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This is your time to head off the well-known path and appreciate all the extraordinary moments held in the everyday. It's time to wander, to wonder, and to awaken your soul.

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YOUR SENSE OF WANDER
When it comes to creating an immersive travel experience for Explorations, we have truly explored the world. We've spent the night in the Moroccan desert, sleeping in Berber tents among the dunes. We've braved the snows of Finland to find the northern lights. We've spoken to the locals and found the places they know and love.

And, that’s just what you’ll do, too. On Explorations, you’ll have the opportunity to travel beyond the surface and immerse yourself in the cultures, foods, and experiences of local life.

We invite you to journey off the well-traveled path and explore.

Jaclyn Leibl-Cote
President

**discover WHAT’S INSIDE**

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THE EXPLORATIONS TRAVELER

You are an individual and value your independence.

You’re pretty active. You enjoy walking, hiking and the occasional bike ride.

You have an adventurous spirit. You find that your best stories are from when you said “yes” to something new.

You discover new destinations best by getting to know the people who call it home.

You like the thrill of planning travel, but aren’t a fan of logistics. You want to focus on making the trip memorable, not getting wrapped up in the details.


You’ll share the road, a few meals, and a variety of special moments with a small, tight-knit group averaging about 15 people. You won’t be one of the crowd with Explorations, you’ll be an integral part of a cultural expedition. Every Explorations traveler is unique, but you all share a similar agenda—to travel and connect to the world in a more authentic way.

ACTIVITY LEVELS

As part of the Collette family, we share 5 activity levels across more than 160 tours. On Explorations, you’ll find our tours scale a bit more active to allow for the most immersive experience possible. Here’s a little about what activity levels 3-5 mean for you and your travel experience:

3 MODERATE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY:

You enjoy a blend of longer days, shorter days, and leisure time. Plan for some walking tours, walking slightly longer distances, up stairs, or on uneven walking surfaces.

4 ACTIVE:

You’re comfortable with a mix of longer days and some evening or early-morning activities. You can expect longer walking tours, traversing uneven terrain, climbing stairs, and periods of standing.

5 VERY ACTIVE:

You’re in good health and able to handle activities like: extensive walking tours, transfers over uneven or dusty terrain, high altitudes, early-morning departures, late-night activities, or extreme temperatures. This tour is not appropriate for individuals who use walkers or wheelchairs.

Full details page 70.
WHAT YOU’LL DO

unique experiences

It’s often said that experience is the best teacher and we couldn’t agree more. Experiences help educate us as travelers about cultures, traditions, and the human spirit. It’s why we take the time to include truly exceptional experiences on Explorations. Some experiences are active and even a little adventurous, some are designed to reveal the heart of a culture, and some may even have the power to change your life.

Hard to replicate, and impossible to forget, these experiences will help shape your understanding of a destination, and shape your vision of the world.

It was brilliant.
A very well-organized tour. Hotels were five-star. Our tour manager was the best. The bus stopped at a small village and we walked through a market with our guide who suggested local produce for us to try. We were able to chat with the local people who were very friendly.

EXPLORATIONS TRAVELER ON MYSTERIES OF INDIA

TUSCANY ON TWO WHEELS

Golden rolling hills, the warm sun on your shoulders, and quaint hill towns that seemingly spring up out of nowhere. This is the Tuscany you’ve always imagined. It’s even more memorable as you zip through winding roads on a Vespa tour. On Italy’s Bella Vita, you’ll join a local expert who will guide you through the Tuscan countryside and acquaint you with the history, culture, and beauty of this region.

▷ Italy’s Bella Vita, pg. 34-35
A MORE INTIMATE SIDE OF IRELAND

Many travelers get to experience the breathtaking beauty of Inisheer (the smallest of the Aran Islands), but few see what the island is like as the last ferry departs for mainland Ireland. On Countryside of the Emerald Isle, you’ll settle in for an overnight stay amid the island’s desolate yet magnificent beauty. With a population of just over 260, you’ll practically have the island to yourself to explore the labyrinth of stone walls, local arts center, Inisheer lighthouse, and the Plassy shipwreck. It’s an education in local culture unlike any other.

» Countryside of the Emerald Isle, pg. 26-27

UNCOVERING THE ROMANCE OF Udaipur

Far from the powerful din of Delhi, you’ll find a perfect slice of tranquility on a cruise of Lake Pichola. As the sun dips in the early evening and glitters along the softly rippled water, the regal allure of Udaipur unfolds before you. When nightfall comes, and the royal surroundings are illuminated one by one, you can almost feel the magic in the air. See it all from the grounds of your lakeside hotel—a historic palace.

» Mysteries of India, pg. 58-59
WHO WILL JOIN YOU

Your travels are often made more memorable by the people you meet and the connections you make along the way. Explorations does more than show you a new place. It connects you to new cultures and shows you a fresh perspective of the world. This approach to travel wouldn’t be possible without a little help from the people who will share the adventure with you.
You’ll travel with a small group of 19 or less people who are a lot like you. And while every traveler is unique, Explorations travelers have many similar interests and a shared desire to travel in a deeper, more meaningful way. Our local experts know more than just the lay of the land. They reveal the spirit of their hometown. Maybe they’ll point out their childhood home on a walking tour. Maybe they’ll tell you a story you won’t find in a travel guide. You won’t find a more authentic way to see the local sights than with our local experts.

You won’t just see locals going about their everyday lives, you’ll experience life right alongside them. Cook a meal together. Share a few stories. Learn about traditions. You’ll truly come to understand a destination by connecting with the people who call it home.

Liaison to Experiences, Adventure & Discovery: Part friend, part historian, and a total virtuoso with logistics, it takes a special type of person to be an Explorations LEAD. From recommendations for free time to introducing you to new foods, people, and experiences, our LEADs are your go-to expert for everything while you’re traveling. They make every part of your trip seamless.

EXPLORATIONS TRAVELER ON COSTA RICA: A WORLD OF NATURE

Nature tour of Costa Rica was wonderful!
A tour director who knows where to find wildlife! We would never have seen these things on our own.

YOUR TIME IS VALUABLE WHILE YOU’RE TRAVELING. Make the most out of it by getting local recommendations from your Explorations LEAD. Our LEADs know just where to go (and not to go) so you can spend more time making memories and less time planning for them.
WHAT'S ON THE MENU

Culinary Adventures

Local cuisine is so much more than taste and texture. It’s about the experience and ambiance served up alongside a mouthwatering meal. Explorations seeks to delights the entire palate, creating an unforgettable and hard-to-replicate epicurean adventure. From home-hosted meals to hands-on cooking classes, intimate local restaurants to street food tours, you will savor the many local flavors your destination has to offer.

HUNTING FOR TRUFFLES IN FRANCE

Delight in the “thrill of the hunt” on an epicurean adventure through the forests of Southern France. Led by a local chef and his keen-sensed dogs, this culinary experience on Journey Through Southern France will have you searching for coveted black truffles where they naturally grow.

A SENSORY FEAST IN THE SAHARA

Venture into the Sahara on Colors of Morocco and let the intoxicating sound of Berber drums and the fresh, minty aroma of Moroccan tea delight your senses. Feast on traditional Moroccan dishes as you indulge every sense in the quiet serenity of the desert.

We loved the smaller group focus on small hillside towns!

Highlights include the visit to the olive oil farm, Carletti, where the intimate setting was marvelous as was the olive oil. The cooking class in Vallo di Nera was a lot of fun and laughs.

EXPLORATIONS TRAVELER ON TUSCAN & UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

EXPLORATIONS TRAVELER ON COLORS OF MOROCCO

Journey Through Southern France, pg. 24-25

Colors of Morocco pg. 42-43
WHERE YOU’LL STAY
authentic surroundings

Explorations includes a variety of unique places to rest up and rejuvenate during your travels. Each hotel (4-star and above) is carefully chosen to ensure that your exploration never stops, even while you’re relaxing after a full day, or lingering over a morning coffee. Whether it’s the history, the view, the location, or the amenities, your hotels will capture the spirit of your destination.

ECO LODGE
At an eco lodge, the environment is key. Both in your surroundings and preserving it for the generations to come. One of our favorite spots for staying in an eco lodge is in Costa Rica, where your surroundings are truly alive and conservation is always top of mind.

CASTLES & CHATEAUX
You’ll truly live like a royal on some of our European Explorations. Walk the halls and grounds where royals once reigned and take time to appreciate the history that surrounds you.

MOROCCAN RIAD
A riad—a large traditional home or palace built around a central courtyard—is perfect for soaking in the cultural ambiance of Morocco. Steeped in history and heritage, staying in a riad is a must to connect with Morocco’s storied past.

Italy’s Treasures had us staying in the best places outside of large cities (except for Venice, of course) in picturesque villas seen only in movies. The whole experience was exceptional. Our guide was outstanding.

EXPLORATIONS TRAVELER ON ITALY’S TREASURES

These are but a few of the types of places you can expect to stay with Explorations. Visit explorations.com to see specific hotel details for your trip.
FEEL THE FREEDOM TO explore

No one has traveled the same path as you. And no one will experience the world just as you do. While there’s no “one size fits all” travel experience, the travel experiences we craft include a good balance of unique, hard-to-replicate experiences, cultural connections, and plenty of opportunities for “you” time.

Sometimes with a guide by your side, and others with no other agenda other than to explore, these included and optional experiences mean you’ll come to understand a destination on your own terms.

included on EXPLORATIONS

It’s Your Choice

Zip lining or hiking, walking or biking, leisure time or guided sightseeing—it’s all up to you. We build these choices into Explorations to allow you to tailor your experience. All you have to do is choose which included option best suits your interests.

Plenty of You Time

To truly feel the pulse of a new destination, you need time to set off on your own. We incorporate the right mix of guided experiences and time to independently explore on every tour we craft.
Excursions
Bringing you one step deeper into the culture, our optional excursions will provide you with new experiences and perspectives. From culture walks to exotic cruises and cultural connections, there’s a little something for every type of traveler.

Add a Day (or two, or more!)
Ideal for independent explorers who want to spend even more time in the city where their tour begins or ends. Start early, stay longer, and let the adventure unfold.

Extensions
Ready to experience more of the world? Extend your Explorations experience by adding an extension. These pre- and post-tour adventures include experiences, meals, hotels, transportation, and more.

Back-to-Back
Want a grand adventure? Combine two tours into one unforgettable trip. Many of our Explorations and Collette tours match up perfectly to create the ultimate travel experience.
Get yourself one step closer to your next destination with the Collette Passport Club. **Automatically earn a $150 credit every time you travel** along with various other benefits. Credits can be used for any future Explorations or Collette tours. The world is yours!  
*See page 71 for more details.*

With an **industry-leading travel protection plan** (cancel for any reason right up to the day prior to departure) and 24/7 support, we are here to take the worry out of booking your trip. No one likes when things go wrong, but when they do, you want someone in your corner to handle things the right way.  
*See page 75.*

We are committed to making our world a better place to live, work, and travel. We **help sustain and preserve communities, cultures, and traditions** on our travels and offer plenty of ways to make a positive impact while traveling with us.
Forget about the hassle of coordinating logistics. Add airfare to your booking and let us work with the airlines. Not only will we plan all the details of your travel and handle any challenges, we’ll also include private transportation from your home to the airport.* Choose from three great options for what best fits your travel preference and budget.

*Restrictions apply. See full details on pages 70 & 72.

Many of our Explorations departures are guaranteed, so once you book, it’s time to start getting excited for what’s to come.

THE DETAILS? WE HAVE THEM covered

Explorations is a proud member of the Collette family. That means we are backed by Collette’s 100 years of expertise and travel insight. It also means that while you’re traveling with us, every detail is covered.

PUT YOUR TRIP IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND

Don’t tap into your expensive international data plan. Use the Collette Compass app and your trip info is just a tap away. Your itinerary, maps, travel tips, and more are stored in this easy-to-use tool that doesn’t need data to operate.

GET THERE AND BACK WITH EASE

GO AHEAD, SAVE THE DATE

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THE NORTHERN LIGHTS OF FINLAND

This is so much more than a hunt for stunning streaks of color in the night sky (though it’s a pretty amazing part). This is a step into Finland’s dynamic and intriguing culture—from Helsinki’s cool-casual vibe to the pristine winter wilderness of Lapland.

STARTING AT $3999*  DAYS 8  MEALS 11

*Price based on October 5, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only. Interflights not included in the land price and must be purchased through us.

Where You’ll Stay

Helsinki 2 Nights
Lilla Roberts Hotel

Kakslauttanen, Lapland
3 Nights
Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort - West Village, Lapland

Helsinki 1 Night
Lilla Roberts Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Included Meals

6 Breakfasts
5 Dinners

Activity Level

Active
See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

SET YOUR SIGHTS ON THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Sometimes a mere whisper of color, others a symphony of neon hues, the northern lights are spellbinding. While in Lapland, keep a close eye to the night sky. On clear, starry nights, there’s a high likelihood that magic will unfold right before your eyes. Experiencing this phenomenon—especially from the comfort of your glass igloo—will truly redefine the word “awesome.”

SEEK THIS EXPERIENCE THROUGHOUT YOUR TIME IN FINLAND.
BE THE LEADER OF THE PACK
Arguably one of the best ways to take in the postcard-perfect vistas of Finland’s north country is by dogsled. Learn the commands, get acquainted with the dogs and hop on a sled for one unforgettable ride. This charming, high-energy breed is in their element as they dash through the snow, practically smiling as they guide you through the unspoiled wilderness.

EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN KAKSLAUTTANEN.

RETHINK YOUR DEFINITION OF SAFARI
While at the Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort, you’ll head out into the wilderness on an evening reindeer safari. Search for the northern lights, warm yourself with a steaming cup of berry juice, and get to know local reindeer herders. This engaging experience, led by the indigenous Sami people, is the ultimate exploration of Lapland’s culture and striking natural beauty.

EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN KAKSLAUTTANEN.

WHAT YOU’LL DO

DAYS 1-3 HELSINKI
Uncover Helsinki’s Charm
• Join a local expert and get to know Finland’s vibrant capital city. Once you have the lay of the land, Helsinki is yours for the discovering.

DAYS 4-6 KAKSLAUTTANEN
Wander in a Winter Wonderland
• In addition to included activities like dogsledding, guided aurora hunting, and a reindeer safari, Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort boasts miles of cross-country skiing trails, restorative smoke saunas and ice pools, horseback riding, and more—ideal for exploring during your free time.
• Enjoy one night in a glass igloo (and two in a traditional Finnish log cabin).
• Introduce yourself to Lappish reindeer and meet Santa Claus himself.

DAYS 7-8 HELSINKI
Seek Out More in Helsinki
• Explore the city’s historic squares and trend-wise boutiques and neighborhoods.
• Gather around the table one last time to share stories and relive your Finnish experiences.

Visit explorations.com/605 for complete tour details.
ICELANDIC ADVENTURE

This is Iceland. A land forged by fire and ice and full of dramatic contrasts—from ethereal lava fields and thundering waterfalls to charming coastal villages.

STARTING AT $4749*  DAYS 10  MEALS 13

*Price based on September 24, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.
Rates do not include inter-tour air.

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Where You’ll Stay

Reykjavik 2 Nights
Centerhotel Arnarhvoll,
Centerhotel Plaza, or
Alda Hotel

Húsavík 3 Nights
Raudaskrida Hotel & Guesthouse

Stykkishólmur 2 Nights
Fosshotel Stykkishólmur

Reykjavík 1 Night
Centerhotel Arnarhvoll,
Centerhotel Plaza, or
Alda Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Included Meals

8 Breakfasts
5 Dinners

Activity Level

1️⃣ 2️⃣ 3️⃣ 4️⃣ 5️⃣
Active
See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

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ICELANDIC ADVENTURE

3 EXPERIENCES beyond expectation

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ICELAND

ICELANDIC ADVENTURE

SPORT SOME THERMAL WEAR (INCLUDED) AND JOIN EXPERT WHALE WATCHERS ON SKÁLFANDI BAY. GET AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN TO WHALES IN NORTHERN ICELAND ABOARD SPECIALIZED ZODIACS THAT GIVE YOU THE MOST INTIMATE VIEW POSSIBLE OF HUMPBACK, MINKE, ORCA, FIN, AND EVEN THE GIANT BLUE WHALE THAT FREQUENT THESE WATERS.

EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 5 IN HÚSAVÍK.

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3 REDEFINE YOUR IDEA OF WHALE WATCHING

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1 ADVENTURE HEATS UP ON ICE

After you’ve enjoyed a hearty spread of local specialties on the Snæfellsjökull Glacier, your next activity is yours for the choosing. Join an expert guide on a glacial climb that brings you to nearly 3,000 feet -OR- venture alongside a guide for a mountain hike through the otherworldly lava fields.

EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 8 IN THE SNAEFELLSNES PENINSULA.

2 SOAK IN THE LOCAL CULTURE

You can’t leave Iceland without taking a dip in the warm, mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon (and you will!), but, you also came to Iceland for an immersive local experience. We’ll head to where the locals go for a revitalizing soak in mineral-rich geothermal waters—the Blue Lagoon of the North, Mývatn Nature Baths.

EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN LAKE MÝVATN.

WHAT YOU’LL DO

DAYS 1-3 REYKJAVÍK

Discover Iceland’s Cool Vibe
- Explore Reykjavík on a walking tour of the city’s old quarter.
- Experience a “day in the life” at a family-owned dairy farm.
- Travel the Golden Circle and visit otherworldly Thingviller National Park, stunning Gullfoss Falls and the Strokkur Geyser.
- Learn about and discover Iceland’s farm-to-table culture with a visit to Friðheimar Greenhouse Cultivation Center.

DAYS 4-6 HÚSAVÍK

Appreciate Natural Wonders in Húsvík
- Stay on a family-owned, Environmental Gold-certified property, where you’ll savor locally sourced farm-to-table meals.
- Travel to Húsvík to discover the town’s connection to whaling before jumping in a RIB boat to seek them out yourself.
- Soak in mineral-rich geothermal waters and witness the power of nature as we take a day exploring the Diamond Circle.

DAYS 7-8 STYKKISHÓLMUR

Dive Deep into Iceland’s Landscapes
- Journey 100 feet below the ground to an 8,000-year-old lava tube on a thrilling tour of Vatnshellir Cave.
- Capture the beauty of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula during guided exploration.
- Ascend the captivating Snæfellsjökull glacier via mountain truck and enjoy a tasting of Icelandic delicacies.
- Wander around the quaint fishing village of Stykkishólmur.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE! Join an expert guide on a glacial climb that brings you to nearly 3,000 feet OR venture alongside a guide for a mountain hike through the otherworldly lava fields.

DAYS 9-10 REYKJAVÍK

Celebrate Icelandic Heritage
- Meet with a local family that keeps alive a 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland shark.
- Try a local specialty, hákarl (cured shark meat).
- Dive into the origins of Icelandic heritage during a visit to the Settlement Museum.
- Take a soak in the Blue Lagoon.

Visit explorations.com/604 for complete tour details.
IN PURSUIT OF FLAVOR

HUNTING BLACK TRUFFLES IN GORDES, FRANCE
IN THE GENTLY ROLLING HILLS OF SOUTHEASTERN FRANCE, A UNIQUE HUNT IS TAKING PLACE.

The hunters are, in fact, world-class chefs. Their companions are dogs, using their keen sense of smell to track. And their prey is a unique French delicacy – black truffles.

Hidden in the soil among the roots of trees, these mushroom-like culinary curiosities are prized for their shockingly sweet flavor, and used to make truffle salt, truffle honey, and to enhance many French dishes. They’re often called the “black diamonds” of France, for their rarity and high cost.

To find these delicacies, you’ll join a chef on the hunt through the hills and forests of Southern France. Once you’ve found them, there’s nothing left to do but incorporate them into a delicious dish and savor your success.

HOW TO FIND THE black truffle

**Rise Early** • There are no truffles for the late sleepers. The hunt starts in the early morning, when the air is still cool and the forest trees are still covered in dew.

**Join the Hunt** • A chef and expert in all things black truffle will lead your woodland excursion to find these rare treats. They know where to look, and more importantly, what to do with the truffles once you find them.

**Follow the Scent** • Your greatest ally in the hunt will be your faithful truffle-sniffing dogs. Trained from puppies to find the truffles hidden under the earth, they’ll lead you in the right direction.

Experience the hunt on JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN FRANCE pg. 24

Visit explorations.com/568 for complete tour details.
JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN FRANCE

Ignite the senses on a rich and engaging step back into time. Journey through some of the world’s most decadent wine regions, explore medieval villages seemingly untouched by time, and discover the flavor, color, and culture of Southern France.

STARTING AT $3999*    DAYS 10    MEALS 12

*Price based on July 22, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Where You’ll Stay

Bordeaux 2 Nights
Intercontinental Le Grand Hotel

Dordogne Valley 2 Nights
Château des Vigiers

Carcassonne 1 Night
Mercure La Cité

Saint-Rémy-de-Provence 3 Nights
Hotel Le Vallon De Valrugues

Included Meals

8 Breakfasts
1 Lunch
3 Dinners

Activity Level

1 2 3 4 5

Active
See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

FEEL LIKE A ROYAL IN DORDOGNE VALLEY

Tucked away amid vineyards, sleepy medieval towns, and groves of chestnut trees lies a legendary estate fit for royalty. Dubbed “Petit Versailles,” Château Des Vigiers is a sprawling 16th-century estate that seamlessly pays homage to the past with luxurious contemporary comforts. You’ll spend two nights here amongst the stunning beauty and historic ambiance of this incredible property.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 4 & 5 IN DORDOGNE VALLEY.
Drink in the Beauty of Bordeaux

- Enjoy a locally sourced meal paired with the region's famed wines.
- Explore the city with a local guide.
- Embark on a full-bodied exploration of wine culture at La Cité du Vin.
- Walk the grounds of a local winery in Medoc and absorb the atmosphere of the vineyards, smell the grapes, and taste locally grown wine.

Step into a Storybook in Carcassonne

- Enjoy an independent exploration of the medieval city of Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site replete with drawbridges, towers, and cobblestone streets.

Be Romanced by Regal Dordogne Valley

- IT’S YOUR CHOICE: Take a tuk-tuk through Saint-Émilion, one of Bordeaux's largest winemaking areas OR take a guided walking tour of the Old Town.
- See a slice of everyday life with a stop at a lively local market, followed by a visit to Chateau Monbazillac, a wine cooperative known for its signature dessert wine.
- Spend an afternoon relaxing and enjoy your chateau’s luxurious spa or explore the grounds at your leisure.
- Spend two nights at a sprawling 16th-century estate nicknamed “Petit Versailles.”

Gain an inside look at the village of Avignon during a walking tour with a local expert guide, ending with a visit to the dramatic Palace of the Popes.

Join a local chef and his keen-sensed dogs as you hunt for truffles in the forests of Gordes.

Learn more about Southern France’s famed lavender at Musée de la Lavande.

Enjoy free time to explore the Provençal charm of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence.
**Included Meals**

- 8 Breakfasts
- 4 Dinners

**Activity Level**

1 2 3 4 5
Moderate Physical Activity
See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

**Where You’ll Stay**

- **Dublin 2 Nights**
  Hampton Hotel
- **Kinsale 2 Nights**
  Actons Hotel
- **Killarney 2 Nights**
  Killarney Plaza Hotel
- **Inisheer, Aran Islands 1 Night**
  Tigh Ruairi
- **Ennis 1 Night**
  Old Ground Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Included Meals**

- 8 Breakfasts
- 4 Dinners

**Activity Level**

1 2 3 4 5
Moderate Physical Activity
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- **Ennis 1 Night**
  Old Ground Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Learn to Cook with a Little Irish Flair**

Enjoy putting a modern spin on Irish cuisine during an interactive cooking class at one of Dublin’s premier culinary institutions. You’ll see how to put a distinctively Irish twist on favorites by transforming classic recipes into modern delights using locally sourced ingredients.

**Experience this on Day 3 in Dublin.**
**WHAT YOU’LL DO**

**DAYS 1-3  DUBLIN**

**Discover Dublin**

- Tour the city with a local expert.
- Tour Christ Church Cathedral before enjoying a private cocktail reception in the crypts.
- Put a modern spin on Irish cuisine during an interactive cooking class at one of Dublin’s premier culinary institutions.
- Get lost inside St. Stephen’s Green, and marvel at the largest enclosed city park in all of Europe, Phoenix Park.

**DAYS 4-5  KINSALE**

**Get a Taste of Kinsale’s Culture**

- Tour the Irish National Stud, home to regal thoroughbreds and opulent gardens, and the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey.
- Explore the seaside village of Kinsale on a walking tour with a local expert.
- Select the perfect spot from a “menu” of restaurants in Ireland’s gourmet capital of Kinsale. Your dinner is included, but the choice is yours!

**IT’S YOUR CHOICE:** Visit the seaside town of Cobb, the last stop of the historic RMS Titanic **OR** spend a leisurely day in Kinsale.

**DAYS 6-7  KILLARNEY**

**Uncover the Quaint Beauty Surrounding Killarney**

- Fall in love with the quaint towns and charming villages along Ireland’s Wild Atlantic Way.
- Board a ferry and sail to stunning Garnish Island, home to one of Ireland’s most beautiful gardens.
- Explore the enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs of Dingle. Walk the country lanes on foot, or spend time in Dingle Town, where the Guinness is always freshly tapped.

**DAYS 8-10  INISHEER • ENNIS**

**Have an Island (Almost) to Yourself**

- Board a ferry bound for Inisheer, where you’ll explore the landscapes and culture of this unique island inhabited by just over 250 people.
- Enjoy a morning to sleep in or wake early for a sunrise hike to O’Brien Castle.
- Dive into local culture during a knitting workshop and experience the traditional craft of making the St. Brigid’s Cross.
- Sail back to the mainland where you’ll toast to adventure and close out your Irish experience in Ennis.

Visit explorations.com/468 for complete tour details.
SWITZERLAND: HIDDEN TRAILS AND MAJESTIC PEAKS

Set your sights on an active, immersive journey across Switzerland from the soaring Alps to the picturesque Swiss Riviera—all while traveling by train.

STARTING AT $3999*  DAYS 10  MEALS 12

*Price based on May 31, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

FIND AN IDEAL BALANCE OF GUIDED AND INDEPENDENT EXPLORATION

We’ve built in extra days just for you in three unique cities. Get the lay of the land first with guided walking tours and experiences, then take time to wander the streets, check out a museum using your Swiss Travel Pass, or get your heart pumping with a little activity. Be sure to turn to your LEAD for suggestions!

Experience this on Days 4, 6, and 9 in Neuchatel, Zermatt, and Vevey.

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Swiss wine is a true treat. So much so that much of it is kept in country. Meet up with our friends, Jacques and Aurélia, for a wine tasting nestled amongst the vines. Enjoy time at their family-run winery, then continue on with a walk along Lavaux’s World Heritage vineyards, complemented by stunning views of Lac Léman.

**GET AN ALL-ACCESS PASS TO SWISS CULTURE**

On this journey, we’ll only travel via the brilliantly efficient Swiss Rail Service (and your own two feet!). In addition to being your ticket for travel from city to city, your First Class Swiss Travel Pass includes an all-access entrée into more than 500 museums and cultural exhibitions throughout Switzerland, as well as local ferries, scenic trains, mountain trams, and more.

**DISCOVER HOW FINE SWISS WINE ACTUALLY IS**

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**WHAT YOU’LL DO**

**DAYS 1-4 NEUCHATEL**

**Let Neuchatel’s History Enchant You**
- Meet up with your fellow explorers for a reception in the centuries-old cloister of the Collégiale.
- Get to know Neuchatel, a hidden gem of a city totally off the tourist map. Take a walking tour of the city’s historic quarter and drink in gorgeous views of Lake Neuchatel from your hotel room.
- Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Neuchatel and its surroundings.

**DAYS 5-6 ZERMATT**

**Stand in Awe Before Zermatt’s Zenith**
- Spend some time exploring Switzerland’s capital of Bern.
- Enjoy a full day to wander pedestrian-friendly Zermatt at your leisure. Consider taking the Gornergrat Railway for stunning views of the Matterhorn!

**DAYS 7-10 VEVEY**

**Indulge Yourself in Vevey**
- Stroll the streets of Vevey on a guided walking tour.
- Get a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the artistry of handmade Swiss chocolate during an immersive tasting workshop at Läderach.
- Enjoy time at a family-run winery, then continue on with a walk along Lavaux’ World Heritage vineyards.

**IT’S YOUR CHOICE:** After visiting a local vineyard, return to Vevey via rail and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure or continue your exploration through the miles of Lavaux vineyards to Saint-Saphorin, a medieval village dating back to Roman times.
- Enjoy a full day at leisure in Vevey, one of the “Pearls of the Swiss Riviera.”

Visit explorations.com/628 for complete tour details.

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**REDUCING THE FOOTPRINT LEFT BEHIND**

The Swiss Rail Service — the efficient, clean, and comfortable way to cross the Swiss Alps — is the perfect way to lower your carbon emissions on tour.

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Visit explorations.com/628 for complete tour details.
A MILLENNIA OF ITALIAN history

In the Italian province of Parma, sitting atop a hill like the crown on the brow of a medieval king, looms Castello di Tabiano. When you step through the gates, and settle in for your stay in the shadow of this fantastic place, stop for a moment. Let the history of it wrap you in a story written in another time.

A FORTIFIED POSITION

The original castle was built by the Pallavicino family, sometime around the 11th century, on the ruins of a former Roman fortress. In the area, the hilltop was a natural place for a fortification, giving the occupants of the castle a perfect view of the countryside, and any approaching enemies.

WAR BETWEEN BROTHERS

The patriarch of the Pallavicino family, the Marquis Oberto I, split his lands among his sons. Delfino Pallavicino, the eldest, took the castle. This didn’t sit well with his brother Guglielmo, who attacked his older brother. Guglielmo managed to pillage and destroy both the castle and the town. Delfino rebuilt, officially gained the title of Marquis like his father, and reluctantly signed a peace treaty with his brother.

LOST AND REGAINED

Delfino died with no heirs, so he left his land holdings to the church, and the castle fell out of the hands of the Pallavicino family. It briefly returned to them when the Holy Roman Emperor gave it back to Marquis Oberto II in 1249, but soon the family lost it once again to hostile enemy forces. Oberto’s son, Manfredo, recaptured his family’s castle at the turn of the 14th century, and left it in the care of his cousins.

1143-1158 A.D.

1180-1300 A.D.
Niccolò the nefarious

Castello di Tabiano and its surrounding lands lay quiet until Niccolò Pallavicino, in a plot to usurp his family, killed his uncle and cousin to seize control of the castle. He couldn’t hold on to it for long, and lords loyal to his uncle stormed the castle and drove him out. They kept possession of the castle until 1390 before giving control back to Niccolò, who got the backing of the Emperor of Luxembourg. Niccolò met a grisly demise when he was poisoned in 1401, and the castle passed on to his son, Rolando the Magnificent.

1374–1401 A.D.

Keeping it in the family

Rolando, beset on all sides by enemies, was driven from the castle in 1441. His son, Uberto, managed to ally himself with powerful lords and take the castle back from the enemies of the Pallavicino family in 1457. Uberto managed to do what his father and his father’s father could not do – he kept Castello di Tabiano in the control of the Pallavicino family, all the way until the last Marquis died in 1756.

1441–1756 A.D.

Decay and rebirth

With the last of the Pallavicino family gone, Castello di Tabiano’s fate was in question. It was left uncared for, the land abandoned to grow wild and the castle left to crumble. At the beginning of the 20th century, the Corazza family restored the castle. Now, it serves as a symbol of history, as well as a luxury hotel complete with world-class cuisine, elegant rooms, and a spa built into a natural cave. When you’re here, you’ll dine inside the castle, tour this grand place, and sleep in its historic shadow.

1757–Today

Stay here on ITALY’S BELLA VITA pg. 34
Visit explorations.com/629 for complete tour details.
ITALY’S TREASURES

VINtYARDS, olive groves, and cities that float. Incredible history, indelible culture, and unforgettable cuisine. This is l’Italia at its most iconic. Set off on a journey to make Italy’s treasures yours.

STARTING AT $3799*  DAYS 12  MEALS 17

*Price based on December 2, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

WHERE YOU’LL STAY

Stresa 2 Nights
Regina Palace Hotel or Grand Hotel des Iles Barromees

Italian Riviera 2 Nights
Grand Hotel dei Castelli or Grande Albergo

Tuscany 4 Nights
Villa Lecchi, Tuscany or Villa Sanpaolo, San Gimigniano

Venice 2 Nights
Hotel Ca’ dei Conti or Hotel Bonvecchiati

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

INCLUDED MEALS

10 Breakfasts
1 Lunch
6 Dinners

ACTIVITY LEVEL

1 2 3 4 5
Moderate Physical Activity
See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

WHAT YOU’LL DO

DAYS 1-3 STRESA

Raise a Glass in Stresa

• Visit a wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party with some prima di cena snacks.
• Cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, and get to know new friends over dinner.
• Sample artisanal cheeses, paired with regional wine at an ancient village nestled in the mountains of Stresa.
• Enjoy time to explore Stresa on your own.
FEAST ON THE WONDERS OF FLORENCE

In the “Cradle of the Renaissance,” a treasure trove of culture, cuisine, art, and architecture lays before you. The compact city is easy for exploration, allowing you to make the most of your free afternoon here. We’ll show you the way on a guided walking tour of the city, then let you wander through the cobbled streets to find your own memories.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 7 IN FLORENCE.

FILL YOUR PALATE WITH THE FLAVORS OF TUSCANY

In the heart of the Tuscan countryside, you’ll get an intimate look into a family-run wine estate. Tour the wine cellar, vineyards and olive groves, then craft an authentic Tuscan lunch with the estate’s own chef. Break bread with new friends and toast with wines produced on-site.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 9 IN TUSCANY.

EXPERIENCE A CRAFT CENTURIES IN THE MAKING

On a tiny island just off Venice’s north coast, the art of glass is alive and well. See this centuries-old artform for yourself during a trip to Murano. In the workshop of a talented artisan, you’ll watch molten glass become a work of art right before your eyes. Bellissimo!

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 11 IN VENICE.
ITALY’S BELLA VITA

This is your moment to live the good life. With each day and each destination, immerse yourself in Italy’s bella vita. Incredible culture, fantastic cuisine, and captivating landscapes are yours for the discovering.

STARTING AT $3999* DAYS 9 MEALS 11
*Price based on July 13, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Where You’ll Stay

Florence 2 Nights
Hotel Pierre

Bologna 2 Nights
I Portici Hotel

Parma 1 Night
Antico Borgo di Tabiano Castello

Como 2 Nights
Hilton Lake Como

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Included Meals

7 Breakfasts
4 Dinners

Activity Level

1 2 3 4 5 Active

See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

1 VENTURE THROUGH TUSCANY ON TWO WHEELS

Olive groves and vineyards stretch for miles as the sun warms your shoulders. This is the magic of Tuscany, and it all unfolds from the seat of a Vespa! Join a local expert on a tour of Tuscany’s countryside before relaxing with a glass of wine at a castle. Not feeling that adventurous? Stay back and explore the castle’s family-run vineyard on foot.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 3 IN FLORENCE.

3 SLEEP AMID HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF HISTORY

The epicenter for wars and sieges, love and betrayal, poetry and legend, Castello di Tabiano is a living connection to Parma’s past. Wander the grounds, take a private tour with a local expert, and slowly fall under its captivating spell. Then, retreat to your room on the castle’s grounds and soak up the rich history that abounds from this centuries-old defensive monument.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN PARMA.
WHAT YOU’LL DO

DAYS 1-3 FLORENCE

Feel the Renaissance Come Alive in Florence

- Savor a quintessentially Italian experience, the aperitivo, when you learn to craft one of Italy’s most famous cocktails, the Spritz.
- Take a walking tour through hundreds of years of Florentine history and discover the city’s beating heart.
- Join a local expert for a Vespa tour of Tuscany’s countryside before relaxing with a glass of wine at a castle.
- Retreat to the countryside to Castello di Trebbio, where wine and centuries of history flow plentifully.

DAYS 4-6 BOLOGNA • PARMA

Feast on Bologna & Parma’s Unrivaled Flavor

√ Take the train to Bologna, where IT’S YOUR CHOICE! Join an expert-guided walk of this medieval city OR pedal the narrow lanes and winding alleys on a bicycle tour.
- Take a full day on your own to feel the unique vibe of Bologna, a city steeped in the past, but very much alive with an eclectic presence.
- Roll up your sleeves and learn the secrets to making three traditional pasta recipes in the cozy surrounds of a private apartment.
- Experience the workings of a local cheese shop and sample the Parmigiano-Reggiano this region is famous for.

DAYS 7-9 COMO

Relax in the Tranquil Beauty of Lake Como

- Cruise to Bellagio. Take a tour of the “Pearl of the Lake,” then spend the afternoon independently exploring.
- Join your guide and catch a sunrise funicular ride to watch the lake wake up, then explore Como’s lakeside trails and frescoed hamlets on foot, or remain at the hotel to relax.

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INDULGE IN A LITTLE HOME COOKING

There’s no match for home cooking, and that rings truest in Italy. In the cozy surrounds of a private apartment in Bologna’s historic center, you’ll roll up your sleeves and learn the secrets to making three traditional pasta recipes. Enjoy the fruits of your labor over dinner, paired with local wines and accompanied by espresso with dessert.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 4 IN BOLOGNA.
TUSCAN AND UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE

Winding country roads bounded by miles of vines, soul-warming meals paired with full-bodied vintages, quiet hill towns and ancient cities—this is a land where time stands still. Fill up your plate, raise a glass, and let Tuscany and Umbria seduce every sense.

STARTING AT $3199*  DAYS 11  MEALS 16

*Price based on November 9, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Where You’ll Stay

Rome 1 Night
Hotel Kolbe

Umbria 4 Nights
Hotel Antica Dimora Alla Rocca, Trevi or Hotel Dei Duchi, Spoleto

Tuscany 4 Nights
UNA Palazzo Mannaioni, Montaione

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Included Meals

9 Breakfasts
3 Lunches
4 Dinners

Activity Level

1 2 3 4 5
Active
See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

FEEL RIGHT AT HOME IN UMBRIA

Home is where the heart of culture is. Join our local Umbrian friends for a soul-warming meal prepared right in their home and discover that the comforts of a home-cooked meal really do translate across cultures and languages. It will be a meal to remember!

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN UMBRIA.
2 AN ITALY FEW GET TO EXPERIENCE

A visit to a country restaurant, sheltered inside a 16th century farmhouse, is a charming step into yesterday. Stroll the herb garden (weather permitting), and learn how cheese is made on the farm. Your palate-expanding journey continues as you join the chef for a hands-on Umbrian cooking lesson.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 4 IN THE UMBRIAN COUNTRYSIDE.

3 TOAST TO TUSCAN HOSPITALITY

Time slows down among the sunflower-covered hills and villages of Tuscany’s Val d'Orcia region. Among the vineyards and olive groves, tour a winery’s family estate and cellar before indulging in an authentic Tuscan lunch, created by the winery’s chef and paired expertly with the vineyard’s very own wines.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 7 IN TUSCANY.

WHAT YOU’LL DO

DAYS 1-6 ROME • UMBRIA

The Old World is Alive in Umbria
• Kick off your journey with dinner in Rome.
• Join a local expert in the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto, then take the afternoon to explore on your own.
• Enjoy walking tours of ancient Spoleto, medieval Assisi, and the walled town of Bevagna.
• Visit a country restaurant for a chef-led cooking lesson.
• Head to a local winery to sample their vintages and a variety of authentic Umbrian dishes.
• Delight in the comforts of a home-cooked meal in a local Umbrian family’s home.
• Pay a visit to a local family-run ‘frantoio’ or olive presser.

DAYS 7-11 TUSCANY

Step in to a Living Postcard in Tuscany
• Take a locally guided walking tour of Florence, then explore more of the city on your own.
• Tap in to your creative side with visits to local artisans’ workshops.
• Tour a winery’s family estate and indulge in an authentic Tuscan lunch, created by the winery’s chef and paired with the vineyard’s own wines.
• Set out on a guided walking tour of Siena.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE IN SIENA: Explore the beautiful Gothic cathedral at your own pace OR join a guide and immerse yourself in local life in a Contrada, a small, close-knit community.
• Enjoy dinner paired with an interactive presentation on wine, delivered by the restaurant’s own sommelier.

Visit explorations.com/390 for complete tour details.
THE NOVELTIES OF NORTHERN SPAIN

Enliven the senses and engage your sense of adventure on an exploration of Northern Spain’s dynamic cultures. Against a landscape of centuries-old architecture, history, art, gastronomy, and culture, discover the nuances and novelties of Northern Spain.

STARTING AT $3599*  DAYS 10  MEALS 11

*Price based on November 7, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Where You’ll Stay

Barcelona 2 Nights  H10 Cubik
Pamplona 1 Night  Hotel Maisonnave
San Sebastian 2 Nights  Barceló Costa Vasca
Burgos 2 Nights  NH Collection Palacio de Burgos
Madrid 1 Night  NH Madrid Nacional

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Included Meals

8 Breakfasts
3 Dinners

Activity Level

1 2 3 4 5

Moderate Physical Activity
See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

WHAT YOU’LL DO

DAYS 1-4 BARCELONA • PAMPLONA

Be Enchanted by Barcelona & Pamplona

• Drink in views of a lively Mediterranean port during a cocktail reception.
• Walk the halls of the famous La Sagrada Familia Church and Towers.
• Make a few signature Catalan dishes at a hands-on workshop led by locally acclaimed chefs.
• Discover Barcelona on a guided tour of the city, then enjoy free time to explore on your own.
• Learn about Pamplona’s history and ties to the San Fermin festival during a discussion with a local expert.
**2 EXPERIENCE BURGOS’ GOTHIC GRANDEUR**

Reminders of Burgos’ Gothic past are everywhere you turn, from the impressive Burgos Cathedral to your historic hotel, the NH Collection Palacio de Burgos. The halls of this former convent hold a stunning treasure—an original stone cloister. Settle in for an unrivaled history lesson as you spend two nights in this 16th-century complex.

**EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 7 & 8 IN BURGOS.**

**3 DON AN APRON AND DISH UP SOME CATALAN CUISINE**

Head to one of Barcelona’s liveliest neighborhoods and try your hand at making signature Catalan dishes. This hands-on workshop, led by locally acclaimed chefs, puts a world of flavor at your fingertips. Learn the secrets and techniques to crafting regional favorites like paella, and enjoy the fruits of your labor for dinner.

**EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 3 IN BARCELONA.**

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**1 TAKE A FULL DAY TO EXPLORE SAN SEBASTIÁN HOW YOU WISH**

The sophisticated coastal city of San Sebastián invites you to indulge in its many charms. Be swept away by the allure of golden beaches and lush hillsides and indulge in its world-class culinary scene. With a full day of leisure, you’ll have plenty of time to discover this wonderful city.

**EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN SAN SEBASTIÁN.**

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**DAYS 5-6 SAN SEBASTIÁN**

**Discover the Seaside Retreat of San Sebastian**

**IT’S YOUR CHOICE:** In San Sebastián, join a guided tour of the city’s old town and ascend Mount Igueldo aboard a funicular OR set out for a guided walk through the farms, vineyards, and villages along the Coastal Camino route.

- Enjoy a full day of leisure to explore San Sebastián on your own terms.

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**DAYS 7-8 BURGOS**

**Walk in the Past in Burgos**

- Witness centuries of history unfold before your eyes during a walking tour of Burgos.
- Enjoy a leisurely afternoon in Burgos to explore how you wish.
- Settle in for an unrivaled history lesson as you spend two nights in a former 16th-century convent.

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**DAYS 9-10 MADRID**

**Experience the Electricity of Madrid**

- Shop as the Spaniards would on a visit inside one of Madrid’s bustling marketplaces.
- Toast to new friends and many memories as you celebrate your unforgettable Spanish holiday over dinner.

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Visit explorations.com/624 for complete tour details.
THE silence AND THE stars
**NIGHTTIME IN THE HEART OF THE SAHARA DESERT**

The night sky in the Sahara isn’t something that can be captured well in pictures, or even in words. The night sky overhead, filled with an uncountable multitude of stars, somehow makes you feel both small and also part of something greater. It makes you feel alone in the vastness of the sky, but connected to everyone on earth that is looking up to the same sky at that moment.

Surrounded by a rolling blanket of endless dunes in all directions, you’ll quickly realize why you’ve come here. You’re wrapped in a silence and a stillness that can only be experienced far out in the desert, far from the world, far from everything you know. You’ve journeyed here past the Middle Atlas Mountains, through Erfoud, known as the “gateway to the desert,” and arrived here.

* A journey WORTH TAKING.

Feel the stillness of the desert on COLORS OF MOROCCO pg. 42
Visit explorations.com/564 for complete tour details.
COLORS OF MOROCCO

From vibrant cities to the still of the desert, Morocco will enchant you with its deep history, unique atmosphere and welcoming people.

STARTING AT $2499*  DAYS 11  MEALS 17

*Price based on November 7, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Where You’ll Stay

Casablanca 1 Night
Hotel Val D’Anfa

Fes 2 Nights
Riad Yacout

Saahara Desert 2 Nights
Xaluca Luxe Bivouacs Belle Etoile

Boumalne du Dades 1 Night
Hotel Xaluca Dades

Marrakech 3 Nights
Es Saadi Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Included Meals

9 Breakfasts
2 Lunches
6 Dinners

Activity Level

1 2 3 4 5

Active
See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

COLORS OF MOROCCO
3 EXPERIENCES beyond expectation

1 LOCAL LEATHER TANNERIES CAPTIVATE WITH COLOR

In the heart of Fes, you’ll see merchants selling vibrant leather goods in every shade of the rainbow. You’ll get a bird’s-eye view of the tanneries where these goods are fashioned and witness an eye-catching honeycomb of vats in brilliant colors. Watch as artisans work their craft that’s remained virtually unchanged for centuries.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 4 IN FES.

3 EXPERIENCE TWO NIGHTS OF SERENITY IN THE DESERT

A 4x4 jeep provides your transportation to a desert camp in the Sahara. For the next two nights, in the tranquil silence of the desert, you’ll drift off to sleep in a fully equipped Berber-style tent. As each morning dawns, enjoy amazing views of the sunrise and the perfect stillness of the desert. Return from the camp via camel, as the morning light greets the dunes.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 5 AND 6 IN THE SAHARA DESERT.
WHAT YOU’LL DO

DA ys 8/hyphen.case11 MIARRAKECH
Awaken Your Senses in Marrakech
• Discover the treasures of Marrakech: ancient El Bahia Palace, historic Jewish Mellah, and the majestic 12th-century Koutoubia Mosque.
• Select fresh and local ingredients for your culinary workshop at a social enterprise benefitting women.
• Wander the expansive labyrinth of souks, homes, and businesses within the 1,000-year-old walls of the Medina.

• In Marrakech, IT’S YOUR CHOICE!
  • Tour Jardin Majorelle and the Berber Museum.
  • Explore the Yves Saint Laurent Museum.
• Conclude your journey with dinner in a palace.

DA ys 1/hyphen.case4 CASABLANCA /bullet.case FES
We’ll Always Have Morocco: Casablanca to Fes
• Gaze upon a rainbow of ceramic tile (called zellij) and the hand-carved stone of the Hassan II Mosque.
• Visit the Mausoleum of Mohammed V in Rabat, the capital of Morocco.
• Discover Fes: see the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts, and the gates of the palace, then take a walking tour of the Medina.
• Witness the brilliantly hued honeycomb of vats at Fes’ leather tanneries.
• Spend two nights in a traditional riad.

DA ys 5-7 SAHARA DESERT • BOUMALNE DU DADES
Into the Desert
• Jump into a 4x4 vehicle to explore the Sahara before spending the next two nights in a luxury desert camp.
• Meet a desert farmer, visit a local village, and meet with a nomadic community before watching the sun set over the sands.
• Soak in the tranquil silence of the desert, under a stunning blanket of stars.
• Return from your desert stay via camel.
• Visit and overnight in Morocco’s “Grand Canyon,” Boumalne Du Dades.

GATHER FRESH AND LOCAL INGREDIENTS AND PREPARE FOR A SPECIAL CULINARY WORKSHOP AT THE AMAL CENTER, A SOCIAL ENTERPRISE BENEFITTING DISADVANTAGED WOMEN. HERE AT AMAL, WOMEN ARE TRAINED IN EVERY ASPECT OF THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY TO HELP THEM SECURE A JOB AND THEIR OWN FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE.

PREPARE A LUNCH AND HELP LOCAL WOMEN STAND STRONG

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THE PLAINS OF AFRICA

Prepare to see an Africa you’ve only known in your dreams, and one you never knew existed. Explore Kenya’s wildlife, up close and personal, against a stunningly untamed backdrop.

STARTING AT $4649*  DAYS 14  MEALS 33

*Price based on June 27, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Included Meals
- 12 Breakfasts
- 11 Lunches
- 10 Dinners

Activity Level
- 1 = Active
- See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

Where You’ll Stay
- **Nairobi 1 Night**
  - Sarova Stanley Hotel
- **Nyeri 1 Night**
  - Aberdare Country Club
- **Shaba Reserve 2 Nights**
  - Sarova Shaba Lodge
- **Nyeri 1 Night**
  - The Ark Hotel
- **Lake Nakuru 2 Nights**
  - Sarova Lion Hill Lodge
- **Masai Mara 2 Nights**
  - Sarova Mara Camp
- **Nairobi 1 Night**
  - Sarova Stanley Hotel
- **Amboseli 2 Nights**
  - Ol Tukai Lodge

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**What You’ll Do**

**DAY 1-3 NAIROBI • NYERI**

**Getting Back to Nature in Nairobi & Nyeri**
- Seize an opportunity to give back to nature with a “seedball.” The compact balls of seed limit the cost of planting indigenous trees.
- Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore Aberdare Country Club’s amenities like golfing, nature walks, and spa treatments.

**DAY 4-5 SHABA RESERVE**

**Shaba Reserve: The Africa You’ve Always Imagined**
- Discover the magic of the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves on three game drives.
- Enjoy a traditional Sundowner as the sun sets over the banks of the Ewaso Ng’iro River.
- In the company of a Samburu tribe member, learn about the culture, traditions, and folklore of the Samburu region and its people.

**Connect with Masai Culture**

Spend an afternoon getting to know the Masai people. You’ll be a welcomed visitor in a local village (called an enkeng in Maa, the Masai language) and see a slice of everyday life. Later, as you indulge in a traditional bush dinner, take in the incredible sights of a Masai dance performance.

**Head into the Wild on Eleven Game Drives**

Get ready to fill up your mind and memory card with the images of Kenya’s striking landscapes and variety of wildlife, including the “Big 5.” Early morning and late afternoon drives seek to deliver you the best opportunity to spy the animals that call each destination home.

**Experience This Throughout Your Travels in Kenya.**

**Experience This on Day 9 in Masai Mara.**

**Experience This Throughout Your Travels in Kenya.**

**The Plains of Africa**

3 EXPERIENCES beyond expectation
Stay Where the Wild Things Are

• Join a discussion about conservation efforts and anti-poaching measures in the region.
• Stay amongst the wildlife at The Ark Hotel, and spy animal activity at the floodlit water hole.
• Embark on two game drives in the wildlife haven of Lake Nakuru, your home for two nights.
• Get a true taste of Africa with a traditional breakfast prepared right in the bush.

Dreaming in the Wilds of Masai Mara

• Embark on three game drives in arguably the most stunning game viewing reserve in all of Kenya— the Masai Mara.
• Visit a local Masai village and see a slice of everyday life.
• Indulge in a traditional bush dinner, complete with a Masai dance performance.
• Take in the vast landscape of the Mara during a picnic stop.
• Spend two nights being lulled to sleep by the sounds of the wild in a deluxe tented camp.

In the Land of Giants in Amboseli

• Return to Nairobi and visit the house of Karen Blixen, author of Out of Africa.
• Seek a glimpse of free-running lions, roaming herds of elephants, wildebeests, zebras and more during three game drives in Amboseli National Park.

Visit explorations.com/146 for complete tour details.
EXPLORING SOUTH AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS AND BOTSWANA

Thread by thread, the tapestry of South African life comes alive before your very eyes. From the “Big 5” to connecting with the people who call this place home, this is a journey to remember.

STARTING AT $5266*    DAYS 14    MEALS 23

*Price based on August 21, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Where You’ll Stay

Cape Town 3 Nights
Commodore Hotel

Stellenbosch 2 Nights
Spier Hotel or De Zalze Lodge

Entabeni 2 Nights
Hanglip Mountain Lodge

Johannesburg 1 Night
Hallmark House

Victoria Falls 2 Nights
Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

Kasane 2 Nights
Chobe Marina Lodge

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Included Meals

12 Breakfasts
3 Lunches
8 Dinners

Activity Level

1 2 3 4 5
Active
See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

1 STAND IN AWE BEFORE VICTORIA FALLS

There are some things in this world that defy definition. Standing before the thunderous rush of water at Victoria Falls will certainly be one of those events. Enjoy time here in the afternoon, when the rainbows just off the water are simply spectacular.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 10 IN VICTORIA FALLS.
2 EXPERIENCE THREE DIFFERENT WAYS TO SAFARI

You’ll get to experience a variety of ways to spot wildlife during seven safaris. Cruise down the Chobe, set out on a walking safari with an expert, hop in a 4x4 in a private reserve. With so many ways to catch an up-close glimpse at wildlife, you’re bound to have a memorable encounter!

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3 GET AN IN-DEPTH PEEK AT EVERYDAY LIFE

Embark on a captivating tour of a local village with our friend, a most passionate village elder. From a casual chat inside an open-roofed lapa that’s welcomed dignitaries and local leaders, to the surrounding fields, bush, and round houses with perfectly swept yards, discover a palpable energy in a place where traditions are expressed with pride.

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what you’ll do

Days 1-4 Cape Town
Get to Know Cosmopolitan Cape Town
- Whisk away to the top of Table Mountain for incredible views of Cape Town and beyond.
- Enjoy free time to explore Cape Town how you choose.
- Take an easy hike along Cape of Good Hope, ending at Bolders Beach, home to endangered African penguins.
- Eat a delicious meal in a local family’s home.

Days 5-6 Stellenbosch
Sip and Savor Stellenbosch’s Wine Country
- Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Stellenbosch’s picturesque wine country.
- Sample the region’s most renowned wines.
- Choose to spend a day of leisure in Stellenbosch OR discover the maritime village of Hermanus.

Days 7-9 Entabeni • Johannesburg
Nature and Culture Revealed from Entabeni to “Joburg”
- Head out in search of the “Big 5” on 4 game drives through Entabeni Conservancy.
- Join a ranger and tracker to follow clues left by wildlife tracks.
- Indulge in dinner under a blanket of stars.
- Explore Maboneng, the epicenter of the “Joburg” inner-city renaissance. Stay one night in this regenerated cultural hub where history, business, and lifestyle blend seamlessly.

Days 10-11 Victoria Falls
Behold the Power of Victoria Falls
- Stand before stunning Victoria Falls in the afternoon, when the rainbows are at their best.
- Indulge in a Boma dinner as traditional dancers and drummers surround you.
- Interact with African elephants in their own habitat.
- Explore a local village.

Days 12-14 Kasane
Discovering Life in Chobe
- Look for elephants, hippos, crocodiles and more on a safari cruise along Botswana’s Chobe River.
- Explore the diverse ecosystems of Chobe National Park.

✔ IT’S YOUR CHOICE! Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon game drive, OR hit the river for a safari cruise.
- Learn the secrets to cooking a traditional braai during a chef-hosted dinner by the river.

Visit explorations.com/466 for complete tour details.
**TSAVO NATIONAL PARK**

3-NIGHT PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

Heed the call of the wild as you explore the many wonders of Tsavo National Park. From rare red elephants to the bounty of animals at Mzima Springs, countless wonders await.

$1399-$1499* **MEALS 7**

*Per person, double, land only. Rates include park fees.

**WHAT YOU’LL DO**

- Settle in for a two-night stay at a lodge in the heart of Tsavo National Park. Set upon stilts and overlooking a watering hole, your lodge offers plenty of opportunities to view wildlife in a comfortable setting.
- Embark on an afternoon game drive in Tsavo National Park, in search of majestic elephants and other impressive fauna.
- In the private game reserve of Taita Hill Sanctuary, set out to spot lions, elephants, impalas, oryx and more.

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**TANZANIA**

4-NIGHT POST- TOUR EXTENSION

See the unparalleled beauty of the natural world unfold around you in these stunning and rugged African parks – Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater.

$1849-$2449* **MEALS 12**

*Per person, double, land only. Rates include park fees.

**WHAT YOU’LL DO**

- Enjoy a full-day game drive in Serengeti National Park, undoubtedly the most famous wildlife sanctuary in the world.
- Safari across the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest intact caldera in the world, teeming with wildlife residing on the lush crater floor.
In Kenya, deforestation has run rampant across the beautiful landscape. Trees have been cleared in droves for firewood and lumber at an unsustainable rate. What might seem like a single issue, loss of trees, rapidly causes a domino effect across the ecosystem, causing the harmony of the natural world to be disrupted. To counteract this, people in Kenya have developed “seed balls,” literally golf ball sized spheres of seeds and fertilizer. They scatter them from airplanes over large patches of deforested land, but also hand them out to travelers coming into Kenya. These seed balls are so robust, and so cost-effective to make, that the people of Kenya want travelers to scatter them everywhere. This is a monumental effort taken in tiny steps by thousands of people, replanting forests one seed at a time.

impact moment:

SEEDS OF CHANGE

DUBAI
3-NIGHT PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

Discover this ultra-modern city before exploring the ancient, alluring charm of the desert.

$649* MEALS 4

*Per person, double, land only.

WHAT YOU’LL DO

• Enjoy magnificent views of the world famous Burj Al Arab hotel.
• View the Al Bastakia old wind-towered houses built by wealthy merchants.
• Travel by abra, a traditional water taxi.
• Embark on an exciting desert safari and ride aboard luxury 4x4 vehicles over rolling sand dunes through the Dubai desert.
• Arrive at a desert campsite where a feast awaits you and enjoy a belly dancing performance.
COSTA RICA: A WORLD OF NATURE

Where You’ll Stay

San José 1 Night
Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Hotel

Tortuguero 2 Nights
Evergreen Lodge

San Carlos 2 Nights
Tilajari Hotel Resort

Arenal 3 Nights
Hotel Arenal Springs

Manuel Antonio 2 Nights
Parador Resort and Spa

San José 1 Night
Doubletree by Hilton Cariari Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Included Meals

11 Breakfasts
5 Lunches
8 Dinners

Activity Level

1 2 3 4 5

Active

See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

Included Meals

11 Breakfasts
5 Lunches
8 Dinners

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CHED YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

When in the birthplace of zip lining, you zip line! Experience Costa Rica’s thrilling landscapes from above as you glide over lush green canopies.

-OR- Make your way across lava fields for an up-close-and-personal look at Arenal Volcano on a moderate hike along the trails.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 7 IN ARENAL.

BECOME ONE WITH NATURE

From a jungle oasis in Tortuguero, to the remote wonders of Manuel Antonio National Park, nature is truly all around you. Enjoy two nights in each locale, where you can seek out the elusive green macaw and let monkeys be your alarm clock in Tortuguero, and enjoy free time in Manuel Antonio to hike or go for a swim in turquoise waters.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 2-3 AND 9-10 IN TORTUGUERO AND MANUEL ANTONIO.
Welcome to the Jungle

• Start your journey in Costa Rica’s culture hub, the capital of San José.
• Venture to Tortuguero National Park, where you’ll stay two nights amongst the wildlife.
• Visit the world’s first green turtle research station.
• Embark on a nature cruise through Tortuguero for a peek behind the rainforest’s lush green walls.

Savor the Fruits of Sarapiquí

• Cut through the mists of the rainforest as you travel from Tortuguero to Sarapiquí.
• Indulge in a taste of Costa Rica with a visit to a cacao plantation.
• See the region from a different perspective on a rafting trip along the river that’s a perfect balance of excitement and relaxation.

Awaken Your Sense of Adventure in Arenal

• Suspended over the rainforest floor, take in a birds-eye view of the jungle on a guided tour of Arenal’s famous hanging bridges.

• IT’S YOUR CHOICE! Zip line over lush green canopies OR take a moderate hike past Arenal’s lava fields.
• Roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cooking demonstration; then savor the local flavors of Costa Rica during a traditional dinner.
• Enjoy a full day at leisure to wander the grounds of your resort, soak in the famous hot springs, or set off on an optional excursion.

Get in Touch with Nature at Manuel Antonio

• Witness colorful birds, hike rugged rainforests, and enjoy pristine beaches prime for swimming and snorkeling in Manuel Antonio National Park.
• Get up close with crocodiles as you head down the Tárcoles River on an exhilarating jungle safari.
• Wake up and smell the coffee at a local farm that produces some of Costa Rica’s well-known beans.
• Return to San José and recount your memories and special moments as you bid farewell to Costa Rica and your fellow explorers.

WHAT YOU’LL DO
EXPERIENCE COLOMBIA

Colombia’s pulse beats strong with a red-hot culture steeped in history, art, and tradition. Thriving cities, remote jungles, and warm, welcoming people await you in this multi-faceted jewel of South America.

STARTING AT $2649*  DAYS 10  MEALS 14

*Price based on July 8, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only. Rates do not include inter-tour air.

Where You’ll Stay

Bogotá 2 Nights
Movich Chicó 97

Pereira Coffee Region 2 Nights
San Carlos Lodge

Medellín 2 Nights
Hotel Park 10

Cartagena 3 Nights
Hyatt Regency

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Included Meals

9 Breakfasts
1 Lunch
4 Dinners

Activity Level

1 2 3 4 5

Active
See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

ADVENTURE IS BREWING IN COCORA VALLEY

Feel the wind in your hair and spy vivid green as far as you can see as you ride through Cocora Valley in equipped 4x4 jeeps known as “Willys.” Afterward, choose your next adventure. Hike the valley with a guide, pausing to look up at the sky-high wax palms or travel on horseback to see the valley through the eyes of a Colombian farmer.

> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 4 IN COCORA VALLEY.

GET A TASTE OF LOCAL LIFE

A happy overload of exotic fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, herbs, and flowers, Paloquemao Market is a haven for foodies. Stroll the market’s rainbow displays while your guide dishes out some favorite samples. A bit off the well-worn path, you won’t find the stalls clogged with tourists, but teeming with locals and thriving with an intoxicating energy.

> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 2 IN BOGOTÁ.
WHAT YOU’LL DO

DAYS 1-2 BOGOTÁ
Feel the Beat of Bogotá
• Get to know the city on a lively walking tour.
• Explore the artifacts at Museo del Oro.
• Stroll Paloquemao Market’s rainbow displays while your guide dishes out some favorite samples.

DAYS 3-4 PEREIRA COFFEE REGION
Breathe in the Coffee Region’s Splendor
• Learn about the coffee-making process and sample the perks of the region, bean to cup.
• Experience the majesty of the Cocora Valley aboard equipped 4x4 jeeps known as “Willys.”
• Enjoy a locally sourced picnic lunch.
• Explore Salento on your own, discovering quaint streets, local artisans, and paisa architecture.

DAYS 5-7 MEDELLÍN
Behold Medellín’s Vibrant Spirit
• Dine with the locals in the city of Medellín and indulge in a specially cultivated tasting menu.
• Join a local resident for a poignant walking tour through the vibrantly muralled neighborhood of Comuna 13.
• Meet with a silletero and learn firsthand what a “day in the life” of a flower farmer is like.

DAYS 8-10 CARTAGENA
Step in to Cartagena’s Culture
• Take in the history and lively energy of Cartagena during a tour of this stunning Caribbean city.
• Enjoy a full day to explore Cartagena at your leisure.

SEE A NEIGHBORHOOD TRANSFORMED BY ART
Comuna 13, once Colombia’s most notorious neighborhood, is a barrio reborn. Meet up with a neighborhood resident and walk the streets, vibrant with bold murals and stunning graffiti art, to learn of Comuna 13’s past, present, and promising future.

Visit explorations.com/630 for complete tour details.
WHAT YOU’LL DO

DA YS 1/hyphen.case4  LIMA /bullet.case SACRED VALLEY

Get a Taste of Authentic Peru
• Uncover Lima’s historic past on a city tour, followed by a trip to a former home of a conquistador.
• Kick up your heels during a private salsa class.
• Learn centuries-old methods of creating traditional textiles at Awana Kancha and stroll through Pisac’s local handicraft market.
• Visit the ruins of Ollantaytambo.
• Learn of the thriving culture of the Andean people during a farm-to-table lunch.

MACHU PICCHU & THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

Uncover mysteries that dwell among the wonders, ruins, and unspoiled lands of South America. From the “Lost City of the Incas” to the mysteries of the Galápagos Islands, you’ll delve deep into ancient cultures, then dive deeper into the wonders of nature.

STARTING AT $7119*  DAYS 15  MEALS 30

*Price based on October 29, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only. Rates do not include inter-tour air.

Where You’ll Stay

Lima 2 Nights
Casa Andina Premium Miraflores
Sacred Valley 2 Nights
Casa Andina Premium Sacred Valley
Aguas Calientes 1 Night
Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel
Cuzco 2 Nights
Casa Andina Premium
Quito 2 Nights
Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda
Galápagos Islands 4 Nights
m/v Galápagos Legend
Quito 1 Night
Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda

Included Meals
14 Breakfasts
6 Lunches
10 Dinners

Activity Level
1 2 3 4 5
Active
See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

WHAT YOU’LL DO

DAYS 1-4 LIMA • SACRED VALLEY

Reach the Peak of Incan Culture
• Uncover the mysteries of Machu Picchu, the “Lost City of the Incas.”
• Witness an exclusive culinary demonstration and savor an eclectic tasting.
• Enjoy a morning of leisure at the foot of Machu Picchu, where you may choose an optional excursion to see the ruins again at sunrise, or wander through the local village for a taste of Andean culture.
• Immerse yourself in Peru’s heart and soul during a special community dining experience.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE in the former Incan capital of Cuzco. Head out on a comprehensive city tour OR walk the artisan neighborhood of San Blas.
EMBARK ON A NATURE CRUISE OF A LIFETIME

With wildlife that seems anything but wild and landscapes that are anything but tame, the Galápagos Islands aren’t just a destination, it’s an experience that will be forever seared into your memory. Accompanied by a naturalist guide for expert exploration, your 4-night cruise will be simply unforgettable.

SPEND A LEISURELY MORNING AT THE FOOT OF RUINS

For some, visiting Machu Picchu once is not enough. This is why we give you a morning of leisure during your stay there. Whether you take an optional excursion to see the ruins at sunrise, or wander through the local markets of Aguas Calientes for a taste of Andean culture, you’ll soak up every bit of this iconic site.

TRY YOUR HAND AT MAKING WORLD-RENOunned CUISINE

Peru’s cuisine consistently ranks high amongst the world’s foodies. Discover why during an interactive cooking class. Hone your skills as you craft signature Peruvian starters like ceviche and pisco sours, then delight in more of the region’s specialties over dinner.

DAYS 10–13 GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS

Become One with Nature in the Galápagos Islands

- Embark on a 4-night cruise in the company of a naturalist guide.
- Get an up-close look at the endangered tortoises at the Cerro Colorado Tortoise Reserve.
- Sail to Española Island in Gardner Bay aboard a panga.
- Swim and snorkel with manta rays and white-tipped sharks.

Hike the volcanic terrain of Suarez Point.

Stand before giant tortoises, the stars of the Charles Darwin Research Station.

Walk inside dormant lava tubes for a peek into how these primordial islands formed.

Enjoy time on your own to explore Port Ayora.

Celebrate Your Journey in Quito

- Take an evening city tour of colonial Quito.
- Feast in a historical restaurant and toast to your memorable journey.

Visit explorations.com/366 for complete tour details.
impact moment:

CONSERVING UNIQUE ECOSYSTEMS

On the other side of the globe, in the Galápagos Islands, the approach to conservation takes a different path. On this far-flung archipelago in the Pacific, where 97.5% of the land is a national park, knowledge becomes power. The Charles Darwin Research Station serves as the nexus for the preservation, conservation, and education of this unique and delicate ecosystem. The Research Center works towards returning these isolated islands to their ecological prime with their giant tortoise breeding program. This fight to save an incredibly rare animal, found only in the Galapagos, continues to this day – funded by the eco-tourism of the islands themselves.

OTAVALO
3-NIGHT POST-TOUR EXTENSION

See the beauty of Ecuador’s natural world and shake hands with the welcoming people there as you explore this South American paradise.

$1149* MEALS 8

*Per person, double, land only.

WHAT YOU’LL DO

• Take an unforgettable train ride on the Andes Mountain Train past towering volcanoes and through fertile valleys of fruit and sugar plantations.
• Stay in a historic, 300-year-old Andean hacienda. Or, choose a home-cooked dinner and homestay in the Karanki indigenous community of La Magdalena.
• Witness the extraordinary community tourism project at La Magdalena and discover how the Collette Foundation is helping to support its talented residents.
• Venture to Condor Park, a rescue center for a variety of birds of prey, to learn about the protection of these birds and see a live falconry demonstration.
• Visit La Compañía Hacienda to walk among greenhouses full of some of the most magnificent varieties of roses.
RENDEZVOUS
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SEEKING THE BIG CATS
OF RANTHAMBORE

MEET THE CATS

Noor “The Heiress”
Noor, which means “glow” in Hindi, is widely known throughout the park for her beauty and grace. Noor has gained rapid notoriety because of her bold temperament, laying in the middle of the roads of Ranthambore without a care in the world, relaxing with her cubs. She loves to make herself known to visitors, as if she knows just how stunning she looks.

Jhumroo “The Quiet King”
This massive tiger rules the lake region of the reserve with a quiet power. At a staggering nine feet long, Jhumroo has an awe-inspiring presence to anyone lucky enough to spot him. Surprisingly, Jhumroo is shy and prefers to wander deep in the thick foliage. It’s a special sighting to see this gigantic creature, and something few visitors will ever forget.

Dollar “The Fatherly Warrior”
One of the most ferocious tigers of Ranthambore has shown his softer side. Known as Dollar, he’s now famous for two things—chasing jeeps full of visitors off of his territory and adopting orphaned twin tigresses. If you see Dollar, you might also see his two adopted daughters, Bina 1 and Bina 2, following close behind.

THE ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS WERE THE REASON INDIA’S RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK WAS CREATED, AND NOW THEY FLOURISH IN THESE PROTECTED LANDS.

The guides here speak about them as if they were myths, and know their names, the lands they claim, even their lineages. When your open-topped jeep rumbles down a dirt road hemmed in on all sides by thick jungle foliage, keep your eyes peeled and ears open to the expert naturalist guiding you. These are just some of the tigers you might meet out there, where they live and rule.

Meet these majestic animals on MYSTERIES OF INDIA pg. 58
Visit explorations.com/292 for complete tour details.
MYSTERIES OF INDIA

Welcome to India—a perfect synthesis of nature, spirituality, and regal legacy. Breathe new life into the soul and resurrect the senses on this electrifying plunge into India’s stunningly vibrant culture.

STARTING AT $2999*  DAYS 15  MEALS 25

*Price based on September 26, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only. Rates do not include inter-tour air.

Where You’ll Stay

Delhi 2 Nights
Hyatt Regency

Udaipur 2 Nights
Lalit Laxmi Vilas

Jaipur 2 Nights
ITC Rajputana

Ranthambore 2 Nights
Juna Mahal

Agra 2 Nights
ITC Mughal

Khajuraho 1 Night
Radisson Jass Hotel

Varanasi 2 Nights
Rivatas Hotel

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Included Meals

13 Breakfasts
6 Lunches
6 Dinners

Activity Level

1 Easy 2 Moderate 3 Challenging 4 Strenuous 5 Active

See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

Mythologies of India beyond expectation

EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 11 IN Agra.

EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 13 IN VARANASI.

EXPERIENCE A SUNRISE LIKE NO OTHER – AT THE TAJ MAHAL

An icon among icons, the Taj Mahal cannot be missed. Find yourself in awe as you stand before this marbled tribute to true love bathed in the early morning light. As the sun rises, the colors seem to dance on the white marble façade and shimmer along its reflective pool.

IGNITE YOUR SPIRIT IN INDIA’S HOLIEST CITY

Each evening, just after dusk, the holy Dasaswamedh Ghat on the banks of the River Ganges becomes bathed in a choreographed spectacle of fire, fragrant incense, and rhythmic chants. Witness this devotional ritual as Hindu priests provide offerings to the Goddess Ganga.
3 Fill Up on Local Flavor in Old Delhi

Meet up with a local guide, jump in a rickshaw, and head through Old Delhi's narrow streets and corridors for a delicious sampling of the city's incredible food scene. Bring your appetite and sense of adventure—we'll handle the rest.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 3 IN DELHI.

What You’ll Do

Days 1-3 Delhi

Feel Delhi’s Dynamic Pulse
- Stimulate the senses on guided explorations of modern New Delhi and historic Old Delhi.
- Meet up with a local guide, jump in a rickshaw, and indulge in a delicious sampling of the Old Delhi's incredible food scene.

Days 4-5 Udaipur

Behold the Romance of Udaipur
- In Udaipur, IT’S YOUR CHOICE! Join a local expert to learn the basic practices of yoga OR embark on a leisurely walking tour as the city's streets come to life.
- See this sparkling city from a new perspective on an evening cruise.
- Look over Lake Pichola from your luxurious hotel—a historic palace.

Days 6-7 Jaipur

Connect with Culture in Jaipur
- Join a local host where you’ll shop for fresh ingredients together, then return to her home to discover the secrets (and joys) of preparing an authentic Indian meal.
- Ascend Amber Fort in a vintage jeep, and soak in vibrant views of the “Pink City.”
- Enjoy lunch at a local school where children are thriving in a midday program supported by the Collette Foundation.

Days 8-9 Ranthambore

Walk on the Wild Side in Ranthambore
- Meet with a naturalist, then get an up-close glimpse of Ranthambore National Park’s most popular residents—Bengal tigers—and more wildlife on two game drives through the park.
- See first-hand how the Ranthambore School of Art is improving lives through art.

Days 10-12 Agra • Khajuraho

Step Back in Time in Agra and Khajuraho
- Lunch at Sheroes Hangout. See page 58 to learn more about this amazing organization.
- The can’t-miss visit to the Taj Mahal. Feel the full power of this monument’s romantic spirit with a sunrise visit.
- Make passage to Khajuraho on an exciting train journey, then explore the stunning UNESCO-designated sculptures of Khajuraho and the Chandel Temple complex.

Days 13-15 Varanasi

Be Moved by the Holy City of Varanasi
- Sail along the Ganges and drink in the vibrant colors and beautiful balance between life and death in India's holiest city.
- Witness the powerful Ganga Aarti ceremony held on the banks of the River Ganges.
- Look inward and reflect on yourself and your journey as an expert teacher guides you through a meditative yoga session.
- Embark on an enlightening journey of mind, body and spirit during a visit to the Buddhist holy site of Sarnath, where Siddartha Gautama, gave his first sermon in 6th century B.C.

Visit explorations.com/292 for complete tour details.
In India, **Sheroes Café** is home to a powerful message – you cannot break our spirits, no matter how hard you try. The women who work and run Sheroes (a portmanteau of “She” and “Heroes”) are all survivors of heinous acid attacks, and with one clear voice they tell the world that they will not be cowed by violence. Instead, they serve up teas, coffee, and other delicious treats in a positive and welcoming café environment. They continue their work with the Stop Acid Attacks campaign, to show that they stand in solidarity with every brave acid attack survivor.
WHAT YOU’LL DO

• Board a long-tail boat and explore Bangkok’s network of canals, learning about daily life along the waterways. Stop at the iconic Wat Arun, the Temple of the Dawn.
• Visit the Golden Buddha and Wat Po, temple of the Reclining Buddha. Explore the grounds of the Grand Palace.
• Stop at Wat Phra Kaew, home of Thailand’s most sacred temple.
• Visit the Damnoen Saduak floating market.

ADD THIS EXTENSION TO:
TASTE OF VIETNAM or KINGDOMS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

*Per person, double, land only

BANGKOK
3-NIGHT POST-TOUR EXTENSION

Step into the swirling excitement of Bangkok, a bustling city that blends its cosmopolitan sophistication with strong ties to history and tradition.

$699* MEALS 4

*Per person, double, land only
PHO Noodle Soup

Pho has achieved notoriety around the world, and that comes as no surprise if you've tried it. Served with succulent chunks of brisket and pork and mixed with some raw veggies, this simple, hearty dish is true Vietnamese comfort food. For some extra spicy flavor, add some chili peppers.
BUN CHA
Vietnamese BBQ
Follow the scent of barbequing meat in any urban area, and you're almost sure to find bun cha. Grilled pork patties and sliced marinated pork belly are served up with a bowl of broth, green veggies, and rice noodles. Sometimes, you'll even get a side of fried crab spring rolls. It's a staple of the lunchtime rush for a reason.

BANH MI
Vietnamese Sandwich
French cuisine is often considered to be the pinnacle of food, but leave it to Vietnam to take a French staple and make it even better. When Vietnam was under French colonial rule, they made their own version of the baguette with wheat and rice flour, and the Bahn Mi was born. The crispy roll is filled with roast pork, pickled veggies, and soy sauce.

VIETNAMESE COFFEE
Iced Coffee with a Twist
The Vietnamese people love to drink coffee. Their preferred method of brewing a cup is the “drip” method, removing most of the bitterness from the coffee and leaving it smoother and sweeter than we're used to. Add in some condensed milk, pour it over ice, and you've got a delicious drink that'll keep you energized all day.

BANH TET
Banana & Sticky Rice Dessert
Banh Tet is the perfect sweet treat after a long day of exploring. Banana and sweet red beans are rolled up into a banana leaf with sticky rice, and thrown onto a grill. Once they pull it off, it's cut into slices and dished out with a side of coconut milk custard, and dusted with sesame seeds. After all those savory meats, you'll need something sweet for dessert.

Get a taste of these and more on TASTE OF VIETNAM pg. 64 • KINGDOMS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA pg. 66
Visit explorations.com/597 • explorations.com/425 for complete tour details.
TASTE OF VIETNAM

From Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta, Vietnam is a fascinating mosaic of culture, indescribable beauty, and complex history. Fully immerse yourself and explore the very best of Vietnam.

STARTING AT $2499*  DAYS 14  MEALS 21

*Price based on October 11, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.
Rates do not include inter-tour air.

Where You’ll Stay

Hanoi 3 Nights
La Siesta Trendy Hotel or Silk Path Hotel

Halong Bay 1 Night
Bhaya Classic

Hue 2 Nights
Pilgrimage Village

Hoi An 3 Nights
Hotel Royal Hoi An

Ho Chi Minh City 3 Nights
Hotel Des Arts Saigon MGallery

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Included Meals

12 Breakfasts
4 Lunches
5 Dinners

Activity Level

1 2 3 4 5
Moderate
Physical Activity
See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

1 FLOOD AMONGST LIMESTONE GIANTS

On a two-day cruise of Halong Bay, you’ll sail scenic waters dotted with thousands of limestone islands. Feast on fresh seafood, trek through limestone caves, and be peacefully lulled to sleep by lapping water—all aboard a luxury junk boat. You’ll also choose how you’ll explore a floating fishing village: by traditional row boat, or from the seat of a kayak.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAYS 5 & 6 IN HALONG BAY.

2 IMPACT MOMENT: LANTERN WORKSHOP AT REACHING OUT VIETNAM

Celebrate the work of a talented team of disabled artisans during an immersive lantern-making experience. Amongst new friends, work together to create these colorful beacons of prosperity, in a place that is a beacon of hope for the community.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 9 IN HOI AN.

WHAT YOU’LL DO

DAYS 1-5  HANOI • HALONG BAY

Feel the Hum of Hanoi, the Peace of Halong Bay

• Tour the Hoa Lo Prison, the Vietnam National Art Museum, and stand in awe of French-inspired architecture.
• Enjoy a traditional water puppet show that welcomes you to Vietnam with its incredible display of artistry and folklore.
• Take a step back in time on a guided walking tour through Hanoi’s Old Quarter.
• Sample some of Vietnam’s most famous dishes on a walking street food tour.
• Travel to Halong Bay, where you’ll cruise the emerald waters and spend the night aboard a luxury junk boat.
DAYS 8-10  HOI AN

**Savor Hoi An’s Captivating Flavor**
- Pause for a glimpse of the quaint fishing village, Lang Co, as you travel the scenic Hai Van Pass.
- Take a river basket boat to an immersive cooking class. You’ll learn to catch fish and crabs in the river, grind rice into flower and use the ingredients from your earlier market stop to craft four classic Vietnamese dishes.
- Celebrate the work of a talented team of artisans during an immersive lantern-making experience.
- Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the magic of Hoi An.

DAYS 11-14  HO CHI MINH CITY

**Experience Ho Chi Minh City’s Dynamic Energy**
- Tour the energetic urban capital of Ho Chi Minh City, concluding with a stop at the Old Market to explore treasures from local vendors.
- Cruise the famous Mekong Delta by sampan. Stop in a local home to discover traditional ways of life on the river, savor lunch in a lush garden, and learn the art of making coconut candy in a local resident’s home.
- Embark on a journey to the Cu Chi Tunnels.

**3 GRAZE YOUR WAY AROUND HANOI**

Bánh mì to pho, Vietnamese food is incredible. After you’ve worked up an appetite walking the Old Quarter with your guide, keep walking for a street food tour that serves up some of Vietnam’s most famous dishes. Finish your delicious tour at a hidden rooftop café with gorgeous views of Hoàn Kiếm Lake.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 4 IN HANOI.

**DAYS 6-7  HUE**

**Wander Through the Past in Imperial Hue**
- Cruise the famous Perfume River in a traditional dragon boat and watch Hue’s Imperial past unfold.
- Find yourself inside the most elaborate royal tomb in Vietnam, the mausoleum of Emperor Tu Duc.
- Get a thrilling perspective of Hue with a tour in a traditional Cyclo.

Visit explorations.com/597 for complete tour details.
Where You’ll Stay

- Hanoi 3 Nights
  - Silk Path Hotel
- Luang Prabang 3 Nights
  - Sanctuary Hotel or
  - La Parasol Blanc
- Siem Reap 3 Nights
  - Memoire D’Angkor
- Ho Chi Minh City 3 Nights
  - Grand Hotel Saigon

Included Meals

- 12 Breakfasts
- 4 Lunches
- 4 Dinners

Activity Level

1 2 3 4 5

Active

See pg. 6 for details on our activity levels.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

KINGDOMS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

Enrich yourself in the distinctive culture, history, and cuisine of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. From the kinetic spark of ancient cities to lush jungles that harbor vast complexes of sandstone temples, Southeast Asia is an adventure for the senses.

STARTING AT $2399*  DAYS 14  MEALS 20

*Price based on May 11, 2019 departure. Per person, double, land only.

Rates do not include inter-tour air.

SEE WHERE YOUNG LOCALS LEARN TRADITIONAL ARTS

Discover Les Artisan d’Angkor Workshop, a development project that teaches the Kmer arts to young adults. See how Cambodia is using these heritage artisan skills – like wood carving and ceramics – to provide a creative source of industry for future generations.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 10 IN SIEM REAP.
Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Learn how these underground routes were used by soldiers to house troops, transport supplies and mount surprise attacks.

WHERE HISTORY LIES BENEATH

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Hop aboard a Tuk Tuk and head to a local monastery where you’ll meet the monks who reside there. Then, participate in a private blessing ceremony delivered by one of the monks.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 6 IN LUANG PRABANG.

>> EXPERIENCE THIS ON DAY 13 IN HO CHI MINH CITY.

WHAT YOU’LL DO

DAYS 1-4 HANOI

Encounter Hanoi’s Imperial History and Tranquil Lake Ham Kiem

- Discover Ho Chi Minh’s mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda, and the Temple of Literature.
- A traditional water puppet show welcomes you to Vietnam with its incredible display of artistry and folklore.
- Take a step back into time on a guided walking tour through Hanoi’s Old Quarter.
- Sample some of Vietnam’s most famous dishes on a walking street food tour.

IT’S YOUR CHOICE: Venture to the centuries-old temples of Bich Dong Pagoda on a leisurely bike ride OR travel by coach to the Thung Nham Bird Garden, a stunning sanctuary boasting more than 40 species of birds.

DAYS 5-7 LUANG PRABANG

Be Moved by Beauty and Faith in Laos

- See the Buddhist temple Wat Xieng and its Tree of Life mosaic that make this temple one of Luang Prabang’s most beautiful.
- Be introduced to Lao cuisine at a home-hosted dinner in a traditional Laotian village.
- Enter the heart of spiritual Laos via local Tuk Tuk and take part in an exclusive private blessing ceremony, delivered by one of the monks.
- Visit the Bear Rescue Center and learn how its working to conserve the black bear population in northern Laos.
- Encounter beautiful scenery in the refreshing cascade of Kuang Si falls.

DAYS 8-10 SIEM REAP

Explore Hallowed Ground in Cambodia

- Explore incredible Angkor Wat, the world’s largest religious structure.
- Be greeted by many stone “faces” smiling upon you at Angkor Thom.
- Visit Les Artisan d’Angkor Workshop, a development project that teaches the Kmer arts to young adults.
- Savor dinner at a local restaurant while enjoying a traditional Apsara show.

DAYS 11-14 HO CHI MINH CITY

Dive in to Rich Nature and History

- Cruise the famous Mekong Delta River, rich with natural and cultural wonders.
- Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War.
- Discover the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Reunification Palace.

Visit explorations.com/425 for complete tour details.
GIVING BACK to a world that gives us so much

Travel should make a positive impact, both on you and the world. That is why Explorations, a proud member of the Collette family, designs tours with powerful impact moments. From connecting with indigenous cultures and learning how to preserve their ways of life, to helping restore and protect the environment, or visiting a non-profit organization with a powerful cause, impact moments are how we can help make tomorrow better for us all.

Social responsibility takes many forms across the world, and we are adding more impact moments to our tours all the time. Driven by four key pillars – Community, People, Travel and Planet – we work every day to care for the places we live, work, and travel.

Lessen your carbon footprint on Switzerland: Hidden Trails & Majestic Peaks. See this Impact Moment on pg. 29 Tour information on pg. 28

Help replenish the landscape of Kenya with a "seed ball". See this Impact Moment on pg. 49 Tour information on pg. 44

Discover how you can make lunch more meaningful at Sheroes Café. See this Impact Moment on pg. 60 Tour information on pg. 58

See how the Charles Darwin Research Center is restoring the Galápagos Islands to their ecological prime. See this Impact Moment on pg. 56 Tour information on pg. 54
**Accommodations**

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

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

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

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

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

**Air**

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

**Attractions & Sightseeing**

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

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

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

**Documentation**

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

**International Borders**
Any child under age 16 (traveling without a parent or legal guardian to Canada) must have written permission from a parent or legal guardian. Please be advised that if you have been convicted of an offense, or have committed a criminal act that is an offense under the laws where it occurred and would be an offense in Canada, you may be inadmissible into Canada. You will need to apply for a Minister’s Permit of Approval of Rehabilitation at a Canadian Consulate. All other travelers should contact the appropriate consulate for entry requirements in other international destinations.

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

If travelling internationally with a child under the age of 18, please check directly with the airline for the legal documentation that is required. It is the sole responsibility of the guest to procure the proper documentation to travel and many requirements vary by airline and destination.

Collette will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation.

**Extending Your Stay**

**Can I extend my tour to see more of a region?**
Yes! You may enhance your tour by purchasing either an extension or pre/post hotel stays, offered on select tours. Extensions may be “hosted” rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will provide all included services and be available on-call during the duration of the extension. A minimum number of passengers may be required to operate some extensions. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

Collette also offers pre and post hotel nights before and/or after a tour for you to explore the destination independently. Should you purchase additional nights, please be advised that your tour manager will not be available during this time.

**Extras**

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

**Late Bookings**

**Do you accept late bookings?**
Tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. All late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with a credit card if within 60 days of departure date.
On-Tour Experience
Where do I meet my Tour Manager? Your tour will begin at your first hotel. The Tour Manager will make contact with you at the hotel and will provide details relating to your tour. The hotel’s address and phone number will be included in your documents.

Can I prepurchase optional excursions/activities? Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase for applicable tours provided that you make your options purchase prior to 15 days of the tour departure. Collette makes it convenient to reserve presold options by visiting our website for a full listing of activities and excursions or when your reservation is made with our reservations staff. In addition, there are benefits to prepurchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full. So, while the cost of an optional activity may change from the time you book your tour, once payment is received in full, your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette at their original price. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure. Any presold options canceled while on tour are nonrefundable.

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

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

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

Tour Pacing
How can I be best prepared for the pacing and physical requirements on a Collette tour? Tour pacing varies by itinerary, and each destination’s sightseeing and activities are unique. Pacing is subject to personal interpretation. At Collette, we do include the best a destination has to offer, enhancing your overall tour experience. For overnight pacing of a tour, please refer to the “Where You’ll Stay” section on each tour page. This describes the number of nights you will stay in each hotel during your tour. Please visit our website for full day by day itinerary information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Transfers
Are airport and hotel transfers available? Roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers are provided for all passengers who purchase airfare through Collette. These transfers also apply to pre- and post-night stays purchased through Collette. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase transfers (for the first and last day of the tour) at an additional cost of $100 per person, roundtrip. Some restrictions may apply. All transfers leave at prescheduled times.

What is Roundtrip Home to Airport Sedan Service? It’s your ticket to and from the airport. This service is available for all air-inclusive tour bookings. This personalized service is included in many U.S. cities within a 50 mile radius from more than 90 airport gateways.* Service is available between 51 and 75 miles for a small fee. Not valid on group travel.

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

The Collette Passport Club
What is the Collette Passport Club? Formerly known as Travel Loyalty by Collette (TLC), Collette has relaunched a new, more inclusive loyalty program called the Collette Passport Club. For guests who are already enrolled in TLC no action is required. New guests who completed a trip that departed on or after 9/4/17 will automatically be enrolled in the program. Collette Passport Club members receive a $150 travel credit for each trip they take* along with various other benefits.

*Full credit is valid for your next tour when travel is completed within 12 months of the original trip. $100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months. Credit expires 24 months after the original trip.

Our Awards
Partnerships

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THREE GREAT AIR OPTIONS

Enjoy the benefits of air-inclusive bookings. Allow us to be your liaison with the airlines and to handle all the details. Choose Flex Airfare, Instant Purchase, or Elite Airfare.

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TREAT YOURSELF & enjoy

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

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1 This roundtrip home to airport sedan service is included in many U.S. cities within a 50 mile radius from more than 90 airport gateways when you purchase an air-inclusive tour. Service is available between 51 and 75 miles for a small fee. One transfer per room booking. Additional stops not permitted on route. Not valid on group travel. 2 These transfers are available on the first and last day of the actual tour dates and when you are traveling on select flights. Land only clients may purchase transfers on the first and last day of the actual tour dates for an additional cost of $100 per person, roundtrip (some restrictions may apply). 3 Instant Purchase Airfare is offered on select dates; consult your booking agent. 4 Elite Airfare status is only included with the purchase of a First Class, Business Class or Premium Economy ticket with either Flex or Instant Purchase air; only on the international/long-haul portion of your journey. 5 Lounge Passes & Express Check-In are based on airline and airport availability for Business Class passengers only; Premium Economy tickets do not qualify. Lounge passes are not available for travel from North America to destinations within North America or the Caribbean. 6 Not applicable with Instant Purchase Airfare.
Reservation Information

Land Rates
Land rates are per person, double occupancy, unless otherwise noted. Availability of departures at the prices noted in the brochure is limited. For current prices, please see our website. Government taxes and fees are additional. Land rates are guaranteed at time of deposit.

The land price includes those land based items delineated as included in the package itinerary and does not include any other items such as air travel, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, customary end of trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship wait staff, and any incidental charges.

Payments
Land Package Deposit
• A $250 non-refundable deposit is due with your land only reservation.
• For Antarctica, Cruises only and Oberammergau reservations, a non-refundable $500 deposit is required. An additional $1000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. An additional $1500 is due one year prior to departure for Oberammergau.

Air Inclusive Package Deposit
• A $500 non-refundable deposit is due with your air inclusive reservation.
• For Antarctica, Cruise and Oberammergau air inclusive reservations, a non-refundable $750 deposit is required. An additional $1000 is due 180 days prior to departure for Antarctica. An additional $1500 is due one year prior to departure for Oberammergau.

Instant Purchase Air
• If you have selected Instant Purchase Air, the deposit required is the full cost of the airplus the land deposit noted above, all of which is non-refundable

Cancellation Charges
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 package for any reason up to the day prior to departure (see Part A for more details). If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details).

Revision Fees
A handling fee of $25.00 per transaction will be assessed for any change or revision made to a reservation. A change of departure date within 11 months of departure will be treated as a cancellation, and cancellation charges will apply.

Final Payment
Unless otherwise noted, the balance is due 60 days before departure on all tours, except cruises, Antarctica, Galapagos and Oberammergau. The balance is due 120 days before departure for cruises, Antarctica, Galapagos and Oberammergau. Payment may be made by charging to clients’ Mastercard, Visa, American Express, or Discover (card imprint and signature required) or by sending a check or money order. All land rates are guaranteed upon deposit. Payment may also be made online at https://reservations.collette.com/payment.aspx.

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PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO:
Collette Travel Service, 162 Middle Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attn: Accounts Receivable

Aircraft Cabin Disinsection Disclaimer
Some countries may require aircraft cabin insecticide treatment for inbound foreign flights. Information about aircraft disinsection requirements and a list of countries requiring such disinsection are available online at http://www.dot.gov/offices-policy/aviation-policy/aircraft-disinsection-requirements.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance
You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made.* Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining or other routine activities.

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

Holiday and Museum Closures
Museum visits and personal shopping time may be disrupted due to unforeseen circumstances or many religious, state and local holidays observed throughout the world.

Motorcoach Washrooms
Most motorcoaches used on our tours are equipped with washrooms except safari vehicles, exotic locations, and some of our Explorations tours. These are typically for emergency use, as we make plenty of comfort stops, allowing you the opportunity to use public restrooms and/or stretch your legs.

Seat Rotation
Seats are rotated onboard the coach for all Collette tours under the direction of the tour manager. So that we do not show partiality among passengers, exceptions cannot be made.

Maps and Photos
Maps shown on tour pages are current at the time of printing and may not reflect actual tour routing should the tour change. Photos shown on tour pages are reflective of the area(s) visited, but may not be included in the actual tour itinerary and the conditions you experience may be different than depicted in the photograph(s).
Baggage Disclaimer

Although every effort is made to handle passengers’ luggage as carefully as possible, Collette is not responsible for and does not assume liability or accept claims for loss of or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft or wear and tear through 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.

There are limitations by coach and air carrier as to the number and size of bags which can be carried onboard and in bulk storage. Be sure to ask your travel professional about such restrictions before departing for your tour.

Checked Baggage Charges:

Some airlines 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. Please be advised there is a $25 USD/CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most transborder flights between U.S. & Canada. This is a fee levied by the airlines, not Collette, and may be subject to change.

Explanation of Responsibilities and Tour Conditions for Collette

Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. If you decide to make a reservation, you acknowledge and agree that you are physically well enough to travel and understand that medical facilities may not be similar to what you are accustomed to at home. You must bring enough medication with you for the trip. Any person reserving or purchasing any Collette product published in this brochure accepts the condition that Collette reserves to itself the exclusive right to change or cancel itineraries, hotels, and other tour components whenever it is deemed necessary, including for tours designated as “guaranteed departures.” If this occurs, every effort will be made to offer alternate dates and/or programs. Published times on itineraries are as accurate as possible but subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions beyond Collette’s control that prevent Collette from operating as scheduled. Collette expressly disclaims any liability for any damages that may be incurred for any changes, cancellations or delays on any itinerary on any Collette tour.

All rates on foreign tours are subject to fluctuations of currency and may be changed when necessary without advance notice prior to deposit. All rates published are per person as indicated and are based on double occupancy when only one rate is shown. Reservations will be accepted subject to availability at the time of request and will be considered confirmed only upon receipt of a minimum deposit. Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-12, sharing a room with two full-paying adults.

Collette does not accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to the carrier’s overbooking of a flight. All cancellation charges, fees and refunds for any tour within this brochure are in effect as of the effective date as indicated on page 71 and supersede any other previously printed policies relating to these same charges.

GENERAL DISCLAIMER

Collette monitors security situations around the world as well as government travel advisories. Conditions may require Collette to change or even cancel trips. You accept the risks involved in travel, both foreign and domestic, and accept responsibility for your own travel decisions. Guests may be required to review and sign a participation agreement prior to engaging in certain activities on the trip.

Neither Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively “Collette”), own or operate any person or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for these trips. You agree to be bound by the conditions of carriage for all transportation providers. Collette does not maintain control or operate the personnel, equipment, or operations of these suppliers it uses and as such Collette assumes no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of (1) any wrongful, negligent, willful or unauthorized acts or omissions on the part of any of the suppliers or other employees or agents, (2) any defect in or failure of any vehicle, equipment, or instrument owned, operated or otherwise used by any of these suppliers, or (3) any wrongful, willful or negligent act or omission on the part of any other party.

Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Collette Travel Service, Inc., its affiliated entities and its and their employees, agents, shareholders, officers, successors and assigns (collectively “Collette”), from all suits, actions, losses, damages, claims or liability for any personal injury, death, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity which may be occasioned by any negligent acts or omissions of Collette arising out of any goods or services provided for this or these trips.

Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, lack of appropriate medical facilities or practitioners, weather, strikes, theft or other criminal acts, war, terrorism, computer problems, or other such causes. Other risks may arise such as, but not limited to, hazards of traveling in foreign countries including undeveloped areas, the hazards of travel by aircraft, bus, van, train, automobile or other motorized vehicle, differing safety standards, sickness, criminal acts committed by others, allergic reactions, and/or animal encounters. You are voluntarily participating in the tour and Collette, and as lawful consideration for the agreement to travel with Collette, you agree not to make a claim against Collette, its related companies, officers and employees for injuries, death, or any other claim and agree to release Collette, its related companies, officers and employees from any such claim. This release is binding on all members of your traveling party, as well as your Estate and heirs and this provision shall be enforceable even after your trip has ended. If you make your own air reservations, Collette is not responsible and shall provide no refund if your flight schedule changes so that you are not able to enjoy the entirety of your tour. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. Collette reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant, or if Collette deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour. Collette reserves the right to withdraw any tour announced. Collette reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at any time, when such action is determined by the Tour Manager to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or of the individual participant. If you are traveling with children, you are solely responsible for their behavior and monitoring them throughout the tour. Neither does Collette accept liability for any carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable airline or other ticket to the tour departure city and return or otherwise. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owner at all times. Collette is not responsible, and will not be bound by, representations made by third party representatives, travel agents, unaffiliated websites, or any other party.

Participants may be photographed for the promotional purposes of Collette. In addition, any comments that you submit as a review or your social media posts may be used for Collette’s promotional purposes.

Payment of the deposit to Collette constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Collette reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions at any time, without notice.

FORUM SELECTION AND CHOICE OF LAW

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED AND INTERPRETED PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES HERETO AND THE FEDERAL AND STATE COURTS IN RHODE ISLAND SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE AND SOLE JURISDICTION OVER ANY DISPUTE, CONTROVERSY OR SUIT ARISING RELATIVE TO THIS AGREEMENT.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of information in our brochures, on our website or communicated by our reservation staff, errors or omissions are possible and Collette is not responsible for such error. If a mistake is made in billing, we reserve the right to correct the invoice and you will be responsible for proper payment.

SEVERABILITY

In the event that any clause in this agreement is determined to be invalid, the remaining provisions are valid and enforceable. The invalid provision shall be replaced by Collette by a clause as similar as practicable.

Consumer Protection Plans

Collette is a member of the following organizations: the National Tour Association, the United States Tour Operators Association, the Alliance of Canadian Travel Associations, the Travel Industry Council of Ontario, and the Association of British Travel Agents. Some of these associations operate a consumer protection plan to cover deposits placed with any tour operator member.

Collette is proud to be a member of USTOA (United States Tour Operators Association), an association that represents the tour operator industry. The USTOA logo on our brochures signifies that Collette is a member in good standing and is backed by their $1 Million Travelers Assistance Program. Collette, as an Active Member of USTOA, is required to post $1 million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program, the advance payments of Collette customers in the unlikely event of Collette’s bankruptcy, insolvency or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the $1 million posted by Collette may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by Collette. Complete details of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program may be obtained by email to information@ustoa.com or by visiting their website at www.USTOA.com.

Collette is pleased to give this additional protection to our clients.
Collette’s Travel Protection Plan

Following is an outline of the Non-Insurance Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver, Insurance Benefits and non-insurance assistance services that make up the Travel Protection Plan.

Part A Waiver Only provided by Collette Travel Service, Inc.; The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company. Payment of a per person Travel Protection Plan fee guarantees a full refund of all covered travel (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan fee with air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette.

Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, this Part A Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of a cancellation. This air ticket may be covered by Collette’s Travel Protection Plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons (see Part B for more details).

The Part A Waiver portion of Collette’s Travel Protection Plan protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. The Part A Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan does not indemnify you from penalties if you choose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you choose to partially cancel your tour, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation.

Collette’s Part A Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual’s traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. However, the Part B Benefits referenced below include a single supplement benefit of $1,000 for certain covered reasons, as detailed in Part B. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement.

Payment of the Travel Protection Plan Fee (if chosen) must be received by Collette with your deposit. The fee is nontransferable and valid for each applicant only.

Collette can assume no responsibility for and cannot be held liable for any wrongful, negligent or unauthorized acts or omissions of any travel agent or travel agency other than that of Collette Travel Service, Inc. itself, and its own employees.

Where to Present Part A Claims

To request a refund under the Part A Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver portion of the Travel Protection Plan, please call Collette and send any unused airline tickets to:

Collette
ATTN: Customer Service Department
162 Middle Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

If cancellation occurs prior to departure, contact the Collette Reservations Department. When a client cancels prior to departure, any refunds are processed through the booking agent.

Following is an outline of the Services and Insurance Plan Benefits provided:

PART A – Benefits Provided By Collette:
Pre-departure Cancellation Fee Waiver up to Trip Cost

The Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Collette and is not an insurance benefit underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company.

Part B Insurance Benefits provided by United States Fire Insurance Company: On tour, insurance benefits are provided 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 of more than 24 hours; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more for a covered reason.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS MAXIMUM BENEFIT AMOUNT
Trip Cancellation Amount Purchased* Trip Interruption 100% of Trip Cost
Single Supplement $1,000 Missed Connection $1,500
Travel Delay (Up of $100 per Day) $1,500
Medical Expense/Emergency Evacuation
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense $25,000
Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation $50,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment $25,000
Baggage and Personal Effects $1,500
Baggage Delay $200

*This benefit is only applicable to Instant Purchase (nonrefundable) air tickets and does not cover any other land, air or water travel arrangements.

PART B Insurance Benefit Exclusions & Limitations
1. suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; 2. an act of declared or undeclared war; 3. participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; 4. riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; 5. mountain training (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); 6. participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; 7. participating in skydiving or parachuting except parasailing, hang gliding, bungee cord jumping, extreme skiing, skiing outside marked trails or heli-skiing, any race, speed contests, spelunking or caving, or scuba diving if the depth exceeds 120 feet (40 meters) or if You are not certified to dive and a dive master is not present during the dive; 8. piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; 9. being Intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; 10. the commission or attempt to commit a felony or being involved in an illegal occupation; 11. normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; 12. dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); 13. due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Plan. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; 14. any amount paid or payable under any Worker’s Compensation, Disability Benefit or similar law; 15. a loss or damage caused by deterrence, confiscation or destruction by customs; 16. Elective Treatment and Procedures; 17. medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment; 18. failure of any tour operator, Common Carrier, or other travel supplier, person or agency to provide the bargained-for travel arrangements for reasons other than Bankruptcy or Default; 19. a mental or nervous condition, unless hospitalized for that condition while the Plan is in effect for You; or 20. a loss that results from a Sickness, Injury, disease or other condition, event or circumstance which occurs at a time when the Plan is not in effect for You.


Non-Insurance Services

Non-Insurance Services: are not insurance benefits underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company. One Call 24-Hour Assistance Services are provided by: One Call Worldwide Travel Services Network, Inc. and Global Xpi Medical Records Services are provided by Trip Mate.

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW: Benefits on this page are described on a general basis only.

There are certain restrictions, exclusions and limitations that apply to all insurance coverages. This advertisement does not constitute or form any part of the Plan Description or any other contract of any kind. Plan benefits, limits and provisions may vary by state jurisdiction. To review full plan details online, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF430C.

Plan Administrator: Trip Mate, Inc. (in CA & UT, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency) 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64114, 1-800-888-7292.

Collette’s Travel Protection Plan Pricing (per person)

The Cost of the Travel Protection Plan includes a Pre-Departure Cancellation Fee Waiver Provided by Collette Travel Service, Inc., insurance benefits underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, as well as non-insurance assistance services provided by One Call Worldwide Travel Services Network, Inc. and Trip Mate.

Land Only Clients:

- $99 adult/$99 child for all domestic escorted tours under 6 days
- $235 adult/$135 child for all domestic escorted tours of 6 days or more
- $295 adult/$160 child for all international tours not otherwise listed below
- $325 adult/$135 child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- $450 adult/$225 child for Galapagos tours
- $450 adult/child for Oberammergau tours (must accompany 1st deposit)
- $925 adult/$425 child for Antarctica tours

When purchasing pre- and post-night accommodations, including optional extensions, the number of days will be added to the total number of tour days, and may subsequently alter your Travel Protection Plan cost. Please confirm with your reservation agent at time of booking.

Air-Inclusive Clients (Collette Flex Airfare is purchased through Collette)

- $110 adult/child for all domestic tours under 6 days
- $275 adult/child for all domestic tours of 6 days or more
- $315 adult/child for all international tours not otherwise listed below
- $385 adult/child for all cruises, Canadian Rockies train tours, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, South Africa & Egypt tours
- $500 adult/child for Galapagos tours
- $500 adult/child for Oberammergau tours (must accompany 1st deposit)
- $975 adult/child for Antarctica tours

Collette’s Travel Protection Plan can only be purchased by individuals who have purchased Collette Flex Airfare or Instant Purchase nonrefundable air through Collette. Instant Purchase air and its associated taxes, fees and surcharges require full payment at time of reservation and are 100% nonrefundable. This air ticket may be covered by Collette’s Travel Protection Plan under Part B if you cancel your trip for covered reasons. Tickets may only be changed for a fee up to $300 plus any difference in airfare for travel in the following 12 months; specific fees and policies may vary by airline.
Seek out the expert advice of your travel professional.

For reservations, contact your Travel Professional or call 844.303.7609.

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