

A close-up, profile view of a man with traditional face paint and a woven hat, playing a wooden instrument. The background is blurred, showing other people in similar attire.

# collette explorations

SMALL GROUP TOURING

2017 – 2018

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**SAVE** up  
to  
**\$300** per  
person†  
*(see back cover for details)*

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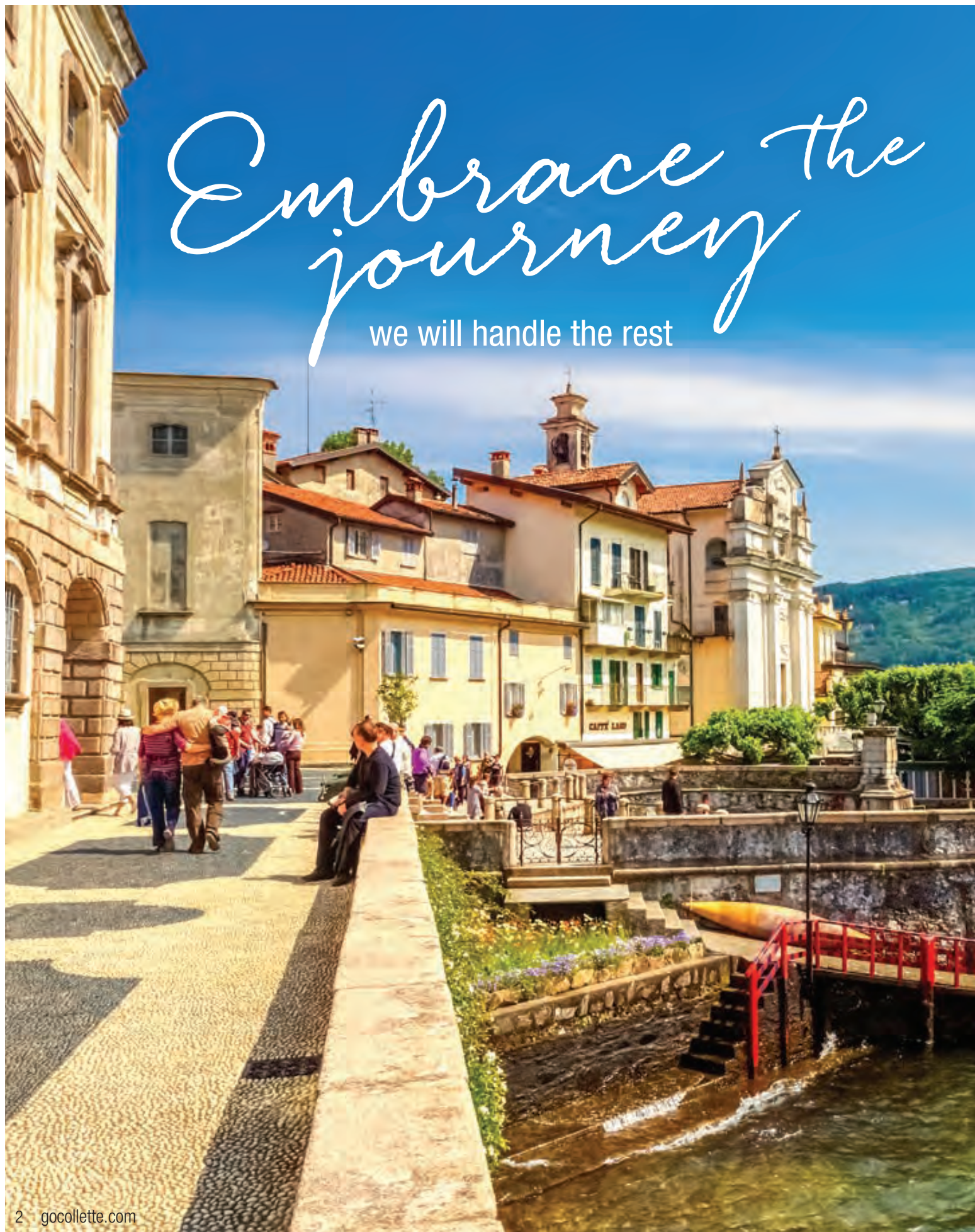
MORE

*authentic*  
MORE  
*personal*



# Embrace the journey

we will handle the rest







Isola Bella, Italy

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Entabeni Game Reserve, South Africa





# explorations

for those travellers looking to:

- Travel in smaller groups (average of 18 guests)
- Go off the beaten path on culturally immersive adventures
- Stay in boutique accommodations
- Meet the locals and embrace their traditions
- Savour authentic culinary experiences
- Participate in hands-on discoveries

Embark on a small group journey and discover the world in a more intimate way with more personal experiences that bring you deep into the culture.

From vibrant cities to remote villages, you'll **become part of these worlds**. Today's cultural explorers like you will enjoy the **more active, authentic experiences** taking you on the road less known to meet the people that call it home.

You'll **indulge in spectacular regional cuisine** immersing you in the flavour of the region. Learn how to farm in Peru, hunt and taste truffles in Italy, cook Vietnamese cuisine – moments of connecting with the culture while dazzling your senses.

Delight in your **boutique accommodations** that capture the spirit of each destination. All the while, meet friends you never knew you had and become a local as you explore on your own.



take in the  
*aromas*





Let us be your guide, taking you off the beaten path on an amazing cultural adventure.







# Collette gives you *More*

This is what sets us apart. Travelling with us comes with benefits that take the guided travel experience to another level. Our inclusive tours offer you more **value** for your money while also ensuring that each element adheres to our exacting standards. With a focus on **service and quality**, we give you **more** of what makes travel special.

Marrakesh, Morocco

## Collette Gives You More Value in Every Way...


### More Peace of Mind

Every moment of your travel experience is important to us. Whether it's helping you select a destination, **taking you to and from the airport**, offering the security of our unrivalled **Travel Protection** plan or **24-7 support**, we are there for you every step of the way.

### More Expertise

Backed by nearly a century of experience, Collette (a family-owned and award-winning leader in travel) is proud to show you the world. Our passionate tour design team travels the globe, **creating new experiences** and staying ahead of the latest travel trends. Plus, with a professional **Tour Manager** at your service and **local guides** by your side you'll never miss a thing.





## Embrace the Freedom of Touring

Enjoy our one-of-a-kind blend of inclusive touring and first-class guest service. We seamlessly handle each element of your tour from start to finish so you can focus on what's most important – having fun!

### What's included:

- A professionally planned itinerary
- 4-star accommodations
- The services of a professional tour manager
- Expert local guides who provide insider knowledge
- Attraction and museum entrance fees with preferential access
- Unparalleled sightseeing
- Enriching cultural experiences
- Comfortable on-tour transportation
- Hotel-to-hotel baggage handling
- PLUS, Wifi! Wifi is available on tour 

## More On Tour

Our commitment to exceeding expectations begins with including more iconic **must-see's and cultural inclusions that deliver a deeper experience**. And that's just the beginning. We also include more **meals in local** restaurants and more **menu** choices. Add in carefully selected **4-star accommodations** and the stage is set for a truly amazing journey.

## More Flexibility

Every traveller is different. From **pre and post nights** in the world's greatest cities to tour **extensions** to built-in free time in your destination, you can make every trip your own. With more customization choices and **optional excursions**, every moment feels like your own personal adventure.



MORE PEACE OF MIND

*With You*

every step of  
the way

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



## 24/7 Support

*Always there for you*

In addition to your Tour Manager, **Collette has a team** dedicated to making sure you are always informed.



## online resources at gocollette.com

- Sign Up For Email-only Offers and News
- See the Latest Travel Promotions
- Live Chat with our Tour Experts
- Explore our Destination Guides
- View our Newest Travel Videos
- Book online

Share Your Love of Travel







## Travel Protection

### *Peace of mind*

Our industry-leading, **worry-free travel protection plan** offers you a **full refund** unlike many plans that only offer a voucher. Cancel for any reason right up to the day prior to departure. (See page 75 for details.)



## Private Sedan Service

### *Included Personal Touches*

Open your tour the right way and leave the hassle of getting to the airport behind. Enjoy **roundtrip home to airport sedan service**. It's the perfect way to begin (and end) your journey. (See page 71 for more details.)

“ We were picked up at our home in a sedan with a professional driver and brought home the same way. We felt well cared for and would use Collette again. ”

*Jerry L.*



## Guaranteed To Go

### *Book with Confidence*

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



## Loyalty Program

### *Thanking our travellers*

Members of Travel Loyalty by Collette earn a \$150 credit every time they travel. Save more as you get ready for your next adventure. (See page 71 for more details.)



# What's New!

## New Tours for 2017

This year, our tour designers have outdone themselves. Explore these, and all of our new travel experiences at [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com).



### Exploring Sri Lanka

Beautiful landscapes, rich culture and long-standing traditions await your discovery in the captivating country of Sri Lanka.

**Featuring** Colombo • Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage • Kandy • Mahaweli River Cruise • Tea Estate

13 Days • 22 Meals



### Antarctica & Chile's Patagonia

Venture on an unforgettable voyage into a world of pristine beauty at the Fjords of Chile, Cape Horn, and the "White Continent."

**Featuring** Santiago • Torres del Paine National Park • Tierra del Fuego • The Drake Passage • Shetland Islands

20 Days • 46 Meals



### Taste of Vietnam

Set out on a journey that reveals the best of Vietnam, a beautiful country with a long and rich history.

**Featuring** Reunification Palace • Mekong Delta • Hanoi • Water Puppet Theater • Halong Bay • Hue • Hoi An

15 Days • 27 Meals

To see all of our new tours visit us online at [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com).



# Your Feedback *Matters*

**We partnered with the independent reviews website, Feefo.**

Used by many of the world's most trusted brands, Feefo provides an impartial platform for our guests to share feedback about their experience. We seek out reviews from guests as they return from their tour. This feedback not only helps us improve but will help you make a more informed decision on where to go next!



**“** Loved the total package provided. It's great just to be able to enjoy Italy and not worry about anything other than having a really great time! **”**

Read genuine first-hand accounts from other travellers at [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com)



INTRODUCING

## The Collette Compass App!

*Hold the entire world in your hands.*

The ColletteCompass app provides you with a wealth of travel knowledge. Enhance your tour with this easy to use digital companion that never leaves your side.

### Stay Informed

- Review your itinerary
- Check your flight schedule
- Find hotel and transfer information
- Learn more about your on-tour inclusions!

### Find Your Way

- Find your way around with turn-by-turn directions

### Make the Most of Your Free Time

- Check out local restaurants
- Find popular attractions

### Record the Fun

- Create your own trip journal
- Upload photos
- Update friends and loved ones!

Visit the App Store<sup>SM</sup> or Google Play<sup>TM</sup> for Android to download the app!



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MORE EXPERTISE

Professional  
*Tour Managers*

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





## Local Experts

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

## Tour Design Team

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

## 99 years of Experience

As North America's most experienced tour operator, we have built relationships all over the world. Our knowledge and connections allow us to pass the value on to you.



*part tour guide, part friend, part concierge*



TRAVVY  
AWARD

**BEST TOUR  
GUIDES**

**2016**  
AWARD WINNER

“ Our tour manager made our tour. She had been with the company 26 years and we think that said a lot. There was no concern as to how to get to the airports, check ins, room reservations etc. We would definitely do this again. ”

— Arthur M.



A person wearing a light green jacket, dark shorts, and a bright orange helmet is zip lining over a dense, lush green forest. The person is seen from behind, suspended on a rope and holding onto a handle. The background is a thick canopy of green leaves and branches.

MORE ON TOUR

# Choice

on tour

Everyone's road is different and that's why this year, Collette is introducing **Choice on Tour**. Many of our itineraries now feature different paths you can take. On select days, choose from the INCLUDED possibilities that best suit your interests.

In Arenal, Costa Rica, embark on a thrilling zip lining experience or take a hike through the former lava fields of Arenal Volcano National Park.





Walking Tour



or



Airbus Facility Tour

In Toulouse, France, head out on a walking tour with a local guide or choose to go on a tour of the Airbus facility, maker of the world's largest passenger airliner. **What will you decide?**



Park Exploration



or



Strata Stroll

In Gros Morne National Park, explore Tableland Mountains, highland tundra and the park's hidden fjords or stroll through the strata formations at Green Point. **Two great options!**



Sightseeing Drive



or



Walking Tour

While in Dublin, Ireland set out on a sightseeing drive with a local guide or enjoy a walking tour of the city's historic center. **The choice is yours!**

*Look for the Choice on tour icon!*





MORE ON TOUR

# Must-see Inclusions

Every destination has its iconic locations that are simply a must for visitors. Collette's inclusive itineraries interweave access to what we call the "must-see's" with immersive experiences to create a richer portrait of the destination.

Take in the sunset over the plains of Bagan, Myanmar from the terrace of a temple.

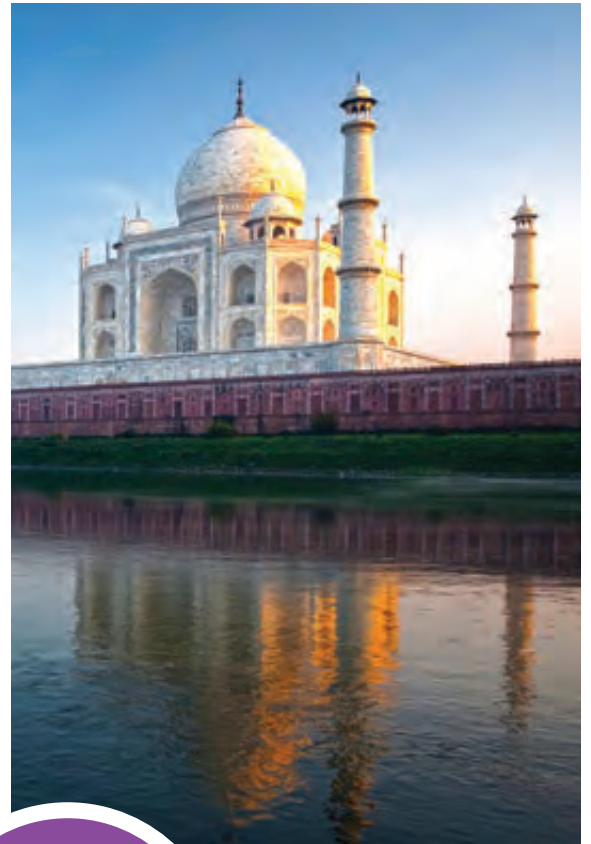




See more as you set out on several "Big 5" African game drives.



Get to know Assisi, Italy with a guided walking tour through its medieval streets.



Feel the magic as you watch the sunrise over the iconic Taj Mahal.



Stay at the base of mystical Machu Picchu with plenty of time to explore.

Deeper experiences at the world's most iconic sites





MORE ON TOUR

## Cultural *Experiences*

The **cultural experiences** you'll find as part of each itinerary are travel moments both large and small. These are the special inclusions (selected by our experts) that allow you to truly come to know a destination and, more importantly, the people who call that place home.

Join a Hindu scholar to  
discuss the philosophy  
of Hinduism. ▶





Explore Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson's Irish Whiskey.



Discover centuries-old Andean textile methods at a living museum in Peru.



Travel with the city's commuters aboard the Yangon Railway.



Experience a Moroccan tradition at a henna workshop.



Bringing to life more of the **hidden wows** and **cultural experiences** that make travel special



Get Screeched In! Become an honorary Newfoundlander by kissing a cod fish.

“ It was great to just sit back and relax while seeing the beauty of the country and to have confidence that wherever we were, we were in good hands. ”

— John W.



MORE ON TOUR

# Culinary

## Inclusions

Food is a wonderful way to experience new cultures. Our authentic culinary inclusions take you into the destination, offering understanding and satisfying your taste buds.



Sample the flavours of Peru when enjoying a tasting menu of artfully crafted dishes in South America's culinary capital - Lima, Peru.



*More immersive  
More interactive*

Learn to prepare traditional Vietnamese dishes at a hands-on cooking class.



Sip tea with a Moroccan Berber family to get a taste of their life.



Delight in a homecooked Irish meal prepared by your hosts for the evening.

**More** included meals in local restaurants & more menu choices



At a Tuscan winery, savour fresh Italian food expertly paired with the wine they produce.

“ The restaurants we visited had amazing ambiance and fantastic quality of the food. ”

— Janis G.



## MORE ON TOUR

# Amazing *Accommodations*

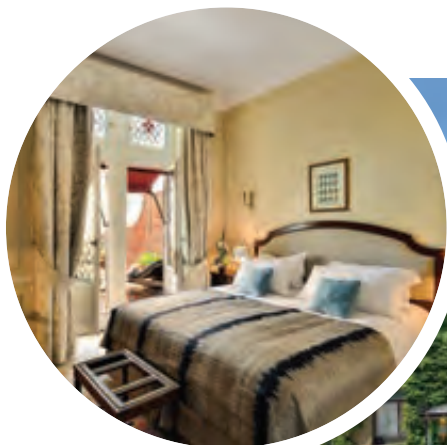
Whether it's the amenities, the history, the view or the location, your accommodations often turn into highlights all their own. We carefully select each hotel to best fit into your inclusive itinerary.



Delight in the welcoming hospitality at the family owned Riad Yacout in Fes, Morocco.



*More authentic boutique accommodations  
capturing the essence of a destination*



Overnight in the iconic Hotel de la Cite in the fairytale village of Carcassonne, France.

Overnight on a luxury junk boat in Halong Bay, Vietnam.

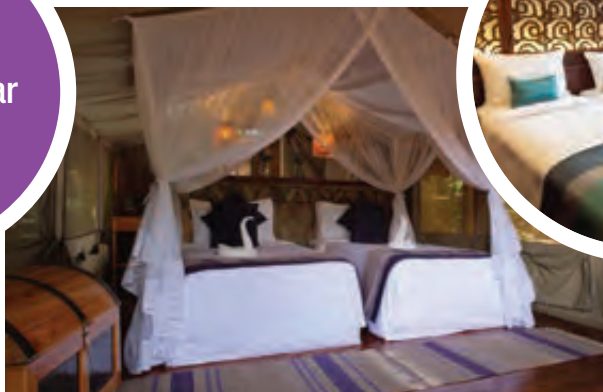


Soak in the old-world ambiance at the luxurious, historic Parador Hostal de San Marcos in Leon, Spain.



Stay in  
personally  
reviewed, 4 star  
and above  
properties

Stay in the heart of "Big 5 Country" in a deluxe tent at the Sarova Mara Camp, Masai Mara, Kenya.



“ I also loved the hotels. Very centrally located with many nice perks. ”

— Kathleen W.



MORE FLEXIBILITY

# *Personalize* Your Adventure

Every traveller is different, so make your trip your own. We offer more ways to customize your tour. With features such as pre and post-nights stays, dine arounds and on-tour options, you can make every day a personal adventure!

*where inclusiveness  
meets choice*



## Pre-Tour



### Included Private Sedan Service

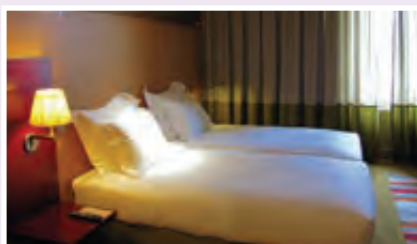
As one of the Collette differences, our private sedan service is available when you reserve an air-inclusive tour. It's the perfect way to begin your adventure.

*See pg. 71*



### Elite Airfare

Collette's Elite Airfare allows you to travel in ultimate comfort and convenience. Treat yourself to a wealth of amenities that come with a business, premium economy, or first-class ticket. Land rested, refreshed, and ready for the world's wonders. *See pg. 72*



### Pre-Nights

Collette can easily add a pre-night stay to your existing itinerary and with a single phone call we can reserve tickets to your host city's best attractions. Enjoy the benefits of an early arrival and a streamlined booking process.

## On Tour



### Choice On Tour

Many tours feature the chance to choose from an assortment of included activities. Create your own touring experience by deciding what you want to do on select days.



### Included Dining Experiences

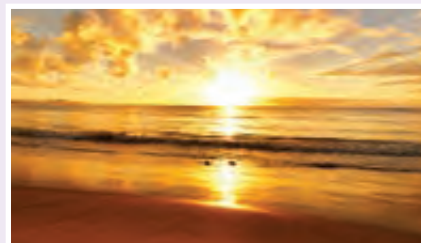
On select tours and evenings, our Diner's Choice feature allows you to choose where to enjoy your included dinner. Find just the right spot from a list that includes the city's restaurants.



### Optional Excursions

Every tour offers a collection of optional excursions, carefully selected to offer you a different perspective on your destination. Enhance your experience and make the most of your time out in the world.

## Post-Tour



### Post-Nights

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



### Tour Extensions

Our list of tour extensions reads like the logbook of a great adventure. These shorter excursions (which you can add before and after your tour) are the perfect way to add a few more memories.



### Go Back-To-Back

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

Call for details.



# More Caring

Giving back is part of who we are.

We care more. Since the earliest days of Sullivan family ownership, Collette has given back to the local community. Today, our global reach gives us the opportunity to help many of the places we visit.





Giving back is at the heart  
of everything we do!



#### OUR MISSION:

Through local community volunteering and support, we make an impact in the places where we work; and with our support of legacy programs in countries like Kenya, Australia, Fiji, Cambodia and Peru, we make a difference in the places where we travel. Our only goal is to give children everywhere – regardless of circumstance – the opportunity to accomplish their dreams.



it begins with family



Dan Sullivan, Jr.  
& Alice Sullivan

Family and that sense of personal ownership has been at the core of Collette since 1918, when Jack Collette started a tiny New England travel company dedicated to showcasing the East Coast. In 1962, Jack sold the company to his friend, Dan Sullivan, Sr., who was determined to keep family at the heart of Collette. Dan's sisters guided tours. His children worked in the mailroom. Over generations, more and more family helped shape Collette into the global tour operator it is today, bringing together a passion for travel and making the world a better place.



for our employees • for our community • for the world

*one global  
family*





Mt. Kilimanjaro

# The Plains of Africa

Embark on a grand adventure through the untamed wilds of Kenya

## Extend Your Tour



**EXPLORE MORE.** Extend your tour in **Nairobi.** Explore more with a pre-tour stay that includes a visit to the Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage.   
Call for details.

**START EARLY.** Add an extra day in **Nairobi.** Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime with an extra night to relax.   
Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Explore Kenya's wildlife and stunning natural vistas. Numerous game drives bring you in search of the "Big 5" (lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards and rhinos) on your safari adventure.

**Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins** Arrive in Nairobi, the safari capital of Africa, for your overnight stay. The Sarova Stanley Hotel launched into Kenya history in 1902 as Nairobi's first luxury hotel and was home to the beginning of Nairobi's first and only stock exchange.

**Day 3: Nairobi - Aberdare National Park** Today we set off for the mountainous region of

Aberdare National Park. This ecologically diverse area boasts lush valleys and peaks reaching 14,000 feet. Arrive at your hotel situated on the slope of Mweiga Hill overlooking the park. Keep an eye out for the giraffes that welcome you to the lodge. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the amenities of the lodge; perhaps you'll take a nature walk or enjoy a round of golf! (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Aberdare National Park - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba National Reserve** Begin your adventure in the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves, home to some of Africa's most exotic wildlife including the reticulated giraffe and Grevy's zebra, two species only found north of the equator. Arrive at Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. After lunch, it's on to Buffalo Springs for a game drive to begin your search for the "Big 5." **Tonight, learn about the culture and traditions of the Samburu – an ethnic group related to the Masai.** (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Shaba Reserve - Samburu National Reserve - Shaba Reserve** Bring your camera as you continue searching for the elusive "Big 5" on a morning game drive through the rugged Samburu National Reserve. The striking contrast of sand, sky and bush will leave you breathless. After lunch at the lodge, continue on an afternoon game drive in Shaba, watching for the spectacular local birds; over 350 species of birds are known to inhabit the reserve. Watch for the desert rose plant, splashing colour against its natural surroundings. Your day comes to a close on the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River. Sit back and relax as the sun sets on the horizon, partaking in a traditional Sundowner. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Shaba - Aberdare National Park** Return to Aberdare for an unforgettable experience in a treetop lodge. This national park received its name

from Lord Aberdare, one of the founding members of the Royal Geographical Society. Your lodge overlooks a floodlit waterhole and salt lick which attracts a host of wildlife all night long. **Get an up-close look at the wildlife from the four viewing decks** that provide an unmatched opportunity for game viewing from the comfort of the lodge. Sit back and let the animals come to you! (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Aberdare National Park - Lake Nakuru** This morning, drive past the mountains via the spectacular Nyahururu waterfalls, then make a photo stop at the Equator. Arrive at the floor of the Great Rift Valley and continue your search for the "Big 5" during your time at Lake Nakuru. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Lake Nakuru** After your morning game drive, savour a traditional breakfast in the bush. Then, enjoy some time to relax and enjoy the amenities at the lodge. Your exciting afternoon game drive returns to the lodge before sunset. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve** This morning, travel to the Masai Mara Game Reserve. The Masai Mara – an extension of the great Serengeti Plain – is considered the most



Rhino





Cheetah



Masai Mara

stunning game viewing spot in all of Kenya: lions, giraffes, zebras, elephants and other wildlife reside here. Your tent provides all the deluxe amenities of a lodge, complete with the adventure of the wild. Visit a Masai village prior to your game drive. **Tonight, enjoy a traditional bush dinner featuring a Masai dance performance.** (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Masai Mara** Further enjoy the Masai Mara with both morning and afternoon game drives. Pause along the way to rest and enjoy a picnic lunch. Return to your hotel for sunset. (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Masai Mara - Nairobi** After breakfast, return to Nairobi and travel to Karen, on the outskirts of Nairobi, and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen, author of *Out of Africa*. Experience the local wildlife firsthand as you have the opportunity to feed the endangered Rothschild giraffes from a raised platform at the Giraffe Sanctuary. (B, L)

**Day 12: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park** This morning we depart Nairobi for Amboseli National Park, famous for its open plains where lions and elephants roam. The breathtaking snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro dominates the landscape. Enjoy an afternoon game drive. (B, L, D)

**Day 13: Amboseli** Further explore Amboseli with two game drives – your final chance to see the “Big 5.” (B, L, D)

**Day 14: Amboseli - Nairobi - Tour Ends** Return to Nairobi where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up prior to the departure of your return flight home. (B)

### Extend Your Tour



**EXPLORE MORE. Extend your tour to Tanzania.** One adventure leads to another as you set out to explore Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater.

See page 66 for details.

**STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in Nairobi.** Reflect on your amazing stay in Kenya and rest up before the journey home.

Call for details.

### Dates & Prices

<b>January – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	September 7, 21	\$7459
January 19, 26	\$6289	October 12	\$7459
February 2, 9, 16, 23	\$6289	November 2, 16	\$6519
March 2, 9	\$6289	January 25	\$7059
April 2, 6, 20, 23, 27	\$5329	February 8, 22	\$7059
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 – April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		March 8, 15	\$7059
<b>May 2016 - April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	April 5, 19	\$6109
May 4	\$5779	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$540 - \$2300</b>
June 15, 29	\$5779	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>N/A</b>
July 20	\$7459	<b>Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</b>	
August 10, 17	\$7459		

## The Plains of Africa

14 Days from \$6109

### Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Cultural Experiences

- Learn about the culture and traditions of the Samburu people.
- Make a stop at a Masai village to get to know the people.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Keep your camera ready as you set out to find the “Big 5”.
- View wildlife up-close from your treetop lodge, The Ark.
- Explore the farmhouse of Karen Blixen, author of *Out of Africa*.
- See Rothschild giraffes up close as you feed them from a platform.
- Pause for a photo stop at the Equator.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 33 meals: 12 breakfasts • 11 lunches • 10 dinners
- Savour a traditional dinner in the bush with Masai entertainment.
- Enjoy a picnic lunch surrounded by nature.

### Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Day 2</b>	Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
<b>Day 3</b>	Aberdare Country Club, Nyeri
<b>Days 4, 5</b>	Sarova Shaba Lodge, Shaba Reserve
<b>Day 6</b>	The Ark Hotel, Nyeri
<b>Days 7, 8</b>	Sarova Lion Hill Lodge, Lake Nakuru
<b>Days 9, 10</b>	Sarova Mara Camp, Masai Mara
<b>Day 11</b>	Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
<b>Days 12, 13</b>	Ol Tukai Lodge, Amboseli

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 71 for details.

### Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare.** See page 72 for details.

**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

**This trip requires a passport and visa.** A Kenya visa is required and must be obtained in advance. Visit [www.ecitizen.go.ke](http://www.ecitizen.go.ke) to submit an application and register yourself as a visitor. It may take up to a week or more to process. Bring a printed copy of your visa to present upon arrival in Kenya. The current cost of the single entry visa through this website is \$50 USD, subject to change. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the latest details about passports and visa requirements. For guests continuing on the Tanzania extension, unused dayroom in Nairobi will be deducted from the price of your extension. Alternatively, we recommend using CIBT visa service to ensure accuracy and timeliness of visa processing. The approximate visa cost for a single entry visa is \$140 CAD (includes CIBT fees as well as consular fees) plus shipping, subject to change. Contact CIBT, visit [www.cibtvias.ca](http://www.cibtvias.ca) or check with your consulate for more information. Park fees of \$840 CAD per person are included in the land price. Fees are subject to change. **Soft duffel bag luggage is required** for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs. (approximately 33 lbs). Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 9:00 p.m.





# Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls, & Botswana

Epic scenery, winding coastlines, remarkable wildlife

## Extend Your Tour



**GO FARTHER.** Begin your exploration with a pre-tour Dubai extension. See one of the world's fastest growing and most intriguing cities.

See page 66 for details.

**START EARLY.** Add an extra day in Cape Town. Take in the stunning beauty and warm hospitality of this lively city.

Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Epic scenery, winding coastlines, remarkable cultural diversity and abundant wildlife come together in an incredible experience.

**Day 2: Cape Town, South Africa - Tour Begins** Welcome to the beautiful harbourside city of Cape Town. Its architecture fuses French, German and Dutch traditions which sets the stage for a thrilling cultural journey.

**Day 3: Cape Town** Step aboard a cable car that whisks you to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet atop Table Mountain. Gaze at the astounding view

of Cape Town, Robben Island and Lion's Head. Return to the city via Table Bay, passing through the Moorish Malay Quarter on your panoramic tour, pausing along the way at Milnerton Lighthouse. Spend the remainder of your afternoon at leisure. You may choose to explore charming Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, known for its shopping and entertainment venues. Be sure to stop by the local craft market for some hidden gems. This evening, **savour a true African dining experience** as you become familiar with a traditional African hand-washing ceremony before sampling local delicacies. (B, D)

**Day 4: Cape Town** Travel out to Cape Point on the southwestern tip of Africa. Along the way, marvel at the coastal scenery and pleasant towns that populate the Cape Peninsula. Listen to the tales behind the numerous ship wrecks which attest to the treacherous nature of these waters. Come to know the Cape of Good Hope and take a tram to the top of the mountain. Enjoy a leisurely hike down before continuing on to Boulders Beach to see the penguins who call it home. Later this evening, **make some new South African friends during a home-hosted dinner.** Sit down with a local family and learn about their daily life. Perhaps you'll share stories from your own experiences. (B, D)

**Day 5: Cape Town - Stellenbosch** After a leisurely morning, a short drive brings you to the beautiful winelands of the Western Cape. Visit a winery for a tasting before enjoying a farm lunch paired with wine. Your hotel for the next two nights is located in the heart of bustling Stellenbosch. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure to relax or explore this charming town, the second oldest in South Africa. (B, L)



## Day 6: Stellenbosch - Hermanus -

**Stellenbosch** Enjoy a leisurely drive over the Sir Lowry Pass to the quaint seaside village of Hermanus. A walking tour will acquaint you with the village. Enjoy some leisure time to explore the shops and art galleries before returning to Stellenbosch. (B)

## Day 7: Stellenbosch - Johannesburg - Entabeni Conservancy

Fly to the city of Johannesburg. Upon arrival, head to the Entabeni Conservancy. **Gather for an afternoon game drive.** Have your cameras ready as you search for the "Big Five" (lion, African elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard and rhino). As the sun sets, enjoy a traditional African sundowner. Get out of your 4x4 and gaze over the land as the sun drops behind the mountains. Keep your eyes peeled for the big cats preparing to hunt. **Return to the lodge for dinner under the stars.** (B, D)

**Day 8: Entabeni Conservancy** Rise before the sun and set out on a game drive. Enjoy coffee and tea in the bush before returning to the lodge for breakfast. Later, **learn to follow the clues left by wildlife** during



## Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls, & Botswana

14 Days from \$6179

Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Cultural Experiences

- Head out for an African sundowner by 4x4 and enjoy the sunset.
- Spend some time at a local village in Zimbabwe learning about the culture.
- Meet and interact with African elephants.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Enjoy 7 wildlife safaris in search of the "Big Five."
- Step aboard a cable car and be whisked atop Table Mountain.
- Take a walking tour in the quaint seaside village of Hermanus.
- Embark on a walking tour of stunning Victoria Falls.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 23 meals: 12 breakfasts • 4 lunches • 7 dinners
- Savour a true African dining experience including a hand-washing ceremony.
- Visit a South African winery for a farm lunch paired with wine.
- Dine under the stars during your stay in a nature conservancy.
- Enjoy a traditional Braai (barbecue) in Chobe National Park.

### Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Days 2 – 4</b>	Commodore Hotel, Cape Town
<b>Days 5, 6</b>	Oude Werf, Stellenbosch
<b>Days 7, 8</b>	Hanglip Mountain Lodge, Entabeni
<b>Day 9</b>	Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton
<b>Days 10, 11</b>	Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Victoria Falls
<b>Days 12, 13</b>	Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 71 for details.

### Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service** and **airport transfers**.

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a track identification walk with a ranger. After you have worked up an appetite, take time for a leisurely lunch in the gardens. Late afternoon, **continue your search for the "Big Five"** during another exciting game drive. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Entabeni Conservancy - Johannesburg** Carry on your quest for the "Big Five" before breakfast. Later, journey to the vibrant city of Johannesburg. En route, your Tour Manager helps you discover the history of the local languages. Enjoy some leisure time in Sandton this afternoon. (B)

**Day 10: Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe** Fly to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Spend some time at a local village learning more about the regional culture. Embark on a walking tour of stunning Victoria Falls. Later, you may enjoy a sundowner poolside and the spectacular African sunset while the animals gather at the watering hole. (B, D)

**Day 11: Victoria Falls** This morning explore a local craft market. Later you will meet African elephants and have the opportunity to interact with them before you

enjoy some free time at the lodge. Reflect on your surroundings as you relax while overlooking the wildlife watering hole. (B)

**Day 12: Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana** Watch for bushbuck (African antelope) as well as bird life during a nature walk with a local guide. Cross the border as you travel to Chobe, Botswana. **An exciting safari cruise awaits.** Spot wildlife along the water's edge, find hippos swimming along the shores, and crocodiles basking in the sun. (B, L, D)

**Day 13: Chobe** Today features **morning and afternoon game drives** in the one-of-a-kind Chobe National Park. View the animals as they drink from the river. This evening's dinner by the river is hosted by a chef who will teach you the art of cooking a traditional Braai (barbecue) complete with some local favourites such as game meat. (B, L, D)

**Day 14: Chobe - Johannesburg - Tour Ends** Fly to Johannesburg where your tour comes to a close. (B)

### Dates & Prices

<b>January – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	August 30	\$6329
January 11, 18	\$5739	September 6, 13, 20, 27	\$6329
February 1, 11, 22	\$5739	October 4, 11, 18, 25	\$6429
March 1, 8, 22, 29	\$5739	November 1, 8	\$6429
April 5, 8, 12, 19, 26	\$5619	January 10, 17, 24, 31	\$6429
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		February 7, 14, 21, 28	\$6429
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	March 7, 14	\$6429
May 3, 17	\$6179	April 4, 18	\$6279
June 7	\$6179		
July 19	\$6179		
August 16	\$6179		
		<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$1320 - \$1400</b>
		<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>(-) N/A</b>
		<b>Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</b>	

**This trip requires a passport and visa.** Passports must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the intended period of stay, plus you must have at least 4 blank pages (with visa hologram) remaining in your passport to allow for the entry stamp issued for South Africa as well as the visas for Zimbabwe and Botswana. The 2 pages for South Africa **MUST** be facing each other. Failure to comply with this law will result in denied boarding of your international flight. Park fees (\$110 - \$130 CAD) are included in the land price of your tour. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. For guests transiting via Europe, an additional overnight flight will be required. Day rooms or overnight stays can be arranged for a cost upon request. Due to tour scheduling, return flights from Johannesburg should not be scheduled prior to 6:30 p.m. Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Zimbabwe and Botswana. Consult your physician 2-3 weeks prior to departure.





Hassan II Mosque

# Highlights of Morocco

An adventure overflowing with centuries-old customs and culture

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Casablanca.

Get acquainted with fascinating Morocco with an additional night in Casablanca.

Call for details.

## Day 1: Overnight Flight

### Day 2: Casablanca, Morocco - Tour

**Begins** Your tour begins in Casablanca. Take a short drive to the city center for a brief stop at the impressive Hassan II Mosque, a stunning, high-tech, architectural masterpiece. Arrive at your hotel and enjoy time to relax. Gather tonight with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at Rick's Café, the mythical saloon from the 1942 film *Casablanca*. (D)

### Day 3: Casablanca - Meknes - Fes

Your first stop on today's journey is the ancient imperial city of Meknes. Lush rolling hills studded with ancient olive groves await you in this cultural city, a UNESCO World Heritage site. After lunch, explore the port of Bab El Mansour and Bab El Khamis before continuing on to the ancient ruins of Volubilis. Uncover the well-preserved remains of Roman palaces, baths, soaring arches and magnificent mosaics. **Tonight's dinner features traditional Moroccan delights**, prepared and served by the family who owns the riad where you are staying. (B, D)

**Day 4: Fes** Discover Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world. This enchanting city takes you back in time. Learn of its historical importance as a center of government, philosophy, medicine and religion while on your fascinating panoramic tour, including the Medersa Bou Inania, built in 1325. See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the palace. Take to the streets for a walking tour in the Medina. Founded in the 9th century, it is home to one of the oldest universities



in the world. Amid the cobbled alleyways of this ancient market you'll see donkeys and mules laden with goods walking alongside buyers. Spend time at the famous leather tanneries, a honeycomb of vats exploding in an array of brilliant colour. (B)

**Day 5: Fes - Midelt - Erfoud** Today you will learn about **MonkeyWatch**, a conservation program

dedicated to protecting the Barbary macaques that thrive in the forests of Ifrane National Park. You will have the opportunity to feed these unique creatures. Continue on toward Erfoud, making a stop in Midelt. Your overnight is in a kasbah. (B, D)

### Day 6: Erfoud - Sahara Desert

**Expedition - Merzouga** Your day begins at Erfoud's fossil factory and museum where they turn fossil rocks into decorative items. Then, travel to the Saharaoui town of Rissani. Get a true taste of the region when creating homemade stuffed bread with potato, meat, onion and Moroccan spices. **Jump into a 4x4 vehicle and make your way to various nomadic villages of the Sahara** before arriving at the edge of the dunes. Pause to enjoy a cup of tea by the pool before boarding your camel for your ride to a nomad camp. Traverse the stunning fine sands of Merzouga as the red sun falls toward the horizon. Later, learn how to bake bread under the sand — nomad style. As night falls, listen to intoxicating Berber drum music and song during the traditional pouring of mint tea followed by a delightful Moroccan feast. Sleep in a luxury tent and experience an unrivaled sense of tranquility in the serene desert. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Merzouga - Todra Gorge -

**Boumalne du Dades** Return to the edge of the dunes via camel. Then, set out for Erissani to begin the journey to Todra Gorge. Spend time in the Jewish quarter where you may choose to sample some local favourites at a bakery. Next, follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand





Kasbahs." These fortress-like kasbahs rise up like turreted sandcastles along the ancient trading route. This region is one of the most vibrant destinations. Along the river valleys, palmeries and burnished mud-brick homes light up in the desert sun. (B, D)

#### Day 8: Boumalne du Dades - High Atlas Mountains - Marrakech

Drive through the Valley of Roses, stopping en route at a local cooperative for coffee. Then, it's **on to the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou**, an impressive feat of Moroccan architecture. Continue along the High Atlas Mountains following the Tizi n' Tichka Pass. This scenic route brings you through lush oasis valleys and past imposing mountains. Pause along the way at a Berber village before entering the exotic city of Marrakech. (B)

**Day 9: Marrakech** Explore Marrakech and its ancient El Bahia Palace where today, a sentry of nesting storks stand guard. Enter the royal Saadian Tombs, explore the vibrant and historic Jewish Mellah, and see the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque. Tour the ancient city wall, passing by the Royal Palace and Marrakesh palm grove. **Savour lunch in the home of a local expert** and his family and get a true taste

of Moroccan hospitality. Then, enter the 9th-century walled Medina and enjoy time to mingle with the locals as you shop at the ancient market. (B, L)

**Day 10: Marrakech** This morning, **select the ingredients for your culinary workshop** that takes place on the rooftop of the charming Kasbah Omar, located in the middle of the old Jewish Berber village. Join a Berber family in their home for a traditional cup of tea and a taste of the real Berber life. After lunch, experience another Moroccan tradition at a henna workshop. Afterward, meet an artist and discover some of her work before heading to the souk for last minute shopping. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

#### Day 11: Marrakech - Casablanca - Tour Ends

A morning transfer brings you back to Casablanca to connect to your flight home. (B)

#### Extend Your Tour

**STAY LONGER.** Savour your time immersed in Moroccan culture with another night in Casablanca.

Call for details.

#### Dates & Prices

January – April 2017	Double	October 2017 – March 2018	Double
January 13	\$2869	October 5	\$3179
February 3	\$2869	November 2	\$3179
March 10, 17	\$2869	December 7	\$3179
March 15	\$3179	January 25	\$3179
April 21	\$2869	February 8	\$3179
		March 15	\$3179

Itinerary featured is for October 2017 - March 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

**Single Room Supplement (+) \$830 - \$950**  
**Triple Room Reduction N/A**

Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.

## Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Cultural Experiences

- Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of the ancient market of Medina.
- Learn about MonkeyWatch, dedicated to protecting the Barbary macaques.
- Experience a Moroccan tradition at a henna workshop.
- Behold Ksar Ait-Ben-Haddou, an impressive feat of Moroccan architecture.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Explore Fes, one of the holiest cities in the world.
- Board a camel to your nomad camp and overnight in the Sahara Desert.
- Jump into a 4x4 and make your way to various nomadic villages.
- Follow the rugged "Road of a Thousand Kasbahs."
- Discover the ancient Imperial city of Meknes, studded with olive groves.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 18 meals: 9 breakfasts • 3 lunches • 6 dinners
- Make your own stuffed bread with potato, meat, onion and Moroccan spices.
- Experience Moroccan hospitality during lunch with a local family.
- Select your own ingredients before a culinary workshop at the Kasbah Omar.
- Join a Berber family in their home for a traditional cup of tea.
- Take in Berber entertainment during a pouring of mint tea followed by a Moroccan feast.

### Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Day 2</b>	Val D'Anfa Hotel, Casablanca
<b>Days 3, 4</b>	Riad Yacout, Fes
<b>Day 5</b>	Kasbah Xaluca, Erfoud
<b>Day 6</b>	Auberge du sud Hotel, Merzouga
<b>Day 7</b>	Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades
<b>Days 8 – 10</b>	Opera Plaza, Marrakech

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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### Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

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This trip requires a passport. Return flights from Casablanca should not be booked prior to 11:30 a.m. Due to flight schedules, a post-night may be required in Casablanca (at an additional cost).





Lake Pichola

# Mysteries of India

Unravel the magic and wonder of a different world

## Extend Your Tour



**GO FARTHER.** Travel to one of the most exciting places in the world – Dubai. Going from desert to decadence, this place features a blend of ancient and modern wonders found nowhere else.

See page 66 for details.

**START EARLY.** Add an extra day in Delhi. Open your tour with an extra night in one of the most interesting cities in the world.

Call for details.

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

### Day 2: Delhi, India - Tour Begins

Welcome to Delhi, India's capital city that sports a rich history spanning over 2,000 years.

**Day 3: New Delhi** Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key phrases of the native language. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Explore Old Delhi's narrow streets by rickshaw, the

traditional mode of transportation. Next you'll tour New Delhi, visiting Qutub Minar, the tallest brick minaret in the world. Behold the India Gate war memorial, the Parliament and the palatial Rashtrapati Bhawan – the President's residence. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Delhi - Udaipur** Fly to Udaipur, your gateway to Rajasthan, where chivalrous tales come to life at forts and palaces. Settle into your hotel, a carefully restored palace perched on a hill and overlooking the lake. (B, D)

**Day 5: Udaipur** Participate in a relaxing yoga class and learn basic exercises and breathing techniques from a local expert. Visit the exquisite City Palace – its main entrance, Tripolia, was built in 1725. Stop at Sahelion-ki-Bari, the Garden of the Maids of Honour, and learn about the lifestyle of the royal ladies who once strolled through these gardens. This evening, cruise along Lake Pichola and take in views of the Jag Mandir Palace and the City Palace. (B)

**Day 6: Udaipur - Jaipur** This morning, depart on a scenic drive through the countryside to the "Pink City" of Jaipur. After having lunch and checking into your hotel, head out for a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, home to a former Maharaja, beholding its façade of 953 windows. Visit the City Palace and find gardens, courtyards, intricate decorative art and carved doorways. Marvel at Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory built in 1726 by Sawai Jai Singh. (B, L)

**Day 7: Jaipur** Ascend by vintage jeep to the top of Amber Fort, India's former seat of power. Visit a local school where the children are part of a midday program supported by the efforts of the Collette Foundation.

Tap into local customs during lunch as you learn about turban and sari tying. Stroll through a flower market for a glimpse into the art of making garlands used in traditional Indian welcome ceremonies. Enjoy a henna tattoo and bindi demonstration. Tonight, sit down for a home-hosted dinner and observe daily life inside the old city. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Jaipur - Ranthambore** Travel to Ranthambore National Park to learn about Project Tiger's efforts at a conservation in India. Meet a naturalist who will discuss the wildlife of the country with you during a slideshow presentation. **Embark on a game drive by canter (an open air vehicle).** Watch for marsh crocodiles, hyenas, sloth bears and even tigers. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Ranthambore** Rise and shine early this morning for a game drive. Afterward, enjoy breakfast at your hotel. Visit the Ranthambore School of Art which recruits students from neighbouring villages and trains them to be self-sufficient artists. Next, visit Dastkar Ranthambore Project, founded in 1981 by six women united to protect India's traditional artisans. Dive into the local cuisine with an interactive cooking demonstration followed by dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Ranthambore - Bharatpur - Agra** An early morning train brings you to Bharatpur. Disembark and enjoy brunch before continuing your journey to Agra, a city rich with the splendours of the past. (B, L)

**Day 11: Agra** Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise, witnessing the first rays of sun glistening on the white marble — a truly memorable moment. The Taj Mahal





took 22 years and 20,000 men to build. Built in the 17th century by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, the Taj Mahal is truly one of the wonders of the world. Visit Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire. (B)

**Day 12: Agra - Jhansi - Orchha - Khajuraho** Board your train for Jhansi and continue to Orchha for a relaxing lunch. Arrive in Khajuraho, your home for the evening. (B, L)

**Day 13: Khajuraho - Varanasi** Visit the Chandel Temple complex and behold some of the finest examples of temple architecture in northern India. Fly to Varanasi, a simplistic and charming city with a universal mystique. Tonight, **visit the Ghats – the banks of the river – witnessing the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony.** (B)

**Day 14: Varanasi** Cruise along the River Ganges past various Ghats where people ritually cleanse themselves of their sins, hoping for salvation. A city tour of Varanasi includes the Benaras Hindu University and Bharat Mata Temple. Continue to Sarnath where Siddhartha Gautama, later known as Buddha, gave his first sermon on a quiet grove in the 6th century B.C. A Hindu scholar discusses the philosophy of Hinduism

with you. Join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner this evening. (B, D)

**Day 15: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour Ends** Enjoy a morning at leisure before flying back to Delhi, where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up prior to the departure of your return flight home. (B)

### Extend Your Tour



**STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in Delhi.** As your tour comes to a close get ready for the journey home with an extra night.  
Call for details.

**EXPLORE MORE in Nepal.** Head for the Himalayas and the legendary city of Kathmandu. Perhaps you'll find a bit of enlightenment among the Buddhist temples and inspiring scenery.  
See page 68 for details.

### Dates & Prices

January - April 2017		Double	November 2, 8	\$4189
January 12, 19, 26		\$3889	January 11, 18, 25	\$4189
February 2, 9, 16		\$3889	February 8, 15, 22	\$4189
March 5		\$3889	March 1, 8	\$4189
April 21, 28		\$3349	April 5, 19	\$3589
Itinerary featured is for September 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.				
September 2017 - April 2018		Double	Single Room Supplement	(+) \$1140 - \$1560
September 28		\$4189	Triple Room Reduction	N/A
October 12, 19, 26		\$4189	Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.	

## Mysteries of India

15 Days from \$3589

### Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Cultural Experiences

- Spend two nights in Varanasi, India's holiest city.
- Stand in awe of the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony.
- Ascend by jeep to the top of Amber Fort.
- Join a Hindu scholar to discuss the philosophy of Hinduism.

### Must-See Inclusions

- See the Taj Mahal at sunrise.
- Experience two game drives in Ranthambore National Park.
- Explore Old Delhi's narrow streets by rickshaw.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 26 meals: 13 breakfasts • 7 lunches • 6 dinners
- Sit down for a home-hosted dinner and observe daily life inside the old city.
- Revel in an interactive cooking demonstration followed by dinner.

### Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Days 2, 3</b>	Leela Ambience Convention Hotel Delhi, New Delhi
<b>Days 4, 5</b>	Lalit Laxmi Vilas, Udaipur
<b>Days 6, 7</b>	Hilton, Jaipur
<b>Days 8, 9</b>	Dev Vilas, Ranthambore
<b>Days 10, 11</b>	Jaypee Palace, Agra
<b>Day 12</b>	Taj Chandela, Khajuraho
<b>Days 13, 14</b>	Gateway Hotel Ganges or Radisson Varanasi, Varanasi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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### Personalize Your Journey

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**This trip requires a passport and visa.** A tourist e-visa is available to Canadian citizens entering India through Delhi. You can apply online for a tourist e-visa, at least 4 days prior to travelling, for visits not exceeding 30 days. Carry a printed copy of the email confirmation of your e-visa and have a formal visa affixed on your passport upon arrival at the airport. Alternately, we recommend using CIBT visa service to insure accuracy and timeliness of visa processing. The approximate visa cost for a single entry visas is \$165 CAD (includes CIBT fees as well as consular fees) plus shipping, subject to change. Contact CIBT, visit [www.cibtvissas.ca](http://www.cibtvissas.ca) or check with your consulate for more information. For guests continuing on the South India extension, the cost of the unused dayroom in Delhi will be deducted from the price of your extension. The Indian Government charges a camera and/or video fee of approximately \$6 USD/\$20 USD respectively (total for the entire trip) for taking photos inside attractions. Your Tour Manager will collect these fees at the beginning of the tour and pay the government accordingly. Due to flight schedules, flights arriving into Delhi may arrive very late in the evening on Day 2 or just after midnight the morning of Day 3. A pre or post night may be required (at an additional cost). Due to tour scheduling, return flights home should not be booked to leave prior to 6:00 p.m. on the last day. The internal flights are not included in the land price of the program. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us.

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**India - At a local school, see the efforts of the Akshaya Patra Foundation. With the support of the Collette Foundation, this organization distributes healthy meals to the children.**





Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay

NEW  
TOUR

# Taste of Vietnam

Explore a rich blend of cultural influences and natural wonders

## Extend Your Tour



### GO FARTHER. Add 3 nights in Hong Kong.

Start your adventure in Hong Kong and explore one of Asia's most cosmopolitan and dynamic cities.

See page 67 for details.

### START EARLY. Add an extra day in Ho Chi Minh City.

Spend more time in this metropolis once known to the world as Saigon. Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Set out on a journey that reveals the best of Vietnam, a beautiful country with a long and rich history.

**Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Tour Begins** Your tour opens in historic Ho Chi Minh City. For centuries, the city has been the commercial hub of the region, creating a cultural melting pot.

**Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City** This morning, head to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Then you'll get acquainted with the city's colonial landmarks

on a tour that features the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Reunification Palace and the Binh Tay Market. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City** Today we explore the famous Mekong Delta, rich with natural and historic wonders, during a cruise along this bustling river. Be introduced to daily life during a visit to a home where coconut candy and rice paste are made. Enjoy a lunch of regional cuisine in a lush tropical garden. Visit a local residence to learn about their traditional way of life. Later, enjoy a visit to Cao Dai Temple and explore the region's rich architectural style. (B, L)

**Day 5: Saigon - Hanoi** Today, fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital. From the ancient past, through colonial rule to the modern day, this vibrant city boasts many layers of history. Hanoi's French influences and traditional motifs paint a rich cultural portrait that enthralls visitors. (B, D)

**Day 6: Hanoi** Begin your day in Ba Dinh Square, home of the mausoleum built to honour Ho Chi Minh. Behind this impressive site and standing in stark contrast is Minh's simple house that sits on stilts. Admire the lotus-shaped One Pillar Pagoda resting on a single stone pillar emerging from the water. Take in the well-preserved architecture at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, founded in the 11th century. Enjoy lunch at a non-profit restaurant. Learn how this caring organization changes the lives of underprivileged children by training them with new skills. Then, **set out on a cyclo tour of Hanoi** where you can catch a glimpse of ancient Hanoi and see the traditional Vietnamese

architecture including the "long house." **End the day with a traditional water puppet performance.** (B, L)

**Day 7: Hanoi - Ky Son - Hanoi** Venture to the countryside to Ky Son Village. Come to know life here as you embark on either a stroll or bike ride through the village. **Learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration** with a local chef before a lunch highlighting regional cuisine. Next, we head to Duong Lam village. Along the way, meet villagers and see their unique historic homes and communal places of worship. Enjoy a visit to the Mia Pagoda. Stop at the humble Ngo Quyen and Phung Hung temples, built by the locals in the 8th and 10th centuries to honour their kings. Return to Hanoi for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

**Day 8: Hanoi - Halong Bay** Journey to Halong Bay for your overnight cruise on a luxury junk boat. Travel through the rice paddy fields and stop in some of the villages. Marvel at the thousands of limestone islands that dot these waters. Enjoy a lunchtime seafood feast aboard followed by a swim in the crystal clear waters of the bay. Overnight among the dramatic limestone peaks rising out of the sea. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue** Wake as the fog gently lifts, revealing the morning light. Enjoy cruising through the emerald waters of Halong Bay back to the harbour. Then we return to Hanoi to board a flight to Hue, the Imperial capital city. (B)

**Day 10: Hue** Travel to the Perfume River and embark on a cruise that reveals Hue's Imperial past. First we make a stop at Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the oldest and most remarkable religious buildings in the country. Then it's on to see the incredible mausoleum of Emperor





Tu Duc, the most elaborate royal tomb in the country. Continue on to explore the sprawling Imperial Citadel that originally encompassed 148 buildings before arriving at the Dong Ba Market to partake in the timeless art of bartering. Later, savour the local flavours during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 11: Hue - Hoi An** Travel along the coast and through the countryside via the breathtaking Hai Van Pass on your way to Hoi An. En route, pause to see the quaint Lang Co fishing village. Enjoy a visit to the Cham Museum in Da Hang which houses the finest collection of Cham artwork. Arrive in Hoi An, an ancient merchant trading port and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

**Day 12: Hoi An** Learn about the local cuisine at today's cooking class. Begin with a visit to a local market to interact with vendors and learn about traditional ingredients. Learn how each of the vegetables and herbs are used to create everyday Vietnamese cuisine and enjoy lunch after your class. Then, visit one of Hoi An's famous lantern workshops and **try your hand at lantern making**. These colourful handmade creations are a part of the culture of the city and symbolize luck, happiness and wealth to the residents. Set out on a walking tour of this well-preserved town. Feel like you have stepped into the past as you stroll by the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, the ancient merchant house, a 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge, and the vibrant riverside market. Later, enjoy a peaceful boat trip along the Thu Bon River before time at leisure to explore the old town. (B, L)

**Day 13: Hoi An** Catch a glimpse into the Champa Kingdom at the remarkable ruins of My Son Sanctuary (UNESCO), situated in a remote jungle valley. This once thriving epicenter of religion and politics dates back

to the 4th century and has more than 20 well-preserved monuments to discover. Next, explore the local way of life at Tra Que Herb Village, a small farming community. En route, stop to see 17th-century Japanese tombs, the only ones of their kind outside of Japan. Arrive in town and observe the farmers tending to their crops and sample some local delicacies. Relax as you soak your feet in an herbal bath before returning to Hoi An. Tonight, enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 14: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City** Fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Tonight, toast to the end of a remarkable adventure while savouring your farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 15: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends** Return home with a wealth of incredible memories. (B)

### Extend Your Tour



#### EXPLORE MORE. Extend your tour with 3 nights in Bangkok.

Embrace this bustling city on the banks of the Chao Phraya River. See page 67 for details.

#### EXPLORE MORE. Extend your tour with 3 nights in Phu Quoc.

Complete your tour with three amazing days in paradise. See page 68 for details.

#### STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in Ho Chi Minh City. Relax after your adventure or enjoy more time to explore.

Call for details.

### Dates & Prices

May 2017 – April 2018		Double	February 1, 8, 22	\$3589
May 11, 25		\$3319	March 1, 15, 22	\$3589
June 15		\$3319	April 5, 12, 19	\$3589
July 13		\$3319		
August 24		\$3319		
September 7, 21		\$3319		
October 12, 26		\$3589		
November 2, 16, 30		\$3589		
January 11, 18, 25		\$3589		

**Single Room Supplement** (+) **\$940**  
**Triple Room Reduction** **N/A**

Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.

## Taste of Vietnam

### 15 Days from \$3319

## Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Choice On Tour ①

- Come to know life in Ky Son on a stroll or bike ride through the village.

### Cultural Experiences

- Try your hand at lantern making in Hoi An.
- Discover the beauty of the Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the oldest buildings in Vietnam.
- Experience daily life during a visit to Tra Que Herb Village, a small farming community.
- Enjoy a traditional water puppet performance.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Set out on an overnight cruise on a luxury junk boat in Halong Bay and swim in the crystal clear waters.
- Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used by the Viet Cong.
- Get acquainted with Ho Chi Minh City's landmarks on a city tour.
- See the famous lotus-shaped One Pillar Pagoda resting on a single stone pillar.
- Travel along the stunning Hai Van Pass.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 27 meals included: 13 breakfasts • 7 lunches • 7 dinners
- Enjoy lunch at a non-profit restaurant and learn how it supports the local community.
- Explore traditional culinary traditions during a cooking class.

### Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Days 2 - 4</b>	New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City
<b>Days 5 - 7</b>	Movenpick Hotel, Hanoi
<b>Day 8</b>	Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay
<b>Days 9, 10</b>	Imperial Hotel, Hue
<b>Days 11 - 13</b>	Almanity Hoi An Resort & Spa, Hoi An
<b>Day 14</b>	New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 71 for details.

### Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers**.

Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare**. See page 72 for details.

**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

This trip requires a passport and visa. The approximate cost for a one month multiple entry Vietnam visa is \$90 CAD and must be obtained prior to departure. If you wish to purchase your visa in advance, Explorations recommends using CIBT visa service to ensure accuracy and timeliness of visa processing. The approximate visa cost is 210 CAD (includes CIBT fees as well as consular fees) plus shipping, subject to change. Please contact CIBT or visit their website at [www.cibtvias.com](http://www.cibtvias.com) or check with your consulate for more information. Due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be booked through us. Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. The Phú Quoc and Bangkok extensions operate concurrently. Only one post extension may be booked.





NEW  
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# Exploring Sri Lanka

From intriguing culture to unspoiled landscapes

## Extend Your Tour



**GO FARTHER.** Begin your exploration with a pre-tour Dubai extension. See one of the world's fastest growing and most intriguing cities.

See page 66 for details.

**START EARLY.** Add an extra day in Colombo. Enjoy more time to explore when arriving early in the lively city of Colombo.

Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Discover the stunning landscapes, rich culture and deep traditions found in the enchanting country of Sri Lanka.

**Day 2: Colombo, Sri Lanka - Tour Begins** Your tour begins in the bustling capital city of Colombo, a vibrant cosmopolitan city combining colonial roots and modern influences. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant featuring traditional Sri Lankan specialties. (D)

**Day 3: Colombo** Today you will **come to know the treasures of Colombo**, the commercial hub of the country. Join a local guide who will lead you on a tour of this historical city that spans centuries and melds styles from the Portuguese, Dutch and British. See the central business district called the Fort, the colourful and lively Petta Bazaar, the sprawling Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple, and Independence Square, created in recognition of gaining their freedom in 1948. (B)

**Day 4: Colombo - Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage - Sigiriya** Our first stop today is at the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, which has been rescuing elephants since 1975. They care for abandoned and wounded elephants of all ages. Watch how the animals are now beginning to thrive as they interact with each other and their handlers during feeding time. Continue to the lush forests of Sigiriya and find yourself surrounded by tranquility at your luxury hotel. (B, D)

**Day 5: Sigiriya - Rock Fortress - Minneriya National Park - Sigiriya** This morning we ascend an impressive granite peak to explore the ruins of the ancient city of Sigiriya - "fortress in the sky." Treasured by the locals, this UNESCO World Heritage site is a sprawling former palace and fortress with extensive gardens considered to be the oldest landscaped gardens in the world complete with fountains and lakes. Next, enjoy a picturesque lunch set among reed beds and paddy fields. This afternoon, proceed to Minneriya National Park. **Explore this wildlife sanctuary**, established in 1938, and witness herds of elephants bathing and grazing in their natural habitat. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Sigiriya - Polonnaruwa - Spice Market - Kandy** Travel to the fascinating ruins of the ancient city of Polonnaruwa (UNESCO). **Spend time discovering this former capital city of Sri Lanka** which was built in the 12th century when trade and agriculture flourished under the reign of King Parakramabahu. The king was ahead of his time developing an irrigation system that still supplies the water during dry season to local farms. Then it's on to the city of Matala, known for hosting merchants from around the world since ancient times. During a guided tour of a spice market, learn about the various spices and smell fragrant clove, cinnamon, cardamom, nutmeg and many other spices used in Sri Lankan cooking. Continue to the picturesque, lakefront city of Kandy. This evening, **enjoy a cultural show with traditional Sri Lankan dancing, ceremonial drums and music.** (B, D)

**Day 7: Kandy - Temple of the Tooth Relic - Mahaweli River Cruise** Explore Kandy, set on a plateau surrounded by the mountains of central Sri Lanka. Visit the impressive gilded Temple of the Tooth Relic, revered by Buddhists from around the world for being the place that holds the actual tooth of Buddha. Next, take a walk through the Royal Botanical Gardens, established in the 14th century as a garden for the Kings of Kandy. Today, the garden's 150 acres are home to more than 5,000 species of trees and plants, including an orchid house. This evening, **delight in a sunset river cruise on the tranquil Mahaweli River** followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 8: Kandy - Nuwara Eliya** Travel along the scenic road that leads you to the lush green





landscape found near the town of Nuwara Eliya. Rolling hills and tea plantations surround this former colonial British retreat nicknamed "Little England." During a city tour, see the English country-style homes, the Gothic Holy Trinity Church and the "pink post office" with its unique clock tower. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Nuwara Eliya - Tea

**Estate** Start your day at the Pedro Tea Estate located in Kandapola, just north of Nuwara Eliya. Join an expert for a guided tour of the estate and factory where they still pack tea using 19th century methods; savour a taste of their tea. The rest of your day is at leisure to enjoy your historic hotel. Perhaps you will stroll the lawns adorned with topiary and roses, play a game of billiards, or take advantage of the hotel's amenities. (B, D)

#### Day 10: Nuwara Eliya - Bentota

Our journey today takes us to Bentota, a coastal paradise brimming with sunshine and beautiful beaches. Arrive early this afternoon and have the remainder of the day at leisure to relax and take in the luxurious ambiance at your beachfront resort. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Bentota - Galle -

**Bentota** Spend the day discovering the city of Galle, a fortified city settled by the Portuguese in the 16th century that flourished in the 18th century under Dutch rule. The city reveals an interesting blend of

cultures and styles. Explore Galle's Dutch Fort (UNESCO), the largest European fort in Asia. Then embark on a guided tour of the island's prominent landmarks where you will see the scenic harbour, the National Maritime Museum, St. Mary's Cathedral, and a Shiva temple. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Bentota - Ambalangoda - Bentota

Travel to Ambalangoda to learn about the art of Sri Lankan mask making and come to know the legends associated with them. Begin by spending time at a local museum and workshop to discover how these masks are created and how they are used in dramatic dance performances. Then, visit the Bandu Wijesooriya School of Dancing where an expert discusses the types of dances they perform and how the masks are used in performances. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a special farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Bentota - Colombo -

**Tour Ends** Transfer to Colombo where your tour ends. (B)

### Extend Your Tour

**STAY LONGER.** Spend an extra night discovering the treasures of the fascinating city of Colombo.

Call for details.

## Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Cultural Experiences

- Explore the wildlife sanctuary at Minneriya National Park.
- Cruise the tranquil Mahaweli River.
- Enjoy a cultural show – dancing, ceremonial drums and music.
- Learn about the art of Sri Lankan mask making.
- See the Royal Botanical Gardens, originally a garden for the Kings of Kandy.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Come to know the treasures of Colombo with a local guide.
- Visit the inspiring Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage.
- Climb the impressive Sigiriya Rock Fortress, a former palace.
- Discover the impressive gilded Temple of the Tooth Relic.
- Spend a day discovering Galle, a fortified city settled by the Portuguese.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 22 meals: 11 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 10 dinners
- Learn about the various spices used in Sri Lankan cooking.
- Sample the famed local tea at the Pedro Tea Estate.
- Dine at a local restaurant and savour traditional Sri Lankan specialties.

### Accommodations

**Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel, Colombo  
**Days 4, 5** Cinnamon Lodge Habarana, Sigiriya  
**Days 6, 7** Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy  
**Days 8, 9** Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya  
**Days 10 – 12** Centara Ceysands Resort, Bentota

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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### Personalize Your Journey

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**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

This trip requires a passport and visa. The approximate visa cost is \$35 USD, at your expense. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. The walk to Sigiriya Rock Fortress on Day 5 is considered to be very strenuous, over uneven terrain, and with minimal handrails available. You should be in excellent physical condition to participate. For stays of up to 30 days, you can apply for a tourist visa online using the Electronic Travel Authority. Visit [www.travel.gc.ca](http://www.travel.gc.ca) for more information. Due to flight schedules, flights arriving into Colombo may arrive very late in the evening on Day 2 or just after midnight the morning of Day 3. A pre or post night may be required (at an additional cost).

### Dates & Prices

<b>October 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	March 5, 26	\$5049
October 16, 23	\$4949	April 9, 16	\$5049
November 6	\$4949	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$1900 - \$2300</b>
January 15, 29	\$5199	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>(-) \$50</b>
February 12	\$5199		
February 26	\$5049		

Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.





Angkor Wat

# Three Kingdoms of Indochina

Set out on a cultural journey across Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos

## Extend Your Tour



### GO FARTHER. Add 3 nights in Hong Kong.

Start your adventure in Hong Kong and explore one of Asia's most cosmopolitan and dynamic cities.

See page 67 for details.

### START EARLY. Add an extra day in Ho Chi Minh City.

Spend more time in this metropolis once known to the world as Saigon. Call for details.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

**Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Tour Begins** Your tour opens in historic Ho Chi Minh City.

**Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City** This morning, head to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon, tour the city's colonial landmarks. Tonight, gather for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City** Today, **cruise along the famous Mekong Delta**, rich with natural and cultural wonders. Be introduced to daily life during a visit to a home where coconut candy and rice paste

are made. Enjoy a lunch in a lush tropical garden. Visit a local residence to learn about their traditions. Later, enjoy a visit to Cao Dai Temple. (B, L)

**Day 5: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap, Cambodia** Fly to Cambodia and arrive in Siem Reap - a village which brings together colonial and Chinese architecture. Today, this ancient place is home to chic hotels and a thriving culinary scene. (B, D)

**Day 6: Siem Reap** Begin your day exploring the ancient ruins of Angkor Thom, known for its colossal stone-carved faces. Discover its Bayon Temple, Baphoun, Phimeanakas, the Royal Palace, the Elephant Terrace and the Leper King Terrace. Next, **explore the famous Angkor Wat**, the world's largest religious building and the symbol of Cambodia. Remain until evening for a spectacular sunset. Tonight, enjoy dinner and an Apsara show. (B, D)

**Day 7: Siem Reap** Set out to see three Hindu temples: the 11th-century pyramid-shaped Temple of Shiva, Banteay Srei Temple with its remarkably intricate carvings, and the well-preserved Banteay Samre Temple. Continue to the mystical temple Ta Prohm, overgrown by the creeping jungle. This afternoon, spend time at a monastery where you'll meet the monks who reside there and participate in a private blessing ceremony. (B, D)

**Day 8: Siem Reap - Luang Prabang, Laos** Your day begins at the JWOC Community Center where you'll meet local school children. Then we fly to Luang Prabang, the spiritual capital of Laos. (B)

**Day 9: Luang Prabang** This morning we are off to two of the most remarkable temples in Luang Prabang: Wat Sen or "Temple of 100,000 Treasures," and Wat Visun. Continue through the countryside to the

stunning Kuang Si waterfalls. Gaze over Luang Prabang from atop Mount Phousi. Later, immerse yourself in the Street Night Market. (B, D)

**Day 10: Luang Prabang** Board a traditional riverboat for a cruise down the Mekong River. Stop to see the Wat Xieng Thong temple with its colourful Tree of Life mosaic. Continue on, pausing along the way to get to know the rural way of life in the small villages. Head for Wat Long Khoun or the "Monastery of the Happy." Our next stop on our journey is at Pak Ou Caves, home to hundreds of Buddhas. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Learn about locally made rice wine called "lao lao." Discover local artisan's creations including jute paper with stops in Ban Xang Khong and Ban Xieng Lek. (B, L)

**Day 11: Luang Prabang - Hanoi, Vietnam** Wake before dawn and participate in the offering of alms to hundreds of saffron-robed monks. Fly to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. (B)

**Day 12: Hanoi** Begin your day in Ba Dinh Square, home of the mausoleum built to honour Ho Chi Minh. Behind this impressive site and standing in stark contrast is Minh's simple house on stilts. Admire the lotus-shaped One Pillar Pagoda resting on a single stone pillar emerging from the water. Take in the well-preserved traditional architecture at the Temple of Literature. Enjoy lunch at a non-profit restaurant that empowers underprivileged children by training them with new skills. Then, **set out on a cyclo tour of Hanoi** and see traditional Vietnamese architecture. End the day with a water puppet performance. (B, L, D)

**Day 13: Hanoi - Ky Son - Hanoi** Venture to the countryside to Ky Son Village. Choose to





explore on either a stroll or bike ride through the village. **Learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration** with a local chef before lunch. Next, head to Duong Lam village. Along the way, meet villagers and see their unique homes. Enjoy a visit to the Mia Pagoda. Stop at the humble Ngo Quyen and Phung Hung temples. (B, L)

**Day 14: Hanoi - Halong Bay** Journey to Halong Bay for your overnight cruise on a luxury junk boat. Travel through the rice paddy fields and stop in some of the villages. Enjoy a lunchtime seafood feast followed by a swim in the crystal clear waters. Overnight among the dramatic limestone peaks rising out of the sea. (B, L, D)

**Day 15: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue** Wake as the fog lifts, revealing the morning light. Enjoy cruising through the emerald waters of Halong Bay back to the harbour. Return to Hanoi and fly to Hue. (B)

**Day 16: Hue - Hoi An** Travel to the Perfume River and embark on a cruise that reveals Hue's Imperial past. Make a stop at Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the most remarkable religious buildings in the country. Then it's on to the sprawling Imperial Citadel. After your cruise, continue through the countryside via the breathtaking Hai Van Pass on our way to Hoi An. (B, L, D)

**Day 17: Hoi An** Learn about the local cuisine at today's cooking class. Begin with a visit to a local market to interact with vendors and learn about traditional ingredients. Learn how each of the vegetables and herbs are used to create everyday Vietnamese cuisine and enjoy lunch after class. Then, visit one of Hoi An's lantern workshops and **try your hand at lantern making**. Enjoy a walking tour of this

well-preserved town. Later, enjoy a peaceful boat trip along the Thu Bon River. (B, L)

**Day 18: Hoi An** Catch a glimpse into the Champa Kingdom at the remarkable ruins of My Son Sanctuary. Then it's off to Tra Que Herb Village, a small farming community. En route, stop to see 17th-century Japanese tombs. Arrive in town and observe the local farmers and sample some local delicacies. Soak your feet in an herbal bath. Tonight, enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 19: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City** Fly to Ho Chi Minh City this afternoon and this evening, enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 20: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends** (B)

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## Dates & Prices

<b>January – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	September 4, 11, 18, 25	\$4399
January 5, 8, 12, 19	\$4599	October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	\$4669
February 2, 9, 16, 23	\$4599	November 13, 27	\$4669
March 2, 9, 16	\$4599	December 4, 18	\$4669
April 6	\$4599	January 8, 15, 22, 29	\$4669
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	February 5, 12, 19, 26	\$4669
May 8, 15, 22	\$4399	March 5, 19, 26	\$4669
June 12, 19	\$4399	April 2, 16	\$4669
July 10, 17	\$4399		
August 7, 14	\$4399		
		<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$1350 - \$1510</b>
		<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>N/A</b>
		Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.	

## Three Kingdoms of Indochina

20 Days from \$4399

## Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Choice On Tour

- Come to know life in Ky Son with a stroll or bike ride through the village.

### Cultural Experiences

- Meet the monks of a local monastery and participate in a private blessing ceremony.
- Journey to the famous Pak Ou Caves, home to hundreds of Buddhas.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Explore famous Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious building.
- Cruise overnight on a luxury junk boat in Halong Bay.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 36 meals included: 18 breakfasts • 8 lunches • 10 dinners

### Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Days 2 - 4</b>	New World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City
<b>Days 5 - 7</b>	Angkor Century Hotel, Siem Reap
<b>Days 8 - 10</b>	The Sanctuary Hotel, Luang Prabang
<b>Days 11 - 13</b>	The Movenpick Hotel, Hanoi
<b>Day 14</b>	Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay
<b>Day 15</b>	Imperial Hotel, Hue
<b>Days 16 - 18</b>	Almanity Hoi An Hotel, Hoi An
<b>Day 19</b>	New World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City

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### Tour Activity Level

See page 71 for details.

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Inle Lake

# Discovering Myanmar

Immerse yourself in this intriguing realm that locals call the “Golden Land”

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Embark on a captivating tour through Myanmar and discover a region filled with thousands of years of history.

**Day 2: Yangon, Myanmar - Tour Begins** Your tour opens in Yangon, a quiet and colourful city. Its impressive colonial and spiritual heritage makes it one of the most fascinating cities in Southeast Asia.

**Day 3: Yangon** We start the day with a stroll through the city center and the colonial district. Stop at the impressive Mayor's Hall and beautiful Mahabandoola Park. Next, set out on the Yangon Railway, a circular train that the locals use every day. This slow travelling train gets you up-close to the vibrant lifestyle of the people who call this place home. Disembark at the Scott Market and enjoy time to explore. This afternoon, **continue to Shwedagon Pagoda, the most revered Buddhist temple in Myanmar.** Although its origins are unclear, the local legend states that the structure was built 2,500 years ago, then renovated several times, finally taking shape in the 15th century. Tonight, gather for a welcome dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Yangon - Heho - Pindaya - Inle Lake** A short morning flight brings you to Heho. From there we head to Pindaya Cave, home to more than 8,000 Buddha statues. Carved in wood, stone, marble and bronze, these works of art are a wonder to behold. Afterwards, visit Shan paper production cottages where handmade papers are produced from mulberry bark pulp that is sun-dried. You'll also see how the oiled paper umbrellas that are used by monks and nuns are made. Travel to Nyaung Shwe, stopping en route at the Shwe Yan Pyay, an old wooden monastery. (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Inle Lake** Board your private motorboat to head out on tranquil Inle Lake and be surrounded by one of Myanmar's most spectacular panoramas. Inle Lake is the only place in the world where you can find people who propel their boats by "leg rowing." Pass villages built on stilts and inhabited by the local Intha people. Intha farmers grow flowers and vegetables in floating beds of water hyacinth and grasses, staked to the shallow lake bed with bamboo poles. Explore the local crafts of Inle Lake at the weaving village of Inpawkhone and visit floating villages and gardens. Later, visit the famous Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda. (B, L)

**Day 6: Inle Lake - Indein - Inle Lake** Spend time at one of the lake's morning markets. This rotating market moves around the lake's villages in a five day rotation, frequented by the Pa-O, Danu and Intha locals who come to sell and trade their wares. Continue by boat to the Indein Pagoda Complex, an archaeological site with hundreds of Shan-style pagoda standing on a slope of the hill. Some of the pagodas date back to the 17th and 18th centuries. Then we take a short trek to Indein village to mingle with the Pa-O people and the villagers of Indein. (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Inle Lake - Mandalay - Pyin Oo Lwin** Fly to Mandalay and ascend to the former British hill station of Pyin Oo Lwin (also known as Maymyo), filled with colonial-era buildings. There is an interesting mix of residents here including various ethnic tribes as well as many Nepalese and Hindu who migrated here during the British occupation. Explore the peaceful National Kandawgyi Botanical Gardens, reminiscent of Britain's great gardens. This horticultural wonder features 432 acres of botanical species from around the world.

Feel like you have stepped back in time during a horse-drawn carriage ride through the park. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Pyin Oo Lwin - Gokhteik - Mandalay** Board a train for a journey across the Gokhteik Viaduct, built more than a century ago by the Pennsylvania Steel Company, and considered a masterpiece of steel trestle construction. Take in spectacular scenery as you travel over a nearly 100-foot-deep gorge in the Shan mountains. Then, return to Mandalay to relax or explore on your own. Later, visit Kuthodaw Pagoda. Known as "the world's largest book," it is surrounded by 729 marble slabs inscribed with Buddhist scriptures. Proceed to the Golden Palace Monastery, once part of the palace complex where King Mindon lived. (B, L)

**Day 9: Mandalay - Mingun - Sagaing - Amarapura - Mandalay** Board your boat and travel on the Ayeyarwady (Irrawaddy) River bustling with longtail boats and bamboo rafts. Upon arrival on the western bank, visit the unfinished Mingun Pagoda. Built between 1790 and 1797, the pagoda was split by an earthquake in 1838. Pause along the way to see the famous Mingun Bell, the world's largest intact bronze bell. Continue on to the stunning, pure-white Hsinbyume (Myatheintan) Pagoda and the Soon Oo Ponnya Shin Pagoda where you will find some of the best panoramic views of the valleys and river. Visit Sagaing, a town at the foot of the Sagaing Hills, dotted with hundreds of pagodas, monasteries and nunneries quarters. Make a stop in the traditional village of Amarapura, a former capital of Myanmar. Behold the picturesque U Bein Bridge, a 200-year-old bridge constructed of 984 teak posts that were once part of the Inwa Palace...this is





the world's longest teak span. When time permits, we'll venture to the glittering glass-studded temple atop Mandalay Hill to watch the sunset. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Mandalay - Monywa - Pakokku - Bagan** Our first stop this morning is Monywa where you will visit Thanboddya Pagoda complex, spectacular with its multicoloured spires and more than 580,000 Buddha images, all in seated or standing poses. Next, stop at Bodhi Tataung complex where massive golden Buddhas, reclining or standing, gaze serenely over the Chindwin Valley. Later we head to Pakokku and visit Ma-U village to learn about the incense stick industry. Cross the Ayeyarwady River by boat on our way to Bagan, the capital of Myanmar during the 11th - 13th centuries. Set on the banks of the Ayeyarwady River, Bagan is home to the largest area of Buddhist temples, pagodas, stupas and ruins in the world. (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Bagan** Bagan's rulers constructed thousands of huge stupas and temples, many of which are still standing today. Gain insight into the city's rich history during a sightseeing tour featuring the colourful Nyaung Oo local market and stops

at pagodas and temples along the way. Then, discover the amazing Ananda Temple, an architectural masterpiece and one of Bagan's most beautiful temples. Finish the day with a visit to one of the larger temples and pause to take in the unforgettable sunset. (B)

**Day 12: Bagan - Mount Popa - Bagan** Today, drive through the plains to Mount Popa, an imposing sight of sheer rock topped with golden stupas from the monastery that sits on its peak. Stop at a toddy palm grove to see a skillful climber collecting sap from the top of a swaying tree. Here, learn about this palm sugar making cottage and taste this traditional sweet treat. Next, visit a local community to experience Myanmar village life. You'll also have the opportunity to see and perhaps make the 25-minute climb to the top of Popa Taung Kalut, an imposing summit shaped out of a volcanic eruption some 250,000 years ago. Next, visit Popa Mountain Park to see Myanmar's traditional medicine plant garden. Tonight, say farewell to this magical region during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 13: Bagan - Yangon - Tour Ends** Return to Yangon for your flight home. (B)

## Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Cultural Experiences

- Travel aboard the Yangon Railway, a circular train that the locals use every day.
- Visit the Indein village and come to know the Pa-O people.
- Explore tranquil Inle Lake by private motorboat to discover its spectacular setting.
- Enjoy time in the traditional village of Amarapura.
- Take a carriage ride through the National Kandawgyi Gardens.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Discover the most revered Buddhist temple in Myanmar - Shwedagon Pagoda.
- Take in the sunset over the plains of Bagan from the terrace of a temple.
- Ascend the plateau to the charming former British hill station of Pyin Oo Lwin.
- Marvel at the amazing Ananda Temple, an architectural masterpiece.
- Travel across the Gokhteik Viaduct, built more than a century ago.
- Visit Kuthodaw Pagoda, known as "the world's largest book."

### Culinary Inclusions

- 26 meals included: 11 breakfasts • 8 lunches • 7 dinners
- Enjoy welcome and farewell dinners featuring regional cuisine.

### Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Days 2, 3</b>	Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake, Yangon
<b>Days 4 - 6</b>	Inle Resort, Inle Lake
<b>Day 7</b>	Aureum Resort, Pyin Oo Lwin
<b>Days 8, 9</b>	Mandalay Hill Resort, Mandalay
<b>Days 10 - 12</b>	Hotel at Tharabar Gate, Bagan

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 71 for details.

### Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare.** See page 72 for details.

**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

**This trip requires a passport.** A single-entry Myanmar visa is required at your own expense and must be obtained prior to departure. The cost is approximately \$50 USD. E-visa applications are to be submitted at <http://www.myanmarvisa.gov.mm> and is payable by MasterCard or Visa in USD only. Processing time is approximately 1 week and must be used within 3 months of issue date. The approval letter must be printed as it is required to board your international flight to Myanmar and submitted to immigration upon arrival. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Please contact your consulate for further details. Credit cards are starting to be accepted in Myanmar; however, the bank processing fees will be added to your total charges (approximately 4%). ATM machines are available in large cities only. It is recommended you travel with cash for your additional expenses. The internal flights are not included in the land cost of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 5:30 p.m.

#### Dates & Prices

<b>January - April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	October 12, 26	\$3959
January 12	\$3999	November 2	\$3959
February 2, 9	\$3999	December 1, 28	\$3959
March 9, 16	\$3999	January 11, 25	\$3959
April 27	\$3999	February 1, 15	\$3959
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		March 8, 15, 29	\$3959
		April 5, 12, 26	\$3959
<b>May 2017 - April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$950 - \$1750</b>
May 11, 18	\$3649	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>N/A</b>
July 13	\$3649	<b>Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.</b>	
August 17	\$3649		
September 21, 28	\$3649		





Tuscan Countryside

# Italy's Treasures

Savour the artistic, culinary and historic side of Italy

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Stresa.

Enjoy more time on the shores of Lake Maggiore in Stresa. Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Set out on your overnight flight to Italy!

**Day 2: Stresa, Italy - Tour Begins** Begin in Stresa, on the shore of Lago Maggiore. Visit a wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party, tasting some local specialties. A boat transports you to your welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands. (D)

**Day 3: Stresa** Today, visit an ancient village nestled in the mountains where you'll stop at a local farm to sample their artisanally produced cheeses paired with the region's delicious wines. The remainder of your day in Stresa is at leisure. Perhaps you will investigate the piazzas, flower-lined cobblestone streets and lakeside promenades; or, relax on an optional cruise on this scenic lake and take in the breathtaking surroundings. (B)

### Day 4: Stresa - Orta - Italian Riviera

Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager teaches you a few key phrases of the native language. Depart the Italian Lakes region for Sestri Levante on the Ligurian coast. Stop at Lake Orta and

take a boat to Isola di San Giulio. Walk the grounds of this charming island with its working convent. Experience the outdoor cafés and shops of this lakeside resort. Continue on to the Italian Riviera. (B, D)

### Day 5: Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre

Spend your day discovering the colourful Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. **Travel by rail through the medieval villages of the Cinque Terre**, perched on the edge of the sea. Traverse the rugged coastal area dotted with terraced vineyards, arriving at this nearly



Cinque Terre

inaccessible string of fishing villages tucked between the mountains and the Mediterranean. Feel like you have stepped back in time. Spend an afternoon independently exploring this magical place. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to help you plan your adventure. (B)

### Day 6: Italian Riviera - Lucca -

**Tuscan Villa** Drive to the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Then

you'll choose the way you discover Lucca: on foot or by bicycle. Either way, you'll visit the Cathedral of San Martino, the Piazza Napoleone and the Piazza dell'Anfiteatro. Then, enjoy a taste of the region by sampling some local delicacies at specialty food shops. End the day in a historic Tuscan villa and begin a relaxing 4-night stay. (B, D)

### Day 7: Florence Get to know Florence with a

**walking tour** of the city's treasures and monuments, including the Piazza del Duomo, the center of religious life in medieval Florence, and the Piazza della Signoria. Visit the Museo della Casa Fiorentina Antica, housed in the 14th-century Palazzo Davanzati. Explore independently before returning to your villa. (B)

**Day 8: Siena** Travel to Siena for an expert-led walking tour. Visit the town's dramatic cathedral, a stunning example of Romanesque and Gothic architecture. **Stroll through narrow medieval streets** as you experience life in this historic cultural center. Return to your villa for a relaxing afternoon. (B, D)

**Day 9: Tuscan Countryside** Visit a winery in the heart of Tuscany that showcases the wine cellar, family estate, vineyards and olive groves. Participate in a Tuscan cooking lesson given by the winery's own chef. Enjoy an authentic Tuscan lunch paired with wines produced on-site. Return to the villa for some leisure time. At dinner, continue your sampling of Tuscan cuisine in one of Tuscany's traditional restaurants. (B, L, D)

### Day 10: Tuscany - Bologna - Venice

Depart for Venice. En route, stop in Bologna where we





take a guided walking tour of the center, virtually unchanged since the Renaissance. We'll also sample local delicacies at specialty food shops. Later, arrive in Venice for your 2-night stay. (B)

**Day 11: Venice** Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a fascinating glass-blowing demonstration. Return to St. Mark's Square for a locally guided walking tour featuring the Clock Tower, St. Mark's Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs, and a visit to the Doge's Palace.

Tonight, partake in a celebratory farewell dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 12: Venice - Tour Ends

Wake up in Venice and depart for home. (B)

#### Extend Your Tour

**STAY LONGER.** Add an extra day in Venice. Complete your tour with another night in enchanting Venice. Call for details.



## Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Choice On Tour

- In Lucca, set out on foot or by bike to explore the local sites and sample regional delicacies.

### Cultural Experiences

- Explore Lake Orta, one of Italy's hidden treasures.
- Experience medieval life at the Palazzo Davanzati.
- Discover the colorful Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Spend two wonderful nights in romantic Venice.
- Get to know Florence with a tour of the city's treasures.
- Explore Lucca's piazzas and medieval streets.
- Discover the beautiful Tuscan countryside.
- Stroll through the narrow medieval streets of Siena.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 17 meals included: 10 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 6 dinners
- Travel by boat to your welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori.
- Participate in a Tuscan cooking lesson given by an expert chef.
- Enjoy an authentic Tuscan lunch expertly paired with wines produced on site.
- Attend a cocktail party in Stresa, and sample some local products.
- Savour regional wines with every included dinner.

### Accommodations

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa  
**Days 4, 5** Grand Hotel dei Castelli, Italian Riviera or Hotel Astor, Viareggio  
**Days 6 - 9** Villa Lecchi, Villa Baldelli, Villa Sanpaolo or Villa San Lucchese, Tuscany  
**Days 10, 11** Hotel Bonvecchiati, Hotel Ca' dei Conti or Hotel Santa Marina, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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### Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

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**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive into Milan airport and depart out of Venice airport. All of our departure transfers will depart from Venice city center to the Venice airport.

#### Dates & Prices

January – April 2017	Double	September 30	\$5409
January 14*	\$3699	October 7	\$5409
February 11*	\$3939	October 14, 21	\$5269
March 4	\$4249	October 28	\$5069
March 18	\$4309	November 4	\$4869
April 1, 3	\$4489	December 2*	\$4279
April 17, 22, 24	\$4549	March 10, 17	\$4939
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		April 7	\$5139
		April 14, 21	\$5269
May 2017 – April 2018	Double	Single Room Supplement	(+) \$480 - \$1010
May 6, 13, 20	\$5409	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$50
June 3, 10, 17, 24	\$5409	Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.	
July 8, 15	\$5269	*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy	
August 5, 19, 26, 28	\$5269		
September 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25	\$5479		

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\*Value Season Departures: These select off-season dates allow you to experience more for less. Plus, you'll enjoy smaller crowds. It's a wonderful time to travel.





# Tuscan and Umbrian Countryside

Fall in love with Italy's charming hill towns

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Rome.

Add some time to explore the "Eternal City" to your idyllic adventure.  
Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Board your overnight flight to the Italian capital city of Rome.

**Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins** Meet your fellow travellers in Rome for a welcome dinner in a local restaurant. Join in an interactive and fun presentation on Italy's wines given by the restaurant's sommelier. Indulge in a traditional four-course meal paired with some of the country's finest wines. (D)

**Day 3: Rome - Orvieto - Umbria** Travel to the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto, known for its white wine and Gothic cathedral housing a Signorelli fresco. Upon arrival, join a local expert on a walking tour to discover Orvieto's treasures, including a visit to the cathedral. Take time to explore this town on your own or perhaps enjoy a leisurely lunch. Spend the next four nights in a pristine Umbrian hill town. (B, D)

**Day 4: Umbria - Spoleto - Cooking Class - Umbria** Embark on a guided walking tour of historic Spoleto. See medieval palaces, the ornate Duomo di Santa Maria Assunta, and the magnificent Ponte delle Torri, an aqueduct dating back to the 13th century. Enjoy free time to peruse the

town's shops and cafés. Pay a special visit to a country restaurant housed in a 16th-century farmhouse where the chef provides a hands-on Umbrian cooking lesson. Indulge in an early dinner in the countryside. (B, D)

**Day 5: Umbria - Montefalco - Winery - Bevagna - Olive Oil Factory - Umbria** Travel to Montefalco, nicknamed the "Balcony of Umbria" for its unobstructed views of the Umbrian countryside. Feel like you have stepped back in time as you independently explore this charming medieval town. Then, it's on to a local winery to sip some of this region's most prized wine, the Sagrantino, before enjoying lunch featuring typical Umbrian dishes. Continue to Bevagna



where you will join a local expert for a walking tour featuring Roman and medieval archaeological and architectural marvels. **Cap off your day by learning about another local product – olive oil – at a local factory in the area of Trevi.** (B, L)

## Day 6: Umbria - Home-Hosted Lunch

**- Assisi - Umbria** After a leisurely morning, an Umbrian family welcomes you to their country home as they prepare a delicious home-cooked meal. Afterwards, travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis, for a guided walking tour of the old city, including the Basilica of St. Francis and its medieval streets. Take time to explore the city independently. (B, L)

## Day 7: Umbria - Winery - Tuscany

Journey from Umbria through southern Tuscany. Admire the picturesque Renaissance landscape of hills and villages of the Val D'Orcia region. Make a stop at a winery to discover the wine cellar, family estate, vineyards, olive groves and stunning views. **The winery's chef prepares an authentic Tuscan lunch, expertly paired with wines produced on-site.** Make yourself at home in Tuscany in your restored palazzo for the next four nights. (B, L)

## Day 8: Tuscany - Florence - Tuscany

Set out on a short journey to Florence, "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance." Begin with a guided walking tour of the city sights, viewing the cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore, located in the religious center of the Piazza Del Duomo and the Palazzo Vecchio. Join your local guide in exploring the unique qualities of the city, focusing on Florence's local artisans and visiting their workshops. Spend some free time shopping and investigating Florence on your own. Return to Montalcino. (B)

## Day 9: Tuscany - Siena - Monteriggioni

**- Tuscany** Travel to the city of Siena. While on a walking tour, visit the historic piazza famous for the Palio Horse Race. Continue to the walled town of



Monteriggioni for a stroll along the quaint streets of this town, seemingly frozen in time. Take an afternoon break and try some local snacks before returning to Montione for the evening. (B)

**Day 10: Tuscany - Volterra - San Gimignano - Tuscany**  
Spend your morning in Volterra, a former Etruscan city which sits high above the Tuscan countryside. Visit the **Guarnacci Museum, one of the most famous Etruscan museums in Italy.** Afterwards,

stop to witness an alabaster carving demonstration at a local workshop. Travel to San Gimignano, known as the "City of Beautiful Towers," and look for the town's fourteen medieval towers that date back to the 13th century. Enjoy a stroll along Piazza del Duomo and Piazza della Cisterna. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

**Day 11: Tuscany - Tour Ends**  
Your journey comes to a close in Montione. (B)



Dates & Prices			
<b>March – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	August 19	\$4189
March 18	\$3469	September 2, 9, 12, 16, 23	\$4189
April 1	\$3649	October 7, 10	\$4189
April 18, 22, 25, 29	\$3699	October 14, 21	\$4129
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<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	April 14, 21	\$4129
May 13, 20	\$4189	April 28	\$4189
May 16	\$4329		
June 10	\$4189		
July 8	\$4189		
		<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$480 - \$540</b>
		<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>(-) \$50</b>
		<b>Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.</b>	

## Tuscan and Umbrian Countryside

11 Days from \$3919

Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Cultural Experiences

- Embark on a guided walking tour of Spoleto.
- Marvel at the ornate Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta.
- Behold the magnificent Ponte delle Torri, a 13th-century aqueduct.
- Visit one of the most famous Etruscan museums, the Guarnacci Museum.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Venture to the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto.
- Journey to Florence, the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."
- Explore historic Siena to see the piazza famous for the Palio Horse Race.
- Stroll along the quaint streets of Monteriggioni, a town frozen in time.
- Travel to San Gimignano, known as the "City of Beautiful Towers."

### Culinary Inclusions

- 16 meals included: 9 breakfasts • 3 lunches • 4 dinners
- Savour a traditional four-course meal paired with the country's finest wines.
- Participate in a cooking class in a 16th-century Umbrian farmhouse.
- Experience a home-cooked meal at one of Umbria's country homes.
- Enjoy an authentic Tuscan lunch, paired with locally produced wines.

### Accommodations

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Day 2** Hotel Imperiale, Rome  
**Days 3 – 6** Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca, Trevi, Umbria or Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto, Umbria  
**Days 7 – 10** UNA Palazzo Mannaioni, Montione, Tuscany  
 On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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### Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service** and **airport transfers**.

Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare**. See page 72 for details.

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Langhe Vineyards

# Northern Italy featuring the Treasures of Piedmont

Embrace the treasures of Piedmont... Wine, Hazelnuts, Truffles and more

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Set out on a tour of the fascinating Piedmont region. Dazzle your senses in a land of prestigious wines – Barolo, Barbera and Barbaresco. This is where the “slow food” movement began in 1986 and is the home of the world-famous Nutella!

**Day 2: Lago Maggiore, Italy - Tour Begins** Your tour opens on the tranquil shores of breathtaking Lago Maggiore, straddling the border between Italy and Switzerland. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

**Day 3: Lago Maggiore - Borromean Islands - Lago Maggiore** Cruise on scenic Lago Maggiore past the Borromean Islands, villas and historic palaces. Stop along the way for a guided tour of the colourful lakeside town of Pallanza. Perched on the edge of the pristine waters, take a stroll down the promenade featuring buildings adorned with charming terraces and balconies. The town center is a latticework of ancient streets lined with ornate historic buildings. This afternoon, visit a local shop for a tasting and a sampling of some local delicacies. (B)

**Day 4: Lago Maggiore - Province of Vercelli - Serralunga di Crea - Bra** Travel to the province of Vercelli, an area that is one of Europe's leading rice producers. Pass spectacular panoramas of rice paddies before making a stop at a traditional rice farm. Learn about the production process and the history of this unique place. Then, try some of the creamy home-cooked risotto at lunch. Continue

to Sacro Monte di Serralunga di Crea, one of the nine Sacred Mountains in Italy and a UNESCO World Heritage site where 23 chapels adorn the forest. Next, it's on to Langhe-Roero & Monferrato, recently added to the UNESCO World Heritage site list. This area's enchanting rolling hills are home to many of Italy's hidden treasures and are strewn with castles and vineyards. It is best known for its wine making heritage, which can be traced as far back as the 5th century B.C. (B, L)



Hazelnuts

**Day 5: Langhe-Roero & Monferrato Area** Begin exploring the Langhe area with a stop in the small hilltop village of La Morra. Take in the breathtaking panoramas of the valley — and the vineyards famous for producing Barolo wine — with the Alps on the horizon. Have some time to discover its medieval streets before joining your guide for a walk through vineyards and country roads (UNESCO). Along the way, see the small but striking Cappella del Barolo (chapel) painted with an array of bright colours in geometric shapes. Then it's off to the quaint village of Barolo who gave its name to the wine it produces.

Savour some leisure time for lunch or to indulge in a wine tasting at one of the many wineries. Later, venture down Piedmont's “hazelnut road” to learn about Tonda Gentile, Northern Italy's prized hazelnut that is hailed as the world's best. Spend time at a family-run hazelnut farm and take a stroll through the hazelnut grove. **Learn about the process of shelling and roasting** and see how they transform the nut into decadent sweets before indulging in a tasting. (B, D)

## Day 6: Langhe-Roero & Monferrato

**Area** Discover the world's most celebrated underground mushroom – the truffle. Venture into the woods to meet a “trifolao” (truffle hunter) and their hunting dog. Get to know the techniques used in gathering truffles during a hunting demonstration. Then, have the opportunity to sample this rare delicacy. Next, travel to Alba to independently explore this culinary mecca renowned for white truffles and chocolates. Afterward, continue on to the town of Canelli, known as Italy's largest producer of sparkling white wines. These wines are stored in elaborate cellars known as “underground cathedrals” (UNESCO) that possess the perfect environment to age wine. **Visit a winery and tour one of these unique masterpieces of architecture** before sampling their wines. (B)

## Day 7: Langhe-Roero & Monferrato

**Area** This morning take a **step back in time at the Castle of Monticello**, one of the best-preserved medieval castles in the region and surprisingly still lived in. Stand in awe of its romantic English-style gardens with tree-lined pathways and serene ponds. **Continue to a family run “agriturismo” (small farm)** for a delightful home-hosted lunch. Then it's on



to Barbaresco, a small picturesque village frozen in time. Here you'll sample the delicious Barbaresco wine, recognized as one of the world's finest. (B, L)

**Day 8: Langhe-Roero & Monferrato Area - Turin** Set out for the foothills of the Alps and **arrive in the regal city of Turin**, Italy's first capital city. Join a local guide who will lead you on an exploration featuring the many treasures of this elegant city. Along the way you will be enchanted by the beauty of its tree-lined avenues and cobblestone streets. Get a glimpse of the grand lifestyle of the House of Savoy at the impressive Royal Palace. As you stroll through the exquisite, gilded rooms you are sure to be awed by the opulence. Then, delight in an exclusive private tour of the Royal Kitchens. Learn about the foods that were on the tables of kings and queens and see the equipment they used to create the regal cuisine. The remainder of the day is yours to explore. (B)

**Day 9: Turin** Relish a full day at leisure to wander the city and find your own adventure. You may choose to visit the Cinema Museum or the Egyptian Museum — the best of its kind outside Egypt — or relax

at one of Turin's historic cafes. Perhaps you will join an optional tour to the magnificent 18th-century hunting lodge at Stupinigi, the Palazzina di Caccia di Stupinigi (UNESCO); this extravagant building is designed with a towering center with two immense wings that encircle an intricately manicured courtyard, and has an interior that will take your breath away. Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 10: Turin - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close today. You are sure to depart with wonderful memories of this captivating region and its culinary treasures. (B)



## Northern Italy featuring the Treasures of Piedmont

10 Days from \$3859

Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Cultural Experiences

- Explore the magnificent "underground cathedrals" of Canelli.
- Meet a truffle hunter and learn about the "king" of mushrooms.
- Stop at a traditional rice producer in the province of Vercelli.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Revel in a 4-night stay in the historic wine region of Langhe-Roero & Monferrato.
- Spend two nights along the tranquil shores of breathtaking Lago Maggiore.
- Explore the regal city of Turin with a local guide.
- Visit the Sacro Monte di Serralunga di Crea, one of Italy's Sacred Mountains.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 13 meals included: 8 breakfasts • 2 lunches • 3 dinners
- Taste some of the best wines in all of Italy along your journey.
- Enjoy a delightful home-hosted lunch at a family run "agriturismo."
- Try the amazing food — truffles, hazelnuts and creamy home-cooked risotto.

### Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Days 2, 3</b>	Zacchera Hotels, Lago Maggiore
<b>Days 4 – 7</b>	Hotel Cantine Ascheri, Bra
<b>Days 8, 9</b>	Turin Palace Hotel, Turin

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 71 for details.

### Personalize Your Journey

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#### Dates & Prices

<b>April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	August 18	\$3859
April 1	\$3409	September 8	\$3989
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		October 27	\$3919
		April 6	\$3859
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>	<b>(+) \$480 - \$680</b>
May 12	\$3919	<b>Triple Room Reduction</b>	<b>(-) \$30 - \$50</b>
June 16	\$3919	<b>Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars.</b>	
July 7	\$3859	Call about additional dates.	

**This trip requires a passport.** Our air passengers will arrive into and depart from Milan, Italy airport. All of our departure transfers will depart from Turin to Milan airport. Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.





Carcassonne

# Journey through Southern France

Taste the food and wine and come to know the local culture

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Paris.

Spend more time exploring the world's most romantic city.

Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Join us as we travel from the cultural hub of Paris to Bordeaux, the world's most renowned wine region, and on to colourful Provence.

**Day 2: Paris, France - Tour Begins** Your tour opens today in Paris, the "City of Light." With your hotel just blocks from the Eiffel Tower, you are right in the center of the magic that is Parisian life. This evening, see some of Paris's most iconic sights at night while en route to a welcome dinner at a Parisian café. (D)

**Day 3: Paris - Bordeaux** Take the high speed TGV train to the city of Bordeaux. Join your local guide as you discover this incredible city, often referred to as "La Belle Endormie" or "The Sleeping Beauty," due to its charm that often gets overlooked by Paris and Provence. After walking through the heart of the city, visit the newly-opened "Cité du Vin" wine museum in Bordeaux, already referred to as the Guggenheim of wine. This sensory adventure takes you on a fascinating discovery of wine culture and history, ending with a glass of wine overlooking a 360-degree view of Bordeaux. Tonight, let the charm and romance of the city capture your heart as you meander through the narrow streets on your way to a "tucked away" local restaurant. Here a chef's tasting

menu is carefully prepared with the day's freshest ingredients; this will be a culinary moment to remember. (B, D)

### Day 4: Bordeaux - Médoc - Bordeaux

This morning, head to the Médoc wine region. Travel along the stunning "Route des Châteaux," viewing the historic wine estates of the region. Along the way, stop at one of these châteaux to learn about the growth and popularity of wine production in the region. Savour three delicious wines along with regional snacks on the winery grounds, and learn how the regional cuisine and terroir play together to develop this perfect harmony. The afternoon is your last opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of Bordeaux - be sure to save time to stroll down the longest pedestrian street in Europe. (B)

### Day 5: Bordeaux - Saint-Émilion - Dordogne Valley

**Travel to the prominent wine region of Saint-Émilion.** Your guided tour takes you through this well-preserved medieval city's fascinating underground monuments and to the original settlement. You will also see the Trinity chapel, the catacombs, and the unique limestone monolithic church, the largest church of its kind in Europe. Continue on before stopping to discover an iconic château winery, its vineyards and renowned wine. Then, arrive for your 2-night stay on the grounds of a beautiful château in the Dordogne Valley. (B, D)

**Day 6: Dordogne Valley** Make your way to the charming local market in Eymet, one of Southern France's iconic "bastides" (fortified towns) built in the Middle Ages. Your travels continue to Issigeac, another bastide. Enjoy some leisure time to stroll through the ancient narrow streets and browse the shops. Later, discover a beautiful

renaissance château, home to a wine co-operative. Enjoy the sweeping views of the valley and discover the clear differences of the wine in this region compared to those of Saint-Émilion and the Médoc. Arrive back at your château this evening to relax. (B)

### Day 7: Dordogne Valley - Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val - Albi - Toulouse

Bid farewell to the Dordogne Valley as you make your way to Toulouse, the pink city and home of the French aerospace industry. En route, spend time in the incredibly charming village of Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val, set in the middle of a beautiful gorge, and made famous by the hit movie *The Hundred-Foot Journey*. Join a local guide who will share stories as you walk the same narrow streets featured in the film. **Then it's off to Albi, the UNESCO World Heritage site** often referred to as "The Episcopal City." Enjoy a tour in the heart of the city including a visit to the largest brick cathedral in the world, and the museum dedicated to the famous artist, Toulouse-Lautrec. Settle into your perfectly located hotel in Toulouse, a former 17th-century convent overlooking the grand palace. Tonight, enjoy a special dinner where you'll learn about the regional cuisine of cassoulet, foie gras, and Gaillac wine, the oldest in France. (B, D)

**Y Day 8: Toulouse** This morning it's your choice and you get to choose how to experience Toulouse. Perhaps you'll head out on foot with a local guide to the city's open-air market, followed by a walking tour of some of the city's most beloved landmarks. Or, maybe you'd prefer to choose an exciting tour of the Airbus facility, maker of the world's largest passenger airliner, and the only major competitor to Boeing. The remainder of the day is yours to relax and discover the city on your own. (B)



**Day 9: Toulouse - Carcassonne**  
Today we are off to the fairy-tale village of Carcassonne. A local expert will guide you through the old city. This storybook setting comes complete with drawbridges, towers and cobbled streets. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore independently. Spend the night surrounded by old-world ambiance and ultimate comfort in your iconic hotel situated along the walls of this picturesque village. (B)

**Day 10: Carcassonne - Pont du Gard - Avignon - Saint-Rémy**  
This morning you'll journey to Provence and the incredible village of Avignon. En route, marvel at the **Pont du Gard**, the greatest surviving stretch of aqueduct remaining from Roman times. Later, spend time learning the history of Avignon, often called the "City of Popes," and get an inside look at the town of Avignon with your local guide. **Revel in the beauty as you visit the dramatic Palace of the Popes**, a center of European religion for 70 years when the Popes moved there in 1309. Tonight, enjoy a special dinner at a local restaurant, complete with a crème brulée demonstration. (B, D)

**Day 11: Saint-Rémy** You may decide to discover the "Flavours of Provence." Today immerse yourself in the best of Provence on a journey to some of the sights that inspired artists such as Cézanne, Renoir, Van Gogh, Matisse and Picasso. Begin

with a visit to the beautiful lavender fields in Gordes and learn about this special flower at the Lavender Museum. Then head to Aix-en-Provence to discover the city that inspired Cézanne and enjoy a visit to his workshop. After free time for lunch, take a drive to the Sainte-Victoire Mountain, often a muse of Cézanne, to view Château de Vauvenargues, one of Picasso's former residences and his final resting place. The remainder of the day is yours to relax and take in the many amenities of your luxurious hotel. (B)

**Day 12: Saint-Rémy - Les-Baux-du-Provence - Saint-Rémy** Let your senses take over during the famous Wednesday market. Sample the fresh delicacies of this authentic Provencal market filled with local residents. From there, travel the scenic roads through the Alpilles mountain range to the hilltop town of Les-Baux-de-Provence. As you navigate its winding medieval streets, you'll be captivated by its charm. At the imposing fortress, stand in awe of the recreated giant medieval catapults. Then, enter the caves at the nearby ancient quarries for a mesmerizing sound and light show featuring projections of magnificent works of art. Tonight, prepare your senses for your farewell farm-to-table dinner with wine at your award-winning hotel. (B, D)

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

Dates & Prices			
May 2017 – April 2018	Double	April 14, 21	\$6349
May 6	\$6349		
July 22	\$6349		
August 19	\$6349		
September 9, 16, 23, 30	\$6419		
October 14	\$6349		
	Single Room Supplement	(+) \$1490 - \$1550	
	Triple Room Reduction	N/A	
	Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.		

## Journey through Southern France

13 Days from \$6349

### Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Choice On Tour Y

- In Toulouse, head out on a walking tour with a local guide or a tour of the Airbus facility, maker of the world's largest passenger airliner.

### Cultural Experiences

- See the Medoc wine region, along the stunning Route des Chateaux.
- Spend time in the charming village of Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val.
- Walk alongside the famous Roman aqueduct Pont du Gard.
- Enter caves near Les-Baux-de-Provence for a mesmerizing light show.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Join your local guide for a walking tour of Bordeaux, "The Sleeping Beauty."
- Walk through the fairy-tale village of Carcassonne with a local expert.
- Get an inside look at the town of Avignon with a local guide.
- Discover the city that inspired Cézanne - Aix-en-Provence and visit his workshop.
- Visit "Cité du Vin" wine museum, referred to as the Guggenheim of Wine.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 17 meals included: 11 breakfasts • 6 dinners
- Enjoy dinner of Provencal cuisine complete with a crème brulée demonstration.
- Savour the delicious wines of Bordeaux, St. Emilion, Medoc and Dordogne Valley.
- Stop to discover an iconic chateau winery, its vineyards, and renowned wine.
- Learn about the regional cuisine of cassoulet, foie gras, and Gaillac wine, the oldest in France.

### Accommodations

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Mercure Tour Eiffel, Paris
Day 3, 4	Mercure Bordeaux Centre, Bordeaux
Days 5, 6	Château des Vigiers, Dordogne Valley
Days 7, 8	Grand Hotel de L'Opera, Toulouse, France
Day 9	Hotel de La Cite, Carcassonne
Days 10 - 12	Le Vallon de Valrugues, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level 1 2 3 4 5

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### Personalize Your Journey

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will depart from the Marseilles airport. All of our departure transfers will depart from your hotel in Saint-Rémy to the Marseilles airport.





# Northern Spain & Portugal

Dive deep into the culture while staying in small, luxurious and historic hotels

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** From northern Spain to Portugal you will be immersed in spectacular scenery, famous works of art, unique cultures and delicious cuisine. Along the way, travel to medieval castles, quaint villages, captivating cities and golden beaches.

**Day 2: Toledo, Spain - Tour Begins** Welcome to Toledo, a national monument to Spain's history, and a treasure trove of El Greco's artwork. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner. (D)

**Day 3: Toledo** Get acquainted with Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage site. A walking tour highlights the magnificent Gothic cathedral, the medieval castle and towers, and Europe's oldest synagogue, the Santa Maria La Blanca Synagogue. Stop at the Church of Santo Tome to see El Greco's masterpiece painting, *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz*. Walk along the labyrinth of lanes winding through the medieval walled town and view the city's stunning Moorish, Mudéjar, Gothic and Renaissance architecture. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore on your own. (B)

**Day 4: Toledo - Ribera del Duero - Burgos** Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager teaches you a few key phrases of the native language. Travel to Ribera del Duero, one of Spain's foremost wine-producing regions. **Make a stop for a tour and tasting of its famed red wine** at the spectacular winemaking facility of Bodegas Portia. Continue on to historic Burgos. Discover the beautiful town center and the famous 13th-century Burgos Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site and masterpiece of Gothic architecture. (B, D)

**Day 5: Burgos - Bilbao - Guggenheim Museum - Old Quarter - Burgos** Continue through the culturally and linguistically unique Basque country to Bilbao, recognized as a leader in architecture and contemporary art in Europe. **Tour the Guggenheim Museum**, a masterpiece of 20th century architecture designed by architect Frank Gehry. **Next, enjoy the local favourite - a "txikiteo" (bar crawl) in Bilbao's colourful Old Quarter.** Enjoy a light lunch of various "pintxos" – the Basque equivalent of the Spanish tapas – and drink the local cider. Later, an exciting experience awaits when you **visit the Vizcaya Bridge (UNESCO).** Opened in 1893, it's considered the engineering marvel of its time. Cross to the other side aboard the hanging gondola offering views of the extraordinary panorama of the estuary. (B, L)

**Day 6: Burgos - León** Traverse the picturesque countryside to León, the ancient seat of the Reconquista during the Middle Ages. Upon arrival, **join a local guide for a visit to the magnificent 13th-century cathedral,** with its sculpture-covered façade and impressive stained glass windows. Continue on for a tour of the city featuring the Basilica of San Isidoro and the adjoining Royal Pantheon, the resting place of León's ancient kings. Pause to marvel at Casa de Botines, designed by the famous architect Gaudi. Then, settle into your parador accommodations. (B, D)

**Day 7: León - Santiago de Compostela** Your travels continue to Santiago de Compostela, one of the most popular pilgrim destinations since the Middle Ages, and where the tomb of the Apostle St. James was miraculously discovered. Join a local expert for a leisurely paced walking tour that features the city's cathedral and Praça do Obradoiro, a monumental

square of pure grandeur in granite, home to some of Europe's finest historical buildings. **Arrive at your hotel, the impressive Parador Hostal dos Reis Catolicos,** considered to be the oldest continuously operating hotel in the world and one of the most luxurious. (B, D)

**Day 8: Santiago de Compostela - Guimarães, Portugal** Your morning is at leisure to relax or explore the city on your own before saying farewell to Spain. Cross the border into Portugal and **travel to medieval Guimarães (UNESCO),** the first capital of Portugal. (B, D)

**Day 9: Guimarães - Cooking Class** Today you explore Guimarães. Your local guide will lead you on a tour featuring the 10th-century Guimarães Castle; the Palace of the Dukes of Bragança, with 39 unusual brick chimneys; and the town's superbly restored buildings. Later in the day, **learn the secrets of Portuguese cuisine during an interactive cooking class;** this is followed by dinner featuring local food and wines. (B, D)

**Day 10: Guimarães - Porto - Guimarães** **Travel to the charismatic city of Porto (UNESCO).** This ancient port is known for its striking contemporary monuments and Baroque carvings, and is the birthplace of the legendary Prince Henry the Navigator. Join a local expert to discover Porto's riverfront district. Make stops at Church of Sao Francisco to gaze at its spectacular golden adornments that line its walls and ceiling; and the Stock Exchange Palace to marvel at its exuberant interior. Along the way, see the 18th-century fortress-like Clerigos Tower; the impressive Dona Maria Pia Bridge, designed by Gustave Eiffel; and the medieval quarter with traditional boats floating by the riverbanks. Then,



get a taste of the region at a local winery. Learn about the wine making process on a tour; then, sample its famous port wine. (B)

**Day 11: Guimarães - Vista Alegre Porcelain - Coimbra - Queluz** Discover the traditional art of handmade Portuguese porcelain during a visit to Vista Alegre, in operation since 1824. Journey to Coimbra, home to one of the world's first universities, and explore the city with your guide. See the Baroque Library, lined with 300,000 books; the 12th-century Old Cathedral and the 16th-century aqueduct. Next we continue to Queluz. Feel like European royalty with a 3-night stay at the Baroque-style Pousada de Queluz. (B, D)

**Day 12: Queluz - Lisbon Panoramic City Tour or Alfama District Walking Tour** This morning you choose! You may choose to join a panoramic Lisbon city tour (via coach) or perhaps you'd prefer a walking tour of Lisbon's historic Alfama District. The Lisbon city tour features Jeronimo's Monastery (UNESCO), Belem Tower (UNESCO), the Monument to the Discoveries, and you'll cap it off with a visit to the National

Museum of Coaches. The Alfama District is Lisbon's most symbolic quarter. On this walking tour, step back in time and explore this residential neighbourhood. Stroll through its medieval alleys, narrow streets and tiny squares; and pass by beautiful churches and whitewashed houses; then, climb the hill to explore the castle that has the most breathtaking panorama of the city. (B)

**Day 13: Queluz Enjoy a day at leisure.** Perhaps you will choose an optional excursion to the Portuguese Riviera featuring picturesque Sintra (UNESCO); Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point on the European continent; and charming Cascais. Tonight, gather for a wonderful farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip to northern Spain and Portugal. (B, D)

**Day 14: Queluz - Tour Ends** (B)

### Extend Your Tour

**STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in Queluz.** Continue your adventure in your luxurious hotel in the outskirts of Lisbon. Call for details.

### Dates & Prices

March – April 2017		Double	Single Room Supplement
March 14		\$4489	August 1, 29
April 21, 25		\$4669	September 12, 26
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			October 10
			November 7
			March 13
			April 17, 24
May 2017 – April 2018		Double	Triple Room Reduction
May 16		\$5609	
June 13		\$5609	
July 11		\$5609	

**Single Room Supplement (+) \$810 - \$1080**  
**Triple Room Reduction N/A**  
**Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars.**  
 Call about additional dates.

## Northern Spain & Portugal

14 Days from \$5139

### Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Choice On Tour

- In Lisbon, choose your city tour: see it all by coach, or take a walking tour of Lisbon's historic Alfama District and explore the castle overlooking the city.

### Cultural Experiences

- Stop at the Church of Santo Torne to see El Greco's masterpiece painting.
- Cross Vizcaya Bridge aboard a hanging gondola.
- See Leon's magnificent 13th-century cathedral.
- Discover the art of handmade Portuguese porcelain at Vista Alegre.
- Feel like European royalty staying at the Baroque-style Pousada de Queluz.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Get acquainted with Toledo on a walking tour highlighting its Gothic cathedral.
- Visit the world-class Guggenheim Museum, a spectacular structure.
- Discover the sights and sounds of Porto's riverfront district on your tour.
- Join a local expert for a walking tour of Santiago de Compostela.
- Explore Guimarães, the first capital of Portugal, with a local guide.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 21 meals included: 12 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 8 dinners
- Enjoy a tour and tasting at the spectacular winemaking facility of Bodegas Portia.
- Participate in a local favorite - a "txikiteo" (bar crawl) in Bilbao's Old Quarter.
- Learn the secrets of Portuguese cuisine during an interactive cooking class.

### Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight Flight
<b>Days 2, 3</b>	Parador de Toledo, Toledo
<b>Days 4, 5</b>	Hotel Palacio de los Blasones, Burgos
<b>Day 6</b>	Parador Hostal de San Marcos, León or or Parador de Benavente, Benevente
<b>Day 7</b>	Parador Hostal dos Reis Católicos, Santiago de Compostela
<b>Days 8 – 10</b>	Pousada Mosteiro de Guimarães, Guimarães
<b>Days 11 – 13</b>	Pousada Palacio de Queluz, Queluz

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level

See page 71 for details.

### Personalize Your Journey

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This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will depart from Lisbon, Portugal airport. All of our transfers will depart from Queluz to Lisbon airport (approximately a 20 minute drive). Our air guests will arrive into Madrid airport and will be transferred to Toledo (approximately 1 1/2 hour drive).





Ireland Scenery

# Countryside of the Emerald Isle

Embrace the people and places that make Ireland special

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Dublin.

Begin your trip with an extra day in exciting Dublin. Enjoy more time in one of the world's most historic (and fun) cities. Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Set out for the rolling hills, warm people and rollicking fun of the Emerald Isle.

**Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins** Discover the traditions and deep history of Dublin. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at one of Dublin's best local restaurants featuring farm-to-table cuisine. (D)

**Y Day 3: Dublin** Today opens with a choice of two cultural experiences. You may opt to set out on

a drive with a local guide to visit St. Patrick's Cathedral and see St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the historic Phoenix Park. Or, perhaps you will select a walking tour of the city's historic center, exploring O'Connell Street, the General Post Office, and the River Liffey. Spend the remainder of your day relaxing or set out to explore more of charming Dublin on your own. (B)

**Day 4: Dublin - Midleton - Kinsale** Leave Dublin behind for the country roads of Ireland. Stop for photos at the impressive Rock of Cashel, where St. Patrick preached. Explore Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson's Irish Whiskey. Give it a go with a tasting of the distillery's production. Continue on to the quaint coastal village of Kinsale and join a local expert on a walking tour. This evening, it's *Diner's Choice*...tonight your dinner is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of Kinsale's great restaurants. (B, D)

**Y Day 5: Kinsale - Choice of Cobh or Kinsale Harbor Cruise** Today **the choice is yours!** You may opt to visit the historic coastal town of Cobh for a locally guided tour. Reflect on the site where the *Titanic* last dropped anchor before its fateful voyage; plus, learn about the port where millions of Irish left their native land forever. Or, you may choose to spend a leisurely day in beautiful Kinsale and enjoy an included cruise of the town's famed harbour. (B)



Kinsale

**Day 6: Kinsale - Bantry - Kenmare - Killarney** Embark on a beautiful drive along West Cork's Wild Atlantic Way, one of the world's most stunning coastal routes. Take in the atmosphere of the quaint seaside villages of Timoleague and Skibbereen before arriving at the regal Bantry House. During a tour of the home and gardens, you will uncover centuries of history and be awed by the inspiring grandeur of this place. Next, travel to County Kerry and the resort town of Kenmare. Enjoy free time to explore its many boutiques and cafés. Continue to Killarney and top off your day with dinner "on the town" at one of Killarney's best restaurants. (B, D)

**Day 7: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney** Drive across Moll's Gap into Killarney National Park. Take in awe-inspiring views of the Lakes



St. Patrick's Cathedral



of Killarney and be amazed by the famed Ladies View. At the Gap of Dunloe you will have time to browse for traditional Irish goods handcrafted by local artisans. Next, traverse the spectacular Ring of Kerry, one of Europe's great coastal roads, and discover the serene beauty of this magical land. (B)

**Day 8: Killarney - Kilkenny - Home-Hosted Stay** Leave the rugged southern coast behind as you travel west to Kilkenny, Ireland's medieval capital. Stroll through the elegant halls of majestic Kilkenny Castle during a guided tour before enjoying free time to explore this historic city. This evening, make yourself right at home when an Irish family welcomes you into their household for the night. Take in your surroundings and get to know the family as you enjoy a homemade traditional dinner. This is sure to be an unforgettable experience! (B, D)

**Day 9: Kilkenny - Irish National Stud - County Louth or County Cavan** Bid a fond Irish farewell to your newfound friends. Make a stop at the Irish National Stud to learn about the "Sport of Kings" and its long connection with this land. Head north for a relaxing 2-night stay at a regal castle. You will feel like

a royal guest at this exclusive and historic castle. (B)

**Day 10: Boyne Valley - County Louth or County Cavan** Enjoy a leisurely morning to explore your castle's beautiful grounds. Later, visit the Neolithic monument of Newgrange. Built around 3,000 B.C., this prehistoric site pre-dates the Great



Pyramid of Giza and Stonehenge. Continue through the lush Boyne Valley before returning to your magnificent castle for a memorable farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 11: County Louth or County Cavan - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with the spirit of Ireland in your heart forever. (B)

## Dates & Prices

March – April 2017	Double	August 6, 20	\$3719
March 19, 26	\$2999	September 10, 24	\$3719
April 2	\$3129	October 1	\$3589
April 23	\$3189	October 15	\$3449
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.			
May 2016 - April 2017	Double	March 18	\$3319
May 7, 21	\$3719	April 8	\$3449
June 11, 18	\$3719	April 22	\$3519
July 16, 23	\$3719	Single Room Supplement	(+) \$400 - \$500
		Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$50
		Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.	

## Countryside of the Emerald Isle

11 Days from \$3319

## Travel with no more than 24 guests

## Choice On Tour

- While in Dublin set out on a sightseeing drive with a local guide or enjoy a walking tour of the city's historic center.
- Take a guided tour of the historic coastal town of Cobh or spend a leisurely day in the fishing village of Kinsale and enjoy a harbor cruise.

## Cultural Experiences

- Explore Old Middleton Distillery, home of Jameson's Irish Whiskey.
- Stroll through the elegant halls of majestic Kilkenny Castle.
- Come to know the locals during a home-hosted stay.
- Feel like royalty as you enjoy a 2-night stay at the regal Bellingham Castle.
- Explore the Neolithic site of Newgrange, pre-dating Stonehenge.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Dublin.
- Partake in a historic walking tour of beautiful Kinsale.
- Travel the spectacular Ring of Kerry, one of the world's great coastal roads.
- Experience County Kerry and the resort town of Kenmare.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 14 meals included: 9 breakfasts • 5 dinners
- Enjoy a tasting of Jameson's Irish Whiskey.
- Savour a dinner of your choice in one of Kinsale's great restaurants.
- Take part in an unforgettable, homemade traditional Irish dinner.

## Accommodations

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hampton Hotel, Dublin
Days 4, 5	Actons Hotel, Kinsale
Days 6, 7	Plaza Hotel, Killarney
Day 8	Home-Hosted Stay, Kilkenny area
Days 9, 10	Bellingham Castle, County Louth or Cabra Castle, County Cavan

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level

See page 71 for details.

## Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers**.

Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare**. See page 72 for details.

**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

This trip requires a passport. Our air passengers will arrive and depart from Dublin airport. All of our transfers will arrive into and depart from Dublin airport. On day 11, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel.





Cape Spear Lighthouse

# Newfoundland & Labrador Discovery

Enter a picturesque world of lighthouses, pristine coasts and cultural wonders

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in St. John's.

Soak in more coastal living with another night in Newfoundland's quaint capital.

Call for details.

### Day 1: St. John's, Newfoundland -

**Tour Begins** Your journey opens in the colourful coastal city of St. John's. The province's capital city is a delightful blend of old-world charm and new-world elegance.

**Day 2: St. John's** Meet your fellow travellers at this morning's breakfast. Then come to know North America's oldest and easternmost city on a

tour highlighting Signal Hill, Cape Spear lighthouse, Government House and the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Continue on to tour the quaint fishing harbour of Quidi Vidi Village. **Watch for puffins while on a nature cruise to Witless Bay Ecological Reserve** where millions of seabirds gather to nest. A local specialist joins us for a talk on the marine life in the region, especially the thousands of Humpback and Minke whales who make this their home. (B, D)

### Day 3: St. John's - Clarenville Area

Navigate the picturesque coastal drive that surrounds stunning Conception Bay. Make a stop in charming Brigus to spend some time in a traditional Newfoundland fishing village. Then it's on to Cupids Cove Plantation, an active archaeological dig on the site of the first attempt at permanent English settlement in what would become Canada. Join an expert for a private tour at Cupids Legacy Centre revealing life in the early 1600s and get to know the culture during a musical performance. **Then, head over to the archaeological site where they've been uncovering historic treasures for more than 20 years!** (B, D)

### Day 4: Clarenville - Cape Bonavista - Clarenville

In Trinity Village, relive days gone by during visits to historic buildings including the Georgian Lester-Garland House and the Green Family Forge, a living history blacksmith museum. At Cape Bonavista, pause at the lighthouse to take in the sweeping views — you may even spot an iceberg! (B)

### Day 5: Clarenville - Terra Nova National Park - Twillingate - Gander

Travel to breathtaking Terra Nova National Park where the forest meets the sea. Stand in awe of the park's towering cliffs and tranquil bays. Spend some time exploring the Marine Atlantic Centre which features an interactive exhibit introducing you to the region's marine life. Next, **venture to Twillingate's Long Point Lighthouse**, a location that affords prime viewing over Iceberg Alley. This evening, prepare for a rollicking good time at a traditional Newfoundland gathering known as a "Jiggs dinner." (B, D)

### Day 6: Gander - Rocky Harbour

Depart Gander and head to Boyd's Cove. Explore the Beothuk Interpretation Centre where you'll learn about Beothuk Village and its indigenous people who lived here over 300 years ago. Then, enjoy a short walk along a trail that showcases the house pits, the only evidence left of these now extinct residents. Later, arrive in Rocky Harbour for your two-night stay. (B)

### Day 7: Gros Morne National Park

This morning we visit the Discovery Centre and learn how natural forces have shaped the park's landscape of dramatic vistas that are among the most spectacular in Atlantic Canada. **Today the choice is yours!** Explore Tableland Mountains and uncover the park's hidden fjords, stark peaks and highland tundra; or perhaps you will choose to stroll through the strata formations



Puffins



at Green Point to learn about the earth's history and why Green Point is a geologist's dream! Next, board a boat to experience the fjords from a new perspective and watch for whales and eagles while listening to traditional Newfoundland music. Then become an honorary Newfoundlander when you participate in a "Screech-In" ceremony that seals your new status with a shot of rum. Tonight, enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner while overlooking the scenic waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. (B, D)

**Day 8: Rocky Harbour - St. Anthony** Journey along the Viking Trail to L'Anse aux Meadows and travel back to A.D. 1000 when Vikings first made landfall. See how Newfoundlanders have adapted to this forbidding landscape and experience firsthand their unique solutions to living under extreme conditions. Later, a visit to an **economuseum reveals the famous local partridgeberry and bakeapple** and how you can make them into jams, sauces and vinegars. (B, D)

**Day 9: St. Anthony - L'Anse Au Clair, Labrador** Board a ferry this morning and cross the Straits of Belle Isle to Labrador. Learn about the history and importance of whaling to this region as you pass by colourful fishing villages. **Arrive in Red Bay** and spend some time at Red

**Bay National Historic Site.** This UNESCO World Heritage site recounts the traditions of Basque whalers in the 16th century. (B, D)

**Day 10: L'Anse Au Clair - Corner Brook, Newfoundland** A morning ferry ride returns you to Newfoundland. Today's journey brings you along the roads that Captain James Cook travelled back in 1770. Sit back and take in the spectacular scenery that unfolds along the way. Be sure to have your camera ready! (B)

**Day 11: Corner Brook** Walk in the footsteps of a great explorer at Captain James Cook National Historic Site before your stop at the breathtaking Bay of Islands on your way to picturesque Lark Harbour. This afternoon, make your way to the Butterfly House; behold hundreds of vibrant butterflies and enjoy the tranquility of the garden. Continue on to a local mineral and stone specialist for a discussion on labradorite, a colourful stone that is said to have mystical powers. **Tonight, a trio known as the "Sharecroppers" will delight you with a variety of traditional and original songs.** (B, D)

**Day 12: Corner Brook - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close today in Corner Brook. (B)

#### Dates & Prices

May - September 2017	Double	Single Room Supplement	(+) \$1250
May 31	\$5349	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$50
June 8	\$5349		
July 13	\$5349		
August 3	\$5349		
September 7, 14, 20	\$5349		

Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.

## Newfoundland & Labrador Discovery

12 Days from \$5349

Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Choice On Tour

- In Gros Morne National Park, explore Tableland Mountains and the park's hidden fjords and highland tundra or stroll through the strata formations at Green Point.

### Cultural Experiences

- Explore Beothuk Interpretation Centre and learn about Beothuk Village and its indigenous people.
- Join a local specialist for a nature cruise.
- Become an honorary Newfoundlander during a "Screech-In" ceremony.
- Visit a local mineral and stone specialist for a discussion on labradorite.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Journey along the Viking Trail to L'Anse aux Meadows.
- Come to know St. John's, North America's oldest and easternmost city.
- Enjoy an evening of regional music.
- Spend time at Cupids Cove Plantation.
- Enjoy prime viewing over Iceberg Alley at Longpoint Lighthouse.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 18 meals: 11 breakfasts • 7 dinners
- Enjoy a traditional Newfoundland gathering known as a "Jiggs dinner."
- Learn how to make partridgeberry and bakeapple into jams, sauces and vinegars.

### Accommodations

**Days 1, 2** JAG Hotel, St. John's  
**Days 3, 4** Clarenville Inn, Clarenville area  
**Day 5** Sinbad's Hotel and Suites, Gander  
**Days 6, 7** Ocean View Hotel, Rocky Harbour  
**Day 8** Hotel North 3, St. Anthony  
**Day 9** Northern Light Inn, L'Anse Au Clair  
**Days 10, 11** Glynnmill Inn, Corner Brook

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level

See page 71 for details.

### Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service** and **airport transfers**.

Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare**. See page 72 for details.

**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

Due to flight schedules, you may require a very early morning departure from the hotel on the last day of the tour.





Bison in Yellowstone

# Winter in Yellowstone

See one of America's treasures as few have

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Jackson Hole.

Soak up more of the frontier spirit in this free wheelin' cowboy town.

Call for details.

## Day 1: Jackson Hole, Wyoming - Tour Begins

Your adventure begins in Jackson Hole, America's most famous cowboy town. Find yourself



Snowcoach

amid its rare blend of elegance and western charm that sparkles in the winter. (D)

## Day 2: Jackson Hole - Grand Tetons - Yellowstone Snow Lodge

Take a drive through the majestic Grand Tetons to the entrance of Yellowstone National Park. Your Yellowstone winter adventure begins by **boarding a snowcoach**. This unique vehicle will transport you over the snow-covered landscape, past some of the park's most stunning scenery — and on to Old Faithful. (B, D)

**Day 3: Yellowstone Snow Lodge** Wake up just minutes away from Old Faithful and **enjoy a brisk walking tour led by a local expert**. You'll learn the history of this colossal geyser and view the amazing natural phenomenon in action. Later, spend free time exploring on your own. Perhaps you will choose to venture out on the trails with snowshoes or partake in some cross-country skiing. (B, D)

**Day 4: Yellowstone - Gardiner, Montana** Board your snowcoach again for your transfer across the frozen landscape en route to

Mammoth at the north entrance to Yellowstone. During your journey, view some famous areas of the park, including the Painted Mud Pots, Fire Hole Canyon and



Upper Geyser Basin

the Madison Warming Hut. Your day will be filled with **incredible scenery and plenty of photo opportunities**. Depart Yellowstone and cross the border into Montana before arriving in Gardiner for the night. (B, L)

## Day 5: Yellowstone, Wyoming - Lamar Valley - West Yellowstone, Montana

An early departure takes you back into Yellowstone

## Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Cultural Experiences

- Join an expert on a private walking tour to learn the history of Yellowstone.
- Overnight in Jackson Hole, America's most famous cowboy town.
- See the tranquil Lamar Valley tucked away in the scenic north central part of Yellowstone National Park.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Witness the colossal geyser Old Faithful in action surrounded by snow and ice.
- See elk in their natural habitat during a sleigh ride in the National Elk Refuge.
- Travel by snowcoach to observe Yellowstone's iconic scenery.
- Journey through the picturesque Caribou Targhee National Forest in Idaho.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 11 meals included: 6 breakfasts • 1 lunch • 4 dinners
- Savour a dinner at the Lodge inside Yellowstone Park.

### Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	Snow King, Jackson Hole
<b>Days 2, 3</b>	Snow Lodge, Yellowstone National Park
<b>Day 4</b>	Best Western Mammoth, Gardiner
<b>Day 5</b>	Holiday Inn, West Yellowstone
<b>Day 6</b>	Snow King, Jackson Hole

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

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### Personalize Your Journey

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en route to the remote Lamar Valley in the scenic northwest corner. You will traverse forests and meadows before arriving in the Lamar Valley where you will be surrounded by tranquility. This area of the park is not only breathtaking but it's also an excellent habitat for the park's wildlife. This is where, in the 1990s, previously endangered wolves were reintroduced to the park. There are now over 400 wolves living here. (B)

#### Day 6: West Yellowstone - Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Today's journey brings you south through Idaho to

the picturesque Caribou Targhee National Forest. You will be amazed by the stunning views of the Grand Tetons as you make your way back to Jackson Hole. Get up-close to wildlife on a delightful sleigh ride to the National Elk Refuge and **view hundreds of elk in their natural habitat**. Tonight, toast to the end of your winter adventure at a farewell dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

#### Day 7: Jackson Hole - Tour Ends

Today your tour comes to a close. You will depart with truly amazing memories of the region's breathtaking winter backdrop. (B)



### Dates & Prices

January - February 2017	Double	January - February 2018	Double
January 8, 15, 22	\$4029	January 6, 13, 20, 27, 30	\$4729
January 29	\$4489	February 3, 6	\$4729
February 5	\$4489		

Itinerary featured is for January - February 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.

**Single Room Supplement (+) \$1140 - \$1280**  
**Triple Room Reduction (-) \$50**

**Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars.**  
Call about additional dates.

This trip requires a passport. There is a \$25 USD/CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most trans-border flights. This is a fee levied by the airlines and may be subject to change.





Manuel Antonio National Park

# Costa Rica: A World of Nature

Discover a culture that treasures its exotic ecosystem

## Start Early

**Add an extra day in San Jose.**  
Enjoy more time to explore this vibrant city.  
Call for details.

### Day 1: San Jose, Costa Rica - Tour Begins

Journey to Costa Rica and discover the fascinating tropical ecosystems of Tortuguero National Park, Arenal Volcano and Manuel Antonio National Park. Explore of the country's natural gems and take time for independent personal discovery.

### Day 2: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park

Begin the day surrounded by dormant volcanos and crater lakes as you journey through Braulio Carrillo National Park en route to the Caribbean lowlands. Along the way, take in the mountain vistas and Caribbean-style villages. Later, discover the natural wonders of the rainforest of Tortuguero National Park as you cruise the rivers and canals with your guide. Enjoy a 2-night stay at your eco-lodge surrounded by the beauty of a tropical forest and an array of wildlife. Learn more about your surroundings with a **visit to the world's first Green Turtle Research Station**. Discover how to protect the turtle's nesting habitat and eggs. Join your fellow travellers this evening for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

**Day 3: Tortuguero National Park** Set out on an early morning bird-watching excursion that explores the variety of local species and migratory birds that flock to this area. Find yourself surrounded by wildlife as you **embark on a nature cruise** through the

national park – keep an eye out for howler monkeys, sloths, toucans and caimans, as well as exotic flora. Tortuguero National Park, a study in rainforest, freshwater and marine biology, protects over 350 species of birds and mammals. Savour time to explore and seek out green macaws; 57 species of amphibians; 111 species of reptiles; and 60 mammal species, including 13 of Costa Rica's endangered animals including jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and manatees. (B, L, D)

### Day 4: Tortuguero National Park - Sarapiquí - Arenal Volcano

Embark on a boat ride to the mainland as you travel to the fascinating Sarapiquí region. Afterwards, join a local expert at La Tirimbina Biological Reserve where you will discover the history and continuing importance of cacao to Central America's economy. Observe the process of producing chocolate from the cacao bean and sample the delicious finished product. Next, continue to your resort featuring panoramic views of Arenal Volcano. (B, D)

**Y Day 5: Arenal Volcano** This morning, **the choice is yours**. You may embark on one of the most thrilling zip lining experiences in Costa Rica while admiring the views and wildlife of the Arenal rainforest. Or, perhaps you would enjoy a moderate hike through the trails of Arenal Volcano National Park where you will traverse the former lava fields and enjoy spectacular views of the volcano. This afternoon is at leisure to explore the lush surroundings of your rainforest resort, perhaps indulge in an optional spa treatment, or simply relax in the luxurious soothing waters of one of the region's famous hot springs. (B)

### Day 6: Arenal Volcano - Villa Blanca Cloud Forest

This morning you may choose to take an optional river safari or hanging bridges tour: float down the mellow Peñas Blancas River while taking in the stunning scenery or experience the rainforest from up above as you walk among the treetops on a guided tour of Arenal's hanging bridges...either way, keep an eye out for wildlife such as monkeys, sloths, iguanas and tropical birds. Later, travel to the Villa Blanca Cloud Forest. Settle in for a 2-night stay in a mountain nature reserve resort, originally owned by the former president of Costa Rica, Rodrigo Carazo Odio. Nestled on 75 acres of gentle rolling hills, set in the Los Angeles Private Biological Reserve, you will enjoy exploring one of the world's most complex jungle ecosystems – the cloud forest. This evening, enjoy an incredible dinner overlooking the cloud forest. (B, D)

### Day 7: Villa Blanca Cloud Forest - San Ramón - Villa Blanca Cloud Forest

Wake early for the opportunity to go in search of the wide variety of bird species found in Costa Rica. It is home to one-tenth of the various species found in the world. This afternoon we visit a coffee farm. Discover this coffee plantation and the natural growing methods used to make some of the best coffee in the world. Continue to the city of San Ramón – referred to as the “City of Presidents & Poets” – for a tour. Then, settle back into your resort and enjoy the amazing views from your individual casitas. **Tonight, partake in a tree adoption ceremony.** (B)

### Day 8: Villa Blanca Cloud Forest - Tarcoles - Manuel Antonio National Park

Traverse the lush varied landscape of Costa Rica to the Pacific Coast. **Make a stop for a jungle crocodile**



**safari and bird watching excursion.** Hop aboard your safari boat to explore the quiet Rio Grande of Tarcoles. See the awesome mangrove ecosystem and search for these magnificent ancient reptiles in one of the world's largest crocodile populations in the wild. View waterfowl, iguanas, and over fifty varieties of birds native to the region, including the very rare scarlet macaw. Later we continue our journey to the world-famous Manuel Antonio National Park. Check into your hotel located just outside the park. Soak up the sweeping views and take in the sunset before dining this evening. (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Manuel Antonio National Park - Santa Juana - Manuel Antonio National Park

This morning, journey to nearby Santa Juana Rural Mountain Nature Reserve. Experience a different side of this country when joining an expert guide who will introduce you to the local culture and ecosystem. Step back in time at an authentic sugar mill still powered by oxen. Take a hike to a breathtaking waterfall and go for a swim in its pristine waters. Then enjoy a traditional "campesino" country-style farmer's lunch while taking in

the expansive panoramic views of Manuel Antonio National Park below. Return to your hotel. The afternoon is yours to relax and enjoy the beauty of your surroundings. (B, L)

**Day 10: Manuel Antonio National Park - San Jose** Today, explore spectacular Manuel Antonio National Park, known for its pristine beaches and primary forest. Spend the morning leisurely walking the forest trails in search of native inhabitants like the three-toed sloth, agoutis, squirrel monkeys and iguanas; or take a swim in the inviting blue waters of its beaches. Say goodbye to the coast as you continue on to San Jose. Enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner where we'll toast to the natural richness that is Costa Rica. (B, D)

### Day 11: San Jose - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

#### Extend Your Tour

**STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in San Jose.** Discover a city steeped in history and culture. Call for details.

#### Dates & Prices

<b>January – April 2017</b>	<b>Double</b>	August 13	\$3449
January 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29	\$2999	September 10, 17, 24	\$3449
February 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 28	\$2999	October 8, 15, 22, 29	\$3449
March 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 26	\$2999	November 5, 26, 30	\$3589
April 2	\$2999	December 3, 28	\$3589
April 20, 23, 30	\$2949	January 4, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28	\$3589
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		February 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25	\$3589
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b>	<b>Double</b>	March 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18	\$3589
May 14, 21	\$3449	April 5, 8, 12, 15, 19	\$3589
June 11	\$3449		
July 9, 16, 23	\$3449		
		<b>Single Room Supplement (+) \$1080 - \$1210</b>	
		<b>Triple Room Reduction (-) \$30</b>	
		<b>Rates are land only, per person and in Canadian dollars. Call about additional dates.</b>	

## Costa Rica: A World of Nature

11 Days from \$3449

Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Choice On Tour

- In Arenal, embark on a thrilling zip lining experience in or take a hike through the former lava fields of Arenal Volcano National Park.

### Cultural Experiences

- Step back in time at an authentic sugar mill still powered by oxen.
- Join an expert guide to learn about the local culture and ecosystem.
- Visit to the world's first Green Turtle Research Station in Tortuguero National Park.
- Give back to Mother Nature during a tree adoption ceremony.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Stay in Tortuguero National Park, and find yourself surrounded by wildlife.
- Enjoy your 2-night stay just outside of pristine Manuel Antonio National Park.
- Spend 2 nights at a resort overlooking the iconic Arenal Volcano.
- Hop aboard a river boat for a crocodile safari and bird watching excursion.
- Traverse pristine forest trails in search of wildlife.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 20 meals included: 10 breakfasts • 4 lunches 6 dinners
- Enjoy a traditional "campesino" country-style farmer's lunch.
- Indulge in the sweet taste of chocolate at a biological reserve.
- Delve into the world of coffee during a plantation visit.
- Savour dinner overlooking the lush Villa Blanca Cloud Forest.

### Accommodations

<b>Day 1</b>	DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose
<b>Days 2, 3</b>	Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero
<b>Days 4, 5</b>	Mountain Paradise, Arenal Volcano
<b>Days 6, 7</b>	Villa Blanca Cloud Forest Hotel & Spa, San Ramon
<b>Days 8, 9</b>	Si Como No Resort, Manuel Antonio
<b>Day 10</b>	DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

### Tour Activity Level

See page 71 for details.

### Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

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**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

This trip requires a passport. Taxes/fees to be paid in local currency or USD upon exiting the country are approximately \$32 USD per person.





The Galapagos Islands

# Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands

Embark on a spectacular historical, cultural and wildlife adventure

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Lima.

Begin your adventure with an extra night to enjoy Lima's treasures.

Call for details.

## Day 1: Lima, Peru - Tour Begins

Welcome to Peru, one of the treasures of South America. Arrive this evening in Lima, the "City of Kings."

**Day 2: Lima** Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Center, the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas, an abundance of colonial architecture, and the fashionable suburbs of San Isidro and Miraflores for insight into the daily life of the Limeños. Then it's on to your exclusive visit to the Archbishop's Palace to witness the changing of the guard. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner with a tasting menu of artfully crafted Peruvian dishes and drinks. (B, D)

**Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley of the Incas** Fly to Cuzco, in the heart of the Inca civilization. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas, the agricultural center of their grand empire. Learn the centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving traditional textiles during a visit to Awana Kancha. Stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market. Do as the locals do and enjoy a tasting of "chicha," a regional drink made from maize, at a local pub. Then, **head to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio** where you'll get first-hand knowledge on this internationally renowned artist's techniques, inspired

by ancient Peruvian cultures. Settle in this evening at your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. The rest of the evening is yours. (B)

## Day 4: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Ollantaytambo- Sacred Valley of the Incas

Experience the lifestyle of the modern Andean people and delve into their culture when you travel to a nearby community and interact with the locals. You'll get a true taste of their daily life when participating in small group workshops that teach you traditional methods of growing, harvesting and weaving. Celebrate their culture as you learn their dances and listen to their musical instruments. This afternoon, **visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo archaeological site**, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. Make a stop at the Sacred Valley Brewing Company, a nonprofit brewery created to support a local orphanage. Taste these Andean-inspired beers and learn about their determination to support their community. Tonight, savour an authentic pachamanca dinner. (B, D)

**Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas - Machu Picchu** Climb aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train for breathtaking views through domed 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. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu. Enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration before enjoying an award-winning tasting menu at your resort. (B, D)

**Day 6: Machu Picchu - Cuzco** With leisure time this morning you may return to Machu Picchu on your own or explore the local markets. Return by Vistadome train to the Sacred Valley and continue to Cuzco, a city that blends Inca and Spanish colonial

influences. Before arriving, **make a stop at the heralded salt mines of Maras.** (B)

**Day 7: Cuzco** The morning is yours to relax and acclimate to the altitude. Perhaps you'll choose the "Cuzco through the Senses" optional tour, where you'll get hands-on experience with the owner and artist of a local pottery studio, followed by interactive tastings of world-renowned Peruvian coffee and chocolate. This afternoon, the choice is yours on how you will explore Cuzco, the former capital of the Incan Empire. Join a local guide on a walking tour of the city from your hotel. Or, board your coach for a comprehensive tour of the city's main sites. Both tours will take you on a journey through this colonial city where you'll experience the architectural legacy visible in the Cathedral, Santo Domingo, the Plaza de Armas, as well as a stop by the central market. Later, gather together and travel above the city to **discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress.** Enjoy a toast at sunset while overlooking the city before arriving at your authentic dinner featuring local flavours in the heart of Cuzco. (B, D)

## Day 8: Cuzco - Quito, Ecuador

This morning we fly to Quito, Ecuador (UNESCO) the country's stunning capital city. (B)

**Day 9: Quito** At the start of your city tour, enjoy a special visit to a Children International community center, supported by the Collette Foundation. Meet some of the children benefiting from the nutritional support and healthy cooking education that is the focus of this group's mission. Learn about Quito's colonial center on a tour featuring the Presidential Palace. Savour lunch overlooking the Pululahua volcanic crater. On a one-of-a-kind experience, **cross between hemispheres at the Equatorial Line Monument and Museum at the "Middle of the World."** Spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)



### Day 10: Quito - San Cristóbal Island, Galapagos - Embark Ship

Fly to beautiful San Cristóbal Island, gateway to your Galapagos eco-adventure. After enjoying lunch aboard the m/v *Galapagos Legend*, arrive at the Port Baquerizo Moreno for an up-close look at the endangered tortoises that call the San Cristóbal Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve home. After exploring the island, stargaze from the deck of your ship and toast the wonders of the Galapagos. (B, L, D)

### Day 11: Española Island (Gardner Bay and Suarez Point)

Board your panga to visit Gardner Bay. Guarded by a colony of sea lions, the beach is home to Galapagos hawks and endemic finches. Swim and snorkel with the marine life, including manta rays and white-tipped sharks. Continue on through the volcanic terrain of Suarez Point. **During your nature walk, watch for hooded mocking birds, lava lizards, Sally Lightfoot crabs and blue-footed boobies.** Venture to count Waved Albatross at the world's largest colony. Finally, visit the spectacular Soplador (blowhole) where water shoots 75 feet into the air. (B, L, D)

### Day 12: Floreana Island (Post Office Bay and Cormorant Point)

Land at storied Post Office Bay, named for a barrel left in 1793 by Captain James Colnett as a "post office" for passing sailors. Continue the tradition and leave a letter for a loved one. Snorkel, if you choose, with green sea turtles or set out to search for Darwin's finches and yellow warblers. Sail to Cormorant Point and its olive green sand beach. Spot a small colony of penguins. Seize another chance to snorkel and swim near playful sea lions! (B, L, D)

### Day 13: Santa Cruz Island (Charles Darwin Research Station & Highlands)

**Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station and see the giant tortoises** from the station's breeding program. Trek through the Santa Cruz highlands to Cerro Chato and find more giant tortoises. Take a break to savour some organic coffee before we embark on a **walk inside dormant lava tubes**. Enjoy time to explore Port Ayora town. (B, L, D)

### Day 14: Daphne Island - Disembark Ship - Baltra Island - Quito

Garner panoramic views as you circumnavigate Daphne Island. Keep an eye out for marine iguanas, and crabs teetering along the rocky shore. Bid farewell to the Galapagos and fly back to the magnificent city of Quito. Fall in love with the lights of colonial Quito during a nighttime panoramic tour en route to your farewell dinner. Arrive at a historic restaurant to sample some of Ecuador's finest cuisine. (B, D)

### Day 15: Quito - Tour Ends (B)

### Extend Your Tour



**EXPLORE MORE.** Extend your tour with 3 nights in Otavalo. Continue exploring the rich cultures, epic scenery and picturesque villages of the Andes.

See page 69 for details.

## Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands

15 Days from \$9824

## Travel with no more than 24 guests

## Choice On Tour

- In Cuzco, join a local guide on a walking tour or climb aboard your coach for a tour of the city's dramatic architectural treasures.

## Cultural Experiences

- Discover centuries-old Andean textile methods at a living museum of the Peruvian Andes.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Embark on a 5-day cruise of the Galapagos Islands with a naturalist guide.

## Culinary Inclusions

- 28 meals: 14 breakfasts • 5 lunches • 9 dinners
- Savour an authentic Pachamanca dinner, where food is buried in the ground to cook.

## Accommodations

<b>Days 1, 2</b>	Hilton Miraflores, Lima
<b>Days 3, 4</b>	Casa Andina Private Collection Sacred Valley, Yucay
<b>Day 5</b>	Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
<b>Days 6, 7</b>	Casa Andina Private Collection Hotel, Cuzco
<b>Days 8, 9</b>	Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda, Quito
<b>Days 10 - 13</b>	m/v Galapagos Legend, Galapagos Islands
<b>Day 14</b>	Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda, Quito

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

## Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 71 for details.

## Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service** and **airport transfers**.

Upgrade your in-flight experience with **Elite Airfare**. See page 72 for details.

**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

This trip requires a passport. Complete passport information is required 60 days prior to departure to confirm flight arrangements to the Galapagos Islands. Rates include \$145 - \$165 USD Galapagos National Park and Galapagos National Institute entrance fees. The currency in Ecuador is the USD. Gratuities for the cruise portion of your tour are not included in the land only price. At the time of reservation, \$40 USD per guest will be collected to cover service charges (gratuities). You will not be asked to pay any additional service charges (gratuities) unless you wish to do so but never directly to the crew. Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. Pricing is based on Standard Plus Outside cabins, located on the Sea Deck. Upgrades may be available to Junior Suites (Earth Deck) or Balcony Suites (Moon Deck). Call for pricing. If the cabin category preferred is not available at the time of booking, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply. The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price. All air, including internal air, can be purchased through us.

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# Antarctica & Chile's Patagonia

Set out an Antarctica adventure featuring Torres del Paine National Park & the Chilean Fjords

## Start Early

### Add an extra day in Santiago.

Settle in early and enjoy this spectacular city set amid the Andes. Call for details.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Embark on an unforgettable voyage.

### Day 2: Santiago, Chile - Tour Begins

Your journey begins in Santiago de Chile, one of South America's most modern cities. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for sumptuous food and wine in the stunning colonial neighbourhood known as Barrio Lastarria. (D)

**Day 3: Santiago** This morning, **embark on a city tour** with a local guide that showcases the regal La Moneda Presidential Palace and lively Paseo Ahumada Pedestrian Avenue. Ride the funicular up Cerro San Cristobal to soak up the sweeping views of Santiago and the Andes, and admire the Statue of the Immaculate Conception. Visit the Museum of Memory and Human Rights before heading over to a bustling central market to mingle with the locals. The evening is yours to explore this wonderful city on your own. (B)

**Day 4: Santiago - Punta Arenas - Puerto Natales (Patagonia, Chile)** Leave the bustle of the city behind and fly to the spectacular region of Patagonia, the southern portion of Chile and Argentina that is filled with natural wonders. Arrive in Punta Arenas, built along the Strait of Magellan. Take in the stunning scenery before heading to Puerto Natales. (B, D)

### Day 5: Puerto Natales - Torres del Paine

**- Puerto Natales** Today you'll **venture into the UNESCO biosphere reserve – Torres del Paine National Park**. Take in the panoramas of jagged mountains and emerald-blue lakes. Marvel at the cascading waterfalls and the flora and fauna that are unique to the area. (B)

### Day 6: Puerto Natales - Punta Arenas - Embark Ship

This morning, head south to Punta Arenas and enjoy some free time in this lovely port town before boarding the state-of-the-art MS *Midnatsol* expedition vessel. (B, D)

### Day 7: Chilean Fjords - Tierra del Fuego

**Sail through the Magellan Strait**, named for the Portuguese explorer who discovered this passage in 1520. Cruise along and discover a network of the channels and fjords that separates the South America continent from Tierra del Fuego, or "Land of Fire." Continue through the Beagle Channel, named after Charles Darwin's ship. **Cruise to the stunning Chilean fjords**, including the beautiful Garibaldi Fjord, and behold the Garibaldi Glacier. (B, L, D)

**Day 8: Cape Horn** As you get ready to head to the Drake Passage, make your way to the legendary Cape Horn, the southernmost point of South America. Soak in the views as you traverse this waterway with tremendous historical significance for discoveries and trade routes. Depending on the weather, you may get a chance to make a special landing on the island. (B, L, D)

### Day 9: The Drake Passage - Antarctica

**Cruise south through the fabled Drake Passage**, named for the explorer Sir Francis Drake. Warmer waters of the north meet the colder, denser waters of the south here

in the Antarctic Convergence, making the area rich in marine life. Spot whales and sea birds as you begin this voyage of exploration. Experts provide presentations on history, biology and geology throughout your adventure.

**Arrive today on the northern tip of 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 is like nowhere else on the planet. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Antarctica** The next six days are filled with discovery! Weather conditions determine each sailing's final itinerary. Regardless, adventure awaits. First, **cruise to the South Shetland Islands** - including Half Moon Island. Visit Yankee Harbour and Cuverville Island, as well as Neko and Paradise harbours, and Wilhelmina Bay. During your travels, humpback, killer and minke whales – and icebergs – are common sights. PolarCirkel (rugged excursion) boats take you to incredible locations along the Antarctic Peninsula. (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Antarctica** Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to locations which could include:

- Half Moon Island, a small island in the South Shetland chain boasting mountainous views and a nesting place for chinstrap penguins, kelp gulls and Antarctic terns. (B, L, D)

**Day 12: Antarctica** Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to locations which could include:

- Yankee Harbour, on the South Shetland Islands, once the base of operations for early sealers. Today it still provides a natural safe haven for sailors and explorers who come to see the large colony of gentoo penguins. Bransfield Strait, near the South Shetland Islands, is a common feeding area for whales. (B, L, D)



**Day 13: Antarctica** Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to locations which could include:

- Cuernaville Island, sitting on the scenic Errera Channel, offering up excitement before you even make landfall. Embark upon a thrilling passage through the channel amid dramatic icebergs. Once on shore you will be surrounded by throngs of penguins. (B, L, D)

**Day 14: Antarctica** Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to locations which could include:

- Neko Harbour, part of the Antarctic mainland nestled in the fjord-like Andvord Bay, where penguins, elephant seals and weddell seals are often spotted. (B, L, D)

**Day 15: Antarctica** Continue your visits by PolarCirkel boats to locations which could include:

- Paradise Harbour, where whalers came to seek refuge in the worst of storms. This was the base for many daring expeditions and is now the location of the Gabriel Gonzalez Videla Base.
- Wilhelmina Bay, where mountains and high glaciers create dramatic scenery. View the 1915 wreck of the Norwegian ship, Guvernøren. (B, L, D)

**Day 16: Antarctica - The Drake Passage** Leave Antarctica, crossing the southern waters of the Drake Passage. Participate in engaging lectures on Antarctica's wonders. (B, L, D)

**Day 17: The Drake Passage - Chilean Fjords** During the return to the Chilean fjords, enjoy a summation of the Antarctic themes and the Chilean program. Discover more of the history on this passage notorious among the early polar explorers. (B, L, D)

**Day 18: Chilean Fjords** Depending on the weather, you may get a chance to disembark at Puerto Williams, one of the

world's southernmost towns, set on the island of Navarino. Now a sleepy little island with barely more than 2,000 inhabitants, Navarino is known for its pristine natural beauty and is the perfect place for nature lovers. (B, L, D)

**Day 19: Chilean Fjords - Punta Arenas - Disembark Ship - Santiago** Disembark the ship in Punta Arenas, and fly to Santiago. This evening, celebrate the end of your journey as you enjoy a dinner featuring Chilean specialty food and wine, along with a Chilean folklore show! Admire the passion of these local musicians, meet the dancers and maybe get to go on stage. (B, D)

**Day 20: Santiago - Tour Ends** Your tour ends today. For those with late flights, you may choose the optional "Flavours of Santiago" tour, where you'll get to visit a local winery, followed by the Santiago home of the famous Noble Prize poet and Chilean hero Pablo Neruda. (B)

### Extend Your Tour



**EXPLORE MORE.** Extend your tour with 3 nights on Easter Island. Famous for its Moai statues this is one of the most isolated inhabited islands in the world. See page 69 for details.

**STAY LONGER.** Add an extra day in Santiago. Relax and raise a glass of wine before you head home. Call for details.

## Antarctica & Chile's Patagonia

20 Days from \$16399

## Travel with no more than 24 guests

### Cultural Experiences

- In Santiago, ride the funicular up Cerro San Cristobal and admire the Statue of the Immaculate Conception.
- Explore Puerto Williams, one of the world's southernmost towns.
- Explore Chile's past at the Museum of Memory and Human Rights.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Explore Chile's Patagonia and the famed Torres del Paine National Park.
- Cruise the stunning Chilean fjords, including the beautiful Garibaldi Fjord.
- Behold the massive Garibaldi Glacier.
- Make your way to the legendary Cape Horn, the southernmost point of South America.
- Experience close encounters with Antarctic wildlife including seals, whales, albatross and penguins.
- Cruise into small harbours and islands in PolarCirkel excursion boats for in-depth discoveries and personal adventures.

### Culinary Inclusions

- 46 meals included: 18 breakfasts • 12 lunches • 16 dinners
- Dine in a stunning colonial neighbourhood known as Barrio Lastarria
- Enjoy dinner complete with Chilean wine and a folklore show!

### Accommodations

- Day 1** Overnight Flight  
**Days 2, 3** Hotel Atton Vitacura, Santiago  
**Days 4, 5** Hotel CostAustralis, Puerto Natales  
**Days 6 – 18** MS *Midnatsol*  
**Day 19** Hotel Atton Vitacura, Santiago  
 On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤

See page 71 for details.

### Personalize Your Journey

Purchase air and receive **private home to airport sedan service and airport transfers.**

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**On Tour Options:** Visit [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com) to learn more.

**This trip requires a passport.** The internal flights are not included in the land cost of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. Pricing is based on inside cabins. Call for upgrades to other cabin categories. Onboard gratuities are not included in the price of your tour. Suggested guidelines are \$12 USD per guest, per day. Prior to full payment for the program, the cruise line reserves the right to impose a supplemental fuel charge. Special clothing is required for the shore landings; refer to your pre-departure documents for details. You will receive a wind and waterproof jacket and will be lent 1 pair of rubber boots for use during landings. In accordance with IAATO and Hurtigruten AS, all guests travelling to Antarctica must complete a confidential medical declaration form, signed by a doctor, stating that they are fit to travel. This form will be sent to guests well in advance. The form must be completely filled out, brought on board the ship, and personally delivered to the doctor upon embarkation. Boarding may be denied if this form is not presented at embarkation. Transfers to/from the boat are by small zodiac boats and you may have to wade ashore in shallow water. In some cases, the terrain can be a little strenuous. Order of sightseeing on board the ship may vary based on departure and weather conditions. Weather, wind and ice conditions determine the schedule. Safety is paramount and the captain will decide the final sailing itinerary during the voyage. This itinerary is just an indication of what you can experience. All conditions do not apply to all days so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our travel counselors to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this program to individuals with a good level of physical fitness. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. A pre/post night may be required due to flight schedules (additional cost).

### Dates & Prices

**January – February 2018**  
 January 14, 27  
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**Double**  
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**Rates are land only, per person, in Canadian dollars and do not include the internal flights on tour.** Call about additional dates.



# Extend Your Tour Optional Extensions

*To complement your experience*

## Tanzania 4-night post tour add to: The Plains of Africa (pg. 28)

**12 Meals:**  
4 Breakfasts,  
4 Lunches, 4 Dinners  
**\$2230\* -  
\$3310\***

**Day 14: Amboseli - Arusha, Tanzania - Karatu** Depart Amboseli for the border town of Arusha. After clearing border crossing formalities, enjoy lunch in Arusha. Then continue to your hotel in Karatu. (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** Enjoy a full day game drive in the park. (B, L, D)

**Day 17: Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Conservation Area** Begin your day with a safari in the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest intact caldera in the world. Enjoy a picnic lunch as you continue your journey to Ngorongoro Conservation Area. (B, L, D)

**Day 18: Ngorongoro - Arusha - Tour Ends** Drive through Arusha on the way to the Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) for your departure flight home. (B)

Please Note: Park fees (approximately \$280 USD) are not included in the land price of your extension. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. The cost of the unused dayroom on the last day of your base tour in Nairobi has been deducted from the price of your extension. A day room in Arusha is available for purchase before your departure flight home from Kilimanjaro Airport. Clients leaving Kenya and continuing their travels to Tanzania (including Zanzibar), even if only for a transit, will need a Yellow Fever certificate to enter Tanzania. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. Soft duffel bag luggage is required with maximum weight of 15 kgs. (approximately 33 pounds). The approximate cost of a Tanzania visa, purchased at the border, is \$100 USD, for US and Canadian citizens, payable in USD cash only. This requires a second blank page in your passport in addition to the required blank page for your Kenya visa. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 9:00 p.m. **Additional air segment purchase required.**



### Accommodations:

Day 1	Country Lodge, Karatu
Days 2, 3	Serengeti Sopa Lodge, Serengeti National Park
Day 4	Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge, Ngorongoro

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 71 for details.



**4 Meals:**  
3 Breakfasts,  
1 Dinner  
**\$675\* -  
\$880\***

## Dubai 3-night pre tour

**add to:** Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana (pg. 30),  
Mysteries of India (pg. 34), Exploring Sri Lanka (pg. 38)

**Accommodations:** Carlton Palace, Dubai

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 71 for details.

Please Note: During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. \*The flight from Dubai on the last day is not included in the land-only cost of your tour. **Additional air segment purchase required.** For US, UK, Australia and Canadian citizens, no advance visa arrangement is required to visit the UAE when your stay is less than 30 days. Upon arrival, your passport will be stamped with a 30-day visit visa free of charge.

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Dubai.

**Day 2: Dubai - Extension Begins** Arrive in Dubai. The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or explore this dynamic and cosmopolitan city. As one of the seven emirates of the United Arab Emirates, Dubai is considered the shopping capital of the Middle East. With its many world-famous man-made structures built in recent years, Dubai is a must-see destination.

**Day 3: Dubai** Dubai is a city that provides a new setting at every turn. Richly mixing together the old and the new, it's a city of ages that rises out of the desert and crowns the gulf coast with its presence. This afternoon, your route takes you to a magnificent view of Dubai Creek, passing by the heritage area of Bastakiya, with its fascinating old wind-towered houses built by wealthy merchants. Visit the 180-year-old Al Fahidi Fort, which today houses the Dubai Museum. Continue your journey by abra – a traditional water taxi – across the creek. Stroll through the spice and gold souks, the colorful bazaar markets. On your way to Burj Al Arab – one of Dubai's landmarks – make a photo stop at Jumeirah Mosque. (B)

**Day 4: Dubai** Your morning is at leisure. This afternoon your safari guide will take you on a 4-wheel drive into the golden sand dunes of Arabia. Experience the thrill of a lifetime while riding through the dunes. Enjoy a scenic sunset overlooking the desert. Continue to a Bedouin campsite where you can enjoy camel riding, Henna design, Arabic gava and a delicious barbecue dinner. During dinner watch as an enchanting belly dancer performs to Arabic rhythms. (B, D)

**Day 5: Dubai - Extension Ends** You will board your flight to begin your tour. (B)

# Extend Your Tour Optional Extensions

*to complement your experience*

## Hong Kong 3-night pre tour

**add to:** Taste of Vietnam (pg. 36)  
Three Kingdoms of Indochina (pg. 40)

**3 Meals:**  
3 Breakfasts  
**\$675\* - \$1015\***

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Hong Kong. Skip a day ahead en route as you cross the International Dateline.

**Day 2: Hong Kong - Extension Begins** Today you arrive in Hong Kong, one of Asia's most cosmopolitan and dynamic cities. You will stay in Kowloon, located in the heart of Hong Kong's bustling shopping district. Hong Kong is noted for fabulous savings on jewelry, silk and leather products. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

**Day 3: Hong Kong - Hong Kong Island** Cross the harbor and enjoy a comprehensive tour of Hong Kong Island, home to the city's most popular sites. Visit Stanley Market and stroll around its famous seaside village bazaar. Learn about the lifestyle of Hong Kong's fishermen with a visit to Aberdeen Fishing Village where you will have the opportunity to take an optional traditional sampan ride in the typhoon shelter. Your tour will also take you past Repulse Bay Beach, an important strategic location during World War II and the longest beach on the island. Complete your tour with a panoramic ride up Victoria Peak for spectacular views of the city and harbor below. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

**Day 4: Hong Kong** Enjoy a day at leisure to explore this great city. Perhaps you will enjoy some shopping in the Kowloon area or take a stroll on Hong Kong's oldest and most atmospheric street, Shanghai Street. (B)

**Day 5: Hong Kong - Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam** You will board your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. (B)



**Accommodations:** Park Hotel

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 71 for details.

Please Note: During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. The internal flights for this extension are not included in the land price of your tour. **Additional air segment purchase required.**



**4 Meals:**  
3 Breakfasts,  
1 Lunch  
**\$880\***

## Bangkok 3-night post tour

**add to:** Taste of Vietnam (pg. 36)  
Three Kingdoms of Indochina (pg. 40)

**Extension Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Bangkok, Thailand** Board a short flight 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.

**Extension Day 2: Bangkok** Begin your day with a cruise on the Chao Phraya River. Drift past local houses and learn about daily life along the waterways. Stop at the iconic Wat Arun, the Temple of the Dawn. The boat trip ends at Chang pier. Explore the grounds of the Grand Palace. In the main temple, see the Emerald Buddha, carved from a single piece of jade. Enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, visit the Golden Buddha, one of the world's largest solid gold statues. Discover how it was once covered in plaster to conceal it from invaders. Continue with a visit to the Jim Thompson House, home of the American entrepreneur who revitalized the Thai silk industry before his mysterious disappearance. (B, L)

**Extension Day 3: Bangkok** Visit the famous Damnoen Saduak floating market where hundreds of vendors sell fruits and vegetables from their boats. Next, visit Phra Pathom Chedi in Nakhon Pathom. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

**Extension Day 4: Bangkok - Extension Ends** Board your flight home. (B)

**Accommodations:** Rembrandt Hotel

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 71 for details.

Please Note: The Bangkok extension operates concurrently with the Phú Quốc extension. Only one post extension may be booked. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. The internal flights for this extension are not included in the land price of your tour. **Additional air segment purchase required.**



# Extend Your Tour Optional Extensions

*To complement your experience*

## Nepal 4-night post tour add to: Mysteries of India (pg. 34)

**Day 15: Varanasi - Delhi** Enjoy a morning at leisure before flying back to Delhi. Overnight in Delhi before travelling to Nepal in the morning.

**Day 16: Delhi - Kathmandu, Nepal** Take an early morning flight to Kathmandu and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Patan city, the old Newar city. See the Patan Durbar Square, listed as a World Heritage site. The complex is the center of Patan's religious and social life. (B)

**Day 17: Kathmandu** Tour Kathmandu city and Swoyambhuanth Stupa, a famous monkey temple boasting the famous painted eyes of Buddha watching all who ascend the steps. Continue on to visit such sights as the 17th-century Durbar complex; Hanuman Dhoka; the Shiva Paravati temple; the Seto Bhairav and Kal Bhaira temple. Head to Swoyambhunath and take in views of Kathmandu valley. Tonight enjoy a Nepali dinner at a local restaurant including a cultural dance performance. (B, D)

**Day 18: Kathmandu** Visit Pashupatinath Temple, the most important Hindu temple in Nepal. See Boudnath, one of the largest stupas in the world and a sacred place to Buddhist pilgrims from Tibet. Travel to Bhadgaon, a city of devotees, known for its incredible architecture and art. (B)

**Day 19: Kathmandu - Delhi - Tour Ends** Fly to Delhi for your return flight home. (B)

Please Note: The cost of the unused dayroom on the last day of your base tour in Delhi has been deducted from the price of your extension. A day room in Delhi is available for purchase before your departure flight home. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Due to inter-flight scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 7:00 p.m. on the last day. The approximate cost of a Nepalese visa is \$30 USD and obtainable on arrival. A passport photo is required for the visa in Nepal and costs approximately \$5 USD. We recommend bringing a passport photo as well as small bills for these expenses. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. The internal flights are not included in the extension land cost. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

**5 Meals:**  
4 Breakfasts,  
1 Dinner  
**\$1350\***



### Accommodations:

Day 1 Radisson Blu Dwarka, Delhi  
Days 2 – 4 Soaltee Crowne Plaza, Kathmandu

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 71 for details.

## Phú Quốc 3-night post tour add to: Taste of Vietnam (pg. 36) Three Kingdoms of Indochina (pg. 40)

### Extension Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Phú Quốc, Thailand

Extend your adventure with a 3-night stay in paradise. It's the perfect way to complete your Southeast Asia tour. Your extension begins with a flight to the beautiful island of Phú Quốc, a tropical utopia where white sand beaches meet lush green jungles. Enjoy plenty of free time to explore.

**Extension Day 2: Phú Quốc** Sink into the local lifestyle and relax by the pool or stroll along the beach. Or perhaps try some of the many available fun activities such as snorkeling or fishing. Half of the land on the island is protected as a national park so there are no shortages of hiking trails and other natural sanctuaries. (B)

**Extension Day 3: Phú Quốc** Enjoy another day of rest and relaxation. The friendly concierge and activities staff will help you get the most out of your time. (B)

**Extension Day 4: Phú Quốc - Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Extension Ends** Fly to Ho Chi Minh City early this morning to connect to your flight home. (B)

Please Note: This extension is not hosted or guided. The internal flights for this extension are not included in the land price of your tour. Roundtrip airport and hotel transfers are included to/from Ho Chi Minh City and Phú Quốc. The Phú Quốc extension operates concurrently with the Bangkok extension. Only one post extension may be booked. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

**3 Meals:**  
3 Breakfasts  
**\$675\* - \$745\***



**Accommodations:** Salinda Resort

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 71 for details.

# Extend Your Tour Optional Extensions

*To complement your experience*

## Easter Island 3-night post tour add to: Antarctica and Chile's Patagonia (pg. 64)

**Day 20: Santiago - Easter Island** Fly to legendary Easter Island. "Isla de Pascua" or "Rapa Nui," as it is known in the local Polynesian language, is the most isolated inhabited island in the world. Steeped in lore and most famously home to the enigmatic Moai sculptures, this place is an archaeologist's dream. Arrive at Hanga Roa, the only town on the island and home to fewer than 4,000 residents. Tonight, enjoy a Rapa Nui folklore show. (D)

**Day 21: Easter Island** This morning, visit the Rano Kao volcano where you will discover a freshwater lake inside its deep crater. Continue to Orongo, at the base of the volcano, and learn about the Birdman Cult's unique ceremonies and rituals. At Ana Kai Tangata, another sea-cliff cave, see magnificent carved petroglyphs of prehistoric birds. After lunch, depart for Ahu Akivi, a platform composed of seven Moai statues. These are the only Moai statues on the island that were positioned facing the sea. The tour continues visiting the Puna Pau quarry where the Pukao were carved – Pukao are also known as the typical "hairstyle," or the hats, of the Moai statues. Learn more about the making, building and transportation process of these colossal sculptures carved on volcanic rock before returning to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

**Day 22: Easter Island** Travel along the Moai route where these colossal sculptures are scattered around the island. Visit several "Ahu" – or ceremonial platforms – surrounded by Moais that lay face down on the ground. Then, visit Ahu Akahanga, where the first king of the island was buried. Continue on to Rano Raraku volcano, located near the southern coast. Visit Ahu Tongariki, the largest Moai platform in the island with its 15 Moais. Arrive at Ahu Te Pito Kura, an enormous spherical rock and see the Moai Paro, the largest statue on the island. Cap off the day with a visit to Anakena, one of the most beautiful beaches on the island. (B, L)

**Day 23: Easter Island - Tour Ends** Bid farewell to magical Easter Island. (B)

**5 Meals:**  
3 Breakfasts,  
1 Lunch,  
1 Dinner  
**\$1755\***



**Accommodations:** Taha Tai Hotel

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 71 for details.

Please Note: This extension is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services. The included lunch is a boxed lunch. Rates include the approx. \$67 USD Rapa Nui National Park entrance fee. The internal flights are not included in the extension land cost. **Additional air segment purchase required.**



**8 Meals:**  
3 Breakfasts,  
3 Lunches,  
2 Dinners  
**\$1555\***

## Otavalo 3-night post tour add to: Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands (pg. 62)

**Day 15: Quito - Peguche - Otavalo** This morning, travel north across the valleys of Guayllabamba. Make a stop at the Andean Instruments Museum in Peguche village. Continue on to meet local residents at lunch and enjoy indigenous music and dance. Then it's off to Otavalo, home of beautifully coloured fabrics and a famous indigenous market. Learn how to make the Ecuadorian spiced drink *canelazo* and have the opportunity to sample this delicious beverage along with a tasty empanada. Tonight, enjoy dinner in the charming hacienda restaurant. (L, D)

**Day 16: Otavalo - Andes Mountain Train - Salinas - San Antonio de Ibarra - Otavalo** Today, travel to the region of Imbabura, known for towering volcanoes. Take an unforgettable train ride on the Andes Mountain Train past spectacular Andes scenery. Arrive in Salinas and gather for lunch featuring regional specialties and Afro-Ecuadorian music and dance. Then, drive to San Antonio de Ibarra, a picturesque town famous for elaborate wood carvings and sculptures. Later, learn how to make helados de paila (fruit sorbet) prepared in great copper pans before sampling the treat for yourself. This evening, arrive back at your historic Andean hacienda. Or, you may choose a home-cooked dinner and homestay in the Karanki indigenous community of La Magdalena on the slopes of Cubilche volcano. The Karanki welcome visitors into charming guest houses so travellers can learn about their culture. (B, L, D)

**Day 17: Otavalo - La Magdalena - Quito** Witness the extraordinary community tourism project at La Magdalena and discover how the Collette Foundation is helping to support its residents. Experience the shepherding and harvesting activities, taste the homemade cheeses and breads, and learn about their medicinal herbal teas. Next, venture to Condor Park, a rescue center for a variety of birds of prey, to learn about the protection of these birds. Arrive in Quito and enjoy the city during your last night in Ecuador. (B, L)

**Day 18: Quito - Tour Ends** Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

### Accommodations:

Day 1 Hacienda Pinsaqui, Otavalo  
Day 2 Hacienda Pinsaqui or La Magdalena, Otavalo  
Day 3 Mercure Grand Alameda, Quito

**Tour Activity Level** ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 71 for details.

Please Note: During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. The optional homestay at La Magdalena must be pre-booked. Space is limited. Rooms are simple and have private bathrooms. Dinner is included with the homestay. Otherwise you may overnight at the Hacienda (with dinner included). Please make your decision known at the time of booking. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. **Additional air segment purchase required.**

an additional air segment purchase. For any extension requiring a flight in order to operate, or departing from a gateway different than the base tour, please inquire for rate at time of booking.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Accommodations

### **What is the difference between a twin room and a double room?**

In certain countries, hotel rooms tend to be smaller than Canadian standard accommodations. A double room is designed to accommodate two people, but may not have two separate beds. A twin bedded room has two separate beds of any size, and is the type most commonly utilized.

**What size is a triple room?** A triple room is the same size as a twin bedded room and beds will accommodate three people, but we cannot guarantee that there will be three separate beds. If there are only two beds, a rollaway may be requested but cannot be guaranteed due to size of room and fire codes. Please inquire at time of reservation.

**Can my children travel on tour?** Children over the age of 5 may travel on a Collette tour accompanied by an adult. Child land rates are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults.

**Are single and triple rooms always available?** On many tours, triple and single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Be advised that single rooms are often smaller.

**When can I check into my hotel?** Due to early arrival times into some cities, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

## Air

**Can Collette book our airline reservations?** Collette is happy to assist you in accommodating your flight needs. Due to tour scheduling and limited availability, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of Collette's air packages. We are not responsible for air arrangements you have made on your own. On occasion, it is necessary to change tour dates. In this case, we can only protect air reservations booked through Collette. For all air reservations, it is strongly recommended to reconfirm flights before departure, in the event that the airline has an unexpected schedule change. We cannot assume responsibility for schedule changes, routings or flight cancellations involving the airlines. Not all airlines offer pre-assigned seats. Some charge a fee for seats which will be at the guests' expense. Where pre-assigned seats are not offered, the guests must contact the airline directly to arrange seat assignments.

## Attractions & Sightseeing

**Are attractions always available?** Access to some attractions or Collette Foundation sites may be affected by the observance of holidays, weather conditions or other circumstances. As a result, the days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour. Boat rides are weather permitting. Some attractions may not be available during the "off-season" months. When attractions are unavailable, other similar attractions will be substituted. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.

**Is there a lot of walking on tour?** We pride ourselves on bringing travellers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. Some hotels/lodges in remote locations may not have elevators. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. Review each tour's "Tour Activity Level" and "Tour Pacing" (pg 71) for details.

**Can you tell me more about the safaris?** In order to most fully experience the wildlife, you will be travelling by custom-built safari vehicle which requires climbing in and out frequently and sometimes travels on bumpy roads. To experience Africa fully, we recommend that all travellers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly.

**How can I plan for shore landings?** Special clothing is required for the shore landings (Antarctica, Galapagos); please refer to your predeparture documents for important details.

**Are all theatre performances suitable for children?** Some theatre performances may be unsuitable for children – consult your tour manager.

## Documentation

**Do I need a passport?** Government-issued identification is required for all air travel. A valid passport is required for all trips outside Canada. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements. We recommend that your passport has seven months validity, and at least 3 blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each client.

In South Africa, children are required to have a passport as well as additional documentation to travel with you into and out of the country. Please consult the South African Embassy for the current specific requirements related to your travel dates.

If travelling internationally with a child under the age of 18, please check directly with the airline for the legal documentation that is required. It is the sole responsibility of the guest to procure the proper documentation to travel and many requirements vary by airline and destination. Collette will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation.

## Extending Your Stay

**Can I extend my tour to see more of a region?** Yes! You may enhance your tour by purchasing either an extension or pre/post hotel stays, offered on select tours. Extensions may be "hosted" rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will provide all included services and be available on-call during the duration of the extension. A minimum number of passengers may be required to operate some extensions. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Collette also offers pre and post hotel nights before and/or after a tour for you to explore the destination independently. Should you purchase additional nights, please be advised that your Tour Manager will not be available during this time.

## Extras

**What is not included in the tour price?** The land price does not include air travel, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary end-of-trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, and any incidental charges.

## Late Bookings

**Do you accept late bookings?** Tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. All late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with a credit card if within 60 days of departure date.

## On-Tour Experience

**Where do I meet my Tour Manager?** Your tour will begin at your first hotel. The Tour Manager will make contact with you at the hotel and will provide details relating to your tour. The hotel's address and phone number will be included in your documents.

**Can I prepurchase optional excursions/activities?** Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase for applicable tours provided that you make your options purchase prior to 15

days of the tour departure. Collette makes it convenient to reserve presold options by visiting our website for a full listing of activities and excursions or when your reservation is made with our reservations staff. In addition, there are benefits to prepurchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full. So, while the cost of an optional activity may change from the time you book your tour, once payment is received in full, your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette at their original price. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure. Any presold options cancelled while on tour are nonrefundable.

## What do these symbols mean?



**Leisure Stay tours** are designed to allow for multiple-night stays at each hotel. This allows you a more leisurely pace and more time to explore the destinations on your own.



**Cruise-Land tours** combine the best of both land and sea. These tours feature all the qualities of our traditional escorted tours, including a Tour Manager, and also include an ocean vessel and a portion on land.



**River Cruise tours** feature small, intimate vessels for a more personal experience as you travel through a variety of beautiful waterways that are inaccessible to larger cruise ships, and sometimes include a portion on land.

## Revisions/Changes

**Would my tour date ever be changed?** While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel a tour prior to departure. Should this happen, Collette will make every effort to put you on another departure date. If an alternate cannot be found, a full refund will be made. Air booked through Collette will be protected. We cannot be held responsible for penalties incurred if you have secured your own air.

**Can I make changes to my reservation?** Should you decide to change your reservation after initial booking, a handling fee of \$25 per transaction will be charged. A change of tour date, tour itinerary or passenger name, within the guidelines of the cancellation policy, will be treated as a cancellation and regular cancellation fees may apply.

Revisions to air tickets are subject to the rules and regulations of the airline. See our Cancellation Policy for more details.

## Tour Pacing

**How can I be best prepared for the pacing and physical requirements on a Collette tour?** Tour pacing varies by itinerary, and each destination's sightseeing and activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. At Collette, we do include the best a destination has to offer, enhancing your overall tour experience. For overnight pacing of a tour, please refer to the "Accommodations" section on each tour page and on the tour map. These describe the number of nights you will stay in each hotel during your tour. The day-by-day descriptions will provide additional detail about the number of activities included in each day.

The Tour Activity Level Ranking is featured on each tour itinerary in a circle. The definition of each activity level is listed here. If you have additional questions regarding a specific tour, please inquire at time of reservation. For your comfort, we recommend packing comfortable walking shoes so you can fully enjoy every aspect of your tour.

**Level 1:** At a very leisurely pace, this tour involves minimal physical activity, such as climbing some stairs, boarding a motorcoach, and walking from the hotel reception area to hotel rooms and dining areas.

**Level 2:** This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestoned streets.

**Level 3:** This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs, or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

**Level 4:** To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

**Level 5:** This tour is very active, requiring participants to be physically fit to fully enjoy all the experiences. This itinerary has more strenuous activities which may include such things as: extensive walking tours, transfers over uneven and dusty terrain, high altitudes, early morning departures, late night activities, or extreme temperatures. All conditions do not apply to all days, so please read the itinerary carefully and speak to one of our travel counsellors to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this program to individuals who are physically fit. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs. If this trip is not ideally suited for you, our travel counsellors can help determine the perfect trip for you.

## Transfers

**Are airport and hotel transfers available?** Roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers are provided for all passengers who purchase airfare through Collette. These transfers do not apply to pre- and post-night stays. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase arrival and departure transfers from Collette. Some restrictions may apply. All transfers leave at prescheduled times.

**Are airport transfers available for pre/post hotel stays?**

All passengers who purchase pre and post hotel nights through Collette may also purchase transfers to/from the airport and the pre or post hotel. Please inquire at time of booking.

**What is Roundtrip Home to Airport Sedan Service?** It's your ticket to and from the airport. This service is available for all air-inclusive tour bookings. This personalized service is included when you reside within a 100 km radius of the airport.\* Please confirm at time of booking. Not valid on group travel.

\*One transfer per room booking. Additional stops are not permitted on route. Other restrictions apply; call for details.

## Travel Loyalty

**What is Travel Loyalty by Collette or TLC?** It allows you to automatically receive a \$150 travel credit for each trip you take.<sup>†</sup> It's our way of saying thank you for making us your #1 choice in guided travel. Be sure to enroll in TLC to take advantage of this benefit.

<sup>†</sup> Full credit is valid for your next tour when you travel within 12 months of the original trip. \$100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months, and the entire credit expires 24 months after the original trip.





# The choice is yours. 3 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 Airfare, or Elite Airfare.

	Flex Airfare	Instant Purchase Airfare <sup>3</sup>	Elite Airfare <sup>4</sup>
Receive roundtrip home to airport sedan service – your journey begins at home! <sup>1</sup>	●	●	●
Free roundtrip airport to hotel transfers included <sup>2</sup>	●	●	●
Dedicated Concierge Service			●
Lounge Passes <sup>5</sup>			●
Express Check-In <sup>5</sup>			●
Eligible for Collette's Travel Protection Plan	●	● part b	● part b
Benefit from our flexible change and refund policies	●		●
Deposit now, pay the balance later	●		●
Eliminates future surcharges by locking in price		●	
All the perks of upgraded air (more leg room, comfort, and space)			●

## Treat yourself and enjoy.

Experience the added comfort and convenience of Collette's Elite Airfare. Features such as dedicated concierge service, lounge passes and express check-in only add to the benefits of your business, premium economy, or first-class ticket.

Whether you select Elite Airfare, Flex, or Instant Purchase Airfare, you'll enjoy the ease and security that comes with reserving your air with Collette.



<sup>1</sup>This roundtrip home to airport sedan service is included when you reside within a 100 km radius of most major Canadian gateways and purchase an air-inclusive tour. One transfer per room booking. Additional stops not permitted on route. Not valid on group travel. <sup>2</sup>These transfers are available on the first and last day of the actual tour dates and when you are travelling on select flights (not applicable to pre & post nights). Land only clients may purchase transfers on the first and last day of the actual tour dates for an additional cost of \$100 per person, roundtrip (some restrictions may apply). Clients who purchase pre/post hotel nights may purchase transfers to/from the pre/post hotel. <sup>3</sup>Instant Purchase Airfare is offered on select dates; consult your booking agent. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Lounge Passes & Express Check-In are based on airline and airport availability for Business Class passengers only; Premium Economy tickets do not qualify. Lounge passes are not available for travel from North America to destinations within North America or the Caribbean. ● Not applicable with Instant Purchase Airfare.

# Reservation Information

## Land Rates

Land rates are on a per person, double occupancy basis. Availability of departures at the prices noted in the brochure is limited. Government taxes and fees are additional. For current prices, please see our website at [www.gocollette.com](http://www.gocollette.com). Land rates are guaranteed at the time that the deposit is received by Collette.

## Airfare

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

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

## Payments

### Land Package Deposit

- A \$250 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
- For Antarctica and Cruises only reservations, a non-refundable \$500 deposit is required. An additional \$1,000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica.

### Air Inclusive Package Deposit

- A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation. If you purchase our Travel Protection Plan, the air inclusive deposit required is only \$250 plus the cost of the Travel Protection Plan.
- For Antarctica and Cruise air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable \$750 deposit is required. If you purchase our Travel Protection Plan, the air inclusive deposit required is only \$500 plus the cost of the Travel Protection Plan. 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 a \$500 deposit (or \$250 with the Travel Protection Plan), 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). The balance is due 60 days before departure on all tours, except cruises. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises.

All payments of deposit, purchase price and Travel Protection Plan fees may be made by charging to your MasterCard, Visa, or American Express (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a cheque or money order made payable to "Collette." 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](mailto:reservations@gocollette.com)

### PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO:

Collette, 40 Queen Street South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1K3  
Attn: Accounts Receivable

## Revision Fees

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

## Cancellation Charges

Both cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates will result in penalties and fees assessed by travel suppliers. If you need to transfer or cancel for any reason prior to tour departure, the following cancellation fees will be assessed on your land or cruise product. Air is 100% nonrefundable once paid in full. If canceled prior to being paid in full, the following cancellation fees will also apply to air.

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

### Exceptions:

#### Ocean Cruises:

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

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

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

#### Galapagos & Antarctica:

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

\* 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%.

## Consumer Protection Plans

Collette is a member of the following organizations: the National Tour Association, the United States Tour Operators Association (USTOA), the Alliance of Canadian Travel Associations, the Travel Industry Council of Ontario, and the Association of British Travel Agents. Some of these associations operate a consumer protection plan to cover deposits placed with any tour operator member. In the case of USTOA, the consumer protection bond is \$1 million. Full details are available from these organizations or Collette. Collette is pleased to give this additional protection to our clients.

## Currency

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

## Proof of Citizenship: Passports & Visas

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



## Travel Conditions

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

## Door to Door Transfer Service

Return door to door transfers are offered up to 100 kilometers from most major Canadian gateways with the purchase of an air-inclusive tour.

## Travellers Needing Special Assistance

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time your booking is made.\* Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. None of Collette, its employees and personnel, and its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveller thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining or other routine activities.

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

## 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.

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

## 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.

## 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.

## Explanation of Responsibilities and Tour Conditions for Collette

Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. Any person reserving or purchasing any Collette product published in this brochure accepts the condition that Collette reserves to itself the exclusive right to change or cancel itineraries, hotels, and other tour components whenever it is deemed necessary. If this occurs, every effort will be made to offer alternate dates and/or programs. Published times on itineraries are as accurate as possible but subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions beyond Collette's control that prevent Collette from operating as scheduled. Collette expressly disclaims any liability for any damages that may be incurred for any changes, cancellations or delays on any itinerary on any Collette tour.

All rates on foreign tours are subject to fluctuations of currency and may be changed when necessary without advance notice prior to deposit. All rates published are per person basis 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 a request and will be considered confirmed only upon receipt of a minimum deposit. Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults. Collette does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier's overbooking of a flight.

All cancellation charges, fees and refunds for any tour within this brochure are in effect as of the effective date as indicated on page 71 and supersede any other previously printed policies relating to these same charges.

## GENERAL DISCLAIMER

None of Collette Tours Canada, Ltd., its affiliated entities, subsidiary companies and its and their respective employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, representatives, agents, and assigns (collectively "Collette"), own or operate any person or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for these trips and tours. Collette acts only as agent for the airlines, hotels, bus companies, railroads, tour operators, cruise lines, car rental companies and other contractors providing accommodations, transportation or other suppliers (the "suppliers"). All such services are furnished by suppliers that are independent of, and do not act for or on behalf of, or in the name of Collette, are not servants of Collette and with whom Collette is not a partner or joint venture partner. Because none maintains any control over the personnel, equipment, or operations of the suppliers, Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any loss, costs, expense, 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 their respective employees and agents, including delays or cancellation of services, cessation of operations, changes in fares, itineraries or schedules, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any of the suppliers, and/or (3) any wrongful, willful or negligent act or omission on the part of any other party not under the supervision and control of Collette. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for loss, cost or expenses due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, computer problems, acts of God, dangers incident to sea, fire, acts of government or other authorities, war, acts of terrorism, civil unrest, riots, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, other disease, climatic aberrations or other such causes beyond Collette's control. All services and accommodations are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and 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 they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of any tour. Collette reserves the right to withdraw any tour announced. Both Collette and the suppliers reserve 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. 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. Participants may be photographed for the promotional purposes of Collette.

You, the client, agree to the terms and conditions set forth in any and all brochures or advertisements describing any tour, cruise, accommodations, transportation and other services, and to any and all conditions set out in documents for any such services, including, without limitation, all cancellation fees.

No employee of Collette has authority to vary these terms and conditions.

Payment of the deposit to Collette constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions.

## 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>.

## Collette's Travel Protection Plan

(for Canadian citizens or residents only\*)

**Part A Waiver Only provided by Collette Tours Canada, Ltd:** Payment of a per person Travel Protection Plan fee to Collette at the time of booking guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposits), except the Travel Protection Plan fee itself, for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan fee with air only covers airline tickets that you purchase from Collette.

Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, the Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for any such nonrefundable airline tickets in the event of a cancellation. This air ticket may be covered by Collette's Travel Protection Plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons (see Part B for more details).

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. Collette's 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.

**The Travel Protection Plan fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure.** In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund due to the person who cancels. (However, the Part B Benefits referenced below include a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons, as detailed in Part B.) Division of any such single supplement charge between the two or more companion clients involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the cancelling client, the travelling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement charge. Payment of the Travel Protection Plan fee (if chosen) must be received by Collette with your deposit at the time of booking.

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 Travel Protection Plan, please call Collette and send any unused airline tickets to:

Collette

ATTN: Customer Service Department

40 Queen Street South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1K3

If cancellation occurs prior to departure, contact the Collette Reservations Department. When a client cancels prior to departure, any refunds are processed through the booking agent.

PART A – Provided By Collette

Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee & Unused Services Waiver up to Trip Cost

**The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit** underwritten by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation.

### Part B Insurance Benefits provided by Northbridge General Insurance Corporation

(\*NOT AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF QUEBEC): On tour, travel protection benefits may provide coverage if you: must interrupt your trip or return home early for a covered reason; incur medical expenses for a covered sickness or injury; need a medical evacuation; suffer a baggage loss or delay; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason.

#### SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS MAXIMUM BENEFIT AMOUNT

PART B – Benefits Provided by the Insurance Company Listed Below

Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Trip Interruption	\$1,000
Missed Connection	\$1,000
Trip Cancellation	Amount Purchased†
Travel Delay (Up to \$150 Per Day)	\$1,500
Single Supplement	\$1,000
Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance, Accident & Sickness	
Medical Expense, Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation	\$1,000,000**
Baggage/Travel Documents	\$2,000
Baggage Delay (Up to \$150 Per Day)	\$750

†This benefit is only applicable to Instant Purchase (Non-Refundable) Air Tickets and any single supplement penalties you are assessed if your Family Member or Travelling Companion has his/her Trip canceled and does not cover any other land, air or water arrangements.

\*\*The Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance benefits of this plan are subject to a maximum benefit limit of \$10,000 for those persons who at the time of a covered injury or sickness do not have valid hospital and medical insurance under a Government Health Insurance Plan of a Province or Territory of Canada.

### PART B Exclusions & Limitations

Benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: 1. suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury while sane or insane; 2. an act of declared or undeclared war; 3. participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service; 4. riding, driving or participating in races, or speed or endurance contests; 5. mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); 6. participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition; 7. participating in skydiving, hang gliding, bungee cord jumping, or scuba diving if the depth exceeds 130 feet or if You are not certified to dive and a dive master is not present during the dive; 8. piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; 9. being Intoxicated, as specifically defined in the policy, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless administered on the advice of a Legally Qualified Physician; 10. the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; 11. normal childbirth, normal pregnancy (except complications of pregnancy) or voluntary induced abortion; 12. dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); 13. amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; 14. due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Policy. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; 15. a mental or nervous condition, unless hospitalized; 16. any rehabilitation or convalescent care; 17. treatment, services or expenses related to or resulting from travel in a specific country, region or city for which Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada has issued a formal Travel Warning, before Your departure date, advising Canadians to avoid all travel to that specific country, region or city; or 18. Sickness or Injury resulting from a motor vehicle accident where You are entitled to receive benefits pursuant to any policy or legislative plan of motor vehicle insurance.

### NON-INSURANCE SERVICES

One Call 24-Hour Assistance Services

Global Xpi Medical Records Services

**Please Note:** Plan cost is based upon the cost of your trip. Benefits are described on a general basis only. The information in this brochure is only an outline of the coverage available, and is subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of the policy. Please refer to the policy wording for complete details. Plan benefits, limits and provisions may vary by province jurisdiction. You will receive a Description of Coverage and a Description of 24-Hour Emergency Assistance Services which describe the benefits and limitations in detail. To review full plan details online, go to: [www.tripmate.com/wpCN426C](http://www.tripmate.com/wpCN426C).

**The Part B Insurance Benefits are underwritten by:** Northbridge General Insurance Corporation, 105 Adelaide St. W., Toronto, ON M5H 1P9.

Payment for the plan(s) is required at time of purchase and is non-refundable once purchased. Prices and coverage are subject to change. For full plan details online, please visit: [www.tripmate.com/wpCN426C](http://www.tripmate.com/wpCN426C) (except for Cancel for Any Reason Waiver). **This Part B travel insurance is underwritten by:** Northbridge General Insurance Corporation: 105 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 1P9. Benefits are administered by: Northbridge Claims Administration, c/o Active Care Management, Tel: 1.888.421.5378.

For specific questions regarding Travel Insurance or to report a claim, call the Claims Administrator: **Northbridge Claims Administration at 888.421.5378. Representatives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

## Collette's Travel Protection Plan Pricing (per person)

### Land Only Clients:

- \$95 adult/\$95 child for all North American escorted tours under 6 days
- \$230 adult/\$115 child for all North American escorted tours of 6 days or more
- \$310 adult/\$140 child for all international tours (except cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours)
- \$370 adult/\$165 child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours

When purchasing pre- and post-night accommodations, including optional extensions, the number of days will be added to the total number of tour days, and may subsequently alter your Travel Protection Plan fees. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

### Air-Inclusive Clients (Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)

- \$140 adult/child for all North American tours under 6 days
- \$270 adult/child for all North American tours of 6 days or more
- \$350 adult/child for all international tours (except cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours)
- \$400 adult/child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours

Collette's Travel Protection Plan can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare or Instant Purchase nonrefundable air through Collette. Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% nonrefundable. This air ticket is covered by Collette's Travel Protection Plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to \$300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.



For reservations, seek out the expert advice of your travel professional.

For reservations, contact your Travel Professional or call Collette at 800.468.5955

\*Mention source code for savings. Offers can expire earlier due to space or inventory availability. Space is limited and savings are only available on select departures. Space is on a first come, first served basis. Offers are not valid on group or existing bookings or combinable with any other offer. Promotional pricing may remain in effect after the expiration date. Offer amounts vary by tour and departure date. Other restrictions may apply. Call or visit [gocollette.com/offers](http://gocollette.com/offers) for more details.

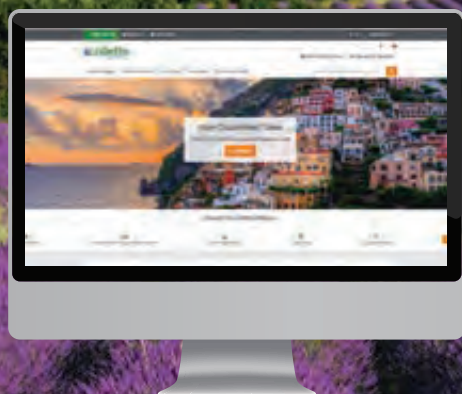


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