to Reggio Emilia mid-afternoon. Before settling in for an evening at leisure, explore the town and visit the historic hall where Italy's three-coloured national flag was created. (B)

Day 11: Reggio Emilia Early this morning, visit a local dairy producing *Parmigiano-Reggiano* cheese according to traditional codes dating back to the 1300s. Then, pause at an *agriturismo* where the owners still age their balsamic vinegar production in the attic as countless generations have done before them. After a tasting and light lunch, return to Reggio Emilia for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, come together for a toast to the memorable journey you've shared. (B, L)

Day 12: Reggio Emilia - Tour Ends Your journey through the flavours of Italy comes to a close today. (B)

Arrival: Rome (FCO) **Departure:** Bologna (BLQ)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Kolbe Hotel, Rome
Days 3 – 5	Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto, Umbria
Days 6 – 8	Villa San Lucchese Hotel, Chianti Countryside, Tuscany
Days 9 – 11	Hotel Posta, Reggio Emilia

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Rome · Pre-Night Stay

Emilia Region · Post-Night Stay

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Reggio Emilia

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13 DAYS • 18 MEALS • STARTING AT $8,249

Small Group

San Marino

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **4** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

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TOUR DATES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight Travel Italy's lesser-known eastern coast, tracing a route from Venetian canals to Rome's timeless grandeur. Along the way, uncover sparkling mosaics, Renaissance cities, medieval villages, rugged mountains, and wine-producing countryside where heritage, culture, and adventure intertwine.

Day 2: Venice, Italy Welcome to enchanting Venice, with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. As arrival times will vary, today is yours to explore at your own pace. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome drink.

Day 3: Venice This morning, explore the traditional Venetian craftsmanship behind one of the city's most enduring symbols: the gondola. During an **IMPACT MOMENT**, visit one of Venice's few remaining traditional boatyards, witnessing the skill and dedication that have kept this time-honoured craft alive for centuries. Wrap up the morning at a local café, enjoying a classic Venetian spritz and taking part in the beloved Italian ritual of *aperitivo* (pre-lunch drink), a pause before lunch at leisure. The afternoon is yours to explore more of the floating city. Perhaps you'll head out for your own treasure hunt in search of the city's hidden gems. (B)

Day 4: Venice - Dozza - Romagna Countryside Say *ciao* to Venice as you journey towards the Romagna region, famous for its epicurean lifestyle and its *joie de vivre*. Your first stop is the charming hilltop village of Dozza, renowned for its vibrant murals, atmospheric lanes, and striking medieval castle. In the afternoon, continue to your hotel, nestled amidst the rolling vineyards of the Romagna countryside, where you'll settle in for a relaxing 3-night stay. This evening, enjoy an exclusive tour of your resort's winery, followed by a dinner featuring their own expertly crafted wines. (B, D)

Day 5: Romagna Countryside Grab your passport and set off for the Republic of San Marino, the fifth-smallest country in the world. Perched atop Mount Titano, this historic gem offers breathtaking views of the Adriatic Riviera and the rolling hills of the Romagna countryside. Spend your free time exploring the Old Town's fascinating network of fortification towers, walls, gates, and bastions. Later this afternoon, return to your hotel and roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cooking class, where you'll master the art of crafting pasta staples like handmade *tagliatelle*. End the day around a convivial table, enjoying the meal you've prepared together. (B, D)

Cooking Class

Day 6: Romagna Countryside Spend the day uncovering the treasures of Ravenna, a city that rose to prominence during the twilight of the Roman Empire, thanks to its strategic location. As power shifted between the Byzantines and the Goths, Ravenna's rulers adorned its churches with breathtaking mosaics that still dazzle today. On a guided walking tour, explore the city's most iconic monuments and marvel at its rich history and artistry. This evening, return to your wine resort and indulge in a wine-paired dinner, savouring the flavours of the region in a truly idyllic setting. (B, D)

Day 7: Romagna Countryside - Urbino - Pesaro, Marche Region This morning, journey into the Marche region, where rolling hills are lined with olive groves and vineyards. Stop in the hilltop city of Urbino, birthplace of Renaissance painter Raphael, and visit the impressive Ducal Palace — once home to a powerful ruling family and now a showcase of Renaissance art and architecture. Later, continue to the seaside town of Pesaro, where you'll settle in for a two-night stay. (B)

Day 8: Pesaro Today, uncover another side of the Marche — its reputation as a truffle haven, known for both black truffles and the rare white truffle (found only from October to December). Join a truffle hunter and his dogs for a walk through the woods in search of these elusive fungi, followed by an organic, farm-to-table lunch at the family's farm. The afternoon is free back in Pesaro, birthplace of opera composer Gioachino Rossini, best known for *The Barber of Seville* and *William Tell*. (B, L)

Day 9: Pesaro - Santo Stefano di Sessanio, Abruzzo Mountains Much of the day is spent travelling by coach as you make your way into the Abruzzo Mountains. Arrive in the medieval village of Santo Stefano di Sessanio, a peaceful, pedestrian-only locale where you'll walk to your accommodations. Your stay in a unique *albergo diffuso* serves as an **IMPACT MOMENT** and features rooms set in historic buildings throughout the village, offering a simple, rustic atmosphere. This evening, connect with local traditions during a hands-on experience making regional cheese and bread, then gather for a dinner featuring what you've prepared, embracing the slower pace of mountain life. (B, D)

Day 10: Santo Stefano di Sessanio Begin your day with a scenic drive across the Campo Imperatore plateau, more than 7,000 feet (2,100 meters) above sea level, with sweeping views of the Gran Sasso peaks, the highest in central Italy. Along the way, stop to enjoy some al fresco *arrosticini* — grill-it-yourself lamb skewers and a beloved local specialty rooted in Abruzzo's sheep-herding traditions. Back in Santo Stefano di Sessanio this afternoon, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Join a guided walking tour exploring your village's fortified layout, stone lanes, and historic buildings **-OR-** take part in a challenging, guided 4-hour mountain hike to Rocca Calascio, a dramatic stone fortress set high above the surrounding mountains. (B)

Day 11: Santo Stefano di Sessanio - Rome Say goodbye to the quiet lanes of Santo Stefano di Sessanio and journey to the Tirino River, known for its striking blue-green, crystal-clear waters. Set out by canoe and drift along this peaceful waterway, surrounded by gentle currents, reeds, and birdsong in one of Abruzzo's most serene landscapes. As the saying goes, all roads lead to Rome. After this peaceful encounter with nature, continue your journey to the Italian capital, arriving in the late afternoon for a two-night stay in the Eternal City. (B, L)

Day 12: Rome This morning, embark on an extensive walking tour through Rome's medieval district, a captivating neighbourhood that grew atop the ruins of the ancient city. Wander through its narrow cobblestone streets, admire the dark tufa stone buildings, and marvel at the ingenious ways Roman ruins have been repurposed over the centuries. Ascend to the panoramic terrace of the Vittoriano to take in one of Rome's most breathtaking views. From this vantage point, gaze out over the remnants of the Roman Empire, from the sprawling Forum to the iconic Colosseum. The afternoon is yours to explore the Eternal City at your own pace, soaking in its timeless charm. This evening, come together to celebrate the end of your Italian adventure with a farewell dinner and a toast to the unforgettable journey you've shared. (B, D)

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

Arrival: Venice (VCE) **Departure:** Rome (FCO)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hotel Abbazia, Venice
Days 4 – 6	Borgo Conde Wine Resort, Romagna Countryside, Forli
Days 7, 8	Hotel Charlie in Pesaro, Pesaro ▲
Days 9, 10	Sextantio Albergo Diffuso, Santo Stefano di Sessanio, Abruzzo ▲
Days 11, 12	Ponte Sisto Hotel, Rome

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

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Venice · Pre-Night Stay

Rome · Post-Night Stay

Venice · Pre-Tour Hosted Extension
2 Nights, Starting at $1,370 pp
Extend your Italian adventure with two magical nights in Venice, exploring canals, culture, and hidden gems.

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

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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12 DAYS • 19 MEALS • STARTING AT $7,849

Small Group

Portofino

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

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TOUR DATES

October – November 2026; March – June 2027
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July – November 2027; March – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Experience a local's dedication to preserving traditions in their small mountain village.
- Off-road in the famous marble quarries of Carrara, exploring how the precious stone shaped this region.
- Journey by boat to Pescatori Island for a traditional Italian dinner.
- Discover glamorous Portofino, with its colourful harbour, waterfront cafés, and timeless seaside charm.
- Explore Lake Orta, one of Italy's hidden treasures.
- Learn from locals during a hands-on cooking class in the Chianti countryside.
- Traverse the Tuscan countryside, surrounded by vineyards and olive groves.
- Spend two nights in Venice, basking in the romantic atmosphere of this city.
- Taste traditionally made balsamic vinegar at a family-owned *acetaia*.

Day 1: Overnight Flight You're on your way to Italy. Ahead lies a journey that explores its food, history, and everyday life — from lakeside towns and working villages to iconic cities that have shaped culture for centuries. Tonight is about anticipation, as the flavours, stories, and rhythms of Italy start to come into focus.

Day 2: Stresa, Italy Welcome to Stresa, set along the shores of Lake Maggiore at the edge of Italy's Alpine lakes region. As arrival times vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing through the afternoon, giving you time to settle in and take in Stresa at your own pace. As evening falls, cruise to Isola Pescatori, gathering with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner that sets the tone for your journey. (D)

Day 3: Stresa An **IMPACT MOMENT** today brings you right into the mountains to an ancient village where locals dedicate their time to preserving historic buildings and long-held traditions. Walk the village with those keeping its story alive, then sample their artisanal cheeses paired with regional wines. Back in Stresa, the rest of your day is yours — wander piazzas and lakeside paths, or maybe you'll join an optional cruise to Isola Bella for a visit to the lakeside Borromeo Palace, a Baroque work of art. (B, L)

Day 4: Stresa - Lake Orta - Chiavari, Italian Riviera Set out for a glacial lake tucked into the foothills of the Alps: Lake Orta. Climb aboard a boat and set off for the island of San Giulio where a cloistered convent and a serene lakeside path set a contemplative tone. As afternoon rolls in, head south to the Ligurian coast where the Italian Riviera opens before you, revealing a different pace and personality of Italy. Arrive in Chiavari early this evening and settle in for a two-night stay. (B, D)

Day 5: Chiavari - Portofino The morning unfolds at an easy pace in Chiavari, with time to stroll along the sea or wander the town's portico-lined streets. Then, pause for lunch at a restaurant renowned among locals for its cheese-filled focaccia. The chef shares a few traditional techniques before you set off for Portofino, one of Italy's most iconic coastal towns. Spend time exploring at your own pace, whether that means walking the waterfront or slipping into narrow lanes above the marina. (B, L)

Day 6: Chiavari - Carrara Marble Quarries - Tuscany Veer off the beaten path to visit one of Italy's natural wonders: the Carrara marble quarries. An off-road drive through the Apuane Mountains traces the routes carved by generations of quarrymen. Learn

how this stone shaped Italian art and architecture, including Michelangelo's Statue of *David*. Leaving coast and quarries behind, this afternoon all roads lead to Tuscany. Deep in the countryside, settle in for your four-night stay in an historic Tuscan villa. (B, D)

Day 7: Tuscany - San Gimignano Travel this morning through Tuscany's vineyard-lined hills toward San Gimignano, where medieval towers define the skyline of this hilltop town. After exploring the "Manhattan of the Middle Ages", head into the Chianti countryside and visit a family-owned villa. Tour the house and grounds, then roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cooking lesson rooted in regional tradition. Sit down together for a Tuscan dinner and, of course, local Chianti wine. *Salute!* (B, D)

Day 8: Tuscany - Florence Florence – the city where the Medici shaped power, artists rewrote rules, and names like Galileo, Botticelli, and da Vinci still echo through daily life – is yours to explore in your own way. **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Walk with a local guide, seeing the Piazza del Duomo, the Baptistery's Gates of Paradise, and historic squares like the Signoria and Santa Croce **-OR-** explore the Zeffirelli Foundation Museum, dedicated to one of Italy's great storytellers of cinema and opera. Enjoy free time to explore Tuscany's stunning capital, returning to your villa by early evening. (B, D)

Day 9: Tuscany Today is a day of *dolce far-niente* (sweet do-nothing) at your Tuscan villa. Stroll the surrounding countryside or just take in the views from your favourite spot in the garden. This afternoon you may choose to embark on an optional truffle hunt, led by a local expert and trained truffle-sniffing dogs. As you wander along unpaved trails, learn about the fascinating world of truffles and the techniques used to forage them. A truffle-themed dinner hits the spot before returning to your villa in the evening. (B)

Day 10: Tuscany - Venice The Emilia region of Italy is considered "Food Valley" — and today, that's where you're headed as you travel north to visit a family-owned *acetaia*. Tour the attic where balsamic vinegar has aged for generations, learning how patience and tradition shape every barrel. After a light lunch featuring these flavours, continue to Venice, the city built on water. This slice of Italy hits differently as daily life unfolds along canals instead of streets. Settle in for your final two-night stay in one of the most romantic places in the world. (B, L)

Arrival: Milan (MXP) **Departure:** Venice (VCE)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa ▲
Days 4, 5	Grand Hotel Torre Fara, Chiavari, Italian Riviera
Days 6 – 9	Villa Lecchi, Chianti Countryside, Tuscany
Days 10, 11	Hotel Ca' dei Conti, Venice

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

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Stresa • Pre-Night Stay

Venice • Post-Night Stay

Turin & Piedmont Wine Country • Pre-Tour Hosted Extension
2 Nights, Starting at $2,190 pp*
Ease into Italy with elegant Turin, vineyard-strewn hills, Barolo tastings, and rich Piedmont flavours.
**Extension is only available on select dates*

Venice • Post-Tour Hosted Extension
2 Nights, Starting at $960 pp
Extend your Italian adventure with two magical nights in Venice, exploring canals, culture, and hidden gems.

See next page for more information.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Day 11: Venice Spend the day in *Venezia*, a city shaped by water, art, and architecture. Walk the city with a local guide, seeing St. Mark's Square, the Bell Tower, and the Bridge of Sighs. Later, travel by boat to Murano as a local demonstrates the art of glass-blowing, carrying on a centuries-old island tradition. The afternoon is yours to explore Venice at your own pace. Lose yourself along the canals, and experience first-hand the enchantment of this timeless city. Perhaps take an optional gondola cruise to partake in one of Venice's most famous pastimes. As evening falls, gather for a farewell dinner to toast new friends and say *arrivederci* to Italy. (B, D)

Day 12: Venice - Tour Ends Depart for home with stories and connections of *la dolce vita* in *Italia.* (B)

Turin Pre-Tour Extension

4 DAYS • 2 MEALS • STARTING AT $2,190 PP*

Experience the charm of Turin and the Piedmont region, where historic streets, world-class wines, and local flavours set the stage for your Italian adventure.

EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Enjoy a mix of time on your own and some planned tour activities. A local expert is available during part of your stay to guide you during scheduled activities and provide recommendations. In addition, your accommodation, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3 *(see page 170 for details)*

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	NH Santo Stefano, Turin

**Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Extension is only available on select dates. All rates in Canadian dollars.*

Day 1: Overnight Flight You are on your way to the elegant palazzos of regal Turin and the rolling hills of Piedmont, known for its world-class wines.

Day 2: Turin, Italy Arrive today in Turin, the first capital of unified Italy, and settle in for your two-night stay. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today, though a local host will be at your hotel to provide you with information and an orientation of the area. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Day 3: Turin - Piedmont Wine Country Excursion Today, weave your way through Piedmont's wine country in the company of an expert guide. Locally called *Langhe*, this area combines gentle, vineyard-clad hills with quaint villages and the occasional castle dotting the landscape. Stop at Grinzane and take a stroll through the vineyards surrounding this historic castle, now home to the regional *enoteca* — a place dedicated to preserving and showcasing the best wines from the area. Later, visit a charming hilltop village and a local winery, where you'll tour the cellars and savour a selection of typical *Langhe* wines, including the renowned Barolo. Your visit concludes with a traditional *merenda*, a light meal of charcuterie and local cheeses, before returning to Turin in the early afternoon. The rest of the day is yours to further explore Turin on your own. (B)

Day 4: Turin - Lake Maggiore Walk through Turin with an expert guide, uncovering a blend of French and Italian heritage. Discover the city's sweet side as you savour its famous *gianduiotti* chocolates and try a *bicerin* — a mix of espresso and chocolate — in one of the city's cafés, reminiscent of Parisian coffee spots. This afternoon, bid farewell to Turin as you transfer to Lake Maggiore and begin your main tour. (B)

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

CO | *Italy Uncovered & Italy's Treasures*

Venice Post-Tour Extension

3 DAYS • 2 MEALS • STARTING AT $960 PP*

Savour two nights in enchanting Venice. Wander along picturesque canals, explore historic landmarks, and experience the magic of one of Italy's most beloved cities.

EXTENSION STYLE: HOSTED

Enjoy a mix of time on your own and some planned tour activities. A local expert is available during part of your stay to guide you during scheduled activities and provide recommendations. In addition, your accommodation, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: 3 *(see page 170 for details)*

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Days 1, 2 Ca' dei Conti Hotel, Venice

Please note for Italy Uncovered, this is a pre-tour extension. See our website for details.

**Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. All rates in Canadian dollars.*

Day 12: Venice Continue your exploration of Italy with a two-night stay in Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic." From your centrally located hotel, start an in-depth visit of the vibrant centre of this city with your local guide. The afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy independently.

Day 13: Venice Enjoy a full day to explore Venice at your leisure. You can meander through the historic streets, taking in the city's unique architecture and gondola-filled canals. Maybe you'll decide to sample the local cuisine at a typical *bacaro* (a small wine bar), where locals stop for a glass of wine – traditionally called *ombra* – and small bites, which Venetians call *cicchetti*. Or take a local public waterbus ride to the nearby island of San Giorgio, which offers spectacular views of St. Mark's Square and the Doge's Palace. (B)

Day 14: Venice Say *arrivederci* to Venice as your extension comes to an end today. (B)

Italy: Amalfi Coast to Puglia

14 DAYS • 18 MEALS • STARTING AT $7,949

Small Group

Positano

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$7,949 (DOUBLE)** or **$9,999 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on December 2, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

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

Day 3: Naples Explore Naples' exuberant historic city centre (UNESCO) and underground ancient ruins with a local guide. During your afternoon at leisure, consider visiting the nearby National Archeological Museum and peruse relics from Pompeii and Ercolano. Tonight's **IMPACT MOMENT** comes in the form of a private concert, performed by the *Napulitanata* social enterprise, which supports Italian heritage and abates the city's high unemployment. And a perfect finale: our welcome dinner gathered around a beautiful pizza, the iconic jewel of Neapolitan cuisine. (B, D)

Day 4: Naples - Optional Excursion to Isle of Capri Take the day to explore the lively city of Naples on your own. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion and sail to the enchanting Isle of Capri, where you'll reach the world-famous *Piazzetta* and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation, and outdoor cafés. Join your guide on a panoramic drive to Anacapri to sample local food and wine, then sail back to Naples in the afternoon. (B)

Day 5: Naples - Ercolano - Minori Begin your day exploring the archeological site of Herculaneum in Ercolano, at the western foot of Mount Vesuvius. Imagine Roman society of the past as you wander through the excavated ruins of Ercolano with a guide. Then, visit a pasta factory and taste an iconic Italian dish right where it is produced during a light lunch. Watch the sun fade along the horizon in coastal Minori, your new home for the next three nights. (B, L)

Day 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

Alberobello

hubs, containing cobblestone piazzas and towering mosaicked cathedrals. Enjoy some time at leisure, then ferry past tumbling cliffs and pastel-coloured houses on your way to Positano. Enjoy a free afternoon in this resort town, perhaps browsing the posh boutiques or resting along the beach. Return to Minori by ferry. (B)

Day 7: Minori A fishing village of terraced lemon groves, Minori exudes the quintessential *Amalfitana* vibe. Start your morning in a garden and learn about *sfusato* lemons, used in *limoncello*. Sample this fragrant liqueur before hiking along the coast. You'll trek the rugged Path of Lemons — an ancient, hilly route that links Minori with the nearby town of Maiori. Explore on your own before returning by boat. This afternoon, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** You can enjoy the relaxed Mediterranean atmosphere of Minori like a local, sipping coffee and people watching **-OR-** explore the nearby village of Ravello and its amazing views from the picturesque gardens of Villa Rufolo. (B, D)

Day 8: Minori - Matera This morning, discover one of Italy's delectable cheese products during a visit to a dairy farm. Taste freshly made mozzarella for lunch before continuing south to Matera (UNESCO), whose inimitable scenery has been featured in blockbuster films. Experience the town's cave dwellings, your home for the next two nights. Each cave is unique, half-excavated and half-carved from the land. In these unparalleled accommodations, connect with the Italian landscape like never before. (B, L)

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

Day 10: Matera - Lecce Cross into the Puglia region and pause at a wine museum to learn about the special wines produced in Puglia before continuing to Lecce, a Baroque powerhouse of limestone. Get to know the city with a local expert and take in its iconic architecture and papier-mâché craftsmanship. (B, L)

Day 11: Lecce - Otranto - Lecce Today, visit the picturesque village of Otranto and enjoy its characteristic winding lanes and hidden cafés. Take your time for a relaxing lunch along the sea and enjoy your time at leisure in one of the pearls of Salento. Reconvene in the evening for a private folk music and dance performance, highlighting the traditional *pizzica e taranta.* According to legend, spider bites cause the women to dance with feverish energy. (B)

Arrival: Naples (NAP) **Departure:** Bari (BRI)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Royal Continental Hotel, Naples ▲
Days 5 – 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

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

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Naples · Pre-Night Stay

Alberobello · Post-Night Stay

Naples · Pre-Tour Guided Extension
2 Nights, Starting at $1,645 pp
Give yourself the luxury of extra time in Naples, including a day trip to the enchanted Isle of Ischia.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Day 12: Lecce - Castellana - Alberobello Discover one of Puglia's most impressive natural landscapes: the underground complex of the Castellana Caves, a vast labyrinth of limestone chambers adorned by clusters of stalactites and stalagmites, formed over millennia. This afternoon, arrive in Alberobello (UNESCO), a whimsical city known for its *trulli*, stone huts with cone-shaped roofs. Meander with your guide through a labyrinth of these gnomish houses, some adorned with symbols carrying religious or astrological meanings. Make your way to your personal room in one of these peculiar houses that will be your home for the next two nights. (B)

Day 13: Alberobello Today, take a tour of an olive oil mill and taste a variety of extra virgin olive oils. Back in Alberobello, enjoy free time to further explore the city on your own. As the day draws to a close, gather to wish Italy goodbye at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Alberobello - Tour Ends Depart for home with treasured memories. (B)

Sicily and Its Isles

14 DAYS • 19 MEALS • STARTING AT $8,199

Small Group

Taormina

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$8,199 (DOUBLE)** or **$9,599 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on August 19, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight You're on your way to Sicily — an island paradise nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean. Look past the Italy you think you know and see how this coastal farmland balances ancient traditions and modern comforts.

Day 2: Palermo, Italy Arrive in Palermo, Sicily's vibrant capital city. As travellers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing. Spend the day exploring independently, taking in Palermo's gritty, unshakable spirit and captivating energy. Late this afternoon, we meet for a briefing about the journey ahead. Tonight, come to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Palermo Begin your adventure tasting your way through Palermo's lively markets on a walking tour unveiling the city's historical centre and introducing you to traditional Sicilian street food. Palermo's culinary heritage layers Arab and Norman influences with local produce such as wild fennel, olives, and spices. This afternoon, head to Monreale Cathedral, ascending 92 steps on foot to see its majestic Byzantine mosaics. Then, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Explore the cathedral's cloisters, taking in their serene atmosphere of the monastic complex **-OR-** ascend the southern tower's narrow staircase to the panoramic terraces for a bird's-eye view over Palermo. (B, L)

Day 4: Palermo - Marsala Make your way to a family-owned winery deeply nestled in Sicily's largest wine-producing region. Venture off the beaten path and meet a local winemaker. Learn about the local types of grapes and production techniques, before joining a hands-on cooking class just for your group. Share the meal you prepared for lunch, paired with the farm's own wines. Late this afternoon, settle into your hotel in coastal Marsala for a three-night stay. Perhaps you'll take a sunset walk along the waterfront before heading out for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 5: Marsala Discover the ancient craft of sea-salt harvesting during a guided visit to the salt pans of the Stagnone Lagoon, once at the confluence of Phoenician, Greek, and Roman civilizations. Hop on a local boat and take in the views of the lagoon and surrounding, low-laying islands before returning to Marsala for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Marsala The day is yours to explore Marsala as you please. Perhaps you'll visit one of the city's numerous wineries, noted for producing the eponymous fortified wine. Or, you may

Cefalù

Olive Grove

join a full-day optional excursion to Favignana. A short waterjet ride from Sicily's mainland, Favignana island is part of the Egadi archipelago. Once famous for its tuna fish production, this small island boasts crystal clear waters and enchanting gardens. (B)

Day 7: Marsala - Agrigento Begin the day with an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you visit an olive oil maker who champions ethical, sustainable farming. Hear his story and how he resists the pressures the Mafia tries imposing on local farmers. Stroll through the olive groves and pause for a rustic picnic-style lunch before continuing to Agrigento. This afternoon, explore the imposing Greek ruins of the Valley of the Temples, uncover the myths enshrouding the foundation of ancient Akragas, and watch history come alive. Then, settle in for a one-night stay and dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Agrigento - Cefalù Coast This morning, travel through rolling hills and peaceful farmland to a family-owned farmhouse, where you'll meet the owners and glimpse daily life on a Sicilian farm. Sit back and tuck into a hearty farm-to-table lunch, made from cherished family recipes. Then relax aboard your bus as you travel along Sicily's northern coast, en route for a relaxing 2-night stay. As the sun sets, acquaint yourself with the extensive grounds of your cliffside resort before an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 9: Cefalù Coast Today, set off for the seaside town of Cefalù. Stroll the medieval streets and enjoy ample free time to explore on your own. Perhaps you'll peek into the city's impressive cathedral showcasing Norman architecture or take in Sicilian medieval art at the Mandralisca museum. Return to your coastal resort mid-afternoon. You will have time to venture down to the resort's private beach and dip your feet in the Mediterranean, if you choose. (B)

Day 10: Cefalù Coast - Ferry to Aeolian Islands - Isle of Salina Grab your bags and hop on a ferry in Milazzo. Sail by Vulcano and Lipari on your way to Salina, a far-flung isle surrounded by vibrant blue waters and dark volcanic rock. Somewhat off the beaten path, Salina is one of the less-travelled Aeolian Islands, preserved as a vacation getaway for Italians. Upon arrival, take in the island's dramatic landscapes of rocky cliffs as vibrant vineyards pass you by on your way to Pollara, famous for its traditional caper cultivation. Wander through the fields and taste the salted flower buds accompanied by a glass of *Malvasia*, a locally produced dessert wine. Check into your hotel in the late afternoon and start your 2-night stay. (B)

Day 11: Isle of Salina The day is yours to do as you please. Perhaps you'll venture by ferry to a nearby island, settle into a café by the sea, and soak in local life while sampling their every flavour of granita ice-slush. Or stay local, slow your rhythm and simply bask in the gentle pace of this small island. (B)

Day 12: Isle of Salina - Ferry to Sicily - Taormina Early this morning, ferry back to mainland *Sicilia*. Journey along the Ionian Coast to Taormina, a seaside hub of ancient Greek theatres and hilly walkways. Discover its well-preserved Greek theatre in company of a local guide. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in unparalleled views of the Mediterranean Sea. Spend the evening on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café or peruse the local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs. (B)

Day 13: Taormina - Mount Etna - Taormina See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the morning exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks before returning to Taormina for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, toast to your Sicilian sojourn at dinner, surrounded by local musicians. (B, D)

Day 14: Taormina - Tour Ends Your journey through Sicily comes to a close today. Return home with memories of Italy's favourite island. (B)

Arrival: Palermo (PMO) **Departure:** Catania (CTA)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hotel Porta Felice, Palermo
Days 4 – 6	Hotel Stella d'Italia, Marsala, Sicily
Day 7	Hotel Foresteria Baglio della Luna, Agrigento
Days 8, 9	Mangia's Pollina Resort, Cefalù ▲
Days 10, 11	Hotel La Salina Borgo di Mare, Salina
Days 12, 13	Splendid Hotel, Taormina ▲

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

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Palermo · Pre-Night Stay

Taormina · Post-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Old World Sicily & Malta

Small Group

12 DAYS • 15 MEALS • STARTING AT $6,299

Valletta

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$6,299 (DOUBLE)** or **$7,849 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on February 19, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

September 2027 – June 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight You're on your way to Malta and Sicily — legendary isles nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean. Discover how ancient traditions blend into modern society as you travel along timeless Italian and Maltese towns.

Day 2: Sliema, Malta Start your journey with a 4-night stay in Sliema, a welcoming Maltese resort town with a lively waterfront promenade. As travellers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Stretch your legs and take in views of Marsamxett Harbour and Manoel Island. Uncover Malta's deeply rooted heritage, teeming with mysterious prehistoric temples and Renaissance architectural masterpieces. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Sliema - Valletta - Sliema Begin your adventure with a panoramic sailing of Valletta's (UNESCO) Grand Harbour aboard traditional *dghajsa* boats before exploring the Maltese capital during a walking tour led by a local expert. View the skyline of the Three Cities from the Upper Barrakka Gardens and take in the elegant profile of the Grand Master's Palace. Then, enjoy some free time to explore on your own. This afternoon, visit the private home of a modern-day Knight of Malta before hopping on the local ferry back to Sliema for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Sliema - Maltese Village Experience Enjoy a morning at leisure. Perhaps you'll join a half-day optional tour to Mdina — the "Silent City" and Malta's ancient capital. This afternoon, immerse yourself in Maltese traditions as you board a retro bus for a village where daily life and customs remain unchanged. Experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** as you are hosted for dinner at a traditional band club. Band clubs have a special place in the community. A source of intense pride and with a solid place in Maltese social culture, the band club's premises are an ideal meeting point for locals to exchange gossip, play a game of pool, or engage in village *festa* activities. (B, D)

Day 5: Sliema The entire day is yours. With free time, you might choose to relax in Sliema or venture back to Valletta for a visit to Caravaggio's masterpiece housed in Saint John's Co-Cathedral. Or, join an optional full-day exploration of the Isle of Gozo, the second-largest island of the Maltese archipelago and home to the Ggantiha temple complex (UNESCO), which is older than Stonehenge. (B)

Day 6: Sliema - Ferry to Sicily - Ragusa, Italy Early this morning, grab

Taormina

Siracusa

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

Day 7: Ragusa - Ragusa-Ibla - Ragusa Explore Ragusa-Ibla (UNESCO), a time-worn city perched upon a hill. Meander through its late-Baroque neighbourhood with an expert guide, passing by winding lanes, cobblestone streets, and wrought iron balconies. Make the most of a free afternoon to explore on your own. As the sun sets, linger in town for dinner on your own. (B)

Day 8: Ragusa The day is yours to do as you please. With free time, you might choose to relax in Ragusa. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to the picture-perfect towns of Scicli and Modica (UNESCO), where you'll enjoy a savoury brunch featuring fresh ricotta at a countryside restaurant before venturing to an Aztec chocolate shop for some sweet samples. (B)

Day 9: Ragusa - Siracusa - Taormina Take in the rugged landscape of southeastern Sicily en route to Siracusa (UNESCO). Then, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Explore the fascinating streets of Ortigia and find out more about local culture and traditions in the company of a local expert **-OR-** take in the views of the old town during a panoramic boat ride. This afternoon, relax during a bus transfer to Taormina, a charming resort town perched high above the Mediterranean Sea. (B)

Day 10: Taormina - Mount Etna - Taormina See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna (UNESCO). Stare up at the iconic peak as your vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks before pausing for lunch at a local home. Back in Taormina, enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 11: Taormina Discover Taormina with a local guide, leading you to the city's Duomo, public gardens, and the well-preserved Greek theatre. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent ocean. Enjoy a free afternoon in town. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café or peruse the local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs. In the evening, gather with your fellow travellers as you recount memories of the Mediterranean islands accompanied by Sicilian food at dinner, surrounded by local musicians. (B, D)

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

Arrival: Sliema (MLA) **Departure:** Catania (CTA)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 5	Land's End Boutique Hotel, Tas-Sliema ▲
Days 6 – 8	San Giorgio Palace Hotel, Ragusa
Days 9 – 11	Excelsior Palace Hotel, Taormina

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

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Sliema · Pre-Night Stay

Taormina · Post-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Ragusa

Treasures of Türkiye
Istanbul, Ancient Ephesus & Cappadocia

14 DAYS • 22 MEALS • STARTING AT $7,199

Small Group

Cappadocia

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$7,199 (DOUBLE)** or **$8,999 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on October 30, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Experience a Whirling Dervishes ceremony.
- Cruise the Dalyan River to the Aegean coast.
- Explore the towering rock formations of Cappadocia and underground cities of past civilizations.
- Taste your way through Izmir's bazaar district, sampling several local specialties.
- Visit Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace in Istanbul's Sultanahmet district.
- Cruise the Bosphorus Strait between Europe and Asia.
- Walk the ruins of ancient Ephesus in the footsteps of Paul the Apostle.
- Learn family recipes during a home-hosted lunch in Cappadocia.

Day 1: Overnight Flight You're on your way to Türkiye, a country that bridges two continents, where Europe gives way to Asia, and thousands of years of history pulse through every city, coast, and valley. Ancient trade routes, living traditions, and a landscape unlike anywhere else await.

Day 2: Izmir, Türkiye Welcome to Izmir. Once the ancient city of Smyrna, today it's a lively Aegean port where centuries of civilization have left their mark on every café-lined street and sun-warmed promenade. Settle into your hotel for three nights. With no included activities today, the evening is yours to unwind or explore on your own.

Day 3: Izmir Start your day with a visit to Karsiyaka, a district translated literally as "the other side." Walk through its main street filled with shops and restaurants that have preserved their Turkish roots. Then, take a short public ferry to Konak Pier. You'll get a real feel for the city's rhythm and daily life as you explore and taste your way through the winding lanes of the Kemaralti Bazaar with your Tour Manager. Stop at several local market vendors for *simit, börek,* and more. The afternoon is yours and your hotel places you in the centre of it all. Explore the seafront promenade, browse the shops, and find a spot that feels like your own. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Izmir - Ephesus - Sirince - Izmir This morning, your in-depth tour of ancient Ephesus (UNESCO) takes you through the residential Terrace Houses, past the great Library of Celsus and the ruins of the Temple of Artemis, walking the same marble paths that Paul the Apostle once travelled. Visit the Archaeological Museum to round out the morning. This afternoon, the hilltop village of Sirince awaits — a rare, protected example of Ottoman Christian architecture, its streets lined with locally made olive oil, wine, and peaches. Settle into a café for an exclusive experience sipping *Türk kahvesi* and maybe even letting a local read your fortune from the grounds. (B)

Day 5: Izmir - Pamukkale - Dalyan Head inland this morning to Pamukkale (UNESCO), where the ruins of the Greco-Roman city of Hierapolis sit above one of nature's most unexpected sights — the "Cotton Castle," a cascade of white limestone terraces and thermal pools that must be seen to be believed. A private golf cart tour of the archaeological site brings the ancient world to life. With free time, wander the "Cotton Candy" pools at your own pace. By evening, you're in Dalyan, where you'll spend two nights at a family-run bed & breakfast, simple and welcoming

Whirling Dervishes

with a deck overlooking the water. The rest of the evening is yours to unwind in this riverbank town. (B)

Day 6: Dalyan - Kaunos - Dalyan After a leisurely and traditional Turkish breakfast, tour the ruins of ancient Kaunos before stepping aboard a private boat for a trip along the river that winds from Dalyan out toward the Mediterranean. The marshland you pass through is alive — herons, fish, and sea turtles share these waters. Weather permitting, there are stops along the way for a swim. Return to Dalyan for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 7: Dalyan - Burdur - Konya Today you follow one of history's great paths, the ancient Silk Road, which once carried goods, stories, and people from China all the way to Istanbul. It's a full day on the road, with a lunch stop in the city of Burdur, known for its simple yet delicious food. By early evening, you arrive in Konya, a deeply spiritual city with a remarkable past, where dinner at the hotel is included at your leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Konya - Sultanhani Caravanserai - Cappadocia This morning, visit the Mevlâna Museum in Konya, the world centre of the Whirling Dervishes and one of the most visited pilgrimage sites in the world. The road then leads to a visit to Sultanhani Caravanserai, one of the largest surviving Silk Road rest stops, where the soaring stone vaults give you a real sense of the scale of ancient trade. Arriving in Cappadocia in the early afternoon, you'll tour one of the region's extraordinary underground cities, some carved nearly 3,000 years ago as refuge from invasion. As you make your way to the hotel, the valley opens up around you: volcanic rock formations shaped over millennia into something that feels like another world. (B, D)

Day 9: Cappadocia Rise early for an optional hot air balloon ride above the fairy chimneys and ancient rock dwellings of Cappadocia — few mornings will top this one. After regrouping with your fellow travellers, visit the Göreme Open Air Museum (UNESCO), where eleven rock-cut churches and monasteries hold centuries-old frescoes. Lunch is a home-cooked experience with a local family — vegetables from the garden, hands in the soil, stories across the table. A pottery workshop follows, where you'll see how Cappadocia's distinctive clay tradition has been shaped from the land itself. This evening, gather for a Whirling Dervishes ceremony. (B, L)

Day 10: Cappadocia This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Join your Tour Manager for a leisurely walk through Love Valley among the fairy chimneys at ground level **-OR-** go off-road on a private 4x4 safari. After you've worked up an appetite, lunch is an **IMPACT MOMENT** at Tik Tik, a women's cooperative restaurant where your meal directly supports the women who made it. Afterwards, a carpet weaving demonstration follows, tracing the full journey from silkworm to finished pattern — a tradition as intricate as the rugs themselves. (B, L)

Day 11: Cappadocia - Istanbul A short flight this morning carries you from the valleys of Cappadocia back to Istanbul, where continents and centuries collide in the best possible way. Your first stop is the Grand Bazaar, a labyrinthine covered market that has been humming with trade for over 600 years. Browse, barter, and soak it all in before checking into the hotel. This evening, regroup with your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 12: Istanbul Today belongs to Istanbul's greatest landmarks, and they do not disappoint. Visit Hagia Sophia (UNESCO), a breathtaking structure that has served as cathedral, mosque, and museum over the course of its long life, before stepping inside Topkapi Palace and Harem, where the Ottoman Sultans once held court. Then, continue to the 17th-century Blue Mosque with its cascade of domes and slender minarets, followed by the Hippodrome, once the roaring heart of the Roman Empire. Istanbul's legendary traffic is very much part of the experience — patience is its own reward here. (B)

Day 13: Istanbul This morning, a Bosphorus cruise carries you between Europe and Asia as the city's skyline — minarets, bridges, and waterfront palaces — unfolds on either side. Spend some time in the city's Golden Horn district, visiting the Spice Market for some free time. The rest of the afternoon is yours. Visit the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Art, with its extraordinary collection of woven carpets dating to the Ottoman Empire, or treat yourself to an optional *hammam*, an authentic Turkish scrub and foam bath in a historic bathhouse. This evening, the group gathers for a farewell dinner of Ottoman-inspired dishes. (B, D)

Day 14: Istanbul - Tour Ends Your journey comes to a close today. (B)

Arrival: Izmir (ADB) **Departure:** Istanbul (IST)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	En Hotel, Izmir
Days 5, 6	Arp Hotel, Dalyan
Day 7	Bayir Diamond Hotel, Konya
Days 8 – 10	Barcelo Hotel, Cappadocia
Days 11 – 13	Burdock Hotel, Istanbul

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Izmir • Pre-Night Stay

Istanbul • Post-Night Stay

Çanakkale • Post-Tour Guided Extension
3 Nights, Starting at $2,055† pp
Trace the footsteps of history from ancient Troy and Gallipoli to vibrant Istanbul, blending legendary ruins, poignant heritage sites, and a local wine tasting.

†Additional air segment purchase required.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Gems of Greece: Athens, Naxos & Crete

Small Group

14 DAYS • 21 MEALS • STARTING AT $8,999

Naxos

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$8,999 (DOUBLE)** or **$11,399 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on July 17, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

April – June 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Explore the traditions of Naxos, the largest of the Cyclades islands, where families go back generations.
- Step inside Shedia Home, a café and artists' workshop in Athens that supports its community.
- Cook with locals in Archanes during a class at a co-op café.
- Cruise from Naxos and sail among the Small Cyclades islands.
- Go inside the Acropolis in Athens and the Acropolis Museum to experience history.
- Explore the ruins of Knossos Palace, a centre of Minoan civilization and legend.
- Experience Greek folk traditions during a Cretan *taverna* dinner with dancing.
- Taste the local *Kitron*, a liqueur only produced on the Greek island of Naxos.

Day 1: Overnight Flight You're on your way to Greece. Anticipation builds for days shaped by sunlit seas, ancient stories, and the easy rhythm of Mediterranean life, unfolding from the historic capital to the islands scattered across the Aegean.

Day 2: Athens, Greece Arrive in Athens, Greece's sun-washed capital and the birthplace of democracy. As you settle in, the city begins to unfold around you — café tables buzzing, neighbourhood streets alive with daily rhythms, and the Acropolis rising steadily above it all. As arrival times will vary, no sightseeing is scheduled for the afternoon. Early this evening, gather for a briefing that sets the tone for the journey ahead. Then, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Athens This morning, take in Athens on a panoramic tour that weaves together centuries of history through the city's most iconic landmarks. Step inside the Acropolis Museum for a guided visit, where artifacts uncovered from the sacred hill offer powerful insight into ancient life, all with views of the Acropolis just beyond the glass. By afternoon, wander Plaka, the neighbourhood tucked beneath the Acropolis, where inviting cafés and shops line winding streets. Choose a spot for lunch on your own and linger as the city hums around you. From 3:00 p.m. onward, the rest of the day is yours to explore. (B)

Day 4: Athens This morning, get an up-close look at the Acropolis, where monuments that shaped Western civilization still stand watch over Athens. Walk alongside the Parthenon on a guided tour of the archaeological complex, surrounded by layers of ancient history. Later, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** at a community-minded café and workshop that supports individuals who have overcome homelessness and rebuilt their lives through meaningful work and creative expression. After lunch at the café, from 3:00 p.m. onward, the rest of the day is yours to explore Athens at your own pace. (B, L)

Day 5: Athens - Naxos Rise and shine! It's an early start today as you climb aboard a ferry, luggage in hand, en route for Naxos. The Aegean stretches endlessly around you as islands slip past along the way. Arrive on the largest of the Cyclades, known for its self-sustaining traditions and fertile landscapes. Upon arrival, see Naxos's emblem, the monumental marble Portara standing watch over the harbour. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own before settling into your hotel. This evening, gather for dinner at a nearby restaurant in Chora, Naxos Town. (B, D)

Crete

Knossos Palace

Arrival: Athens (ATH) **Departure:** Athens (ATH)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Holiday Suites Boutique Hotel, Athens
Days 5 – 7	Galaxy Hotel, Naxos
Days 8, 9	Olive Green Hotel, Heraklion
Days 10 – 12	Samaria Hotel, Chania
Day 13	Holiday Suites Boutique Hotel, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Athens • Pre- or Post-Night Stay

Day 6: Naxos - Lesser Cyclades - Naxos This morning, board a sailboat for a full-day cruise that reveals the coastline of Naxos and the neighbouring Lesser Cyclades. Glide along the island's eastern shore before arriving at Kato Koufonisi for a swim stop. Savour a Greek barbecue lunch onboard with local wines and cool off with a swim in the Aegean. Continue to Ano Koufonisi to wander its beaches and village paths, then sail toward Rina Cave for a final stop along the coast. By evening, return to your Naxos hotel to unwind after a windswept day at sea. (B, L)

Day 7: Naxos Leave the coast behind today and head into the mountain villages of Naxos. Visit Halki, the island's former capital, where stone mansions and quiet lanes reflect another era. Continue to Apiranthos, a hilltop village where daily life moves at an unhurried rhythm. After returning to your hotel for downtime, enjoy a private evening at a third-generation family-owned distillery, sampling local spirits including *Kitron*, a liqueur found only on Naxos, paired with small bites as you learn about the distillation process. (B)

Day 8: Naxos - Heraklion, Crete Enjoy a relaxing morning before leaving Naxos behind. Later this afternoon, with your suitcase in hand, board the ferry bound for Heraklion. Once aboard, settle in for the crossing as Crete comes into view — Greece's largest island and a world unto itself. This evening, get your first taste of Cretan cooking with dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Heraklion Walk through Lion's Square this morning, the beating heart of Heraklion, before heading to Knossos Palace for a guided visit. Among the ruins of this former Minoan centre, legends and daily life intertwine, including the myth of King Minos and the Minotaur's labyrinth. As you travel through the countryside, olive groves stretch across the landscape, a constant presence since Minoan times. In Archanes, visit a women's cooperative café for an exclusive hands-on cooking class rooted in traditional Cretan dishes followed by lunch. The afternoon and evening are at leisure. (B, L)

Day 10: Heraklion - Rethymnon - Chania Travel west toward Chania today, stopping along the way in Margarites, a village known for its long pottery tradition. Visit the only workshop that blends modern methods with wood-fired techniques and watch a demonstration before browsing handcrafted pieces. Continue to Rethymnon and enjoy free time for lunch in its old town. By evening, arrive in Chania and gather for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Chania - Kolymvari - Vouves - Chania This morning, during a private tour, step into the heart of Cretan life at a family-run olive mill, where olives are more than a crop — they are history, identity, and daily sustenance. Learn how generations have cultivated, harvested, and pressed olives into oil that anchors Cretan cooking and culture. Taste several expressions of Crete's renowned olive oil before sitting down for a paired lunch prepared with seasonal, locally sourced ingredients that let the oil take centre stage. Continue to Vouves to see the world's oldest olive tree, a living monument estimated to be 2,000 to 4,000 years old. Back in Chania, the rest of the day is yours. Follow your curiosity to the old Venetian Harbor, built in the 14th century, or maybe linger over Greek coffee or a local pastry along its narrow streets. (B, L)

Day 12: Chania Today, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Visit the Archaeological Museum of Chania to explore its collections on your own **-OR-** join a guided tour of the archaeological site of Aptera. The afternoon is yours to enjoy Chania at your own pace. This evening, tap into the rhythm of Chania when you attend a traditional Cretan folk dance performance during dinner with your fellow travellers. To top it all off, enjoy a lively dance lesson so you can really move to the Cretan beat. (B, D)

Day 13: Chania - Athens A short flight brings you back to Athens this morning. Spend the afternoon soaking up the city's energy or fitting in last-minute shopping. This evening, gather for drinks and light fare as you toast to the journey, taking in one final view of the Acropolis glowing against the night sky. (B)

Day 14: Athens - Tour Ends Your tour of Greece's gems ends today. (B)

NORTH AMERICA

The Yukon, Canada

An Arctic Icon, Up Close

Just outside Palmer, Alaska's pastoral Matanuska Valley is home to a lively herd of more than 70 musk oxen. Tour the picturesque nonprofit Musk Ox Farm and learn how its sustainable domestication program has helped protect these woolly creatures and raise awareness of them since 1954. Meet the herd on **Alaska's Northern Lights**.

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Where Giants Swim

Set out with a naturalist into Québec's whale-rich waters, where some of nature's most spectacular visitors gather. Watch for a distant spout on the horizon or the thrill of a closer encounter as you learn about the ecosystem that sustains these marine giants. It's an unforgettable glimpse of the natural world on **Charms of Québec**.

Turn to page 162 to read more.

NEW TOUR

Northwest Uncovered: Sun Valley & Yellowstone

featuring Bozeman, Boise & Hells Canyon

10 DAYS • 16 MEALS • STARTING AT $8,249

Small Group

Sun Valley

EXPLORATIONS

Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$8,249 (DOUBLE)** or **$10,449 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on May 20, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

May – October 2027

HIGHLIGHTS

Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful, Sun Valley Resort, Basque Dinner, Hells Canyon Jetboat Ride, Nez Perce Cultural Experience, Vineyard Dinner & Wine Tasting

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Explore Boise's Basque community with a visit to a historic boarding house and museum.
- Enjoy a wine tasting and dinner in the Walla Walla Valley.
- Immerse yourself in the Nimiipuu Culture with a Nez Perce cultural experience.
- Visit Yellowstone National Park, home to the famous Old Faithful Geyser.
- Marvel at the dazzling scenery of Hells Canyon, America's deepest canyon.
- Spend two nights at the historic Sun Valley Resort.
- Experience an authentic Basque dinner in Boise.

Day 1: Bozeman, Montana - Tour Begins Welcome to Big Sky Country. Your adventure kicks off in Bozeman, Montana — a vibrant mountain town nestled beneath expansive skies and rugged peaks. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and take some time to unwind or start exploring this charming Western gateway at your own pace. Wander through downtown Bozeman, where historic storefronts, craft breweries, and mountain-inspired dining create the perfect introduction to the region's unique character. As traveller arrival times vary, no group activities or meals are planned. Tonight, settle in and get ready for an unforgettable adventure into the heart of America's first national park.

Day 2: Bozeman - Yellowstone National Park Today, immerse yourself in the iconic wonders of Yellowstone. Discover its legendary scenery, from forested valleys and roaming wildlife to mesmerizing geothermal marvels. As evening approaches, head to Roosevelt Corrals for an authentic Old West Dinner Cookout, where hearty fare and western hospitality await. Under a canopy of stars with echoes of frontier history, this evening captures the spirit of the American West. (B, D)

Day 3: Yellowstone National Park Wake up to the unparalleled experience of staying within Yellowstone National Park, where the natural world sets the pace. Stand in awe before the vivid colors of Grand Prismatic Spring, the largest hot spring in the United States, where steam and mineral-rich waters paint a surreal landscape. Later, feel the thrill as Old Faithful erupts, a breathtaking display of nature's power and precision. This afternoon enjoy a scenic drive and wildlife viewing opportunities in this geothermal wonderland. (B)

Day 4: Yellowstone National Park - Sun Valley, Idaho Bid farewell to Yellowstone as the journey winds through sweeping western scenery en route to Sun Valley, Idaho, a mountain resort with a storied past. Since its founding in the 1930s, the Sun Valley Resort has set the standard for alpine elegance, evolving into a legendary resort favoured by generations of cultural icons and winter sport champions. This evening, gather for dinner at Sun Valley Resort, overlooking the famous outdoor ice rink once graced by Olympic legends. Surrounded by alpine elegance and fresh mountain air, the evening sets the tone for your stay in this legendary destination. (B, D)

Day 5: Sun Valley Discover the charm and heritage of Sun Valley during a

Hells Canyon

Nez Perce

locally guided history tour, learning how this mountain retreat became a playground for artists, athletes, and celebrities. In the afternoon, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** — pick one activity or choose them all! Design your day at this iconic resort — lace up your skates at the historic ice rink **-OR-** enjoy a round of bowling **-OR-** catch a film at the Opera House **-OR-** or unwind with a game at the Sawtooth Putting Course. It's a delightful mix of leisure, history, and personal discovery. (B)

Day 6: Sun Valley - Boise Travel from the mountains to Idaho's capital city, stopping at breathtaking Shoshone Falls, often called the "Niagara of the West." In Boise, explore a distinctive cultural legacy shaped by immigrants from the Pyrenees region of northern Spain and southern France with a visit to the Basque Museum, home to one of the largest Basque communities in the United States. This evening, enjoy a traditional Basque dinner that reflects the culture's deep emphasis on shared meals, hospitality, and time-honoured customs. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Boise - Lewiston Journey north through changing terrain with a stop in the charming lakeside town of McCall, nestled along Payette Lake. Enjoy time to explore, relax, or take in the fresh mountain air before continuing to Lewiston, located at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers. The evening is yours to unwind after a scenic day of travel. (B)

Day 8: Lewiston Experience the thrill of a private Hells Canyon jetboat tour, cruising through North America's deepest river gorge while learning about its geology, wildlife, and frontier history. Later, deepen your understanding of the region during an **IMPACT MOMENT** with a Nez Perce Cultural Experience that offers insight into the traditions and resilience of the Nez Perce people. Conclude your day in memorable fashion with a private dinner at a vineyard, featuring a wine tasting amid rolling vineyards and river views. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Lewiston - Spokane, Washington Travel into Washington State en route to Spokane, where a guided city tour reveals historic districts, riverfront scenery, and architectural gems. Tonight, stay at the legendary Davenport Hotel, where timeless elegance and modern luxury define Spokane hospitality. Gather for a farewell dinner at the hotel's elegant restaurant as you reflect on the remarkable country and cultures explored along the way. (B, D)

Day 10: Spokane - Tour Ends Your journey through the American West comes to a close today as you depart Spokane. Reflect on the scenery, people, and unforgettable moments that defined this adventure — from geothermal wonders and canyon rivers to mountain towns and living traditions. Depart for home with lasting memories and stories to share. (B)

Arrival: Bozeman (BZN) **Departure:** Spokane (GEG)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	AC Hotel Bozeman Downtown, Bozeman, MT
Days 2, 3	Yellowstone National Park Lodges, Yellowstone National Park
Days 4, 5	Sun Valley Inn, Sun Valley, ID
Day 6	The Grove Hotel, Boise, ID
Days 7, 8	Hells Canyon Grand Hotel, Lewiston, ID
Day 9	Davenport Hotel, Autograph Collection, Spokane, WA

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Bozeman · Pre-Night Stay

Spokane · Post-Night Stay

Yellowstone

Montana: Exploring Big Sky Country
featuring Yellowstone & Glacier National Parks

10 DAYS • 14 MEALS • STARTING AT $9,349

Small Group

Glacier National Park

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **3** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$9,349 (DOUBLE)** or **$11,799 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on September 9, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

June – September 2027 (featured itinerary – see note*)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Yellowstone, Old Faithful, Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone Grand Canyon, Gates of the Mountains, Glacier National Park, Going-to-the-Sun Road

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Explore both the Northern and Southern Loops of Yellowstone National Park.
- Sample traditional food of the Kootenai people.
- Learn about Native American culture on the Flathead Reservation.
- Cruise along Lewis and Clark's famous trail through the Gates of the Mountains.
- Explore the wild beauty of Glacier National Park.
- Take a horsedrawn wagon to a cowboy cookout.
- Spend time in the picturesque town of Whitefish.
- Dig into a mouth-watering barbeque dinner.

Day 1: Bozeman, Montan Step outside, take a deep breath in, and look around you — you're in big sky country. Montana is wilderness, adventure, and beauty, and you're about to see what makes it unique. Today, arrive in Bozeman, the jumping off point to explore the northern and southern loops of Yellowstone, America's first national park. As travellers' arrival times vary, there is no included sightseeing today. Tonight enjoy Bozeman's western charm and dinner on your own.

Day 2: Bozeman - Yellowstone Southern Loop - Pray This morning, pass through Yellowstone's northern gate and venture into the Lower Loop, the road that encircles the entire lower half of the National Park. Your first stop will be at the Grand Prismatic Spring, where steaming azure-blue waters clash brilliantly with the bright orange of the clay earth surrounding it. You'll quickly learn why this is one of the most photographed spots in the entire park — its unearthly beauty is something to behold. The best spot to take it all in is at the overlook, and you'll have enough time to take the 20-minute hike up if you choose. Afterwards, head to Old Faithful, the legendary geyser that you can "set your watch to." Enjoy lunch on your own, walk the boardwalk trails surrounding Old Faithful, and check the time on the next eruption. No drive through Yellowstone is that quiet, though — you'll want to gaze out your window at the mountains, plains, cliffs, and forests. Bison, elk, bears, eagles, wolves, and antelope call this incredible slice of wilderness their home, and you might spot them at any time. (B, D)

Day 3: Pray - Yellowstone Northern Loop - Pray Today, explore Yellowstone's northern loop. Your first stop will be Mammoth Hot Springs. Here, bubbling pots of geothermal water trickle down the step-like terraces, creating incredible shapes and colours. Explore the boardwalks that wind through the steaming landscape. Next, head to the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone lookout, where you'll find yourself standing over the massive, 20-mile-long canyon. Its craggy walls are streaked with brilliant whites, pinks, and oranges from the volcanic minerals contained in the rocks. The Yellowstone River roars along at the bottom over three different waterfalls. Later today, return to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Pray - Paradise Valley - Helena This morning, head through the sweeping vistas of Montana's Paradise Valley. In the distance, you'll

Mammoth Hot Springs

see the Absaroka Beartooth Mountains to the east, and the Gallatin Range of the Rocky Mountains to your west. You'll arrive in the capital of Montana, Helena, a city with rich gold rush history and beautiful Victorian era architecture. These days, the "Queen City of the Rockies" is less known for gold and more known for its great local restaurants and microbreweries, as well as a stunning trail system in the surrounding landscape. Tonight we head into the backcountry in horsedrawn wagons for a cowboy cookout and some local entertainment. (B, D)

Day 5: Helena - Gates of the Mountains - Helena Start your day with a local guide showing you around the beautiful and welcoming mountain city of Helena on a narrated, train trolley tour. See the opulent mansion district, marvel at the Cathedral of St. Helena, and roll by governor's homes. Pass by a restored miners' village, enjoy the unique architecture along Last Chance Gulch, and catch a glimpse of the Old Fire Tower. After exploring the city a bit, you'll have time on your own to enjoy the charm of downtown Helena before heading to the Gates of the Mountains. Here, on the shores of the Missouri River, you'll follow in the footsteps of the most renowned explorers in American history — Lewis and Clark. Climb aboard a boat and cruise these storied waters, follow the path Lewis and Clark took on their legendary journey across this vast wilderness, and take in the natural beauty. Meriwether Lewis himself named this stunning canyon the Gates of the Mountains, and you'll discover just how it must have felt to come across this awe-inspiring sight. Tonight, return to Helena for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 6: Helena - Great Falls - St. Mary Today, venture to Great Falls, where the mighty Missouri River thunders down from the Rocky Mountains over five waterfalls to the great plains below. This was a massive obstacle for Lewis and Clark's expedition in 1805. They had to carry their boats over land for a month to make it from the lower falls to the upper falls. You will not have to work that hard, because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Visit the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center where you can learn about the trials of the legendary expedition **-OR-** explore the exhibits at the C.M. Russell Art Museum during a self-guided tour, where you'll see the art of Charles Russell, a cowboy-turned-artist from the turn of the century, as well as his original home and log studio. Afterwards, continue to St. Mary, the eastern entryway to Glacier National Park. (B)

Day 7: Glacier National Park - Going-to-the-Sun Road - Whitefish Head into Glacier National Park to board one of the 1930s vintage red buses and venture down one of the most breathtaking roads in North America, Going-to-the-Sun Road. Sit back and admire the views of the valley as your "jammer," one of the experienced guides, drives you through this natural landscape. Relax and take in all the majestic sights before heading to the town of Whitefish where forests, lakes, rivers, and mountains unfold in every direction. (B, L)

Day 8: Whitefish This morning, enjoy some leisure time in the quaint, picturesque town of Whitefish. Always listed as one of America's 25 prettiest towns, indulge yourself with time to stroll around, do some shopping, or just relax. Perhaps you'll stop for lunch at one of the great restaurants found along Central Avenue or buy some Huckleberry jam from a local shop. A true favourite in Montana, huckleberries can be found in snacks, drinks, candy, and more. Your morning leads into an adventurous afternoon, because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Grab a paddle and get ready for a white-water rafting adventure **-OR-** take the calmer, scenic route on a float down the Flathead River. No matter which style river journey you choose, the awe-inspiring views of Glacier National Park await. Tonight, tell tales about your river escapades while sitting down for a mouth-watering barbeque dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Whitefish - Flathead Lake - Missoula Depart Whitefish and drive south, journeying along the western edge of beautiful Flathead Lake. Carved by the ancient glaciers that give Glacier National Park its name, Flathead Lake stretches almost 200 square miles. Quaint, small towns dot the shores here, built with the beautiful backdrop of nature behind them. You might even spot some orchards growing Flathead cherries. Encompassing most of the lake is the Flathead Reservation, home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation. At one point, these tribes had territories that stretched out of Montana and into Idaho, British Columbia, and Wyoming. The Hellgate Treaty of 1855 set aside Flathead Lake for the tribes, reducing their lands to a fraction of what it once was. Tribal land was once again shrunk in 1904 by over half a million acres. Despite all of this, the Tribal way of life continues on to this day, passed down from elders to children through a rich oral and spiritual tradition. Get a glimpse into these traditions when you meet a descendant of the last Kootenai chief, and learn about the importance of the land in native life. Then, experience an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the Smokejumper Visitor Center to learn about the heroes who fight fires in North America. This evening, enjoy a memorable farewell dinner with your fellow travellers, where you can raise a glass and toast to a wildly fun Montana adventure. (B, D)

Day 10: Missoula - Tour Ends Say goodbye to Big Sky Country and its beautiful sights as you head home. (B)

Arrival: Bozeman (BZN) **Departure:** Missoula (MSO)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	AC Hotel Downtown, Bozeman
Days 2, 3	Chico Hot Springs Resort, Pray
Days 4, 5	Best Western Premier Helena Great Northern Hotel, Helena
Day 6	Great Bear Lodge at St. Mary Village, St. Mary
Days 7, 8	Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish
Day 9	Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown, Missoula

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Bozeman · Pre-Night Stay

Missoula · Post-Night Stay

Roaming Coastal Maine
featuring Portland, Acadia & Penobscot Bay

7 DAYS • 9 MEALS • STARTING AT $5,249

Small Group

Bar Harbor

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **2** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$5,249 (DOUBLE)** or **$6,599 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on June 20, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

October 2026 (different itinerary – see note*)

May – October 2027 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Portland Head Lighthouse, Portland Harbor Cruise, Oyster Farm, Acadia National Park, Lobster Boat Cruise, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Hop on a trolley tour of Portland and see the picturesque Portland Head Light, Maine's oldest lighthouse.
- Visit the quaint town of Camden and admire the quintessential New England harbour.
- Learn about the people behind some of Maine's specialties during a fun and informative tasting.
- Stroll through stunning nature at Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens.
- View Portland's Old Port and iconic lighthouses from the sea on a harbour cruise.
- Tour an oyster farm before digging into the local delicacies.
- Enjoy a rustic New England lunch at a traditional Maine lobster shack.
- Lose yourself in the natural beauty of Acadia National Park.
- Watch as traps are hauled from the ocean onto a working lobster boat.

Day 1: Portland, Maine Welcome to Maine, a "Vacationland" of intricate coastlines and all-encompassing natural beauty that serves as the perfect getaway. From charming towns and scenic ocean overlooks to oyster shucking and lobster hauling, experience the best of this New England retreat. Due to varied arrival times, there are no scheduled activities today and dinner will be on your own.

Day 2: Portland Discover the essence of this vibrant harbour city by means of a true New England classic — a trolley. From the opulent Victoria Mansion to the hum of the Old Port, your guide will introduce you to Portland's hidden gems. Trade in the charming streets of the city for the rugged coastline, stopping at the picturesque Portland Head Light. After some free time for lunch, experience the view from the sea of the iconic lighthouses and sights of the harbour on a scenic cruise. Tonight, dine at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

Day 3: Portland - Camden - Bar Harbor This morning, get an intimate look with an exclusive visit to a working oyster farm and learn how to dig into these local delicacies with an oyster shucking demonstration. Then, head to Camden for some time at leisure and lunch on your own. This quintessential Maine town is home to the annual National Toboggan Championships and boasts many storefronts and 19th-century homes. Later, arrive in Bar Harbor, an iconic 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 on a privately guided tour. Admire the striking mountains, towering forests, and rocky shorelines as you drive along scenic Park Loop Road with a local guide. Take in the sweeping views from the summit of Cadillac Mountain. Then, dive into the cuisine and culture of Maine when you join a local lobsterman on a lobster boat. See how lobster traps are retrieved from the ocean and watch the cages get pulled to the surface. Tonight is yours to explore Bar Harbor on your own. (B)

Day 5: Bar Harbor - Freeport Today, your scenic journey takes you back down the Maine coast. Stop at a lobster shack for a casual New England lunch featuring a must-try local favourite,

Acadia National Park

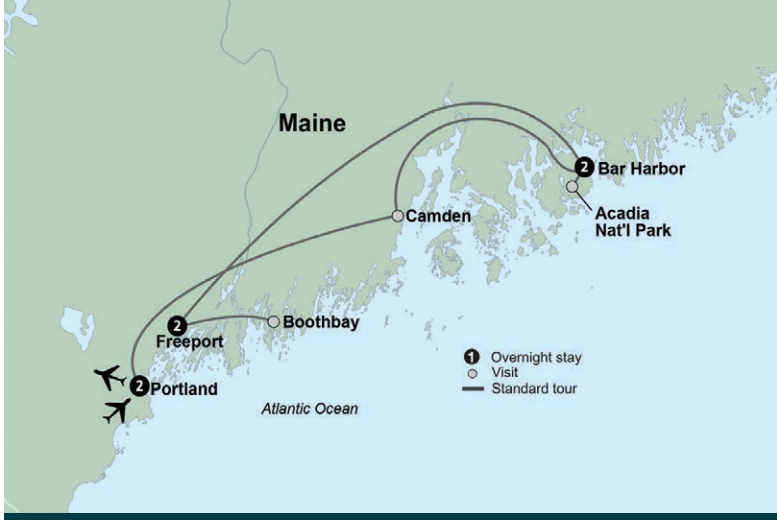
Portland Head Lighthouse

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

the Maine lobster roll. Next, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** between two local museums. Explore Maine's role in American art at the Farnsworth Art Museum **-OR-** discover antique automobiles and more at the Owls Head Transportation Museum. Then, treat your palate again during an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the Maine Tasting Center. Here, try a variety of Maine's iconic foods such as blueberries, seaweed, potatoes, and more during a private, guided tasting, and learn about the hardworking locals behind these specialties. Later, arrive in Freeport, your home for the next two nights. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 6: Freeport - Boothbay - Freeport This morning, enter the natural wonderland of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, nearly 300 acres of grassy fields and woodland trails overflowing with floral hues. Join a local expert for an informative walk-through or perhaps, if you're feeling more active, go on a self-guided hike to find the giant hidden trolls in the garden's wooded trails. These magical trolls stand up to 9 metres tall and were constructed using recycled wood. This afternoon, enjoy some free time in Boothbay browsing this quaint, seaside town's cute shops and restaurants. Tonight, toast to the end of your trip and bid Maine farewell over dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Freeport - Tour Ends Your tour of coastal Maine comes to a close today. (B)



Arrival: Portland (PWM) **Departure:** Portland (PWM)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Days 1, 2 Hyatt Place Portland Old Port, Portland

Days 3, 4 Bar Harbor Grand Hotel, Bar Harbor

Days 5, 6 Harraseeket Inn, Freeport

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

6 Breakfasts (B) · 1 Lunch (L) · 2 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Portland · Pre-Night Stay

Freeport · Post-Night Stay

Oyster Farmer

Alaska's Northern Lights

7 DAYS • 11 MEALS • STARTING AT $6,299

Small Group

Northern Lights

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **4** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$6,299 (DOUBLE)** or **$7,549 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on March 20, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

February – March 2027 (featured itinerary)

Itinerary featured is for February – March 2027. Departures after this date may vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

HIGHLIGHTS

Northern Lights Excursions, Winter Glacier Cruise, Prince William Sound, Alaska Railroad, Dog Mushing

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Hop in a sled and experience dog mushing like a local.
- Search for the northern lights in Fairbanks' star-filled sky.
- Visit Musk Ox Farm and learn about the sustainable domestication project.
- Peruse antique cars and glamorous fashions of the past at the Antique Auto Museum.
- Pass by floating glaciers and playful otters on a winter glacier cruise in Prince William Sound.
- Enjoy a scenic ride from Talkeetna to Fairbanks via Alaska Railroad.
- Enjoy a taste of wild Alaskan salmon.
- Learn all about the Iditarod as you dine on the property of a legendary racing kennel.

Day 1: Anchorage, Alaska Your journey starts in Anchorage, a city on the edge of the snowcapped Chugach Mountains and 60 sparkling glaciers. This is your gateway to wilderness and adventure. Due to varied arrivals, there are no group activities planned for today, so enjoy a chance to explore and have dinner on your own.

Day 2: Anchorage - Winter Glacier Cruise - Anchorage Head to Whittier and embark on an incomparable glacier cruise of Prince William Sound, narrated by an expert guide. Blue skies collide with stark white glaciers, and playful otters dip in and out of the calm waters. Embrace the sheer magnitude of Alaska's natural beauty as you venture through a geological wonderland. Feel like a true explorer during a beach landing. In the evening, gather with new friends for a welcome dinner in a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Anchorage - Palmer - Talkeetna Take a step into the past when you visit Musk Ox Farm. Learn about the Musk Ox project – a sustainable domestication effort that has worked to preserve, protect, and increase awareness for these wooly creatures since 1954. Continue on to Talkeetna as Denali, North America's tallest mountain, looms large over the landscape. Perhaps you will take an optional flightseeing tour and experience a breathtaking perspective of Denali (weather permitting). Check into the iconic Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, perched on a ridge offering unforgettable views of Denali (when conditions allow). Later, perhaps you will spend some time on the lodge's expansive deck, a great place to search for the northern lights, or just enjoy some hot cocoa by the roaring fireplace in the great room. (B, D)

Day 4: Talkeetna - Alaska Railroad - Fairbanks Begin your day with a lecture on the down-to-earth Alaskan lifestyle before hopping on Alaska Railroad's Aurora Winter Train for a full-day journey to Fairbanks. Sit back and relax as you are whisked away through snow-covered mountains and striking valleys. Have your cameras ready – the train conductor will point out wildlife as you pass by. Dinner is included in the train's dining car. This evening you arrive in Fairbanks, your home for the next three nights and one of the best places in Alaska to see the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 5: Fairbanks Enjoy a full day at leisure in the city of Fairbanks.

Dog Mushing

Prince William Sound Glacier Cruise

Denali Flightseeing

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 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 and pose for a perfect souvenir snapshot. In the afternoon, embrace the Iditarod spirit as you step into a sled with an expert guide and glide over the snow with a pack of sled dogs. Stay for dinner at the kennel owner's home and learn more about what the life of a musher is like. Later in the evening, enjoy a final chance to spot the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 7: Fairbanks - Tour Ends Enjoy a relaxing morning before heading to the Museum of the North, the University of Alaska's collection featuring 2.2 million years of biodiversity and thousands of years of human history. The remainder of your day is at leisure. Your hotel room is available for your use whether your flight is today, tonight, or tomorrow morning. (B)

Arrival: Anchorage (ANC) **Departure:** Fairbanks (FAI)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Days 1, 2	Hilton Anchorage, Anchorage
Day 3	Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Talkeetna
Days 4 – 6	Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Anchorage • Pre-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Alaska Railroad

Charms of Québec
A Journey through Montreal, Charlevoix & Québec City

8 DAYS • 10 MEALS • STARTING AT $6,199

Small Group

Québec City

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **2** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$6,199 (DOUBLE)** or **$7,749 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date. Prices based on August 13, 2027 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

October 2026 (different itinerary – see note*)

May – October 2027 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, First Nations Breakfast & Discussion, Whale-Watching Zodiac Expedition, Montmorency Falls, Tasting Tour of Île de Orléans

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- At the family-run Albert Gilles Copper Art Studio and Museum, encounter stunning works of hand-embossed copper.
- Learn about the ancestral tradition of maple syrup-making and the stories of a First Nation during an Indigenous-inspired breakfast.
- Set out on a Zodiac whale-watching expedition in the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park.
- Taste your way through the terroir of Île d'Orléans on a progressive culinary adventure.
- Learn about the production of lavender, an emblem of French culture, and savour some lavender-infused delights.
- Soak in Québec City's charms and the unmissable sight of Château Frontenac.

Day 1: Montreal, Québec Welcome to Montreal. This lively multicultural city is rich in history and European charm. An in-depth exploration of the vibrant, French-speaking province of Québec kicks off in this exciting, modern hub. As flights arrive throughout the afternoon and evening, there will be no inclusions, so you can take time to explore Montreal on your own.

Day 2: Montreal Start your day with a panoramic tour of Montreal. Take in the sights of the city, including Jacques Cartier Square, McGill University and some of the city's unique neighbourhoods, old and new. Top it off with spectacular views from "the mountain" as it's called by locals, named Mount Royal by Jacques Cartier in 1535. The afternoon is yours. Sit in a sidewalk café, visit a museum, or browse some of the city's many famous shops. This evening, experience a taste of Montreal during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 3: Montreal - La Malbaie, Charlevoix Region This morning, head to First Nations reserve, Kahnawà:ke. Enjoy a simple, Indigenous-inspired breakfast complete with fresh maple syrup! The practice of tapping maple trees has ancient roots from the Indigenous peoples of North America and has resurged as an important connection to nature and ancestral traditions. Get a glimpse into the resilience and traditions of this Mohawk Nation over an exclusive discussion with a community member. Next, visit the only studio in North America still producing embossed copper art by hand. During a visit to the family-run Albert Gilles Copper Art Studio and Museum, learn about this disappearing artform, see a demonstration of the detailed work, and enjoy a treat cooked in unique copper molds. Next, it's on to Sanctuaire Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, the oldest pilgrimage site in North America. Set off for Charlevoix, a picturesque region sculpted between the sea and mountains. Arrive at Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, a serene and historic castle-like hotel overlooking the St. Lawrence River – and your home for two nights. (B)

Day 4: La Malbaie - Baie Sainte Catherine - La Malbaie Today, take to the water aboard a large Zodiac boat for an exhilarating whale-watching expedition. Embrace nature all around you in the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park and set out to encounter the fascinating and majestic creatures here. A naturalist guide will introduce you to the many species that reside in this marine protected area, like minke whales, fin whales, humpback whales,

Copper Art

Whale Watch

porpoises, and belugas. Then, the remainder of the day is at leisure to take advantage of your resort's many amenities. Maybe you'll relax at the spa, hit the golf course, or hike along the property's trails. This evening, enjoy an included dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Charlevoix Region - Baie-Saint-Paul - Québec City Begin the day with a private visit to Papeterie Saint-Gilles, a workshop and economuseum where craftsmen make paper as they did in the 17th century. During this **IMPACT MOMENT**, connect with artisans who preserve this piece of heritage through the craft of pressing paper made from cotton. Next, head to a family-owned lavender farm to learn about the production of the cherished herbal plant and enjoy a taste of some lavender treats. Finally, around 4:00 p.m., arrive in historic Québec City, the cradle of French America and North America's only fortified city. (B)

Day 6: Québec City This morning, set out to explore the city your way, because **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Join a local guide for a walking tour and stroll the history-filled streets of Old Québec, hearing stories of days gone by **-OR-** embark on a panoramic coach tour to experience the beauty and history of both Old and New Québec, seeing the provincial Parliament, the Saint-Louis Gate, and the site of the original settlement of the city. Then, the afternoon is yours to explore however you wish. Old Québec's winding streets and old-world European ambiance call. Maybe you'll meander beside the fabulous Château Frontenac and descend to Lower Town to visit the boutiques and cafés in Petit-Champlain. Or choose to join an optional tour to explore Indigenous history and culture at the Huron Wendat First Nations Museum and sample First Nations flavours over lunch. (B)

Day 7: Québec City - Île d'Orléans - Québec City Today, at Montmorency Falls, stand in awe of the river plunging 272 feet off the Canadian Shield (approximately 100 feet higher than Niagara Falls), taking in stunning views from the many lookout points. Then, you're off for a culinary adventure to taste your way through Île d'Orléans. One of the first areas of the province to be colonized by the French, the island is known for its ancestral homes, agriculture, and breathtaking scenery. Stop to sample a variety of regional products and seasonal delights, with chances to meet local producers along the way. Travel down the island's coast to a vineyard to enjoy a winery tour and wine tasting paired with beautiful views of the island's greenery.

Arrival: Montreal (YUL) **Departure:** Québec (YQB)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Days 1, 2 Le Centre Sheraton Montreal Hotel, Montreal

Days 3, 4 Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, Charlevoix

Days 5 – 7 Hôtel Clarendon, Québec City

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

7 Breakfasts (B) · 3 Dinners (D)

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Montreal · Pre-Night Stay

Québec City · Post-Night Stay

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

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

Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu

Return to Québec City for a little bit of down time before gathering to say *au revoir* to your time in Québec during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Québec City - Tour Ends
Your tour of the charming Canadian province of Québec comes to a close today. (B)

NEW TOUR

Aurora Adventure

Winter in the Canadian Rockies & the Yukon

10 DAYS • 14 MEALS • STARTING AT $9,349

Small Group

Northern Lights

EXPLORATIONS Average Group Size: **19** • Tour Activity Level: **4** *(see page 170 for details)*

PRICING

Starting at **$9,349 (DOUBLE)** or **$11,549 (SOLO)**

Pricing is per person, land only, varies by departure date, and includes on-tour air. Prices based on March 19, 2028 departure. All rates in Canadian dollars.

TOUR DATES

November 2026 – March 2027 (different itinerary – see note*)

November 2027 – March 2028 (featured itinerary)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary, Lake Louise, Banff National Park, Banff Gondola, Northern Lights Searches in Whitehorse, Yukon Wildlife Preserve, Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs, Dog Mushing Excursion, Vancouver

FEATURED EXPERIENCES

- Relax in the therapeutic hot springs of Whitehorse, surrounded by the Boreal Forest.
- Learn about rescued wolfdogs at a sanctuary devoted to their well-being.
- Experience the thrill of dogsledding in the Yukon and the life of a musher.
- Enjoy a 2-night stay at the legendary Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Canada's "Castle in the Rockies."
- Admire the grandeur of Lake Louise surrounded by snowcapped peaks.
- Search for the northern lights in the Yukon's star-filled sky.
- Enjoy a private dinner at Sky High Wilderness Ranch on First Nation land.
- Dine under the moon and stars atop Sulphur Mountain, overlooking Banff.

Day 1: Calgary, Alberta A winter adventure spanning the soaring majesty of the Canadian Rockies and the brilliance of the Yukon sets the stage for unforgettable encounters with local cultures and the beauty of nature. As you arrive in Calgary, in the province of Alberta, take time to settle in and explore at your own pace. There are no scheduled activities or included meals today, giving you time to unwind and get ready for the breathtaking days ahead.

Day 2: Calgary - Canmore - Lake Louise Your journey into the heart of the Canadian Rockies begins with an **IMPACT MOMENT** at the Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary. Here, rescued wolfdogs find safety, care, and fulfilling lives. Learn about the sanctuary's mission to promote understanding of wolfdogs and wild wolf conservation during an up-close experience and viewing of these animals guided by passionate experts. Enjoy time in the quaint mountain town of Canmore exploring its shops and restaurants. This afternoon, arrive at the famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, a stunning retreat nestled beside the frozen lake and surrounded by towering mountains. The scenery is nothing short of magical, and perhaps the elusive auroras will even make an appearance after dark. Tonight, enjoy the company of your fellow travellers as you dine at one of the chateau's acclaimed restaurants. (B, D)

Day 3: Lake Louise - Banff Wake up to a postcard-perfect morning in Lake Louise, where the stillness of winter wraps the landscape in quiet beauty. With free time this morning, perhaps take a walk along the scenic lakeshore. Mid-morning, set off for the charming alpine town of Banff. Enjoy some time in the cozy downtown before learning about a uniquely Albertan treasure. Meet a local ammolite specialist to discover the story behind this rare gemstone found only in Alberta. Later, check into the legendary Fairmont Banff Springs hotel, affectionately known as Canada's "Castle in the Rockies." With its grand architecture and storied past, it's more than a hotel, it's a destination in itself. (B)

Day 4: Banff This morning, **IT'S YOUR CHOICE!** Lace up your boots for a guided hike through Johnston Canyon, where steel catwalks hug the canyon walls and lead you to frozen waterfalls and dramatic views **-OR-** uncover the secrets of Banff with a local guide on the Discover Banff & Its Wildlife tour. Enjoy free time on your own surrounded by the snow globe atmosphere of charming Banff. Later

Johnston Canyon

Dogsledding

today, soar above it all on the Banff Gondola, ascending Sulphur Mountain for panoramic views of snow-covered peaks and valleys. At the summit, enjoy walking trails and a memorable dinner surrounded by alpine beauty. (B, D)

Day 5: Banff - Calgary Back in Calgary after a late morning departure from Banff, dive into the city's vibrant food scene with a guided tasting tour of Calgary Farmers' Market West. With your local foodie guide leading the way, sample regional flavours and discover stories behind the ingredients. It's a delicious way to connect with Alberta's culture, one bite at a time. Enjoy a free evening as you wish. (B, L)

Day 6: Calgary - Whitehorse, the Yukon Today, take a flight to Whitehorse, the capital of the Yukon — a land of vast wilderness, rich Indigenous heritage, and gold rush legends. Though it's Canada's smallest territory by population, the Yukon's spirit is anything but small. Larger than many countries, it's a place where nature reigns and stories run deep. Whitehorse sits directly beneath the aurora oval, making it one of the best places on Earth to witness the northern lights, and tonight, you'll have your first chance to see them dance across the sky. Bundle up, step outside, and look up. (B)

Day 7: Whitehorse Today, discover the heart and soul of Whitehorse, a small city with a big personality. Join a local guide for a tour that brings the town's frontier spirit to life. See the SS *Klondike*, a grand paddle-wheeler that once ruled the Yukon River, and see the Old Log Church, the city's oldest building. Along the way, hear stories of "sourdoughs" — those hardy souls who've braved a Yukon winter and wear it like a badge of honour. This afternoon, get closer to the wild at the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, where you'll have the chance to spot native species like muskox, elk, and Dall sheep in their natural habitat. Then, unwind in the steamy, mineral-rich waters of the Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs, surrounded by snow-covered forest. It's a moment of pure Yukon serenity. As night falls, head out once again in search of the aurora borealis. With luck, the sky will come alive in waves of green — an unforgettable spectacle in this land of endless wonder. (B)

Day 8: Whitehorse After a late night seeking the aurora, enjoy a leisurely morning to rest or explore Whitehorse at your own pace, perhaps sipping coffee in a cozy café or strolling along the Yukon River. This afternoon, embrace the spirit of the north with a thrilling dogsledding adventure. Led by an expert musher, glide through the snow-covered backcountry behind a team of eager huskies. It's an exhilarating, unforgettable way to experience the Yukon wilderness, just as early explorers once did. Tonight, gather for a private dinner catered by a First Nation chef where you'll enjoy traditional foods and reflect on the day's activities. Later, return to the aurora viewing site for one last chance to witness the northern lights. (B, D)

Day 9: Whitehorse - Vancouver, British Columbia Say farewell to the wild beauty of the Yukon as you fly south to the vibrant, coastal city of Vancouver. Nestled between mountains and ocean, Vancouver is a cosmopolitan hub with a laid-back West Coast vibe. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Vancouver - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. As you return home, reflect on your favourite moments — from the icy stillness of Lake Louise to the electric skies of the Yukon. (B)

Arrival: Calgary (YYC) **Departure:** Vancouver (YVR)

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Day 1	Calgary Marriott Downtown Hotel, Calgary, AB
Day 2	Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, AB
Days 3, 4	Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff, AB
Day 5	Calgary Marriott Downtown Hotel, Calgary, AB
Days 6 – 8	Hyatt Place, Whitehorse, YT
Day 9	Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

ENHANCE YOUR TOUR

Calgary · Pre-Night Stay

Vancouver · Post-Night Stay

Victoria & Vancouver Island · Post-Tour Hosted Extension
3 Nights, Starting at $1,920 pp
Uncover the charm and history of Victoria and the vibrant city of Vancouver.

AIR INFORMATION

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

three great air options

Enjoy the benefits of air-inclusive bookings. Allow us to be your liaison with the airlines and to handle all the details. Choose Flex Airfare, Instant Purchase, or Elite Airfare.	Flex Airfare	Instant Purchase Airfare[3]	Elite Airfare[4]
Receive roundtrip home to airport sedan service – your journey begins at home![1]	●	●	●
Roundtrip airport to hotel transfers included[2]	●	●	●
Dedicated Concierge Service			●
Lounge Passes[5]			●
Express Check-In[5]			●
Eligible for Collette's Travel Protection Plan	●	● part b	●
Benefit from our flexible change and refund policies	●		⫽
Deposit now, pay the balance later	●		⫽
All the perks of upgraded air (more leg room, comfort, and space)			●

treat yourself **& enjoy**

Whether you select **Elite, Flex, or Instant Purchase Airfare,** you'll enjoy the ease and security that comes with reserving your air with Collette.

South African Airways · United · Air Canada · American Airlines · British Airways Operated by Comair · Aer Lingus · Icelandair · Emirates · LOT Polish Airlines · SAS · Alaska Airlines · Hawaiian Airlines · Iberia · Turkish Airlines · TAP Portugal · Cathay Pacific · Etihad Airways · ITA Italia Trasporto Aereo · Royal Jordanian · Kenya Airways · Delta · Air France · KLM · Qantas · LAN · TAM · LATAM Airlines Group · Avianca Airlines · Air New Zealand · sata · Fiji Airways · Virgin Atlantic · Lufthansa · Austrian · brussels airlines · Swiss · Royal Air Maroc · WestJet · El Al

[1]This roundtrip home to airport sedan service is included when you reside within a 100 km radius of most major Canadian gateways and purchase an air-inclusive tour. Service is available between 101 and 160 km for a fee. One transfer per room booking. Additional stops not permitted on route. Not valid on group travel. [2]These transfers are available on the first and last day of the actual tour dates and when you are travelling on select flights. Land only clients may purchase transfers on the first and last day of the actual tour dates for an additional cost of $150 per person, roundtrip (some restrictions may apply). [3]Instant Purchase Airfare is offered on select dates; consult your booking agent. [4]Elite Airfare status is only included with the purchase of a First Class, Business Class or Premium Economy ticket with either Flex or Instant Purchase air; only on the international/long-haul portion of your journey. [5]Lounge Passes & Express Check-In are based on airline and airport availability for Business Class passengers only; Premium Economy tickets do not qualify. Lounge passes are not available for travel from North America to destinations within North America or the Caribbean. ⫽ Not applicable with Instant Purchase Airfare.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Important Reservation Information

Land Rates

Land rates are per person, double occupancy unless otherwise noted. Availability of departures at the prices noted in the brochure is limited. Government taxes and fees are additional. For current prices, please see our website. Rates are guaranteed once deposit is received and booking is confirmed by Collette except for charges resulting from increases in Government taxes and fees. The land price includes those land based items delineated as included in the package itinerary and does not include any other items such as air travel, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary end of trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, and any incidental charges.

Payments

Land Package Deposit

- A $349 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica and Cruises only reservations, a non-refundable $549 deposit is required. An additional $1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- A $698 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation.
- Antarctica and Cruise air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable $898 deposit is required. An additional $1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

Instant Purchase Air

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

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

Final Payment

Unless otherwise noted, the balance is due 90 days before departure on all tours, except cruises, Antarctica and Galapagos of which the balance is due 120 days before departure. Payment may be made by charging to clients' Mastercard, Visa or American Express (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a check or money order. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit. Payment may also be made online at https://reservations.gocollette.com/payment.aspx?co=CAD

TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:
Collette: 1-800-468-5955
reservations@gocollette.com

PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO:
Collette, 40 Queen Street South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1K3
Attn: Accounts Receivable

Revision Fees

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

Cancellation Charges

Cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates will result in penalties and fees assessed by travel suppliers. If you need to transfer or cancel for any reason prior to tour departure, the following cancellation fees will be assessed on your land or cruise product. Air is 100% nonrefundable once paid in full. If cancelled prior to being paid in full, the following cancellation fees will also apply to air.

- More than 90 days prior to departure: a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 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:

- More than 90 days prior to departure, the nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 - 61 days prior to departure: 40% of total price
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price
- 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% of total price

River Cruises:

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

Galapagos & Antarctica:

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

* Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges are 100% nonrefundable at time of reservation.

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

Airfare

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

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

Aircraft Cabin Disinsection Disclaimer

Some countries may require aircraft cabin insecticide treatment for inbound foreign flights. Information about aircraft disinsection requirements and a list of countries requiring such disinsection are available online at http://www.dot.gov/office-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements.

Currency

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

Proof of Citizenship: Passports & Visas

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

Travel Conditions

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

Door to Door Transfer Service

Return door to door transfers are offered up to 100 kilometers from most major Canadian gateways with the purchase of an air-inclusive tour.

Travellers Requiring Accommodations or Special Assistance

Guests must advise Collette, at the time of booking, of any physical, medical, or other special needs that require an accommodation or special assistance. If and when necessary, Collette will make reasonable modifications to its policies, practices, and procedures unless doing so will fundamentally alter the nature of the tour or services.* Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. None of Collette, personnel, suppliers, or its other guests, may physically lift or assist other guests 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 and motorized scooters are not permitted. Collette may exclude an individual from participating in a tour or an activity if the individual's participation poses a threat to the health or safety of the individual or others or causes an unacceptable disruption to the tour. This decision to exclude an individual, made by Collette in its sole discretion, will be based on an individualized assessment using reasonable judgment that relies on current medical evidence or on the best available objective evidence to determine the nature, duration and severity of the risk, the probability that potential injury will occur, and whether reasonable modifications of policies, practices, or procedures will mitigate the risk or will cause an unacceptable disruption of the tour. No refunds will be given if the decision is made to exclude a guest. In purchasing your tour, you attest that you are physically fit to participate on it. If you have concerns, please request additional details about your trip from your travel agent or Collette.

*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.

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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. Discounted Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-17, sharing a room with one full-paying adult. For Tour Products that include Safari or Game Drive components, the minimum age for travellers to participate is 13.

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 169 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 times.

Collette is not responsible, and will not be bound by, representations made by third party representatives, travel agents, unaffiliated websites, or any other party.

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.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO

Collette reserves the right to take photographs and videos during your trip and to use photographs and videos submitted to Collette by others that contain your image or likeness. By traveling with Collette, you grant to Collette the absolute and irrevocable right and unrestricted permission to use and publish your image, likeness, name, or biographical information, without compensation, for commercial, advertising, editorial, or any other purpose; and in any manner and medium, whether now known or hereafter devised; and to alter and composite the same without restriction and without your inspection or approval.

You hereby release and discharge Collette from and against any and all claims, liabilities, costs, damages and expenses of any kind and nature arising out of or relating to the use by Collette of your image, likeness, name, and/or biographical information. If you prefer that your image, likeness, name or biological information not be used, you must advise Collette in writing, no later than 30 days prior to your departure date.

Photographs and video of your trip may be submitted to Collette by you or by third parties such as (but not limited to) other travellers, tour guides, crew, or staff members.

By submitting such photographs or videos, you (a) represent and warrant that the photograph and/or video is your original work created solely by you and that it does not infringe the intellectual property rights of any person, entity or other party; (b) represent and warrant that you have obtained any and all releases from subjects depicted in said original work necessary to grant Collette the rights and licenses to such original works you grant herein; (c) grant to Collette a worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual, transferable, irrevocable, non-exclusive and fully sublicensable right and license to use the original work, in any and all media whether now known or hereafter devised, in perpetuity, anywhere in the world, with the right to make any and all commercial or other uses thereof, including, without limitation, reproducing, editing, modifying, adapting, publishing, displaying publicly, creating derivative works from, incorporating into other works and/or modifying the original work, and (d) you hereby release and discharge Collette from and against any and all claims, liabilities, costs, damages and expenses of any kind and nature arising out of or relating to the use by Collette of any such photographs and/or videos you have submitted..

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*)

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. The Travel Protection Plan fee with air only covers airline tickets that you purchase from Collette.

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 cancellation

Collette's Part A Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. 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:
Collette, ATTN: Customer Service Department
40 Queen Street South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1K3

If cancellation occurs prior to departure, contact the Collette Reservations Department. When a client cancels prior to departure, any refunds are processed through the booking agent.

PART A – Provided By Collette

Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee & Unused Services Waiver up to Trip Cost

The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit underwritten by 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).**

Please Note: Trip Cancellation insurance day of departure maximum limit per insured $2,500. Trip Interruption insurance after departure maximum limit per insured $5,000.

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@tugo.com.

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	$2,000
	-Baggage Delay	$500**

*Some benefits within this coverage have their own limits. Refer to the policy wording for details.

** This limit is subject to the overall maximum limit for baggage coverage.

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 Emergency hospitalizations, contact Claims at TuGo immediately:

- (must include "+" sign by holding down "0" on mobile) +1-800-533-8718
- Global toll-free (must include "+" sign by holding down "0" on mobile) +1-800-663-0399
- From Mexico (Mexican landlines only)
- 001-800-514-9976 / 800-681-8070
- 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
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

*Visit tugo.com/claims for international access codes.

Email claims@tugo.com

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Collette's Travel Protection Plan Pricing (per person)

The Cost 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.

Pricing varies by tour and will be quoted upon booking either online or through our reservations team.

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.

Collette's Travel Protection Plan only provides air inclusive travel protection for 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 airline.

To review full plan details, see our travel protection plan info on the terms and conditions pages of our website.

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Pricing is person, land only, double occupancy, in Canadian dollars and varies by departure date. Port and park fees and on-tour air are included where applicable.

Activity Levels

Tour Activity Levels help you know what to expect on tour. See the levels below and look for them throughout the itinerary pages.

1 2 3 4 *Level 1* LIGHT & LEISURELY

You're a leisurely traveller. You typically take it easy and discover the energy of a new place by people-watching or soaking in the atmosphere at a local café. You can climb at least one flight of stairs, board a coach, and walk unassisted at a relaxed pace for up to 60 minutes without difficulty. You can easily handle altitudes up to 1524 metres.

1 2 3 4 *Level 3* ACTIVE

You're an on-the-go traveller. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking six kilometres over the course of a day is doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 1828 and 2743 metres. Expect some longer days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travellers who require mobility assistance devices.

1 2 3 4 *Level 2* MODERATE

You like a balanced approach to travel. Walking 3 to 5 kilometres over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to 3.2 kilometres (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover four to seven kilometres over uneven terrain. You can handle altitudes up to 1828 metres.

1 2 3 4 *Level 4* VERY ACTIVE

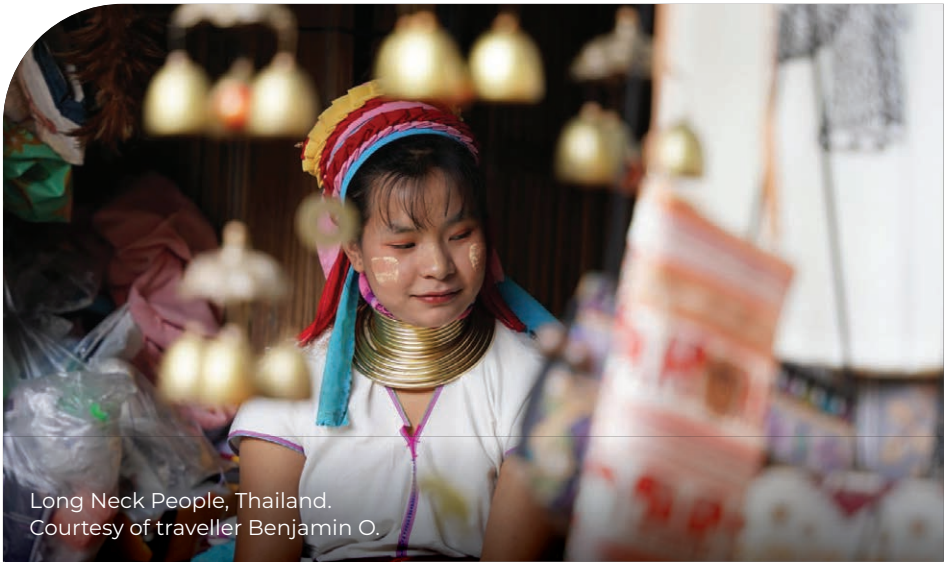
You're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and half or full day hikes are things you may enjoy) and 10,000 steps a day is normal for you. You can handle longer walking tours (more than 3 hours covering five kilometres at a steady pace) and activities that involve uneven terrain, steep slopes, standing for periods of time, and varying altitudes and temperatures. You don't mind being on the go with some early starts, late nights, and full days. You can handle altitudes of 2743 metres or higher with little to no issue. This level is not appropriate for travellers who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.

Scan to watch our Activity Level videos detailing what to expect on tour.

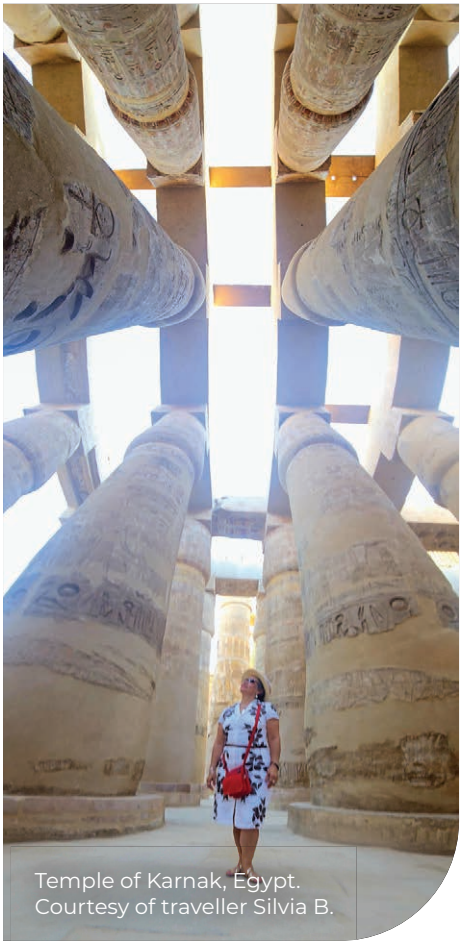
Stories from Tour

We asked and you answered! Here, your fellow travellers share what it feels and looks like to be on a small group tour — and what kind of experiences you find when curiosity takes the lead.

CAPTURED ON TOUR:



Long Neck People, Thailand.
Courtesy of traveller Benjamin O.



Temple of Karnak, Egypt.
Courtesy of traveller Silvia B.

Coco River, Thailand.
Courtesy of traveller Vina A.

Cuverville Island, Antarctica.
Courtesy of traveller Lora C.

The best tour experience for me was dog sledding at Trail Breaker Kennel. The sledding itself was exciting, but having dinner with the local family was special. They were warm and so gracious for inviting us into their home. It felt like family, and I will never forget it!"

– LESLIE S., TRAVELLER ON ALASKA'S NORTHERN LIGHTS, PG. 160

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LEVEL ONE: ADVENTURER

(1 - 2 completed tours)

- ✓ **Travellers receive a 5% Loyalty Credit** on their next Collette tour when it's completed within 24 months of the most recent tour departure date.
- ✓ **Travellers receive a 3% Loyalty Credit** on tours completed within 25-36 months of the most recent tour departure date.

EXPLORER EXPLORER

LEVEL TWO: EXPLORER

(3+ completed tours)

In addition to the perks of Level One, after travellers return from their third tour and all subsequent tours, they'll receive the following **additional benefit**:

- ✓ **$100 of credit** towards purchasing optional tour components or upgrades when travel is completed within 36 months of the most recent tour departure date.