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#### **Travel Your Way:**

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**Explorations** (purple itineraries) Small group travel. Gain a new perspective on the world and travel with an average of 18 guests. See page 27 for more details.

RC: River Cruise (blue itineraries) tours feature intimate vessels on a variety of beautiful waterways. See page 27 for more details.

CL Cruise-Land tours combine the features of our land tours with an ocean or river cruise.









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we will handle the rest





## Dear Traveller,

These are the destinations that take you to worlds very different from your own. From the captivating River Ganges to the majestic Andes Mountains, through the fascinating temples of Asia and onward to the breathtaking African plains, we share more of our amazing world with you.

As a family-owned company (with nearly 100 years of experience) we care more about each element of your journey. Every interaction, every photo, every moment matters to us because we know it matters to you.

It's our pleasure to be your guide, making the seemingly impossible possible, and ensuring you the most out of every moment.

Sincerely,

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**Daniel J. Sullivan, Jr.** President and CEO

# Collette gives you

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.

## 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.

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## What's included:

- A professionally planned itinerary •
- 4-star accommodation
- Chauffeur driven hometown round trip • airport transfers\*
- All on-tour tipping<sup>+</sup>
- Unparalleled sightseeing .
- Enriching cultural experiences
- The services of a professional • tour manager
- Expert local guides who provide insider knowledge
- Attraction and museum entrance fees • with preferential access
- Comfortable on-tour transportation •
- Hotel-to-hotel baggage handling
- PLUS, Wifi is available on tour



\*Within 40km drive of major Australian international airports <sup>†</sup>Excludes on-board cruise gratuities

### More On Tour

Our commitment to exceeding expectations begins with including more iconic must-sees 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 accommodation 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 customisation choices and optional excursions, every moment feels like your own personal adventure.

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.









for our employees • for our community • for the world

## it begins with family



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.

one global family

## MORE PEACE OF MIND



Begin and end your tour in style and comfort. **Private chauffeur drive service** is included on all Collette tours for customers within 40km of an Australian international airport. A uniformed driver in an executive car will collect you from your home and take you to the international departure

terminal. On your arrival back to Australia, your driver will be waiting for you at the arrivals terminal to take you home. Whether your entire holiday overseas is with Collette, or just a part of it, the Collette Chauffeur is there for you. A truly luxurious way to begin and end your Collette experience!





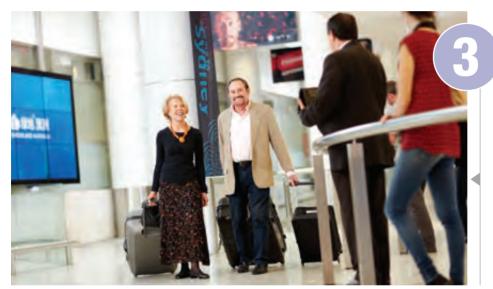
Our chauffeur driver will collect your bags and take you to your executive car.





## Travel in style

You will be taken to international departures in good time for your flight.



### **Seamless**

You are met at arrivals by a uniformed driver who will take your bags to the waiting executive car.



## Front door service

Arrival home. The final part of a memorable experience with Collette.

For more details, call us on 1300 792 195 or see our website gocollette.com

## MORE PEACE OF MIND

With Now **Every Step** 

## 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.



### 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 80 for more details.)



### 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.



### **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 82 for details.)



## Your Feedback Matters

We have 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** 

## 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

App Store

• Update friends and loved ones!

Google Play

#### Visit the App Store<sup>™</sup> or Google Play<sup>™</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**

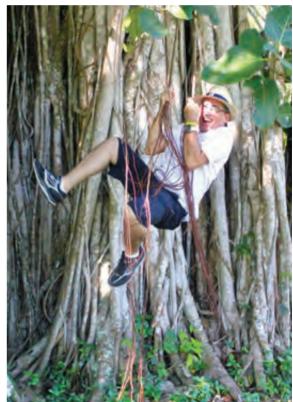
It all starts with perfectly planned itineraries. Our tour design team travels the globe, seeking out new and authentic inclusions. Along the way they vet each element of their tours – from the accommodation to the menu choices – ensuring you have the best possible experience.

#### 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





**66** 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.

## MORE 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 Buenos Aires, Argentina, see this lively city by bus or bike.



In Rio de Janeiro, get a behind-the-scenes look at the famous **Carnival festival**, or meet the locals with a visit to a **favela**. **Both options are included, what will you choose?** 



Choose how you want to see Arenal Volcano National Park. Embark on a thrilling **zip-lining** experience through the rainforest or **traverse the volcano's former lava fields**. **It's up to you!** 

Look for the Choice on Tour icon!

## MORE ON TOUR



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-sees" with immersive experiences to create a richer portrait of the destination.

> Behold Myanmar 's Mount Popa - sheer rock topped with golden stupas.





Watch the sunrise at the incredible Taj Mahal.

Explore mystical Machu Picchu with an expert guide.

Deeper experiences at the world's most iconic sites

Travel high above Rio and stand at the foot of Christ the Redeemer in Brazil.

## MORE ON TOUR

## Cultural perienc

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.

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Spend time getting to know the Datoga and Hadzabe tribes.



Take your seat at a horse whispering show performed by authentic gauchos in Buenos Aires.

Learn centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving textiles in Peru.

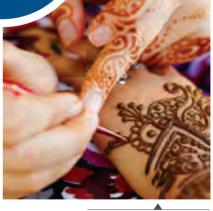


Learn the history of falconry and get up close to

this majestic bird.

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





Delve deeper into Indian culture during a henna tattoo and bindi demonstration.

Discover the legends behind the enchanting Sri Lankan masks and their folkloric dance.

> 66 Next to our marriage and the birth of our children, this tour was the greatest experience my wife and I have ever enjoyed. Everything about the tour was simply incredible.

MORE ON TOUR

Pulinary Inclusions

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

Savour a traditional dinner featuring Shanghai's cuisine, a blend of the eight unique cuisines of China.

your culinary adventures await

Try fresh Panamanian ceviche at a local seafood market.

Join a Moroccan Berber family in their home for a traditional cup of tea.

Learn about Costa Rican cuisine during a cooking demonstration.









Dine under the stars at Chobe Marina Lodge in Botswana.

The restaurants we visited had amazing ambiance and fantastic quality of the food.
 — Janis G.

## MORE ON TOUR

Amazing Occommodation

Whether it's the amenities, the history, the view or the location, your accommodation is often a highlight of its own. We carefully select each hotel to best fit into your inclusive itinerary.

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

hand-picked accommodation that captures the essence of a destination



Relax in a tropical paradise at the Westin Playa Bonita in Panama.



Find yourself surrounded by cosmopolitan luxury at the beachfront Abu Dhabi InterContinental Hotel.

in carefully

selected, 4-star

and above

properties



66 I also loved the hotels. Very centrally located with many nice perks. — Kathleen W.

## MORE FLEXIBILITY



## Your Adventure

Every traveller is different, so make your trip your own. We offer more ways to customise your tour. With features such as pre and postnights stays, Diner's Choice and on-tour options, you can make every day a personal adventure!

where inclusiveness meets choice

#### **Pre-Tour**



#### Included Private Chauffeur Drive Service

As one of the Collette differences, our private chauffeur drive service is available when you reserve a tour. It's the perfect way to begin and end your adventure. *See pg. 80* 



#### Airfares

Upgrade your air 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. 81* 



#### **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**



#### Included 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 the right spot from a shortlist of some of Collette's favourite 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 FLEXIBILITY

## What's your travel style?

No matter how you want to see the world, Collette can take you there. Whether you want to travel across an entire country, dive into a local culture, or come to know one of the world's great cities, Collette has the travel experience that's right for you.

#### CLASSIC TOURS

## classics

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The Collette collection of tours offers an inclusive look at a wealth of **amazing destinations**. From marvelling at the must-sees to becoming a part of new cultures to exploring on your own, these itineraries offer an **inspiring and easy** way to travel.



#### SMALL GROUPS

## explorations

With an average of **18 guests**, these personal adventures focus on culinary experiences, **cultural immersions** and **unique accommodation** that captures the destination. Enjoy a new perspective on the world.



#### SINGLE-HOTEL STAYS

## spotlights

Explore and relax in the world's most remarkable destinations during a **single-hotel stay**. Immerse yourself in the fanfare of a grand city or unwind in the timeless countryside.



#### RIVER CRUISES

## river cruise

These itineraries feature small, **intimate vessels for travel through a variety of beautiful waterways**. Plus, when you step off your ship with a Tour Manager by your side, you'll truly come to know the people and places along the river.





## **The Complete South America**

Experience more of South America from Peru to Rio to Patagonia and beyond

#### Extend Your Tour



EXPLORE MORE. Add 3 nights in the Peruvian Amazon. Set out for one of the last untamed places on Earth. Explore the wonders of the Amazon with a naturalist guide by your side. See page 72 for details.

START EARLY. Add an extra day in Lima. Travel south a day early and open your tour with more time to explore this exceptional city. Call for details

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

Welcome to Peru, one of the treasures of South America. The enduring cultures and breathtaking beauty of the Andes await. Travel through this intriguing land and visit some of the world's most legendary sites, including Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas." Arrive late this evening in Lima, the "City of Kings."

Day 2: Lima Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Centre; 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. You will quickly discover why Peru has been named the world's top food travel destination four years in a row. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley

of the Incas Fly to Cuzco, in the heart of the Inca civilisation. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas, the agricultural centre of their grand empire. Learn the centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving traditional textiles during a visit to Awana Kancha, a living museum of the Peruvian Andes. After a short lesson on the local language, stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market. Do as the locals do and enjoy a tasting of "chicha," a unique regional drink made from maize, at a local pub. Then, head to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get firsthand knowledge on this internationally renowned artist's techniques and designs, 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...maybe take this opportunity to discover your property's planetarium. (B)

Day 4: Sacred Valley - 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 ruins, the only Inca settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. A unique terraced complex topped with carved stone panels, these ruins reflect ancient Incan architecture and heritage. Then, make a stop at the Sacred Valley Brewing Company, a not-for-profit brewery created to support a local orphanage. Taste these Andean-inspired beers and learn about their drive to support their community. Tonight, savour an authentic Pachamanca dinner, a unique process where food is placed on hot stones and buried in the ground to cook. (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 uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu for a chance to further soak up its atmosphere.



Enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration 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. En route to Cuzco, **meet Peruvian children at an orphanage** supported by the Collette Foundation. (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. You may choose to follow a local guide on a walking tour of the city. Or, perhaps you would prefer to board a coach for a comprehensive tour of the city's main sites. Whichever you choose, you will journey through this colonial city and experience the architectural legacy visible in the Cathedral, Santo Domingo and the Plaza de Armas; you'll also stop by the central market. Later, you'll gather together and travel above the city to discover the important sacred Incan ruins of Sacsayhuaman Fortress. **Enjoy a toast at sunset** overlooking the city before arriving at an authentic dinner featuring local flavors in the heart of Cuzco. (B, D)

## **Day 8: Cuzco - Santiago, Chile** Say farewell to this mystical land of the lncas and fly south to cosmopolitan Santiago, Chile's vibrant capital city.

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**Day 9: Santiago** This morning, embark on a city tour viewing such sights as the La Moneda Presidential Palace and Paseo Ahumada pedestrian avenue. **Ride the funicular up Cerro San Cristobal** 



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for sweeping views of Santiago and the Andes, and admire the Statue of the Immaculate Conception. Delve into Chile's checkered past under the 20th-century dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet at the Museum of Human Rights. We continue our tour with a **visit to a local winery for lunch** and a sampling of some of Chile's famous cabernet and carmenere wines. An expert will teach you about winemaking in this part of the world. (B, L)

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

**Puerto Natales** Leave Santiago behind and fly to the 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. Visit the old port village and Fort Bulnes, a historical reconstruction based on the original fortified settlement. Take in the stunning scenery before heading to Puerto Natales, the stepping off point to Chile's Torres del Paine National Park. (B, D)

**Day 11: Puerto Natales Embark on a fullday cruise through the Chilean Fjords**, visiting the breathtaking Serrano and Balmaceda glaciers. As you pass through the Seno Ultima Esperanza – "Channel of Last Hope" – behold the pristine beauty of the Bernardo O'Higgins National Park, Chile's largest natural reserve. This rugged landscape and unspoiled territory is a site you will never forget. (B, L)

Day 12: Puerto Natales - Torres Del Paine - Puerto Natales Today you'll venture into the UNESCO biosphere reserve – Torres Del Paine National Park. Take in the panoramas of jagged mountains and emerald-blue lakes. Marvel at the cascading waterfalls and the flora & fauna that are unique to the area. You are sure to be awed at every turn when exploring what is known as South America's most incredible national park. (B)

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

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

#### Day 14: El Calafate - Perito Moreno Glacier Discover the jewel of Argentina's

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

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

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

**Day 16: Buenos Aires** Today **the choice is yours!** Perhaps you'll choose to experience the lively capital by bus or for the more adventurous, you may choose to take in the city with a local guide on an exhilarating bicycle tour. Both options bring you to the Teatro Colon opera house; the *Avenida 9 de Julio*; the Metropolitan Cathedral, the former church of Pope Francis I; Recoleta Cemetery, where Evita Peron rests; the Presidential Palace, the Casa Rosada; and the colourful neighbourhood of La Boca. The remainder of the day is yours to create your own adventure. Maybe you'll stroll through San Martin Park or Calle de Florida, a shopper's paradise; or perhaps you'll take the optional Tigre y Delta boat tour where you'll pass by an array of historic mansions and former residences of Buenos Aires' aristocracy before cruising through canals meandering past a network of homes that sit on stilts. (B)

#### Day 17: Buenos Aires - Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay - Buenos Aires

Hop aboard the Colonia Express, a ferry that takes you across the Rio de la Plata to the charming village of Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay. This UNESCO World Heritage site, dating back to 1680, is the only remaining Portuguese settlement in Uruguay. A local resident joins us for a ride through town to introduce you to its landmarks before leading you on a guided walk through the historic old town. Then, savour lunch featuring some local delicacies and Uruguayan wine before having free time to relax and explore on your own. Later, we head back to Buenos Aires for the evening. (B, L)

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

This morning, **fly to Iguazu Falls** – located at the crossroads of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay – heralded as the most beautiful waterfalls in the world. Board the Rainforest Ecological Train inside the national park on the Argentine side and walk to the platform overlooking powerful Devil's Throat. Discover unparalleled views of five waterfalls as they plummet into the Iguazu River. Then we cross into the Brazilian side where you'll check into your resort and cap off your evening with a relaxing dinner. (B, D) **Day 19: Iguazu Falls** Soak up the breathtaking views of the waterfalls from the Brazil side. Join your local guide as you discover how Brazil and Argentina have both fought to protect the beauty and raw power of the falls by making each side a national park. You will see first-hand why Eleanor Roosevelt, upon seeing Iguazu Falls, exclaimed "Poor Niagara." This afternoon you may choose an optional jungle boat ride at the base of the falls or you can enjoy the many amenities at your resort. (B)

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

Brazil Fly to Rio de Janeiro. Magnificent views, beautiful beaches, flamboyant Carnival costumes, great cuisine and friendly people make Rio the cultural capital of Brazil. Witness the city of Rio that captivated the world during the 2016 Summer Olympics. Stop by the Maracanã football stadium which hosted the 2014 World Cup Finals, before continuing on to the famous Carnival parade route, the Sambadrome. Afterward, behold the renowned Metropolitan Cathedral whose architecture was inspired by a Mayan Pyramid. Check into Rio's only beachfront hotel. Learn how to craft caipirinhas - Brazil's famous cocktail made with sugar cane liquor and lime - before venturing this evening to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain. Then, cap the night off at Rio Scenarium, a lavishly decorated restaurant and music venue in the historic Lapa district. Meet local Cariocas, the name for people from Rio de Janeiro, for dinner, music and dancing that celebrates the rich history and vibrancy of the Brazilian people. (B, D)

**Day 21: Rio de Janeiro** Journey to Corcovado by train to see Christ the Redeemer, one of the largest Art Deco statues in the world. Take in the panoramic vistas from Tijuca Forest National Park. With 360-degree views around the city, you'll soon realise



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Peru - Hogar de Mercedes de Jesus Molina Orphanage houses about twenty orphan girls, and focuses on education and health.





why this statue is one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Then spend time engaging with locals at the one of the city's open-air markets. Break into small groups with local market guides as you discover and taste over a dozen different types of exotic fruits from Brazil. This afternoon, you choose your activity! Perhaps you'll choose to get a behind the scenes look at Carnival and meet the artists who are designing the floats, costumes and dances during their year-round preparations for Rio's biggest event. Or, maybe you'd prefer to join a local guide for a tour of a favela; learn about the unique history of these "shanty towns" as you stroll through the community centre, a school, and a local home. Relish some time for coffee, cake and discussion with some residents. The evening is free for your own exploration. (B)

Day 22: Rio de Janeiro Your day is at leisure to explore fabulous Rio de Janeiro on your own. Relax by the beach at your resort or take a shuttle to Copacabana. Or, perhaps you'll take an optional tour and board a jeep for a ride through the Tijuca forest followed by a visit to historic Santa Teresa. Or maybe an optional cooking class is more to your liking - you'll immerse yourself in local flavours as you join a local chef in a cooking class where you'll learn

how to cook like a true Carioca! Tonight, ioin

your fellow travellers for a farewell feast in a typical Brazilian churrascaria. Indulge in wine and meats slow-roasted to perfection. (B, D)

#### Day 23: Rio de Janeiro - Tour Ends (B)



EXPLORE MORE. Extend your tour with 3 nights in the Brazilian Amazon. Set out by boat for the Amazon Ecopark Jungle Lodge, an ecotourism lodge located in the middle of the Amazon rainforest. See page 78 for details.

#### STAY LONGER. Add an extra day

in Rio de Janeiro. Who couldn't use a little more time to enjoy one of the world's most dynamic cities? call for details

	Dates &	A Prices	
January – April 2017	Double	9 November	\$12304
12, 26 January	\$11669	11, 25 January	\$12304
16 February	\$11669	15, 22 February	\$12304
2 March	\$11669	1, 8 March	\$12304
6 April	\$11669	Single Room Supplement	(+) \$3310 - \$3420
Itinerary featured is for October 2017 - April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please		Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$200 - \$280
confirm at time of reservation.		Rates are land only, per person, and include the internal	
October 2017 – April 2018     Double     flights on tour. Call about additional dates.       5, 19 October     \$12304		l dates.	

#### The Complete South America 23 Davs from \$12304

#### Choice On Tour

- In Cuzco, follow a local guide on a walking tour or board your coach for a comprehensive trip among of the city's main sites.
- In Buenos Aires, climb aboard your coach or take in the city with a local guide on an exhilarating bicycle tour. Both choices bring you to the Teatro Colon opera house, the Recoleta Cemetery and more.

#### **Cultural Experiences**

- Discover centuries-old Andean textile methods at a living museum.
- Embrace the art of tango at a live performance.
- Embark on a full-day cruise through the breathtaking Chilean Fjords.

#### Must-See Inclusions

- Spend an afternoon exploring the fabled ruins of Machu Picchu.
- Behold the majestic Torres Del Paine National Park.
- Venture to Argentina's famous Perito Moreno Glacier.

#### **Culinary Inclusions**

- 37 meals included: 22 breakfasts 5 lunches 10 dinners
- · Relish renowned Chilean wines during a tour of a bodega.
- · Savour a Brazilian churrascaria featuring an assortment of arilled meats.

#### Accommodation

Days 1, 2	Hilton Lima Miraflores, Lima
Days 3, 4	Casa Andina Private Collection, Sacred Valley
Day 5	Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
Days 6, 7	Hilton Garden Inn, Cuzco
Days 8, 9	Atton Vitacura, Santiago
Days 10 – 12	Costaustralis Hotel, Puerto Natales
Days 13, 14	Esplendor El Calafate Hotel, El Calafate
Days 15 – 17	The Brick Hotel MGallery Collection, Buenos Aires
Days 18, 19	Mabu Thermas Grand Resort, Foz do Iguazu
Days 20 – 22	Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort, Rio de Janeiro
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#### Tour Activity Level (1 2 3 4 5 See name 80 for details

#### **Personalise Your Journey**

- Add our chauffeur drive roundtrip airport transfers in your hometown.<sup>+</sup>
- · Purchase our international air with your tour to receive destination arrival and departure airport transfers.
- · Enhance your inflight-experience with an air upgrade.
- On Tour Options pre book a free time activity to enhance your tour.

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#### Gratuities are included in the price of your tour.

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## **The Wonders of South America**

Embrace the captivating cultures and lively rhythms of Brazil, Argentina & Chile

#### Start Early

Add an extra day in Santiago. Have more time to get to know the vibrant culture of this amazing city. Call for details.

#### Day 1: Santiago, Chile - Tour Begins

Welcome to Santiago de Chile. Tonight, meet your fellow travellers over sumptuous food and wine in the stunning colonial neighbourhood known as Barrio Lastarria. (D)

Day 2: Santiago This morning, embark on a city tour showcasing La Moneda Presidential Palace and the Paseo Ahumada pedestrian avenue. Ride the funicular up Cerro San Cristobal for sweeping views of Santiago and the Andes, and admire the Statue of the Immaculate Conception. Delve into Chile's checkered past under the 20th-century dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet at the Museum of Memory and Human Rights. Then, head over to a bustling central market to mingle with the locals. The evening is yours to explore this wonderful city on your own. Or you may choose to take the optional "Experience Santiago" tour to enjoy a tasting at a winery, followed by a visit to the famous poet and activist Pablo Neruda's Santiago home; cap it off with a traditional dinner and Chilean folk music show. (B)

#### Day 3: Santiago - Buenos Aires,

**Argentina** Fly to Buenos Aires, birthplace of the tango. After being greeted by your local guide, head to the Feria de San Telmo, the Sunday market in one of Buenos Aires' most historic neighbourhoods. Meander

through street after street of antiques; stop into little shops and view the local works of art; or sit back with an empanada and yerba mate tea and take in the street performers. Then, enjoy a drink at your beautiful hotel in the heart of the chic Recoleta neighbourhood. Tonight, head to the Esquina Carlos Gardel Tango House, named after Argentina's most famous tango maestro, where you'll savour Argentine cuisine and wine before a **stunning tango performance.** (B, D)

**Day 4: Buenos Aires** Today the choice is yours! Perhaps you'll choose to experience the lively capital by bus. Or, for the more adventurous, you may prefer to take in the city on an exhilarating bicycle tour with a local guide. Both options bring you to the Teatro Colon opera house; the Avenida 9 de Julio; the Metropolitan Cathedral, the former church of Pope Francis I; Recoleta Cemetery, where Evita Peron rests; the Presidential Palace, the Casa Rosada, and the colourful neighbourhood of La Boca. The rest of the day is yours. Maybe you'll stroll through San Martin Park or Calle de Florida, a shopper's paradise; or possibly you'll take the optional Tigre Delta trip where you'll pass by an array of historic mansions and former residences of Buenos Aires' aristocracy before boarding a cruise meandering past a network of homes that sit on stilts. (B)

#### Day 5: Buenos Aires - San Antonio de Areco - Buenos Aires This morning, cross the Argentine Pampas to experience the heart and culture of Argentina's version of the "wild west." Embark on a guided tour of the charming country village of San Antonio de Areco, the birthplace of gaucho traditions.

Visit with some of the local artisans and silversmiths before heading to a typical estancia where you'll **dine on a hearty** *asado* **lunch** – a traditional Argentine barbecue – and take your seat at a horse whispering show performed by authentic gauchos. Relax on the estancia grounds before heading back to Buenos Aires for a free evening. (B, L)

#### Day 6: Buenos Aires - Iguazu Falls,

**Brazil Fly to Iguazu Falls** – located at the crossroads of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay – hailed as the most beautiful waterfalls in the world, and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. **Board the Rainforest Ecological Train** inside the national park on the Argentine side and walk to the platform overlooking powerful Devil's Throat. Discover unparalleled views of five waterfalls as they plummet into the Iguazu River. Then cross into the Brazil side and check into your resort. Cap off your day with a relaxing dinner. (B, D)

**Day 7: Iguazu Falls** Soak up the breathtaking views of the waterfalls from the Brazilian side. Join your local guide as you discover how Brazil and Argentina have both fought to protect the beauty and raw power of the falls. This afternoon you may choose an optional jungle boat ride at the base of the falls. (B)

#### Day 8: Iguazu Falls - Rio de Janeiro

Fly to Rio de Janeiro. Magnificent views, beautiful beaches, flamboyant Carnival costumes, great cuisine and friendly people make Rio the cultural capital of Brazil. Stop by the Maracanã football stadium, which hosted the 2014 World Cup finals, before continuing on to the famous Carnival parade route, the Sambadrome. Afterward, behold the renowned Metropolitan Cathedral.





Check into your beachfront hotel. Learn how to craft caipirinhas - Brazil's famous cocktail made with sugar cane liquor and lime before venturing to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain this evening. Cap the night off at Rio Scenarium, a lavishly decorated restaurant and music venue in the historic Lapa district. Meet local Cariocas, the name for people from Rio de Janeiro, for dinner, music, and dancing that celebrates the rich history and vibrancy of the Brazilian people. (B, D)

#### **W** Day 9: Rio de Janeiro Journey

to Corcovado by train to see Christ the Redeemer, one of the largest Art Deco statues in the world. With 360-degree views around the city, you'll soon realise why this statue is one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Then spend time engaging with locals at the one of the city's open-air markets. Break into small groups with local market guides as you discover and taste over a dozen different types of exotic fruits from Brazil. This afternoon, you choose your activity! Take a behind-the-scenes look at Carnival and meet the artists who are designing the floats, costumes and dances during their year-round preparations for Rio's biggest event. Or, join a local guide for a tour of a favela; learn about the unique paradoxes of Brazilian society as you stroll through the community centre, a school, and a local home: relish some time for snacks and discussion with residents. The evening is free for your own exploration. (B)



Day 10: Rio de Janeiro Your day is at leisure to explore fabulous Rio de Janeiro on your own. Relax by the beach at your resort or take a shuttle to Copacabana. Or, perhaps you'll take an optional tour and board a jeep for a ride through the Tijuca forest followed by a visit to historic Santa Teresa. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell feast in a typical Brazilian churrascaria. Indulge in wine and meats slow-roasted to perfection. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Rio de Janeiro - Tour

Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)



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January – April 2017	Double	6, 20 October	\$5544
6 January	\$5064	3, 17, November	\$5544
3 February	\$4784	1 December	\$5544
3, 31 March	\$4784	5, 19, 26 January	\$5544
21 April	\$4784	9, 16, 23 February	\$5544
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of reservation.		Single Room Supplement	(+) \$1380 - \$1590
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b> 5 May	<b>Double</b> \$5544	Triple Room Reduction	(+) \$1360 - \$1390 N/A
15 September			, and include the internal nal dates.

#### The Wonders of South America 11 Days from \$5544

#### Choice On Tour 😱

- In Rio de Janeiro, get a behind-the-scenes look at Rio's famous Carnival festival, or meet the locals with a visit to a favela.
- In Buenos Aires, experience the lively capital with a local guide either by bike or by bus.

#### **Cultural Experiences**

- Mingle with the locals at a market that features many Chilean delicacies.
- Discover the famous San Telmo Sunday market in Buenos Aires.
- Move to the passionate rhythms of tango during a performance.

#### Must-See Inclusions

- · Visit Corcovado and the mighty Christ the Redeemer statue overlooking Rio de Janeiro.
- · Behold the Argentine and Brazilian sides of Iguazu Falls.
- · Ride the cable car up Cerro San Cristobal for sweeping views of Santiago and the Andes.

#### **Culinary Inclusions**

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**Tour Activity Level** (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) See page 80 for details

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## **Peru: Ancient Land of Mysteries**

Set out for Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas, and much more on this exploration of Peru

#### Start Early

Add an extra day in Lima. Travel south a day early and open your tour with more time to explore this exceptional city. Call for details.

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

Welcome to Peru, one of the treasures of South America. The enduring cultures and breathtaking beauty of the Andes await. Travel through this intriguing land visiting some of the world's most legendary sites, including Machu Picchu, the "Lost City of the Incas." Arrive late this evening in Lima, the "City of Kings."

**Day 2: Lima** Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Centre, the elegant Cathedral at Plaza de Armas, 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 in 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 Peruvian dishes and drinks; you will quickly discover why Peru has been named the world's top food travel destination four years in a row. (B, D)

#### Day 3: Lima - Cuzco - Sacred Valley

of the Incas Fly to Cuzco, in the heart of the Inca civilisation. Journey through the Andes to the majestic Sacred Valley of the Incas, the agricultural centre of their grand empire. Learn the centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving traditional textiles during a visit to Awana Kancha, a living museum of the Peruvian Andes. After a short lesson on the local language, stop in Pisac village to browse the colourful handicraft market. Do as the locals do and enjoy a tasting of "chicha," a unique regional drink made from maize. Then, head to the Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio where you'll get first-hand knowledge of this internationally renowned artist's techniques and designs. Settle in this evening at your hotel nestled in the heart of the Sacred Valley. The rest of the evening is yours...perhaps you'll take this opportunity to discover your hotel's planetarium to gaze at the stars. (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 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 ruins, the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. Gaze at the uniquely terraced complex topped with carved stone panels. Then, make a stop at the Sacred Valley Brewing Company, a not-for-profit brewery created to support a local orphanage. Taste these Andean-inspired beers and learn about their drive to support their community. Tonight, savour an authentic Pachamanca dinner, a unique process where food is placed on hot stones and buried in the ground to cook. (B, D)

Day 5: Sacred Valley of the Incas -Machu Picchu Climb aboard the Machu Picchu Vistadome train for breathtaking views as you ride through the Andes to the "Lost City of the Incas." Hidden by mountains and semi-tropical jungle, Machu Picchu is considered the most spectacular sight in South America. Spend the afternoon with your guide uncovering the mysteries of these majestic ruins. Tonight, stay at the base of Machu Picchu. 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. En route to Cuzco, meet Peruvian children at an orphanage supported by the Collette Foundation. (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 worldrenowned Peruvian coffee and chocolate. This afternoon, the choice is yours on how you will explore Cuzco, the former capital of the Incan Empire. You may choose to follow a local guide on a walking tour of the city from your hotel. Or, perhaps you would prefer to 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 and Plaza de Armas, as well as a visit to 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 returning to Cuzco where you are treated to an authentic dinner highlighting local flavours. (B, D)

Day 8: Cuzco - Puno This morning, fly to Puno, hugging the shores of Lake Titicaca. Known as the birthplace of the Inca Empire, ancient legends say that life began here. Have time to meet the locals and discover the history of this region as you explore the village centre before checking into your lakeside hotel. Tonight, enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

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

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

Day 10: Puno - Lima Spend the morning relaxing on the shores of Lake



Titicaca before flying to Lima. Upon arrival we head to the Larco Museum, a former mansion built on the site of a pre-Columbian temple. The museum offers a collection of over 3,000 years of ceramic, textile, and precious metal artefacts. After this incredible trip through history, your tour concludes with a sumptuous farewell dinner on the grounds of the museum. (B, D)

#### Day 11: Lima - Tour Ends (B)

#### Extend Your Tour



EXPLORE MORE. Extend your tour for 3 nights in the Peruvian Amazon. Set out for one of the last untamed places on Earth. Explore the guide by your side. See page 72 for details.

#### STAY LONGER. Add an extra day

in Lima. As your adventure ends, spend one more day exploring or resting for the journey home. call for details.

Dates & Prices				
January - April 2017	Double	26 August	\$4989	
21, 28 January	\$4364	2, 23 September	\$4989	
11, 18, 25 February	\$4364	7, 14, 21, 28 October	\$4989	
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May 2017 - April 2018         Double           13, 27 May         \$4989           10, 24 June         \$4989	Single Room Supplement Triple Room Reduction	(+) \$890 - \$1310 (-) \$50		
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#### Choice On Tour

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#### Cultural Experiences

- Learn centuries-old Andean textile methods at a living museum.
- Explore Peru's colourful markets, including the Pisac village market.
- Discover the techniques and designs at Pablo Seminario Ceramic Studio.
- · Meet the indigenous Uros people of the floating islands on Lake Titicaca.

#### **Must-See Inclusions**

- Spend the afternoon with a guide uncovering the mysteries of Machu Picchu
- Travel through the Andes in a domed train enroute to Machu Picchu.
- Explore Las Chullpas de Sillustani, a pre-Incan burial ground.
- Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour of the city centre.
- Visit the spectacular Ollantaytambo ruins, still inhabited today.

#### **Culinary Inclusions**

- 16 meals included: 10 breakfasts 1 lunch 5 dinners
- · Enjoy a culinary demonstration at your hotel at the base of Machu Picchu.
- · Savour an authentic Pachamanca dinner where food is cooked in the ground.

#### Accommodation

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- Day 5 Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel, Aguas Calientes
- Days 6, 7 Hilton Garden Inn. Cuzco
- Days 8, 9 Libertador Lake Titicaca, Puno Day 10
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  - On some dates alternate hotels may be used

#### **Tour Activity Level** 12345 See page 80 for details

#### **Personalise Your Journey**

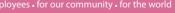
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## Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands

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

**Day 2: Lima** Discover Lima's fascinating history during a tour through the historic city centre. Admire the artwork at San Francisco Monastery and enter the catacombs. View the Government Centre, 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 Peruvian dishes and drinks. (B, D)

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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 Ollantavtambo archaeological site. the only Incan settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. A uniquely terraced complex topped with carved stone panels, these ruins reflect ancient lncan architecture and heritage. Then, make a stop at the Sacred Valley Brewing Company, a not-for-profit 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, a unique process where food is placed on hot stones and buried in the ground to cook. (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 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 to further soak up its atmosphere. 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)

**W** 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 tastings of worldrenowned Peruvian coffee and chocolate. This afternoon, the choice is yours on how you will explore Cuzco. Perhaps you'll choose to 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 and folklore show 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 centre, 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 centre on a tour featuring the Presidential Palace and 17th-century Church of La Compañía. 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 San Cristóbal Island. 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. (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 whitetipped sharks. Continue on and meander 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). (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. 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 olivine green sand beach. Try to spot stingrays and reef sharks in the emerald waters. You may also observe graceful flamingos or 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 famous Charles Darwin Research Station and see the giant tortoises from the station's breeding program. Travel through the Santa Cruz highlands to Cerro Chato and find more giant tortoises. Savour some organic Galapagos coffee before a walk inside dormant lava tubes to gain insight on how these pristine islands formed. 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, fur seals and crabs teetering along the rocky shore. Bid farewell to the Galapagos and fly back to the magnificent city of Quito. This evening, fall in love with the lights of colonial Quito during a nighttime panoramic tour. Arrive at one of the city's most historic restaurants 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 78 for details.

Dates & Prices			
January – April 2017	Double	5 September	\$11989
17, 31 January	\$10989	3, 31 October	\$11989
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16 May	\$11989	Rates are land only, per person	
22 August	\$11989	flights on tour. Call about additio	nal dates.

## Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands 15 Days from \$11989

## 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.
- Stand at the Middle of the World at the Equatorial Line Monument.

### **Must-See Inclusions**

- Embark on a 5-day cruise of the Galapagos Islands with a naturalist guide.
- Spend the day exploring the fabled ruins of Machu Picchu.

## **Culinary Inclusions**

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

## Accommodation

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

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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- Add our chauffeur drive roundtrip airport transfers in your hometown.  $^{\dagger}$
- Purchase our international air with your tour to receive destination arrival and departure airport transfers.
- Enhance your inflight-experience with an air upgrade. See page 81 for details.
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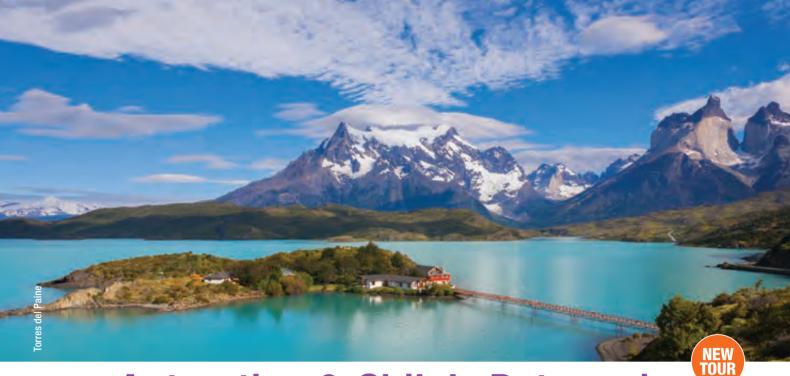
This trip requires a passport. Complete passport information is required 60 days prior to departure to confirm flight arrangements to the Galapagos Islands. An ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) visa is required for all Australian passport holders travelling to or via the USA, at your own expense. This visa may apply due to your airline scheduling. Rates include \$155 - \$165 USD Galapagos National Park and Galapagos National Institute entrance fees. The currency in Ecuador is the USD. Gratuities are included in the price, excluding gratuities for onboard cruise staff. 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 General Practitioner for specific details. Pricing is based on Standard Plus Outside cabins, located on the Sea Deck. Uggrades 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 included in the land price. International airfare can also be purchased through us. \*Chauffeur drive service is valid within 40km drive of all major international Australian airports. Destination transfers with international air are included on day one and last day only of the tour.

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## Antarctica & Chile's Patagonia

Set out on 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: Santiago, Chile - Tour Begins

Embark on an unforgettable voyage introducing you to the magnificent natural wonders of Patagonia's famed Torres del Paine National Park; the breathtaking Chilean fjords with steep, snowcapped mountains and green valleys; and Cape Horn before heading to the South Shetland Islands and Antarctica, the last great frontier. Your journey begins in Santiago de Chile, a metropolitan hub tucked inside the Andes Mountains and one of South America's most modern cities. Take in the vibrant energy and amazing views of the Andes that surround you. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for sumptuous food and wine in the stunning colonial neighbourhood known as Barrio Lastarria. (D)

Day 2: 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. Then you'll delve into Chile's checkered past under the 20th century dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet at 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 3: 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, the stepping off point to Chile's Torres del Paine National Park. (B, D)

Day 4: Puerto Natales - Torres del Paine National Park - 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. You are sure to be awed at every turn when exploring what is known as South America's most incredible national park. (B)

#### Day 5: 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 6: Chilean Fjords - Tierra del Fuego Sail through the Magellan Straight, named for the Portuguese explorer who discovered this now famous 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 7: 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 8: The Drake Passage - Antarctica Cruise south through the fabled Drake Passage,

named for the explorer Sir Francis 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. Follow in the footsteps of the great explorers...the privilege of witnessing this fragile, remote environment is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: 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 10: 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 11: 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 like you who come to see the large colony of gentoo penguins. Bransfield Strait, near Livingston Island and near the South Shetland Islands, is a common feeding area for whales. (B, L, D).

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

• Cuverville 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 nesting penguins. (B, L, D)





Day 13: 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 weddel seals are often spotted. (B, L, D)

Day 14: 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 15: 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 16: Drake Passage - Chilean **Fiords** 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 17: Chilean Fjords Get a chance to disembark at Puerto Williams (weather dependent), 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 18: Chilean Fjords - Punta Arenas - Disembark Ship -**Santiago** Disembark the ship in Punta

Arenas, transfer to the airport and return to Santiago. This evening, celebrate the end of vour journey as you enjoy a dinner featuring local Chilean speciality 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 19: 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; cap off your optional tour with dinner at one of Santiago's amazing restaurants. (B)



**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 77 for details

STAY LONGER. Add an extra day

in Santiago. Relax and raise a glass of wine before you head home. Call for details

	Dates &	& Prices	
January – February 2018 15, 28 January 10 February	<b>Double</b> \$17409 \$17409	Single Room Supplement Triple Room Reduction	\$5520 N/A son and include the internal
		flights on tour. Call about add	

## **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!

## Accommodation

- Days 1, 2 Hotel Atton Vitacura, Santiago
- Days 3, 4 Hotel CostAustralis, Puerto Natales Days 5 - 17 MS Midnatsol
- Dav 18 Hotel Atton Vitacura, Santiago On some dates alternate hotels may be used

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### Gratuities are included in the price of your tour.

This trip requires a passport. The internal flight is included in the land cost of your tour. 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 time of 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. This is an expedition where the elements rule, and the weather conditions. This is an expedition where the elements rule, and the weather, wind and ice conditions determine the schedule. Safety is paramount and the captain will decide the final sailing itilerary 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 consultants 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. If this trip is not ideally suited for you, our travel consultant can help determine the perfect trip for you <sup>†</sup>Chauffeur drive service is valid within 40km drive of all maior international Australian airports. Destination transfers with international air are included on day one and last day only of the tour. 39



# **Tropical Costa Rica**

### Surround yourself in natural beauty

### Start Early

Add an extra day in San Jose. Enjoy extra time in paradise when you arrive early in San Jose. Call for details.

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

**Begins** Lush forests and stunning waterfalls...exotic wildlife and endless coastlines...Costa Rica is truly a slice of paradise. Your tour begins in the colourful capital city of San Jose. Upon arrival, relax and soak up the sights of your new surroundings.

### Day 2: San Jose - Doka Coffee Estate

- Guanacaste Journey through the lush countryside of the Central Valley to the fertile region world-renowned for its coffee. A tour of the Doka Coffee



Estate highlights the history and cultivation of coffee and its importance to the Costa Rican economy. This afternoon, arrive in the Guanacaste region, known for its breathtaking beauty and fine sandy beaches. Here, rest and relaxation go hand-in-hand with mesmerising ocean views and lush tropical greenery. Settle in for a relaxing 2-night stay at your resort. (B, D)

**Day 3: Guanacaste** Fun in the sun is in store for you as you enjoy this paradise. Explore the nearby town and beaches, take an optional cruise, or simply relax by the pool or beach and take advantage of the amenities offered at your lovely resort. (B)

### Day 4: Guanacaste - Monteverde

You won't believe your eyes as you travel into the secluded Monteverde Cloud Forest, where trees grow to heights of 100 feet! Upon arrival in Monteverde, take a nature walk through this spectacular ecosystem and encounter many incredible species of flora and fauna up-close. This forest is the home of the world's largest population of the endangered quetzal, celebrated for its gorgeous jewel-toned plumage. Keep your eyes peeled and you may be lucky enough to spot this elusive bird! (B, D)

**Day 5: Monteverde** Begin your day at a cloud forest reserve in the heart of Monteverde. Venture into an enchanting, colourful world as you explore one of the world's largest butterfly gardens with more than 30 species of tropical butterflies. Next, be dazzled in a nearby gallery containing more than 100 beautiful hummingbirds. Embark on a guided walking tour above

the forest floor on a leisurely paced "Hanging Bridges" tour and get a different perspective on the cloud forest's unique ecosystem, its mammals, birds, plants and flora.



If you are feeling adventurous you may take an optional canopy zip-line tour. This evening, meet a local who will discuss fascinating facts regarding the migratory birds that flock to Costa Rica every year. (B, D)

### Day 6: Monteverde - Lake Arenal

**Cruise - Arenal** Discover the importance of conservation in Costa Rica during a visit to a tree nursery and learn about Monteverde's reforestation efforts of indigenous trees. Traverse through the beautiful mountainous landscapes of Monteverde to Arenal, where breathtaking views of the volcano await you. Be surrounded by tranquility on a delightful cruise on Lake Arenal, the largest and most important lake in Costa Rica. Later, check in for a 2-night stay at a typical lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano





which has been generation lava for the past 30 years. Before dinner, enjoy a cooking demonstration and learn how native, exotic vegetables and plants contribute to the unique flavours of Costa Rican cuisine. (B, D)

### Day 7: Arenal - Cano Negro

- Arenal Of all Costa Rica's nature preserves, the remote 20,000 acres of Cano Negro are home to the largest viewable selection of indigenous wildlife. Embark on a Cano Negro guided riverboat trip in a panga (covered canoe), stopping along the way to observe and photograph the wildlife that surround you which may include crocodiles, river otters, sloths, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies - all known to live in the area. The Arenal Volcano area is also known as the land of spas and hot springs. Later in the day you will have an opportunity to attain a state of complete relaxation with an optional visit to one of the finest spas in the region. (B)

### Day 8: Arenal - Zarcero -**Grecia** - National Theatre

- San Iose Discover the charming town of Zarcero and visit its well-known whimsical topiary garden. Continue to the small, picturesque town of Grecia to see the unusual metal church constructed of



brick-red metal panes: walk the beautifully landscaped central park; or shop at the traditional local market. Later, visit San Jose's colourful Plaza de Cultura and the National Theatre, a magnificent building of post-Baroque splendour. This evening enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner. (B. D)

### Day 9: San Jose - Tour Ends

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



EXPLORE MORE. Enjoy an exciting soft-adventure jungle extension to Tortuguero, the Amazon of Costa Rica. Stay two memorable nights at an ecolodge surrounded by the beauty of a tropical forest and set off to explore the region and its amazing wildlife. See page 77 for details

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January – April 2017	Double	16, 23, 30 September	\$2499
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May 2017 – April 2018	Double	Single Room Supplement	(+) \$620 - \$760
13, 20, 27 May	\$2429	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$30
10, 17 June	\$2429	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
8 July	\$2429	Rates are land only, per person. Call ab	out additional dates.
26 August	\$2429		

## **Cultural Experiences**

- Climb high into the trees for a Hanging Bridges tour in the cloud forest.
- · Discover the charming town of Zarcero and its whimsical topiary garden.
- Get to know Costa Rican culture in the picturesque town of Grecia.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Enjoy the breathtaking scenery surrounding Arenal Volcano.
- Spot indigenous wildlife while on a Cano Negro riverboat cruise.
- Learn about Costa Rica's vegetation on a guided walk in the cloud forest
- Stav in the Guanacaste region, known for its fine sandy beaches.
- Explore San Jose, including the Plaza de Cultura and the National Theatre

## **Culinary Inclusions**

- 13 meals: 8 breakfasts, 5 dinners
- A cooking demonstration reveals the unique flavours of Costa Rican cuisine.
- · Discover the history of coffee in Costa Rica at the Doka Coffee Estate.

## Accommodation

- Day 1 Wyndham San José Herradura, San Jose
- Days 2, 3 Esplendor Tamarindo, Guanacaste El Establo Hotel, Monteverde Cloud Forest
- Days 4, 5 Days 6, 7
- Arenal Springs or Mountain Paradise Resort, Arenal Day 8 Wyndham San José Herradura, San Jose
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# **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. Embark on many exclusive explorations of the country's natural gems. 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 Caribbeanstyle 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 reception followed by 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

leisurely 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)

**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 south 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 and surrounded by lush botanical gardens, you are sure to become one with nature while exploring one of the world's most precious and 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. 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 overlooking the park and the Pacific Ocean before dining this evening. (B, L, D)

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

Wake up to a cool breeze and spectacular views early this morning. Journey outside the park and ascend a nearby mountain to 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 panoramic views of Manuel Antonio National Park below. Return to your hotel. The afternoon is yours to relax and enjoy your surroundings. (B, L)

### Day 10: Manuel Antonio National Park - San Jose Travel

just minutes down the road to 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	
January – April 2017	Double	13 August	\$3469
8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29 January	\$3119	10, 17, 24 September	\$3469
2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 28 February	\$3119	8, 15, 22, 29 October	\$3469
5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 26 March	\$3119	5, 26, 30 November	\$3609
2 April	\$3119	3, 28 December	\$3609
20, 23, 30 April	\$3049	4, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 January	\$3609
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour departures.		1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 February	\$3609
Departures prior to this date will vary. Please conf		1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18 March	\$3609
of reservation.		5, 8, 12, 15, 19 April	\$3609
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b> 14. 21 May	<b>Double</b> \$3469	• • • •	(+) \$1140 - \$1240
11 June	\$3469	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$30
9, 16, 23 July	\$3469	Rates are land only, per person. Call	about additional dates.

## 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 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.

## Accommodation

- Day 1 DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose
- Days 2, 3 Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero
- Days 4, 5Mountain Paradise, Arenal Volcano
- Days 6, 7 Villa Blanca Cloud Forest Hotel & Spa, San Ramón
- Days 8, 9
   Si Como No Resort, Manuel Antonio

   Day 10
   DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari Hotel, San Jose

   On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Tour Activity Level ①②④④⑤ See page 80 for details.

## **Personalise Your Journey**

- Add our chauffeur drive roundtrip airport transfers in your hometown.<sup>†</sup>
- Purchase our international air with your tour to receive destination arrival and departure airport transfers.
- Enhance your inflight-experience with an air upgrade. See page 81 for details.
- On Tour Options pre book a free time activity to enhance your tour.

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## **Discover Panama**

## The Land Between the Seas

Start Early

Add an extra day in Gamboa. Enjoy an additional night immersed in the tranquility of the rainforest. Call for details.

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

Welcome to Panama, a country of lush rainforests, rich history, diverse wildlife and spectacular coastlines. Your tour opens at the Gamboa Rainforest Resort where you'll enjoy your private balcony and hammock overlooking the beautiful surroundings. During your leisure time, feel free to use the complimentary bikes or kayaks to explore.

### Day 2: Gamboa - Emberá Village -

**Gamboa** Meet your fellow travellers during a welcome breakfast. Your guide then leads you on a nature walk through the resort's jungle forest and



gardens for a chance to spot unique birds as well as various flora and fauna. Set off on an excursion to an Emberá indigenous village. Board dugout canoes for a scenic ride up the Chagres River to a settlement of Emberá, the "Keepers of the Rainforest." The Emberá strive to preserve their heritage and love to share their traditional techniques of home building and handicrafts – such as basket weaving and tagua nut carving – with visitors. Join in their dances and partake in a simple lunch cooked traditionally. The remainder of your day is free to enjoy Gamboa Rainforest Resort. (B, L, D)

## **V**Day 3: Gamboa - Panama Canal

Cruise - Panama City - Gamboa Start the day off with an incredible highlight. Board the Pacific Queen for a partial transit cruise through the Panama Canal. Enjoy lunch onboard and pass through two locks as you revel in a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see this incredible engineering feat firsthand. Learn all about its construction and operation from your onboard guides. Disembark at Flamenco Marina in Panama City. Visit the Mercado de Mariscos, a seafood market, and try fresh Panamanian ceviche. Continue to Casco Viejo, the Old Quarter. It's your choice on how you will visit this UNESCO World Heritage site, which was settled in 1673. Perhaps you'll follow your guide for a short walking tour down its cobblestone streets showcasing the Plaza de la Independencia, the Presidential Palace, the National Theatre, plus restored colonial churches and monuments. For a more immersive experience you may journey through this same neighbourhood with a local resident...hear

the story of the Casco Viejo's comeback from a member of the community who will take you through the place he calls home, highlighting the incredible revitalization of this historic area and its people. (B, L)

Day 4: Gamboa - Anton Valley Arrive at Miraflores Locks Visitor Centre to view the Panama Canal and learn about its rich past, present and future as you watch ships traverse the lock system. Drive a short distance on the famed Pan-American Highway before heading up the mountains to Anton Valley, a community nestled inside the second largest volcanic crater in the world. Meet the locals at the handicraft market and try your hand at negotiations, a local pastime of marketgoers. You'll get to peruse artisan souvenirs made by indigenous peoples, including the "mola" embroidery of the Kuna Yala. Afterwards, check in to your hotel at the base of the mountains that make up the crater. (B, D)

**Day 5: Anton Valley** Begin the day with a visit to the Museum El Valle which houses a small collection ranging from geological wonders to pre-Columbian art. Your next stop is a not-for-profit orchid nursery that dedicates itself to cultivating and conserving local and regional orchids. It houses over 100 different types. Continue to the El Valle Amphibian Conservation Centre, working to protect critically endangered species including the emblematic Panamanian Golden Frog, said to bring good luck to anyone who sees it. Your afternoon is free to continue exploring this charming mountain community. (B)

Day 6: Anton Valley - Chitré This morning, step into the heartland of Panama and become





immersed in the culture as you visit a village of artists. Interact with makers of the famous Panama hat and see firsthand how these wearable works of art are created. Continue on to meet the famous cigar rollers of Panama, whose craft has become legendary within the cigar community. Next, visit an orange grove, one of the region's main crops, and savour the taste of an orange fresh from the tree. Head north to Chitré, one of the first Spanish settlements in Panama, established in 1558. Get to know a traditional way of cooking at a clay oven bakery and sample these delectable sweets. After visiting a local pottery artist, it's on to a sugarcane mill for a taste of sugarcane juice called "guarapa." Next, pause to experience the region's pre-Columbian and colonial times at the local museum. Tonight, get acquainted with the local culture at dinner featuring a folklore and dance show. (B, D)

Day 7: Chitré Spend the day meeting the locals in Chitré, the "folklore capital" of Panama. Meet Panamanian women who have dedicated their lives to making the handwoven pollera dress. Then it's off to spend time with a famous local artist whose whimsical masks are used in traditional Panamanian parades. Your day continues with a visit to one of Panama's famous rum producers. Visit the historic hacienda to discover the life of the founder, a Spanish immigrant who brought jobs and prestige



to the region with the development of the distillery. Learn the art of making rum, as well as the local drink "seco," also distilled from sugarcane. If you like, you may take an oxcart ride through the sugarcane fields. Enjoy a typical lunch, then finally sample the product for yourself during a tasting session and discussion in the bodega. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy at your hotel. Tonight, you have the option of experiencing an authentic home-hosted meal in a local family's house; take this opportunity to learn about their lives, culture and food. (B, L)

### Day 8: Chitré - Playa Bonita

Journey to Plava Bonita, just outside of Panama City. Arrive midday to soak up the sun and ocean views from your beachfront property. You can also meander through the hotel's shops or use their complimentary kayaks. After enjoying some fun and relaxation at your resort, bid farewell to Panama at a special dinner. (B. D)

#### Day 9: Playa Bonita - Tour

Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### Extend Your Tour

STAY LONGER. Add a night in Playa Bonita. Stay another night along the beautiful shore and sandy beaches of Panama. Call for details.

Dates & Prices			
January - April 2017	Double	7, 14, 28 September	\$2919
12, 26 January	\$2839	5, 26 October	\$2919
2, 9, 16 February	\$2839	9 November	\$2919
2, 16, 23 March	\$2839	7 December	\$2919
6 April	\$2839	11, 18, 25 January	\$3059
20, 27 April	\$2769	1, 15, 22 February	\$3059
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	Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of		\$3059
reservation.		19 April	\$2989
May 2017 – April 2018 4, 11 May 13 July	<b>Double</b> \$2779 \$2779	Single Room Supplement Triple Room Reduction	(+) \$820 - \$970 (-) \$30
10 August	\$2779	Rates are land only, per person.	Call about additional dates.

## Choice On Tour

• In Panama city, tour Casco Viejo, Panama City's Old Quarter, with your guide showcasing its history and landmarks, or you may join a local resident for a tour highlighting the incredible revitalisation of this area

## Cultural Experiences

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

## Must-See Inclusions

- · Enjoy three nights in a river view room with a balcony and hammock!
- · Travel by dugout canoe to an Embera village to learn about indigenous culture.

## **Culinary Inclusions**

- 15 meals: 8 breakfasts 3 lunches 4 dinners
- Sample fresh Panamanian ceviche at the Mercado de Mariscos.
- Taste the sweet sugarcane juice called "guarapa" at a sugar mill.
- · See a traditional way of cooking at a clay oven bakery.

## Accommodation

Days 1 – 3 Gamboa Rainforest Resort, Gamboa Days 4, 5 Days 6, 7 Day 8

Los Mandarinos Hotel, Anton Valley Cubitá Boutique Resort and Spa, Chitré Westin Playa Bonita, Playa Bonita On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



HOTEL UPGRADE AVAILABLE: An upgrade to Ocean View Suite is available at the Westin Playa Bonita. Call for details.

## Tour Activity Level 1 **2** 3 4 5

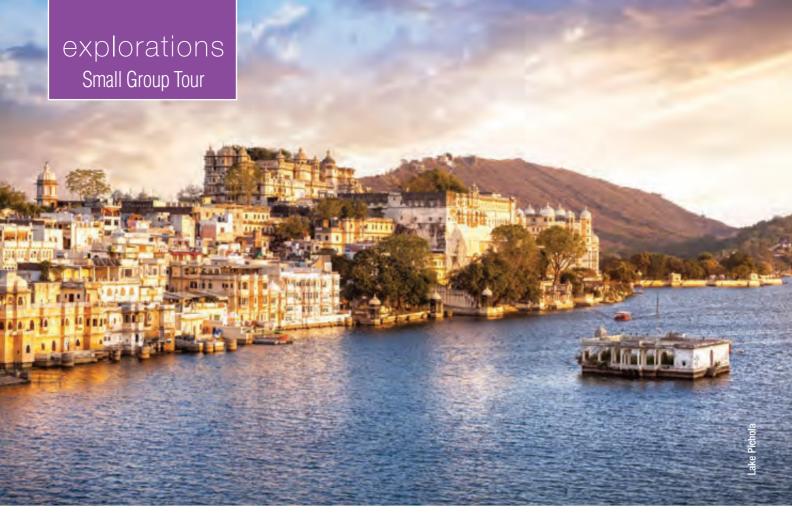
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### Gratuities are included in the price of your tour.

This trip requires a passport and visa. A visa is required for this tour for Australian passport holders. This visa or Tourist Card is issued on arrival and is valid for a 30 day stay. The cost is US\$5 per person and is not included in the tour price. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Travellers must hold a passport valid at least six months on entry with --two blank pages, have proof of sufficient funds and proof of onward/return. Panama charges an international airport departure tax of approxi mately \$40 USD – the cost of this may be included in your air ticket. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Each guest 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 doctor for specific details. Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts. †Chauffeur drive service is valid within 40km drive of all major international Australian airports. Destination transfers with international air are included on day one and last day only of the tour.



## **Mysteries of India**

Unravel the magic and wonder of a different world



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 73 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: Delhi, India - Tour Begins** Welcome to Delhi, India's capital city that sports a rich history spanning over 2,000 years.

**Day 2: 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 transport. 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 3: 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 4: 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)

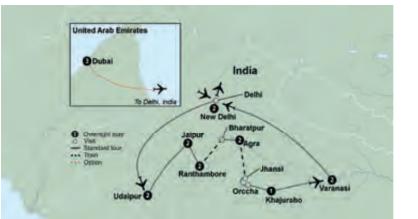
**Day 5: Udaipur - Jaipur** This morning, depart on a scenic drive through the countryside to the "Pink City" of Jaipur. After having lunch and checking into your hotel, head out for a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, home to a former Maharaja, beholding its façade of 953 windows. Visit the City Palace and 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 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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 9: Ranthambore - Bharatpur -

 $\mathbf{Agra}\,$  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 10: Agra Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise, witnessing the first rays of sun glistening on the white marble — a truly memorable moment. The Tai Mahal took 22 vears 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 11: 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 12: 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 13: 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 Siddarth 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 14: 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)



## STAY LONGER. Add an extra day in Delhi. As your tour comes to a close an extra night Call for details.

**EXPLORE MORE with 4** nights in Nepal. Head for the Himalayas and the legendary city of of enlightenment among the Buddhist temples and inspiring scenery. See page 74 for details.

	Dates &	& Prices	
January - April 2017 13, 20, 27 January 3, 10, 17 February 6 March 22, 29 April	<b>Double</b> \$4729 \$4729 \$4729 \$4729 \$4159	3, 9 November 12, 19, 26 January 9, 16, 23 February 2, 9 March 6, 20 April	\$4989 \$4989 \$4989 \$4989 \$4989 \$4369
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September 2017 - April 2018 29 September 13, 20, 27 October	<b>Double</b> \$4989 \$4989	Rates are land only, per person flights on tour. Call about additio	

## Travel with no more than 24 quests

## **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.

## **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.

## Accommodation

- Days 1, 2 Leela Ambience Convention Hotel Delhi, New Delhi
- Days 3, 4 Lalit Laxmi Vilas, Udaipur
- Days 5, 6 Hilton, Jaipur
  - Dev Vilas, Ranthambore Jaypee Palace, Agra
- Days 7, 8 Days 9, 10 Day 11 Taj Chandela, Khajuraho
- Days 12, 13 Gateway Hotel Ganges or Radisson Varanasi, Varanasi On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Tour Activity Level 1 2 3 4 5 See page 80 for details

## **Personalise Your Journey**

- Add our chauffeur drive roundtrip airport transfers in vour hometown.<sup>†</sup>
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- On Tour Options pre book a free time activity to enhance your tour.

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# **India's Treasures**

Experience more of the Golden Triangle's culinary and cultural wonders

### 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: Delhi, India - Tour Begins

Welcome to Delhi, India's capital city. Made up of seven ancient cities, today it remains a cultural melting pot.

**Day 2: Delhi** Ease your way into local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key phrases of the native language. Immerse yourself in India's bustling



capital during a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Discover the history of Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Explore **Old Delhi's narrow streets by rickshaw**, the traditional mode of transport. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before having some leisure time to explore independently. Sit down to dinner tonight at the home of a local family and learn more about Indian culture and their traditions at home. (B, L, D)

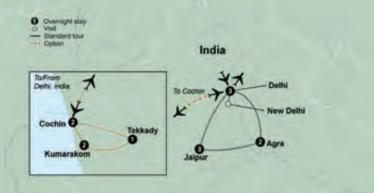
**Day 3: Delhi** Following breakfast, visit Humayun's tomb, built by the widow of a great Mughal Emperor. Drive past the India Gate war memorial, the Parliament and the palatial Rashtrapati Bhawan – the President's residence. Proceed to the holy shrine of Sikhs, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib. Originally a bungalow owned by Raja Jai Singh, this huge complex features a devotion centre, a large pond for the holy dip, a missionary school, an art gallery, a charitable hospital and a free kitchen – called Langar (community dining). Hear the holy hymns recited by the priests as you marvel at the beautiful gilded structure. At the community dining hall, get a behind-the-scenes look at the work that goes into feeding 10,000 people each day. (B, L)

**Day 4: Delhi - Jaipur** Depart for a scenic drive through the countryside to the "Pink City" of Jaipur. Later, head out for a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, home to a former Maharaja, with its impressive façade



of 953 windows. Then it's on to the City Palace, the residence of the Royal Family of Jaipur. Stroll through the gardens and courtyards and delight in the intricate decorative art and carved doorways. (B, L)

**Day 5: Jaipur** Board a vintage jeep and **ascend to the top of the majestic Amber Fort**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and 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 when you learn about turban and sari tying. Stroll through the colourful flower market for a glimpse into the





art of making garlands used in traditional Indian ceremonies. Delve deeper into Indian culture during a henna tattoo and bindi demonstration. This evening, take a step back in time as you dine at Sankotra Haveli, where eight generations of the Sankotra family have lived. Take in the old-world architecture and furnishings, and get to know the history of this special place. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Jaipur Travel to the quaint village of Samode, nestled among rugged hills that are dominated by its famous palace. Have time on your own to wander through this interesting village that exudes a rare nostalgic charm. explore its many treasures. and interact with the locals to learn about their daily lives. Then, gather for lunch at Samode Bagh, a private garden retreat of the Royal family. (B, L)

Day 7: Jaipur - Agra Continue your journey to Agra, a city rich with the splendours of the past. En route, stop in Abhaneri village to visit Chand Baori, one of the largest and most beautiful stepwells in the world. Built during the 8th and 9th centuries, this amazing feat of engineering has 3,500 narrow steps arranged in perfect symmetry that descend to the bottom of the well. (B, L)

Day 8: Agra Behold one of the most impressive sites in the world - the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Taking 22 years and 20,000 men to build in the 17th century, this wonder of the world was commissioned by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz



Maha, Then, after breakfast, discover Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site that dates back to the 11th century. Stand in awe of this sprawling fort that was built as a military structure but later transformed into a palace. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a special farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 9: Agra - Delhi - Tour

Ends Return to Delhi where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up prior to the departure of your return flight home. (B)



EXPLORE MORE as you enjoy 6 nights in South India, a place with its own distinct cultural traditions. See how ancient and colonial influences have come together along the seacoast See page 74 for detai

### 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 detail

Dates & Prices				
26 October         2           2, 9 November         2           7 December         2           11, 18 January         2	Double \$2569 \$2569 \$2569 \$2569 \$2569	8, 29 March 12 April Single Room Supplement Triple Room Reduction Rates are land only, per person. C	\$2569 \$2299 (+) \$1380 - \$1820 N/A Call about additional dates.	

## **Cultural Experiences**

- Discover the holy shrine of Sikhs, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib.
- Spend 3 nights in the vibrant Pink City of Jaipur.
- Stroll through the quaint village of Samode.
- Delve deeper into Indian culture during a henna tattoo and bindi demonstration.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Behold the stunning Taj Mahal at sunrise.
- Explore Agra Fort, an impressive walled city that dates back to the 11th century.
- Visit Chand Baori, one of the largest and most beautiful stepwells in the world
- In Abhaneri, marvel at an impressive 8th-century stairwell.

## **Culinary Inclusions**

- 17 meals included: 8 breakfasts 6 lunches 3 dinners
- Be treated to dinner with a local family in their home in Delhi.
- Enjoy lunch at Samode Bagh, a private garden retreat of the Royal family.

## Accommodation

Days 1 - 3 Eros Hotel, Delhi Days 4 – 6 The Lalit, Jaipur Days 7, 8 Courtyard Marriott, Agra On some dates alternate hotels may be used

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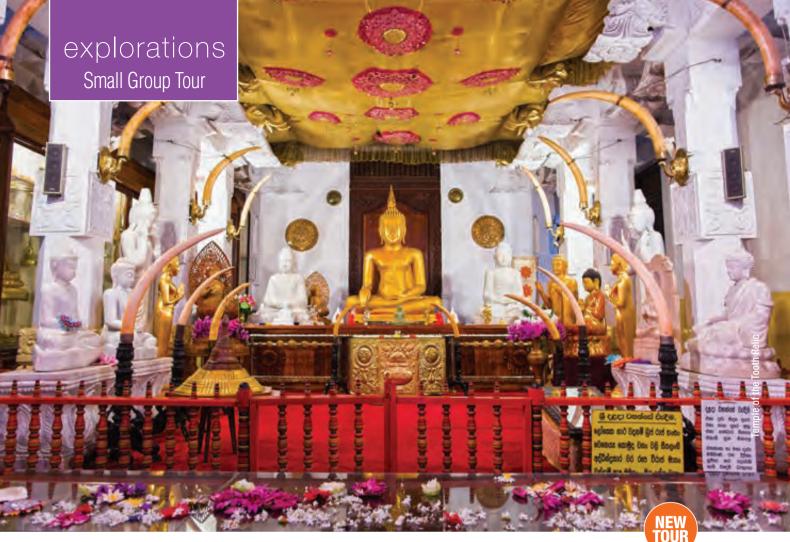
### Gratuities are included in the price of your tour.

This trip requires a passport and visa. A visa is required for this tour at your expense The visa cost is from AU \$82 per person and is not included in the tour price. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. It is the traveller's responsibility to obtain any required visa and/or documents prior to departure. The passport must be valid for six months beyond the expiry date of the visa and have two blank facing visa pages. Any additional document/processing fees are at the expense of the traveller. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details or you may like to use CIBT visa, for your full visa service, at www.cibtvisas.com.au/collette. 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 \$7 AUD /\$23 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. Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts. †Chauffeur drive service is valid within 40km drive of all major international Australian airports. Destination transfers with international air are included on day one and last day only of the tour.

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# **Exploring Sri Lanka**

## From intriguing culture to unspoiled landscapes

### 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: 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 specialities. (D)

**Day 2: 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 3: 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 4: 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 5: 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 Matale, 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 6: 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)

### Dav 7: Kandy - Nuwara Eliva

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 countrystyle homes, the Gothic Holy Trinity Church and the "pink post office" with its unique clock tower. (B, D)

### Day 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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 11: 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 12: Bentota - Colombo -Tour Ends (B)

### Extend Your Tour

STAY LONGER. Spend an extra night discovering the treasures of the Call for details

Dates & Prices			
October 2017 – April 2018	Double	6, 27 March	\$5129
17, 24 October	\$4989	10, 17 April	\$5129
7 November	\$4989		
16, 30 January	\$5259	Single Room Supplement	(+) \$1930 - \$2350
13 February	\$5259	Triple Room Reduction	(-) \$50
27 February	\$5129	Rates are land only, per person.	Call about additional dates.

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## **Cultural Experiences**

- Explore the wildlife sanctuary at Minneriva National Park.
- Cruise the tranguil 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 sayour traditional Sri Lankan specialties.

## Accommodation

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ays 1, 2	Cinnamon Lakeside Hotel, Colombo
ave 3 A	Cinnamon Lodge Habarana Sigiriya

- Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy
- Days 3, 4 Days 5, 6 Days 7, 8 Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya
- Days 9 11 Centara Ceysands Resort, Bentota
  - On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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## Personalise Your Journey

- · Add our chauffeur drive roundtrip airport transfers in your hometown.<sup>+</sup>
- · Purchase our international air with your tour to receive destination arrival and departure airport transfers.
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### Gratuities are included in the price of your tour.

This trip requires a passport and visa. All foreign nationals intend travelling to Sri Lanka are required to apply for online Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) by logging on to www.eta.gov.lk website. Flights arriving into Colombo on Day 1 should arrive prior to 4pm. Due to flight schedules a pre or post night may be required (at an additional cost). The walk to Sigiriya on Day 4 is considered to be very strenuous, over uneven terrain, and with minimal handrails available. You should be in excellent physical condition to participate.. Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts. <sup>†</sup>Chauffeur drive service is valid within 40km drive of all major international Australian airports. Destination transfers with international air are included on day one and last day only of the tour.



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

**Day 2: 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 with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

## Day 3: 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 traditions. Later, enjoy a visit to Cao Dai Temple. (B, L)

### Day 4: 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 5: 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 6: Siem Reap** Set out to see three impressive Hindu temples: the 11th-century pyramidshaped Temple of Shiva, Banteay Srei Temple with its 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 local monastery where you'll meet the monks who reside there and participate in a private blessing ceremony. (B, D)

### Day 7: Siem Reap - Luang Prabang,

**Laos** Your day begins at the JWOC Community Centre where you'll meet local school children. Then we fly to Luang Prabang, the spiritual capital of Laos. (B)

**Day 8: 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, passing rice fields and small villages along the way. Gaze over Luang Prabang from atop of Mount Phousi. Later, immerse yourself in the Street Night Market. (B, D)]

Day 9: Luang Prabang Board a traditional riverboat for a cruise down the Mekong River. Our first stop is 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 10: 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 11: 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 not-for-profit restaurant that empowers underprivileged children by training them with new skills. Then, **set out on a cyclo tour** of Hanoi that takes you through its old quarter. Catch a glimpse of ancient Hanoi and see traditional Vietnamese architecture including the "long house." End the day with a traditional water puppet performance. (B, L, D)



## 😯 Day 12: 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 a lunch. Next, head to Duong Lam village. Along the way, meet villagers and see their unique historic homes. Enjoy a visit to the Mia Pagoda. Stop at the humble Ngo Quyen and Phung Hung temples. (B, L)

### Day 13: 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 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 14: 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 15: 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 16: 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**. Enjoy

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

**Day 17: 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 17thcentury Japanese tombs. Arrive in town and observe the local farmers and sample some local delicacies. Relax as you soak your feet in an herbal bath. Tonight, enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 18: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh

**City** Fly to Ho Chi Minh City this afternoon and this evening, enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Day 19: Ho Chi Minh City -Tour Ends (B)



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	Dates &	& Prices	
January – April 2017	Double	5, 12, 19, 26 September	\$5754
6, 9, 13, 20 January	\$6259	3, 10, 17, 24, 31 October	\$6024
3, 10, 17, 24 February	\$6259	14, 28 November	\$6024
3, 10, 17 March	\$6259	5, 19 December	\$6024
7 April	\$6259	9, 16, 23, 30 January	\$6024
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 20	)18 tour departures.	6, 13, 20, 27 February	\$6024
	Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time		\$6024
of reservation.		3, 17 April	\$6024
May 2017 – April 2018	Double	Single Room Supplement	(+) \$1380 - \$1590
9, 16, 23 May	\$5754	Triple Room Reduction	(+) \$1300 - \$1390 N/A
13, 20 June	\$5754		
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• 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 Waat, the world's largest religious building.
- Cruise overnight on a luxury junk boat in Halong Bay.
- Board a traditional riverboat for a cruise down the Mekong River.

## **Culinary Inclusions**

- 36 meals included: 18 breakfasts 8 lunches 10 dinners
- Learn to prepare traditional Vietnamese dishes at a cooking class.

## Accommodation

Days 1 - 3	New World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City
Days 4 - 6	Angkor Century Hotel, Siem Reap
Days 7 - 9	The Sanctuary Hotel, Luang Prabang
Days 10 - 12	The Movenpick Hotel, Hanoi
Day 13	Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay
Day 14	Imperial Hotel, Hue
Days 15 - 17	Almanity Hoi An Hotel, Hoi An
Day 18	New World Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City
	On some dates alternate hotels may be used

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## **Taste of Vietnam**

## Explore a rich blend of cultural influences and natural wonders



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### Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam -

**Tour Begins** Set out on a journey that reveals the best of Vietnam, a beautiful country with a long and rich history. Your tour opens in historic Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon. For centuries, the city has been the commercial hub of the region, creating a cultural melting pot.

Day 2: 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 3: 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 4: 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 5: Hanoi** Begin your day in Ba Dinh Square, home of the mausoleum built to honour Ho Chi Minh, a revered figure in Vietnam. 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 traditional architecture at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, founded in the early 11th century. Enjoy lunch at a not-for-profit restaurant. Learn how this caring organisation changes the lives of underprivileged children by training them with new skills. Then, **set out on a cyclo tour of Hanoi** that takes you through its old quarter. 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 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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 9: Hue** Travel to the shores of 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 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 witness or partake in the timeless art of bartering. Later, savour the local flavours during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 10: 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 11: 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 symbolise 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 12: 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 13: 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 14: Ho Chi Minh City -Tour Ends Return home with a wealth of incredible memories. (B)



EXPLORE MORE. Extend your tour with 3 nights in Bangkok. Embrace this bustling city on the banks of the Chao Phraya River. See page 75 for details.

EXPLORE MORE. Extend your tour with 3 nights in Phu Quoc. Complete your tour with three amazing days in paradise. See page 76 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	2, 9, 23 February	\$4164
12, 26 May	\$3884	2, 16, 23 March	\$4164
14, 16 June	\$3884	6, 13, 20 April	\$4164
25 August	\$3884	Cingle Beem Cupplement	(.) ¢000 ¢070
8, 22 September	\$3884	Single Room Supplement Triple Room Reduction	(+) \$960 - \$970 N/A
13, 27 October	\$4164	Inple Room Reduction	IN/A
3, 17 November	\$4164	Rates are land only, per person, and include the internal	
1 December	\$4164	flights on tour. Call about additiona	al dates.
12, 19, 26 January	\$4164		

## Travel with no more than 24 guests

## Choice On Tour 😯

• 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 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.

## **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.

## Accommodation

Days 1 - 3	New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City
Days 4 - 6	Movenpick Hotel, Hanoi
Day 7	Bhaya Classic, Halong Bay
Days 8, 9	Imperial Hotel, Hue
Days 10 - 12	Almanity Hoi An Resort & Spa, Hoi An
Day 13	New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City
C	In some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Tour Activity Level ①②④④⑤ See page 80 for details.

## **Personalise Your Journey**

- Add our chauffeur drive roundtrip airport transfers in your hometown.<sup>†</sup>
- Purchase our international air with your tour to receive destination arrival and departure airport transfers.
- Enhance your inflight-experience with an air upgrade. See page 81 for details.
- On Tour Options pre book a free time activity to enhance your tour.

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### Gratuities are included in the price of your tour.

This trip requires a passport. A visa is required for this tour at your expense. The approximate cost for a one month single entry visa is AU\$85. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. It is the traveller's responsibility to obtain any required visa and/or documents prior to departure. The passport must be valid for six months beyond the return date of your trip and have two blank facing visa pages. Any additional document/processing fees are at the expense of the traveller. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details or you may like to use CIBTvisa, for your full visa service, at www.cibtvisas.com.au/collette. due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Also it is recommended that you bring an overnight bag (rather than your large luggage) on the overnight Halong Bay cruise. This will afford your more room to move about your cruise cabin. Your large luggage will be stored on the bus in a secure location. The internal flights on this program are included in the land price of your tour. International air can also 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 doctor for specific details. 'Chauffeur drive service is valid within 40km drive of all major international Australian airports. Destination transfers with international air are included on day one and last day only of the tour.



# **Discovering Myanmar**

## Immerse yourself in this intriguing realm that locals call the "Golden Land"

### Day 1: Yangon, Myanmar - Tour

**Begins** Embark on a captivating tour through Myanmar and discover a region filled with thousands of years of history. Your tour opens in Yangon, formerly known as Rangoon, a quiet and colourful city. Its impressive colonial and spiritual heritage makes it one of the most fascinating cities in Southeast Asia.

**Day 2: Yangon** We start the day with a stroll through the city centre 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 3: 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 4: 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 5: 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 Ithe 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 travel to Indein village to mingle with the Pa-O people and the villagers of Indein. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: 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

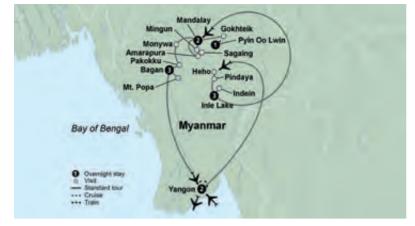
wonder features 432 acres of botanical species from around the world. Feel like you have stepped back in time during a horse-drawn carriage ride through the park. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: 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 8: 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 Ponya 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 guarters. 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 take in the evening glow and watch the sunset. (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Mandalay - Monywa

- Pakokku - Bagan Our first stop this morning is Monywa where you will visit Thanbodday 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 Aveyarwady 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 10: Bagan Bagan's rulers constructed thousands of huge stupas and temples, many of which are still standing today on the banks of the Ayeyarwady (Irrawaddy) River. 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, a truly magical experience. (B)

### Day 11: 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. Along the way, a stop will be made at a toddy palm grove to see a skilful climber collecting sap from the top of a swaying tree. Here, learn about the 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 that looks like a tower 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 12: Bagan - Yangon - Tour

**Ends** Today you return to Yangon where your tour comes to a close. (B)

Dates & Prices			
January – April 2017	Double	22, 29 September	\$4234
13 January	\$4744	13, 27 October	\$4544
3, 10 February	\$4744	3 November	\$4544
24 February	\$5074	2, 29 December	\$4544
10, 17 March	\$4744	12, 26 January	\$4544
24, 31 March	\$5074	2, 16 February	\$4544
28 April	\$4744	9, 16, 30 March	\$4544
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour depar- tures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		6, 13, 27 April	\$4544
		Single Room Supplement Triple Room Reduction	(+) \$960 - \$1850 N/A
May 2017 – April 2018	Double		
12, 19 May	\$4234	Rates are land only, per person, and include the internal	
14 July	\$4234	flights on tour. Call about addition	al dates.
18 August	\$4234		

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## **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.

## **Culinary Inclusions**

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

## Accommodation

Days 1, 2	Chatrium Hotel Royal	Lake or Kandawgyi	Palace, Yangon
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- Days 3 5 Inle Resort, Inle Lake or Amata Garden Resort
- Day 6 Aureum Resort, Pyin Oo Lwin or Royal Reward Resort
- Days 7, 8 Mandalay Hill Resort, Mandalay or Sedona Hotel Mandalay
- Days 9 11 Hotel at Tharabar Gate, Bagan or Aye Yar River View Resort On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Tour Activity Level①②③④⑤See page 80 for details.

## **Personalise Your Journey**

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### Gratuities are included in the price of your tour.

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.myanmarevisa.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 the governing authority. Please contact your consulate for further details. The internal flights on this program are included in the land price. 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 Australian airports. Destination transfers with international air are included on day one and last day only of the tour.



## Wonders of China & the Yangtze River

## Explore a place where the ancient and modern meet





Start your adventure with 5 nights in Shangri-La. Travel to the stunning province of Yunnan with dramatic landscapes and known as one of China's most diverse regions. Explore the mystical, picturesque town of Lijiang, on the border of Tibet. See page 76 for details.

**Day 1: Shanghai, China - Tour Begins** Your tour opens in booming Shanghai, the economic capital of the People's Republic of China. This bustling city's futuristic skyline will leave you speechless.

Day 2: Shanghai Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key phrases of the native language. Then, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Shanghai. Set out for the waterfront district, known as the Bund, which runs along the Huangpu River. Famous for its impressive colonial buildings, you'll feel as though you have stepped back into 19th-century Europe. Explore Old Town's narrow streets and relax in the tranquil Yuyuan Garden. Enjoy lunch at a celebrated local restaurant known for its xiao long bao soup dumplings. Get to know your fellow travellers

at a welcome dinner before enjoying an amazing acrobatics show. (B, L, D)  $% \left( {B_{\rm{s}}} \right) = 0$ 

**Day 3: Shanghai** Discover the treasures of the Shanghai Museum, home to artefacts that span China's rich history. Visit the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Centre and view the centrepiece of the museum, a vast scale model of Shanghai as it will look in 2020. The afternoon is yours to explore as you wish. (B)

### Day 4: Shanghai - Yichang - Board

**Cruise Ship Visit a silk factory** and learn how artisans create this luxurious fabric. All aboard the Mag Lev train where magnetic levitation technology allows you to reach speeds over 260 miles per hour! Next, board your flight to Hubei province. Touching down in Yichang, embark your ship for a 4-night upstream Yangtze River cruise. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Cruising - Three Gorges Dam

- **Xiling Gorge** Begin your day with a tai chi lesson on the sundeck. Sail into dramatic Xiling Gorge, the longest section of the Three Gorges. Discover the state-of-the-art site of the Three Gorges Dam. The dam, inside the first of the three gorges, is the world's largest hydroelectric project. Tonight, enjoy the Captain's welcome dinner and cabaret. (B, L, D)

### Day 6: Cruising - Shennong Stream

- Wu Gorge - Qutang Gorge Take in the tranquil surroundings on a ride up the remote Shennong Stream in traditional pea boats. Upon returning to your ship, enjoy the majestic vistas as you sail through Wu Gorge, well-known for its 12 forest-covered peaks. This afternoon, be amazed as you sail by the dramatic steep cliffs that surround the Qutang Gorge. (B, L, D)  $% \left( {B_{\rm{T}}} \right) = 0$ 

**Day 7: Cruising - Shibaozhai** Arrive at Shibaozhai, an imposing hill along the banks of the Yangtze River. Adorning the hill is a 9-story red pagoda where you can climb the stairs to the top of Shibaozhai, the perfect place to take in the view of the river and surrounding area. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Chongqing - Disembark Cruise Ship - Chengdu Disembark this morning in the mountain city of Chongqing and travel to Chengdu, the capital of the Sichuan Province. Spend time on your own strolling through its ancient streets with a blend of historic and modern architecture. Come to know the leisurely lifestyle and teahouse culture that makes this city captivating. Tonight, sample the fresh, bold flavours of the local cuisine. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Chengdu Your morning begins with a visit to the Panda Breeding Sanctuary to learn how China's national treasure is being protected from









#### **Day 10: Chengdu - Xian** This morning we fly to the ancient city of Xian, surrounded by the best-preserved city wall in China and where the illustrious Silk Road concludes. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Xian dumpling banquet. (B, D)

**Day 11: Xian** Today, explore the incredible excavation site of the Terracotta Warriors. This vast clay army, 8,000 strong, was created to guard China's first emperor in the afterlife. You'll be amazed at the detail – each soldier has a different face. Lunch today is a Xian speciality – hand-pulled noodles. Tonight you may choose to enjoy an optional Tang Dynasty dinner and show, complete with Imperial cuisine. (B, L)

Day 12: Xian - Beijing This morning, fly to the capital of China – Beijing.





Contemplate history during a visit to Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public spaces in the world. Next, discover the Forbidden City, an awe-inspiring 15thcentury complex of palaces, courtyards and gardens that were once home to the emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties. (B, L, D)

### Day 13: The Great Wall Discover

the Great Wall, China's legendary landmark. Live out a lifelong dream as you visit the picturesque Juyongguan section to walk along this celebrated structure. Next, visit a jade workshop to learn how local artists create these masterpieces. On your way back to Beijing, relive the excitement of the 2008 Summer Olympics when you view Olympic Park, the Water Cube and the famous Bird's Nest Stadium. Tonight, you may opt to attend the Peking Opera and explore the Donghuamen night market. (B, L)

Day 14: Beijing Visit the Temple of Heaven where the emperor came twice each year to pray. Relax amidst the locals doing their morning exercises. Later, take a thrilling rickshaw tour through the oldest part of Beijing. With an interpreter, learn about a local family's way of life and share lunch with them in their Hutong home. They will also teach you the art of dumpling making. Next, spend time with a Chinese calligraphy master and learn about this ancient art. Your final stop features a traditional tea ceremony. Later, enjoy a special farewell dinner including Peking Duck. (B, L, D)

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

April – November 2017	
12 April	
3, 17 May	
14 June	
6, 20, 27 September	
4, 11 October	
1 November	

## Double Single Room Supplement (+) \$830 \$5149 Triple Room Reduction N/A \$5149 Rates are land only, per person and include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.

**Dates & Prices** 

\$5149

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See page 79 for ship deck plans.

## **Cultural Experiences**

- Take your seat at an amazing acrobatics show.
- Discover the treasures of the Shanghai Museum, spanning China's rich history.
- All aboard the Mag Lev train reach speeds over 260 miles per hour!
- Meet a Chinese calligraphy master and learn how to write using this ancient art.

## **Must-See Inclusions**

- Take a relaxing 4-night upstream cruise on the Yangtze River.
- See a Giant Panda in its natural environment.
- Discover the incredible excavation site of the Terracotta Warriors.
- Walk along China's legendary landmark, the Great Wall.
- Explore Old Town Shanghai and tranquil Yuyuan Garden.

## **Culinary Inclusions**

- 34 meals: 14 breakfasts 11 lunches 9 dinners
- Savour traditional Chinese food including dumplings, noodles and Peking Duck.
- Share lunch with a local family in their Hutong home.
- Partake in a traditional tea ceremony.

## Accommodation

Days 1 – 3	Mingde Grand Hotel, Shanghai
Days 4 – 7	Victoria Cruises
Days 8, 9	Chengdu Tianfu Sunshine Hotel, Chengdu
Days 10, 11	Xian Grand New World, Xian
Days 12 – 14	Zhongle Six Star Hotel, Wangfujing, Beijing

On some dates alternate vessels may be used.

Tour Activity Level①②④⑤See page 80 for details.

## **Personalise Your Journey**

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- Purchase our international air with your tour to receive destination arrival and departure airport transfers.
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### Gratuities are included in the price of your tour.\*

This trip requires a passport and visa. The internal flights on this program are included in the land price of your tour. All air, including internal flights, can be purchased through us. All guests will be confirmed in Balcony cabins. Dinners on the cruise ship are Chinese cuisine. \*Gratuities for cabin stewards, bus boys and waiters on board the ship are not included. A visa is required for this tour at your expense. The approximate visa cost is \$98.50 AUD. Rates are approximate and subject to change. Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts. †Chauffeur drive service is valid within 40km drive of all major international Australian airports. Destination transfers with international air are included on day one and last day only of the tour.



# Dubai, Oman and Abu Dhabi

From immeasurable opulence to ancient cultures

### Start Early

Add an extra day in Abu Dhabi. Have plenty of time to explore this fascinating city at your own pace. Call for details.

### Day 1: Abu Dhabi, UAE - Tour Begins

Your adventure opens in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates and one of the world's most modern cities. The remainder of your day is at leisure to become acquainted with this lavish metropolis and enjoy the amenities of your hotel.

**Day 2: Abu Dhabi** This morning, a short drive provides you with insight into the skyline of the city; you'll also make a stop at the famous Emirates Palace and Corniche. After some free time for lunch, visit



the impressive Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque, a sprawling structure initiated by the late president of the UAE who created it in hopes of uniting the cultural diversity of the Islamic world. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, D)

**Day 3: Abu Dhabi** Learn the importance of falcons to Arabian culture at the largest falcon hospital in the UAE. Explore its museum which takes you through the history of falconry and have the rare opportunity to see these majestic birds up close. Step into the examination room to witness a falcon checkup or perhaps a pedicure. You'll have the amazing opportunity to have a falcon sit on your arm! Next, get a glimpse of the cultural life of this Middle East city at the Heritage Village, an open-air museum. Experience workshops with craftsmen showcasing their traditional skills. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure. (B, L)

### Day 4: Abu Dhabi - Dubai - Muscat,

**Oman** Fly to Oman, a mystical land of contrasts with deep traditions and a friendly nature. Discover the port city of Muscat, the capital city and heart of Oman. This afternoon's city tour reveals Old Muscat and the Corniche before arriving at Mutrah Souq, the oldest bazaar in Oman. You will have time to wander and browse the souq's narrow lanes and colourful displays. Tonight, savour dinner at a traditional Omani restaurant. (B, D)

### Day 5: Muscat - Wadi Bani Khalid -

Wahiba Sands - Muscat Board a 4-wheel drive vehicle for your journey to Wadi Bani Khalid. Pass



through the striking Western Hajar Mountains with their colourful rock formations before arriving at the stunning wadi (valley floor). Take a stroll through the wadi before pausing to relax and enjoy a picnic lunch. Continue to the breathtaking desert dunes of Wahiba Sand, home to a nomadic Bedouin Wahiba tribe that once crossed the dunes in search of water. Spend time at their camp and get to know their culture. Take a short camel ride followed by an exhilarating "dune bashing" by 4x4, a favourite local activity. (B, L)

### Day 6: Muscat - Nizwa - Jabrin -

**Muscat** Travel to the traditional city of Nizwa, Oman's old capital city from the 6th and 7th centuries. Take a stroll through history at the impressive 17th-century fort before exploring the souq, famous for Bedouin silver and beautifully crafted clay items. Next, discover the late 17th-century Jabreen Castle, the finest of Oman's castles. Pause for a moment to take in the view from the top of the castle...it is mesmerising. (B, L)

Day 7: Muscat - Al Ain, UAE Say farewell to Oman as we drive back to the UAE. En route, visit





the Grand Mosque of Oman. Stand in awe of this remarkable sandstone structure that is home to the world's second-largest hand woven carpet and chandelier. Continue to Nakhal Fort which lies on a hill at the base of Mount Nakhal and was built 350 years ago to protect trade routes. Drive through a date plantation on the way to our next stop at Ain Thowarah, known for its hot springs. Then, cross the border into the UAE, arriving in Al Ain...a lush oasis of palm trees, flowers and fountains. (B, D)

### Day 8: Al Ain - Dubai Get

acquainted with AI Ain, "the garden city" of the UAE. With abundant groundwater springs, this "oasis town" was the perfect stopover on the caravan trail between the UAE to the Sultanate of Oman. Explore the museum to learn about the unique irrigation system – known as "Falaj." Continue on to Hili Gardens and the city's archaeological sites where a village and a burial ground dating back to 2700 B.C. were discovered. Later, drive to the city of Dubai, known for its beautiful coasts and magnificent man-made wonders. (B, L)

**Day 9: Dubai** Take to the sea and set sail on a privately owned luxury yacht, pausing along the way for photo opportunities of the famous Dubai skyline, including the famous Burj Al Arab. Later this afternoon, embark on a dune desert safari on an Arabian farm owned by a member of the royal family of Sharjah. Delight in the tranquility of this oasis in the desert. Savour a Mutrah Souq

barbecue dinner highlighted by a captivating belly dancer performance accompanied by Arabic rhythms. (B, D)

Day 10: Dubai Begin your day with a visit to the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding located in the oldest traditional Emirati neighbourhood. Bur Dubai. Then, take a stroll through the neighbourhood's narrow sikkas (alleyways) and gaze at the beautiful wind towers that adorn the original residences along Dubai Creek. Partake in a lecture on the traditions, customs and religion with a local expert. Visit the Dubai Museum and textile market before taking a ride across the dazzling Dubai Creek in a private "abra" (traditional water taxi). Witness the bustling waterfront as you pass by. Your day concludes at the famous gold souk where you learn firsthand why Dubai has earned its title as "The City of Gold." Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at a revolving restaurant with stunning views of Dubai. (B, D)

Day 11: Dubai - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today. (B)

### **Extend Your Tour**

STAY LONGER. Add an extra day

in Dubai. Spend more time exploring the unparalleled grandeur of Dubai. Call for details.

Dates & Prices			
January – April 2017	Double	11 January	\$6054
12 January	\$5249	15 February	\$6054
16 February	\$5249	15 March	\$6054
23 March	\$5249	19 April	\$6054
20 April	\$5249	Single Room Supplement	(+) \$1590 - \$1720
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour depar- tures, Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at		Triple Room Reduction	(+) \$1350 - \$1720 N/A
time of reservation.		Rates are land only, per person	
May 2017 – April 2018 19 October 2. 30 November	<b>Double</b> \$6054 \$6054	flights on tour. Call about addition	nal dates.

## **Cultural Experiences**

- Delight in an exhilarating dune bashing by 4x4.
- Embark on a dune desert safari on an Arabian farm.
- Enjoy a short camel ride during a visit with a nomadic Bedouin Wahiba tribe.
- Partake in a lecture on the traditions, customs and religion with a local expert.
- Learn the history of falconry and get up close to this majestic bird.

## **Must-See Inclusions**

- Experience Dubai by luxury yacht, taking in the views of its famous skyline.
- Stand in awe of the impressive Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Mosque.
- Explore Al Ain, an oasis town dotted with abundant groundwater springs.
- Visit the Grand Mosque of Oman, a remarkable sandstone structure.
- Travel to the traditional city of Nizwa, Oman's ancient capital city.
- Explore the Mutrah Souq, the oldest bazaar in Oman.

## **Culinary Inclusions**

- 19 meals: 10 breakfasts 4 lunches 5 dinners
- Savour a barbecue dinner and captivating belly dancer performance.
- Enjoy dinner at a revolving restaurant with stunning views of Dubai.
- Be treated to dinner at a traditional Omani restaurant.

## Accommodation

Days 1 – 3	Intercontinental Hotel, Abu Dhabi

- Days 4 6 Park Inn by Radisson, Muscat Day 7 Mercure Grand Jebel Hafeet, Al Ain
- **Days 8 11** Hyatt Creek Regency, Dubai
  - On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

 Tour Activity Level
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 ⑤

 See page 80 for details.

## **Personalise Your Journey**

- Add our chauffeur drive roundtrip airport transfers in your hometown.<sup>†</sup>
- Purchase our international air with your tour to receive destination arrival and departure airport transfers.
- Enhance your inflight-experience with an air upgrade. See page 81 for details.
- On Tour Options pre book a free time activity to enhance your tour.

Enquire for full details or visit gocollette.com to learn more.

### Gratuities are included in the price of your tour.

This trip requires a passport and visa. A visa is required for Sultanate of Oman, which may be purchased on arrival in Muscat. The approximate cost of the visa is \$14 USD, payable in cash. The internal flights on this program are included in the land price of your tour. Each guest is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details. Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts. †Chauffeur drive service is valid within 40km drive of all major international Australian airports. Destination transfers with international air are included on day one and last day only of the tour.



# **The Plains of Africa**

## Embark on a grand adventure through the untamed wilds of Kenya

Extend Your Tou



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: 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 2: 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 3: 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 4: 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 5: 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 6: 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 7: 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 8: Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve This morning.

**Mara Game Reserve** This horning, travel to the Masai Mara Game Reserve. The Masai Mara – an extension of the great Serengeti Plain – is considered the most 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 9: 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 10: 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 11: 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 12: Amboseli** Further explore Amboseli with two game drives – your final chance to see the "Big 5." (B, L, D)

### Day 13: Amboseli - Nairobi -Tour Ends Return to Nairobi where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up





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 73 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			
January – April 2017	Double	11, 18 August	\$7564
20, 27 January	\$6544	8, 22 September	\$7564
3, 10, 17, 24 February	\$6544	13 October	\$7564
3, 10 March	\$6544	3, 17 November	\$6604
3, 7, 21, 24, 28 April	\$5534	26 January	\$7154
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 – April 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time		9, 23 February	\$7154
		9, 16 March	\$7154
of reservation.		6, 20 April	\$6184
<b>May 2016 - April 2017</b> 5, 16 May 30 June	<b>Double</b> \$5844 \$5844	Single Room Supplement Triple Room Reduction	(+) \$550 - \$2350 N/A
21 July	\$5644 \$7564	Rates are land only, per person.	Call about additional dates.

## 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.

## Accommodation

Day 1	Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
Day 2	Aberdare Country Club, Nyeri
Days 3, 4	Sarova Shaba Lodge, Shaba Reserve
Day 5	The Ark Hotel, Nyeri
Days 6, 7	Sarova Lion Hill Lodge, Lake Nakuru
Days 8, 9	Sarova Mara Camp, Masai Mara
Day 10	Sarova Stanley Hotel, Nairobi
Days 11, 12	Ol Tukai Lodge, Amboseli
	On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Tour Activity Level ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ See page 80 for details.

## **Personalise Your Journey**

- Add our chauffeur drive roundtrip airport transfers in your hometown.^ $\ensuremath{^\dagger}$
- Purchase our international air with your tour to receive destination arrival and departure airport transfers.
- Enhance your inflight-experience with an air upgrade. See page 81 for details.
- On Tour Options pre book a free time activity to enhance your tour.

Enquire for full details or visit gocollette.com to learn more.

## Gratuities are included in the price of your tour.

This trip requires a passport and visa. A Kenya visa is required and must be obtained in advance. Visit 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. Any guests partaking in the post-tour Tanzania extension will need to apply for a double-entry visa. For guests continuing on the Tanzania extension, unused dayroom in Nairobi will be deducted from the price of your extension. Alternatively, Collette recommends using CIBT visa service to ensure accuracy and timeliness of visa processing. The approximate cost for a single entry visa is \$140 AUD (includes CIBT fees as well as consular fees) plus shipping, subject to change. Visit www.cibtivsas.com.au for details or check with your consulate for more information. Park fees of \$855 AUD 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. 'Chauffeur drive service is valid within 40km drive of all major international Australian airports. Destination transfers with international air are included on day one and last day only of the tour.



# **Spectacular South Africa**

See everything from incredible cities to the "Big 5"

## Extend Your Tour



GO FARTHER. Travel to one of the most exciting places in the world – Dubai. This fast growing city features a blend of ancient and modern wonders found nowhere else. See pages 73 for details.

Add an extra day in Sandton. Enjoy an extra night in this dynamic, affluent section of Johannesburg. Call for details.

### Day 1: Sandton, South Africa - Tour

**Begins** One country with a world of treasures, South Africa awaits your arrival. Breathtaking mountain scenery, winding coastlines, remarkable cultural diversity and abundant wildlife in its natural habitat comprise this incredible experience. Your journey begins in Sandton. Famous for its rich veins of gold and other valuable minerals, it is now the bustling cosmopolitan centre of greater Johannesburg.

**Day 2: Sandton - Soweto - Sandton** Today visit the Apartheid Museum which illustrates the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa. A guided tour of Soweto – South West Township – showcases luxurious mansions and informal settlements as you learn about the historical significance of the area. Experience the regional lifestyle when joining locals for lunch at a nearby Shebeen, or house tavern. This afternoon, have some time to ponder history at Liliesleaf, the location of Nelson Mandela's arrest and the former centre and place of refuge of the liberation movement. Gather this evening with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (B, L, D)

### Day 3: Panoramic Route - Kruger

**National Park** Travel through the spectacular Northern Drakensberg Mountain Range en route to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. Scenic wonders surround you as you pass through the Blyde River Canyon known as one of Africa's greatest natural wonders. Set against the triple mountain formation of the Three Rondovals, resembling traditional round houses of the indigenous people. Along this magnificent route you will also see Bourke's Luck Potholes, the dramatic natural cylinders shaped by millions of years of natural erosion caused by fast-flowing sand-filled waters. This evening, enjoy a traditional BOMA dinner under the stars, where you may sample some local game meat! (B, D)

### Day 4: Kruger National Park - Safari

**Game Drive** Enjoy a full-day open-air-vehicle safari game drive. A local expert leads you in search of the "Big 5" – elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and rhino – and provides insight into these fascinating animals along the way. Watch carefully – you may also see a graceful impala, dazzling zebra or gorgeous giraffe. Relax with a picnic lunch surrounded by giraffe in the natural beauty of Kruger National Park. (B, L, D)

### Day 5: Kruger National Park -Johannesburg - Knysna Travel back to

Johannesburg to board your flight to George. Travel to the picturesque resort town of Knysna, in the heart of the Garden Route. (B)

**Day 6: Knysna** Today, visit nearby Featherbed Nature Reserve. Begin with a lagoon cruise out to the famous Knysna Heads which mark the entrance to the lagoon. Next, board a 4x4 vehicle and travel deep into the forest. Discover the local flora and fauna during a leisurely paced nature walk. Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient milkwood trees before your return cruise. This afternoon, visit Plettenberg Bay, a charming town originally known as "Bahia Formosa" (or "Beautiful Bay.") Enjoy views of beaches, dramatic rock formations and lagoons. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Knysna - Oudtshoorn - Knysna

This morning's township tour will highlight the diversity of this community, followed by a touching experience as you visit a school. Learn about the efforts of the Collette Foundation and the local community to conquer the challenges of educating the children of the region. Travel to Oudtshoorn, the ostrich capital of South Africa. Enjoy a guided tour of one of the oldest working ostrich farms in the area, then enjoy a tractor safari through the farm viewing ostriches iin the Lucerne fields. An outdoor barbecue lunch adds to an amazing day. Upon your return to Knysna, enjoy some time to independently explore the charming waterfront area. (B, L)

**Day 8: Knysna - Stellenbosch** Before leaving the Garden Route, enjoy a visit to the Aloe Ferox region where you will enjoy an aloe-tapping demonstration and a stroll in the indigenous gardens. Next, journey to the heart of the beautiful winelands region, known for its colourful mountains and endless





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vineyards. This evening, enjoy a wine pairing with dinner. (B, D)

**Day 9: Stellenbosch** Later this morning you set out on a walking tour of Stellenbosch – one of the oldest European settlements in the region – with a local expert. The afternoon is at leisure to explore. Later, enjoy a wine tasting complemented by some local savouries. (B)

### Day 10: Stellenbosch - Cape

**Town** This morning, travel to Cape Town to enjoy a panoramic tour of this beautiful harbourside city. Enjoy a thrilling ride on a cable car as it whisks you to an altitude of more than 3,000 feet, landing atop the aptly named – and flat-topped – Table Mountain. The views of Cape Town, Robben Island and Lion's Head will leave you breathless. Return to the city via Table Bay, passing through the Malay Quarter with its mosques and minarets. Make a special stop at the Milnerton Lighthouse. (B)

**Day 11: Cape Town** Explore the coastal scenery and charming towns that populate the Cape Peninsula. Travel out to Cape Point, stopping for a visit with the penguins at Boulders Beach. On your return, explore the fascinating and famous Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, home to over 5,000 species of plants native to South Africa. (B)

Day 12: Cape Town The day is yours to explore Cape Town. This evening,

yours to explore Cape Town. This evening, experience a unique farewell to Africa as you enjoy a lesson on the djembe drums to learn the local beat. Then, experience a soothing hand washing ceremony before a communal African dining experience! (B, D)

## Day 13: Cape Town - Tour

 ${\bf Ends}~$  Your tour ends today in Cape Town. (B)



EXPLORE MORE. Stand in awe of one of the world's seven natural wonders, Victoria Falls, and stay at the Victoria Falls Hotel, known as the "grand old lady of the falls." See page 72 for details.

Add an extra day in Cape Town. Delight in another night to explore the vibrant coastal city of Cape Town. Call for details.

Dates & Prices			
March – April 2017	Double	11 August	\$3819
15 January	\$3984	8, 22 September	\$3889
13, 20, 27 January	\$3794	13, 20 October	\$4029
3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24 February	\$3794	3, 10 November	\$4029
3, 10, 17, 24 March	\$3794	12, 19 January	\$4089
7, 14, 21, 28 April	\$3794	9, 16 February	\$4089
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour depar- tures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at		2, 9, 16 March	\$4089
		13, 27 April	\$4089
time of reservation.		Single Room Supplement	(+) \$880 - \$1010
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b> 12 May	<b>Double</b> \$3819	Triple Room Reduction	(+) 0000 01010 N/A
16 June 14 July	\$3819 \$3819	Rates are land only, per person flights on tour. Call about addition	

## **Cultural Experiences**

- Visit one of the oldest working ostrich farms in Oudtshoorn the ostrich capital of South Africa – and learn about these fascinating animals.
- Experience a thrilling cable car ride rising more than 3,000 feet.
- Learn the local beat with a lesson on the djembe drums.

## **Must-See Inclusions**

- Search for the "Big 5" on an open-air safari game drive!
- Behold the luxurious mansions of Soweto South West Township.
- Visit the Apartheid Museum commemorating the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa.
- Take a lagoon cruise in Featherbed Nature Reserve out to the famous Knysna Heads.
- Marvel at the breathtaking Drakensberg Mountains.

## **Culinary Inclusions**

- 22 meals: 12 breakfasts 4 lunches 6 dinners
- Join locals for lunch at a nearby Shebeen, or house tavern.
- Experience an unforgettable African "BOMA" dinner.
- Enjoy lunch amongst the ancient milkwood trees in Knysna.

## Accommodation

Days 1, 2	Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton
Days 3, 4	Protea Kruger Gate, Kruger National Park
Days 5 – 7	Log Inn, Knysna
Days 8, 9	Spier Hotel or Oude Werf Hotel, Stellenbosch
Days 10 – 12	The Commodore Hotel, Cape Town
	On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Tour Activity Level①②④⑤See page 80 for details.

## Personalise Your Journey

- Add our chauffeur drive roundtrip airport transfers in your hometown.<sup>†</sup>
- Purchase our international air with your tour to receive destination arrival and departure airport transfers.
- Enhance your inflight-experience with an air upgrade. See page 81 for details.
- On Tour Options pre book a free time activity to enhance your tour.

Enquire for full details or visit gocollette.com to learn more.

### Gratuities are included in the price of your tour.

This trip requires a passport and visa. The internal flights on this program are included in the land price of your tour. International airfare can be purchased through us. Our air passengers will arrive on Day 1 at Johannesburg airport. All of our transfers on Day 1 will be from Johannesburg airport to Sandton. 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 doctor for specific details. Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts. 1Chauffeur drive service is valid within 40km drive of all major international Australian airports. Destination transfers with international air are included on day one and last day only of the tour.

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South Africa -We partner with Knysna Education Trust on a nutritious meal program, providing 30 schools with running water and classroom materials, and more.



## **Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls, & Botswana**

Epic scenery, winding coastlines, remarkable wildlife



**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 73 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: 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 2: 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 handwashing ceremony before sampling local delicacies. (B, D)

**Day 3: 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 4: 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 5: 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 6: 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 7: 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 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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.

### Day 11: Victoria Falls - Chobe,

(B)

**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 12: 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 13: Chobe - Johannesburg

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

Dates & Prices					
January – April 2017	Double	31 August	\$7584		
12, 19 January	\$7134	7, 14, 21, 28 September	\$7584		
2, 12, 23 February	\$7134	5, 12, 19, 26 October	\$7684		
2, 9, 23, 30 March	\$7134	2, 9 November	\$7684		
6, 9, 13, 20, 27 April	\$7004	11, 18, 25 January	\$7684		
Itinerary featured is for May 2017 - April 2018 tour depar- tures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		1, 8, 15, 22 February	\$7684		
		1, 8, 15 March	\$7684		
		5, 19 April	\$7534		
<b>May 2017 – April 2018</b> 4, 18 May 8 June	<b>Double</b> \$7434 \$7434	Single Room Supplement Triple Room Reduction	(+) \$1350 - \$1460 (-) N/A		
20 July 17 August	\$7434 \$7434 \$7434	Rates are land only, per person, and include internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.			

## Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls, & Botswana 13 Days from <sup>\$</sup>7944

## 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.

## Accommodation

- Days 1 3 Commodore Hotel, Cape Town
- Days 4, 5 Days 6, 7 Days 6, 7 Days 6, 7
- **Day 8** Da Vinci Hotel and Suites, Sandton
- Days 9, 10 Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Victoria Falls
- Days 11, 12 Chobe Marina Lodge, Kasane

On some dates alternate hotels may be used

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## **Personalise Your Journey**

- Add our chauffeur drive roundtrip airport transfers in your hometown.<sup>†</sup>
- Purchase our international air with your tour to receive destination arrival and departure airport transfers.
- Enhance your inflight-experience with an air upgrade. See page 81 for details.
- On Tour Options pre book a free time activity to enhance your tour.

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## Gratuities are included in the price of your tour.

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. Nationals of Australia are eligible to obtain a visa on arrival to Zimbabwe at any major entry point for a stay of up to 30 days. The fee is approximately AUD40 for single entry and AUD60 for a double entry. You must hold sufficient funds to cover the stay and hold proof of onward travel to a third destination. Park fees (\$120 - \$135 AUD) 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 included in the price of your tour. 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 priot to 6:30 p.m. Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Zimbabwe and Botswana. Consult your physician 2-3 weeks prior to departure. Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts. †Chauffeur drive service is valid within 40km drive of all major international Australian airports. Destination transfers with international air are included on day one and last day only of the tour.



## **Treasures of Egypt**

Great ancient mysteries await discovery

## Start Early

Add an extra day in Cairo. Begin exploring this fascinating culture early with a pre-night in Cairo. call for details.



### Day 1: Cairo, Egypt - Tour Begins

Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend and lore as you view the timeless wonders of Egypt. Discover the world of ancient Egyptians as you visit the incomparable sites. Begin your journey in the ancient city of Cairo.

### Day 2: Cairo - Giza - Sakkara -

**Memphis - Cairo** This morning, travel to nearby Giza. Fulfil a lifelong dream as you visit one of the seven ancient wonders of the world – the Pyramids of Giza. Meet with a local archaeologist to learn about the discovery of these marvels. Stand in awe at the iconic Great Sphinx, one of the oldest and largest monuments in the world. This afternoon, travel south to visit Sakkara and explore the site of ancient Memphis, with its nearly 40-foot statue of Ramses II. You will also stand before the oldest of all pyramids, the Step Pyramid. This evening, enjoy a special welcome dinner overlooking the banks of the Nile. (B, D)

Day 3: Cairo - Luxor Spend the morning discovering the remarkable collections of the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, including the statues, reliefs, sarcophagi and the treasures of the tomb of Tutankhamen. Later, transfer to the airport for your flight to Luxor. (B)



**Day 4: Luxor** Cross over to the West Bank of the Nile to begin your day in ancient Thebes. Explore its awe-inspiring sights – the Valley of the Kings and Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut at Deir El Bahari, and the Colossi of Mennon. This afternoon, return to the East Bank and behold the Luxor Temple, a creation of kings Amenhotep III and Ramesses II. (B)

### Day 5: Luxor - Board Cruise Ship

Return to the West Bank this morning to spend time discovering the tombs in the Valley of Nobles and the well-preserved temple complex of Medinet Habu. This afternoon, board your cruise ship and begin your adventure on the Nile River. This evening, enjoy the







sound and light show at the Karrnak Temple. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Luxor - Esna - Edfu** This morning, spend time exploring the expansive Karnak Temple which dates back to 2000 B.C. Then, begin your sail down the Nile towards Esna on your way to Edfu. This evening, dress up and join the fun during a traditional galabaya party. (B, L, D)

### Day 7: Edfu - Kom Ombo

Step into another world at the well-preserved Temple of Horus at Edfu. Peruse the endless carvings of scenes depicting the power and grandeur of the pharaohs. After lunch, set sail for Kom Ombo – your stop for the evening. Following dinner, enjoy a folkloric show featuring a belly dancing performance. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Kom Ombo - Aswan Set sail this morning to Aswan, the Nubian city. Your day begins by discovering its important sites including the High Dam, Unfinished Obelisk and Philae Temple. Later, take a walk through Nubian history during your visit to a museum known for its collection of artefacts that range from prehistoric times to present day. (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Aswan - Disembark Cruise Ship - Abu Simbel Optional Tour Disembark the ship

this morning in Aswan. You may choose

to partake in an optional tour to Abu Simbel and see the extraordinary temples of Ramses II relocated here during the construction of the High Dam. Later, board a felucca (wooden sail boat) and sail to the lush oasis of Kitchener Island for a short stroll through the botanical garden. (B, D)

**Day 10: Aswan - Cairo** Fly back to Cairo and have the remainder of your day at leisure. (B)

**Day 11: Cairo** Venture to the Citadel, a medieval fortification located on a hill overlooking the city – the perfect place to take in grand views. Learn about the city's rich history on a walking tour of Old Cairo before having free time to shop in the worldfamous souk of Khan el Khalil...or perhaps just enjoy a traditional cup of tea. Join your fellow travellers this evening for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Day 12: Cairo - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close in Cairo. Return home with a new understanding of this mystical land. (B)

### Extend Your Tour

STAY LONGER. Continue discovering Egypt's treasures and stay an additional night in Cairo. Call for details.

Dates & Prices					
January - April 2017	Double	7 December	\$3544		
12 January	\$3284	11, 25 January	\$3544		
9 February	\$3284	8, 22 February	\$3544		
2,9 March	\$3284	8, 15 March	\$3544		
20, 27 April	\$3224	5, 19 April	\$3474		
Itinerary featured is for October 2017 - April 2018 tour depar- tures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		Single Room Supplement Triple Room Reduction	(+) \$820-\$900 N/A		
October 2017 – April 2018 12, 26 October	<b>Double</b> \$3474 \$3544	Rates are land only, per person and include the internal flights on tour. Call about additional dates.			
2 November		See page 7	9 for ship deck plans		

## **Cultural Experiences**

- Explore the expansive Karnak Temple, dating back to 2,000 B.C.
- Dress up and join the fun during a traditional galabaya party.
- Meet with a local archeologist to discuss the discovery of the pyramids.
- Enjoy a folkloric show featuring a belly dancing performance.
- Set sail aboard a felucca (wooden sail boat) to Kitchener Island.

## **Must-See Inclusions**

- Embark on a leisurely paced 4-night cruise and discover the secrets of the Nile.
- Spend time at the world famous Pyramids of Giza.
- Discover ancient Memphis, with its nearly 40-foot statue of Ramses II.
- Cross over to the West Bank of the Nile to explore ancient Thebes.
- Explore the awe-inspiring Valley of the Kings and Queens.

## **Culinary Inclusions**

- 22 meals: 11 breakfasts 4 lunches 7 dinners
- Enjoy daily afternoon tea while cruising the Nile.

## Accommodation

- Days 1, 2 Fairmont Nile City Hotel, Cairo
- Days 3, 4 Sonesta St. George Hotel, Luxor Days 5 – 8 *M/Y Mirage 1* Nile Cruise
- Day 9 Basma Hotel, Aswan
- Days 10, 11 Intercontinental Citystars Hotel, Cairo On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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## **Personalise Your Journey**

- Add our chauffeur drive roundtrip airport transfers in your hometown.^ $\ensuremath{^\dagger}$
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### Gratuities are included in the price of your tour.\*

This trip requires a passport and visa. Passport numbers are required in advance. Please provide yours at time of booking. Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Due to flight schedules, the Abu Simbel option must be purchased at time of booking. Each client is responsible for proper medical documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from. The internal flights on this program are included in the land price of your tour. International airfare can also be purchased through us. An Egyptian visa is required for this tour and costs approximately \$35 AUD. If you have purchased either international air and/or transfers through us, your visa will be provided upon arrival at no additional cost. If you purchase your own air and transfers, you must obtain your own visa upon your arrival in Egypt. "Gratuitles for cabin stewards, bus boys and wait staff onboard the ship are not included. Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts. +Chauffeur drive service is valid within 40km drive of all major international Australian airports. Destination transfers with international air are included on day one and last day only of the tour.



# **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.

### Day 1: Casablanca, Morocco - Tour

**Begins** Embark on an alluring Moroccan adventure overflowing with centuries-old customs and colourful culture. Your tour begins in Casablanca. Take a short drive to the city centre 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 2: 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 3: 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 centre 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 4: 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 towards Erfoud, making a stop in Midelt. Your overnight is in a kasbah. (B, D)

### Day 5: 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 towards 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 unrivalled sense of tranquility in the serene desert. (B, L, D)

Day 6: 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 7: 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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		
14 January	\$2959	6 October	\$3189		
4 February	\$2959	3 November	\$3189		
11, 18 March	\$2959	8 December	\$3189		
16 March	\$3189	26 January	\$3189		
22 April	\$2959	9 February	\$3189		
Itinerary featured is for October 2017 - March 2018 tour departures. Departures prior to this date will vary. Please confirm at time of reservation.		16 March	\$3189		
		Single Room Supplement Triple Room Reduction	(+) \$890 - \$970 N/A		
		Rates are land only, per person. Ca	all 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.

## Accommodation

Day 1	Val D'Anfa Hotel, Casablanca
Days 2, 3	Riad Yacout, Fes
Day 4	Kasbah Xaluca, Erfoud
Day 5	Auberge du sud Hotel, Merzouga
Day 6	Hotel Xaluca Dades, Boumalne du Dades
Days 7 – 9	Opera Plaza, Marrakech
	On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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## **Personalise Your Journey**

- Add our chauffeur drive roundtrip airport transfers in your hometown.<sup>†</sup>
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- Enhance your inflight-experience with an air upgrade. See page 81 for details.
- On Tour Options pre book a free time activity to enhance your tour.

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## Gratuities are included in the price of your tour.

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). Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts. †Chauffeur drive service is valid within 40km drive of all major international Australian airports. Destination transfers with international air are included on day one and last day only of the tour.

# Extend Your Tour Optional Extensions

## Victoria Falls 3-night post tour

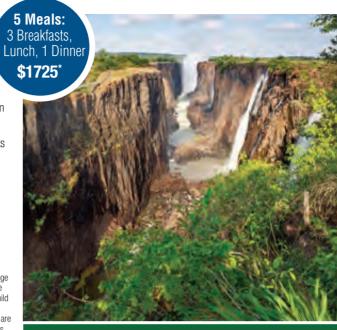
add to: Spectacular South Africa (pg. 64)

**Day 13: Victoria Falls - Extension Begins** Arrive into Victoria Falls and transfer to the Victoria Falls Hotel, known as the "grand old lady of the falls." Upon arrival, enjoy a tour of this historic hotel. Tonight, enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Zambezi River, taking in the majestic African sunset.

**Day 14: Victoria Falls** After breakfast you have an opportunity to mingle with the residents of a local village. Next, interact with African elephants, up-close and in their natural environment. Following lunch with a local family, take a walking tour of Victoria Falls, truly one of the "Seven Wonders of the World." Shop at a local curio market before returning to your hotel. (B, L)

**Day 15: Victoria Falls** Your day is free to explore independently. Or, perhaps you will decide to take an optional full day excursion to Chobe National Park in Botswana.\*\* (B, D)

Please Note: Park fees (approximately \$55 AUD) are not included in the land price of your extension. Fees are subject to change and are payable at time of final payment. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Single accommodation is limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple and child accommodation is not available. A minimum of 6 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. \*\*Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Zimbabwe and Botswana. Consult your doctor 2-3 weeks prior to departure. \*The internal flight is not included in the land cost of your tour. This flight needs to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Internal flights are included with the air portion of your extension if you purchase air through us. Nationals of Australia are eligible to obtain a visa on arrival to Zimbabwe at any major entry point for a stay of up to 30 days. The fee is approx USD30 for single entry and USD45 for a double entry. You must hold sufficient funds to cover the stay and hold proof of onward travel to a third destination. (Other nationalities may also be eligible for a visa on arrival. Please enquire with your travel professional or call us.) Additional air segment purchase required. Arrival and departure airport transfers are included as part of the extension price.



Accommodation: Victoria Falls Hotel, Victoria Falls

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Accommodation: Hilton Lima Miraflores, Lima Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion, Peruvian Amazon

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Peruvian Amazon 3-night pre or post tour

add to: The Complete South America pre-extension (pg. 28), Peru: Ancient Land of Mysteries post-extension (pg. 34)

Lima, Peru - Tour Begins Arrive in Lima today. (pre-extension)

Lima - Puerto Maldonado - Peruvian Amazon Basin Fly from Lima to the Puerto Maldonado<sup>†</sup> airport where you meet your naturalist guide. Board a canoe and transfer up the Madre de Dios River to the Inkaterra Hacienda Concepcion Lodge. After a welcome lunch, take a walk through the Concepcion trails where you will learn about the rainforest's composition, its uses, the human impacts and its relevance to the world climate. At dusk, once again take to the water on a motorised canoe. Your evening excursion will teach you about the river's ecosystem, Amazonian creeks, nocturnal animals' behaviour and the southern sky's constellations. Then, enjoy a delightful dinner in the Casa Grande's dining room.

Lake Sandoval - Canopy Walkway - Anaconda Walk - Rainforest After an early breakfast, your naturalist guide will lead you on a travel through Tambopata National Reserve. Arrive at the pristine Lake Sandoval and board a dugout canoe. Glide along and take in your peaceful surroundings. Keep an eye out for the endangered giant river otter, blue and yellow macaw, red howler monkey, black caiman, and one of the world's biggest fresh water scaled fish, the paiche. After lunch, the Inkaterra canopy walkway awaits. Begin at the Inkaterra Canopy Walkway Interpretation Centre to learn about the project. Then ascend 98 feet in the air and cross a series of hanging bridges that connect the treetops...take in the breathtaking panoramas and discover the wildlife that surrounds you. This evening, explore the Amazon rainforest by moonlight and listen to the unique sounds of the rainforest at night. Your day concludes with a wonderful dinner.

**Puerto Maldonado - Lima** After breakfast, take a scenic boat ride back to Puerto Maldonado. Arrive at the Inkaterra Lounge (Butterfly House) where you can choose to wait for your flight back to Lima.<sup>†</sup> The remainder of the day is at leisure.

### Lima - Tour Ends

Please Note: When travelling in the Amazon you will encounter full days of sightseeing, frequently in warm temperatures. You will be travelling by small river boats to reach the lodge and by cance during some excursions and should be reasonably fit in order to board comfortably. You will be walking on nature trails which may be muddy and over one km in length. We recommend that all travellers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly. Unfortunately, wheelchairs cannot be accommodated on this trip. In addition, passengers who require assistance walking or who travel with oxygen tanks will not fully enjoy this trip and we strongly recommend a different tour. The Hacienda Concepcion has fully screened cabanas, mosquito net protection and private bathrooms in each room. Snacks and beverages are available 24 hours. During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. <sup>†</sup>Additional air segment purchase required. Arrival and departure airport transfers are included as part of the extension price.

To complement your experience

# Tanzania 4-night post tour

add to: The Plains of Africa (pg. 62)

**Day 13: 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, located along the foothills of Ngorongoro. (L, D)

**Day 14: 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 15: Serengeti National Park** Today you will enjoy a full day game drive in the park. "Serengeti" comes from the Masai language meaning "extended place" and is the most complex and least disturbed ecosystem on Earth! (B, L, D)

### Day 16: Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Conservation Area

After breakfast, begin your safari in the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest intact caldera in the world. Its enduring charm stems from its overwhelming beauty and the abundance of wildlife permanently residing on the crater floor. Enjoy a picnic lunch as you continue your journey to Ngorongoro Conservation Area. (B, L, D)

**Day 17: Ngorongoro - Arusha - Tour Ends** Drive through Arusha<sup>+</sup> prior to your departure for home. (B)

Please Note: Park fees (approximately \$390 AUD) 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. <sup>1</sup>A day room in Arusha is available for purchase before your departure for home. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Single rooms are on request only and are extremely limited. Triples are not available. Child rates are not available. 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 in a local office at other times. Soft duffel bag luggage is required for this tour with maximum weight of 15 kgs. (approximately 33 pounds). A Tanzania visa is required for this tour at your own expense. The visa cost is from 95 AUD per person and is not included in the tour price. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. 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. It is the traveller's responsibility to obtain any required visa and/or documents. Any additional document/processing fees are at the expense of the traveller. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details or you may like to use CIBT visa, for your full visa service, at www.cibtvisas.com.au/collette. It is possible to obtain a tourist's



## Accommodation:

Day 1Country Lodge, KaratuDays 2, 3Serengeti Sopa Lodge, Serengeti National ParkDay 4Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge, Ngorongoro

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visa, for a single entry, for approximately 100 USD per person, payable in cash only, at any one of the following four main entry points to Tanzania, subject to the fulfillment of all immigration and health requirements: Dar es Salaam International Airport, Zanzibar International Airport, Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA), Namanga Entry Point (Tanzania-Kenya boarder point). One blank page is required in your passport to allow for visa on arrival. This facility is generally for those who could not apply for a visa from a Tanzania Mission abroad. For all other entry points in Tanzania, visitors must hold valid visa prior to arrival. Arrival and departure airport transfers are included as part of the extension price.



Accommodation: Carlton Palace, Dubai

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Please Note: Single accommodation is limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple and child accommodation is not available. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. A minimum of 2 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 flight from Dubai to South Africa is not included in the land-only cost of your tour. 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. Simply disembark your flight at Dubai International Airport and proceed to Immigration where your passport will be stamped with a 30-day visit visa free of charge. Rates can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Additional air segment purchase required. Arrival and departure airport transfers are included as part of the extension price.

# Dubai 3-night pre tour

add to: Mysteries of India (pg. 46) Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana (pg. 66), Spectacular South Africa (pg. 64)

**Day 1: Dubai - Extension Begins** Today you arrive in Dubai, one of the world's most exciting destinations. 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 for any traveller and will surely be an experience you will always remember.

**Day 2: Dubai** Dubai is a city that provides a new setting at every turn. 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 AI 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 colourful bazaar markets. On your way to Burj AI Arab – one of Dubai's landmarks – make a photo stop at Jumeirah Mosque. (B)

**Day 3: 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 4: Dubai - South Africa Today, board your flight\* to South Africa for the start of your base tour. (B)

# Nepal 4-night post tour

add to: Mysteries of India (pg. 46)

Day 14: Delhi Overnight in Delhi.

Day 15: Delhi - Kathmandu, Nepal Board a flight<sup>†</sup> to Kathmandu and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Patan city. See the Patan Durban Square, a combination of palace buildings, artistic courtyards and pagoda-style temples, as well as the centre of Patan's religious and social life. (B)

Day 16: 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 temple of the living goddess; and Kasthmandap – a wooden temple built from a single tree. Head to Swoyambhunath, a Buddhist temple, taking in views of the entire Kathmandu valley. Tonight enjoy a Nepali dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 17: Kathmandu Visit Pashupatinath Temple, situated on the banks of the River Baghmati, and 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 18: Kathmandu - Tour Ends Your tour ends with a transfer to Kathmandu airport. (B) Please Note: Maximum elevation is 4,400 feet. 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 from Delhi Airport. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. During your extension, your local

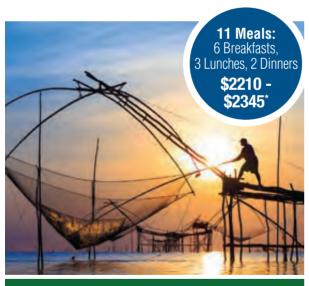
and departure airport transfers are included as part of the extension price. The internal flight is not included in the extension cost

5 Meals: 4 Breakfasts 1 Dinner \$1380

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ouide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate. Due to tour 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. Tour Activity Level 1 2 3 4 5 We recommend bringing a passport photo as well as small bills for these expenses as oftentimes change is not available. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. <sup>†</sup>Additional air segment purchase required. Arrival

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## Accommodation:

Eros Hotel, Delhi Dav 1 Days 2, 3 Le Meridien Cochin, Cochin Day 4 Cardamom County, Tekkady Days 5, 6 Kumarakom Lake Resort, Kumarakom

## Tour Activity Level (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) See page 80 for details.

# South India 6-night post tour

add to: India's Treasures (pg. 48)

Day 9: Delhi - Extension Begins Overnight in Delhi before travelling to Cochin in the morning.

Day 10: Delhi - Cochin Take a flight<sup>†</sup> to Cochin and transfer to your hotel. This evening, witness the "Kathakali," a special dance form of Kerala - a ritual tribal dance of North Kerala. (B, D)

Day 11: Cochin Tour the captivating port city of Cochin, with Arab, Jewish and European influences. View the remarkable cantilevered Chinese fishing nets, explore the 16th-century Mattancherry Palace and the Church of St. Francis – built by the Portuguese – where the famous explorer Vasco de Gama was originally buried. Walk to the Jewish Synagogue, the oldest active synagogue in the commonwealth countries. Continue to the Ginger House – an old warehouse now converted into an antique showroom. This evening you'll take in the sights on a harbour cruise. (B, L)

Day 12: Cochin - Thekkady Begin your day with a visit to a plantation house in Kanjirapally to witness rubber tapping, and enjoy lunch with the family. Continue to Thekkady, a chain of hills dotted with spice and tea plantations. Here, in the crisp, cool air of the Western Ghats, learn about the local agriculture during a guided visit to a spice garden led by its caretaker. (B, L)

Day 13: Thekkady - Kumarakom This morning, continue to Kumarakom, famous for its backwaters, set in the backdrop of Vembanad Lake, the largest freshwater lake in Kerala. (B, D)

Day 14: Kumarakom Embark on a boat cruise from Alleppey to Kumarakom through the backwaters, a network of lagoons, lakes, rivers and canals. Sit back and relax as you pass palm fringed canals, lakes and villages and see the lifestyle of the local people along the way. (B, L)

Day 15: Kumarakom - Cochin - Tour Ends A morning drive returns you to Cochin. Tour ends with a transfer to Cochin airport. (B)

Maximum elevation is 4,400 feet. \*Day rooms are not included on the last day at Delhi airport on return from Cochin, but are available for purchase. This extension is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services. Single accommodation is limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple and child accommodation is not available. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. 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 minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. The flights from Delhi to Cochin are not included in the land-only cost of your tour. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 9:00 p.m. on the last day. \* Additional air segment purchase required. Arrival and departure airport transfers are included as part of the extension price.

to complement your experience

# Hong Kong 3-night pre tour

add to: Three Kingdoms of Indochina (pg. 52) Taste of Vietnam (pg. 54)

**Day 1: 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 jewellery, silk and leather products. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

**Day 2: Hong Kong - Hong Kong Island** Cross the harbour 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 harbour below. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

**Day 3: 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)

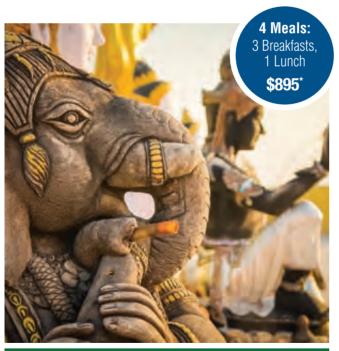
**Day 4: Hong Kong - Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam** Today board your flight<sup>†</sup> to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam for the start of your base tour. (B)



Accommodation: Park Hotel

Tour Activity Level (1 2 3 4 5 See page 80 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. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. A minimum of 1 passenger is required for this extension to operate. The price featured is land-only. An additional airfare is required at an extra cost. Please enquire at time of booking. This extension requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets. **\*Additional air segment purchase required**. Arrival and departure airport transfers are included as part of the extension price.



Accommodation: Rembrandt Hotel

Tour Activity Level (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) See page 80 for details

# Bangkok 3-night post tour

add to: Three Kingdoms of Indochina (pg. 52) Taste of Vietnam (pg. 54)

**Extension Day 1: Bangkok, Thailand - Extension Begins** Arrive in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. A feast for the senses, this bustling city on the banks of the Chao Phraya River blends cosmopolitan sophistication with a strong sense of history and tradition. Marvel at ancient monuments, explore local culinary treasures, shop for unique souvenirs or just soak in the energy of the city — there is a reason Bangkok has always been one of the most popular destinations in Asia.

**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 Dawn. The boat trip ends at Chang pier. Explore the grounds of the Grand Palace and marvel at the grandeur of this royal residence. Stop at Wat Phra Kaew, home of the Emerald Buddha and Thailand's most sacred temple. Enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant. Afterward, 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 revitalised 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, supposedly the largest pagoda in Southeast Asia. Your afternoon is at leisure to relax and enjoy Bangkok. (B)

**Extension Day 4: Bangkok - Extension Ends** Tour ends with a transfer to the airport. (B)

During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. The Phú Quoc and Bangkok extensions operate concurrently. Only one post extension may be booked. The price featured is land-only. An additional airfare is required at an extra cost. Please enquire at time of booking. This extension requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets. Additional air segment purchase required. Arrival and departure airport transfers are included as part of the extension price.

# Phú Quốc 3-night post tour

add to: Three Kingdoms of Indochina (pg. 52) Taste of Vietnam (pg. 54)

**Extension Day 1: Phu Quoc, Thailand - Extension Begins** Extend your adventure with a 3-night stay in paradise. It's the perfect way to complete your Southeast Asia tour. Your extension begins on the beautiful island of Phú Quôc, a tropical utopia where white sand beaches meet lush green jungles. Enjoy plenty of free time to explore.

**Extension Day 2: Phú Quôc** 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 Quôc** Enjoy another day of rest and relaxation. The friendly concierge and activities staff will help you get the most out of your time. (B)

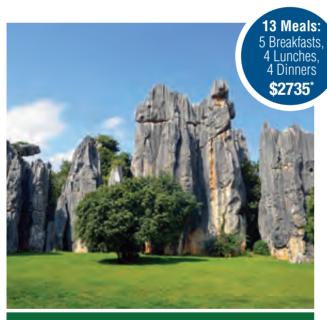
**Extension Day 4: Phú Quôc - Extension Ends** Tour ends with a transfer to the airport. (B)

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 Quôc. The Phú Quôc extension operates concurrently with the Bangkok extension. Only one post extension may be booked. Additional air segment purchase required. Arrival and departure airport transfers are included as part of the extension price.



Accommodation: Salinda Resort

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## Accommodation:

Day 1Shanghai Mingde Grand HotelDay 2, 3Grand Park Hotel, KunmingDay 4, 5Lijiang Guanfang Hotel, Lijiang

## Tour Activity Level (1 2 3 4 5 See page 80 for details.

Please Note: 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 are included in the extension land cost. Arrival and departure airport transfers are included as part of the extension price.

# Shangri-La 5-night pre tour

add to: Wonders of China (pg. 58)

Day 1: Shanghai, China - Tour Begins Your journey begins in Shanghai, the economic capital of the People's Republic.

**Day 2: Shanghai - Kunming** The stunning province of Yunnan and its dramatic landscape await. Yunnan's beauty will captivate you as you come to know the people and culture of one of China's most diverse regions. Fly to Kunming, the province's largest city and the former terminus of World War II's famed Burma Road. (B, L, D)

**Day 3: The Stone Forest** A ride through the Yunnan countryside brings you to the unique geological formation known as the Stone Forest. Behold a massive collection of limestone pillars that rise out of the earth. It is a sight you will surely never forget. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Kunming - Lijiang** Board a morning flight to the remote town of Lijiang, set in the mountains bordering Tibet and home to the Naxi people. Many places claim to have inspired the legends of "Shangri-La," the earthly paradise made popular in the 1933 novel *Lost Horizon*. Yet it only takes one look at Lijiang in all its mythic beauty to understand why this is the place those stories came from. Continue on to the majestic Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Ascend the mountain on a chairlift before taking a short walk along a boardwalk through the forest, arriving in an open pasture. Relax and admire the breathtaking views of the mountains that surround you. (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Lijiang** Begin your day engulfed in tranquility at the Black Dragon Pond Park. Continue on to Yufeng Monastery, a Tibetan lamasery known for its "Camellia Tree of 10,000 Blossoms." The afternoon is at leisure to stroll through the old town of Lijiang, browse the markets and bargain with the local people. Tonight, immerse yourself in the culture during a Naxi ancient music performance. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Lijiang - Shanghai** Depart on a morning flight back to Shanghai where you will join the remainder of your travelling companions. (B)

to complement your experience

# Easter Island 3-night post tour

add to: Antarctica and Chile's Patagonia (pg. 38)

**Day 19: Easter Island - Extension Begins** 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 20: 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 seacliff 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 21: 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 22: Easter Island - Tour Ends Bid farewell to magical Easter Island. (B)



## Accommodation: Taha Tai Hotel

## Tour Activity Level (1 2 3 4 5 See page 80 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. Arrival and departure airport transfers are included as part of the extension price.

# Jungle Extension 3-night post tour

add to: Tropical Costa Rica (pg. 40)

**Day 9: San Jose - Tortuguero National Park** Enjoy an exciting soft-adventure jungle extension to Tortuguero, the Amazon of Costa Rica. Explore the region's wildlife by boat, viewing macaws, sloths, monkeys, falcons and other native species. Enjoy a memorable 2-night stay at your eco-lodge surrounded by the beauty of a tropical forest and amazing wildlife. Learn more about your surroundings with a visit to the world's first Green Turtle Research Station and discover how to protect the turtle's nesting habitat and eggs. (L, D)

**Day 10: Tortuguero National Park** An early morning bird watching excursion is offered so you may learn about the variety of local species and migratory birds that flock to this area. Later, experience a spectacular boat cruise through the various canals and be sure to keep an eye out for wildlife including howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, aquatic birds, bats and caimans, as well as exotic flora. Tortuguero National Park is a study in rainforest, freshwater, and marine biology. It protects over 350 species of birds and mammals including green macaws; 57 species of amphibians; 111 species of reptiles; and 60 mammal species, including 13 of Costa Rica's 16 endangered species including jaguars, tapirs, ocelots, cougars, river otters and manatees. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Tortuguero National Park - San Jose Return to San Jose today for your last night in Costa Rica. (B, L)

Day 12: San Jose - Tour Ends (B)

Please Note: During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. Due to luggage size and weight restrictions on the boats, please bring an overnight bag for the 2-night stay in Tortuguero National Park. Please make arrangements with the concierge's desk at the hotel in San Jose for luggage pick up and for storage until your return from Tortuguero. The transportation to and from Tortuguero, are provided by the lodge where you will be staying in Tortuguero. These services and sightseeing as specified in your itinerary will be provided by the personnel of the lodge where you will be staying in Tortuguero. These services and sightseeing as specified in your itinerary will be provided by the personnel of the lodge in Tortuguero. Thruse makes are included as part of the extension price.



Accommodation:Days 1, 2Evergreen Lodge, Tortuguero National ParkDay 3Wyndham San José Herradura, San Jose

## Tour Activity Level (1 2 3 4 5 See page 80 for details.

# Brazilian Amazon 3-night post tour

add to: The Complete South America (pg. 28), The Wonders of South America (pg. 32)

**Extension Day 1: Manaus, Amazon - Extension Begins** Arrive into Manaus, the gateway to the Brazilian Amazon. Travel by boat to the Amazon Ecopark Jungle Lodge, an ecotourism lodge located in the middle of the Amazon rainforest. Visit the Monkey Jungle Reserve, a rehabilitation centre for rescued primates until they can be reintroduced to the forest. After dinner, tour by canoe and do some caiman spotting! (L, D)

**Extension Day 2: Amazon** Learn about the Amazon's diverse flora and fauna on a nature trek before arriving at the Botanical Garden. Experience lunch at a traditional restaurant and visit the home of local Amazonian residents (caboclos). Spend some time fishing, exploring the jungle nature trails or swimming at the private beach. Relax at dinner in the peaceful, tropical setting. (B, L, D)

**Extension Day 3: Amazon** Enjoy a full day tour of the "Meeting of the Waters," where the yellow-grey Rio Solimoes meets the chocolate-coloured Rio Negro, forming the mighty Amazon. Feast on traditional local dishes (such as tambaqui and tucunaré fish) and luscious exotic fresh fruits on your final evening in the jungle. (B, L, D)

**Extension Day 4: Amazon - Manaus - Tour Ends** Sip tropical fruit juices at breakfast, then enjoy some free time in the natural pools and swimming at the river bank. Head back to Manaus by boat where you will take a transfer to the airport. (B)

Please Note: The order of sightseeing may be altered due to weather conditions or flight schedules. This optional extension may require a certificate of Yellow Fever vaccination when applying for your Brazilian visa, especially if you have travelled to Peru prior to Brazil. A Yellow Fever vaccination is highly recommended when travelling to the Amazon. These fees are at your own expense. 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 internal flights are not included as part of the extension price.



Accommodation: Amazon Ecopark Lodge, Manaus

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## Accommodation:

Day 15 Hacienda Pinsagui, Otavalo

- Day 16 Hacienda Pinsagui or La Magdalena, Otavalo
- Day 17 Mercure Grand Alameda, Quito

## Tour Activity Level (1 2 3 4 🕏 See page 80 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. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Single accommodation is limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.<sup>1</sup>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. Arrival and departure airport transfers are included as part of the extension price.

## Otavalo 3-night post tour

add to: Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands (pg. 36)

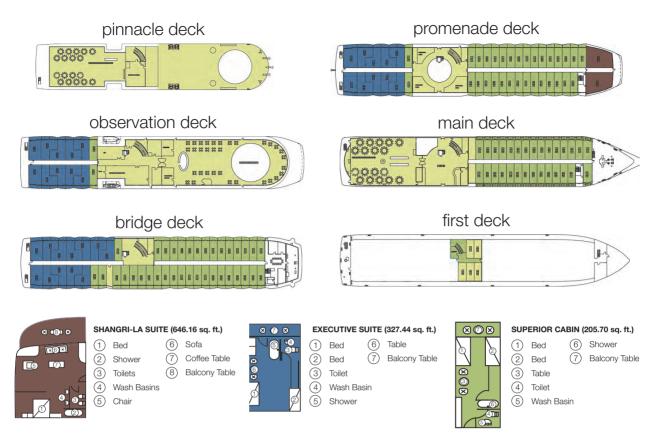
**Day 15: Quito - Peguche - Otavalo** This morning, travel north across the colourful valleys of Guayllabamba. Take in the panoramic views of the Andean moorlands on the way to Ecuador's "land of lakes." Continue on to meet local residents at lunch and enjoy indigenous music and dance. Then it's off to Otavalo, home to a famous indigenous market. Try your hand at bargaining with the locals before heading to your hotel, the 300-year old historic Hacienda Pinsaqui, where the revolutionary Simon Bolivar once stayed. Learn how to make the Ecuadorian spiced drink canelazo and have the opportunity to sample this delicious beverage along with a tasty empanada. Tonight, savour a typical 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 volcanoes and through spectacular Andes scenery that includes fertile valleys of fruit and sugar plantations. Arrive in Salinas and gather for lunch featuring regional specialties and Afro-Ecuadorian music and dance. 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<sup>†</sup> in the Karanki indigenous community of La Magdalena on the slopes of Cubilche volcano. The Karanki welcome visitors into charming guest houses so travelers 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. You will be amazed by the talented artisans who make beautiful tablecloths, breadbaskets and many other textiles. Next, venture to Condor Park, a rescue centre for a variety of birds of prey, to learn about the protection of these birds. Marvel at their falconry techniques during a live demonstration. 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)

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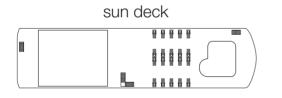


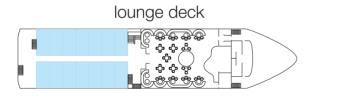
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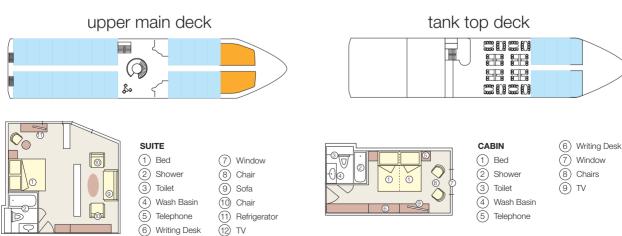
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# **Frequently Asked Questions**

### Accommodation

What is the difference between a twin room and a double room? 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 utilised.

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 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. If you are travelling with a child, it is your sole responsibility to ensure the child follows all safety rules of the tour.

Are single and triple rooms always available? Triple and single rooms 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? Normal check-in time is late afternoon. If you do have an early arrival, 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.

#### **Attractions & Sightseeing**

Are attractions always available? Access to some attractions or Collette Foundation sites may be affected by local holidays, weather conditions or other circumstances. As a result, the days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilise 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? Our itineraries include many activities and some may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict coaches. Some hotels/lodges in remote locations may not have elevators. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. See our "Tour Pacing" and "Tour Activity Level" section on this page.

**Can you tell me more about the safaris?** For a fuller wildlife experience 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 a good fitness level and to 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 – please consult your tour manager.

#### **Documentation**

**Do I need a passport?** A valid passport is required for all trips. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements as well as other laws that may affect your ability to travel. We recommend that your passport has six months validity, and at least 3 blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each client.

### **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 when offered. Extensions may be "hosted" rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will be available on-call during the duration of the stay. 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. Should you purchase additional nights, your tour manager will not be available during this time.

### Extras

What is not included in the tour price? The price does not include international airfare, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary gratuities for cruise ship staff and any incidental charges.

## Late Bookings

**Do you accept late bookings?** Yes, tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. Late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with full payment if within 60 days of departure date.

### **On-Tour Experience**

Where do I meet my tour manager? Our tour manager will make contact with you at your first hotel. The hotel's address and phone number will be included in your documents.

**Can I pre purchase optional excursions/activities?** Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase provided that you make your options purchase 15 days or more prior to the tour start date. 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 team. In addition, there are benefits to prepurchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full, so once payment is received in full, your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure. Any presold options cancelled while on tour are nonrefundable.

## **Revisions / Changes**

Would my tour date ever be changed? While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel any 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 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 or tour itinerary 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 activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. For overnight pacing of a tour, please refer to the "Accommodation" section on each tour page and on the tour map. 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. Level 1: At a very leisurely pace, this tour involves minimal physical activity, such as climbing

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 tour 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 customer care agents to determine if this tour is right for you. We recommend this programme to individuals who are physically fit. Unfortunately, this tour is not appropriate for individuals who use either walkers or wheelchairs.

### 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 preand post-night stays. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase transfers (for the first and last day of the tour) at an additional cost from \$120 per person, roundtrip. 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 enquire at time of booking.

What is Roundtrip Home to Airport Chauffeur Drive Service? It's your ticket to and from the airport. This service is available for all bookings. This personalised service is included on all tour bookings within a 40kms drive from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Canberra, Darwin, Cairns and Hobart airport gateways.\* Service is available between 41-70 kms for a small fee. Not valid on group travel.

\*One transfer per room booking. Additional stops are not permitted on route.

### 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 enrol in TLC to take advantage of this benefit.

<sup>1</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 or Upgraded Air.

	Flex Airfare	Instant Purchase Airfare <sup>2</sup>	Upgrade Your Air³
Free roundtrip airport to hotel transfers included <sup>1</sup>	•	•	•
Dedicated Concierge Service			٠
Lounge Passes <sup>4</sup>			٠
Express Check-In <sup>4</sup>			٠
Eligible for Collette's Travel Protection Plan	٠		
Benefit from our flexible change and refund policies	•		•
Deposit now, pay the balance later	•		•
Eliminates future surcharges by locking in price		٠	
All the perks of upgraded air (more leg room, comfort, and space)			٠

# Treat yourself and enjoy.

Experience the added comfort and convenience when you Upgrade Your Air. 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 Upgrade Your Air, choose Flex, or Instant Purchase Airfare, you'll enjoy the ease and security that comes with reserving your air with Collette.

<sup>1</sup>These 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 (some restrictions may apply). Clients who purchase pre/post hotel nights may purchase transfers to/from the pre/post hotel. <sup>2</sup>Instant Purchase Airfare is offered on select dates; consult your booking agent. <sup>3</sup>Upgrade Your Air status is only included with the purchase of a First Class, Business Class or Premium Economy ticket with either Flex or Instant Purchase Air only on the international/long haul portion of your flight itinerary. <sup>4</sup>Lounge Passes & Express Check-In are based on airline and airport availability for Business Class and first 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**

#### 1. Booking Conditions

These booking conditions, together with our privacy policy, and any other written information we brought to your attention before we confirmed your booking, form the basis of your contract with Collette Pty Ltd (ACN 600 161 671) of Level 3, 263 Clarence St, Sydney, NSW, 2000 Australia (we' or 'us'). Please read them carefully as they set out your respective rights and obligations. References to 'you' and 'your' include the first named person on the booking and all persons on whose behalf a booking is made or any other person to whom a booking is transferred.

By making a booking, the first named person on the booking agrees on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking that:

- he/she has read these terms and conditions and has the authority to and does agree to be bound by them;
  he/she consents to our use of information in accordance with our privacy policy; and
- he/she is over 18 years of age and resident in Australia and where placing an order for services with age restrictions declares that he/she and all members of the party are of the appropriate age to purchase those services.

#### 2. Making A Booking And Paying For Your Holiday

When you confirm your booking you must pay the applicable deposit or full payment detailed in the table below. If the arrangements you wish to book are available we will issue a confirmation invoice and send this to you or your travel agent. A binding contract will come into existence between you and us as soon as we have issued you with this confirmation invoice. Upon receipt, if you believe that any details on the confirmation invoice (or any other document) are wrong you must advise us immediately as changes cannot be made later and it may harm your rights if we are not notified of any inaccuracies in any document within 10 days of us sending it out (5 days for tickets).

The balance of the cost of your arrangements is due in accordance with the table in section 3 below. If we do not receive all payments in full and on time, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you in which case the cancellation charges set out in the tables in section 7 below will become payable.

In the case of international payments you must ensure that the full Australian dollars amount is received by us after all bank charges have been levied.

#### 3. Deposits & Balances

Further to section 2, in order to confirm your chosen arrangements, you must pay a deposit. The deposit payable and the time that the balance of the cost of your arrangements (including any surcharge where

applicable) will become due will vary depending on the holiday you book.

#### 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

Instant Purchase Non-refundable Airfare includes round trip airport /hotel transfers (excluding pre or post days and extensions). Instant Purchase, Non-refundable Airfare requires full payment at the time of booking. If you purchase the waiver it does not provide a refund for the airline tickets in the event of a cancellation. Tickets will be issued immediately and, once issued are non-refundable, 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 round trip 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.

The balance is due 60 days before departure on all tours, except cruises. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises. Payment may be made by Direct Credit, bank account details on invoice, charging to clients' MasterCard, Visa, American Express, (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a cheque or money order. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit.

#### TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS PLEASE CONTACT:

Retail phone: 1300 792 195 Email:	AUSales@collette.com
Groups phone: 1300 062 731	Email: AUGroups@collette.com

#### PLEASE SEND CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER PAYMENTS TO:

Collette, Level 3, 263 Clarence Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia

#### THE PRICE OF YOUR HOLIDAY

The price of your travel arrangements has been calculated using exchange rates as at the date of advertisement of the holiday.

#### We reserve the right to amend the price of unsold holidays at any time and correct errors in the prices of confirmed holidays.

The price of your confirmed holiday is subject at all times to changes in transport costs such as fuel, scheduled airfares and any other airline cost changes which are part of our contracts with airlines (and their agents), cruise ship operators and any other transport provider; to cost changes arising from government action such as changes in GST or any other government imposed changes; and to changes in currency exchange rates and to dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports any or all of which may result in a variation of your holiday price. We will absorb and you will not be charged for any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements, which excludes insurance premiums and any amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements. You will be charged for the amount over and above that, plus an administration charge of \$25 per person together with an amount to cover agents' commission. If this means that you have to pay an increase of more than 10% of the price of your travel arrangements (excluding any insurance premiums, amendment charges and/or additional services or travel arrangements), you will have the options set out in section 9 below. There will be no change made to the price of your holiday within 30 days of your departure nor will refunds be paid during this period.

#### 4. Cutting Your Holiday Short

If you are forced to return home early, we cannot refund the cost of any services you have not used. If you cut short your holiday and return home early in circumstances where you have no reasonable cause for complaint about the standard of accommodation and services provided, we will not offer you any refund for that part of your holiday not completed, or be liable for any associated costs you may incur. Depending on the circumstances, your travel insurance may offer cover for curtailment and we suggest that any claim is made directly with your insurer

#### 5. Changes By You

If you wish to alter your booking after your holiday has been confirmed, we will try to make the necessary arrangements provided we receive written confirmation of the change from the person who signed the booking form, or your travel agent, before the date on which the final balance of the cost of your holiday is due. If you are prevented from travelling it may be possible to transfer your booking to another suitable person provided that written notice is given no later than 28 days before you are due to depart.

Whilst we will do our best to assist, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to meet your requested change. Changes and transfers will be subject to an administrative fee as well as any applicable rate changes or extra costs incurred by ourselves and any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible. Where we are unable to assist you and you do not wish to proceed with the original booking we will treat this as a cancellation by you. A cancellation fee may be payable.

Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements.

#### 6. Cancellation Waiver

To assist you to avoid cancellation fees, we offer an optional cancellation waiver policy. Payment of a per person waiver fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except for the waiver fee itself, in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, the cancellation waiver fee does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of a cancellation. 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.

The cancellation waiver protects you from forfeiting payments made in advance if you cancel your entire inclusive holiday package up to the day prior to departure. The cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you elect to partially cancel your holiday, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation.

The cancellation waiver does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the cancelling client, the travelling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement.

Payment of the cancellation waiver fee (if chosen) must be received by us with your deposit. The cancellation waiver is non-transferable and valid for each applicant only.

The prices below include waiver and on-tour insurance; based on a basic cover, for travellers below 69 years, with a \$250 excess, \$3000 cancellation cover (outside of Collette's waiver) and do not allow for any preexisting medical condition cover or extra item cover. Contact Collette for a full quotation

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 waiver fees. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

#### Collette Waiver with on-tour Insurance - Land Only Clients

- \$235 adult/\$140 child for all tours up to 11 days
- \$285 adult/\$170 child for all tours up to 12-15 days
- \$345 adult/\$205 child for all tours up to 16-21 days
- \$375 adult/\$223 child for all tours up to 22-28 days
- (All above rates exclude cruises, Canadian Rockies Train tours, Australia, New Zealand)

## • \$420 adult/\$288 child for all cruises & Canadian Rockies Train tours

## Collette Waiver with on-tour Insurance - Air Inclusive Clients

- (Collette Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)
- \$335 adult/\$215 child for all tours up to 11 days • \$385 adult/\$245 child for all tours up to 12-15 days
- \$445 adult/\$277 child for all tours up to 16-21 days
- \$475 adult/\$295 child for all tours up to 22-28 days
- (All above rates exclude cruises, Canadian Rockies Train tours, Australia, New Zealand)
- \$520 adult/\$360 child for all cruises & Canadian Rockies Train tours

Air inclusive cancellation waiver can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare. Instant purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% non-refundable. 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

#### **Collette Waiver Only**

Land Only	Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette)	
• \$95	• \$195	
For all cruises and the Canadian Rockies Train tours		
Land Only	Air-Inclusive (purchased through Collette)	
• \$290	• \$390	

On tour, travel protection benefits may be purchased and can 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 medical assistance or evacuation; suffer a baggage loss or delay; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason

#### 7. If You Cancel

If you or any other member of your party decides to cancel your confirmed booking you must notify us in writing. Your notice of cancellation will only take effect when it is received in writing or by email by us at our offices. Cancellation charges to compensate us for estimated losses and expenses are calculated from the date we receive your written notification of cancellation and will be payable up to the maximum shown in the tables below (assuming you did not purchase our Cancellation Waiver). The cancellation charge detailed below is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges which are not refundable in the event of the person(s) to whom they apply cancelling:

Cancellations of confirmed bookings and transfers to new travel dates both 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 (assuming you did not purchase our Cancellation Waiver). Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full.

More than 60 days prior to departure: a non-refundable deposit will be retained

- 60 16 days prior to departure: 30% of land or cruise price
  15 1 day prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- Day of departure and after: 100% of land or cruise price

#### Exceptions: Ocean Cruises

- · More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 61 days prior to departure: 35% of land or cruise price
- 60 31 days prior to departure: 60% of land or cruise price
- 30 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price
- River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China
- . More than 90 days prior to departure, a nonrefundable deposit will be retained.
- 90 61 days prior to departure: 50% of land or cruise price
- 60 31 days prior to departure: 85% of land or cruise price
- 30 0 days prior to departure: 100% of land or cruise price

Galapagos & Antarctica:

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

\* 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 customer, are not at fault and have not cancelled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%.

#### Note: Certain arrangements may not be amended after they have been confirmed and any alteration or cancellation could incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that part of the arrangements in addition to the charge above.

You may be able to reclaim these charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. We will deduct the cancellation charge(s) from any monies you have already paid to us. If some, but not all party members cancel, additional charges may be payable by the remaining members, e.g. under occupancy charges or single supplements. No allowance or refund can be made for your meals, rooms, excursions etc., included in the price of your tour but not taken, nor can any refund be made for lost, mislaid, or destroyed travel tickets or vouchers.

If any member of your party is prevented from travelling, that person(s) may transfer their place to someone else (introduced by you and satisfying all the conditions applicable to the arrangements) providing we are notified not less than 28 days before departure and you pay an amendment fee of \$25 per person transferring, meet all costs and charges incurred by us and/or incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers and the transferee agrees to these booking conditions and all other terms of the contract between us. If you are unable to find a replacement, cancellation charges as set out will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

#### 8. Alterations And Cancellations By Us

Occasionally, we may have to make changes to or cancel your holiday arrangements and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most of these changes will be minor and we will advise you or your travel agent of them at the earliest possible date. We also reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your travel arrangements. For example, if the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached, we may have to cancel it. However, we will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 60 days before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure (as defined in Section 14) or failure by you to pay your final balance. Most changes will be minor and we will advise you or your travel agent of them at the earliest opportunity. Your rights vary depending on whether we make a 'minor' or 'major' change.

Examples of "minor changes" include the following when made before departure. Any change in the identity of the carrier(s), flight timings, and/or aircraft type is deemed to be a minor change. Other examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same standard. Examples of "major changes" include the following when made before departure; a change of accommodation area for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of accommodation to that of a lower official classification for the whole or a major part of your holiday, a change of outward departure time or overall length of your holiday of 12 or more hours, the closure of the only or all advertised swimming pool(s) at your accommodation for an extended period and, in the case of tours, a significant change of itinerary missing out one or more major destination substantially or altogether

If we have to make a major change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible and if there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of i) (for major changes) accepting the changed arrangements ii) having a refund of all monies paid or iii) accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from us, if available (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value). You must notify us of your choice within 7 days of our offer. If you fail to do so we will assume that you have chosen to accept the change or alternative booking arrangements.

If we make a major change or cancel, less than 60 days before departure, we will also pay compensation as detailed in section 9 below

#### 9. Compensation For Major Changes & Cancellations

We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any holiday departure in accordance with operational requirements or circumstances beyond our control. If a holiday is cancelled prior to the scheduled departure date, our only responsibility will be to refund the amount received for the reservation. Wherever possible, we will offer the same holiday with a different departure date, or an alternative similar holiday. If there is a difference in cost, it will be your expense. For air-inclusive holidays, we will try to confirm air schedules for the selected new dates, subject to availability. We are not responsible for any additional costs or fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements not made through us.

The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so. We will not pay you compensation where we make a major change or cancel more than 60 days before departure or in the event that we are forced to make a change or cancel as a result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with all due care. All holidays operate subject to a minimum number of bookings. We will not, however, cancel for lack of numbers less than 60 days before departure.

Very rarely, we may be forced by "force majeure" (see section 14) to change or terminate your arrangements after departure. If this situation does occur, we regret we will be unable to make any refunds (unless we obtain any from our suppliers), pay you compensation or meet any costs or expenses you incur as a result.

#### 10. Passports, Visas & Health Requirements

Passport and visa requirements vary depending on your destination. The information which we provide is for guidance only, and we cannot accept any liability. We recommend that you contact the relevant consulate to check any restrictions that may apply. Requirements do change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. Please contact your doctor for advice on health requirements. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a proper passport and visa and that no personal circumstances such as a criminal offence or travel to another country will affect your individual visa requirements, and that you have the

required vaccinations to gain entry to any country which you are visiting. Most countries now require passports to be valid for at least 6 months after your return date. If your passport is in its final year, you should check with the Embassy of the country you are visiting. For further information contact the Australian Passport Office (www.passports.gov.au).

Special conditions apply for travel to the USA, and all passengers must have individual machine readable passports. Please check http://canberra.usembassy.gov.

Up to date travel advice can be obtained from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, visit www.dfat.gov. au or smarttraveller.gov.au.

If you fail to take the necessary steps, we have no liability to you and you will have to pay us any costs which we incur through helping you because of such failure on your part. Further, we are not liable to you for any illness or discomfort you suffer through failure to have required vaccinations or to follow medical advice.

#### 11. Single Traveller Occupancy

We levy a single traveller supplement for those travelling on their own because our contract with hotels is based on a price per room, while our holidays are sold per person including flights and other elements. Therefore, the per person price for a single traveller includes the entire room cost. It is not our intention to penalise anyone who is under occupying the accommodation we provide and we certainly do not make additional or excessive profits from these sales: the price we charge merely reflects the real cost to us. If a hotel is able to offer accommodation designed for single occupancy only, we will normally charge a reduced supplement, considerably smaller than the one we apply when a single traveller occupies a double room. Allocation of rooms is at the discretion of each individual hotel and not something that we can influence.

#### **12. Dealing With Complaints**

We will make every effort to make your holiday as enjoyable and trouble free as possible. Most problems can be sorted out straight away if we know about them. If you have a complaint, you must advise our representatives straight away and the supplier of the service(s) in question. Any verbal notification must be confirmed in writing as soon as possible. You may also contact us directly using the emergency telephone number enclosed with your travel documents. That number will put you in touch with one of our employees who will take all reasonable steps to help you.

If you feel that a complaint has not been dealt with satisfactorily, you must write within 28 days of your return from holiday to: Customer Services Department, Collette, Level 3, 263 Clarence Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia, quoting your booking reference number. We will need to investigate your complaint. An acknowledgement shall be sent no later than 14 days from the date of receipt of correspondence. A detailed reply, or a reply containing a detailed explanation for any delay, shall be sent no later than 28 days from the date of receipt of correspondence. The final date for dealing in full with such correspondence shall be 56 days from the date of receipt of that correspondence. Failure to follow the procedure set out in this section may reduce or even extinguish any right which you may have to compensation.

#### 13. Behaviour

You must not behave in a way which may cause distress or annoyance to others. If, in our opinion or the opinion of any airline personnel, accommodations manager or other person in authority, you are behaving in such a way as to cause danger, distress or annoyance to others or damage to property, your holiday arrangements may be terminated by us or the supplier concerned. In this situation, our liability to you and/or your party will cease and you and/or your party will be required to leave your accommodation or other service immediately. We will not be responsible for making any refunds, paying any compensation or meeting any costs or expenses you incur as a result. You and/or your party may also be required to pay for loss and/or damage caused by your actions and we will hold you and each member of your party party for any such damage or losses caused by you or any member of your party. Full payment for any such damage or losses must be paid directly to the hotel manager or other supplier prior to departure from the hotel. If you fail to make payment, you will be responsible for meeting any claims (including legal costs) subsequently made against us as a result of your actions together with all costs we incur in pursuing any claim against you. We cannot be held responsible for the actions or behaviour of other guests or individuals who have no connection with your booking arrangements or with us.

#### 14. Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions we will not be liable or pay you compensation if our contractual obligations to you are affected by any event which we or the supplier(s) of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. These events can include, but are not limited to war, threat of war, civil strife, terrorist activity and its consequences or the threat of such activity, riot, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster and adverse weather, sea, ice and river conditions and all similar events outside our or the relevant supplier(s) control. Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure. We will follow the advice given by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

#### 15. Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we exclude any liability for any loss, death, injury or damage which you may suffer (directly or indirectly) in connection with or arising out of your participation in a holiday that is caused or contributed by:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected;
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party unconnected with the provision of the services contracted for and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable;
- unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond ours or our supplier(s) control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or
- an event which either ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers and subcontractors could not, even with all due care, have foreseen or forestalled.

You release us and our officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of or in connection with your participation in a holiday.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, any condition or warranty which would otherwise be implied by law into these booking conditions (Implied Warranty), is excluded. Our liability in respect of an Implied Warranty is limited to (in our absolute discretion): (i) providing you with credit for a holiday of an equivalent value; or (ii) a refund of the total amount received by us from you in connection with your booking.

#### 16. Prompt Assistance In Resort

If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed as a result of failures attributable to a third party unconnected with the provision of the services, or as a result of failures due to unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised, or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall, and you suffer an injury or other material loss, we will offer you such prompt assistance as is reasonable in the circumstances.

#### 17. Conditions Of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions which will form part of your contract with us. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable International Conventions. Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

#### 18. Delays And Other Travel Information

If you or any member of your party miss your flight or other transport arrangement, it is cancelled or you are subject to a delay of over 3 hours for any reason, you must contact us and the airline or other transport supplier concerned immediately.

Where you experience a delay which is not owing to any failure by us, we will use reasonable endeavours to assist in locating refreshments, accommodation and communications but we will not pay for them on your behalf. Any airline or other transport supplier may however pay for or provide refreshments and/or appropriate accommodation and you should make a claim directly to them.

Subject to the other terms of these conditions, we will not be liable for any costs, fees or charges you incur in the above circumstances, if you fail to obtain our prior authorisation before making your own travel arrangements.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in section 14 of these booking conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on any flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time).

The carrier(s), flight timings and types of aircraft shown in this brochure or on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. We shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of it. The latest flight timings will be shown on your tickets which will be despatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You should check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. If flight times change after tickets have been dispatched we will contact you as soon as we can to let you know.

This brochure is our responsibility, as your tour operator. It is not issued on behalf of, and does not commit the airlines mentioned herein or any airline whose services are used in the course of your travel arrangements.

#### **19. Special Requests**

Any special requests must be advised to us at the time of booking e.g. diet, room location, a particular facility at a hotel etc. You should then confirm your requests in writing. Whilst every effort will be made by us to try and arrange your reasonable special requests, we cannot guarantee that they will be fulfilled. We will inform the relevant supplier of such request. The fact that a special request has been noted on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation or that it has been passed on to the supplier is not confirmation that the request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part unless the request has been specifically confirmed. We do not accept bookings that are conditional upon any special request being met

#### 20. Disabilities And Medical Problems

We are not a specialist disabled holiday company, but we will do our utmost to cater for any special requirements you may have. If you or any member of your party has any medical problem or disability which may affect your stay, please provide us with full details before we confirm your booking so that we can try to advise you as to the suitability of your chosen arrangements. We may require you to produce a doctor's certificate certifying that you are fit to participate in the tour. Acting reasonably, if we are unable to properly accommodate the needs of the person(s) concerned, we will not confirm your booking or if you did not give us full details at the time of booking, we will cancel it and impose applicable cancellation charges when we become aware of these details.

#### 21. Advance Passenger Information

A number of Governments are introducing new requirements for air carriers to provide personal information about all travellers on their aircraft before the aircraft leaves the country of origin. The data will be collected either at the airport when you check in or in some circumstances when, or after you make your booking. Accordingly, you are advised to allow extra time to check in for international flights.

#### 22. DFAT Advice

You are responsible for making yourself aware of warnings issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in regard to the safety of the countries and areas in which you will be travelling and to make your decisions accordingly. Advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to avoid or leave a particular country may constitute Force Majeure (see section 14).

#### 23. Law & Jurisdiction

These booking conditions and any agreement to which they apply are governed in all respects by the laws of New South Wales, Australia. We both agree that any dispute, claim or other matter which arises between us out of or in connection with your contract or booking will be dealt with by the Courts of New South Wales only.

#### 24. Accuracy Of Prices & Information

We endeavour to ensure that all the information and prices both on our website and in our brochures are accurate, however occasionally changes and errors occur and we reserve the right to correct prices and other details in such circumstances. You must check the current price and all other details relating to the arrangements that you wish to book before your booking is confirmed.

#### 25. Insurance

It is a condition of your contract with us that you have adequate insurance in place. You must be satisfied that your insurance fully covers all your personal requirements including medical expenses, repatriation, helicopter rescue and air ambulance in the event of accident or illness. The insurance cover should extend for the planned duration of the holiday and at least an additional day. Details of a policy suitable to cover the arrangements you book are available by contacting us as detailed below. If you choose to travel without adequate insurance cover, we will not be liable for any losses howsoever arising, in respect of which insurance cover would otherwise have been available.

The insurance policy and the receipt of premiums paid there under should be provided to us prior to departure. If you join the holiday without adequate insurance you may not be allowed to continue on the holiday, with no right to refund. If circumstances give rise to a claim the client will forthwith pursue his remedies under such policy(ies).

We will also ask you for details of the name, address and telephone numbers of their next of kin or persons to be notified in the event of an emergency.

#### 26. 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 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.

#### 27. Checked Baggage Charges

Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

#### 28. Holiday & 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.

#### 29. 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.

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For reservations or more information, contact your local travel agent:

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